



1. Processing of Crude Oil

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Syllabus:

Brief description of origin of petroleum, migration, reservoir, exploration & drilling of crude petroleum, various unit process involved petroleum process like surface operation, fractional distillation, refining, cracking, reforming, isomerization, polymerization, alkylation & finishing processes

SHORT QUESTIONS:

- i) What do you know about abiogenic petroleum theory?
- ii) What is abiogenic & biogenic theories of petroleum origin?
- iii) What do you understand about migration?
- iv) Name four processes in chemical treatment of petroleum products.
- v) Mention different unit processes in treatment of crude oil.
- vi) What is octane number and how it is improved?
- vii) What are products of refining?
- viii) Why is isomerization of light naphtha carried out?
- ix) Name any four fractions with carbon range obtain from fractional distillation of petroleum.
- x) Explain the term isomerization.
- xi) What is the role of sweetening process in crude oil refining?
- xii) Why desalting of crude oil is important?
- xiii) Explain the term reforming of hydrocarbons.
- xiv) What is reforming?
- xv) Explain the term “alkylation” in petroleum processing.
- xvi) What is catalytic alkylation?
- xvii) Write name with structures of three sulfur containing compounds found in crude petroleum.
- xviii) Describe catalytic cracking with example.
- xix) Write two examples of fractional distillation.

LONG QUESTIONS:

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| i) Discuss C ₄ alkylation process with the help of flow sheet diagram. | 5 |
| ii) Describe the composition of crude petroleum. | 5 |
| iii) What is octane number & how it can be improved? | 4 |
| iv) Briefly explain fractional distillation of petroleum. | 5 |
| v) What is catalytic reforming and why it is used? | 5 |
| vi) Explain the catalytic reforming of crude oil highlighting the main steps involved. | 5 |
| vii) What is catalytic reforming, explain its significance. | 5 |

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