

**Solutions to the Questions For Written Term-Examination**

Subject: Physics B1032

Allowed Time: 3 Hours

Answer all questions

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**Solution of Question 1**

- a) A 2 m long wire having a mass of 0.1 kg is fixed at both ends. The tension in the wire is 20 N. A node is observed at a point 0.4 m from one end. (i) What frequencies of the first three allowed modes of vibration? (ii) It is required to decrease the second allowed frequency by 3 Hz, What is the tension in this case?

**Answer**

(i) Mass per unit length  $\mu = m/L = 0.1/2 = 0.05 \text{ kg/m}$

The velocity of the wave in the string:

$$V = \sqrt{F/\mu} = \sqrt{20/0.05} = 20 \text{ m/s}$$

The frequencies of allowed modes of vibration:

$$f_m = mv/2L \\ = m(20)/(2 \times 2) = 5m \text{ Hz}$$

First mode  $m = 1, f_1 = 5 \text{ Hz}$

Second mode  $m = 2, f_2 = 2 f_1 = 10 \text{ Hz}$

Third mode  $m = 3, f_3 = 3 f_1 = 15 \text{ Hz}$

At resonance, the length of the string:

$$L = m\lambda/2$$

The position of nodes:

$$X_{\text{node}} = n\lambda/2$$

Note that  $n < m$

Dividing the two equations:

$$L/x_{\text{node}} = m/n$$

$$m/n = 2/0.4 = 5$$

For  $n = 1$ , then  $m = 5$ . In this case the string is vibrating in fifth mode.  $f_5 = 5 f_1 = 25 \text{ Hz}$

(ii)  $f_2 = 10 - 3 = 7 \text{ Hz}$

$$f_2 = 2 v/2L = v/L$$

$$v = f_2L = 7 \times 2 = 14 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = \sqrt{F/\mu}$$

The tension force:

$$F = v^2\mu = (14)^2(0.05) = 9.8 \text{ N}$$

**b)** Derive an expression for the intensity of sound wave in terms of density of medium  $\rho$ , sound velocity  $v$ , angular frequency  $\omega$  and displacement amplitude  $S_m$ .

**Answer**

Consider an element of the medium of thickness  $\Delta x$ ,

$$\text{mass } \Delta m = \rho A \Delta x$$

oscillating with displacement  $S(x, t) = S_m \cos(kx - \omega t)$

The longitudinal velocity  $v_x(x, t) = \partial S / \partial t$

$$= -\omega S_m \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

The kinetic energy of oscillation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KE} &= \frac{1}{2} m v_x^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\rho A \Delta x) \omega^2 S_m^2 \sin^2(kx - \omega t) \end{aligned}$$

Since The average of  $\sin^2(kx - \omega t) = \frac{1}{4}$

The average kinetic energy =  $\frac{1}{4}(\rho A \Delta x) \omega^2 S_m^2$

The average kinetic energy = The average potential energy

The average total energy = 2 x The average kinetic energy

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\rho A \Delta x) \omega^2 S_m^2$$

The average power  $P = \text{energy} / \Delta t$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \rho A (\Delta x / \Delta t) \omega^2 S_m^2$$

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Since  $\Delta x/\Delta t = v$  the sound wave velocity, then

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \rho A v \omega^2 S_m^2$$

The sound intensity  $I = P/A$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \rho v \omega^2 S_m^2$$

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### **Solution to Question 2**

- a)** Two pipes are of the same length. The first pipe has open ends, while the second pipe has one end close and the other end open. If a beat frequency of 10 Hz is heard, what is the length of the pipes. [velocity of sound = 343 m/s]

#### **Answer**

The resonance frequencies for the open pipe:

$$f_{\text{open}} = m_{\text{open}} v / 2L$$

The resonance frequencies for the closed pipe:

$$f_{\text{closed}} = m_{\text{closed}} v / 4L$$

The beat frequency  $f_b = f_{\text{open}} - f_{\text{closed}}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= m_{\text{open}} v / 2L - m_{\text{closed}} v / 4L \\ &= (m_{\text{open}} - m_{\text{closed}} / 2) v / 2L \end{aligned}$$

The length of the tube is

$$\begin{aligned} L &= (m_{\text{open}} - m_{\text{closed}} / 2) v / 2f_b \\ &= (m_{\text{open}} - m_{\text{closed}} / 2) (343 / 2 \times 10) \\ &= (m_{\text{open}} - m_{\text{closed}} / 2) \times 17.15 \end{aligned}$$

$$m_{\text{open}} > m_{\text{closed}} / 2$$

$m_{\text{closed}}$  is an odd number.

