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**NAME:****N<sup>er</sup>:****Part I (10 val)****10 questions true or false (discounts 0.5 val for each wrong answer)**

1. The adiabatic flame temperature is higher in slightly poor mixtures with  $\phi < 1$ .  
True ☐  
False ☐
2. The combustion occurs at constant pressure or volume. In the case of boilers, gas turbines and Diesel engines it occurs at constant volume.  
True ☐  
False ☐
3. NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are NO, NO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O.  
True ☐  
False ☐
4. NO<sub>x</sub> (~1500 ppm) in coal powerplants are mainly due to nitrogen present in coal particles and due to Zeldovich thermal mechanism.  
True ☐  
False ☐
5. CO emissions are highly correlated with the richness of the mixture.  
True ☐  
False ☐
6. The compression ignition engines need a spark for the combustion to begin.  
True ☐  
False ☐
7. The turbulent flame propagation speed in a gasoline engine is higher when the reactants temperature is higher and the closest to stoichiometry reactants are.  
True ☐  
False ☐
8. daf proximate analysis of a coal allow us to know directly the amount of ashes.  
True ☐  
False ☐
9. The main issue with coal powerplants is the accumulation of fixed carbon in the heat exchangers, known as *slagging* and *fouling*.  
True ☐  
False ☐
10. The homogeneous reaction that occurs in a coal particle after the volatile matter combustion is  $C + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2$ .  
True ☐  
False ☐

## Part II (10 val)

The UK and Italy have been increasing its *pellets* consumption, 35% for electricity generation and 75% for heat. According to the graph below Pellets consumption in the UK increased steeply due to the Conversion of coal power plants in biomass powerplants. In 2017 the pellets consumption was 7 800 000 Mton in UK.

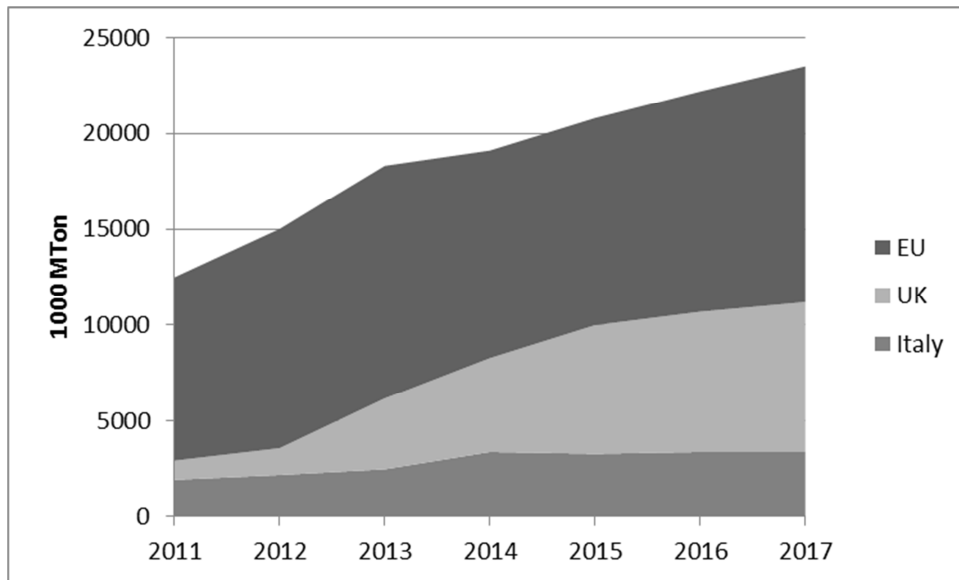


fig 1 Wood *pellets* consumption in UK, Italy and overall EU

A laboratory gives the following data represented in table 1.

	proximate analysis				ultimate analysis					CV (MJ/kg)
	Moisture (wt%)	VM (wt%)	FC (wt%)	Ash (wt%)	C (wt%)	H (wt%)	N (wt%)	O (wt%)	S (wt%)	
Coal	1.233	33.55	62.62	2.593	76.33	4.801	1.446	15.598	1.825	30
Pellets	4.634	74.3	20.8	0.2611	49.06	6.311	2.079	42.55	0	18

VM-Volatile matter; FC-Fixed carbon; CV-Calorific value or heating value

- Mark the point of the coal and pellet in the Seyler diagram, justify with calculations.  
**1 val**
- Knowing that CV corresponds to the higher heating value estimate the lower heating value for the two fuels. **2 val**
- How much CO<sub>2</sub> in g/MJ is emitted with the combustion of each fuel? And SO<sub>2</sub>? **2 val**
- Which of the fuels tend to generate more NO<sub>x</sub> emissions? Justify? **2 val**
- Estimate the minimum particles emitted by the two fuels in mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>. Compare with the legal limit of 100 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> (O<sub>2</sub> 6%) when used in a 100 MW facility. Are they complying with the limit? In case they don't which mechanisms you know that could be put into practice? **3 val**

# FORM

- **Constants and Conversion factors**

$$R = 0.314 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kmol K})$$

$$1 \text{ kWh} = 3.6 \text{ MJ}$$

$$1^{\circ}\text{C} = 273.15 \text{ K}$$

- **Perfect gas law**

$$PV=nRT$$

P e T referência: 1 bar and 298 K

- **Dry and wet O2 corrections**

$$xi_{6\%} = xi * \frac{n}{n_{6\%}}$$

Fuel C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub>

$$n_{xO_2} = 4.76 * \left[ \frac{x + (1 + x_{O_2}) \frac{y}{4}}{1 - 4.76 x_{O_2}} \right] + \frac{y}{4} \quad (\text{wet})$$

$$n_{xO_2} = 4.76 * \left[ \frac{x + (1 - x_{O_2}) \frac{y}{4}}{1 - 4.76 x_{O_2}} \right] - \frac{y}{4} \quad (\text{dry})$$

- **Others**

Heat of vaporization: 44010 KJ/kmol or 2445 KJ/kg

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