

**COMPOSITE MATERIALS**

(Mechanical Engineering)

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 70

**PART - A**

(Compulsory Question)

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- 1 Answer the following: (10 X 02 = 20 Marks)
- (a) Composites are tailor made materials-comment.
  - (b) Name different types of ceramic matrix composites.
  - (c) Differentiate thermoplastic and thermo setting matrix materials with examples.
  - (d) How vacuum assisted RTM is different from RTM?
  - (e) What is the difference between orthotropic and transversely isotropic?
  - (f) Explain monoclinic materials.
  - (g) Explain rule of mixtures to evaluate modulus in longitudinal direction.
  - (h) Explain the major difference in strength of materials approach and elasticity approach in predicting composite properties.
  - (i) Define the flexural modulus of a laminate.
  - (j) What is meant by warping of laminate?

**PART - B**

(Answer all five units, 5 X 10 = 50 Marks)

**UNIT - I**

- 2 Name and discuss common polymeric matrix materials that are using extensivity in polymeric matrix composite fabrication process.

**OR**

- 3 What is the significance of metal matrix composites in engineering applications? How reinforcement of fibres is done in metal matrix composites?

**UNIT - II**

- 4 With a neat diagram, explain the fabrication of FRP composite pipes using filament winding technique.

**OR**

- 5 Discuss briefly the relations between stress and strain tensors for an anisotropic material. From that explain: (i) Specially orthotropic material. (ii) Transversely isotropic material.

**UNIT - III**

- 6 What are the various factors that influence longitudinal strength and stiffness of the composite?

**OR**

- 7 Discuss briefly the effect of fibre volume fraction on transverse strength and stiffness of the unidirectional composite.

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**UNIT - IV**

8 Show that for a symmetric laminate the bending extension coupling matrix is a null matrix.

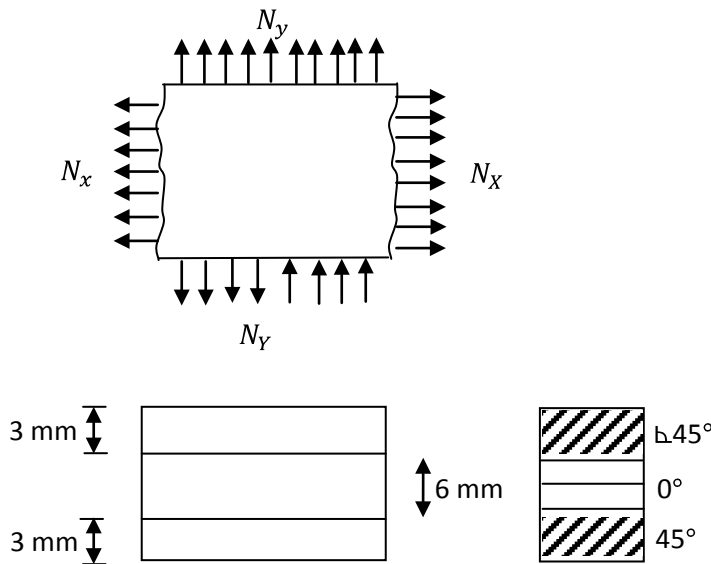
**OR**

9 A three ply laminate as shown in figure below be subjected to the forces  $N_x = 1000 N/mm$ ,  $N_y = 200 N/mm$  and  $N_{xy} = 0$ . Calculate stresses and strains in the individual plies. The extensional – extension coupling matrix can be taken as

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 159.3 & 35.1 & 27 \\ 35.1 & 51.3 & 27 \\ 27.0 & 27.0 & 35.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

And  $[Q]$  matrix at for  $0^\circ$  fibre direction is

$$[Q] = \begin{bmatrix} 20 & 0.7 & 0 \\ 0.7 & 2.0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} GPa$$



**UNIT - V**

10 A 5 mm thick symmetric cross-ply laminate is constructed from 15 identical laminae having following stiffness matrix and strengths.

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 56 & 4.6 & 0 \\ 4.6 & 18.7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8.9 \end{bmatrix} GPa$$

$$\sigma_{LU} = 1050 MPa$$

$$\sigma_{TU} = 28 MPa$$

$$\tau_{LTU} = 42 MPa$$

A uni-axial load is applied and the stacking sequence of the laminate is that nine laminae are in the load direction. Find the load at which  $90^\circ$  ply fail and load carrying capacity of the composite.

**OR**

11 Discuss the load-deformation behavior of a hypothetical laminate and comment on first ply failure.

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