

# **MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS FOR CHEMICAL ENGINEERING COURSES**

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## PREFACE

This book gives multiple choice questions for selected courses in Chemical Engineering. The multiple choice questions are intended for students at both undergraduate and graduate levels to help improve their knowledge and zeal in the Chemical Engineering field. The courses include Mass Transfer, Heat Transfer, Separation Processes, Chemical Technology, Environment Engineering Principles, Chemical Engineering Reactors and Kinetics, Bioprocess Engineering Principles, Plant Equipment and Process Design, Chemical Engineering Economics as well as Process Simulation, Synthesis and Optimization. Research Methodology and Statistical Design and Analyses of Experiments were also included as preliminary courses as they are essential and applied to all Chemical Engineering Courses. The courses objectives, descriptions and content were given and the multiple choice questions are also given.

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# **CHAPTER 1: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

## **1.1 Course Objectives**

By the end of this course students should be able to understand concepts of research and its methodologies, identify suitable research topics, state suitable research problem and its variables, write a research proposal, organize and conduct research and finally write a research paper or thesis.

## **1.2 Course Description**

Research methodology is a through process of obtained data, information and evidence ([www.ihmctan.edu/PDF/notes/Research\\_Methodology.pdf](http://www.ihmctan.edu/PDF/notes/Research_Methodology.pdf)). This process involves identification of the need for research, formulating the research problem and carrying out the research. In addition, it explains on how to prepare a quality research report or thesis.

## **1.3 Course Content**

The course content includes research and research methodologies overview, literature review, research problem formulation, conducting the research, report and thesis writing and lastly referencing.

## **1.4 Multiple Choice Questions**

1. Research methodology is defined as:
  - A. A set of abstracts
  - B. Aspects of implementation of the method
  - C. Procedures for gathering information
2. The two types of research data are:
  - A. Primary and secondary
  - B. Quantitative and qualitative
  - C. Predictive and quantitative
3. The aim of the study is presented in the:
  - A. Introduction
  - B. Methodology
  - C. Literature Review
4. A variable that is controlled by researchers is:
  - A. Independent variable
  - B. Dependent variable
  - C. Experimental variable
5. Quantitative research is a measure of:
  - A. Feelings and numbers
  - B. Numbers and opinions
  - C. Numbers and figures
6. Selection of a certain number of population for a study is called:
  - A. Sampling
  - B. Survey research
  - C. Quantitative research

7. A critical literature review:

- A. Identifies strengths and limitations of previous research
- B. Identifies weaknesses of previous research
- C. Summarizes information from previous research

8. Critical analyses of qualitative research is useful for assessing:

- A. Literature review
- B. Methodology
- C. Analysis of experimental data

9. The population which is selected for a research study is:

- A. Total population
- B. Target population
- C. Random population

10. The surname of the first author followed by et al. is only used when the authors  
are more than:

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 6

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## **CHAPTER 2: STATISTICAL DESIGN AND ANALYSES OF EXPERIMENTS**

### **2.1 Course Objectives**

By the end of this course students should be able to design experiments, perform statistical analyses on experimental data and use software packages such as R and STATISTICA for experimental data analyses.

### **2.2 Course Description**

Statistical Design and Analyses of experiments focuses on the experimental design and statistical analyses of gathered information and data. The course critically looks at design of experiments, data visualization, descriptive statistics and test of hypotheses.

### **2.3 Course Content**

The course content includes aim for experimentation, experimentation techniques, experiments design, factorial designs, experimental design evaluation using statistical analyses software, experimental data summary and hypothesis testing.

## **2.4 Multiple Choice Questions**

1. The ANOVA procedure determines whether the:
  - A. Averages of two samples are equal
  - B. Averages of more than two samples are equal
  - C. Averages of two populations are equal
  
2. When analyzing variance, if  $SST = 60$ ,  $SSTR = 40$ , then  $SSE =$ 
  - A. 20
  - B. 40
  - C. 60
  
3. In ANOVA, a factor is defined as the:
  - A. Dependent variable
  - B. Independent variable
  - C. Both
  
4. During experimental design, a variable is defined as:
  - A. Treatment
  - B. Factor
  - C. Variance
  
5. In factorial designs, the number of times a condition is noted is called:
  - A. Randomization
  - B. Factorization
  - C. Replication
  
