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SET-1

**B. Tech III Year I Semester Examinations, December-2011**  
**TRANSPORT PHENOMENA IN BIOPROCESSES**  
**(BIO-TECHNOLOGY)**

**Time: 3 hours**

**Max. Marks: 75**

**Answer any five questions**  
**All questions carry equal marks**

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- 1.a) What is meant by the term “Non-Newtonian”? What types of substance exhibit this behaviour?  
b) Describe about the “cone-and-plate viscometer”. [7+8]
- 2.a) Discuss about the equation of motion.  
b) Define the terms ‘friction factor’ and ‘drag coefficient’. [9+6]
- 3.a) Compare Fourier’s law of heat conduction with Newton’s law of viscosity?  
b) Discuss the effect of T and P on thermal conductivity of gasses and liquids. [7+8]
4. Derive the temperature distribution in a semi-infinite slab. [15]
5. Write short notes on the following:  
a) Boundary layer theory b) Film theory c) Role of diffusion in bioprocessing [15]
6. Estimate the rate of absorption of CO<sub>2</sub> into a water film flowing down a vertical wall 1m long at the rate of 0.05 kg/s per meter of width at 25<sup>0</sup>C. The gas is pure CO<sub>2</sub> at 1 std atm. The water is essentially CO<sub>2</sub>-free initially. The solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in water at 25<sup>0</sup>C, 1 std atm, is  $C_{Ai} = 0.0336 \text{ kmol/m}^3$ ,  $\mu = 8.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg/ms}$ ,  $D_{AB} = 1.96 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ , solution density = 998 kg/ m<sup>3</sup>,  $\Gamma = 0.05 \text{ kg/ms}$ , L = 1m. [15]
- 7.a) Write some applications of mass transfer in bioprocessing.  
b) Explain the process of mass transfer by convection. [8+7]
8. Discuss the following  
a) Oxygen uptake in cell cultures b) antifoam agents [8+7]

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- 1.a) What is Newton's law of viscosity? Explain
- b) How does the viscosity vary with T and P for dilute gases and liquids? [6+9]
2. Derive the equations for friction factor in packed columns? [15]
- 3.a) Describe the analogy between heat and momentum transfer?
- b) Compare the temperature dependence of thermal conductivity for gases, liquids and solid. [7+8]
4. Derive the temperature distribution in a semi- infinite and finite slab. [15]
- 5.a) Compare Fick's law of diffusion with Newton's law of viscosity and Fourier's thermal conductivity. To what extent are these three relations analogous?
- b) Discuss the role of diffusion in bioprocessing. [8+7]
6. Describe about boundary layer theory and penetration theory. [15]
- 7.a) Explain the process of mass transfer by convection.
- b) Write short notes on liquid- solid mass transfer. [7+8]
8. Describe about the following.
  - a) Oxygen balance method
  - b) Oxygen transfer in fermentor [7+8]

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- 1.a) How do you measure the viscosity using coaxial cylinder rotary viscometer.  
b) Discuss about the rheological properties of fermentation broth. [7+8]
2. Derive the equations for friction factor when the fluid is flowing in tubes. [15]
3. A plastic panel of area  $A=900 \text{ cm}^2$  and thickness  $Y=0.6\text{cm}$  was found to conduct heat at a rate of 3.5 watts at steady state with temperatures of  $T_0 =25^0\text{C}$  and  $T_1=25^0\text{C}$  on the two main surfaces. What is the thermal conductivity of the plastic in cal/m sec K? [15]
4. Derive the temperature distribution in a Stirred Tank Reactor when the flow is turbulent. [15]
- 5.a) Discuss about boundary layer theory and film theory  
b) What does the Corrsin equation describe? [8+7]
- 6.a) Define mass transfer coefficient and derive the equations to calculate mass transfer coefficient  
b) Discuss about penetration theory. [7+8]
- 7.a) What are the various correlations for evaluating mass transfer coefficient?  
b) Write short notes on liquid- liquid mass transfer? [7+8]
- 8.a) What are the factors affecting cellular oxygen demand ? Explain  
b) Discuss about oxygen uptake in cell cultures. [8+7]

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- 1.a) Discuss about impeller viscometer.
- b) What is meant by the term “Non-Newtonian”? What types of substance exhibit this behavior? [8+7]
- 2.a) Give the physical significance of the three derivatives *in which T is the local fluid temperature.*
- b) What is continuity equation? Explain. [10+5]
3. A plastic panel of area  $A=929 \text{ cm}^2$  and thickness  $Y=0.64 \text{ cm}$  was found to conduct heat at a rate of 3 watts at steady state with temperatures of  $T_0 = 24^\circ\text{C}$  and  $T_1 = 26^\circ\text{C}$  on the two main surfaces. What is the thermal conductivity of the plastic in cal/m sec K? [15]
4. Derive the temperature distribution for a Stirred Tank Reactor and discuss the relationship between cell concentrations & stirred conditions. [15]
- 5.a) What is diffusion? What factors may cause diffusion to occur?
- b) Discuss the analogy between mass, heat and momentum transfer. [7+8]
- 6.a) Discuss about penetration theory.
- b) In an aerobic fermentation process, the typical average bubble diameter is 3 mm, with an average rise velocity of 18cm/s. If the diffusivity coefficient is  $8 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ , find the mass transfer coefficient on the basis of penetration theory. [5+10]
- 7.a) Write some applications of mass transfer in bioprocessing.
- b) Write short notes on gas- liquid mass transfer. [8+7]
- 8.a) Discuss about the measurements of  $k_L a$  using dynamic method.
- b) What are the factors affecting cellular oxygen demand? Explain. [8+7]

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