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PAPER -2: Energy Efficiency in Thermal Utilities

General instructions:

- o Please check that this question paper contains 8 printed pages
- o Please check that this question paper contains **64** questions
- The question paper is divided into three sections
- All questions in all three sections are compulsory
- o All parts of a question should be answered at one place

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- (i) Answer all **50** questions
- (ii) Each question carries **one** mark
- (iii) Please hatch the appropriate oval in the OMR answer sheet with Black Pen or HB pencil, as per instructions

1.	Dolomite is a type of refractory: a) acidic b) basic c) neutral d) none of the above		
2.	Which of the following is not true of condensate recovery? a) reduces water charges b) reduces fuel costs c) increases boiler output d) increases boiler blow down		
3.	Calcium and magnesium bicarbonates present in feedwater fed to a boiler would form: a) acidic solution b) <u>alkaline solution</u> c) neutral solution d) none of the above		
4.	In steam systems, the purpose of venting air is because, air is a) a good conductor b) an inert substance c) an oxidizing agent d) an insulator		
5.	A bottoming cycle is one in which fuel is used for producing: a) power primarily followed by byproduct heat output b) heat primarily followed by byproduct power output c) power, heat and refrigeration simultaneously d) none of the above		
6.	A supercritical boiler has parameters beyond critical point, which refers to: a) 221.2 bar (a) pressure and 374.15 °C temperature b) 246.1 bar (a) pressure and 538.44 °C temperature c) 306.5 bar (a) pressure and 538.82 °C temperature d) 170.0 bar (a) pressure and 374.18 °C temperature		
7.	Of the total volume of natural gas, the main constituent is : a) methane b) iso-octane c) propane d) hexane		
8.	For optimum combustion of fuel oil, O ₂ percentage in flue gases should be maintained at: a) 2-3 % b) 14-15 % c) 23 % d) 21%		
9.	The draft caused solely by the difference in weight between the column of hot gas inside the chimney and		

	column of outside air is known as : a) balanced draft b) induced draft	c) forced draft	d) <u>natural draft</u>
10.	a) back pressure steam turbine b	I system efficiency is :) combined cycle reciprocating engine	
11.	When 10 kg of fuel, with 60% carbon, is burnt was a) 32 kg b) 440 kg	vith theoretical air, the ma c) 450 kg	ss of CO2 released will be : d) 22 kg
12.	F & A (from and at) rating of the boiler is the ama) water at 0 °C to saturated steam at 100 °C b) water at feed water temperature to saturated c) water at 100 °C to saturated steam at 100 °C d) water at ambient temperature to saturated s	d steam at 100 °C	from :
13.	 Steam generated in a boiler is 36 tonnes in 3 h Continuous blow down is 8% of feed water input a) 12 b) 11.7 		
14.	 Which of the following statement is false? a) <u>LPG vapour is twice as light as air</u> c) LPG is a gas at normal atmospheric pressure 	b) LPG is a mixture d) LPG is required t	of propane and butane o be odorized
15.	The inverted bucket operates on the principle o	f difference betw	veen water and steam:
	a) pressure b) density	c) temperature	d) velocity
16.	Which of the following is not measured in proximate	analysis?	
	a) volatile matter b) fixed carbon	c) <u>sulphur</u>	d) ash
17.	Reduction of steam pressure, in a process heating app	plication will:	
	1 /	b) reduce the sensible heat d) all of the above	
18.	The TDS level in boiler water, in the context of boile	er blow down, can be determine	ned by measuring:
		b) thermal conductivity of wa d) turbidity of water	iter
19.	De-aeration of boiler feed water helps in combating:		
	a) corrosion b) TDS	c) silica	d) hardness
20.	. In stoichiometric combustion of furnace oil, which of	f the following will be absent	in flue gas ?
	a) nitrogen b) carbon dioxide	c) <u>oxygen</u>	d) Sulphur dioxide
21.	Furnace wall heat loss does not depend on :		
		b) velocity of air around the f d) material of stock to be he	
22.	In determining the optimal economic insulation thick considered ?	ness for a steam pipeline, wh	ich of the following factors need not be
	a) annual hours of operation b) calorific value	c) <u>pipe material</u>	d) cost of fuel

