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**Gandhi Institute of Engineering and Technology University, Odisha, Gunupur
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B. Tech. (Eighth Semester - Regular) Examinations, April – 2026

22BPEMPE48011 – Composite Materials

(Mechanical)

Time: 3 hrs

Maximum: 70 Marks

(The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks)

PART – A

(2 x 5 = 10 Marks)

Q.1. Answer **ALL** questions

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Level |
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| a. What is the role of reinforcement in composites? | CO1 | K1 |
| b. List two advantages of polymer matrix composites. | CO2 | K1 |
| c. Describe the melt stirring technique used in MMC fabrication | CO2 | K2 |
| d. How does fiber orientation affect composite properties? | CO3 | K4 |
| e. Write the equation for transverse stiffness in a unidirectional composite. | CO4 | K3 |

PART – B

(15 x 4=60 Marks)

Answer **ALL** the questions

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| 2. a. Explain the factors affecting the properties of composite materials. | 8 | CO1 | K2 |
| b. Define composite materials and classify them based on matrix types. | 7 | CO1 | K2 |
| (OR) | | | |
| c. Discuss methods for measuring interfacial bond strength. | 8 | CO1 | K3 |
| d. Differentiate particulate, fiber, and whisker reinforcements. | 7 | CO1 | K2 |
| 3.a. Discuss deposition techniques like CVD and PVD in MMCs. | 8 | CO2 | K2 |
| b. Analyze interface reactions in MMCs and their effect on properties. | 7 | CO2 | K4 |
| (OR) | | | |
| c. Evaluate the processing, properties, and applications of alumina matrix composites. | 8 | CO2 | K5 |
| d. illustrate the cold pressing and sintering process for ceramic matrix composites | 7 | CO2 | K2 |
| 4.a. Examine how microstructural features influence the properties of composite materials | 8 | CO3 | K4 |
| b. Discuss structural effects on societal applications of composites. | 7 | CO3 | K2 |
| (OR) | | | |
| c. Explain the recycling challenges of polymer matrix composites. | 8 | CO3 | K2 |
| d. Discuss how composite materials contribute to lightweight and high-strength applications in the aerospace industry. | 7 | CO3 | K4 |
| 5.a. Evaluate properties and applications of rubber matrix composites. | 8 | CO4 | K5 |
| b. A composite consists of fibers with a shear modulus of 30 GPa and a matrix with a shear modulus of 5 GPa. Using micromechanics principles, estimate the shear modulus of the composite (assuming fiber volume fraction = 0.6). | 7 | CO4 | K3 |
| (OR) | | | |
| c. Analyze micromechanics models for stiffness in unidirectional composites. | 8 | CO4 | K4 |
| d. A unidirectional fiber-reinforced composite consists of 60% fiber and 40% matrix by volume. Given: Elastic modulus of fiber = 200 GPa, Elastic modulus of matrix = 50 GPa. Use the rule of mixtures to calculate the longitudinal modulus of elasticity. | 7 | CO4 | K3 |

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