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Name of the Department: Physics

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Name of the Paper : Thermal Physics and Statistical Mechanics

Semester : III

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Question Paper Set No. : A

Duration: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 75

Instructions for Candidates

I. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.

- II. All questions carry equal marks. Attempt any four questions in all.
- **Q.1.** State and prove Carnot's theorem. Describe Carnot's reversible heat engine and find an expression for its efficiency. Explain why Carnot's cycle is not a practical possibility.
- **Q.2.** What is Joule-Thomson effect? Obtain thermodynamically an expression for Joule-Thomson coefficient. Explain existence of inversion temperature for a gas obeying Vander Waal's equation.
- **Q.3.** Deduce an expression for the average energy of a Planck's Oscillator and hence derive Planck's formula for spectral distribution of energy in the black-body radiation. Show that the Rayleigh- Jean's formula and Wien's formula are special cases of Planck's formula.
- **Q.4.** Which physical quantity is transported in the phenomena of viscosity? Derive an expression for the viscosity (η) of a gas in terms of mean free path of its molecules. Discuss the effect of pressure and temperature on the coefficient of viscosity.
- **Q.5.** Formulate the first law of the thermodynamics and explain its physical significance. Calculate the external work done when μ moles of an ideal gas undergo expansion (i) isothermally from volume V_1 to V_2 at absolute temperature. (ii) Adiabatically from a temperature T_1 to temperature T_2 .
- **Q.6.** Give the experimental verification of Maxwell-Boltzmann's law of distribution of molecular speeds. Using Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution, obtain a relation between the average energy of the particle and its temperature in equilibrium.