

## CH : CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Duration: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

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7. Questions Q.1 – Q.25 carry 1-mark each, and questions Q.26 – Q.55 carry 2-marks each.
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**Q. 1 – Q. 25 carry one mark each.**

Q.1 Match the polymerisation mechanisms in **Group I** with the corresponding polymers in **Group II**

**GROUP I**

- P. Chain growth/addition polymerisation  
Q. Step growth/condensation polymerisation

**GROUP II**

- I. Polyethylene  
II. Polyvinyl chloride  
III. Polyethylene terephthalate

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(A) P – III; Q – I,II

(B) P – I,II; Q – III

(C) P – II,III; Q – I

(D) P – I; Q – II,III

Q.2 Which **ONE** of the following sequences is arranged according to **INCREASING** calorific value?

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(A) Producer gas, Natural gas, Water gas

(B) Natural gas, Producer gas, Water gas

(C) Producer gas, Water gas, Natural gas

(D) Water gas, Natural gas, Producer gas

Q.3 The **CORRECT** sequence of process equipment used in the production of sulphuric acid from sulphur by contact process is

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(A) burner, catalytic converter, 98% sulphuric acid absorption tower, oleum absorption column

(B) catalytic converter, oleum absorption column, 98% sulphuric acid absorption tower, burner

(C) burner, catalytic converter, oleum absorption column, 98% sulphuric acid absorption tower

(D) burner, oleum absorption column, catalytic converter, 98% sulphuric acid absorption tower

Q.4 Hydrotreating is used for

(A) removal of water from crude oil

(B) treatment of crude oil with water

(C) improving octane number of gasoline

(D) removal of sulphur and nitrogen from petroleum fractions

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Q.5 Zeolite ZSM-5 is added to commercial FCC catalyst for

(A) promoting SO<sub>2</sub> reduction

(B) promoting CO oxidation

(C) improving tolerance to metal content in feed

(D) enhancing Octane number

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Q.6 Minimum input required to calculate the 'blank diameter' for a torispherical head is

- (A) crown radius
- (B) crown radius, knuckle radius and length of straight flange
- (C) knuckle radius and length of straight flange
- (D) crown radius and knuckle radius

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Q.7 Match the process parameters in **Group I** with the measuring instruments in **Group II**

**GROUP I**

- P. Flame temperature
- Q. Composition of LPG
- R. Liquid air temperature

**GROUP II**

- I. Thermocouple
- II. Radiation pyrometer
- III. Gas chromatograph

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- (A) P – III, Q – I, R – II
- (B) P – I, Q – III, R – II
- (C) P – II, Q – III, R – I
- (D) P – II, Q – I, R – III

Q.8 The range of standard current signal in process instruments is 4 to 20 mA. Which **ONE** of the following is the reason for choosing the minimum signal as 4 mA instead of 0 mA?

- (A) To minimise resistive heating in instruments
- (B) To distinguish between signal failure and minimum signal condition
- (C) To ensure a smaller difference between maximum and minimum signal
- (D) To ensure compatibility with other instruments

Q.9 Minimum work ( $W$ ) required to separate a binary gas mixture at a temperature  $T_0$  and pressure  $P_0$  is

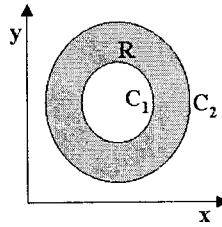
$$W = -RT_0 \left[ y_1 \ln \left( \frac{\hat{f}_1}{f_{pure,1}} \right) + y_2 \ln \left( \frac{\hat{f}_2}{f_{pure,2}} \right) \right]$$

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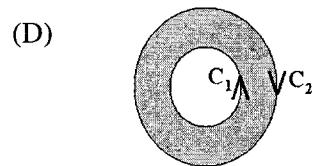
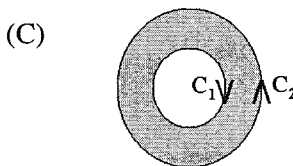
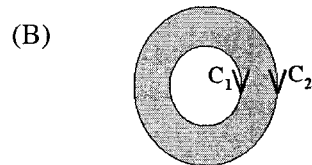
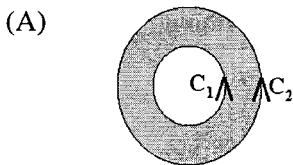
where  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are mole fractions,  $f_{pure,1}$  and  $f_{pure,2}$  are fugacities of pure species at  $T_0$  and  $P_0$ , and  $\hat{f}_1$  and  $\hat{f}_2$  are fugacities of species in the mixture at  $T_0$ ,  $P_0$  and  $y_1$ . If the mixture is ideal then  $W$  is

- (A) 0
- (B)  $-RT_0 [y_1 \ln y_1 + y_2 \ln y_2]$
- (C)  $RT_0 [y_1 \ln y_1 + y_2 \ln y_2]$
- (D)  $RT_0$

- Q.10  $R$  is a closed planar region as shown by the shaded area in the figure below. Its boundary  $C$  consists of the circles  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .



If  $F_1(x, y)$ ,  $F_2(x, y)$ ,  $\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x}$  are all continuous everywhere in  $R$ , Green's theorem states that  $\iint_R \left( \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \right) dx dy = \oint_C (F_1 dx + F_2 dy)$ . Which **ONE** of the following alternatives **CORRECTLY** depicts the direction of integration along  $C$ ?



- Q.11 Which **ONE** of the following functions  $y(x)$  has the slope of its tangent equal to  $\frac{ax}{y}$ ?

*Note:  $a$  and  $b$  are real constants*

(A)  $y = \frac{x+b}{a}$       (B)  $y = ax + b$       (C)  $y = \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + b}{a}}$       (D)  $y = \sqrt{ax^2 + b}$

- Q.12 Let  $\lambda_1 = -1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 3$  be the eigenvalues and  $\underline{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\underline{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  be the corresponding eigenvectors of a real  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\underline{R}$ . Given that  $\underline{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{V}_1 & \underline{V}_2 \end{pmatrix}$ , which **ONE** of the following matrices represents  $\underline{P}^{-1} \underline{R} \underline{P}$ ?

