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UPES End Semester Examination, May 2024			
Course: Mass Transfer 1 Program: B. Tech Chemical Engg. Course Code: CHCE 2020		Semester: IV Time: 03 hrs. Max. Marks: 100	
Instructions: (1) Answer ALL questions (2) Assume appropriate value of missing data, if any (3) Notations have their usual meanings			
SECTION A (20Marks)			
S. No.		Marks	CO
Q 1	Discuss the concept of relative volatility and its significance.	4	CO1
Q2	Discuss the significance of tray efficiency in distillation. How does tray efficiency impact the separation performance of a distillation column?	4	CO1
Q3	Describe the concept of two film theory using a neat sketch the showing concentration profile.	4	CO1
Q4	Describe four examples of the occurrence of molecular diffusion in your day to life or in some industrial processes.	4	CO1
Q5	A student attempt to measure the diffusivity of A in air using Stefan tube apparatus. If the boiling point of A is only several degrees higher than the experimental temperature. Do you think that the pseudo-steady state assumption is valid in this case? Provide a quantitative explanation.	4	CO2
SECTION B (40 Marks)			
Q6	A volatile organic compound ($C_6 H_6$) costing Rs. 50 a kg is stored in a tank 10.0 in diameter and open at the top. A stagnant air film 10 mm thick is covering the surface of the compound beyond which the compound is absent. If the atmospheric temperature is 25°C, vapor pressure of the compound is 150 mm Hg and its molar diffusivity 0.02 m^2 / hr , calculate the loss in Rs./day.	10	CO3
Q7	An Ethanol (A) –water (B) Solution in the form of stagnant film 2.0 mm thick at 293 K is in contact at one surface with an organic solvent in which ethanol is soluble and water is insoluble. At point 1 the concentration of ethanol is 16.8 wt % and the solution density is 972.8 kg/m^3 . At point 2 the concentration of ethanol is 6.8 wt % and the	10	CO2

	solution density is 988.1 kg/m ³ . The diffusivity of ethanol is 0.74 ×10 ⁻⁹ m ² /s. Calculate the steady state flux N _A .								
Q8	<p>A continuous rectification column is used to separate a binary mixture of A and B. Distillate is produced at 100 kg moles/hr containing 98 mole % of A. The mole of A in liquid and in the vapors, x and y respectively, from two adjacent ideal plates in the enriching section are as follows</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>x</td> <td>y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0.65</td> <td>0.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0.56</td> <td>0.78</td> </tr> </table> <p>If the latent heat of vaporization is same for all mixtures and the feed is saturated liquid, find the reflux ratio.</p>	x	y	0.65	0.62	0.56	0.78	10	CO3
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Q9	<p>In a mass transfer apparatus operating at 1 atmosphere the individual mass transfer coefficients have the following values k_x= 22 kg-mol/m² h, k_y = 1.07 kg-mol/m² h. The equilibrium compositions of the gaseous and liquid phases are characterized by Henry's law,</p> $p^* = 0.08 \times 10^6 \times \text{mm Hg.}$ <p>(a) Determine the overall mass transfer coefficients K_x and K_y.</p> <p>(b) How many times the diffusion resistance of the liquid phase differs from that of the gaseous phase?</p>	10	CO2						
SECTION-C (40 Marks)									
Q10	<p>It is desired to separate a mixture containing 42% heptane and 58% ethyl benzene by distillation at 760 mm Hg to produce a distillate containing 97% heptane and a residue containing 99% ethyl benzene.</p> <p>(a) With a reflux ratio of 2.5, how many equilibrium stages are needed for a saturated liquid feed and bubble point reflux using the McCabe-Thiele method?</p> <p>(b) What is the minimum reflux ratio required?</p> <p>(c) How many equilibrium stages are needed at total reflux?</p>	40	CO4						

(d) Identify the feed location and find the actual number of plates if the overall efficiency is 60%.

Equilibrium data: the vapor liquid equilibria for heptane-ethyl benzene system at 760 mm Hg

x	0	0.233	0.428	0.514	0.608	0.729	0.814	0.904	0.963	1.0
y	0	0.08	0.185	0.251	0.335	0.489	0.651	0.788	0.914	1.0

here, y and x are mole fractions heptane in vapor and liquid respectively.