

# B.M.S. College of Engineering, Bengaluru-560019

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## September / October 2023 Supplementary Examinations

**Programme: B.E.**

**Branch: Chemical Engineering**

**Course Code: 19CH5DELB2**

**Course: Optimization of Chemical Processes**

**Semester: V**

**Duration: 3 hrs.**

**Max Marks: 100**

**Date: 21.09.2023**

**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) Explain the scope and hierarchy of optimization. **06**  
b) Illustrate the six steps used to solve optimization problems. **08**  
c) Differentiate between payback period and net present value in detail. **06**

### UNIT - II

- 2 a)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{17x} + 11x$  **10**  
 $f(x) = \ln(2x) + 5x^2$   
Check for continuity of the above functions and its first derivative.  
b) Analyze for convexity and concavity of the following functions. **10**  
 $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 1$   
 $f(x) = -7x^3 + 2x^2 + 2$   
 $f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 3xy + 2y^2 + 3x - 2y + 5$

### UNIT - III

- 3 a) Solve the following constrained optimization problem applying Simplex method. **10**  
$$\text{Maximize } 10x_1 + 15x_2 + 20x_3$$
$$\text{Subject to}$$
$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + 6x_3 \leq 24$$
$$3x_1 + 9x_2 + 6x_3 \leq 30$$
$$x_1, x_2 \text{ and } x_3 \geq 0$$
  
b) Solve the following constrained optimization problem. **10**  
$$\text{Minimize } 3x_1 + 2.5x_2$$
$$\text{Subject to}$$
$$2x_1 + 4x_2 \geq 40$$
$$3x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 50$$
$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

### UNIT - IV

- 4 a) Develop the objective function and constrained equations for optimal design and operation of a conventional staged distillation column. **10**

**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.

- b) Find optimal number of stages of multi-effect evaporator for minimum overall cost. **10**

OR

- 5 a) What are the inequality constraints in liquid-liquid extraction column? **08**  
b) Develop the objective function of the optimal recovery of waste heat and find the optimal temperature working fluid. **12**

UNIT-V

- 6 a) Illustrate the effect of any five-factors considered for optimal design of gas transmission network. **05**  
b) Find the optimal inter-stage pressure of a gas compression system for minimum work. **10**  
c) Illustrate the effect of any five-factors considered for optimal design of a gas transmission network. **05**

OR

- 7 a) Explain the significance of water production per filter run using the Letterman relation in economic operation of a fixed-bed filter. **08**  
b) Derive an energy balance equation applied for optimal design of an ammonia reactor and list the assumptions made. **12**

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