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Course Title: Unit Operation  
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Time Allowed: 120 minutes  
Attached Sheet: Non

Answer All Questions

Q1) A packed tower operating at 101 kPa, recovers 95% of solute gas initially is presented at low concentration in an inert gas. The inert gas rate is  $0.076 \text{ kmol/m}^2 \cdot \text{s}$  and the tower is supplied with solute free liquid at the rate of  $0.23 \text{ kmol/m}^2 \cdot \text{s}$ . Calculate the height of the tower given:

$$y_A^* = 1.15 \cdot x_A$$

$$KOL.a = 66 + KOG.a$$

Where KOG.a and KOL.a are in  $\text{kmol/m}^3 \cdot \text{h}$

(20 Marks)

Q2) Drive an expression for the diffusion of an ideal gas in unsteady state conditions.

(20 Marks)

Q3) A continuous rectifying column handles a mixture consisting of 40 per cent of benzene by mass and 60 per cent of toluene by mass at the rate of  $4 \text{ kg/s}$ , and separates it into a product containing 98 per cent of benzene by mass and a liquid containing 97 per cent toluene by mass. The feed is vapor at its boiling-point.

(a) Calculate the mass flows of distillate and waste liquor.

(b) If a reflux ratio of 3.5 is employed, how many plates are required in the rectifying part of the column?

X (mole fraction)	0.11	0.23	0.32	0.41	0.52	0.61	0.73	0.81	0.92
Y (mole fraction)	0.24	0.438	0.55	0.64	0.738	0.803	0.875	0.917	0.967



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**Given:**

M.wt benzene = 78 kg/kgmol,

M.wt toluene = 92 kg/kgmol

**(30 Marks)**

**Q4)** 1000 kg/hr of an aqueous feed containing 28.6 kg of solute B/100 kg of solution is to be treated counter-currently with solvent S in order to reduce the solute concentration to 9.1 kg solute B/100 kg solution. A five stages mixer-settler is available. If the solvent contains 4.75% solute by mass, what solvent flowrate should be used and what is the final extract composition. The equilibrium relationship is  $Y = \frac{2}{3} X$  where Y and X are mass ratios in extract and raffinate respectively.

**(30 Marks)**