Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission
Syllabus
Chemical Engineering
(Degree Standard)

Code: 405

Unit I: Chemical Process Calculations and Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics (25 Questions)

Properties of gases, liquids and solids, Humidity and saturation, Gas laws, steady and unsteady state material and Energy balances including multiphase- involving recycle, by-pass and purge systems, Material and Energy balance with reactions, use of tie components, Gibbs Phase rule and degree of freedom analysis. Laws of Thermodynamics and its applications- Thermodynamics functions - Chemical and Phase Equilibrium - Ideal and non-ideal gases and solutions – Equation of state and residual properties, compression of fluids, Second law and entropy, Chemical potentials, properties of mixtures- fugacity, partial molar properties, excess properties and activity coefficient. Predicting VLE of systems, Free Energy Change and Chemical Reaction Equilibrium.

Unit II: Mechanical Operations and Engineering Materials (20 Questions)

Characteristics of solids, laws of size Reduction, free and hindered settling, centrifuge and cyclone, thickeners and classifiers, Mixing and agitation, Filtration, Sedimentation. Conveying of solids. Materials of construction for chemical Industries, Metallic, Non-metallic, Polymeric and composite materials, Refractory, corrosion -prevention and control. Smart materials for Chemical Engineering applications- Nano and biomaterials.

Unit III: Chemical Technology and Renewable Energy Sources (20 Questions)

Acids, Fertilizers, marine Chemicals, Cement, Glass, Ceramic and Refractories, Petroleum Refining Products, Fermentation Products, Oils, Soaps and Detergents, Pulp and paper, Dyes, sugar, leather and rubber, polymer, pharmaceutical and food industries. Sustainable energy resources- solar, thermal, photoelectric, tidal, geothermal, nuclear, wind, bio-energy, sources, energy storage and conversion- battery and fuel Cells, Energy efficiency estimation.

Unit IV: Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer Operations (25 Questions)

Fluid Statics, Newtonian and Non-Newtonian fluids, Types of Manometers, Equation of continuity, Equation of motion, Bernoulli equation, Friction Factor, Dimensional analysis and similitude, Flow through pipes, velocity profiles, flow through fixed and fluidized beds, flow meters, Fans, blowers, pumps and compressors, Energy Equations, Modes of Heat transfers, Heat transfer with phase change, thermal insulation, thermal boundary layer and heat transfer coefficient. Design of heat exchangers- Double pipe, Shell and tube, single and multiple effect evaporators

Unit V: Mass Transfer and Separation Operations (25 Questions)

Fick's Laws, Diffusion, Mass Transfer Coefficient and theories of Mass Transfer, Momentum, heat and mass transfer analogies, Inter phase Mass transfer operations, HTU, NTU and HETP concepts, Design of equipment -Distillation column, Extraction, Adsorption, Absorption, Drying, humidification and de-humidification. Crystallization, Membrane separation processes - frame, tubular, spiral wound and hollow fibre membrane reactors, dialysis, reverse osmosis, nano/ultra filtration, microfiltration. Ion Exchange chromatography and electrodialysis, Separations involving pervaporation and permeation techniques for solids, liquids and gases, supercritical fluid extraction.

Unit VI: Chemical Reaction Engineering (20 Questions)

Reaction rates - laws - theories and analysis, homogeneous and heterogeneous reactions, single and multiple reactions in ideal reactors. Kinetics of enzyme reactions. Non ideal reactors - Residence time distribution, Single parameter model. Design of reactors- Isothermal and adiabatic fixed bed reactors, non-isothermal and non-adiabatic fixed bed reactors, fluidized bed reactors. Kinetics of heterogeneous catalytic reactions. Diffusion effects in catalysis- rate and performance equations for Catalyst deactivation.

Unit VII: Process Design, Instrumentation and Control (20 Questions)

Problem formulation, degree of freedom analysis, objective functions, Simplex method, Barrier method, sensitivity analysis, Convex and concave functions, unconstrained NLP, Newton's method, Quasi-Newton's method, Direct substitution, Quadratic programming, Cost estimation, Plant utilities, Heat exchanger networks, Pinch technology. Principles of measurements and classification of process instruments, measurement of process variables - Laplace transformation, application to solve ODEs. Open-loop systems, first order systems, first order systems in series, linearization and its application in process control, second order systems and their dynamics; transportation lag. Closed loop control systems, feed-back control systems, BODE diagram, stability criterion, frequency response, tuning of controller settings, cascade control, feed forward control, control of distillation towers and heat exchangers.

Unit VIII: Numerical and Computational Methods (15 Questions)

Curve fitting, Equations with real and rational Coefficients, Imaginary roots and irrational roots, Transformation of equations. Numerical solutions of linear and non linear algebraic equations- solution of initial value and boundary value, ordinary and non-linear differential equations, Integration of trapezoidal and Simpson rule. Solution of partial differential equations. Partial Differential equation – finite element, finite difference method - Matrix, determinants and properties – Elementary Row transformations algebraic equations; ordinary differential equations and non

homogeneous first order ordinary differential equations, rank of Matrix, Eigen value problems, Orthogonal and ortho normal vectors; Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization; Theorem for Eigen values and Eigen functions.

Unit IX: Environmental Engineering, Occupational Safety and Health in Chemical Industries (15 Questions)

Air, Water and soil pollution, causes, effects and remedies, Nuclear waste disposal, Noise control. Wastewater treatment by various methods: Chemical, biochemical and advanced oxidation process. Industrial hygiene, occupational safety & health in chemical industries, Industrial safety principles, site selection and plant layout, chemical hazards identification & classification, Safety in operations and processes, fire safety, hazard identification techniques, disposal of hazardous and toxic wastes, onsite and offsite emergency preparedness plan, safety audit, work permit system, roles and responsibilities of safety officers and welfare officers, occupational diseases.

Unit X: Professional Ethics, Laws & Legislations: (15 Questions)

Morals, values and Ethics – Integrity – Work ethic - Valuing time – Cooperation – Commitment – Empathy – Senses of Engineering Ethics – Variety of moral issues – Types of inquiry – Moral dilemmas – Moral Autonomy – Kohlberg's theory – Gilligan's theory – Consensus and Controversy – Models of professional roles – Theories about right action - Engineering as Experimentation – Engineers as responsible Experimenters – Codes of Ethics – A Balanced Outlook on Law. Safety and Risk – Assessment of Safety and Risk – Risk Benefit Analysis and Reducing Risk – Respect for Authority – Collective Bargaining – Confidentiality – Conflicts of Interest – Occupational Crime – Professional Rights – Employee Rights. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Employee Discrimination. Multinational Corporations, Environmental Ethics & legislation – Engineers as Managers, Expert Witnesses and Advisors. Moral Leadership, Code of Conduct, Corporate Social Responsibility. Labour laws and legislations – Criminal procedure code – Indian Penal Code.

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