



**B.TECH. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: NOV/DEC 2023**

(Regulation 2018)

Fifth Semester

**BIOTECHNOLOGY**

U18BTI5203:Heat and Mass Transport in Bioprocess

**COURSE OUTCOMES**

**CO1:** Outline the modes of heat of transfer

**CO2:** Design the heat transfer equipment in bioprocess industries

**CO3:** Illustrate the principles of diffusion and apply the concepts of interphase mass transfer in bioreactor

**CO4:** Apply the concept of distillation and drying in bioprocess

**CO5:** Comprehend the extraction separation in bioprocess

**CO6:** Interpret the membrane separation in bioprocess

**Time: Three Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the Questions**

**PART A (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)**

**(Answer not more than 40 words)**

1. The heat flux (from outside to inside) across an insulating wall with thermal conductivity  $k = 0.04 \text{ W/m K}$  and thickness  $0.16 \text{ m}$  is  $10 \text{ W/m}^2$ . The temperature of the inside wall is  $-5^\circ\text{C}$ . Calculate the outside wall temperature. CO1 [K<sub>3</sub>]
2. The thermal radiative flux from a surface of emissivity = 0.4 is  $22.68 \text{ kW/m}^2$  and Stefan Boltzmann's constant =  $5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}^4$ . Determine the approximate surface temperature. CO1 [K<sub>2</sub>]
3. A fluid is heated from  $40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $60^\circ\text{C}$  in a countercurrent, double pipe heat exchanger. Hot fluid enters at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  and exits at  $70^\circ\text{C}$ . Calculate the log mean temperature difference (in  $^\circ\text{C}$ ) (LMTD). CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]
4. An aqueous sodium chloride solution (10 wt %) is fed into a single effect evaporator at a rate of  $10000 \text{ kg/hr}$ . It is concentrated to a 20 wt % sodium chloride solution. The rate of consumption of steam in the evaporation is  $8000 \text{ kg/hr}$ . Evaluate the economy of evaporator. CO2 [K<sub>2</sub>]
5. List the factors affecting of oxygen transfer rate in bioreactor CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]
6. Outline the penetration theory by Higbie. CO3 [K<sub>1</sub>]
7. An equimolar mixture of A and B (A being more volatile) is flash distilled continuously at a feed rate of  $100 \text{ k mol/h}$ , such that the liquid product contains 40 mol% of A. If the relative volatility is 6, Calculate the vapor product, in  $\text{k mol/h}$ . CO4 [K<sub>2</sub>]
8. Define equilibrium moisture content. CO4 [K<sub>1</sub>]
9. What is meant by distribution coefficient? CO5 [K<sub>1</sub>]
10. Recall the different types of membrane and classifications. CO6 [K<sub>1</sub>]

**Answer any FIVE Questions**

**PART B (5 x 4 = 20 Marks)**

**(Answer not more than 80 words)**

11. The inner wall of a furnace is at a temperature of  $700^\circ\text{C}$ . The ambient air is at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  and the heat transfer coefficient between the outer surface of wall and air is  $20 \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ C}^{-1}$ . The composite wall is made of two substances, 10 and 20 cm thick with thermal conductivities of  $0.05$  and  $0.1 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ C}^{-1}$  respectively. Calculate rate of heat loss from the outer surface in  $\text{Wm}^{-2}$  CO1 [K<sub>3</sub>]
12. A perfectly insulated double pipe heat exchanger is operating at steady state at counter flow. Saturated steam enters the inner pipe at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  and leaves as saturated water at  $100^\circ\text{C}$ . Cooling water enters the outer pipe at  $75^\circ\text{C}$  and exits at  $95^\circ\text{C}$ . The overall heat transfer coefficient is  $1 \text{ kW m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1}$  and the heat transfer area is  $1 \text{ m}^2$ . The average specific heat capacity of water at constant pressure is  $4.2 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ . Calculate the required cooling water flow rate in  $\text{kg s}^{-1}$ . CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]