(A)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$       (B)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$       (C)  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$       (D)  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Q.13 The partial molar enthalpies of mixing (in J/mol) for benzene (component 1) and cyclohexane (component 2) at 300 K and 1 bar are given by  $\overline{\Delta H}_1 = 3600x_2^2$  and  $\overline{\Delta H}_2 = 3600x_1^2$ , where  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the mole fractions. When **ONE** mole of benzene is added to **TWO** moles of cyclohexane, the enthalpy change (in J) is

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- (A) 3600                      (B) 2400                      (C) 2000                      (D) 800

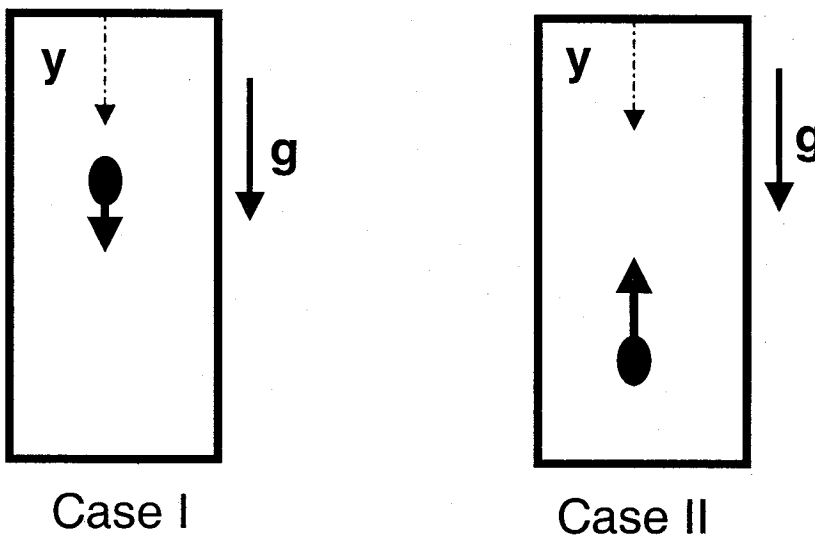
Q.14 One mole of methane is contained in a leak proof piston–cylinder assembly at 8 bar and 1000 K. The gas undergoes isothermal expansion to 4 bar under reversible conditions. Methane can be considered as an ideal gas under these conditions. The value of universal gas constant is  $8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ . The heat transferred (in kJ) during the process is

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- (A) 11.52                      (B) 5.76                      (C) 4.15                      (D) 2.38

Q.15 Consider the following two cases of movement of particles. In Case I, the particle moves along the positive y-direction and in Case II, the particle moves along negative y-direction. Gravity acts along the positive y-direction. Which **ONE** of the following options corresponds to the **CORRECT** directions of buoyancy acting on the particles?

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- (A) Positive y-direction for both the cases  
 (B) Negative y-direction for Case I, positive y-direction for Case II  
 (C) Negative y-direction for both the cases  
 (D) Positive y-direction for Case I, negative y-direction for Case II

Q.16 Match the pumps in **Group I** with the corresponding fluids in **Group II**.

**GROUP I**

- P. Gear pump  
Q. Peristaltic pump

**GROUP II**

- I. Highly viscous liquid  
II. Aqueous sterile liquid  
III. Slurry

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(A) P – III, Q – I

(B) P – II, Q – I

(C) P – III, Q – II

(D) P – I, Q – II

Q.17 Consider two black bodies with surfaces  $S_1$  (area =  $1 \text{ m}^2$ ) and  $S_2$  (area =  $4 \text{ m}^2$ ). They exchange heat only by radiation. 40% of the energy emitted by  $S_1$  is received by  $S_2$ . The fraction of energy emitted by  $S_2$  that is received by  $S_1$  is

(A) 0.05

(B) 0.1

(C) 0.4

(D) 0.6

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Q.18 In film type condensation over a vertical tube, local heat transfer coefficient is

(A) inversely proportional to local film thickness

(B) directly proportional to local film thickness

(C) equal to local film thickness

(D) independent of local film thickness

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Q.19 Ammonia (component 1) is evaporating from a partially filled bottle into surrounding air (component 2). The liquid level in the bottle and the concentration of ammonia at the top of the bottle are maintained constant.  $N_i$  is the molar flux relative to a fixed location in space and  $J_i$  is the molar flux with respect to the average molar velocity of the constituent species in the gas phase. Assume that air in the bottle is stagnant. Which **ONE** of the following is **CORRECT**?

(A)  $N_1 = \text{constant}, N_2 = 0, J_1 + J_2 = 0$ (B)  $N_1 + N_2 = 0, J_1 + J_2 = 0$ (C)  $N_1 + N_2 = 0, J_1 = \text{constant}, J_2 = 0$ (D)  $N_1 = \text{constant}, N_2 = 0, J_1 = \text{constant}, J_2 = 0$ 

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Q.20 Simultaneous heat and mass transfer is occurring in a fluid flowing over a flat plate. The flow is laminar. The concentration boundary layer will **COINCIDE** with the thermal boundary layer, when

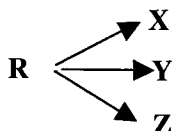
(A)  $Sc = Nu$ (B)  $Sh = Nu$ (C)  $Sh = Pr$ (D)  $Sc = Pr$ 

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- Q.21 Consider an irreversible, solid catalysed, liquid phase first order reaction. The diffusion and the reaction resistances are comparable. The overall rate constant ( $k_o$ ) is related to the overall mass transfer coefficient ( $k_m$ ) and the reaction rate constant ( $k$ ) as

(A)  $k_o = \frac{kk_m}{k + k_m}$       (B)  $k_o = \frac{k + k_m}{kk_m}$       (C)  $k_o = \frac{k + k_m}{2}$       (D)  $k_o = k + k_m$

- Q.22 Reactant **R** forms three products **X**, **Y** and **Z** irreversibly, as shown below.



The reaction rates are given by  $r_X = k_X C_R$ ,  $r_Y = k_Y C_R^{1.5}$  and  $r_Z = k_Z C_R$ . The activation energies for formation of **X**, **Y** and **Z** are 40, 40 and 5 kJ/mol respectively. The pre-exponential factors for all reactions are nearly same. The desired conditions for **MAXIMIZING** the yield of **X** are

- (A) high temperature, high concentration of **R**      (B) high temperature, low concentration of **R**  
 (C) low temperature, high concentration of **R**      (D) low temperature, low concentration of **R**
- Q.23 In an orifice meter, if the pressure drop across the orifice is overestimated by 5%, then the **PERCENTAGE** error in the measured flow rate is

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- (A) +2.47      (B) +5      (C) -2.47      (D) -5

- Q.24 Two systems are available for compressing 6 m<sup>3</sup>/hr of ambient air to 10 bar. The first one uses a single stage compressor (K1) and the second one uses a multistage compressor with inter-stage cooling (K2). Which **ONE** of the following statements is **INCORRECT**?

