

# Multiple-Choice Test Problems Chapter 2: Energy, Energy Transfer, and General Energy Analysis Cengel/Boles - Thermodynamics: An Engineering Approach, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition

(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
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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 W/m<sup>2</sup>.°C
 (b) 127 W/m<sup>2</sup>.°C
 (c) 63.7 W/m<sup>2</sup>.°C
 (d) 95 W/m<sup>2</sup>.°C
 (e) 200 W/m<sup>2</sup>.°C "

Answer (c) 63.7 W/m<sup>2</sup>.°C

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

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<sup>2</sup> 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 W/m<sup>2</sup>.°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"