For  $m_{\text{closed}} = 1$ ,  $m_{\text{open}} = 1$ , and, then  $L = 8.575$  m

For  $m_{\text{closed}} = 3$ ,  $m_{\text{open}} = 2$ , and, then  $L = 8.575$  m

For  $m_{\text{closed}} = 5$ ,  $m_{\text{open}} = 3$ , and, then  $L = 8.575$  m

- b)** Derive an expression for the intensity of interference pattern on the screen of Young's double slit interference experiment.

#### **Answer**

In the Young's double slit interference experiment, assume that

slit separation distance =  $d$

distance from slits to screen =  $L$

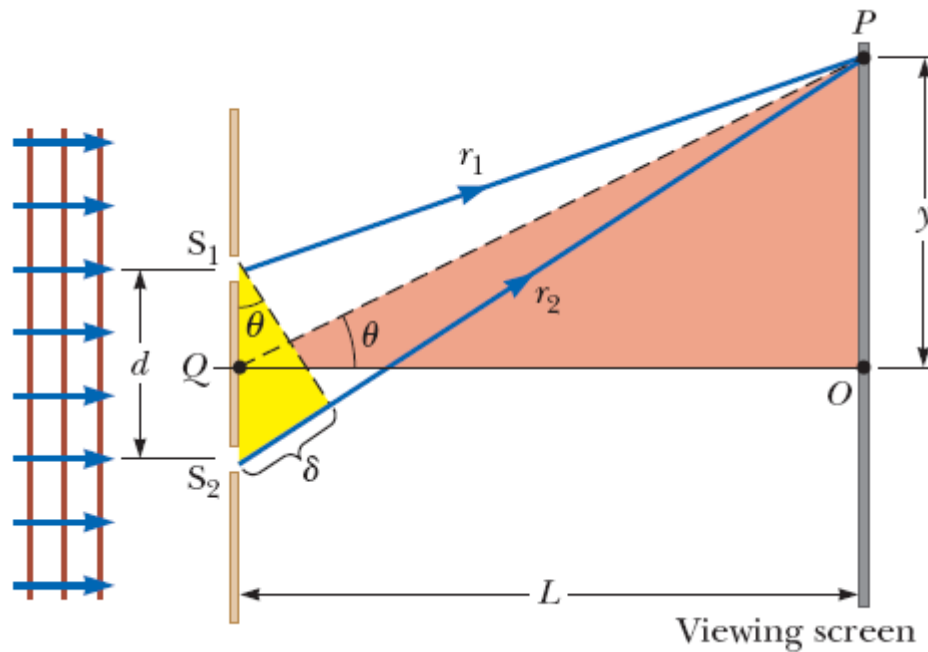
wavelength of monochromatic light =  $\lambda$

Any point on the screen receives light waves from each slit.

The path difference between the two waves is

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$$\delta = |r_2 - r_1| = d \sin\theta$$



The phase difference  $\Phi = (2\pi/\lambda)\delta = (2\pi/\lambda) d \sin\theta$   
 The electric field wave from slit 1 reaching a point P (at  $x = 0$ ) on screen

$$E_1 = E_0 \sin \omega t$$

The electric field wave from slit 2 reaching the same point P (at  $x = 0$ ) on screen

$$E_2 = E_0 \sin (\omega t + \Phi)$$

Applying the principle of superposition, the resulting wave is

$$\begin{aligned} E &= E_1 + E_2 \\ &= E_0 [\sin (\omega t + \Phi) + \sin \omega t] \\ &= 2 E_0 \cos \Phi/2 \sin (\omega t + \Phi/2) \end{aligned}$$

