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silicon carbide , alumina, zirconium diboride, titanium carbide based cermets and tungsten carbide-cobalt coatings. Finally, an Appendix is included, wherein a collection of several types of questions, including multiple choice, short answer and long answer, are provided"--