6. Scatter diagrams show the relationship between:
  - A. Two variables
  - B. The dependent variable along the y axis
  - C. The dependent variable along the x axis

7. Correlation analysis enables the understanding of:
- A. Different variables
  - B. The strength of association between two variables
  - C. The strength of association between the intercept and the x-axis
8. From the least squares regression analysis equation:  $Y = 7.1 + 3.4X$ :
- A. The dependent variable increases by 6.8 after an increase of 2 in X
  - B. The Y intercept lies at 7.1
  - C. Both A and B are true
9. Calculate the mean for the following SO<sub>2</sub> particulates being emitted into the environment: 2ppm, 5ppm, 7ppm and 9ppm.
- A. 6.75
  - B. 5.75
  - C. 6.25
10. In hypotheses testing, the p value is a:
- A. Parameter in the null hypothesis
  - B. Value less than the significance level
  - C. Probability

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## **CHAPTER 3: MASS TRANSFER**

### **3.1 Course Objectives**

By the end of this course students should be able to understand fundamentals of mass transfer, carry out mass and energy balances, explain interphase mass transfer theories, apply empirical and theoretical concepts in designing mass transfer operations, carry out preliminary design of absorption and stripping equipment and finally carry out preliminary design of humidifying and drying equipment

### **3.2 Course Description**

Mass transfer is a course that is designed to give information about the net movement of mass from one point to another. The movement involves processes gas-liquid, liquid-liquid and fluid-solid mass transfers. This makes the knowledge about diffusion coefficients and mass transfer coefficients in various mass transfer equipment's such as distillation columns, absorption towers, cooling towers and driers important

### **3.3 Course Content**

The course content include the introduction to mass transfer, diffusion coefficients, mass transfer coefficients and mass transfer unit operations.

### **3.4 Multiple Choice Questions**

1. The mass transfer rate is independent of :
  - A. Turbulence effect
  - B. Physical properties
  - C. Chemical properties
2. According to the two film theory, the diffusion coefficient and the mass transfer coefficient are:
  - A. Direct proportionally related to each other
  - B. Inverse proportionally related to each other
  - C. Not related to each other
3. Fick's law of diffusion is determined by:
  - A. Concentration gradient
  - B. Diffusing components characteristics
  - C. Both A and B
4. Efficiency during distillation is measured by:
  - A. Actual plates/Ideal plates
  - B. Ideal plates/Actual plates
  - C. Reflux ratio
5. The design of a drier is not affected by:
  - A. Temperature
  - B. Diffusion
  - C. Air velocity
6. The absorption factor in terms of the solvent flow rate, S, and the gas flow rate, G, is optimized by:
  - A. Increasing S and decreasing G
  - B. Increasing both S and G
  - C. Decreasing both S and G

7. During the cooling process, the following parameter is a variable:

- A. Vapor partial pressure
- B. Specific humidity
- C. Temperature

8. Carbon dioxide is physically removed from a system through:

- A. Adsorption
- B. Absorption
- C. Ion exchange

9. The leaching efficiency -----with increase in temperature

- A. Decreases
- B. Increases
- C. Remains constant

10. The SI units for diffusivity are:

- A.  $\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$
- B.  $\text{cm}/\text{s}$
- C.  $\text{cm}/\text{s}^2$

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## **CHAPTER 4: HEAT TRANSFER**

### **4.1 Course Objectives**

By the end of this course students should be able to understand fundamentals of heat transfer, explain the mechanisms involved in conduction, convection and radiation heat transfer methods, Identify heat transfer equipment, understand the importance of heat transfer equipment and design heat exchangers

### **4.2 Course Description**

This course aims to enable students to design analytical and design skills in the area of heat transfer. Students will gain an understanding in the three methods of heat transfer which are conduction, convection and radiation. In addition, they will be able to identify heat transfer equipment such as heat exchangers, evaporators and condensers as well as their design.

### **4.3 Course Content**

The course content includes the Introduction to heat transfer, heat transfer by conduction, heat transfer by convection, heat transfer by convection and heat transfer equipment.