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- (A) K2 will have knockout pots in between the stages  
 (B) Discharge temperature of K1 will be higher than that of K2  
 (C) K2 will consume more power than K1  
 (D) Cost of K2 will be more than that of K1
- Q.25 In a thin-walled cylindrical vessel of thickness  $t$  with inside radius  $r$ , the internal gauge pressure is  $p$ . The hoop stress and the longitudinal stress in the shell are  $\sigma_h$  and  $\sigma_l$  respectively. Which **ONE** of the following statements is **TRUE**?

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- (A)  $\sigma_h = \frac{pr}{t}$ ,  $\sigma_l = \frac{pr}{4t}$       (B)  $\sigma_h = \frac{pr}{4t}$ ,  $\sigma_l = \frac{pr}{t}$   
 (C)  $\sigma_h = \frac{pr}{2t}$ ,  $\sigma_l = \frac{pr}{t}$       (D)  $\sigma_h = \frac{pr}{t}$ ,  $\sigma_l = \frac{pr}{2t}$

**Q. 26 to Q. 55 carry two marks each.**

- Q.26 Unit vectors in  $x$  and  $z$  directions are  $\underline{i}$  and  $\underline{k}$  respectively. Which **ONE** of the following is the directional derivative of the function  $F(x, z) = \ln(x^2 + z^2)$  at the point P: (4,0), in the direction of  $(\underline{i} - \underline{k})$ ?

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- (A)  $\frac{\underline{i}}{2\sqrt{2}}$  (B)  $\underline{i}$  (C) 1 (D)  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$

- Q.27 Which **ONE** of the following choices is a solution of the differential equation given below?

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2}{x} + \frac{y}{x} - \frac{2}{x}$$

Note:  $c$  is a real constant

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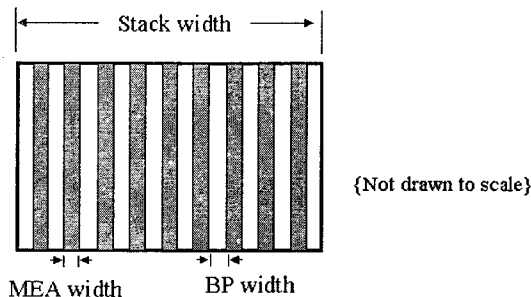
- (A)  $y = \frac{c - x^2}{c + 2x^2}$  (B)  $y = \frac{c + 2x^2}{c - x^2}$   
 (C)  $y = \frac{c - x^3}{c + 2x^3}$  (D)  $y = \frac{c + 2x^3}{c - x^3}$

- Q.28 The value of the improper integral  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)}$  is

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- (A)  $-2\pi$  (B) 0 (C)  $\pi$  (D)  $2\pi$

- Q.29 Fuel cell stacks are made of **NINE** membrane electrode assemblies (MEAs) interleaved between **TEN** bipolar plates (BPs) as illustrated below. The width of a membrane electrode assembly and a bipolar plate are normally distributed with  $\mu_{MEA} = 0.15$ ,  $\sigma_{MEA} = 0.01$  and  $\mu_{BP} = 5$ ,  $\sigma_{BP} = 0.1$  respectively. The widths of the different layers are independent of each other.



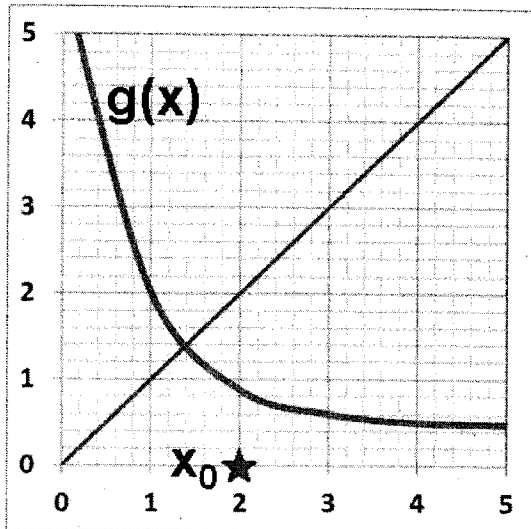
Which **ONE** of the following represents the **CORRECT** values of  $(\mu_{stack}, \sigma_{stack})$  for the overall fuel cell stack width?

- (A) (51.35, 0.32) (B) (51.35, 1.09) (C) (5.15, 0.10) (D) (5.15, 0.11)

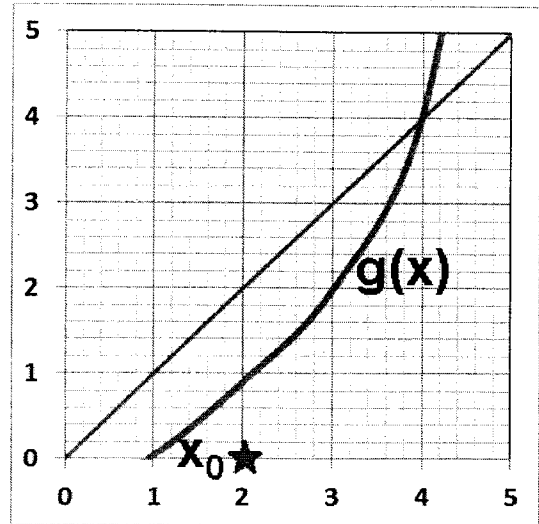


- Q.30 In the fixed point iteration method for solving equations of the form  $x = g(x)$ , the  $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$  iteration value is  $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$ , where  $x_n$  represents the  $n^{\text{th}}$  iteration value.  $g(x)$  and corresponding initial guess value  $x_0$  in the domain of interest are shown in the following choices. Which **ONE** of these choices leads to a converged solution for  $x$ ?

