- 1. (a) Write down the electron configuration for each of the following elements,
- (40%) using only their atomic numbers: Li (Z=3), Al (Z=13), Ti (Z=22), Ni (Z=28), Cu (Z=29)
  - (b) Which of the following materials has the lowest free energy and why? (i) Fe.
    (ii) Fe<sup>3+</sup>, and (iii) Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
  - (c) Consider atoms to be hard spheres in contact and calculate for body-centeredcubic packing, the following
    - (i) the volume of the cubic unit cell in terms of an atom diameter D
    - (ii) the number of atoms per unit cell
    - (iii) the density in terms of number of atoms/ $D^3$
  - (d) A piece of metal (bcc) is exposed to an x-ray radiation with a wavelength of λ=0.154 nm and a diffraction peak is observed at 2θ=44.7° from the {110} plane, what is the lattice constant of the metal?
- 2. (a) A plastic material is stressed under a high stress of 1100 psi at  $20^{\circ}$  for 40
- (30%) days. When the stress is reduced to 700 psi at the constant strain, what is (i) the relaxation time constant, and (ii) the applied stress at the same temperature
  (20°C) for 60 days?
  - (b) If it takes 0.5 h to soften a metallic alloy to 172 MPa at 230°C and 100 h at 190°C to reach the same strength, what is the activation energy for the process in kilojoules per mole? Given: gas constant, R=8.314 J/mol deg
  - (c) Consider a unit slip dislocation with a Burgers vector  $\frac{a}{2}[1\overline{10}]$  on a (111) plane

in a face-centered-cubic crystal, (i) what is the direction of the dislocation line,

and (ii) how does the dislocation line  $(\frac{a}{2}[1\overline{10}])$  split into two partial

dislocations?

Explain the following definitions
 (30%)(a) Dendrite:

- (b) Martensite:
- (c) Phase rule:
- (d) *p*-type semiconductor:
- (e) Fermi level:

- (f) Carbon nanotube:
- (g) Etch pit:
- (h) Eutectoid reaction:
- (i) Transistor:
- (j) Curie temperature:

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