Reaction Engineering-II Class Test –I

Total marks: 15 Time: 40 min

1. Tertiary butyl alcohol (TBA) was produced by liquid phase hydration (W) of isobutene (I) over a solid catalyst. Reaction is assumed to follow Eley-Rideal kinetics. [10] The reaction mechanism is believed to be:

$$I + S \le I.S$$

 $I.S + W \le TBA.S$
 $TBA.S \le TBA + S$

Derive a rate law assuming adsorption is rate controlling.

2. The rate law for the hydrogenation (H) of ethylene (E) to form ethane (A) over a cobalt-molybdenum catalyst is [5]

$$-r_E' = \frac{kP_E P_H}{1 + K_E P_E}$$

Suggest a mechanism with proper logic and rate limiting step consistent with the rate law.