

GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

BE - SEMESTER-VII (NEW) EXAMINATION – WINTER 2017

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Subject Name: Environmental Reaction Engineering

Time: 10:30 AM TO 01:00 PM

Total Marks: 70

Instructions:

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.
3. Figures to the right indicate full marks.

		MARKS
Q.1	(a) Make a mole balance on a batch reactor conducting a liquid phase bimolecular reaction with a reaction rate constant k_2 in units of liter, mol, and min to estimate time required for certain conversion of a reactant of the reaction.	03
	(b) An aqueous feed of A and B (400 liter/min, 100 mmol A/liter, 200 mmol B/liter) is to be converted to product in a plug flow reactor. The kinetics of the reaction is represented by $A + B \rightarrow R$, $-r_A = 200 C_A C_B$ mol/(liter)(min). Find the volume of reactor needed for 99.9% conversion of A to product. Draw a schematic diagram.	04
	(c) We plan to replace our present mixed flow reactor with one having double the volume. For the same aqueous feed (10 mol A/liter) and the same feed rate find the new conversion. The reaction kinetics are represented by $A \rightarrow R$, $-r_A = k C_A^{1.5}$, and present conversion is 70%. Draw a schematic diagram.	07
Q.2	(a) Given the elementary reaction taking place in a batch reactor $A \xrightarrow{k_1} R \xrightarrow{k_2} S$ and $k_1 > k_2$, derive for C_A and C_R as functions of time, and sketch the concentration-time profiles of A, R, and S.	07
	(b) Given the elementary reaction $A \xrightarrow{k_1} R \xrightarrow{k_2} S$ taking place in a CSTR, show that $\tau_{m,opt} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k_1 k_2}}$ OR	07
	(b) Given the elementary reaction $A \xrightarrow{k_1} R \xrightarrow{k_2} S$ taking place in a PFR, show that $\tau_{p,opt} = 1/k \log \text{mean}$	07
Q.3	(a) Give names of two industrial products produced by catalytic reactions and the catalysts used therein.	03
	(b) Give two chemical equations of catalytic reactions and the catalysts used therein.	04
	(c) List out sequentially the steps involved in gas-solid catalytic reactions by Langmuir-Hinshelwood approach.	07
	OR	
Q.3	(a) What is catalyst deactivation?	03
	(b) Explain adsorption and desorption in gas-solid catalytic reactions.	04

- (c) Describe with neat sketches fixed and fluidized bed catalytic reactors. 07
- Q.4 (a)** Mention at least two series-parallel reactions of industrial importance. 07
Define selectivity and overall and instantaneous fractional yields.
- (b)** Describe with appropriate graphical representation the Jones graphical method to determine concentration in each MFR connected in a series of unequal sized MFRs. 07

OR

- Q.4 (a)** Describe the graphical method to determine the best arrangement for given conversion of unequal sized MFRs connected in a series. 07
- (b)** Differentiate between physical and chemical adsorption. 07
- Q.5 (a)** Evaluate the variance for the following distribution. 07

Time t , min	Tracer Output Concentration, C_{pulse} gm/liter fluid
0	0
5	3
10	5
15	5
20	4
25	2
30	1
35	0

- (b)** Write the sequence of steps according to shrinking core model for gas-solid non-catalytic reactions. Draw a schematic figure to show these steps when reaction $A(g) + bB(s) \rightarrow \text{products}$ takes place on a solid spherical particle of unchanging size. 07

OR

- Q.5 (a)** Plot the exit age distribution E using the following data. 07

Time t , min	Tracer Output Concentration, C_{pulse} gm/liter fluid
0	0
5	3
10	5
15	5
20	4
25	2
30	1
35	0

- (b)** Explain with the help of graphs or sketches the following with reference to RTD. 3+2+2=07
- F curve
 - Impulse function
 - Mean residence time
