## Part 2

- 1. In a crystalline solid, which of the following diffusion paths would have the highest activation energy?
  - a. Grain boundary diffusion
  - b. Surface diffusion
  - c. Lattice diffusion
  - d. Dislocation pipe diffusion
- 2. Identify the correct statement:
  - a. All piezoelectric materials are also paraelectric, and have noncentrosymmetric crystal structures
  - b. All piezoelectric materials are also ferroelectric, and have centrosymmetric crystal structures
  - c. Ferroelectric materials may or may not be piezoelectric, but must have centrosymmetric crystal structures.
  - d. All ferroelectric materials are also piezoelectric, and have noncentrosymmetric crystal structures
- 3. The reaction,  $Liquid_1 \rightarrow Liquid_2 + Solid_1$  is a
  - a. Eutectic reaction
  - b. Monotectic reaction
  - c. Eutectoid reaction
  - d. Non-existent reaction
- 4. Which of the following pairs of crystal structures have the same packing fraction?
  - a. FCC and BCC
  - b. HCP and BCC
  - c. FCC and HCP
  - d. BCC and BCT
- 5. Which part of the sand casting mould acts as a reservoir of molten metal?
  - a. Riser
  - b. Sprue
  - c. Gate
  - d. Runner
- 6. Which strengthening mechanism can operate in pure aluminium?
  - a. Precipitate strengthening
  - b. Cold working
  - c. Solid solution strengthening
  - d. None of these

- 7. Which of the following is a position of an octahedral void in FCC?
  - a. 0, ¼, 0
  - b. 0, 0, ½
  - C. <sup>1</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub>, <sup>1</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub>, <sup>1</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub>
  - d. 1, ¼, ¾
- 8. Which of the following is not a Miller index?
  - a. (211)
  - b. (1024)
  - c. (1 2 <sup>1</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub>)
  - d. (114)
- 9. What is passivation?
  - a. Decrease in corrosion rate due to lowered standard electrode potential of a metal
  - b. Decrease in the corrosion rate without change in the standard electrode potential
  - c. Decrease in corrosion rate due to a sacrificial anode
  - d. Decrease in corrosion rate by applying a coating of an inert material
- 10. Stainless steels have excellent corrosion resistance due to the formation of
  - a.  $Cr_2O_3$  scale
  - b. NiO scale
  - c.  $Fe_2O_3$  scale
  - d.  $Al_2O_3$  scale
- 11. Which of the following is not a surface hardening technique?
  - a. Carburizing
  - b. Nitriding
  - c. Shot peening
  - d. Galvanizing
- 12. Consider steady-state diffusion of a species from the inner surface to the outer surface of an infinitely long hollow cylindrical pipe with inner radius  $r_1$  and outer radius  $r_2$ . The flux of this species at steady state will:
  - a. Remain constant throughout the cross-section
  - b. Vary as 1/r with the radius of the cross-section
  - c. Vary as  $r^2$  with the radius of the cross-section
  - d. Vary as  $r^3$  with the radius of the cross-section

- 13. An insect floating on the surface of a lake sinks when its waters are polluted by an industrial detergent because,
  - a. Addition of the detergent reduces the dissolved oxygen in the water thus significantly affecting the survival of the insect
  - b. Addition of the detergent decreases the surface tension of water as a result of which the water surface can no longer support the weight of the insect
  - c. Addition of the detergent increases the surface tension of the water which results in a strong downward pulling force on the insect legs
  - d. Addition of the detergent leads to formation of micellar phases which displace water molecules from the water surface
- 14. A cosmetic company which makes UV block sun tan lotion decides to use nanotechnology in its lotion. In doing so, it replaces 1  $\mu$ m sized spherical particles by 10 nm sized spherical particles. In addition, the number of 10 nm sized particles is 10<sup>6</sup> times the number of 1  $\mu$ m sized particles. Assuming that there are no agglomerates, and that the UV absorbing capacity of the lotion depends only on the particle surface area, the UV absorbing capacity:
  - a. Increases by a factor of  $10^6$
  - b. Increases by a factor of  $10^2$
  - c. Increases by a factor of  $10^1$
  - d. Decreases by a factor of  $10^4$
- 15. A polymer latex is generally made via:
  - a. Condensation polymerization
  - b. Emulsion polymerization
  - c. Addition polymerization
  - d. Anionic polymerization
- 16. A water soluble polymer displays a Lower Critical Solution Temperature at 37°C. What happens when the polymer solution is heated to 40°C?
  - a. The polymer solution is more homogeneous at the higher temperature
  - b. The polymer forms large single crystals
  - c. Some polymer precipitates from the solution
  - d. More polymer now goes into the vapour phase
- 17. A glass slide can support an average weight of 50 grams before it fractures in a fourpoint bend test. However, after etching the surface of the glass slide, it is found that it can support an average weight of 75 grams. This happens because:
  - a. The etchant reacts with the glass surface and forms a tough film
  - b. The etchant forms a large number of cross-links on the glass surface
  - c. The etchant reduces the average flaw size on the glass surface
  - d. The etchant introduces critical flaws which deflect propagating cracks

