

Heat Transfer Problem Sheet **Answer Key**

1. Imagine that you mix 1 kilogram of water at 60°C with 1 kilogram of water at 4°C. What is the final temperature of the mixture?

Use the provided energy equation:

$$Q = mC_p\Delta T$$

Apply the conservation of energy:

Energy (heat) lost by the hot water = Energy (heat) gained by the cold water

$$Q_{\text{lost}} = Q_{\text{gained}}$$

$$m_{\text{hot water}} C_{p, \text{water}} (T_{i, \text{hot water}} - T_{f, \text{hot water}}) = m_{\text{cold water}} C_{p, \text{water}} (T_{f, \text{cold water}} - T_{i, \text{cold water}})$$

Where: T_i = initial temperature

T_f = final temperature

Recognizing that the final temperatures of the hot and cold water will be equal and the masses and specific heats cancel:

$$T_{i, \text{hot water}} - T_{f, \text{hot water}} = T_{f, \text{cold water}} - T_{i, \text{cold water}}$$

$$T_f = \frac{1}{2} (T_{i, \text{cold water}} + T_{i, \text{hot water}}) = \frac{1}{2} (4^\circ\text{C} + 60^\circ\text{C}) = \underline{32^\circ\text{C}}$$

2. What volume of antifreeze is necessary to cool a hot engine from 200°C to 150°C? Assume the engine is made of steel with a specific heat of 0.45 kJ/kg°C and has a mass of 300 kg. The antifreeze is 50% water/50% ethylene glycol with a specific heat of 3.33 kJ/kg°C and a density of 1,050 kg/m³. The initial temperature of the antifreeze is 20°C.

Calculate the heat lost by the engine:

$$Q_{\text{lost}} = m_{\text{engine}} C_{p, \text{steel}} (T_{i, \text{engine}} - T_{f, \text{engine}}) = (300 \text{ kg}) (0.45 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{C}) (200^\circ\text{C} - 150^\circ\text{C}) = 6,750 \text{ kJ}$$

This must equal the heat gained by the antifreeze (assume the final temperature of the antifreeze is also 150°C):

$$Q_{\text{gained}} = Q_{\text{lost}} = 6,750 \text{ kJ}$$

Use the energy equation to determine the required mass of antifreeze:

$$m_{\text{antifreeze}} = Q_{\text{gained}} / [C_{p, \text{antifreeze}} (T_{f, \text{antifreeze}} - T_{i, \text{antifreeze}})] \\ = 6,750 \text{ kJ} / [3.33 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{C} (150^\circ\text{C} - 20^\circ\text{C})] = 15.59 \text{ kg}$$

Find the volume of the antifreeze:

$$V = m / d = 15.59 \text{ kg} / 1,050 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 0.01485 \text{ m}^3 = \underline{14.85 \text{ L}}$$