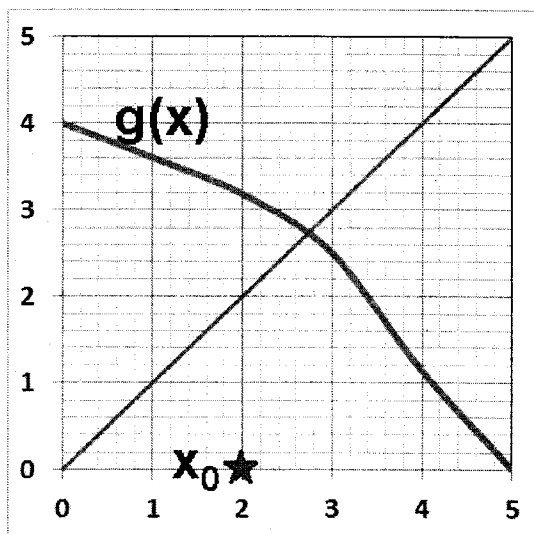
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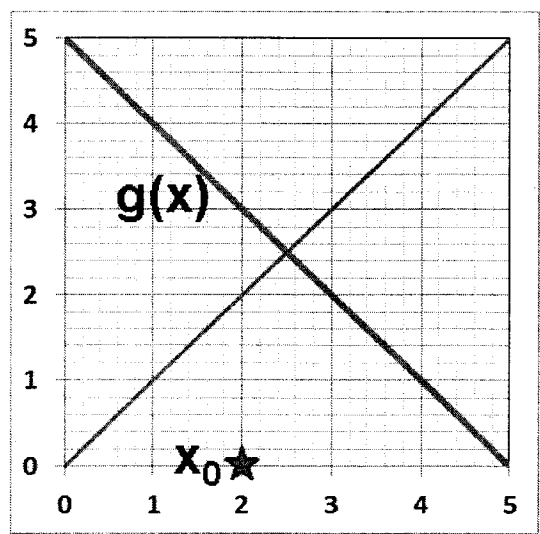
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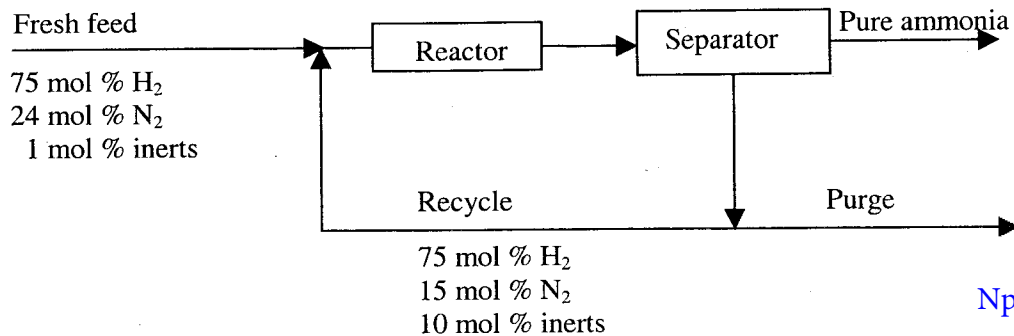


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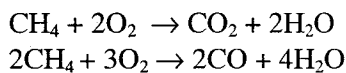
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- Q.31 Ammonia is synthesised at 200 bar and 773 K by the reaction  $\text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \rightleftharpoons 2\text{NH}_3$ . The yield of ammonia is 0.45 mol/mol of fresh feed. Flow sheet for the process (along with available compositions) is shown below.



The single pass conversion for  $\text{H}_2$  in the reactor is 20 %. The amount of  $\text{H}_2$  lost in the purge as a **PERCENTAGE** of  $\text{H}_2$  in fresh feed is

- (A) 10                      (B) 20                      (C) 45                      (D) 55
- Q.32 The following combustion reactions occur when methane is burnt.



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20 % excess air is supplied to the combustor. The conversion of methane is 80 % and the molar ratio of CO to  $\text{CO}_2$  in the flue gas is 1:3. Assume air to have 80 mol %  $\text{N}_2$  and rest  $\text{O}_2$ . The  $\text{O}_2$  consumed as a **PERCENTAGE** of  $\text{O}_2$  entering the combustor is

- (A) 20                      (B) 62.5                      (C) 80                      (D) 83.3
- Q.33 Consider a binary mixture of methyl ethyl ketone (component 1) and toluene (component 2). At 323 K the activity coefficients  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are given by

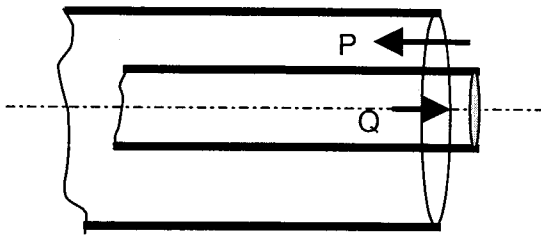
$$\ln \gamma_1 = x_2^2(\psi_1 - \psi_2 + 4\psi_2 x_1), \quad \ln \gamma_2 = x_1^2(\psi_1 + \psi_2 - 4\psi_2 x_2)$$

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where  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the mole fractions in the liquid mixture, and  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  are parameters independent of composition. At the same temperature, the infinite dilution activity coefficients,  $\gamma_1^\infty$  and  $\gamma_2^\infty$  are given by  $\ln \gamma_1^\infty = 0.4$  and  $\ln \gamma_2^\infty = 0.2$ . The vapour pressures of methyl ethyl ketone and toluene at 323 K are 36.9 and 12.3 kPa respectively. Assuming that the vapour phase is ideal, the equilibrium pressure (in kPa) of a liquid mixture containing 90 mol % toluene is

- (A) 19                      (B) 18                      (C) 16                      (D) 15                      Nptel Reference 2

- Q.34 Two liquids (P and Q) having same viscosity are flowing through a double pipe heat exchanger as shown in the schematic below.



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Densities of P and Q are  $1000$  and  $800 \text{ kg/m}^3$  respectively. The average velocities of the liquids P and Q are  $1$  and  $2.5 \text{ m/s}$  respectively. The inner diameters of the pipes are  $0.31$  and  $0.1 \text{ m}$ . Both pipes are  $5 \text{ mm}$  thick. The ratio of the Reynolds numbers  $Re_P$  to  $Re_Q$  is

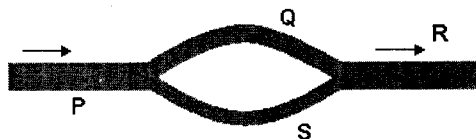
- (A) 2.5                      (B) 1.55                      (C) 1                      (D) 4
- Q.35 The particle size distributions of the feed and collected solids (sampled for same duration) for a gas cyclone are given below.

Size range ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	1–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–25	25–30
Weight of feed in the size range (g)	2.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	3.0	1.0
Weight of collected solids in the size range (g)	0.1	0.7	3.6	5.5	2.9	1.0

What is the collection efficiency (in **PERCENTAGE**) of the gas cyclone?

