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(END SEMESTER EXAMINATION)

CLASS: BTECH
BRANCH: CHEMICAL

SEMESTER : III
SESSION : MO/2022

SUBJECT: CL217 CHEMICAL PROCESS CALCULATIONS

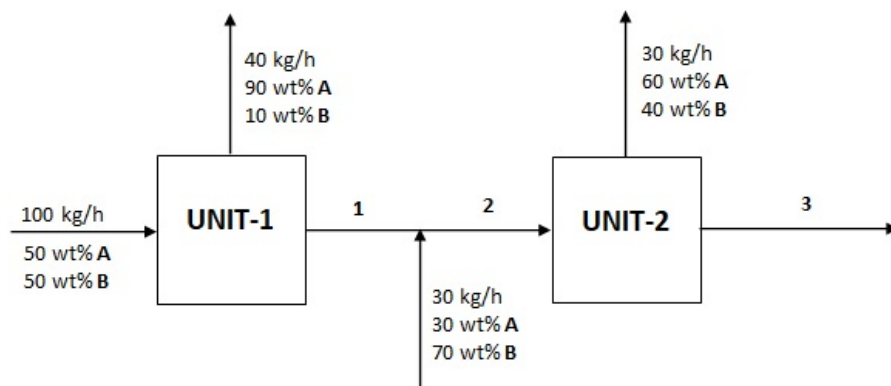
TIME: 3:00 Hours

FULL MARKS: 50

INSTRUCTIONS:

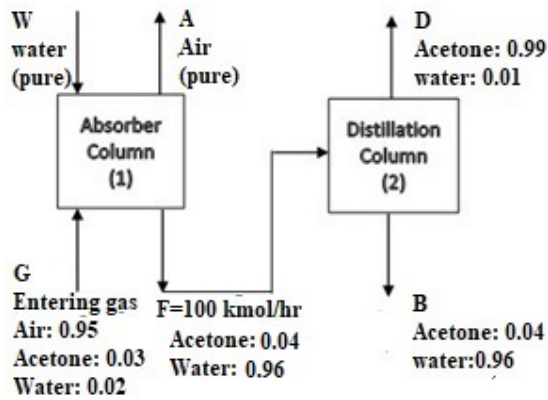
1. The question paper contains 5 questions each of 10 marks and total 50 marks.
2. Attempt all questions.
3. The missing data, if any, may be assumed suitably.
4. Before attempting the question paper, be sure that you have got the correct question paper.
5. Tables/Data hand book/Graph paper etc. to be supplied to the candidates in the examination hall.

- Q.1(a) A mixture is 10 mole% ethyl alcohol, 75 mole% ethyl acetate ($C_4H_8O_2$), and 15 mole% acetic acid. (i) Calculate the mass fractions of each compound. (ii) What is the average molecular weight of the mixture? 2 CO1
BL3
- Q.1(b) A seed crystal of diameter D (mm) is placed in a solution of dissolved salt, and new crystals are observed to nucleate (form) at a constant rate r (crystals/min). Experiments with seed crystals of different sizes show that the rate of nucleation varies with the seed crystal diameter as r (crystals/min) = $200D - 10D^2$ (D in mm)
(i) What are the units of the constants 200 and 10?
(ii) Derive a formula for R (crystals/s) in terms of d (inches).
(iii) Calculate the crystal nucleation rate in crystals/s corresponding to a crystal diameter of 0.050 inch. 3 CO1
BL3
- Q.1(c) Determine units of C for the following equation to be dimensionally consistent, which is used for calculating the volumetric flowrate q (m^3/s) of a liquid in a device:
 $q = CA_1 \sqrt{\frac{2V(p_1 - p_2)}{1 - (A_1/A_2)^2}}$ where A_1 and A_2 are cross sectional area in m^2 , V is specific volume in $m^3.kg^{-1}$, and $(p_1 - p_2)$ is pressure drop in Pa. 2 CO1
BL3
- Q.1(d) Heat capacity C_p of a substance in $BTU.lb^{-1}.\ ^\circ R^{-1}$ is given by: $C_p = 10 + 0.2T$, where $T =$ temperature in $^\circ R$. Convert the equation in $J.kg^{-1}.\ K^{-1}$ with $T =$ temperature in K . 3 CO1
BL3
- Q.2(a) Define the equation of state for a real gas with an example. 2 CO2
BL1
- Q.2(b) A sample of gas mixture at 2000 kPa absolute and 400 K composed of $CH_4(0.1\ kg)$; $C_2H_6(0.2\ kg)$; $N_2(0.05\ kg)$. Calculate the density of the gas sample in kg/m^3 ? 3 CO2
BL3
- Q.2(c) Humid air at $75\ ^\circ C$, 825 mmHg, and 30% relative humidity is fed into a process unit at a rate of $1000\ m^3/h$. Determine (i) the molar flow rates of water, dry air, and oxygen entering the process unit, (ii) the molal humidity and, absolute humidity of the air. Vapor pressure of water at $75\ ^\circ C$ is 289 mmHg. 5 CO2
BL3
- Q.3(a) A labeled flowchart of a continuous steady-state two-unit process is shown below. Each stream contains two components, A and B, in different proportions. Three streams whose flow rates and/or compositions are not known are labeled 1, 2, and 3. 5 CO3
BL3
BL4



- (i) Perform the degree-of-freedom analysis of the following: overall system, Unit 1, mixing point, and Unit 2.
- (ii) Calculate the unknown flow rates and compositions of stream 1, 2, and 3.

