

Time: 3 Hours

Total Marks: 80

N.B.:

- (i) Question No.1. Is compulsory.
- (ii) Attempt any three questions out of the remaining five questions.
- (iii) Assume suitable data and justify the same.
- (iv) Figures to the right indicate full marks

Q 1

- (a) Difference between elementary and nonelementary reaction with example. **05**
- (b) A common rule of temperature is that the rate of a reaction doubles for each 10°C rise in temperature. What activation energy would this suggest at a temperature of 25°C **05**
- (c) Derive performance equation of constant stirred tank reactor. **05**
- (d) Explain the fractional life method of analysis of experimental data **05**

Q 2

- (a) Experiment shows that the homogeneous decomposition of ozone proceeds at a rate **10**

$$-r_{O_3} = k [O_3] [O_2]^{-1}$$

- (a) What is the overall order of reaction?
- (b) Suggest a two-step mechanism to explain this rate and further test this mechanism
- (b) The first-order homogeneous gaseous reaction $A \rightarrow 2.5 R$ is carried out in an isothermal variable volume batch reactor at 2 atm pressure with 20 mole % inerts present, and the volume increases by 60 % in 20 minutes. In the case of a constant volume reactor, determine the time required for the pressure to reach 8 atm if the initial pressure is 5 atm, 2 atm of which consists of inerts. **10**

Q 3

- (a) Sucrose is hydrolysed at room temperature by the catalytic action of enzyme sucrase as follows. **12**

Sucrose \rightarrow Products

Following kinetic data are obtained in a batch reactor by starting a run with a sucrose concentration $C_{A0} = 1$ mmol/lit and an enzyme concentration $C_{E0} = 0.01$ mmol/lit

Time, hr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
C_A , (mmol/l)	0.84	0.68	0.53	0.38	0.27	0.16	0.09	0.04	0.018	0.006	0.0025

Check whether these data can reasonably fit a kinetic equation of type.

$$-r_A = \frac{kC_A C_{E0}}{C_A + M}$$

If so, evaluate constant k and M (Michaelis Menten constant)

- (b) It is proposed to replace our present mixed-flow reactor with one having double the volume. Find the conversion in a new mixed-flow reactor for the same aqueous feed ($C_{A0} = 10$ mol A/l) and the same feed rate. The stoichiometry and kinetics of the reaction are given by
- $A \rightarrow R$ $-r_A = kC_A^{1.5}$ **08**
- Q4** (a) For the irreversible first-order series reaction $A \rightarrow R \rightarrow S$, the values of rate constants k_1 and k_2 are 0.34 (min)^{-1} and 0.22 (min)^{-1} , respectively. Calculate (i) the time at which the concentration of R is maximum and (ii) the maximum concentration of R . **10**
Take $C_{A0} = 1.25 \text{ mol/l}$.
- (b) A first-order reaction is carried out in a single CSTR, resulting in an 80% conversion of reactant A . It is proposed to put another similar CSTR in series with the first one. How will this addition affect the conversion of the reactant? **10**

- Q 5** (a) The homogeneous gas phase reaction $A \rightarrow 3R$ is a second-order reaction. In an experimental reactor (size: 25 mm ID pipe x 2 m length), 60% conversion of A is achieved for a feed rate of $4\text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ of pure A at 350°C and 5 atm. A commercial plant is to handle $320\text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ of feed containing 50 mole% A and 50 mole% inerts at 350°C and 25 atm for obtaining 80% conversion of A. **12**
- i) How many 2 m lengths of 25 mm ID pipes are needed to achieve 80% conversion?
 ii) Should the pipes be arranged in parallel or series?
- (b) What is autocatalytic reaction? Discuss the types of reactor /reactor combinations used to carry out this type of reaction. **08**

- Q 6** (a) Between 0°C and 100°C determine the equilibrium conversion for the elementary aqueous reaction. Plot conversion versus temperature chart **15**
- $A \rightleftharpoons R$ $\Delta G^\circ_{298} = -14130\text{ J/mol}$ $\Delta H^\circ_{298} = -75300\text{ J/mol}$
 $C_{pA} = C_{pR} = \text{constant}$
- What restrictions should be placed on the reactor operating isothermally if we are to obtain a conversion of 75% or higher?
- (b) Explain optimum temperature progression wrt reversible exothermic reaction? **05**
