

**Duration: 3 hours**

**Total Marks: 80**

N. B. (i) Question number **one is compulsory**.

(ii) Answer any **three** questions from the rest.

(ii) Assume suitable data wherever necessary.

Q1 A: Explain the factors affecting choice of solvent in gas absorption. [5]

B: What is diffusivity? Explain FICK'S law of diffusion. [5]

C: What is molecular diffusion? [5]

D: Explain the concept of equilibrium in inter phase mass transfer. [5]

Q2:A : Derive equation for molar flux for steady state equimolar counter diffusion for gases. [10]

B: Calculate the rate of diffusion of butanol across a film of nondiffusing water(B) solution, 0.1 cm thick at 20 deg.C when the concentration on opposite sides of the film are respectively 10 and 4 percent acid. The diffusivity of butanol in the solution is  $5.9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ . At 20 deg.C, the density of 10 % solution is 0.971 g/cc, and that of 4 % solution is 0.992 g/cc. Mol. wt. of butanol is 74. [10]

Q3: A: Explain diffusion through porous solid. [10]

B: Ammonia is absorbed at 1 bar from an ammonia air stream by passing it a vertical tube down which dilute  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is flowing. The following laboratory test data are available:

Length of the tube=825 mm, Diameter of tube=15 mm, Partial pressure of ammonia at inlet= 7.5 kN/m<sup>2</sup>, Partial pressure of ammonia at out let= 2 kN/m<sup>2</sup>.

The amount of ammonia absorbed at this condition is  $1.12 \times 10^{-6} \text{ kmol/sec}$ . Determine the overall transfer coefficient  $k_G$  based on gas phase. [10]

Q3 A: In a typical chemical process, component A is desorped from an aqueous solution into an air stream in a mass transfer tower at a certain operating temperature and pressure. At a particular point in the tower, analysis report shows that  $P_{A,G} = 12 \text{ mm Hg}$ ,  $C_{AL} = 4 \text{ kmol/m}^3$

The overall mass transfer coefficient  $K_G=0.269 \text{ Kmol A/ (m}^2\text{.hr.atm.)}$ . If Henry's law is applicable to this system and if 56 % of total mass transfer resistance is in gas film. Calculate

(a) Gas film coefficient  $k_g$  (b) Liquid film coefficient ( $k_l$ ) (c) Molar flux of component A,  $N_A$ . [10]

B: Explain following terms

(a) Equilibrium stage (b) Stage efficiency (c) Murphee stage efficiency (d) Stage (e) Cascades [10]

Q4: A: Carbon disulphide is to be absorbed from a dilute gas mixture of  $CS_2-N_2$  into a pure non volatile oil at atm. pressure in a counter-current absorber. The mole fraction of  $CS_2$  in inlet gas stream is 0.05 and the flow rate of gas stream,  $G$  is 1500 kmol/hr. The equilibrium relation is given by  $y = 0.5x$  where  $x$  is mole fraction of  $CS_2$  in liquid stream. It is desired to reduce the mole fraction of  $CS_2$  in exit gas stream to 0.005.

(a) Calculate the minimum  $L/G$  where  $L$  is the liquid flow rate in kmol/hr (b) Derive the equation for the operating line if  $L/G$  is equal to 1.5 times minimum value. [10]

B: Compare packed tower and tray tower. [10]

Q5: A: Explain (i) Saturated vapour gas mixture (ii) Relative humidity (iii) Humid volume (iv) Dew point (v) Humid heat [10]

B: Explain adiabatic saturation process. Derive equation for adiabatic saturation temperature. [10]

Q6: A: With neat diagram, explain various types of moisture. [5]

B: With neat diagram explain fluidized bed dryers [5]

C: A batch of wet solid was dried on a tray dryer using constant drying conditions and a thickness of material on the tray of 25.4 mm. Only the top surface was exposed. The drying rate during constant rate period was  $R = 2.05 \text{ kg} / (\text{kg hr m}^2)$ . The ratio used was 24.4 dry solids /  $\text{m}^2$  exposed surface. The initial free moisture content was  $W = 0.55$  and critical moisture content  $W_c = 0.22 \text{ kg moisture/kg dry solid}$ . Calculate the time to dry a batch of this material from  $W_1 = 0.45$  to  $W_2 = 0.30$  using the same drying conditions but thickness of 50.8 mm, with drying from the top and bottom surfaces. [5]

D: Write applications of spray dryer. [5]

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