

**IV B.Tech II Semester Regular Examinations, Apr/May 2006**  
**FATIGUE AND FRACTURE MECHANICS**  
**(Aeronautical Engineering)**

**Time: 3 hours****Max Marks: 80**

**Answer any FIVE Questions**  
**All Questions carry equal marks**

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1. (a) Make a schematic sketch of the fatigue behavior for some metals for which the stress ratio has a value of +1.  
(b) The mean stress during a fatigue test was 100 MPa and the stress range was 500 MPa. **Compute:** [16]
  - i. Maximum stress
  - ii. Minimum stress
  - iii. stress ratio.
2. (a) Describe typical Notch bar impact test to determine the impact strength.  
(b) Explain the effect of stress concentration and size of specimen on fatigue properties. [16]
3. (a) Explain the different types of fatigue cycles.  
(b) With the help of diagrams, explain the various types of fluctuating stresses which can cause fatigue. [16]
4. (a) Explain the theory of Miners law.  
(b) Express Miners law in mathematical terms.  
(c) In a smooth bar rotating beam fatigue test, under fully reversed loading it is found that failure of a mild steel occurs on loading (at 1/4 cycle) at a stress of 420 MPa. At a stress amplitude of 210 MPa the number of cycles to failure is  $10^6$ . How long a part will last at a stress amplitude of 280 MPa if it is first subjected to a stress amplitude of 315 MPa for 1000 cycles. [16]
5. (a) Explain stage I and stage II fatigue crack growth with suitable sketches.  
(b) What are the potential sites for fatigue crack initiation in a material? Explain them. [16]
6. (a) Explain about the Griffiths crack theory of fracture  
(b) Derive an expression for the theoretical brittle fracture strength. [16]
7. (a) How does improved, alloy cleanliness develop the fracture toughness of the parts?  
(b) How does the micro-structure of the materials optimize the fracture toughness? [16]

8. Identify and explain several problems a designer must recognize when dealing with fatigue loading as compared with static loading. [16]

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1. (a) Write soderberg equation and state its application to different type of loadings.  
(b) What information do you obtain from soderberg diagram. [16]
2. (a) Distinguish clearly between Notch toughness, notch brittleness and notch sensitivity.  
(b) What is notch sensitivity index.  
(c) Discuss the effect of [16]
  - i. Surface condition &
  - ii. stress concentration on fatigue.
3. (a) Explain why fatigue strength is a statistical quantity.  
(b) Based on dislocation theory, explain how dislocations are multiplied and strain hardening occurs. [16]
4. (a) Explain the theory of Miners law.  
(b) Express Miners law in mathematical terms.  
(c) In a smooth bar rotating beam fatigue test, underfully reversed loading it is found that failure of a mild steel occurs on loading (at 1/4 cycle) at a stress of 420 MPa. At a stress amplitude of 210 MPa the number of cycles to failure is  $10^6$ . How long a part will last at a stress amplitude of 280MPa if it is first subjected to a stress amplitude of 315 MPa for 1000 cycles. [16]
5. Give the 3 expressions for crack propagation rate in terms of the following and explain them.  
  
(a) Crack length.  
(b) Total strain.  
(c) Stress intensity factor. [16]
6. (a) Why is a surface of a solid associated with surface energy (or free energy)? What is an approximate value of the free energy of surface of a metal  
(b) Actual energy required in a ductile material to create two new surfaces through the crack growth is several orders higher than the surface energy of solids. Why so? [16]

7. (a) An Aluminum alloy after a certain heat treatment exhibits a fracture toughness of  $23.5 \text{ Mpa } \sqrt{m}$ . What is the largest flaw size the material can withstand during service condition in which the maximum stress is 280 Mpa
- (b) Explain the effect of the thickness of a specimen on fracture toughness. [16]
8. Discuss in detail the historical remarks about fatigue failure with suitable examples. [16]

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1. (a) A fatigue test was conducted in which the mean stress was 50 MPa (7250PSI) and the stress amplitude was 225 MPa (32,625 PSI).
  - i. Compute the Maximum and Minimum stress levels
  - ii. Compute the stress ratio
  - iii. Compute the Magnitude of stress range.
- (b) What is mean stress? What are the various methods available to determine S-N diagram for a material where mean stress is not zero? Explain any two methods of presenting the data. [16]
2. (a) Distinguish clearly between Notch toughness, notch brittleness and notch sensitivity.
- (b) What is notch sensitivity index.
- (c) Discuss the effect of [16]
  - i. Surface condition &
  - ii. stress concentration on fatigue.
3. (a) Explain typical fatigue stress cycles with the help neat sketches.
- (b) Represent fatigue data on a probability basis and explain it. [16]
4. (a) Explain the theory of Miners law.
- (b) Express Miners law in mathematical terms.
- (c) In a smooth bar rotating beam fatigue test, underfully reversed loading it is found that failure of a mild steel occurs on loading (at 1/4 cycle) at a stress of 420 MPa. At a stress amplitude of 210 MPa the number of cycles to failure is  $10^6$ . How long a part will last at a stress amplitude of 280MPa if it is first subjected to a stress amplitude of 315 MPa for 1000 cycles. [16]
5. (a) Explain strain hardening.
- (b) With the help of sketch, explain the formation of sessile dislocations that result in strain hardening of FCC metals. [16]
6. (a) Sketch typical fatigue fracture surface and explain.
- (b) Explain some of the methods of protection of materials from surface crack propagation. [16]

7. (a) An Aluminum alloy after a certain heat treatment exhibits a fracture toughness of  $23.5 \text{ Mpa } \sqrt{m}$ . What is the largest flaw size the material can withstand during service condition in which the maximum stress is 280 Mpa
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1. (a) Discuss the procedure for determining an S-N curve and draw the S-N curve for steel explaining its importance.  
(b) Discuss a typical fatigue testing procedure. Explain how the effect of mean stress can be studied. [16]
2. (a) In case of negative stress ratio,  $\sigma_{min}$  is taken to be zero why so?  
(b) Explain the following terms: [16]
  - i. plastic strain concentration factor
  - ii. Plastic stress concentration factor.
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5. (a) Discuss the effects of surface condition, stress concentration, and metallurgical factors on fatigue.  
(b) Explain the successive stages in the operation of a Frank-Reed source for multiplication of dislocations. [16]
6. (a) Explain about the griffiths crack theory of fracture  
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7. (a) An Aluminum alloy after a certain heat treatment exhibits a fracture toughness of 23.5 Mpa  $\sqrt{m}$  . What is the largest flaw size the material can with stand during service condition in which the maximum stress is 280 Mpa  
(b) Explain the effect of the thickness of a specimen on fracture toughness. [16]
8. (a) In a short fibre composite material an embedded fibre does not act like a dangerous crack. Explain it by assuming the fibre has a shape of an ellipse.

- (b) List some of the factors you would consider in designing a crank shaft for an automobile engine. What would you suggest as steps to improve fatigue life of the crank shaft. [16]

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