13. Discuss about how would you optimize the mass transfer process to ensure efficient utilization of the substrate and enhance the product yield in the fermentation process CO3 [K<sub>3</sub>]
14. A mixture of benzene and toluene boils at 368 K (95°C) under a pressure of 101.325 kPa. Determine the composition of the boiling liquid assuming that mixture obeys Raoult's law. At 368 K (95°C), the vapour pressure of benzene is 155.56 kPa and that of toluene is 63.98 kPa CO4 [K<sub>3</sub>]
15. Illustrate the qualities to be consider for selecting a solvent for extraction. CO5 [K<sub>2</sub>]
16. Demonstrate the preparation of a porous membrane by track etching with neat diagram. CO6 [K<sub>2</sub>]

**Answer any FIVE Questions**

**PART C (5 x 12 = 60 Marks)**

**(Answer not more than 300 words)**

17. a) A circular tube of outer diameter 5 cm and inner diameter 4 cm is used to convey hot fluid. The inner surface of the wall of the tube is at a temperature of 80°C, while the outer surface of the wall of the tube is at 25°C. What is the rate of heat transport across the tube wall per meter length of the tube of steady state, if the thermal conductivity of the tube wall is 10 W/(m K)? 6 CO1 [K<sub>3</sub>]
- b) The bottom face of a horizontal slab of thickness 6 mm is maintained at 300 °C. The top face is exposed to flowing gas at 30 °C. The thermal conductivity of the slab is 5 W m K and the convective heat transfer coefficient is 30 W m<sup>-2</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>. At steady state, Calculate the temperature (in °C) of the top face. 6 CO1 [K<sub>3</sub>]
18. a) With a neat diagram, explain the plate heat exchangers and shell and tube heat exchangers. Highlight their advantages and disadvantages. 8 CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]
- b) Compare the principles of autoclaving and heat sterilization 4 CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]
19. a) Illustrate the various stages oxygen of transfer rate from the bulk phase to a cell within a bio reactor using on neat diagram. 6 CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]
- b) List the factors influencing oxygen transfer in a bioreactor and methods for measuring the oxygen mass transfer Co-efficient (K<sub>La</sub>). 6 CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]
20. a) A mixture of benzene and toluene containing 60 mole % benzene is to be separated to give a product of 95 mole % benzene and a bottom product containing 10 mole % benzene. The feed enters a column at its bubble point. It is proposed to operate the column with reflux ratio of 2.5. It is required to find the number of theoretical plates needed. Equilibrium data:

x	0	0.05	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
y	0	0.13	0.21	0.375	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.77	0.83	0.9	0.95	1.0

- b) A wet solid containing 20% (w/w) moisture (based on mass of a bone-dry solid) is dried in a tray dryer. The critical moisture content of the solid is 10% (w/w). The drying rate (kg m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) is constant for the first 4 hours and then decreases linearly to half the initial value in the next 1 hour. At the end of 5 hours of drying, calculate the percentage moisture content of the solid. 6 CO4 [K<sub>3</sub>]
21. a) Which type of extraction equipment is used for atomic energy work, petroleum and metallurgical industries? Extend the working principle with neat diagram. 6 CO5 [K<sub>2</sub>]
- b) 100 kg of a feed containing 50 wt.% of a solute C is contacted with 80 kg of a solvent containing 0.5 wt.% of C in a mixer-settler unit. From this operation, the resultant extract and raffinate phases contain 40 wt.% and 20 wt.% of C, respectively. If E and R denote the mass of the extract and raffinate phases, respectively, Calculate the ratio E/R. 6 CO5 [K<sub>3</sub>]
22. a) Summarize the basis of dead-end filtration and cross flow filtration in the membrane separation with neat sketch. 6 CO6 [K<sub>2</sub>]
- b) Explain the technique of pervaporation with neat flow diagram. 6 CO6 [K<sub>2</sub>]

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