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- (A) 31                      (B) 60                      (C) 65                      (D) 69
- Q.36 A liquid is flowing through the following piping network. The length of pipe sections P, Q, R and S shown in the schematic are equal. The diameters of the sections P and R are equal and the diameter of the section Q is twice that of S. The flow is steady and laminar. Neglecting curvature and entrance effects, the ratio of the volumetric flow rate in the pipe section Q to that in S is



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- (A) 16                      (B) 8                      (C) 2                      (D) 1

Q.37 Oil at 120 °C is used to heat water at 30 °C in a 1–1 co-current shell and tube heat exchanger. The available heat exchange area is  $S_1$ . The exit temperatures of the oil and the water streams are 90 °C and 60 °C respectively. The co-current heat exchanger is replaced by a 1–1 counter-current heat exchanger having heat exchange area  $S_2$ . If the exit temperatures and the overall heat transfer coefficients are same, the ratio of  $S_1$  to  $S_2$  is Nptel Reference 1

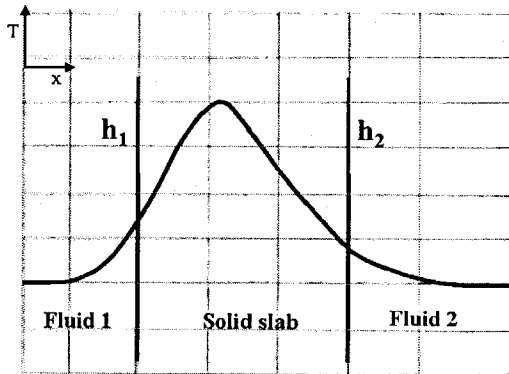
- (A)  $\infty$                       (B) 1.1                      (C) 0.91                      (D) 0 Nptel Reference 2

Q.38 An aqueous sodium chloride solution (10 wt %) is fed into a single effect evaporator at a rate of 10000 kg/hr. It is concentrated to a 20 wt % sodium chloride solution. The rate of consumption of steam in the evaporator is 8000 kg/hr. The evaporator capacity (kg/hr) and economy are Nptel Reference

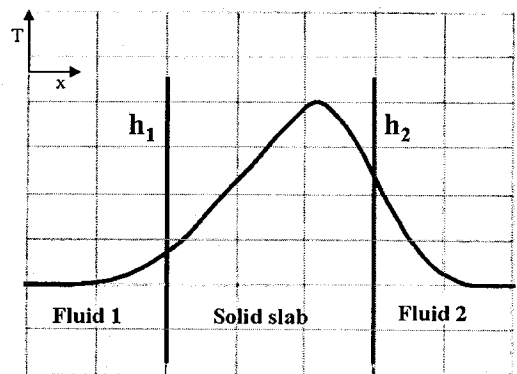
- (A) 5000, 0.625              (B) 10000, 0.625              (C) 5000, 1.6              (D) 10000, 1.6

Q.39 Heat is generated uniformly within a solid slab. The slab separates fluid 1 from fluid 2. The heat transfer coefficients between the solid slab and the fluids are  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  ( $h_2 > h_1$ ) respectively. The steady state temperature profile (T vs. x) for one-dimensional heat transfer is **CORRECTLY** shown by Nptel Reference

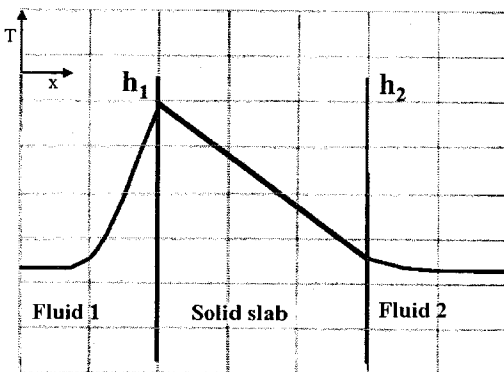
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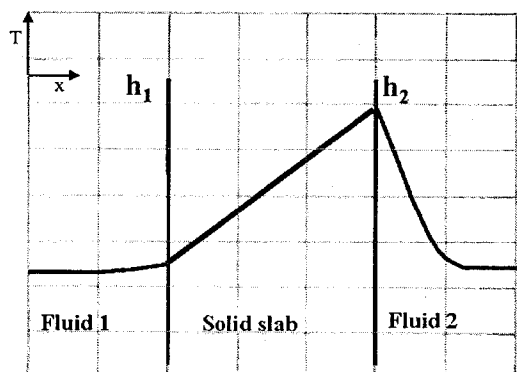
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Q.40 A gas mixture is in contact with a liquid. Component P in the gas mixture is highly soluble in the liquid. Possible concentration profiles during absorption of P are shown in the choices, where

$x$  : mole fraction of P in bulk liquid

$y$  : mole fraction of P in bulk gas

$x_i$  : mole fraction of P at the interface in liquid

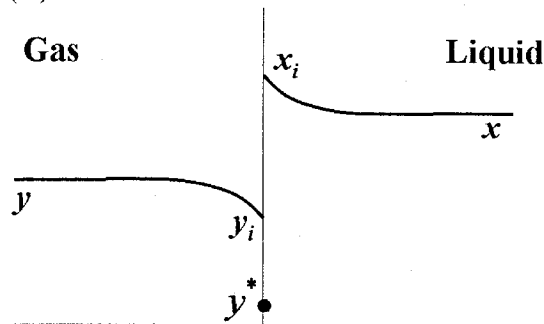
$y_i$  : mole fraction of P at the interface in gas

$y^*$ : equilibrium gas phase mole fraction corresponding to  $x_i$

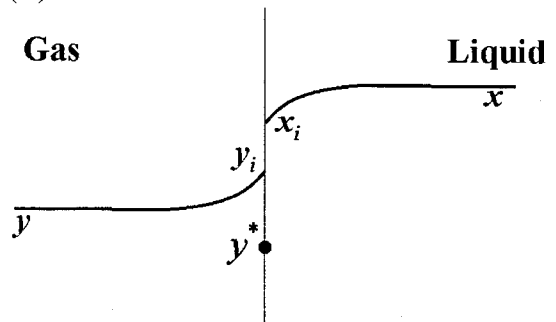
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The **CORRECT** profile is

