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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper consist of 3 pages
 2. Answer all questions.
 3. Calculators are permitted
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QUESTION 1

- 1.1. There are five different classes of materials in material science. List the five classes and give two examples each (10)
- 1.2. Explain the materials design and selection process (6)

QUESTION 2

- 2.1. Sketch tensile stress strain curves for the following materials:
- (a) Metal (2)
 - (b) Thermoplastic materials (2)
 - (c) Elastomer (2)
 - (d) Ceramics, glasses and concrete (2)
- 2.2. List five properties that can be obtained from tensile tests and explain each property (15)
- 2.3. Explain the difference between hot and cold working (10)
- 2.4. Sketch a cooling curve for a pure metal and label the different regions (12)

QUESTION 3

- 3.1. Suppose that liquid iron is undercooled until homogeneous nucleation occurs. Calculate
- (a) the critical radius of the nucleus required; and (3)
 - (b) the number of iron atoms in the nucleus. (7)

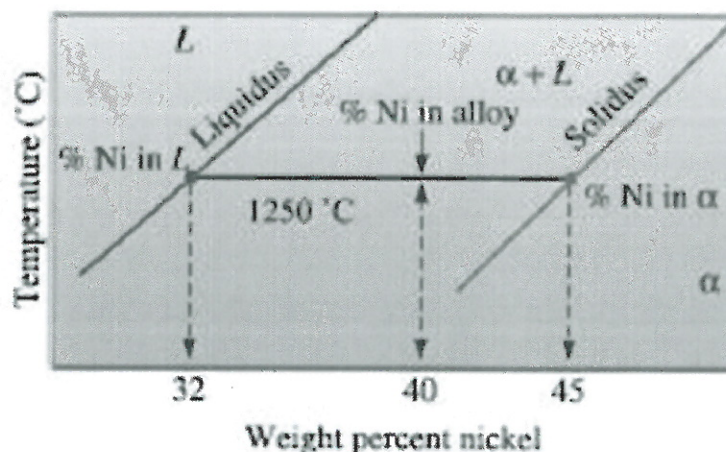
Assume that the lattice parameter of the solid BCC iron is 2.92 Å.

QUESTION 4

- 4.1. Explain the most important three-phase reactions in binary phase diagrams using equations and sketches (10)
- 4.2. Draw and fully label the Fe-Fe₃C phase diagram (15)

QUESTION 5

- 5.1. Calculate the amount of α and L at 1250 °C in the Cu-40 % Ni shown diagram below, using the lever rule (5)



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TABLE 9-1 ■ Values for freezing temperature, latent heat of fusion, surface energy, and maximum undercooling for selected materials

	Freezing Temperature (T_m)	Heat of Fusion (ΔH_f)	Solid-Liquid Interfacial Energy (σ_{sl})	Typical Undercooling for Homogeneous Nucleation (ΔT)
Metal	(°C)	(J/cm ³)	(J/cm ²)	(°C)
Ga	30	488	56×10^{-7}	76
Bi	271	543	54×10^{-7}	90
Pb	327	237	33×10^{-7}	80
Ag	962	965	126×10^{-7}	250
Cu	1085	1628	177×10^{-7}	236
Ni	1453	2756	255×10^{-7}	480
Fe	1538	1737	204×10^{-7}	420
NaCl	801			169
CsCl	645			152
H ₂ O	0			40

$$r^* = \frac{2\sigma_{sl}T_m}{\Delta H_f \Delta T}$$