

3-5. A random torque  $T \sim N(15, 2^2)$  N·m is applied on a step shaft as shown. The shaft has an allowable shear stress  $\tau_a \sim N(20, 1.5^2)$  MPa. Determine the probability of failure of the shaft. Given that the torsional stress-concentration factor is  $K = 1.25$ . Assume that  $T$  and  $\tau_a$  are independent. (Ans.  $p_f = 1.31 \times 10^{-4}$ )