The intensity of light is directly proportional to the square of the electric field

$$I \propto E^2 = 4 E_0^2 \cos^2 \Phi/2 \sin^2 (\omega t + \Phi/2)$$

The average intensity is then

$$I \propto 2 E_0^2 \cos^2 \Phi/2 \tag{1}$$

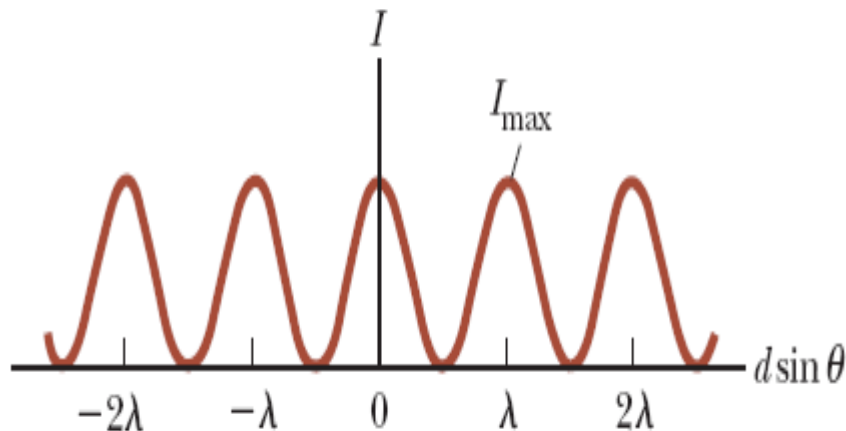
Where the average of  $\sin^2 (\omega t + \Phi/2)$  is  $1/2$ .

The intensity at the center of the experiment where  $\Phi = 0$  is

$$I_0 \propto 2 E_0^2 \tag{2}$$

Dividing equation (2) by equation (1), then the intensity

$$I = 2 E_0^2 \cos^2 \Phi/2$$



Bright fringes when the intensity is maximum.

$$\cos \Phi/2 = 1$$

$$\Phi = 2m\pi$$

$$(2\pi/\lambda)d\sin\theta = 2m\pi$$

$$d\sin\theta = m\lambda$$

$$dy/L = m\lambda$$

$$y_m = m\lambda L/d$$

Dark fringes when the intensity is minimum.

$$\cos \Phi/2 = 0$$

$$\Phi = (2m + 1)\pi$$

$$(2\pi/\lambda)d\sin\theta = (2m + 1)\pi$$

$$d\sin\theta = (m + 1/2)\lambda$$

$$dy/L = (m + 1/2)\lambda$$

$$y_m = (m + 1/2)\lambda L/d$$

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### **Solution to Question 3**

- a)** A thin layer of cryolite ( $n = 1.32$ ) is applied to a camera lens of index of refraction of 1.5. The coating is designed to minimize reflections of blue light of wavelength 450. What minimum thickness is required?

#### **Answer**

The state is air – film – glass.

Index of refraction of film  $n = 1.32$

Wavelength of light  $\lambda = 450 \text{ nm}$

If the film thickness is  $t$ ,

the condition for minimum reflections is

$$2nt = (m + 1/2)\lambda$$

For minimum thickness  $m = 0$ ,

Then,  $t_{\min} = \lambda/4n = 450 \times 10^{-9} / 4 * 1.32 = 8.523 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m} = 85.23 \text{ nm}$

**b)** A diffraction pattern is formed on a screen 150 cm away from a 0.3 mm wide slit. Monochromatic light of wavelength 546 nm is used. Calculate the fractional intensity  $I/I_0$  at a point on the screen 4 mm from the center of the principal maximum. What is the position of the next point on the screen having the same fractional; intensity?