23.	Which is not a property of Ceramic fiber insulation?					
	a) low thermal conductivity	b) light weight	c) <u>high heat</u>	storage	d) thermal shock resi	stant
24.	Which property is the most im	portant, for an insul	lating brick?			
	a) Mechanical strengthc) Compact strength		b) Chemical resid) <u>Porosity</u>	stance		
25.	Quality of waste heat in flue g	as refers to:				
	a) dust concentration in flue go c) moisture in flue gas	as	b) Temperature d) corrosive gase			
26.	In a low temperature waste he	at recovery system,	which of the follow	ring, is the	most suitable?	
	a) Economizer	b) <u>Heat Pipe</u>	c) regenerat	or	d) ceramic recupera	tor
27.	Which of the following heat re	ecovery equipment,	requires a compress	sor for its o	operation?	
	a) thermo-compressor	b) heat wheel	c) H <u>eat pur</u>	<u>np</u>	d) heat pipe	
28.	Pinch analysis of process stream	ms, depicts the plot	of:			
	a) temperature vs entropy		b) temperature v			
20	c) temperature vs specific hear. Which of the following is true		d) temperature			
29.		-	ig requiring unect in			
	a) Thermodynamic trap is requc) Inverted bucket trap is requ				nostatic trap is required of the above	1
30.	If a vapor-liquid combination pressure conditions; its temper		is supplied with 5	0 kcal of	heat without change in	state and at constant
	a) 220 °C	b) 190 °C	c) 170 °C		d) <u>120 °C</u>	
31.	Which of the following consti	tuent in flue gas is u	used for determining	excess air	?	
	a) % nitrogen Moisture	b) % Sulphur	Dioxide	c) <u>% Ca</u>	rbon dioxide	d) %
32.	Arrange the following fuels	in decreasing ord	ler of their GCV's	- (p) Baga	sse, (q) Furnace Oil, (r) Coal, (s)
	Hydrogen a) <u>s-q-r-p</u>	b) p-q-	·r-s			
	c) r-s-q-p	d) q-r-s	s-p			
33.	Which of the following con a) ash content		ering of flame at b er content	urner tip	during combustion o	f fuel oil?
	c) Sulphur content	d) amb	ient air humidity	and temp	erature	
34.	Which trap is preferred in o		val from steam ma			
	c) Thermostatic trap	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	of the above	_		
35.	In an FBC boiler, with low a		•	ire excee	ds 950°C, the result is	5:
	a) Boiler explosionc) Melting of lime stone		ker formation carry over			
36.	Water logging of 3 m lift of			result in l	pack pressure of	
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	a) 0.03 kg/cm ² b) <u>0.3 kg/cm²</u> c) 3 kg/cm ² d) 30 kg/cm ²
37.	When pure hydrogen is burnt with stoichiometric air, percentage CO ₂ on volume basis, in dry flue gas, will be: a) 79% b) 21% c) 0% d) 100%
38.	Heat transfer rate for drying application will be low if we heat with : a) Saturated steam b) Dry steam c) Superheated steam d) None of the above
39.	The viscosity of furnace oil will be maximum at which of the following temperatures? a) $\underline{40 ^{\circ}\text{C}}$ b) $60 ^{\circ}\text{C}$ c) $90 ^{\circ}\text{C}$ d) $105 ^{\circ}\text{C}$
40.	Carpet loss in the context of coal consumers is related to : a) Short receipt b) Accounting mistakes c) Ash handling d) coal storage
41.	Thermo-compressor is commonly used for : a) compressing hot air b) upgrading low pressure steam c) converting saturated steam to super-heated steam d) reverse compression of CO2
42.	Latent heat of any vapour at its critical point will be: a) highest b) above zero c) zero d) less than zero
43.	The temperature at which, refractory will deform under its own weight, is it's softening temperature, indicated by: a) melting point b) Pyrometric Cone Equivalent c) reform temperature d) critical point
44.	Which type of the following co-generation system has high heat-to-power ratio? a) gas turbine b) back pressure turbine c) extraction condensing turbine d) reciprocating engine
45.	Drain pockets are provided in a steam line for : a) effective removal of line condensate c) removal of dirt b) effective removal of steam d) checking of steam line
46.	Capillary wick is a part of: a) heat pump b) heat wheel c) heat pipe d) regenerator
47.	Scale losses in reheating furnaces will: a) increase with CO in combustion gases c) decrease with excess air d) have no relation with excess air
48.	Tuyeres is a terminology associated with : a) induction furnace b) pusher type furnace c) arc furnace d) cupola
49.	The low combustion temperature in FBC boilers results in minimal formation of : a) CO b) SOx c) NOx d) CO ₂
50.	Turn down ratio of a burner is the ratio of a) maximum to minimum fuel input without affecting optimum excess air levels b) minimum to maximum fuel input without affecting optimum excess air levels c) maximum to average fuel input d) average to minimum fuel input