Q.3(b) An acetone recovery system recovers 99 mole% acetone given in the figure below. Calculate the unknown flow rates W, G, A, B, D in kmol/hr for F=100 kmol/hr. 5 CO3 BL3



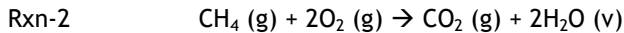
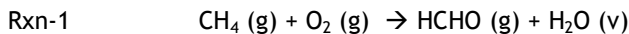
Q.4(a) A gas with the following composition is burned with 30% excess air in a furnace. What is the composition of the flue gas for complete combustion? Feed gas mixture: CH₄ 50%, C₂H₆ 30%, CO 6%, O₂ 4%, N₂ 10%. 5 CO4 BL3

Q.4(b) Methanol is synthesized from carbon monoxide and hydrogen in a catalytic reactor. The fresh feed to the process contains 32 mole% CO, 64% H₂ and 4% N₂. This stream is mixed with a recycle stream in a ratio 5 mol recycle/1 mol fresh feed to produce the feed to the reactor, which contains 13 mole% N₂. A low single-pass conversion is attained in the reactor. The reactor effluent goes to a condenser from which two stream emerge: a liquid product stream containing essentially all the methanol formed in the reactor, and a gas stream containing all the CO, H₂ and N₂ leaving the reactor. The gas stream is split into two fractions: one is removed from the process as purge stream, and the other is the recycle stream that combines with the fresh feed to the reactor. For a basis of 100 mol fresh feed/h, calculate the production rate of methanol (mol/h), the molar flow rate and compositions of the purge gas, and the overall and single-pass conversions. 5 CO4 BL3 BL4

Q.5(a) 40 gm mol of ferric sulfide (FeS₂) is oxidized with 140 gm mol of O₂ in the following reaction: 4FeS₂(s) + 11O₂(g) → 2Fe₂O₃(s) + 8SO₂(g). The conversion of FeS₂(s) to Fe₂O₃(s) is 80%. Calculate the heat of reaction at standard state in kJ. The standard heat of reaction data: 5 CO5 BL3

$$\Delta H_f^\circ \text{FeS}_2 = -177.9 \text{ kJ/gm mol}; \Delta H_f^\circ \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 = -822.156 \text{ kJ/gm mol}; \Delta H_f^\circ \text{SO}_2 = -296.90 \text{ kJ/g mol}$$

Q.5(b) Methane is oxidized with air to produce formaldehyde in a continuous reactor. A competing reaction is the combustion of methane to form CO₂. 5 CO5 BL3



Reactants: 100 mol/s CH₄ (25 °C and 1 atm); 100 mol/s O₂ (100 °C and 1 atm); 376 mol/s N₂ (100 °C and 1 atm).

Products: 60 mol/s CH₄ (150 °C and 1 atm); 30 mol/s HCHO (150 °C and 1 atm); 10 mol/s CO₂ (150 °C and 1 atm); 50 mol/s H₂O (150 °C and 1 atm); 50 mol/s O₂ (150 °C and 1 atm); 376 mol/s N₂ (150 °C and 1 atm).

(1) Determine the standard heat of reaction for Rxn-1 and Rxn-2. (2) Determine the total enthalpy of the inlet stream. (3) Determine the total enthalpy of the outlet stream. (4) Determine the rate at which heat must be transferred to or from the reactor.

Given: (ΔH_f)_{CH₄(g)} = -74.85 kJ/mol, (ΔH_f)_{HCHO(g)} = -115.90 kJ/mol, (ΔH_f)_{H₂O(v)} = -241.83 kJ/mol, (ΔH_f)_{CO₂(g)} = -393.5 kJ/mol.

Specific Enthalpies of gases (kJ/mol)
[Reference state: P_{ref} = 1 atm, T_{ref} = 25 °C]

T	O ₂	N ₂	CO ₂	H ₂ O
100	2.24	2.19	2.90	2.54
200	5.31	5.13	7.08	6.01

Specific enthalpy of CH₄ at 150 °C = 4.890 kJ/mol.

The specific heat (kJ/mol K) of HCHO is given by:

$$C_p (\text{HCHO}) = 34.28 \times 10^{-3} + 4.268 \times 10^{-5} T - 8.694 \times 10^{-12} T^3 \quad [T \text{ in } ^\circ\text{C}]$$