**Answer**

$L = 150 \text{ cm}$

$a = 0.3 \text{ mm}$

$\lambda = 546 \text{ nm}$

$y = 4 \text{ mm}$

Phase difference  $\beta = (2\pi/\lambda) a \sin\theta = (2\pi/\lambda) ay/L$

$$= (2\pi) * (0.3 \times 10^{-3}) * (4 \times 10^{-3}) / (546 \times 10^{-9}) * (1.5)$$

$$= 9.206 \text{ rad}$$

The fractional intensity  $I/I_0 = \sin^2\beta/\beta^2 = \sin^2(9.206)/(9.206)^2$   
 $= 5.56 \times 10^{-4}$

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**Solutions to Question 4**

**a)** One mole of an ideal gas does 3000 J of work on its surroundings as it expands isothermally to a final pressure of 1 atm. And volume of 25 L. Determine (i) the initial volume and (ii) the temperature of the gas. [ $R = 8.31 \text{ J/mol.K}$ ] [ $1 \text{ atm} = 1.0135 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ ]

**Answer**

(ii) For ideal gas:

$$p_f V_f = nR T$$

$$T = p_f V_f / nR$$

$$= (1.0135 \times 10^5) * (25 \times 10^{-3}) / (1)(8.31)$$

$$= 304.9 \text{ K}$$

(i) For isothermal process, the work done:

$$W = nRT \ln(V_f/V_i)$$

$$V_f/V_i = e^{W/nRT}$$

$$= e^{3000/(8.31)(304.9)}$$

$$= 3.27$$

$$V_i = V_f/3.27 = 25/3.27 = 7.65 \text{ L}$$

- b)** A 2 mole of diatomic ideal gas expands adiabatically from pressure of 5 atm and a volume of 12 L to a final volume of 30 L. (i) What are the final pressure, the initial temperature and the final temperature? (ii) Find Q, W and  $\Delta U$ .

**Answer**

- (i) For adiabatic process:

$$p_i V_i^{\gamma} = p_f V_f^{\gamma}$$

$$p_f = p_i (V_i/V_f)^{\gamma}$$

$$= (5)(12/30)^{1.4}$$

$$= 1.386 \text{ atm}$$

For ideal gas:

$$p_i V_i = nRT_i$$

$$T_i = p_i V_i / nR$$

$$= (5 \times 1.0135 \times 10^5)(12 \times 10^{-3}) / (2)(8.31)$$

$$= 365.88 \text{ K}$$

For ideal gas:

$$p_f V_f = nRT_f$$

$$T_f = p_f V_f / nR$$

$$= (1.386 \times 1.0135 \times 10^5)(30 \times 10^{-3}) / (2)(8.31)$$

$$= 253.56 \text{ K}$$

- (ii) For adiabatic process:  $Q = 0$

$$\Delta U = nC_v(T_f - T_i)$$

$$= (2)(5/2)(8.31)(253.56 - 365.88)$$

$$= -4666.9 \text{ J}$$

From the first law of thermodynamics:

$$\begin{aligned} W &= Q - \Delta U \\ &= 0 - (-4666.9) \\ &= 4666.9 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

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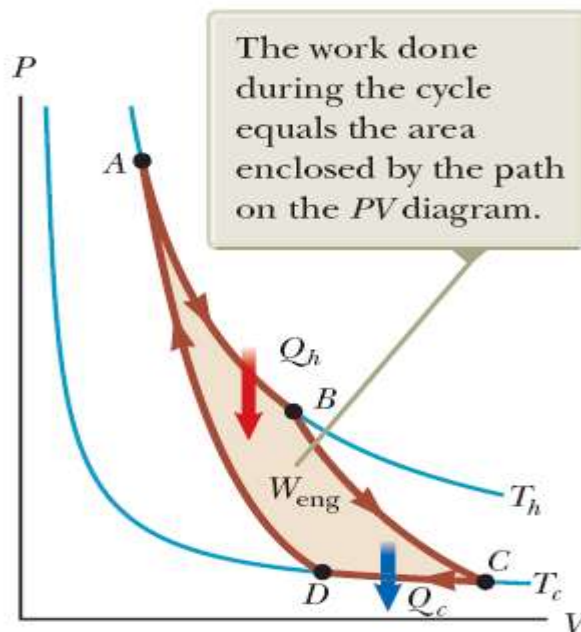
### **Solution to Question 5**

- a) Describe in details the four processes of Carnot cycle. Then derive an expression for the efficiency of Carnot engine if the working substance is an ideal gas.