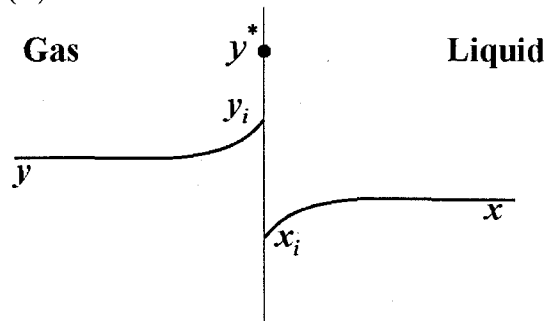
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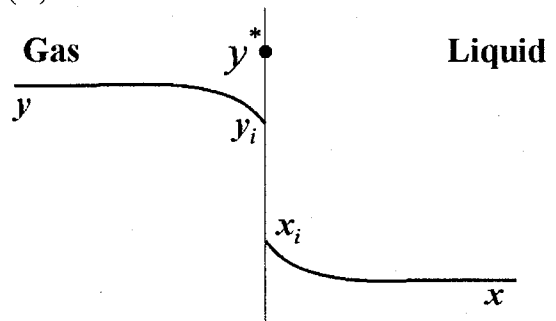
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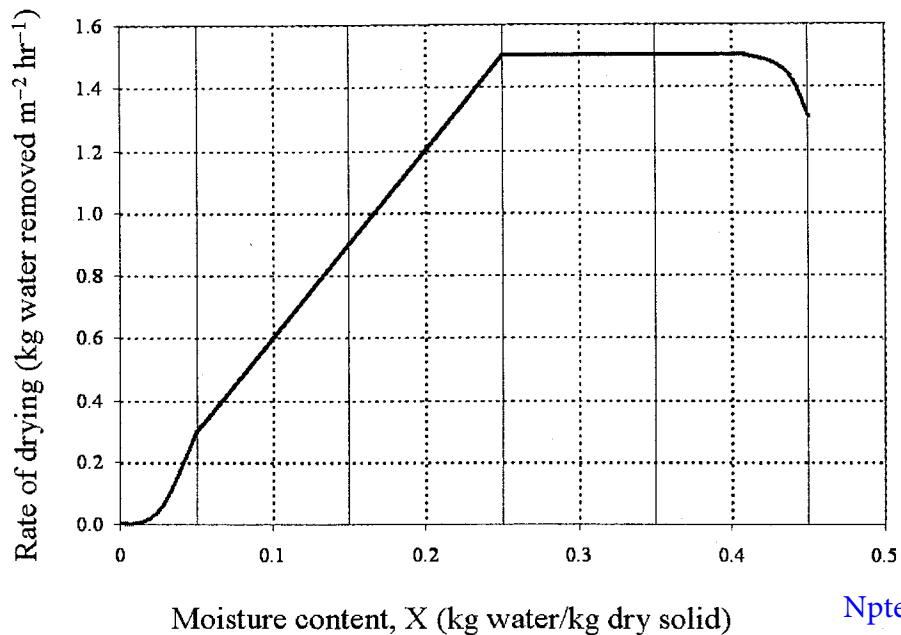
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(D)



- Q.41 A batch of 120 kg wet solid has initial moisture content of 0.2 kg water/kg dry solid. The exposed area for drying is  $0.05 \text{ m}^2/\text{kg dry solid}$ . The rate of drying follows the curve given below.



[Nptel Reference 1](#)

[Nptel Reference 2](#)

The time required (in hours) for drying this batch to a moisture content of 0.1 kg water/kg dry solid is

- (A) 0.033                      (B) 0.43                      (C) 0.6                      (D) 2.31

- Q.42 For a first order catalytic reaction the Thiele modulus ( $\phi$ ) of a spherical pellet is defined as

$$\phi = \frac{R_p}{3} \sqrt{\frac{k\rho_p}{D_e}}$$

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where

$\rho_p$  = pellet density

$R_p$  = pellet radius

$D_e$  = effective diffusivity

$k$  = first order reaction rate constant

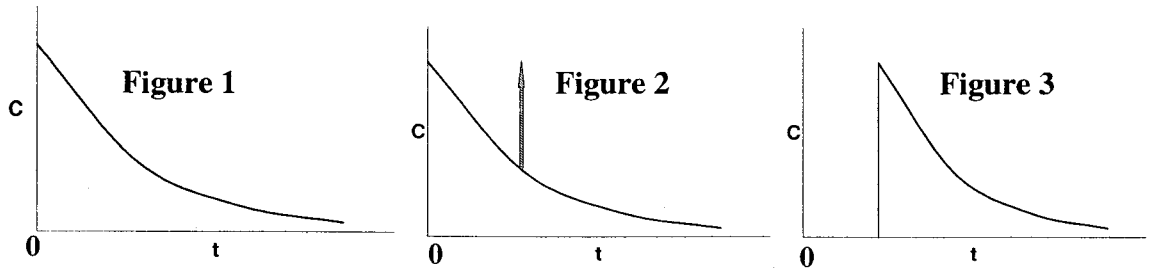
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If  $\phi > 5$ , then the apparent activation energy ( $E_a$ ) is related to the intrinsic (or true) activation energy ( $E$ ) as

[Nptel Reference 3](#)

- (A)  $E_a = E^{0.5}$                       (B)  $E_a = 0.5E$                       (C)  $E_a = 2E$                       (D)  $E_a = E^2$

Q.43 The following figures show the outlet tracer concentration profiles ( $c$  vs.  $t$ ) for a pulse input.



Match the figures in **Group I** with the reactor configurations in **Group II**.

[Nptel Reference 1](#)

**GROUP I**

- P. Figure 1
- Q. Figure 2
- R. Figure 3

**GROUP II**

- I. PFR
- II. CSTR
- III. PFR and CSTR in series
- IV. PFR and CSTR in parallel

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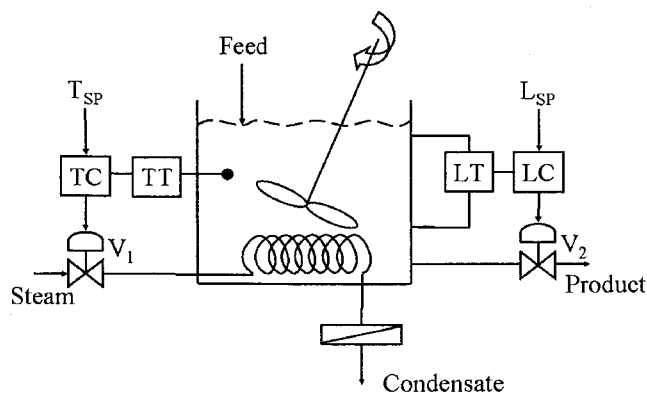
(A) P – II, Q – IV, R – III

(B) P – IV, Q – III, R – I

(C) P – III, Q – IV, R – II

(D) P – I, Q – III, R – II

Q.44 The following diagram shows a CSTR with two control loops. A liquid phase, endothermic reaction is taking place in the CSTR, and the system is initially at steady state. Assume that the changes in physical properties of the system are negligible.