Section - II: SHORT DESCRIPTIVE QUESTIONS Marks: 8 x 5 = 40

- (i) Answer all **<u>Eight</u>** questions
- (ii) Each question carries **Five** marks

S1	In an industry the process equipment need 5000 kg/hr of saturated steam at 10 kg/ cm ² (g). For a steam velocity of		
	25 m/sec, what will be the diameter of the steam pipe in 'mm', given that the specific volume of steam at 10 kg/ cm²(g) is		
	0.1802 m³/kg.		

Ans:

Volume flow rate

Specific volume of steam at $10 \text{ kg/cm}^2(g)$ = $0.1802 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ Flow rate = 25m/secMass flow rate = 5000 kg/hr

= 1.389 kg/sec = 1.389 x 0.1802 = **0.25** m³/sec

Volume flow rate is also = $(\pi/4 \times D^2)x25$

Therefore, $(\pi/4 \times D^2) \times 25 = 0.25$

Hence, Diameter of steam pipe line 'D' = $[(0.25/((\pi/4) \times 25))]^{0.5}$

= 0.1128m or 112.8 mm

S2 An economizer was installed in an oil-fired boiler. The following data was obtained after commissioning the economizer.

Air to fuel ratio = 18
 Evaporation ratio of the boiler = 12.5

Specific heat of flue gas = 0.25 kcal/kg°C.

Condensate recovery in the plant = Nil.

Calculate the rise in temperature of feed water across the economizer, corresponding to a drop in flue gas temperature from 280 °C to 190 °C.

Ans:

Steam generated per kg of fuel, (from evaporation ratio) = 12.5 kg

Required combustion air per kg of fuel, (from air to fuel ratio) = 18 kg combustion air/kg fuel oil

Flue gas generated per kg of fuel = (18 + 1)

= 19 kg flue gas/kg fuel oil

Heat balance across the Economizer: Heat given by flue gas = Heat received by water

 $((19 \times 0.25 \times (280-190)) = (12.5 \text{ kg} \times 1 \text{kcal/kg}^{\circ}\text{C} \times \Delta T)$

Rise in temperature of water ΔT = 34.2 °C

Compute the heat loss in percentage, due to unburnt in fly ash and bottom ash, for an AFBC Boiler, using Indian coal, with:

■ GCV = 4200 kcal/kg.