#### **4.4 Multiple Choice Questions**

1. Which of the following is not a property of heat waves:
  - A. Ability to travel in a straight line
  - B. Ability to be reflected in a mirror
  - C. Ability to pass through a vacuum
2. -----are not considered as opaque surfaces in radiation.
  - A. Gases
  - B. Liquids
  - C. Solids
3. Black surfaces are good for-----heat transfer.
  - A. Conduction
  - B. Radiation
  - C. Convection
4. Fourier's law explains heat transfer due to:
  - A. Convection
  - B. Conduction
  - C. Radiation
5. Convective heat transfer normally occurs in:
  - A. Gases
  - B. Liquids
  - C. Fluids
6. The fouling factor
  - A. Is a dimensionless number
  - B. Is a safety factor
  - C. Accounts for all resistances due to heat transfer

7. Kirchhoff's law is used in -----radiation.
- A. Alpha
  - B. Total
  - C. Gamma
8. The units for the log mean temperature difference are:
- A. °C
  - B. 1/°C
  - C. Dimensionless
9. Thermal conductivity of a given liquid dependent on:
- A. Viscosity
  - B. Temperature
  - C. Pressure
10. The evaporator economy is dependent on the:
- A. Mass transfer rate
  - B. Heat transfer rate
  - C. Energy balance considerations

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## **CHAPTER 5: SEPARATION PROCESSES**

### **5.1 Course Objectives**

By the end of this course students should be able to understand the theory behind separation processes, familiarize with separation processes equipment, describe chemical engineering separation processes and use mass and heat transfer concepts in separation processes.

### **5.2 Course Description**

Separation processes allows the conversion of mixtures to distinct products without chemical reactions involved in process industries. The major separation processes involved include: evaporation, crystallization, filtration, chromatography and membrane processes.

### **5.3 Course Content**

The course content includes the introduction to separation processes, techniques for evaporation, crystallization, filtration, chromatography and membrane processes.

## **5.4 Multiple Choice Questions**

1. Substances that are mixed together but are not chemically combined are called  
are called a.....
  - A. Mixture
  - B. Solution
  - C. Solute
2. -----is a mixture.
  - A. Water
  - B. Salt
  - C. Seawater
3. The following substances can be separated by distillation:
  - A. Salt and water
  - B. Methanol and water
  - C. Sand and water
4. The process used to obtain the solute from the solution is called:
  - A. Evaporation
  - B. Distillation
  - C. Condensation
5. A/An-----is used to separate two liquids that cannot mix.
  - A. Condenser
  - B. Evaporator
  - C. Separating funnel
6. Immiscible liquids:
  - A. Are flammable
  - B. Do not mix
  - C. Are volatile

7. -----cannot separate a liquid from an insoluble solid.
- A. Chromatography
  - B. Decanting
  - C. Drying
8. Sugar cane crystals form from the concentrated sugar cane solution through a process called:
- A. Distillation
  - B. Crystallization
  - C. Chromatography
9. The process of separating solid-solid components is called:
- A. Evaporation
  - B. Filtration
  - C. Dissolution
10. Residue is the term given to the solid obtained from:
- A. Crystallization
  - B. Filtration
  - C. Chromatography

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## **CHAPTER 6: CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY**

### **6.1 Course Objectives**

By the end of this course students should be able to understand problems of chemical industries, appreciate that heat and mass transfer processes are fundamental in chemical technology, name raw materials used in chemical industries, explain the production process of given products, identify unit operations in the processes and explain the principle of operation of equipment used.

### **6.2 Course Description**

Chemical Technology deals with the conversion of raw materials into given products and the chemical processes involved. The course aims at selected industries such as fermentation, soaps and detergents, sugar and starch, oils and fats, wastewater purification and the fertilizer industries. In addition, it focuses on the unit operations involved in these industries and the equipment used.

### **6.3 Course Content**

The course content includes the introduction to chemical technology, fermentation industries, soaps and detergents, sugar and starch industries, oils and fats industries, water and wastewater purification processes and fertilizer industries.

## **6.4 Multiple Choice Questions**

1. The working volume of a fermenter should be within-----of the fermenter capacity:
  - A. 3/5
  - B. 3/4
  - C. 4/5
2. -----is not produced during fermentation.
  - A. O<sub>2</sub>
  - B. CO<sub>2</sub>
  - C. Ethanol
3. Lye which is used in soap making is a concentrated solution of:
  - A. NaCl
  - B. CaCO<sub>3</sub>
  - C. NaOH
4. Detergents are good for use as cleaning agents in hard water because:
  - A. They do not precipitate
  - B. They do not contain sodium
  - C. They are greasy
5. The ratio of hydrogen to oxygen molecules in carbohydrates is:
  - A. 1:1
  - B. 2:1
  - C. 1:2
6. -----is an example of a polysaccharide.
  - A. Glucose
  - B. Maltose
  - C. Amylose

7. Proteins are made up of:

- A. Nucleotides
- B. Amino acids
- C. Fatty acids

8. Unsaturated fats are/have:

- A. Liquids at room temperature
- B. Solids at room temperature
- C. Double bonds between the carbon atoms

9. -----determines the efficiency of an aerobic bio digester.

