

# Gandhi Institute of Engineering and Technology University, Odisha, Gunupur (GIET University)

M.Tech. (Second Semester - Regular) Examinations, May – 2026

## 24MCHPC12002 – Advanced Reaction Engineering



Time: 3 hrs

Maximum: 60 Marks

**Answer ALL questions**

**(The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks)**

### PART – A

**(2 x 5 = 10 Marks)**

Q.1. Answer **ALL** questions

|                                                                                                      | CO # | Blooms Level |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------|
| a. Differentiate between space time and space velocity.                                              | CO1  | K2           |
| b. On doubling the concentration of reactant, the rate of reaction triples. Find the reaction order. | CO2  | K2           |
| c. Reaction with high activation energies are very temperature sensitive. Show in the diagram.       | CO3  | K2           |
| d. What is the significance of the Damkohler number?                                                 | CO4  | K2           |
| e. Differentiate between a catalyst promoter and deactivator.                                        | CO5  | K2           |

### PART – B

**(10 x 5 = 50 Marks)**

Answer **ALL** the questions

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| 2. a. Explain the concept of ideal reactors. Compare batch reactor, CSTR, and PFR in terms of design assumptions, flow pattern, and performance.                                                                                                 | 5     | CO1  | K2           |
| b. A first-order irreversible reaction is carried out in a batch reactor. The initial concentration of A is 2 mol/L, and the rate constant is 0.3 min <sup>-1</sup> . Calculate the time required for 80% conversion.                            | 5     | CO2  | K3           |
| (OR)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |              |
| c. Derive the design equation for a Continuous Stirred Tank Reactor (CSTR) for a first-order reaction. State the assumptions involved                                                                                                            | 5     | CO2  | K4           |
| d. A liquid-phase reaction $A \rightarrow B$ is carried out in a plug flow reactor with rate law $-r_A = kC_A$ , $k = 0.5 \text{ min}^{-1}$ . Feed concentration = 1 mol/L, flow rate = 2 L/min. Calculate the reactor volume for 75% conversion | 5     | CO2  | K3           |
| 3.a. Define yield and selectivity. Explain their importance in multiple reactions                                                                                                                                                                | 5     | CO1  | K2           |
| b. For a reaction $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$ , initial concentration of A = 2 mol/L, $k_1 = 0.4 \text{ min}^{-1}$ , $k_2 = 0.2 \text{ min}^{-1}$ . Calculate concentration of B at $t = 5 \text{ min}$ .                                    | 5     | CO2  | K3           |
| (OR)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |      |              |
| c. Derive the general reactor energy balance equation and explain each term.                                                                                                                                                                     | 5     | CO4  | K4           |
| d. A reactor operates with heat generation rate of 5000 J/min and heat removal rate of 3000 J/min. Calculate the net heat accumulation and comment on reactor temperature.                                                                       | 5     | CO4  | K3           |
| 4.a. Define Residence Time Distribution (RTD). Explain its significance in non-ideal reactor analysis.                                                                                                                                           | 5     | CO1  | K2           |
| b. Explain the segregated flow model and Zwietering's maximum mixedness model.                                                                                                                                                                   |       | CO4  | K4           |

(OR)

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| c. Classify the heterogeneous reactions based on phases.                                                                                                                                                                      | 5 | CO2 | K2 |
| d. For a reversible exothermic elementary catalytic reaction of the type.                                                                                                                                                     |   |     |    |
| $A \xrightleftharpoons[K_2]{K_1} R$ , find the optimum operating reaction temperature at a<br>conversion level, $X_A = 0.8$ .                                                                                                 | 5 | CO3 | K4 |
| Data: $K_1 = e^{(10 - 5000/T)}$ , $K_2 = e^{(40 - 15000/T)}$                                                                                                                                                                  |   |     |    |
| Maximum allowable temperature = 300 K.                                                                                                                                                                                        |   |     |    |
| 5.a. Explain the kinetics of gas–solid catalytic reactions. Distinguish between reactions with and without diffusion limitations.                                                                                             | 5 | CO1 | K2 |
| b. Describe the effectiveness factor and its significance in catalytic reactions.                                                                                                                                             | 5 | CO1 | K4 |
| (OR)                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |     |    |
| c. Discuss the design and hydrodynamics of fluidized bed reactors.                                                                                                                                                            | 5 | CO3 | K2 |
| d. In a packed bed reactor, inlet concentration = 2 mol/L and outlet concentration = 0.5 mol/L. If volumetric flow rate = 1 L/min and rate law is $-r_a = kC_a$ ( $k = 0.5 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ), calculate the reactor volume. | 5 | CO2 | K3 |
| 6.a. Explain the basic theories of mass transfer with chemical reaction in gas–liquid systems (film theory, penetration theory).                                                                                              | 5 | CO5 | K2 |
| b. Discuss the effect of reaction kinetics on mass transfer in gas–liquid systems (slow vs fast reactions).                                                                                                                   | 5 | CO4 | K4 |
| (OR)                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |     |    |
| c. Discuss model systems and model reactors used for studying gas–liquid reactions.                                                                                                                                           | 5 | CO6 | K4 |
| d. Explain the design and working of mechanically agitated reactors for gas–liquid systems                                                                                                                                    | 5 | CO6 | K4 |

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