% Ash in coal = 38.8
 Ratio of bottom ash to fly ash = 15:85

GCV of fly ash = 452.5 kcal/kgGCV of bottom ash = 800 kcal/kg

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	Ans:		
	Unburnt in fly ash		
	Amount of fly ash in 1 kg of coal	= (0.85 x0.388)	
		= 0.3298 kg fly ash/kg coal	
	GCV of fly ash	= 452.5 kcal/kg fly ash	
	Heat loss in fly ash	= (0.3298 x 452.5 kcal per kg fly ash)	
		= 149.23 kcal/kg coal	
	% Heat loss in fly ash	= (149.23 x 100 /4200)	
		= 3.55 %	
	Unburnt in bottom ash		
	Amount of bottom ash in 1 kg of coal	= 0.15 x 0.388	
		= 0.0582 kg bottom ash/kg coal	
	GCV of bottom ash	= 800 Kcal/kg bottom ash	
	Heat loss in bottom ash	= (0.0582 x 800 kcal per kg bottom ash)
		= 46.56 kcal/kg coal	
	% Heat loss in bottom ash	= (46.56 x 100 /4200)	
		= 1.11 %	
S4	List five main parameters considered	I for the selection of refractories?	
J.		To the selection of femaciones.	
	Ans:		(Page No:166, Sec 5.11)
S5	What is the significance of volatile r	natter, in case of solid fuels?	
	Ans:		(Page No: 9)
S6	List three functions of a steam	m trap.	(3 Marks)
		•	(2 Marks)
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	Ans:		
	List three functions of a steam	m trap. (Page 82)	
	 Explain the working principl 	e of thermodynamic trap. (Page 86-87	
S7	In an industry, an electrical oven consu	ming 1100 kWh/batch, is proposed for re	placement, by a FO fuel fired oven.
Calculate the simple payback period, given the following data:		, ,	
	Number of batches / years	= 4000	
	Efficiency of electric oven	= 82%	
	Efficiency of FO fired oven	= 55%	
	Cost of FO	= Rs.35,000/Tonne	
	GCV of FO	= 10,200 kcal/kg	
	Electricity cost	= Rs.6.0/kWh	
	Investment for FO fired oven	= Rs. 125 Lakhs	
	Ans:		
	Useful heat, required per batch	= (1100 x 860 x 0.82)	
	and per butter		
	FO input per batch		0))
	FO input per batch	= 7,75,720 kcal/batch = (7,75,720 /(0.55 x 10,200	D))

= 138.27 kg FO/batch FO cost per batch

= (138.27 kg FO/batch x Rs.35/kg FO)

= Rs.4,839.45

= (1,100 kWh/batch x Rs.6.0/kWh)Electricity cost per batch

= Rs.6,600

Cost savings per batch on account of replacement = (Rs.6,600 - Rs.4,839.45)

= Rs.1,760.55

Annual cost savings at 4000 batches per year $= (1,760.55 \times 4000)$

= Rs.70,42,200

(Or) = Rs.70.422 lakhs= Rs.125 lakhs =(125/70.422)

= 1.78 years

In a process plant, 30 TPH of steam, after pressure reduction to 20 kg/cm²(g), through a pressure reducing valve, gets S8 superheated. The temperature of superheated steam is 350 °C. The management desires to install a de-super heater to convert the superheated steam into useful saturated steam at 20 kg/cm²(g) for process use. The saturated steam temperature is 210°C.

Calculate the quantity of water required to be injected at 30 °C, in the de-super heater, in order to obtain the desired saturated steam, using the following data:

Specific heat of superheated steam $= 0.45 \text{ kcal/kg}^{\circ}\text{C}$ Latent heat of steam at 20 kg/cm²(g) = 450 kcal/kg

Ans:

Investment

Simple payback period

Quantity of heat available above saturation $= (30,000 \times 0.45 \times (350-210))$

= 18,90,000 kcal/hr

 $Q x{1 x (210-30) + 450} = 18,90,000$ By Heat & Mass balance:

Quantity of water (Q) required

to be added in de-super heater $= 18,90,000/\{1 \times (210-30) + 450\}$

> = 18,90,000/630 = 3000 kg/hr

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Section – III: LONG DESCRIPTIVE QUESTIONS Marks: 6 x 10 = 60

(i) Answer all six questions

(ii) Each question carries ten marks

L-1 a) An open cycle gas turbine was running with naphtha as fuel. The following are the data collected during the gas

turbine operation:

Fuel (Naphtha) consumption = 300 kg/hr GCV of naphtha fuel = 11,500 kcal/kg

Overall Efficiency of gas turbine

= 22% (which includes air compressor and alternator)