- A. Temperature
- B. pH
- C. BOD

10. Commercial fertilizers are available in the form of:

- A. Granules
- B. Lumps
- C. Powder

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# **CHAPTER 7: ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING PRINCIPLES**

## **7.1 Course Objectives**

By the end of this course students should be able to examine and discuss concept of ecosystems, describe the concept of ecosystems, describe the impact of human activities on the human mind, understand the environment legislature as well as Identify and explain causes of air, land and water pollution in chemical industries.

## **7.2 Course Description**

This course aims to use basic engineering, chemistry and microbiology in protecting the environment. It focuses on hydrology, waste water systems, hazardous waste and risk assessment. In addition, the course also focuses on air pollution origins and their control as well as the air quality and global atmosphere variation.

## **7.3 Course Content**

The course content includes environmental engineering chemistry, water resources and water pollution, water transport, contamination and remediation, municipal water and wastewater systems, hazardous waste and risk assessment, air pollution origins and control as well as interior air quality and global atmosphere variation.

## **7.4 Multiple Choice Questions**

1. -----is the study of the relationship between plants and animals.
  - A. Morphology
  - B. Ecology
  - C. Hydrology
2. The total organic matter available in an ecosystem is called:
  - A. Flora
  - B. Fauna
  - C. Biomass
3. -----causes the depletion of the ozone layer.
  - A. NO<sub>2</sub>
  - B. SO<sub>2</sub>
  - C. Chlorofluro carbon
4. Acid rain mainly occurs due to which pollutants?
  - A. SO<sub>2</sub>
  - B. NO<sub>2</sub>
  - C. SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub>
5. Water pollution is mainly caused by:
  - A. Sewage water
  - B. Precipitation
  - C. Rain water

6. Green house effects are mainly caused by:

- A. SO<sub>2</sub>
- B. NO<sub>2</sub>
- C. CO<sub>2</sub>

7. -----is a waterborne disease.

- A. Typhoid
- B. Headache
- C. Malaria

8. The World Environment Day is celebrated on which day?

- A. 22 April
- B. 13 May
- C. 5 June

9. Water is covered with -----water.

- A. 71
- B. 75
- C. 85

10. Deforestation is caused by:

- A. Green house effects
- B. Cutting trees
- C. Disrupting the ecosystem

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# **CHAPTER 8: CHEMICAL ENGINEERING REACTORS AND KINETICS**

## **8.1 Course Objectives**

By the end of this course students should be able to understand the basic concepts in using rate equations and kinetic constants, derive rate equations for homogeneous and heterogeneous catalytic systems, perform material and energy balances on reactors, derive design equations for continuous, batch and plug flow reactors, establish the influence of temperature and pressure on reversible and irreversible reactions as well as understand reactor stability and reactor performance.

## **8.2 Course Description**

The course aims to develop a basic understanding of the application principles in heat and mass transfer and chemical kinetics to the design of chemical reactors. The course focuses on Chemical Reaction Engineering Principles, Rate Laws, Catalysis and various types of chemical reactors.

## **8.3 Course Content**

The course content includes chemical reaction engineering principles, rate laws, catalysis and catalytic reactions, batch reactor design, isothermal reaction design as well as non-isothermal reaction design.

## **8.4 Multiple Choice Questions**

1. Which of the following is a chemical process?
  - A. Solidification of liquids to gases
  - B. Liquefaction of solids to liquids
  - C. Decay of matter
2. Chemical changes are:
  - A. Irreversible
  - B. Permanent
  - C. Both A and B
3. Which of the following is a symbol for Magnesium?
  - A. M
  - B. Mg
  - C. Ma
4. Ammonia is produced by a reversible reaction from hydrogen and nitrogen in the presence of -----as a catalyst.
  - A. Cobalt
  - B. Iron
  - C. Nickel
5. Sulphuric acid is manufactured using the:
  - A. Contact Process
  - B. Haber Process
  - C. Markov Process
6. A reversible reaction is denoted by:
  - A. 
  - B. 
  - C. 

