

**III B.Tech. I Semester Supplementary Examinations, May -2005**  
**MASS TRANSFER OPERATIONS-I**  
**(Chemical Engineering)**

**Time: 3 hours****Max Marks: 80**

**Answer any FIVE Questions**  
**All Questions carry equal marks**

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1. A water droplet with an initial diameter of 2.5 mm is suspended on a thin wire in a large volume of stationary air at 298 K, containing water vapor that exerts a partial pressure of 1.38 kPa. Estimate the time required for complete evaporation of the droplet if the total pressure is 101.3 kPa. Diffusivity of water vapor in air at standard conditions =  $21.9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . The vapor pressure of water at 298 K = 3140 N/m<sup>2</sup>.
2. Discuss the following Mass Transfer Theories:
  - (a) Film Theory
  - (b) Boundary Layer Theory
  - (c) Penetration Theory
  - (d) Film-surface renewal theory
3. (a) Write short note on “Two-resistance theory”.  
(b) Write the basic concept of equilibrium between two phases.
4. (a) Write short note on point efficiency.  
(b) Write short note on internals used in packed.  
(c) Write short note in flooding & loading.
5. Carbon disulphide is to be removed from CS<sub>2</sub>—N<sub>2</sub> mixture by absorption. It is carried out at 1 std pressure and 24<sup>0</sup>C and the partial pressure of CS<sub>2</sub> in the gas entering is 50 mm of Hg. The gas is blown into the tower at a rate of 2000m<sup>3</sup>/hr and gas coming out will contain 0.5% CS<sub>2</sub> by volume. Average mole wt of oil is 180. The oil enters the tower essentially stripped off all CS<sub>2</sub> and solution of oil and CS<sub>2</sub> are ideal. The vapor pressure of CS<sub>2</sub> at 24<sup>0</sup>C is 345mm of Hg. Determine
  - (a) The minimum L/G ratio.
  - (b) The number of theoretical plates for L/G of 1.5 times the minimum.
6. (a) Describe Psychometric chart with neat sketch and define various terms in it.  
(b) A mixture of benzene vapor and nitrogen has a relative humidity of 60% at 297 K; the total pressure being 102.4 kN/m<sup>2</sup>. If the mixture is cooled to 283 K, to what pressure must the mixture to be compressed in order to recover 75% of the benzene? The vapor pressure of benzene is 12.2 kN/m<sup>2</sup> and 6.05 kN/m<sup>2</sup> at 297 K and 283 K respectively.

7. (a) It is desired to dry a batch of 500 kg of wet solid from 30% to 6% moisture. The rate of drying may be assumed to be linear in the falling rate zone. Calculate the time required for drying. The critical and equilibrium moisture contents are 0.2 and 0.05 kg/kg of dry solids. The constant rate period drying rate is  $1.5 \text{ kg/hr m}^2$  and the drying surface is  $0.026 \text{ m}^2$  per kg of dry solid.
- (b) Derive the relationship between surface humidity and surface temperature during constant rate drying. Consider all modes of heat transfer.
8. (a) Explain the principle of humidification in cooling tower.
- (b) Discuss briefly break through curve in fixed bed drier.

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1. (a) Solute A is diffusing at steady state through a liquid film of thickness X. The concentrations of A at the left and right boundaries of the film are  $C_{A0}$  and  $C_{Ax}$  respectively, with  $C_{A0} > C_{Ax}$ . Derive the equation for concentration of A and determine the flux of A.  
(b) Ammonia gas (A) is diffusing through a uniform tube of 0.10 m long containing  $N_2$  gas (B) at  $1.0132 \times 10^5$  Pa pressure and 298 K. At point 1,  $p_{A1} = 1.013 \times 10^4$  Pa and at point 2,  $p_{A2} = 0.507 \times 10^4$  Pa. The diffusivity  $D_{AB} = 0.23 \times 10^{-4}$  m<sup>2</sup>/s.  $R = 8314$  m<sup>3</sup> Pa/kg mol K. Calculate the molar flux of A at steady state. Repeat for B.
2. (a) Explain Reynolds analogy, and also find a relation between mass transfer coefficient and friction factor.  
(b) Write short notes on surface-removal theory of mass transfer.
3. A gas mixture A-air is fed into an absorption tower where absorption of the component A in water is taking place at 298 K and 2 std atm. Given that  $k_L = 0.122$  k mol A / (hr.m<sup>2</sup>)(mol A/m<sup>3</sup>).  $k_G = 1.32$  k mol A / hr.m<sup>2</sup>.atm the equilibrium partial pressure of gas A over dilute solution of A in the water is given  $p_{A,i} = 0.28$  ( $c_{A,i}$ ), where  $p_{A,i}$  is in atm while  $c_{A,i}$  is expressed in terms of mol A/m<sup>3</sup>. determine the values of the following mass transfer coefficients.
  - (a)  $k_y$
  - (b)  $k_c$  for gas film
  - (c)  $K_L$
4. (a) Write short note on 'Geometric similarity'.  
(b) Discuss about mixing in gas-liquid contact equipment preferably baffled vessels.
5.  $NH_3$  is absorbed from a gas by water in a absorber under atmospheric pressure. The initial  $NH_3$  concentration in the gas is 0.03 kg mole / kg mole of inert gas. 90%  $NH_3$  is to be removed from the input stream. The water leaving the absorber contains 0.02 kg mole/ kg mole of water. A constant temperature is maintained in the absorber by removing heat from it. Determine the number of transfer units required for the above job.

