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Programme: B.E.

Branch: Chemical Engineering

Course Code: 19CH5DCCR1

Course: Chemical Reaction Engineering - I

Semester: V

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Max Marks: 100

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Instructions: 1. Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing one full question from each unit.
2. Missing data, if any, may be suitably assumed.

UNIT - I

- 1 a) List the differences between molecularity and order of reaction. **04**
- b) Derive the equation for temperature dependency from Collision theory. **08**
- c) At 227°C the rate of a bimolecular reaction is 10 times of the rate of reaction at 127°C. Calculate the activation energy from Arrhenius theory for this reaction in kJ/mol. **08**

UNIT - II

- 2 a) Explain elementary and non-elementary reactions with examples. **05**
- b) Illustrate on the types of intermediates formed in non-elementary reactions. **05**
- c) Show that the homogeneous decomposition of ozone proceeds with a rate is given by: $-r_{O_3} = k [O_3]^2 [O_2]^{-1}$ **10**
With the following mechanism
 $O_3 \rightleftharpoons O_2 + O^*$
 $O^* + O_3 \rightarrow 2O_2$

UNIT - III

- 3 a) Explain integral method of analysis for batch experimental data with relevant graphs. **10**
- b) First order homogeneous gaseous decomposition $A \rightarrow 2.5R$ is carried out in an isothermal Batch reactor at 2 atm with 20% inert present and the volume increases by 60% in 20 minutes. In a constant volume reactor, find the time required for the pressure to reach 8 atm if the initial pressure is 5 atm., 2 atm. of which consists of inert. **10**

OR

Important Note: Completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages. Revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator will be treated as malpractice.

- 4 a) Derive the performance equation (design equation) for the batch reactor and mixed flow reactor. **10**
- b) A homogeneous liquid phase reaction $A \rightarrow R$, $-r_A = kC_A^2$ takes place with 50% conversion in a mixed reactor. What will be the conversion if the original reactor is replaced by a PFR of equal size, all else remaining same? **10**

UNIT - IV

- 5 a) Explain the graphical procedure for finding the concentration in a series of two CSTRs. **08**
- b) The Conversion for a first order liquid phase reaction $A \rightarrow B$ in an ideal continuous stirred tank (CSTR) is 50%. If another ideal continuous stirred tank of the same volume is connected in series, find the % conversion at the exit of the second reactor. **05**
- c) A first order reaction is taking place in two MFR in series. Show that the total volume will be a minimum, when the two reactors are equal in size. **07**

OR

- 6 a) Discuss the qualitative analysis of product distribution for the first order parallel reaction. **08**
- $$\begin{matrix} & \rightarrow R \\ A & \\ & \rightarrow S \end{matrix} \quad (\text{if } R \text{ is desired product and } S \text{ is undesired product})$$
- b) Sketch the contacting patterns in continuous flow operations for various combinations of high and low concentration of reactants for maximizing the desired product. **04**
- c) Under appropriate conditions A decomposes as follows $A \rightarrow R \rightarrow S$ ($k_1=k_2=0.1 \text{ min}^{-1}$). R is produced from 1000 lit/h of feed in which $C_{AO}=1 \text{ mol/lit}$. $C_{RO} = C_{SO} = 0$. Estimate the size PFR to maximize the yield of R? What is the concentration of R in the effluent stream from this reactor? **08**

UNIT -V

- 7 a) Elucidate the importance of optimum temperature progression. **10**
- b) A reversible elementary reaction of type $A \rightleftharpoons R$ has the following relations for k_1 and k_2 . $k_1 = e^{(20 - 12000/T)}$, and $k_2 = e^{(60 - 24000/T)}$ **10**
- Find the reaction temperature to achieve 75% conversion of A at equilibrium.