7. In a one-step reaction:

- A. There is one transition stage involved
- B. The reaction is only exothermic
- C. There are two transition stages involved

8. What are the units for a first order reaction?

- A.  $\text{MolL}^{-1}\text{S}^{-1}$
- B.  $\text{S}^{-1}$
- C.  $\text{Mol}^{-1}\text{LS}^{-1}$

9. For a rate equation:  $\text{A} + \text{B} = \text{C}$ , Rate =  $k[\text{A}][\text{B}]$ , the rate of reaction is:

- A. Independent of concentration of A
- B. Independent of concentration of B
- C. Dependent of concentration of A and B

10. The formation of sulphur trioxide from sulphur and oxygen in the presence of a vanadium catalyst is an example of:

- A. Homogeneous catalysis
- B. Heterogeneous catalysis
- C. Irreversible reaction

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# **CHAPTER 9: BIOPROCESS ENGINEERING PRINCIPLES**

## **9.1 Course Objectives**

By the end of this course students should be able to analyze mechanisms of enzymatic reactions, apply enzyme technologies for production of industrial products, design enzyme reactors, predict microbial yield coefficients, apply cell kinetics in design and scaling up of bioreactors, optimize bioprocesses, outline the importance of sterilization in bioprocesses, measure and calculate the oxygen transfer coefficient as well as identify technologies required for downstream processing.

## **9.2 Course Description**

Bioprocess Engineering is a part of Chemical Engineering that deals with unit operations that entangle biological processes. The course focuses on cells and enzymes as well their kinetics involved. In addition, it focuses on bioreactor designs, oxygen transfer measurement in bioprocesses and the downstream processes involved.

## **9.3 Course Content**

The course content includes enzyme and enzyme kinetics, classification and composition of cells, cell kinetics, bioreactor design, operation and control, oxygen transfer measurement in bioprocesses, sterilization of media and equipment as well as downstream processing.

## 9.4 Multiple Choice Questions

1. The..... explains that substrates alter the shapes of the active sites in enzymes for activation.
  - A. Lock and key hypothesis
  - B. Induced fit theory
  - C. Michaeli-Menten's equation
2. The enzymes kinetics are best described by:
  - A. Monod's equation
  - B. Eadie-Hofstee equation
  - C. Michaeli-Menten's equation
3. The cell kinetics are best described by:
  - A. Monod equation
  - B. Eadie-Hofstee equation
  - C. Michaeli-Menten's equation
4. In batch cell growth, the phase whereby all nutrients are utilized and cells die is called:
  - A. Lag
  - B. Death
  - C. Stationary
5. Organisms in a bioreactor receive oxygen through:
  - A. Aeration
  - B. Fermentation
  - C. Inoculation
6. As agitation increases in an aerobic maintained bioreactor,
  - A. The oxygen transfer coefficient increases
  - B. The oxygen transfer coefficient decreases
  - C. The oxygen transfer coefficient is not changed

7. Foaming can be prevented by:
- A. Mixing
  - B. Increasing oxygen supply
  - C. Adding a surfactant
8. The disengagement zone in an airlift bioreactor:
- A. Increases the velocity of the air bubbles
  - B. Decreases the velocity of the air bubbles
  - C. Enables reduction in liquid loss
9. Mechanical seals on a bioreactor:
- A. Prevents contaminants from entering the reactor
  - B. Allows contaminants from entering the reactor
  - C. Allows cells from to enter the reactor
10. -----is a physicochemical method of cell rupture.
- A. Homogenization
  - B. Ultrasonic vibrations
  - C. Enzymatic digestion

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# **CHAPTER 10: PLANT EQUIPMENT AND PROCESS DESIGN**

## **10.1 Course Objectives**

By the end of this course students should be able to understand the steps and basic steps in plant equipment and process design, understand the importance of plant equipment, plant facilities and process design, develop process flow sheets, prepare piping and instrumentation diagrams for given plants, select appropriate materials of construction for plant equipment, choose plant layouts and sites as well as understand the need for heat integration.