### **Answer**

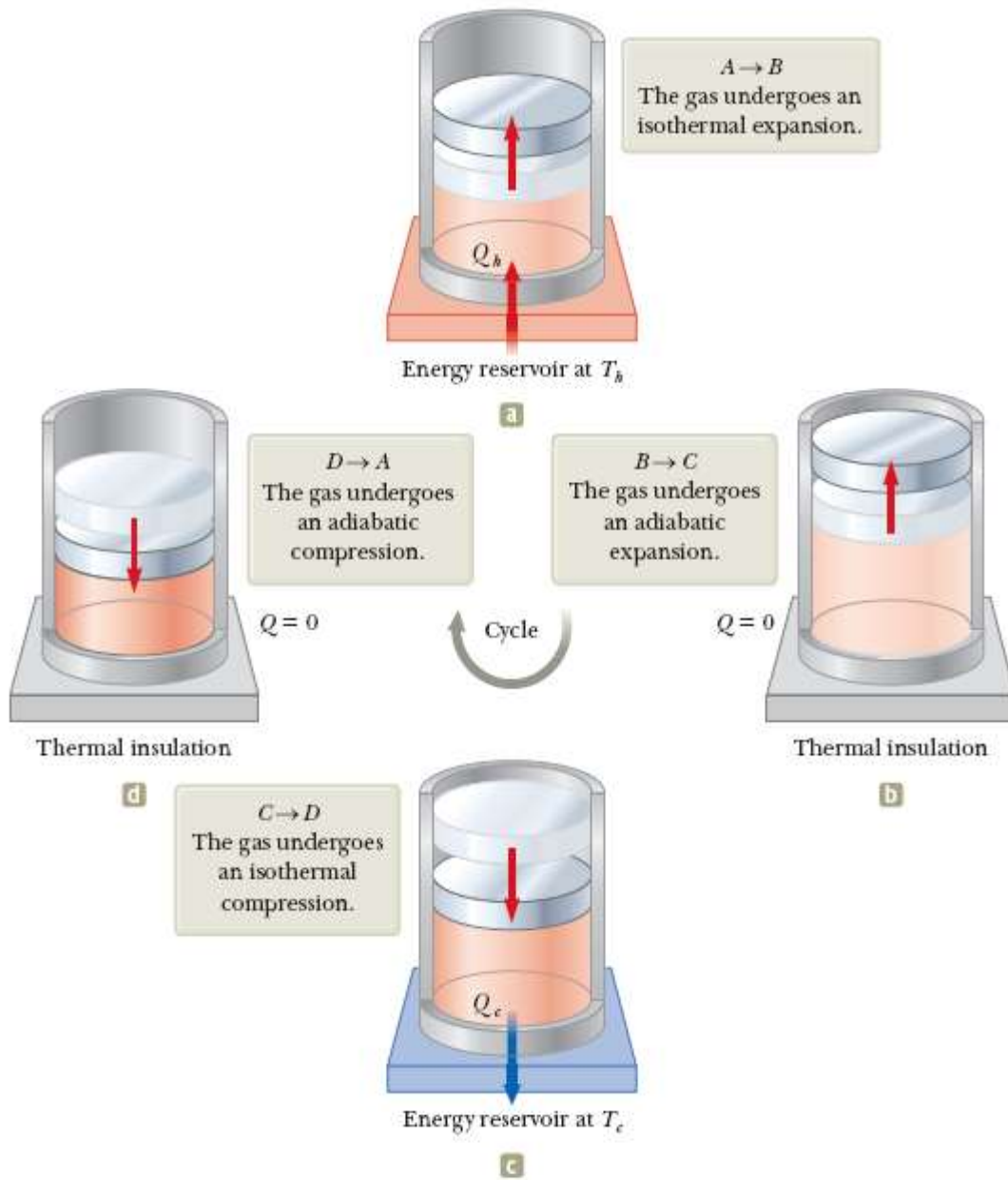
The Carnot cycle consists of four processes:

- Isothermal expansion,
- Adiabatic expansion,
- Isothermal compression, and
- Adiabatic compression.



