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## Fifth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, July/August 2021

### Chemical Reaction Engineering - I

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 100

**Note : 1. Answer any FIVE full questions.**  
**2. Issue of Graph sheets are recommended.**

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  - a. How chemical reactions are classified? Explain with one example for each. (10 Marks)
  - b. Explain the temperature dependency term given by Transition State theory in detail. (10 Marks)
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  - a. On doubling the concentration of reactant triples, find the reaction order. (10 Marks)
  - b. Define the following terms : i) Rate ii) Order and iii) Molecularity of chemical reactions. (10 Marks)
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  - a. Explain the difference between Integral and differential method of Analysis of kinetic data. (05 Marks)
  - b. The following table shows how the concentration of reactant A varied with time in a particular experiment :

Time (min)	0	18	31	55	79	157	$\infty$
Concentration of A(mol/L) X $10^4$	2.77	2.32	2.05	1.59	1.26	0.58	0.0

- i) Plot a graph of concentration of A against time.
  - ii) Draw tangents at the curves 10, 50, 100 and 150 minutes and calculate their slopes.
  - iii) Plot a graph of rate of reaction against concentration of A. (15 Marks)
- 4
  - a. Derive overall order of irreversible reaction from the Half – life  $t_{1/2}$  method for first order and second order. (10 Marks)
  - b. The data for a chemical reaction  $A + B \rightarrow R$  is given below :

$C_A$	0.5	1.0	1.0
$C_B$	0.5	0.5	1.0
$-\frac{dC_A}{dt}$	0.02	0.08	0.16

Determine the overall order of reaction. (10 Marks)

- 5
  - a. Write the general performance equations for batch reactor ; CSTR/MFR and PFR. (06 Marks)
  - b. Describe the construction features of Semi batch reactor, with a neat sketch. (05 Marks)
  - c. In an isothermal batch reactor, the conversion of a liquid reactant A achieved in 13 mins is 70%. Find the space time and space velocity necessary to affect this conversion in a PFR. Consider first order kinetics. (09 Marks)
- 6 It is proposed to operate a batch reactor for converting  $A \rightarrow R$ . This is as liquid phase reaction with the stiochiometry  $A \rightarrow R$ . Find the time required to drop the concentration of A from  $C_{A_0} = 1.3$  mol/L to  $C_{A_f} = 0.3$ mol/L. The rate V/s concentration data are as given below :

$C_A$ , mol/L	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.3	2.0
$-r_A$ , mol/L.min	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.25	0.10	0.06	0.05	0.045	0.042

(20 Marks)

- 7 a. Derive an expression for the concentration of reactant in the exit stream from a series of MFR's in different sizes. Assume that the reaction follows first order kinetics and the holding time in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  order reactor is  $\tau_i$ . (10 Marks)
- b. A first order irreversible reaction  $A \rightarrow R$  is carried out in a PFR followed by MFR in series. The concentration of A in the feed is  $1 \text{ Kmol/m}^3$  and residence time for the reactor is 3600 sec. the specific rate constant for the reactor is  $1/3600 \text{ sec}^{-1}$ . Find the conversion of A at the exit and the system. (10 Marks)
- 8 a. Explain the graphical procedure for finding the outlet concentration from a series of MFR's of various sizes for reactions. (10 Marks)
- b. Discuss the qualitative treatment about the product distribution of decomposition of A, for reaction of type  
 $A \rightarrow R$  ; desired product , rate constant  $k_1$  and reaction order  $n_1$ .  
 $A \rightarrow S$  ; undesired product , rate constant  $k_2$  and reaction order  $n_2$ .  
 For the cases : i)  $n_1 > n_2$       ii)  $n_1 < n_2$       iii)  $n_1 = n_2$ . (10 Marks)
- 9 a. Explain the effect of temperature on heat of reaction of the type :  
 $aA + bB \rightarrow rR + sS$ .  
 $\Delta H_{R1}$  is the enthalpy change at pressure 1 at m and temperature  $T_1$ .  
 $\Delta H_{R2}$  is the enthalpy change at pressure 1 at m and temperature  $T_2$ . (10 Marks)
- b. What is Chemical Equilibrium? Explain the characteristics of chemical equilibrium. Define equilibrium constant (k) from thermodynamics. (10 Marks)
- 10 a. Discuss about Optimum temperature progression. (10 Marks)
- b. Describe stepwise procedure for adiabatic CSTR when conversion is specified ( $X_A$ ) for determining volume (V) and temperature (T). (10 Marks)

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