1-6. The normally distributed force  $P \sim N(5000, 650^2)$  N is applied to the system as shown. If both beams *AB* and *BC* must have the same cross sectional area, and the allowable yield stress of the beams is  $S_y \sim N(300, 45^2)$  MPa, what is the minimum thickness that they must have if their widths are 15 mm? Let the maximum probability of failure be  $10^{-4}$  and  $\theta = 45^\circ$ . Also, assume *P* and  $S_y$  are independent variables. (**Ans.** t = 17.78 mm)

