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B.Sc ENGINEERING FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION: 2016/2017 SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING SCIENCES FPEN 303: THERMODYNAMICS (2 Credits)

Answer FOUR questions:

TIME: TWO (2) HOURS

### Question 1

- a) State the two main practical engineering problems that this course sought to address. Briefly discuss the basis for the solution of these problems in the context of equilibrium thermodynamics.
- (b) A ternary gas mixture contains 20 mol % A, 40 mol % B, and 40 mol % C. At a pressure of 80 atm and a temperature of 75°C, the fugacity coefficient of components A, B and C in this mixture are 0.4, 0.6 and 0.8 respectively. What is the fugacity of the mixture?
- c) Explain the basis of the equation you use in (b).

#### **Question 2**

A mixture of the following composition:

mol%

Ethane

25

Propane

35

n-butane

40

is brought to a condition of 40°F at a pressure P. If the molar fraction of liquid in the system is 0.45, what is pressure P (in bar) and what are the compositions of the liquid and vapour phases? Use the k-value (*DePriester*) chart given.

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# Question 3

For the cracking reaction

$$C_3H_8(g) => C_2H_4(g) + CH_4(g)$$

The equilibrium conversion is negligible at 300 K, but becomes appreciable at temperatures above 500 K. For a pressure of 1 bar, determine the fractional conversion of propane at 600 K.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \underline{\text{Compd.}} & \Delta H_{f,298}^o \text{ (J/mol)} \ \Delta G_{f,298}^o \text{ (J/mol)} \\ \vdots & & \\ \text{C}_3\text{H}_8 \text{ (g)} & -104,680 & -24,290 \\ \\ \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 \text{ (g)} & 52,510 & 68,460 \\ \\ \text{CH}_4 \text{ (g)} & -74,520 & -50,460 \\ \end{array}$$

R=8.314 J/mol.K

## **Question 4**

For the system ethyl ethanoate (1)/n-heptane (2) at 450 K, assuming the validity of the modified Raoult's law

- a) Make a BUBL P calculation for T=450 K, x<sub>1</sub>=0.06
- b) Make a DEW P calculation for T=450 K, y<sub>1</sub>=0.06
- c) Determine if the system forms an azeotrope

Given the following data:

$$ln\gamma_1 = 0.95x_2^2$$
;  $ln\gamma_2 = 0.95x_1^2$ ;  $P_1^{sat} = 80.0 \ kPa$ ;  $P_2^{sat} = 41.0 \ kPa$ 

## Question 5

The following data was collected for ethanol-water mixture at 40°C.

Weight % Ethanol	Density (g/mL)
0	0.99220
10	0.97060
20	0.96130
30	0.94164
40	0.92070
50	0.89863
60	0.87070
70	0.85213
80	0.82622
90 .	0.80074
100	0.77240

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Molar mass of ethanol and water are 46 g/mol and 18 g/mol, respectively.

- a) Plot the data above and determine the partial molar volumes from the graph at a mole fraction of 0.4.
- b) Using this values obtained from (a), confirm the additivity rule of partial molar quantities

