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B.E. / B.TECH. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2023

Third Semester

BT18302 – PROCESS CALCULATIONS

(Biotechnology)

(Regulation 2018A)

(Use of Psychrometric chart and data book is allowed)

TIME: 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

- CO 1** Recall different system of units and relate its conversions
- CO 2** Explain the concept of material balance and relate its out comes
- CO 3** Make use of various gas laws in real time applications
- CO 4** Apply the concept of material balance in various unit operations
- CO 5** Explain the concept of energy balance and relate its outcomes.

PART- A (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

(Answer all Questions)

	CO	RBT LEVEL
1. Define Molality.	1	1
2. Calculate the volume of 50 kgs of O ₂ at a pressure of 730 mm Hg and 40 °C.	1	2
3. A gas mixture contains 9.5% CO ₂ , 0.2% CO, 9.6% O ₂ and 80.7% N ₂ (by volume). Calculate its molecular weight.	2	2
4. What is purging and when does it become necessary?	2	1
5. Define Raoult's law. When is it applicable?	3	2
6. What is Phase rule?	3	1
7. Write the material balance for crystallization.	4	2
8. Mention the important uses of Humidity chart	4	1
9. Define standard heat of reaction.	5	1
10. Distinguish sensible heat and latent heat.	5	2

PART- B (5 x 14 = 70 Marks)

	Marks	CO	RBT LEVEL
11. (a) Natural gas is piped from the well at 300 K and 400 kPa. The gas is found to contain by volume 93% methane, 4.5% ethane and the rest nitrogen. Calculate the following:	(14)	1	4

- 1) The partial pressure of nitrogen
- 2) The pure component volume of ethane in 10 m³ of the gas.
- 3) The density of the gas mixture at standard conditions in kg/m³.
- 4) The average molecular weight of the gas mixture.
- 5) The composition of the gas mixture in weight percent

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| | (b) | (i) | Find the average molecular weight of air at NTP conditions. | (4) | 1 | 4 |
| | | (ii) | What is the weight of iron and water required for the production of 100 Kg of hydrogen?
$3Fe + 4H_2O \rightarrow Fe_3O_4 + 4H_2$
Data: Mol. Wt of Iron: 55.845 g/mol. | (10) | 1 | 4 |

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| 12. (a) | An evaporator is fed with 15000 kg/h of a solution containing 10% NaCl, 15% NaOH and rest water. In the operation, water is evaporated and NaCl is precipitated as crystals. The thick liquor leaving the evaporator contains 45% NaOH, 2% NaCl and rest water. Calculate a) Kg/h evaporated, b) Kg/h salt precipitated, c) Kg/h thick liquor obtained. | (14) | 2 | 4 |
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| (b) | The waste acid from a nitrating process containing 20% HNO ₃ , 55% H ₂ SO ₄ and 25% H ₂ O by weight is to be concentrated by addition of concentrated sulphuric acid containing 95% H ₂ SO ₄ and concentrated nitric acid containing 90% HNO ₃ , to get desired mixed acid containing 26% HNO ₃ and 60% H ₂ SO ₄ . Calculate the quantities of waste and concentrated acids required for 1000 kgs of desired mixed acid. | (14) | 2 | 4 |
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| 13. (a) | A gas mixture contains 0.274 kmol of HCl, 0.337 kmol of N ₂ and 0.089 kmol of O ₂ . Calculate a) Avg. Molecular weight, b) Volume occupied by the mixture, c) partial pressure of each component at 405.3 kPa and 303K and d) density of the gas mixture. | (14) | 3 | 4 |
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| (b) | Carbureted water gas has the following composition by volume hydrogen 35.2%, methane 14.8%, ethylene 12.8%, carbon dioxide | (14) | 3 | 4 |
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1.5%, carbon monoxide 33.9%, Nitrogen 1.8%. The gas is available at 773 K and 4 bar. Find the molar volume of the mixture assuming

i) Ideal gas law and ii) Vanderwaal's equation of state.

14. (a) (i) Explain Psychrometry. (2) 4 3
 (ii) The dry bulb temperature and dew point of ambient air were found to be 302 K (29 °C) and 291 K (18 °C) respectively. The barometer reads 100 kPa (750 Torr). Partial pressure of water in air $P_w = 2.0624$ kPa. Calculate:

- 1) Absolute molar humidity
 2) Absolute humidity and
 3) The %RH, if the vapor pressure at saturation is 4.004 kPa.

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- (b) A crystallizer is charged with 6400 kgs of an aqueous solution containing 29.6% anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solution is cooled and 10% of the initial H_2O is lost by evaporation. The crystals obtained are $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$. If the mother liquor is found to be contain 18.3% Na_2SO_4 , calculate the weight of mother liquor and crystals. (14) 4 3

15. (a) (i) Write briefly about the latent heat of fusion and latent heat of vaporization. (4) 5 3
 (ii) Ethyl alcohol reacts with acetic acid to give ethyl acetate. Heat of combustion of ethyl alcohol, acetic acid and ethyl acetate are -3,26,700 cal, -2,08,340 cal, -5,38,760 cal respectively. Calculate the standard heat of reaction. (10) 5 3

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- (b) (i) Calculate the heat of formation of glycerol ($\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{O}_3$) at 298.15 K from its elements using the following data: (7) 5 3
 Data: $\Delta H_f^\circ \text{CO}_2(\text{g}) = -393.51$ kJ/mol
 $\Delta H_f^\circ \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) = -285.3$ kJ/mol
 $\Delta H_c^\circ \text{C}_3\text{H}_8(\text{l}) = -1659.10$ kJ/mol

- (ii) A stream of nitrogen flowing at 100 mol/min is heated from 20 °C to 100 °C. Calculate the heat capacity C_p for nitrogen at a constant pressure of 1 atm. (7) 5 3

Data:

$$C_p (\text{kJ/mol}^\circ\text{C}) = 0.029 + 0.219 \times 10^{-5}T + 0.57 \times 10^{-8}T^2 - 2.87 \times 10^{-12}T^3$$

PART- C (1 x 10 = 10 Marks)

(Q.No.16 is compulsory)

16. Wet solid containing 50% water and 50% solids are to be dried to get solids with 5% H_2O by weight. Fresh air contains 0.010 kg H_2O per kg dry air and air leaving the dryer contains 0.05 kg of H_2O per kg of dry air. If 100 kg of dry air enters the dryer per kg of dry solids, calculate the fraction of air recirculated and recycle ratio. (10) 4 5

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