X kg moles of NH <sub>3</sub> /kg mole of water	0	0.005	0.01	0.0125	0.015	0.02
Y kg moles of NH <sub>3</sub> /kg mole of inert gas	0	0.0045	0.0102	0.0138	0.0183	0.0273

6. Air at 38°C, 70% saturated with water vapor is heated to 82.4°C and passed through a dryer where it gets adiabatically cooled to 54.4°C and humidified to 40% saturation. The air leaving the dryer is cooled in a cooler to 26.6°C and reheated to 38°C. Determine:

- Molar humidity of air entering the first heater,
- Molar humidity and % saturation of air leaving the first heater,
- Molar humidity of air leaving the dryer,
- Water evaporated in the dryer per kg mole of air entering.

The vapor pressure of water is as follows:

Temperature °C	26.6	38	54.4	82.4
Vapor pressure, mmHg	26.2	49	115	388.4

7. (a) Explain the following terms in drying
- Critical moisture content,
  - Constant rate period,
  - Falling rate period
  - Initial adjustment.
- (b) A batch of solids is dried from 25 to 6% moisture under conditions identical to those for which the following applies. The initial weight of the wet solid is 160 kg and the drying surface is 1 m<sup>2</sup>/40 kg dry weight. Determine the time for drying in the constant rate period.
- Data:*  $X_c = 0.2$  kg moisture/kg dry solid  
 $N_c = 0.3 \times 10^{-3}$  rate of drying.
8. Write short notes on dehumidification and prove that Murphree shape efficiency for dehumidification as  $E_{MG} = 1 - e^{-N_{tG}}$ , where  $N_{tG}$  is the number of gas phase transfer units.

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1. (a) Ammonia is diffusing through a 0.5 mm thick stagnant film composed of one third nitrogen and two third hydrogen by volume. If the diffusion process occurs at 327 K and 2.068 MPa, Calculate the rate of diffusion of ammonia through the film across the concentration of ammonia changes from 10 % to 5 % by volume.

$$D_{NH_3-N_2} = 24.1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec at 293 K and 1 std atm}$$

$$D_{NH_3-H_2} = 84.9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec at 293 K and 1 std atm}$$

- (b) Explain the procedure to evaluate a relation between  $N_A$  and  $N_B$  for various cases.
2. (a) Write about Mass, Heat and Momentum analogies.  
(b) Explain the physical significance of the mass transfer coefficients.
3. Desorption of A from a liquid solution into an air stream is taking place in a mass transfer tower at certain operating temperature and pressure. At particular point in the tower, analysis reports reveals  $p_{A,G} = 12 \text{ mm Hg}$ ;  $c_{A,L} = 4 \text{ kmol/m}^3$   
the overall gas coefficient  $K_G = 0.269 \text{ k mol A/ (hr.m}^2\text{.atm)}$   
If Henry's law is satisfied by the system and if 56 % of total mass transfer resistance is encountered in the gas film, calculate the
- (a) Gas film coefficient,  $k_G$   
(b) Liquid film coefficient  $k_L$   
(c) Molar flux of A

Take Henry's law constant =  $7.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ atm/molA.m}^3 \text{ solution}$ .

4. (a) Write about operating characteristics of sieve trays.  
(b) Write about mechanical agitation of single phase liquids, considering vortex formation.
5. A solvent is to be recovered from a gas stream by absorption with clean water in a plate column. The solvent enters at a concentration of 2% by volume and the maximum allowable loss is 0.1%. A liquid rate of 1.3 times the minimum rate is employed. Estimate the number of stages required. Equilibrium diagram  $P_e = 0.02 x$ ; where  $P_e$  equilibrium pressure of the solvent  $\text{kN/m}^2$  and  $x$  the mole fraction of the solvent in water.

