

Centre for Polymer Science and Engineering
PTL702: Polymer Processing
Major Test (09-05-2007)

Time: 2 Hours

Total Marks: 50

Q1. Answer the following questions (brief and to the point)

- i) Necessary raw material characteristics for
 - a) Thermoforming b) Injection Moulding c) Rotational Moulding
- ii) Processing equipment requirement for manufacturing of
 - a) Masterbatch b) Nanocomposites c) PVC compounds
- iii) Wall thickness distribution for
 - a) PET bottles b) Overhead tanks c) Jumbo size cup
- iv) Describe the moulding cycle for
 - a) Blow moulding b) Reaction injection moulding c) Rotational moulding

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Q2. a) List the features that are available for compounding in single screw and twin screw extruder.

b) A polymer is extruded in a screw extruder having following dimensions:

- screw die = 150 mm;
- screw pitch = 150 mm;
- screw channel depth = 9 mm;
- metering screw length = 1 m;
- screw rpm = 100

If the extruder is connected to a die with a pressure difference of 10 MPa for polymer melt of viscosity 300 cp. Draw the screw characteristic curve.

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- Q.3. a) List different process parameters and their importance in injection moulding process.**
b) Discuss with justification the best possible design of a multicavity mould for 10 products.
c) Compare the mould filling process between injection moulding and reaction injection moulding.
d) List the differences in injection blow moulding and extrusion blow moulding

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- Q.4. a) Compare different processes available for making refrigerator lining.**
b) Write the steps involved in analysis of thermoforming process.
c) Define Sagging. How it is related to thermoformability?

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Q.5. Give suggestions for solving the following:

- (a) The moulding exhibits high residual stress
- (b) Cascading in rotomoulding operation
- (c) Pleating in blow moulding process
- (d) Failing of product at weld line

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