TC: Temperature controller, LC: Level controller, TT: Temperature transmitter, LT: Level transmitter,  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ : Control valves

Which **ONE** of the following statements is **TRUE**?

- (A) Changing the level controller set point affects the opening of  $V_2$  **ONLY**
- (B) Changing the temperature controller set point affects the opening of  $V_2$  **ONLY**
- (C) Changing the temperature controller set point affects the opening of **BOTH**  $V_1$  and  $V_2$
- (D) Changing the level controller set point affects the opening of **BOTH**  $V_1$  and  $V_2$

Q.45 A process plant has a life of 7 years and its salvage value is 30 %. For what **MINIMUM** fixed-percentage factor will the depreciation amount for the second year, calculated by declining balance method be **EQUAL** to that calculated by the straight line depreciation method? [Nptel Reference 1](#)

- (A) 0.1 (B) 0.113 (C) 0.527 (D) 0.887 [Nptel Reference 2](#)

Q.46 A continuous fractionator system is being designed. The following cost figures are estimated for a reflux ratio of 1.4.

Fixed cost including all accessories (Rs.) for			Operating cost (Rs./year) for	
column	condenser	reboiler	condenser cooling water	reboiler heating steam
$6 \times 10^6$	$2 \times 10^6$	$4 \times 10^6$	$8 \times 10^6$	$1 \times 10^6$

The annualised fixed charge is 15 % of the fixed cost. The total annualised cost (in Rs.) is

- (A)  $10.8 \times 10^6$  (B)  $13.35 \times 10^6$  (C)  $15.9 \times 10^6$  (D)  $3.15 \times 10^6$  [Nptel Reference 1](#)
- [Nptel Reference 2](#)

Q.47 Match the reactions in **Group I** with the products in **Group II**.

**GROUP I**

- P. Ammoxidation  
Q. Nitration  
R. Dehydrogenation  
S. Oxidation

**GROUP II**

- I. Aniline from benzene  
II. Benzoic acid from toluene  
III. Acrylonitrile from propylene  
IV. Styrene from ethylbenzene

(A) P – III, Q – I, R – IV, S – II

(B) P – IV, Q – I, R – III, S – II

(C) P – I, Q – III, R – IV, S – II

(D) P – I, Q – II, R – III, S – IV

[Nptel Reference 1](#)

[Nptel Reference 2](#)

[Nptel Reference 3](#)



## Common Data Questions

### Common Data for Questions 48 and 49:

For a liquid flowing through a packed bed, the pressure drop per unit length of the bed  $\frac{\Delta P}{L}$  is

$$\frac{\Delta P}{L} = \frac{150\mu_f \bar{V}_0 (1-\varepsilon)^2}{(\phi_s \bar{d}_p)^2 \varepsilon^3} + \frac{1.75\rho_f \bar{V}_0^2 (1-\varepsilon)}{\phi_s \bar{d}_p \varepsilon^3}$$

where  $\bar{V}_0$  is the superficial liquid velocity,  $\varepsilon$  is the bed porosity,  $\bar{d}_p$  is average particle size,  $\phi_s$  is particle sphericity,  $\rho_f$  is liquid density and  $\mu_f$  is liquid viscosity.

**Given data :**  $\bar{d}_p = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ ,  $\phi_s = 0.8$ ,  $\rho_f = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,  $\mu_f = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  
particle density,  $\rho_p = 2500 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and acceleration due to gravity,  $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

Q.48 When  $\bar{V}_0$  is 0.005 m/s and  $\varepsilon = 0.5$ , which **ONE** of the following is the **CORRECT** value for the ratio of the viscous loss to the kinetic energy loss?

- (A) 0.09                      (B) 1.07                      (C) 10.71                      (D) 93

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[Nptel Reference 2](#)

[Nptel Reference 3](#)

Q.49 On further increasing  $\bar{V}_0$ , incipient fluidisation is achieved. Assuming that the porosity of the bed remains unaltered, the pressure drop per unit length (in Pa/m) under incipient fluidisation condition is

- (A) 3675                      (B) 7350                      (C) 14700                      (D) 73501

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[Nptel Reference 2](#)

[Nptel Reference 3](#)

### Common Data for Questions 50 and 51:

A binary feed mixture containing equimolar quantities of components S and T is to be distilled in a fractionating tower at atmospheric pressure. The distillate contains 96 mol % S. The  $q$ -line (feed line) intersects the equilibrium line at  $x' = 0.46$  and  $y' = 0.66$ , where  $x'$  and  $y'$  are mole fractions. Assume that the McCabe–Thiele method is applicable and the relative volatility is constant.

Q.50 The **MINIMUM** reflux ratio is

- (A) 1.6                      (B) 1.5                      (C) 0.66                      (D) 0.6

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[Nptel Reference 2](#)

Q.51 The feed is

- (A) at dew point                      (B) at bubble point  
(C) superheated vapour                      (D) partially vapour

[Nptel Reference](#)

## Linked Answer Questions

### Linked Answer Questions 52 and 53:

Q.52 In an aqueous solution, reaction  $P \rightarrow Q$  occurs under isothermal conditions following first order kinetics. The feed rate is  $500 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$  and concentration of P in the feed is  $1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/cm}^3$ . The reaction is carried out in a 5 litre CSTR. At steady state, 60 % conversion is observed. The rate constant (in  $\text{min}^{-1}$ ) is

[Nptel Reference](#)

- (A) 0.06                      (B) 0.15                      (C) 0.21                      (D) 0.28

Q.53 The 5 litre CSTR is replaced by five CSTRs in series. If the capacity of each new CSTR is 1 litre, then the overall conversion (in %) is

[Nptel Reference](#)

- (A) 65                      (B) 67                      (C) 73                      (D) 81

### Statement for Linked Answer Questions 54 and 55:

A PID controller output  $p(t)$ , in time domain, is given by

$$p(t) = 30 + 5e(t) + 1.25 \int_0^t e(t) dt + 15 \frac{de(t)}{dt}$$

where  $e(t)$  is the error at time  $t$ . The transfer function of the process to be controlled is

$$G_p(s) = \frac{10}{(200s + 1)}$$

The measurement of the controlled variable is instantaneous and accurate.