= Rs.40,000/Tonne Cost of naphtha fuel

a) Find out the output power and cost of fuel for generating one unit of electricity.6 marks b) The management has decided to install a waste heat boiler, to generate 2 TPH of saturated steam, at 4 kg/cm²(g), with an enthalpy of 656 kcal/kg. Assuming that, 50% of the input heat is available in the turbine exhaust gases, how much steam can be generated if the feed water temperature is 30 °C.4 marks Ans: a) = (300 kg Naptha/hr x 11,500 kcal/kg) Heat input to turbine = 34,50,000 kcal/hr Efficiency of gas turbine = 22% Gas turbine output power $= ((34,50,000 \text{ kcal/hr} \times 0.22)/860)$ = 882.56 kW Cost of generating 882.56 units of electricity = (300 kg Naptha/hr x Rs.40/kg Naptha) = Rs.12000/hr **Cost of One unit of Electricity generation** = (Rs.12000 per hour/882.56 kWh per hour) = Rs.13.6/kWh b) Waste heat potential in existing gas turbine $= (0.5 \times 34,50,000 \text{ kcal/hr})$ = 17,25,000 kcal/hr. Heat required for raising 1 kg of steam (feed water temp 30 °C) = (656-30) kcal/kg steam = 626 kcal/kg steam Steam generation potential = (17,25,000 kcal per hour/626 kcal per kg steam) = 2755.6 kg steam/hr = 2.7556 TPH Explain any two of the following: (Each 5 Marks) L-2 1. Regenerator (Page 222) 2. Heat Pipe (Page 223) 3. Gas turbine cogeneration system (Page 192) L-3 A process industry consuming 10 TPH of saturated steam at 10 kg/sq.cm(g) pressure has been using coal as fuel in boiler. Typical ultimate analysis of the coal: Carbon : 41.11% Hydrogen : 2.76 % Nitrogen : 1.22 % Oxygen : 9.89 % Sulphur : 0.41% Ash : 38.63 Water : 5.89 Flue gas temperature = 200°C = 30°C Ambient temperature Enthalpy of steam = 668 kcal/kg Feed water temperature = 80°C Specific heat of flue gases = 0.23 kcal/kg°C

Boiler efficiency with Indian coal =72 %

GCV of coal = 4,000 kCal/kg

Oxygen content in dry flue gases = 10% Annual Hours of operation = 8000 hrs.

Determine:

(i) Quantity of annual coal requirement in tonnes/year

(5 Marks)

(ii) Calculate % dry flue gas losses

(5 Marks)

Solution:

a)

Coal requirement $Q = Steam(q) \times (hg - hf)/(Efficiency \times GCV)$

 $= 10 \times (668-80) / (0.72 \times 4000)$

= 2.042 T/Hr

= 2.042 x 8000 hrs

= 16336 Tonnes/year

Theoretical air requirement for coal

=
$$[(11.6 \times C\%) + {34.8 \times (H2\% - O2\%/8)} + (4.35 \times S\%)] \text{ kg / kg of coal}$$

100

$$= \frac{[(11.6 \times 41.11) + \{34.8 \times (2.76 - 9.89/8)\} + (4.35 \times 0.41)]}{100}$$

= 5.31 kg / kg of coal

(Or)

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$C + O_2 = CO_2$	12+32= 44	(C%*32)/12
$2H_2 + O_2 = 2H_2O$	4+32=36	(H%*32)/4
$S + O_2 = SO_2$	32+32=64	(\$%*32)/32

Total oxygen required = (41.11*32/12) + (2.76*32/4) + (0.41*32/32)

= (109.63) + (22.08) + (0.41) = 132.1 kg/ 100 kg fuel

Oxygen already present in 100 kg fuel = 9.89 kg/ 100 kg fuel

Additional oxygen required = 132.1 - 9.89 kg/100 kg fuel

= 122.21 kg/ 100 kg fuel

Quantity of dry air required

(Air contains 23% O_2 by weight) = 122.1/ 0.23

= 531.35 kg/ 100 kg fuel

Theoretical air required = 531.35/100

= 5.31 kg air/ kg fuel

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Excess air = $O_2 \times 100/(21 - O_2)$

Excess air = $10 \times 100/(21 - 10) = 90.9\%$

Actual air= 5.31 * (100+90.9)/100 =10.137 kg air/kg coal

Heat loss in dry flue gas = m x C_P (T_f – T_a) x 100 /GCV = $(10.137 + 1) \times 0.23 \times (200 - 30) \times 100$ 4000

= 10.89 %

- a) In a double pipe heat exchanger, flow rates of the hot and the cold water streams flowing through a heat exchanger are 10 and 25 kg/min, respectively. Hot and cold water stream inlet temperatures are 70 °C and 27 °C, respectively. The exit temperature of the hot stream is required to be 50°C. The specific heat of water is 4.179 kJ/kg K. The overall heat transfer coefficient is 900 W/m² K. Neglecting the effect of fouling, calculate the heat transfer area for a) Parallel-flow b) Counter-flow.
 -7 marks
 - b) Write a brief note on the operation and application of plate heat exchangers in process industries.

