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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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2 HOURS

Instructions to candidates:

This paper consist of **FIVE** questions

Answer question **ONE** (compulsory) and any other **TWO** questions

QUESTION ONE

- a) Differentiate between :-
- (i) Differential and sink/float setting methods
 - (ii) Pseudoplastic and dilatants fluids
 - (iii) Depth and surface filtration
- (12marks)**
- b) State :-
- (i) Characteristic of potential floor **(2marks)**
 - (ii) Factors affecting screen effectiveness **(3marks)**
- c) Sketch 1-2 heat exchanger and its temperature length curve **(3marks)**
- d) A quarts mixture was screened through a 10 mesh screen. The mass fraction of component A in feed, overflow and underflow was found to be 0.47, 0.85 and 0.195 respectively. Calculate mass flow rate of underflow and overflow to the feed. **(4marks)**
- e) A flat furnace is constructed with 0.714M layer of Sil-O- Cel brick with thermal conductivity of $0.138 \text{ w/m}^\circ\text{C}$. The temperature of inner face of the wall is 760°C and that

of outer wall is 76.6°C . Calculate temperature of interface between Sil-O-Cel brick and common brick. **(4marks)**

f) With the help of equation define permeability co-efficient **(2marks)**

QUESTION TWO

a) Define :-

(i) Mechanism of dialysis **(3marks)**

(ii) Asymmetric membrane **(2marks)**

(iii) Conduction as mechanism of heat transfer in solid and liquid **(3marks)**

b) Air at 20°C blows over what plate 50 by 75cm maintain at 350°C . Calculate rate of heat transfer given heat transfer co-efficient as $250 \text{ w/m}^{\circ}\text{C}$. **(4marks)**

c) Differentiate between ideal and actual screen. **(4marks)**

d) Define

(i) Viscosity

(ii) Fluid

(iii) Average temperature

(4marks)

QUESTION THREE

a) Explain pervaporation process **(4marks)**

b) 60mm bore tube of thickness 0.03mm thick was used as heat exchanger. Given thermal conductivity of material as $0.055 \text{ w/m}^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Calculate

(i) Log mean radius

(ii) Log mean area

(iii) Rate of heat transfer per unit length

(7marks)

c) Define sedimentation and classify sedimentation process. **(5marks)**

d) Differentiate between Turbulence and laminar flow **(4marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

a) The temperature of hot and cold fluid entering double pipe heat exchanger were 340K and 270K and respective exit temperature were 310K and 290K . Calculate log mean temperature difference if the two fluid flow in co-current manner. **(4marks)**

b) Outline

(i) Different techniques of crystallization

(ii) Objective of crystallization **(8marks)**

c) Define

- (i) Fraction crystallization
- (ii) Ideal rectification plate
- (iii) Mc-cable thiele method

(6marks)

d) Define distillation

(2marks)

QUESTION FIVE

a) Crude oil having density of 8.692g/cm^3 flows through three piping system. Pipe A 50mm with cross section area of $2.17 \times 10^{-3}\text{m}^2$, pipe B 75mm in diameter with cross sectional area of $4.77 \times 10^{-3}\text{m}^2$ and two pipe C each with 38mm with cross sectioned area of $1.31 \times 10^{-3}\text{m}^2$. Equal quantity of liquid flows though pipe C the volumetric flow rate through pipe A is 6.65m^3 per hour calculate

- (i) The mass flow rate through pipe A **(3marks)**
- (ii) Velocity through pipe B **(2marks)**
- (iii) Mass velocity through pipe A **(2marks)**

b) Explain briefly:

- (i) Crystallization process
- (ii) Reverse cosmosis
- (iii) Batch sedimentation

(7marks)

c) Describe the working of vacuum crystallizer

(4marks)

d) Used stokes equation to explain how rate of sedimentation can be reduced. **(2marks)**