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Final Exam

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- 1. To avoid paying patent royalties for measuring oxygen potentials, XYZ Steel decided to use a Mo/MoO₂ reference electrode. What cell potential would one expect at 1873 K while using such a device for a steel containing 0.005 [wt %O]?
- 2. Hot metal from the BF operating at 1500 °C contains 0.4 wt % Mn. What wt % Mn would be expected in the slag with the following composition: CaO = 50%, MgO = 10%, and $SiO_2 = 40\%$.
- 3. If 200 tons of the hot metal from problem #2 undergoes BOF refining at 1650 °C with 20 tons of slag having a B = 3.0, what would be the final [wt %Mn]?
- 4. What are the major reactions that control the deposition of C at the steel surface during carburization?
- 5. Knowing that the slope-intercept method applied to a integral molar Gibbs energy of mixing diagram will give the partial molar Gibbs energies [RTln(a_i) 's], estimate the activity of SiO₂ (relative to pure, solid SiO₂) in the compound CaOSiO₂ from the following Gibbs energy of mixing for CaO and SiO₂. T=1813 K (the melting point of CaSiO₃)

$\frac{1}{2}$ CaO + $\frac{1}{2}$ SiO ₂ = 0.5 CaSiO ₃	$\Delta G^{o} = -46,250 + 1.25T = -43,983$
$2(\frac{1}{3})$ CaO + $\frac{1}{3}$ SiO ₂ = $\frac{1}{3}$ Ca ₂ SiO ₄	$\Delta G^{o} = -39,600 - 3.77T = -46,435$



- 6. How much argon (STP) would be required to remove 90% of all of the dissolved oxygen from a 1040 rimming steel at 1873?
- 7. Show how to compute the $C + CO_2 = 2 CO$ line on the Fe-O-C Diagram.