Important Announcement

To all members appearing at Part II AMIIM Exams

Dear Members,



This is to inform you that on recommendation of IIM Examinations & Education Committee, your Council has approved inclusion of Materials Characterization and Secondary Steel Making & Casting Processes as elective papers, which will be effective from June 2017.

Syllabus of Materials Characterization (Group E in place of Powder Metallurgy)

Optical Microscopy

Basic terminology: Diffraction of light, Resolution & Magnification.

Typical Optical microscope: optical path, illumination system (collector & condenser), objective lens, evepiece.

Optical contrasting techniques: Bright-field, dark-field, Polarization contrast and differential Interference contrast.

Quantitative Metallography: Grain size estimation (ASTM standard) and volume fraction of second phase.

X-Ray Diffraction

Properties of X-rays: Production of x-rays, continuous & characteristic X-rays, & filters.

Diffraction of X-rays by crystalline materials: Bragg's law.

Diffractometer & Debye Scherrer camera for diffraction experiments and collection of diffraction data.

Intensities of Diffracted X-Rays: Scattering by an electron, an atom & a unit cell, structure factor, six factors affecting the relative intensity of the diffraction peaks.

Indexing of powder diffraction pattern of a cubic system (SC, BCC, FCC & Diamond Cubic

Determination of precise lattice parameters, strain and crystallite size from powder diffraction data.

Scanning Electron Microscopy

Basic Construction of a SEM and its various parts. Typical operating voltage.

Signals generated during interaction of electron with solid surfaces – Elastic & inelastic scattering; resolution, magnification, depth of field and depth of focus.

Imaging techniques in a SEM: Secondary electron and back scattered electron.

Chemical Analysis by Energy Dispersive X-ray Analysis (EDX) technique.

Transmission Electron Microscopy

Basic construction of a TEM and it various parts. Typical operating voltages.

Resolution and its relation with voltage, magnification.

BF, DF and SADP and chemical analysis by EDX.

Sample Preparations: Powder and Thin foils for TEM observation.

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