## **10.2 Course Description**

The Plant and Process Equipment course focuses on the development and design of both the complete process and plant equipment. It centers on process equipment, process selection, materials selection, plant layouts and the piping design. In addition, it also looks at the heat integration systems for maximum energy usage across the whole plant.

## **10.3 Course Content**

The course content includes an introduction to plant equipment and process design, process equipment, documents and materials selection, plant layouts and plot plans, piping and instrumentation diagrams, plant layout and piping design as well as pinch technology.

## **10.4 Multiple Choice Questions**

1. The initial step a designer takes when given an idea to develop is:
  - A. Research
  - B. Develop a prototype
  - C. Conceptualize
2. The final step a designer carries out on project is to:
  - A. Research
  - B. Conceptualize
  - C. Produce
3. The engineering design process starts by:
  - A. New product development idea
  - B. Identifying the need for a solution of a given problem
  - C. Information gathering
4. A -----is used to examine various areas of a product before the design is ended.
  - A. Prototype
  - B. Model
  - C. Pilot plant
5. Loss prevention in the general design considerations is accounted for in:
  - A. HAZOP studies
  - B. Faulty tree analysis
  - C. Both A and B
6. A -----is used to show how a product will work.
  - A. A Prototype
  - B. Model
  - C. Pilot plant

7. Iteration in engineering design helps to:
- A. Use different software
  - B. Use maths in engineering
  - C. Ascertain optimal operating conditions
8. Which of the following is a correct sequence for formulating a design problem?
- A. Product specification-Design problem-Process design
  - B. Design problem-Product specification-Process design
  - C. Process design- Design problem-Product specification
9. CAM stands for:
- A. Computer aided methods
  - B. Computer aided design
  - C. Computer aided manufacturing
10. In equipment design, the following factor/s is/are considered:
- A. Materials of selection
  - B. Safety factors
  - C. Both A and B

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# **CHAPTER 11: CHEMICAL ENGINEERING ECONOMICS**

## **11.1 Course Objectives**

By the end of this course students should be able to evaluate cost revenue, profit and risk of chemical engineering processes as well as evaluate the cost implication in design, optimization and application of chemical engineering processes, products and design.

## **11.2 Course Description**

Chemical Engineering Economics is the application of economic principles to Chemical Engineering problems. The course focuses on optimum cost effectiveness, focusing on the time value of money, interest and cash flows estimation. It also focuses on quantitative methods of measuring profitability.

## **11.3 Course Content**

The course content includes capital investment estimation, production costs, depreciation costs and cash flow of a given chemical engineering process, profitability analysis, net present value, rate of return and payback period, Corporate financial structure, cost of capital as well as economic risk analysis, scenario and sensitivity analysis, decision tree analysis, risk-adjusted cost of capital, expected net value and real options.

## **11.4 Multiple Choice Questions**

1. Depreciation refers to:
  - A. Loss of equipment due to wear and tear over time
  - B. Destruction of a plant due to a fire
  - C. Closure of a plant due to lack of manpower
2. The term Overall domestic capital formation refers to:
  - A. Production rate exceeding demand
  - B. Physical assets net expenditure
  - C. Net addition to stock after depreciation
3. Which of the following is found in a balance sheet
  - A. Available raw materials cost
  - B. Total capital
  - C. Both A and B
4. Which of the following is an example of a capital cost?
  - A. Fixed equipment
  - B. Direct costs
  - C. Fixed costs
5. Which of the following is not an example of an operating cost?
  - A. Direct costs
  - B. Fixed costs
  - C. Working capital
6. Fixed capital + working capital + start-up capital refers to:
  - A. Depreciation
  - B. Fixed assets
  - C. Total capital

7. The compound interest is calculated as:
- A. Present sum of money x  $(1 + \text{Interest rate})^{\text{number of years}} + \text{present sum}$  of money
  - B. Present sum of money x  $(1 + \text{Interest rate})^{\text{number of years}} - \text{present sum}$  of money
  - C. Present sum of money x  $(1 - \text{Interest rate})^{\text{number of years}} - \text{present sum}$  of money
8. Calculate the simple interest for a principal amount of \$4000, at an interest rate of 7% for 3 years.
- A. \$840
  - B. \$740
  - C. \$4840
9. If it costs \$80 per annum to maintain a detergent manufacturing plant at 9.0% per annum. Calculate the amount of money to be set aside per annum without using the principal amount.
- A. \$888
  - B. \$72
  - C. \$862
10. Which of the following method does not measure liquidity?
- A. Simple payback period
  - B. Discounted payback period
  - C. Depreciation