- 18. An n-type Si sample is illuminated with visible light. Which of the following statements is true:
  - a. Electrons are generated in excess
  - b. Both electrons and holes are generated in equal numbers
  - c. Holes are generated in excess
  - d. Si vacancies are created throughout the sample
- 19. Two materials A and B are heated and their conductivities are recorded as functions of temperature. The conductivity of A increases with temperature and that of B decreases with temperature. Then:
  - a. A is a semiconductor and B is a metal
  - b. A is a metal and B is a semiconductor
  - c. A is an n-type semiconductor and B is a p-type semiconductor
  - d. A is a p-type semiconductor and B is an n-type semiconductor
- 20. A charged particle is moving in an electromagnetic field. The force acting on the particle is:
  - a. Parallel to Electric field and Parallel to magnetic field
  - b. Perpendicular to Electric field and Parallel to magnetic field
  - c. Perpendicular to Electric field and Perpendicular to magnetic field
  - d. Parallel to Electric field and Perpendicular to magnetic field
- 21. Which optical property of liquid crystals is exploited in Liquid crystal displays:
  - a. Refraction
  - b. Reflection
  - c. Polarization
  - d. Dispersion
- 22. A tensile stress is applied along the long axis of a cylindrical rod that has a diameter of 10 mm. As a result a reduction in diameter of  $2.5 \times 10^{-3}$  mm is observed. If the Poisson ratio for the material is 0.25, determine the strain along the long axis,
  - a. 10<sup>-3</sup>
  - b. -10<sup>-4</sup>
  - c. -10<sup>-3</sup>
  - d.  $6.25 \times 10^{-4}$
- 23. Bubbles forming on a plastic straw inserted into a carbonated drink (e.g. Coke/Pepsi) bottle is a result of
  - a. Reaction of acidic carbonated drink with the plastic surface of the straw
  - b. Heterogeneous nucleation of bubbles from the supersaturated solution
  - c. Transfer of bubbles from the bulk to the lower surface energy straw surface
  - d. Entrained air from the atmosphere appearing on the straw surface



24. What is the correct microstructure at point P in the phase diagram shown below:

- 25. As a precipitate grows, the precipitate-matrix interface:
  - a. is likely to change from coherent to incoherent at a critical size
  - b. is likely to change from incoherent to coherent at a critical size
  - c. will never change its character
  - d. is likely to change from coherent to incoherent in some systems and incoherent to coherent in other systems

- 26. A colloidal crystal is made up of 500 nm sized monodisperse spheres arranging themselves in a FCC lattice. Which of the following light sources can be used to produce a diffraction pattern from such a crystal?
  - a. X-ray
  - b. Microwaves
  - c. Red laser pointer
  - d. Electron beam
- 27. Which of the following is the case of heat transfer primarily by conduction
  - a. Heating of the earth by sunlight
  - b. Cooling of a hot liquid under a fan
  - c. Heat received by a person from a fireplace
  - d. Copper cooling blocks used during casting
- 28. The number of degrees of freedom available to a two-component system at the eutectic point (at atmospheric pressure) is:
  - a. 2
  - b. 1
  - c. 0
  - d. -1
- 29. The rate of oxide growth in a system is known to follow Arrhenius kinetics. If the temperature is increased, the growth rate:
  - a. Increases linearly with temperature
  - b. Decreases linearly with temperature
  - c. Increases exponentially with temperature
  - d. Increases logarithmically with temperature
- 30. During the doping of a silicon wafer with phosphorus, the required doping concentration of  $1.0 \times 10^{16}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> is achieved at a depth of 1 micron after 30 minutes. In order to achieve the same concentration at a depth of 2 microns, the doping time will be;
  - a. 1 hour
  - b. 1.5 hours
  - c. 2 hours
  - d. 2.5 hours

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