Consider Carnot engine consisting of a cylinder fitted with a piston.





Step (1): A  $\longrightarrow$  B Isothermal expansion.

The cylinder is placed on a heat reservoir at temperature  $T_H$ .

The gas changes its state  $(p_A, V_A, T_H) \longrightarrow (p_B, V_B, T_H)$

The gas absorbs heat energy  $Q_H$ .

The change in internal energy  $\Delta U_{AB} = 0$ .

The work done  $W = nRT_H \ln(V_B/V_A)$

Step (2): B  $\longrightarrow$  C Adiabatic expansion

The cylinder is isolated from its surroundings, so that  $Q_{BC} = 0$ .  
The temperature of the gas decreases from  $T_H$  to  $T_C$ .

The gas changes its state  $(p_B, V_B, T_H) \longrightarrow (p_C, V_C, T_C)$

From the first law of thermodynamics:

The work done  $W_{BC} = \Delta U_{BC} = nC_V (T_C - T_H)$

Step (3): C  $\longrightarrow$  D Isothermal compression

The cylinder is placed on a heat reservoir at temperature  $T_C$ .

The gas changes its state  $(p_C, V_C, T_C) \longrightarrow (p_D, V_D, T_C)$

The gas expels heat energy  $Q_C$ .

The change in internal energy  $\Delta U_{CD} = 0$ .

The work done  $W = nRT_C \ln(V_D/V_C)$

Step (4): D  $\longrightarrow$  A Adiabatic compression.

The cylinder is isolated from its surroundings, so that  $Q_{DA} = 0$ .  
The temperature of the gas increases from  $T_C$  to  $T_H$ .

The gas changes its state  $(p_D, V_D, T_C) \longrightarrow (p_A, V_A, T_H)$

From the first law of thermodynamics:

The work done  $W_{DA} = \Delta U_{DA} = nC_V (T_H - T_C)$

In the whole cycle,

$$\Delta U_{\text{cycle}} = 0$$

$$W = Q_H - Q_C$$

The efficiency  $e = W/Q_H = (Q_H - Q_C)/Q_H = 1 - Q_C/Q_H$

**b)** Choose the correct answer and **justify** your results

**Answer:**

(1) A sinusoidal wave  $y(x,t) = 1.75 \sin(0.4\pi x - 280\pi t)$  where  $x$  is in meters and  $t$  is in seconds. What is the position of the peak at time  $t = 0.001$  s?

(a) 1.25 m      **(b) 1.92 m**      (c) 2.65 m      (d) 3.35 m

The maximum displacement

$$\sin(0.4\pi x - 280\pi t) = 1$$

$$(0.4\pi x - 280\pi t) = (m + \frac{1}{2})\pi$$

For the first peak,  $m = 0$ :

$$0.4x - 280t = 1/2$$

At  $t = 0.001$  s

$$0.4x = 0.5 + 0.280$$

$$x = 1.25 + 0.7 = 1.95 \text{ m}$$

For  $m = 1$ ,  $x =$

(2) A sound source is at 530 m away from an observer who hears a sound level of 114.8 dB. What is the intensity heard by another observer at 900 m away from the sound source.

**(a) 0.104 W/m<sup>2</sup>** (b) 0.3 W/m<sup>2</sup> (c) 0.401 W/m<sup>2</sup> (d) not stated

$$I_2/I_1 = r_1^2/r_2^2$$

$$= (530/900)^2 = 0.3468$$

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_2 - \beta_1 &= 10 \log(I_2/I_1) \\ &= 10 \log 0.3468 \\ &= -4.6 \text{ dB}\end{aligned}$$

$$\beta_2 = 114.8 - 4.6 = 110.2 \text{ dB}$$

$$\beta_2 = 10 \log (I_2/I_0)$$

$$I_2/I_0 = 10^{11.02} \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}I_2 &= 10^{11.02} \times 10^{-12} = 10^{-0.98} \\ &= 0.1047 \text{ W/m}^2\end{aligned}$$

(3) A train passes a standing passenger at a constant speed of 40 m/s. The train horn is sounded at a frequency of 320 Hz. What wavelength is detected by the passenger?

