

Bioreactor Analysis & Technology

Q.P. Code : 569302

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(3 HOURS)

(MAX. MARKS : 80)

Note:

1. Question No. 1 is compulsory.
2. Attempt any three questions out of remaining five questions.
3. Assume suitable data wherever necessary.
4. Figures to right indicate full marks.

Answer the following (Any four)

- a. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of Batch reactor 5
- b. Explain the temperature dependency of rate constant. 5
- c. What are the reasons of non-ideality of flow reactor? Define RTD. 5
- d. Derive Monod's equation. 5
- e. Differentiate between intrinsic and overall biochemical reaction rate. 5

2. a. A homogeneous liquid phase reaction, with the stoichiometry and kinetics $A \rightarrow S, -r_A = kC_A^2$ takes place in a mixed flow reactor and results in 50% conversion. 12
 - i) Find conversion if this reactor is replaced by another MFR having volume 6 times that of the original reactor- all else remain unchanged.
 - ii) Find the conversion if the original reactor is replaced by a PFR of the same size- all else remain unchanged.

- b. Explain the integral method of analysis of data. 8

Q.3

- a. Describe the kinetics of substrate uptake in cell culture with product formation. 10
- b. A Gas phase decomposition of A is carried out in a MFR. The stoichiometry of the decomposition is $A \rightarrow R + S$. The initial concentration of A C_{A0} is 0.003 mol/l. The following data are obtained by conducting various runs using $C_{A0} = 0.003$ mol/l. 10

τ (sec)	0.4	5	14	45	195
X_A	0.2	0.6	0.76	0.90	0.97

Find a rate equation for this decomposition.

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Q.4 a. A Dilute aqueous solution of acetic anhydride is to be hydrolysed at 25°C with rate $-r_A = 0.158C_A$ & $V_0 = 500 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$ of solution with anhydride concentration of $C_{A0} = 1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ gmol/cm}^3$. There are total 3 reactors. Two of size 2.5 lit each and one of 5 lit. For getting higher conversion which alternative will be better.

- One 5 lit reactor used as steady flow tank reactor
- Two 2.5 lit used in series
- Two 2.5 lit were operated in parallel with equal feed rate of 250 cm^3/min in each
- Compare the conversions obtained in (i) and (ii) with that of tubular reactor of 5 lit capacity.

b. Explain the significance of heterogeneous reactions in bioprocessing.

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Q.5 a. The effluent concentration is measured as a function of time for a pulse input into a closed vessel. The results are tabulated below:

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Time (min)	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35
C_{pulse} (gm/l)	0	3	5	5	4	2	1	0

This vessel is to be used as a reactor for the decomposition of liquid reactant. The stoichiometry of decomposition is $A \rightarrow S$. The decomposition is first order with $k = 0.307 \text{ min}^{-1}$. Estimate the fraction of reactant unconverted in the real reactor and compare this with the fraction unconverted in a PFR.

- Explain space time and space velocity.
- Explain diagnosing ills of operating flow reactors.

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Q.6 Write a note on (Any four)

- Hallow fiber bioreactor
- Michaelis-Menten kinetics
- Stepwise series reaction
- Non-growth associated products
- Concentration profile for zero order kinetics in heterogeneous reactions

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