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# **CHAPTER 12: PROCESS SIMULATION, SYNTHESIS AND OPTIMIZATION**

## **12.1 Course Objectives**

By the end of this course students should be able to familiarize with techniques for both steady state and non-steady state systems, introduce students to computer aided process synthesis, simulation and optimization, understand the use of computer simulation packages as well as understand the mathematical application of linear and non-linear programming in optimization

## **12.2 Course Description**

Process Simulation, Synthesis and Optimization focuses on simulation, synthesis and optimization of steady state and non-steady state chemical engineering processes. It focuses on using computer aided software as tools in simulation and programming as optimization tools.

## **12.3 Course Content**

The course content includes an introduction to simulation, synthesis and optimization, steady state and non-steady state systems, process optimization techniques as well as mathematical optimization in Chemical Engineering.

## 12.4 Multiple Choice Questions

1. Which of the following is not a type of process simulation?
  - A. Predictive simulation
  - B. Dynamic simulation
  - C. Steady state simulation
2. Which of the following tools is not relevant in process synthesis?
  - A. Equipment
  - B. Flow sheet
  - C. Plot plan
3. Different type of models can be classified as:
  - A. Simple and non-linear equations
  - B. Simple equations and predictive models
  - C. Non-linear equations and predictive models
4. Process Optimization is a mathematical discipline that focuses on finding:
  - A. Maxima points of a process
  - B. Maxima and minima points of a process
  - C. Minima points of a process
5. The rate of a parameter,  $x$  is given by:  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x$ . Calculate the stationary point of this parameter.
  - A.  $(3/2; 9/2)$
  - B.  $(3/2; -9/2)$
  - C.  $(-3/2; -9/2)$
6. The process optimization chain is as follows:
  - A. Measuring-Controlling-Optimizing
  - B. Controlling-Measuring- Optimizing
  - C. Optimizing-Measuring-Controlling

7. One advantage of process simulation is:

- A. It's helpful where mathematical models are not applicable
- B. It can be used to find an optimal solution
- C. Simulation models are cheap to build

8. Which one of the following is not a benefit of process optimization?

- A. Reduced costs
- B. Increased through put
- C. Lengthened audits

9. -----is/are used to maximize energy usage in a plant.

- A. Loops
- B. Pinch Technology
- C. Pathways

10. Process optimization methods can be defined as:

- A. Constrained and unconstrained
- B. Function and unconstrained
- C. Function and unconstrained

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## **APPENDICES: SOLUTIONS TO MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**

### **Appendix 1: Research Methodology**

1. C
2. B
3. A
4. B
5. C
6. A
7. C
8. C
9. B
10. C

### **Appendix 2: Statistical Design and Analyses of Experiments**

1. C
2. A
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. A
7. B
8. C
9. B
10. C

### **Appendix 3: Mass Transfer**

1. C
2. A
3. C
4. B
5. B
6. A
7. C
8. A
9. B
10. A

### **Appendix 4: Heat Transfer**

1. C
2. A
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. C
7. B
8. A
9. B
10. C

## **Appendix 5: Separation Processes**

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. B
7. A
8. B
9. C
10. B

## **Appendix 6: Chemical Technology**

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. C
7. B
8. A
9. C
10. A

## **Appendix 7: Environmental Engineering Principles**

1. B
2. C
3. C
4. C
5. A
6. C
7. A
8. C
9. A
10. B

## **Appendix 8: Chemical Engineering Reactors and Kinetics**

1. C
2. C
3. B
4. B
5. A
6. C
7. A
8. B
9. C
10. B

## **Appendix 9: Bioprocess Engineering Principles**

1. B
2. C
3. A
4. B
5. A
6. A
7. C
8. B
9. C
10. A

## **Appendix 10: Plant Equipment and Process Design**

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. B
7. C
8. A
9. C
10. C

## **Appendix 11: Chemical Engineering Economics**

1. A
2. C
3. C
4. A
5. A
6. C
7. B
8. A
9. A
10. C

## **Appendix 12: Process Simulation, Synthesis and Optimization**

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. A
7. A
8. C
9. B
10. A