.....3 marks

Ans:

a)

B)

Rate of heat transfer, Q (watts)	Q= m x Cp x 1000 x (T2-T1)
	=(10/60)× 4.179 x 1000 ×(70 – 50) = 13930 W
Cold water exit temperature, T ₂	$T_{2} = [Q/(mx Cp x 1000)] + T1$
	= (13930/((25/60)* (4.179*1000)))+27
	= 35°
Terminal temperature differences for parallel	= (70-27) & (50 – 35); i.e.,
flow heat exchangers	43°C and 15°C respectively.
LMTD	(43 – 15)/ln(43/15) = 26.59°C
Overall heat transfer coefficient U	900 W/m ² °K
Heat transfer area required for parallel flow	A = Q/(U*LMTD)
	= [13930/ (900 × 26.59)]
	$= 0.582 \text{ m}^2$
Terminal temperature differences for counter	(70–35) and (50–27) ^o C i.e.,
flow heat exchangers	35 °C and 23 °C respectively.
LMTD	(35–23)/ln(35/23) = 28.58
Overall heat transfer coefficient U	900 W/m ² °K
Heat transfer area required for counter flow	A = Q/(U*LMTD)
	=[13930/ (900 × 28.58)]
	= 0.542 m ²

Plate heat exchangers consist of a stack of parallel thin plates that lie between heavy end plates. Each fluid stream

passes alternately between adjoining plates in the stack, exchanging heat through the plates. The plates are corrugated for strength and to enhance heat transfer by directing the flow and increasing turbulence. These exchangers have high heat-transfer coefficients and area, the pressure drop is also typically low, and they often provide very high effectiveness.

However, they have relatively low pressure capability. The biggest advantage of the plate and frame heat exchanger, and a situation where it is most often used, is when the heat transfer application calls for the cold side fluid to exit the exchanger at a temperature significantly higher than the hot side fluid exit temperature i.e. "temperature cross". This would require several shell and tube exchangers in series due to the lack of purely counter-current flow.

The overall heat transfer coefficient of plate heat exchangers under favorable circumstances can be as high as $8,000 \text{ W/m}^2$ °C. With traditional shell and tube heat exchangers, the U-value will be below $2,500 \text{ W/m}^2$ °C.

a) In a fruit processing plant, 105 TPD of syrup at 33% concentration is dried to 50% concentration. The existing single effect evaporator, where steam input for water removal ratio is 1.0 kg/kg is proposed to be replaced by a triple effect evaporator where the ratio of steam input for water removal is 0.4 kg/kg. Calculate the annual fuel cost savings for 300 days of operation at an evaporation ratio of 13.5 in the oil fired boiler and at a furnace oil cost of Rs. 35,000/tonne.

.....7 marks

b) Why steam is recommended to be used at the lowest practicable pressure for indirect process heating?

.....3 marks

Ans.:

a)

Bone Dry material = (105 TPD x 0.33)

= 34.65 TPD

Product at 50 % concentrate = (34.65 / 0.5)

= 69.3

Water removed/ day = (105 - 69.3)

= 35.7 TPD

Initial steam consumption with single effect evaporator at 1 kg/kg = (35.7 TPD x 1.0 kg/kg)

= 35.7 TPD

Steam consumption with triple effect evaporator at 0.4 kg/kg = (35.7 TPD x 0.4 kg/kg)

= 14.28 TPD

Steam savings per day = (35.7 TPD - 14.28 TPD)

= 21.42 TPD

FO savings per day at evaporation ratio of 13.5 = (21.42 TPD / 13.5 Tonne steam per Tonne FO)

= 1.5867 TPD

Rupee savings per day at Rs. 35,000/MT = (1.5867 TPD FO X Rs. 35,000/MT FO)

= Rs. 55,535

Annual monetary savings at 300 working days per year = (Rs. 55,535 X 300 Days)

= Rs.166.6 Lakhs

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The latent heat in steam reduces as the steam pressure increases.