6. (a) Explain the concept of wet bulb temperature with neat sketch.
- (b) Moist air at 300 K has wet bulb temperature of 290 K. If the latent heat of vaporization of water at 290 K is 2458 kJ/kg, estimate the humidity of the air and the percentage relative humidity. The total pressure is 101.3 kN/m<sup>2</sup> and  $h_c/k_y = 1.09 \times 10^3$ . Further, the Antoine's equation for water is:  $\log p^{sat} = 8.07 - \frac{1730.63}{T - 39.58}$ , where p is in mmHg and T is in K
7. A wet granular dry material is dried in a pan 0.5 x 0.5 m and 25.4 mm deep. All the sides and the bottom of the pan are insulated. An air stream flowing parallel to the surface at a velocity of 7 m/s and it has 70°C as dry bulb temperature and 29°C as wet bulb temperature. Calculate the time required to dry a batch of this material from moisture content of 0.35 kg of water per kg of dry solid to 0.2 kg of water per kg of dry solid. The equilibrium moisture content is 0.01 kg of water per kg of dry solid. The equilibrium moisture content is 0.01 kg of water per kg of dry solid. The density of dry solid may be taken as 1300 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.
8. Write short notes on dehumidifies and prove that Murphree shape efficiency for dehumidifies as  $E_{MG} = 1 - e^{-N_{tG}}$ , where  $N_{tG}$  is the number of gas phase transfer units.

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1. (a) A narrow tube is partially filled with a liquid and maintained at a constant temperature. A gentle stream of gas is passing across the open end of the tube. As the liquid evaporates the level drops slowly. At a given time  $t$ , the level is  $z$  from the top. Derive an equation to calculate the value of the diffusivity of the liquid vapor in the gas.
- (b) An Arnold cell is used to measure the diffusivity of acetone in air at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  and 100 kPa pressure. At time  $t = 0$ , the liquid acetone surface is 11 mm from the top of the tube and after 8 hours of operation the liquid surface drops to 20.5 mm. If the concentration of acetone in air that flows over the tube is zero, what is the diffusivity of acetone in air? At  $20^\circ\text{C}$  the vapor pressure of acetone is 24 kPa and the density of acetone is  $790 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .
2. Explain the various four theories of mass transfer for turbulent flow.
3. A wetted wall absorption tower, 2.54 cm ID, is fed with water as the wall liquid and an ammonia-Air mixture as the central core gas. At a particular level in the tower the ammonia concentration in the bulk gas is 0.8 mole fraction, that in the bulk liquid 0.05 mole fraction. The temperature  $= 26.7^\circ\text{C}$ , the pressure std atm. The rates of flow are such that the local mass transfer coefficient in the liquid, from a correlation obtained with dilute solutions is  $k_L = 2.87 \times 10^{-5} \text{ k mol /m}^2\text{.sec. (k mol/m}^3\text{)}$ . And the local Sherwood Number for the gas is 40. the diffusivity of ammonia in air  $= 2.297 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2\text{/sec.}$  compute the local mass transfer flux for the absorption of ammonia, ignoring the vaporization of water.

The equilibrium distribution data for ammonia are taken from those at  $26.7^\circ\text{C}$ .

NH <sub>3</sub> mole fraction $x_A$	Partial pressure of NH <sub>3</sub> (N/m <sup>2</sup> ) $p_A$
0	0
0.05	7,171
0.1	13,652
0.25	59,917
0.3	93,220

4. Briefly explain the design and importance of tray spacing, tower diameter, down spot, weirs in tray tower.
5. Ammonia is to be removed from air-NH<sub>3</sub> mixture containing 20% of volume ammonia in counter current absorber using water at 1 std atm and  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . The absorber

is to be designed to remove 99.5% by volume of ammonia in the entering gas. Calculate the minimum water rate and the number of theoretical plates necessary for absorption, if 1.2 times the minimum water rate is used for a gas rate of 1kg/s. Equilibrium data:

Partial pressure of ammonia, mm Hg	12	18	32	50	70	166
gm.NH <sub>3</sub> /100 gm water	2	3	5	7.5	10	20

6. 5kg/s of water are to be cooled from 25°C to 15°C air with a wet bulb temperature of 10°C is to be used at 50% more than the minimum rate. Calculate the height of tower required. The equilibrium data of water temperature,  $t_l$  in °C and enthalpy of air saturated at the temperature  $t_l$ (°C)  $h^*$  kJ/kg are given as follows

$t_l$	10	15	17	19	21	23	25
$h^*$	29	41.5	47.9	54.3	61	68	75.5

7. (a) A wet material with initial moisture content of 30% is dried in a batch drier using hot air. It is found that 5 hr are required to bring down the moisture content to 10%. The critical moisture content and the equilibrium moisture content of the solid are 15% and 2% respectively. Estimate the time to dry the same material to final moisture content 5%. State the assumptions made for the calculation of the time of drying during falling rate period.
- (b) Write short notes on through circulation drying.
8. (a) Discuss working principles of spray drier.
- (b) Explain with neat figure construction and working of spray chamber.
- (c) Write short noted on hydrodynamic flow of gases.

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