

Multiple-Choice Test Problems

Chapter 2: *Energy, Energy Transfer, and General Energy Analysis*

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(Numerical values for solutions can be obtained by copying the EES solutions given and pasting them on a blank EES screen, and pressing the Solve command. Similar problems and their solutions can be obtained easily by modifying numerical values.)

Chap2-1 Heating by Resistance Heater

A 1.5-kW electric resistance heater in a room is turned on and kept on for 20 min. The amount of energy transferred to the room by the heater is

- (a) 1.5 kJ (b) 60 kJ (c) 750 kJ (d) 1800 kJ (e) 3600 kJ

Answer (d) 1800 kJ

Solution Solved by EES Software. Solutions can be verified by copying-and-pasting the following lines on a blank EES screen.

```
We= 1.5 "kJ/s"  
time=20*60 "s"  
E_total=We*time "kJ"
```

“Some Wrong Solutions with Common Mistakes:”

```
W1_Etotal=We*time/60 "using minutes instead of s"  
W2_Etotal=We "ignoring time"
```

Chap2-2 Heat Supplied by Vacuum Cleaner

A 200 W vacuum cleaner is powered by an electric motor whose efficiency is 70%. (Note that the electric motor delivers 200 W of net mechanical power to the fan of the cleaner). The rate at which this vacuum cleaner supplies energy to the room when running is

- (a) 140 W (b) 200 W (c) 286 W (d) 360 W (e) 86 W

Answer (c) 286 W

Solution Solved by EES Software. Solutions can be verified by copying-and-pasting the following lines on a blank EES screen.

```
Eff=0.70  
W_vac=0.2 "kW"  
E=W_vac/Eff "kJ/s"
```

“Some Wrong Solutions with Common Mistakes:”

```
W1_E=W_vac*Eff "Multiplying by efficiency"  
W2_E=W_vac "Ignoring efficiency"  
W3_E=E-W_vac "Heat generated by the motor"
```

Chap2-3 Heat Convection

A 40-cm-long, 0.6-cm-diameter electric resistance wire is used to determine the convection heat transfer coefficient in air at 25°C experimentally. The surface temperature of the wire is measured to be 150°C

when the electric power consumption is 90 W. If the radiation heat loss from the wire is calculated to be 30 W, the convection heat transfer coefficient is

- (a) $0.48 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$ (b) $127 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$ (c) $63.7 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$ (d) $95 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$ (e) $200 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$ "

Answer (c) $63.7 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$

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```
L=0.4 "m"
D=0.006 "m"
A=pi*D*L "m^2"
We=90 "W"
Ts=150 "C"
Tf=25 "C"
We-30= h*A*(Ts-Tf) "W"
```

"Some Wrong Solutions with Common Mistakes:"

```
We-30= W1_h*(Ts-Tf) "Not using area"
We-30= W2_h*(L*D)*(Ts-Tf) "Using D*L for area"
We+30= W3_h*A*(Ts-Tf) "Adding Q_rad instead of subtracting"
We= W4_h*A*(Ts-Tf) "Disregarding Q_rad"
```

Chap2-4 Heat Convection and Radiation

A 1.5-m^2 black surface at 120°C is losing heat to the surrounding air at 30°C by convection with a convection heat transfer coefficient of $18 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$, and by radiation to the surrounding surfaces at 10°C . The total rate of heat loss from the surface is

- (a) 1483 W (b) 2430 W (c) 2448 W (d) 3913 W (e) 2609 W

Answer (d) 3913 W

Solution Solved by EES Software. Solutions can be verified by copying-and-pasting the following lines on a blank EES screen.

```
sigma=5.67E-8 "W/m^2.K^4"
eps=1
A=1.5 "m^2"
h_conv=18 "W/m^2.C"
Ts=120 "C"
Tf=30 "C"
Tsurr=10 "C"
Q_conv=h_conv*A*(Ts-Tf) "W"
Q_rad=eps*sigma*A*((Ts+273)^4-(Tsurr+273)^4) "W"
Q_total=Q_conv+Q_rad "W"
```

"Some Wrong Solutions with Common Mistakes:"

```
W1_Ql=Q_conv "Ignoring radiation"
W2_Q=Q_rad "Ignoring convection"
W3_Q=Q_conv+eps*sigma*A*(Ts^4-Tsurr^4) "Using C in radiation calculations"
W4_Q=Q_total/A "not using area"
```

Chap2-5 Heat Conduction

Heat is transferred steadily through a 0.15-m thick 3 m by 5 m wall whose thermal conductivity is 1.2 W/m.°C. The inner and outer surface temperatures of the wall are measured to be 18°C to 4°C. The rate of heat conduction through the wall is

- (a) 112 W (b) 3360 W (c) 2640 W (d) 38 W (e) 1680 W

Answer (e) 1680 W

Solution Solved by EES Software. Solutions can be verified by copying-and-pasting the following lines on a blank EES screen.

```
A=3*5 "m^2"  
L=0.15 "m"  
T1=18 "C"  
T2=4 "C"  
k=1.2 "W/m.C"  
Q=k*A*(T1-T2)/L "W"
```

"Some Wrong Solutions with Common Mistakes:"

```
W1_Q=k*(T1-T2)/L "Not using area"  
W2_Q=k*2*A*(T1-T2)/L "Using areas of both surfaces"  
W3_Q=k*A*(T1+T2)/L "Adding temperatures instead of subtracting"  
W4_Q=k*A*L*(T1-T2) "Multiplying by thickness instead of dividing by it"
```