

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MESRA, RANCHI
(END SEMESTER EXAMINATION)**

**CLASS: BTECH
BRANCH: CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**

**SEMESTER: V/ADD
SESSION: MO/2025**

SUBJECT: CL343 FLUID-SOLID OPERATIONS

TIME: 3 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.
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Q.1(a)	Draw a properly resolved force diagram for a particle immersed in fluid.	[5] 1	2
Q.1(b)	For a cube of dimensions $1 \times 1 \times 1 \text{ cm}^3$, show that $d_s/d_v \sim 1.11$.	[5] 1	3
Q. 2	Answer the following questions		
Q.2(a)	Perfectly cubic limestone particles were dumped by litterbugs in a clear but stagnant pool of water at normal temperature. Analysis of a sample of the particles shows a PSD in the range 140-190 μm and sp. gravity of 2.81. Estimate the terminal velocity and approximate settling time in a 5 m deep pool under the action of normal gravity.	[5] 2	3
Q.2(b)	Draw a curve of variation in rise velocity with bubble diameter using suitable assumptions and approximations.	[5] 2	4
Q. 3	Answer the following questions		
Q.3(a)	Derive expressions for the height of a fluidized bed (FB) operating in a regime for which the dense phase velocity matches the minimum fluidization velocity.	[5] 3	3
Q.3(b)	Show the ease of fluidizability with the help of Geldart's map for: FCC catalyst, cement powder, feed of circulating bed FBCC process, and feed of bubbling bed FBCC process. (FCC: FB catalytic cracking; FBCC: FB coal combustion)	[5] 3	3
Q. 4	Answer the following questions		
Q.4(a)	For FB combustion: (i) Draw the $h - \epsilon_s$ curve for riser zone of a circulating bed FBCC process; (ii) What method of separation of sand and residue is used in the Ebara FBI process? (iii) Indicate the methods of temperature control in a bubbling bed FBCC process on a simplified flow circuit diagram. (I: incineration)	[5] 4	3
Q.4(b)	Draw flow diagrams of the first and second generation FCC process with emphasis on the loop configurations.	[5] 4	3
Q. 5	Answer the following questions		
Q.5(a)	Chief Technologist of Goldbar has assigned you to separate gold dust onsite from a ton of excavated ores. Provide an algorithm for the approach you might follow and also show a process flow diagram / important components of hardware using properly labeled sketch(es).	[5] 5	4
Q.5(b)	A peculiarly grooved plate was discovered during archeological excavations in a remote place. As a renowned expert in ancient technologies, how would you examine the probable use of the plate to help the excavations onsite?	[5] 5	4

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