

**Question 1**

On the basis of ionic charge and ionic radii, predict crystal structures for the following materials:

- CsI
- NiO
- KI
- NiS

**Question 2:**

The unit cell for  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  has hexagonal symmetry with lattice parameters  $a = 0.4759 \text{ nm}$  and  $c = 1.2989 \text{ nm}$ . If the density of this material is  $3.99 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , calculate its atomic packing factor. Ionic radius for  $\text{Al}^{+3}$  is  $0.053 \text{ nm}$  and for  $\text{O}^{-2}$  is  $0.140 \text{ nm}$ .

**Question 3:**

A ceramic material, in the form of a circular bar with radius  $5 \text{ mm}$ , is tested in 3-point bending. The length between the support points is  $50 \text{ mm}$ . If the load required to cause fracture is  $2380 \text{ N}$ , determine the flexure strength of this ceramic.

- If this material has a fracture toughness of  $4.5 \text{ MPa}\cdot\text{m}^{1/2}$  what is the size of the longest internal crack? Assume the geometric parameter  $Y$  is equal to 1.
- Knowing that the modulus of elasticity for the nonporous material is  $400 \text{ GPa}$ , what is the elastic modulus of the porous ceramic if it has  $10 \text{ vol\%}$  porosity?

**Question 4:**

The tensile strength and number-average molecular weight for two polyethylene materials are as follows:

Tensile Strength (MPa)	Number-Average Molecular Weight (g/mol)
85	12,700
150	28,500

Estimate the number-average molecular weight that is required to give a tensile strength of  $195 \text{ MPa}$ .

**Question 5:**

Briefly explain how each of the following influences the tensile or yield strength of a semicrystalline polymer and why:

- Molecular weight
- Degree of crystallinity
- Deformation by drawing
- Annealing of an undeformed material