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**PTE 6247 MATERIAL TECHNOLOGY**

**Main Examination**

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This examination paper consists of 3 pages

**Time Allowed: 3 Hours**  
**Total Marks: 100**  
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**INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION TO THE CANDIDATE**

1. Answer **Question 1(compulsory)** and any other three.
2. Each question is worth 25marks.
3. Use of calculators is permissible.

**MARK ALLOCATION**

QUESTION	MARKS
1	25
2	25
3	25
4	25
5	25
<b>Total marks attainable by the candidate</b>	<b>100</b>

### Question 1

- a) Distinguish smart materials from advanced materials. [4]
- b) Clarify different properties classifications of materials that determine their applicability. [6]
- c) Describe the components of the discipline of materials science and engineering and their interrelationship. [5]
- d) With illustrations briefly cite the main differences between ionic, covalent, and metallic bonding. [5]
- e) Provide the psychological and physical benefits of bionics technology to humanity [5]

### Question 2

- a) Differentiate a cyborg from a robot and cite related functions for each in material technology discourse. [10]
- b) Describe the genetic engineered human and its technological capabilities. [15]

### Question 3

- a) Define hybrid materials. [5]
- b) Explain the commonly used methods of classification of hybrids. [10]
- c) Describe the embedded concept of hybrid material formation. [10]

### Question 4

- a) Describe three general factors that determine the properties of a composite material. [5]
- b) Differentiate hybrid composite from advanced composite. [5]
- c) A fiberglass composite consists of a matrix of vinyl ester and reinforcing fibers of E-glass. The volume fraction of E-glass = 30%. The density of the vinyl ester =  $0.882 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , and its modulus of elasticity = 3.60 GPa. The density of E-glass =  $2.60 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , and its modulus of elasticity = 76.0 GPa. A section of composite 1.00 cm by 25.00 cm by 200.00 cm is fabricated with the E-glass fibers running longitudinal in the 200-cm direction. Assume there are no voids in the composite.

Determine the

- i. mass of vinyl ester in the section [5]
- ii. mass of E-glass fibers in the section [5]
- iii. density of the composite [5]

**Question 5**

- a) Describe the concept of material emissions and its effects on sustainable environmental management. [10]
- b) Citing examples, critically examine the role of green chemistry in sustaining the world we all want. [15]

**END OF EXAMINATION**