(a) 1.5 m      (b) 1.07 m      (c) 1.02m      **(d) 1.2 m**

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda' &= \lambda + v_s/f_0 \\ &= v/f_0 + v_s/f_0 \\ &= (v + v_s)/f_0 \\ &= (343 + 40)/320 \\ &= 1.2 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

(4) A Young double slit interference experiment is carried out with a pair of slits separated by 0.03 mm. The slits are 1.2 m from a screen. The second order maximum is measured to be 4.5 cm from the center line. What is the wavelength of light?  
**(a) 562.5 nm** (b) 654.8 nm (c) 347.6 nm (d) not stated

$$y = m\lambda L/d$$

$$\lambda = yd/mL$$

$$= (4.5 \times 10^{-2})(0.03 \times 10^{-3})/(2)(1.2)$$

$$= 5.625 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 562.5 \text{ nm}$$

(5) A diffraction grating has 10000 lines per centimeter. What is the angle of first order maximum if light of wavelength 600 nm illuminates the grating?

(a)  $45.78^\circ$     **(b)  $36.86^\circ$**     (c)  $23.58^\circ$     (d) not stated  
 $d = 1 \times 10^{-2} / 10000 = 10^{-6} \text{ m}$

$$d \sin\theta = m\lambda$$

$$\sin\theta = m\lambda/d$$

$$= 600 \times 10^{-9} / 10^{-6}$$

$$= 0.6$$

$$\theta = 36.87^\circ$$

(6) What is work done by a constant pressure process at  $3.324 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$  to compress a gas from  $0.1 \text{ m}^3$  to  $0.02 \text{ m}^3$ .

**(a) - 2659 J**    (b) - 6783 J    (c) - 9543 J    (d) not stated

$$W = p(V_f - V_i)$$

$$= (3.324 \times 10^4)(0.02 - 0.1)$$

$$= - 2659.2 \text{ J}$$

(7) A Carnot engine has an output power of 10 W. The engine operates between  $20^\circ\text{C}$  and  $500^\circ\text{C}$ . What is the thermal energy lost in one hour?

**(a) 21990 J**    (b) 57990 J    (c) 36990 J    (d) 99034 J

$$e = 1 - T_C/T_H$$

$$= 1 - (293/773)$$

$$= 0.62$$

$$W = e Q_H$$

$$Q_H = W/e = 10/0.62 = 16.13 \text{ W}$$

$$Q_C = Q_H - W$$

$$= 16.13 - 10 = 6.13 \text{ W}$$

In one hour,  $Q_C = 6.13 \times 60 \times 60 = 22068 \text{ J}$

(8) A bar of gold (Au) is in thermal contact with a bar of silver (Ag) of the same length and area. One end of the compound bar is maintained at  $80.0^\circ\text{C}$ , and the opposite end is at  $30.0^\circ\text{C}$ . When the energy transfer reaches steady state, what is the temperature at the junction? [ $k_{\text{Au}} = 314 \text{ W/m}^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $k_{\text{Ag}} = 427 \text{ W/m}^\circ\text{C}$ ]  
**(a) 51.2°C**      (b)  $34.8^\circ\text{C}$       (c)  $76.2^\circ\text{C}$       (d)  $21.5^\circ\text{C}$

At steady state:

$$(Q/\Delta t)_{\text{Au}} = (Q/\Delta t)_{\text{Ag}}$$

$$K_{\text{Au}} A (T_H - T)/L = K_{\text{Ag}} A (T - T_C)/L$$

$$T = (k_{\text{Au}} T_H + k_{\text{Ag}} T_C)/(k_{\text{Au}} + k_{\text{Ag}})$$

$$= (314 \times 353 + 427 \times 303)/(314 + 427)$$

$$= 324.2 \text{ K}$$

$$= 51.2^\circ\text{C}$$