It is only the latent heat of steam, which takes part in the heating process when applied to an indirect heating system. Thus, it is important that its value be kept as high as possible. This can only be achieved if we go in for lower steam pressures.

- c) However, lower the steam pressure, the lower will be its temperature. Since temperature is the driving force for the transfer of heat at lower steam pressures, the rate of heat transfer will be slower and the processing time greater. In equipment where fixed losses are high (e.g. big drying cylinders), there may even be an increase in steam consumption at lower pressures due to increased processing time. There are however, several equipment's in certain industries where one can profitably go in for lower pressures and realize economy in steam consumption, without materially affecting production time. Therefore, there is a limit to the reduction of steam pressure. Depending on the equipment design, the lowest possible steam pressure with which the equipment can work should be selected without sacrificing either on production time or on steam consumption.
- L-6 a) An oil fired reheating furnace has an operating temperature of around 1000 °C. Average furnace oil consumption is 330 litres/hour. Flue gas exit temperature after the air preheater is 820 °C. Combustion air is preheated from ambient temperature of 35 °C to 215 °C through the air preheater. The other data are as given below.

Specific gravity of oil = 0.92

Calorific value of oil = 10,200 kcal/kg

Average O2 percentage in flue gas = 13.5 %

Theoretical air required = 14 kg of air per kg of oil

Specific heat of air $= 0.23 \text{ kcal/kg}^{\circ}\text{C}$ Specific heat of flue gas $= 0.25 \text{ kcal/kg}^{\circ}\text{C}$

Find out:

• The sensible heat carried away by the exhaust flue gases in kcals/hr and as a percentage of the energy input.

.....4 marks

• The heat recovered by the combustion air in kcal/hr and as a percentage of the energy input.

.....3 marks

b) Explain the concept and the advantage of a self-recuperative burner?

.....3 marks

Ans:

a)

Fuel input = (330 litres/hr x 0.92 kg/litre)

= 303.6 kg/hr

Energy Input = (303.6 kg oil/hr x 10,200 kcals/kg oil)

= 30,96,720 kcal/hr

Excess air = $[O_2 \times 100/(21-O_2)]$

 $= (13.5 \times 100)/(21 - 13.5)$

= 180 %

Theoretical air required = 14 kg of air/kg of oilActual mass of air required = 14 x (1 + 180 / 100)

= 39.2 kg air/kg of oil

Mass of flue gas (m) = (39.2 + 1)

= 40.2 kg flue gas/kg oil

Specific heat of flue gas (Cp) = $0.25 \text{ kcal/kg.}^{\circ}\text{C}$

Sensible heat loss in the flue gas = $(m \times Cp \times \Delta T)_{flue \text{ gas}}$

= (40.2 x 0.25 x (820-35)) = 7889.3 kcal/kg of oil

(Or)

= (7889.3 kcal/kg of oil x 303.6 kg oil/hr)

= 2395176.3 kcal/hr

Sensible heat loss in the flue gas as

% heat loss to input energy = (2395176.3 / 30,96,720) x 100

= 77.35 %

Heat recovered by combustion air = $(39.2 \times 0.23 \times (215-35))$

= 1622.88 kcal/kg of oil

= (1622.88 kcal/kg oil x 303.6 kg oil/hr)

= 492706.37 kcal/hr

Heat recovered by combustion air as % of input energy

= (492706.37 kcal/hr/30,96,720 kcal/hr) x100

= 15.91 %

b)

Self-recuperative burner (SRB)is based on traditional heat recovery techniques, in that, the products of combustion are drawn, through a concentric tube recuperator, around the burner body and used to pre-heat the combustion air. A major advantage of this type of system is that, it can be retro-fitted to an existing furnace structure, to increase production capability, without having to alter the existing exhaust gas ducting arrangements. SRBs are generally more suited to Heat-treatment furnaces, where exhaust gas temperatures are lower and there are no stock recuperation facilities.