



**PROGRAM** : BACCALAUREUS TECHNOLOGIAE  
ENGINEERING METALLURGY

**SUBJECT** : MECHANICAL METALLURGY IV

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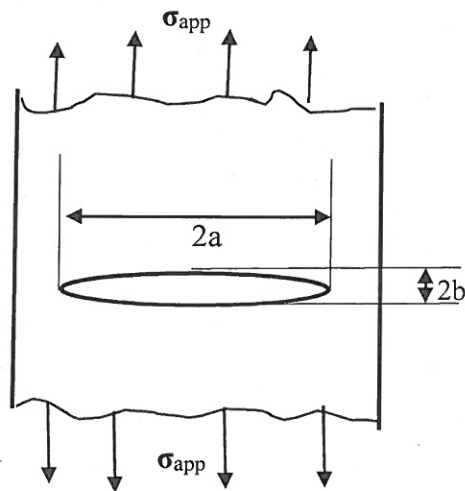
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**INSTRUCTIONS** : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

**REQUIREMENTS** : TWO GRAPH SHEETS, CALCULATOR

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**Question 1 (40 marks)**

Inglis found that for an elliptical internal hole subjected to an applied stress  $\sigma_{app}$  was magnified at the ends of the major axis of the ellipse so that

$$\frac{\sigma_{max}}{\sigma_{app}} = 1 + \frac{2a}{b}$$

where  $\sigma_{max}$  = maximum stress at end of the major axis,  $\sigma_{app}$  = applied stress,  $a$  = half major axis, and  $b$  = half minor axis

The radius of curvature  $\rho$  at the end of the ellipse is given by

$$\rho = \frac{b^2}{a}$$

- 1.1 Derive an expression for  $\sigma_{max}$  in terms of  $\sigma_{app}$ ,  $a$  and  $\rho$ . (4)
- 1.2 Since  $a \gg \rho$ , show that the expression you derived in 1.1 reduces to  $\sigma_{max} \approx 2\sigma_{app} \sqrt{\frac{a}{\rho}}$  (4)
- 1.3 What is the magnitude of the maximum stress at the tip of a surface crack having a radius of curvature 0.264 nm and crack length 1  $\mu$ m, when a tensile of 57 MPa is applied? (4)
- 1.4 Explain the change in stress in 1.3 implications of cracks in a stressed component? (4)
- 1.5 Explain the practical implication of the expression in 1.2 when  $\rho$  is very small. (4)
- 1.6 Explain the implication  $\sigma_{max} \approx 2\sigma_{app} \sqrt{\frac{a}{\rho}}$ , when  $\rho$  is larger, say  $\rho = a/4$ ,  $\rho = a$  and  $\rho = 4a$ . (4)
- 1.7 From expressions you derived in 1.6, what is the practical solution to a very thin crack? (4)
- 1.8 Derive  $\sigma_{max}$  when  $\rho = 16a$  and what happens to orientation and effect of crack when  $\rho \gg a$ ? (4)
- 1.9 What is the implication of  $\rho \rightarrow \infty$ , what is practical design of structures to avoid fracture. (4)
- 1.10 Use equations (1) and (2) to derive  $\sigma_{max}$  and  $\rho$  when  $a = b$ . What is shape and effect of crack. (4)

**Question 2 (30 marks)**

Some metals exhibit a phenomenon of ductile-to-brittle transition temperature (DBTT).

- 2.1 Sketch graphs showing ductile-to-brittle transition and nil-ductility temperature (NDT) and explain the difference in terms of incidence of fracture. (5)
- 2.2 How would you adjust chemical composition and grain size to improve the DBTT of steel. (5)
- 2.3 Why does a Charpy impact tester require a special foundation and why should it be calibrated? (5)
- 2.4 What is the relationship between area under stress-strain curve if a tensile test and Charpy values and explain why they give different values. (5)
- 2.5 How is DBTT affected by sample size of brittle steels and sharpness of notch in ductile steels. (5)
- 2.6 Use a sketch to illustrate that FCC metals and high strength steels do not show ductile to brittle transition behaviour and explain the difference in behaviour giving reasons. (5)

**Question 3 (30 marks)**

The equicohesive temperature (ECT) is the temperature at which the strength of grain boundaries is equal to the strength of grain interior.

- 3.1 At low temperatures below about half the absolute melting point ( $T_m$ ), metals deform by twinning and/or slip and fail in a transgranular manner.
    - 3.1.1 What is the relative strength of grains and grain boundaries below  $T_m$  and why? (3)
    - 3.1.2 Explain the strengthening mechanisms in metals below  $T_m$ . (3)
    - 3.1.3 What is the relative strength of grains and grain boundaries above  $T_m$  and what are the causes? (3)
    - 3.1.4 What is the mode of fracture above  $T_m$  and what strengthening mechanisms would you offer? (3)
    - 3.1.5 Sketch a graph for strength of grains relative to grain boundaries versus temperature. (3)
    - 3.1.6 How would you distinguish between twin bands and slip lines using metallography? (3)
  - 3.2 If strain rate is raised from  $\dot{\epsilon}_1$  to  $\dot{\epsilon}_2$ ;
    - 3.2.1 What is the change in ECT and why? (3)
    - 3.2.2 Is the mode of fracture at  $\dot{\epsilon}_2$  and low temperature intergranular or transgranular, why? (3)
    - 3.2.3 At very low  $\dot{\epsilon}$  and high temperature, is the mode of fracture intergranular or transgranular, why? (3)
    - 3.2.4 What is the effect of low strain rate and high temperature and ECT? (3)
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