Q.54 The transfer function of the controller is

(A)  $\frac{5(12s^2 + 4s + 1)}{3s}$

(B)  $\frac{5(12s^2 + 3s + 1)}{3s}$

[Nptel Reference 1](#)

(C)  $\frac{5(12s^2 + 4s + 1)}{4s}$

(D)  $\frac{5(12s^2 + 3s + 1)}{4s}$

[Nptel Reference 2](#)

Q.55 The characteristic equation of the closed loop is

(A)  $6s^2 + 102s + 1 = 0$

(B)  $700s^2 + 102s + 25 = 0$

[Nptel Reference 1](#)

(C)  $100s^2 - 196s - 25 = 0$

(D)  $240s^3 + 812s^2 + 204s + 1 = 0$

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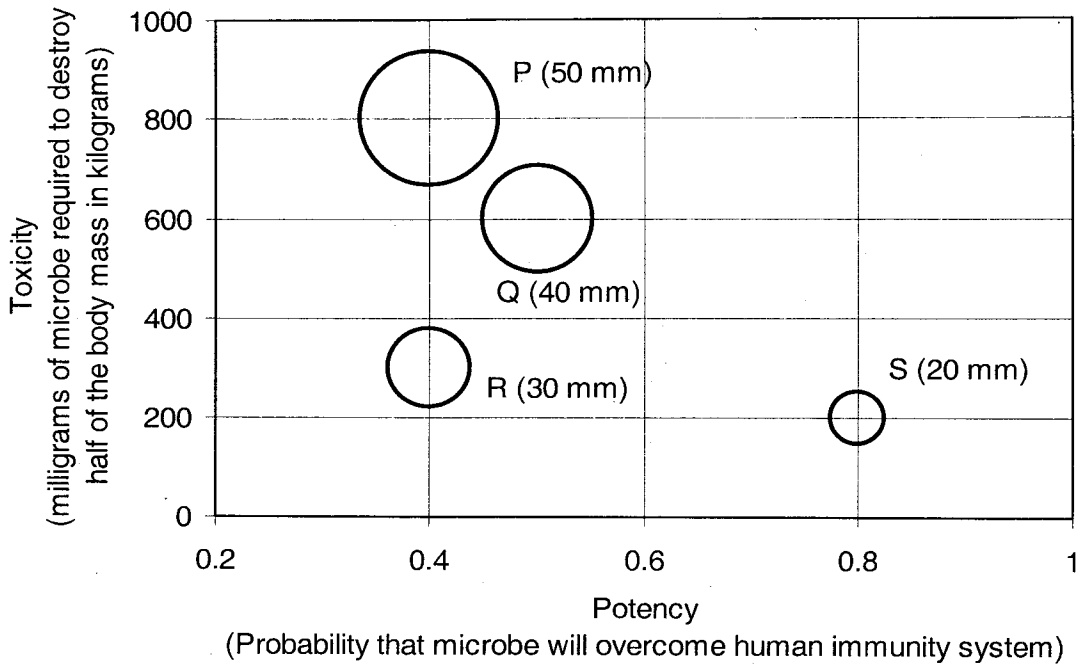
**General Aptitude (GA) Questions****Q. 56 – Q. 60 carry one mark each.**

- Q.56 Choose the most appropriate word(s) from the options given below to complete the following sentence.  
**I contemplated \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore for my vacation but decided against it.**
- (A) to visit  
(B) having to visit  
(C) visiting  
(D) for a visit
- Q.57 If  $\text{Log}(P) = (1/2)\text{Log}(Q) = (1/3)\text{Log}(R)$ , then which of the following options is **TRUE**?
- (A)  $P^2 = Q^3R^2$       (B)  $Q^2 = PR$       (C)  $Q^2 = R^3P$       (D)  $R = P^2Q^2$
- Q.58 Which of the following options is the closest in the meaning to the word below:  
**Inexplicable**
- (A) Incomprehensible  
(B) Indelible  
(C) Inextricable  
(D) Infallible
- Q.59 Choose the word from the options given below that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the given word:  
**Amalgamate**
- (A) merge  
(B) split  
(C) collect  
(D) separate
- Q.60 Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the following sentence.  
**If you are trying to make a strong impression on your audience, you cannot do so by being understated, tentative or \_\_\_\_\_.**
- (A) hyperbolic  
(B) restrained  
(C) argumentative  
(D) indifferent

**Q. 61 to Q. 65 carry two marks each.**

- Q.61 The variable cost (V) of manufacturing a product varies according to the equation  $V = 4q$ , where q is the quantity produced. The fixed cost (F) of production of same product reduces with q according to the equation  $F = 100/q$ . How many units should be produced to minimize the total cost (V+F)?
- (A) 5      (B) 4      (C) 7      (D) 6

Q.62 P, Q, R and S are four types of dangerous microbes recently found in a human habitat. The area of each circle with its diameter printed in brackets represents the growth of a single microbe surviving human immunity system within 24 hours of entering the body. The danger to human beings varies proportionately with the toxicity, potency and growth attributed to a microbe shown in the figure below:



A pharmaceutical company is contemplating the development of a vaccine against the most dangerous microbe. Which microbe should the company target in its first attempt?

- (A) P                      (B) Q                      (C) R                      (D) S

Q.63 Few school curricula include a unit on how to deal with bereavement and grief, and yet all students at some point in their lives suffer from losses through death and parting.

Based on the above passage which topic would not be included in a unit on bereavement?

- (A) how to write a letter of condolence  
 (B) what emotional stages are passed through in the healing process  
 (C) what the leading causes of death are  
 (D) how to give support to a grieving friend

Q.64 A container originally contains 10 litres of pure spirit. From this container 1 litre of spirit is replaced with 1 litre of water. Subsequently, 1 litre of the mixture is again replaced with 1 litre of water and this process is repeated one more time. How much spirit is now left in the container?

- (A) 7.58 litres              (B) 7.84 litres              (C) 7 litres              (D) 7.29 litres

Q.65 A transporter receives the same number of orders each day. Currently, he has some pending orders (backlog) to be shipped. If he uses 7 trucks, then at the end of the 4th day he can clear all the orders. Alternatively, if he uses only 3 trucks, then all the orders are cleared at the end of the 10th day. What is the minimum number of trucks required so that there will be no pending order at the end of the 5th day?

- (A) 4                      (B) 5                      (C) 6                      (D) 7

**END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**