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CHEMICAL REACTION ENGINEERING

Time Allotted: 3 Hours Full Marks: 70

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

GROUP - A

(Multiple Choice Type Questions)

1. Choose the correct alternatives for any *ten* of the following:

 $10 \times 1 = 10$

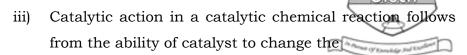
- i) The dimensions of rate constant for reaction $A \rightarrow B$ are (litre/gmole)/min. The reaction order is
 - a) one

b) two

c) three

- d) zero.
- ii) Arrhenius equation shows the variation of with temperature.
 - a) Reaction rate
- b) Rate constant
- c) Energy of activation
- d) Frequency factor.

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- a) activation energy
- b) equilibrium constant
- c) heat of reaction
- d) none of these.
- iv) For the reaction $SO_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2 = SO_3$ carried out in presence of V_2O_5 catalyst, the reaction
 - a) is considered as homogeneous
 - b) is considered as heterogeneous
 - c) may be either homogeneous or heterogeneous
 - d) none of these.
- v) The units of frequency factor in Arrhenius equation
 - a) is same as that of the rate constant
 - b) is different from the units of the rate constant
 - c) is unit less
 - d) none of these.
- vi) Which of the following is a characteristic of an elementary reaction?
 - a) The molecularity and order of the reaction is the same
 - b) The reaction rate constant is zero
 - c) The rate of the reaction is constant
 - d) The order of the reaction is always 1.



- vii) For any reaction, we may write conversion as a function of

 a) time

 b) temperature
- viii) For reaction under pore diffusion regime, the reaction rate

d)

all of these.

- a) varies directly with catalyst particle size
- b) varies inversely with catalyst particle size
- c) is independent of catalyst particle size
- d) none of these.

concentration

c)

- ix) Under strong pore diffusion regime an n th order reaction behaves like a
 - a) $\frac{(n+1)}{2}$ order reaction b) $\frac{(n-1)}{2}$ order reaction
 - c) zero order reaction d) n th order reaction.
- x) What will be the conversion, if we use a single PFR volume V instead of N number of PFR connected in series combination with a total volume of V?
 - a) Less b) Equal
 - c) More d) None of these.
- xi) Unreacted core model represents the reaction involving
 - a) combustion of coal
 - b) roasting of sulfide ores
 - c) carbon disulphide manufacturing
 - d) none of these.

- xii) For an autocatalytic reactor, for conversion up to the maximum rate, the suitable reactor set up is
 - a) CSTR

- b) PFR
- c) recycle reactor
- d) CSTR followed by PFR.

GROUP - B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following

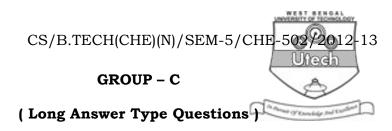
 $3 \times 5 = 15$

- 2. At 500 K the rate of a bimolecular reaction is ten times the rate at 400 K. Find the activation energy of this reaction:
 - a) From Arrhenius' law
 - b) From Collision theory.
- 3. Write any *two* of the following:

 $2 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

- i) Space time and Space volume
- ii) Significance of Residence Time Distribution
- iii) Derive the mathematical expression for rate constant of n th order reaction
- iv) Limitations of shrinking core model.
- 4. Derive the expression of rate of a 2nd order irreversible biomolecular reaction $(A + B \rightarrow R)$.
- 5. Prove that for a second order irreversible bimolecular reaction $A+B\to \mathrm{Products}$, $\ln(M-X_A)/M(1-X_A)=C_{A0}(M-1)Kt$ where $M=C_{B0}/C_{A0}, M\neq 1$ (Symbols have their usual meaning).
- 6. Find the first order rate constant for the disappearance of A in the gas reaction 2A → R if, on holding the pressure constant, the volume of the reaction mixture is starting with 80% A decreases by 20% in 3 min.

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Answer any *three* of the following. $3 \times 15 = 45$

- 7. a) Obtain the half-life period for a first order isothermal constant volume reaction.
 - b) A reaction $A \rightarrow P$ is carried out in batch reactor at different initial concentrations. Half-life for each run is noted. Calculate order of reaction and the rate constant from the half-life data given in table below:

C_{A0} (kmol/m ³)	10	18·5	30
t _{1/2} (s)	100.0	54·0	33.3

- c) For the reaction in series $A \xrightarrow{k_1} R \xrightarrow{k_2} S$ carried out in a batch reactor. Prove that slowest step is the rate determining step. 3 + 8 + 4
- 8. a) The primary reaction occurring in homogeneous decomposition of nitrous oxide is found to be $N_2O\to N_2+\tfrac{1}{2}O_2 \text{ with rate } -r_{H_2O}=K_1[N_2O]^2/1+K_2[N_2O].$

Derive a mechanism to explain this observed rate.



b) The aqueous reaction $A \rightarrow R + S$ proceeds as follows,

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Time, min	0	36	65	100	160	∞
C_A mol/litre	0.1823	0.1453	0.1216	0.1025	0.0795	0.0494

 $C_{A0}=0\cdot1823\quad \text{mol/lit},\quad C_{R0}=0\;,\quad C_{S0}=55\quad \text{mol/lit},$ $M=C_{R0}\,/\,C_{A0}\,\text{Derive the rate equation to represent the}$ reaction. 7+8

- 9. a) Deduce the performance equation of a recycle reactor.
 - b) At 600K, the gas phase reaction $C_2H_4 + Br_2 \rightleftharpoons C_2H_4Br_2$ has rate constant $k_1 = 500$ litre/mol.hr and $k_2 = 0 \cdot 032 \, hr^{-1} \, .$

If a plug flow reactor is to be fed $600\,\mathrm{m}^3/\mathrm{hr}$ of gas containing 60% Br₂ , 30% C₂H₄ and 10% inerts by volume at $600\mathrm{K}$ and 1.5 atm compute the volume of reactor vessel required to obtain 60% of the maximum conversion. 5+10

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- 10. a) After 8 min in a batch reactor, reactant ($C_{A0} = 1 \text{ mol/lit}$) is 80% converted, after 18 min conversion is 90%. Find the rate equation to represent this reaction.
 - b) At 649° C phosphine (PH₃) decomposes as follows: $4PH_{3} \longrightarrow P_{4}(g) + 6H_{2}; -r_{PHOS} = (10hr^{-1})C_{PH_{3}}. \text{ What size}$ of plug flow reactor operating at 649° C and $4\cdot 6$ atm pressure is needed for 75 per cent conversion of 10 mol/ltr of feed contain 50 per cent phosphine (PH₃) and rest inert. Feed rate is $1\cdot 86$ kg mol/hr. Determine the size of PFR. 5+10
- 11. a) What is the expression for 'Dispersion number'? What will be its value for PFT and MFR?
 - b) For reactions other than first order, knowledge of the RTD is not sufficient to predict conversion. What is the other parameter? Why first order reaction need not this parameter?
 - c) Write down the names of different models of a real reactor according to the number of adjustable parameters that are extracted from RTD data. 5 + 5 + 5

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