

**PARUL UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**  
**B.Tech Mid Semester Exam**

Semester: VI  
 Subject Code: (203144353)  
 Subject Name: (Bioprocess Engineering)

Date: (29/01/2024)  
 Time: (1hr: 30min)  
 Total Marks: 40

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Q.1 (A) Five One line Questions	05

- a) Schematically represent the generalized material balance across a System.
- b) Schematically represent the energy balance across a system.
- c) Draw the microbial growth profile and indicate the different Phases in terms of specific growth rate ( $\mu_d$ ).
- d) In Industries, what does  $N_f = 0.1$  imply, where  $N_f$  is the final number of contaminants after sterilization?
- e) What is the ideal chemostat equation for substrate consumption?

**(B) Five Fill in the blanks** **05**

One distillery industry is producing 100 m<sup>3</sup> ethanol in a chemostat using cane molasses containing 50 % w/w sugar by *S. cerevisiae*. The characteristics of yeast are given below:  $\mu_m = 0.04 \text{ h}^{-1}$ ,  $K_s = 3 \text{ g. L}^{-1}$ ,  $Y_{X/S} = 0.04 \text{ g.g}^{-1}$ ,  $Y_{P/S} = 0.5 \text{ g.g}^{-1}$ . The initial substrate concentration is 1000 g/L

- a) The  $D_{\max}$  value of the system is \_\_\_\_\_ 1
- b) The steady-state biomass concentration is \_\_\_\_\_ 1

One distillery industry is producing 500 m<sup>3</sup> ethanol in a chemostat using cane molasses containing 45% w/w sugar by *S. cerevisiae*. Ethanol fermentation is a growth-associated product. The characteristics of yeast are given below:  $\mu_m = 0.04 \text{ h}^{-1}$ ,  $K_s = 3 \text{ g.L}^{-1}$ ,  $Y_{X/S} = 0.04 \text{ g.g}^{-1}$ ,  $Y_{P/S} = 0.5 \text{ g.g}^{-1}$ . The initial substrate concentration is 2000 g/L. At steady state, calculate the following:

- c) The  $D_{\max}$  value of the system is \_\_\_\_\_ 1
- d) The steady-state biomass concentration is \_\_\_\_\_ 1
- e) The steady-state ethanol concentration is \_\_\_\_\_ 1

**Q.2 Attempt any four (Short Questions)**

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- 1) What are the two types of sterilization processes? Draw the Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) vs. Time (h) profile of a batch sterilization process, indicating the different phases.
- 2) Define the Decimal Reduction time.  
Prove  $D = \frac{2.303}{k_d}$ , where D is the decimal reduction time.
- 3) What are the selection criteria for an air filter? Give two examples of commonly used air filters.
- 4) Schematically represent the different types of reactors based on mode of operation. Indicate the input, output, and accumulation for each.
- 5) What is the difference between Doubling time and Generation time? Explain it with the help of an equation.

**Q.3 Attempt any two questions**

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- 1) What is Depth Filtration?  
Assuming the necessary parameters, derive an expression/equation for the filter efficiency "E".
- 2) What is sterilization? What are the effects of an unsterile media?  
Mathematically represent the different phases of sterilization (draw the graph) using the Arrhenius equation.
- 3) What is Monod's equation and state its limitation.  
Represent the linear representation of the model. Plot the linear graph and indicate which kinetic parameters can be calculated from this graph.

**Q.4**

- 1) What is the principle for Continuous Sterilization? Describe the working of any one type of Continuous sterilizer. **05**
- 2) What is a CSTR? Assuming necessary boundary conditions, prove that for a CSTR  $\mu=D$ . For a CSTR, consider the first-order reaction  $A \rightarrow \text{Product}$ , and derive the equation for space-time ( $T$ ), also called the performance equation. **05**

**OR**

- 2) Write short notes (include sketches) on the following: **05**  
Airlift reactor, Bubble column reactor, Equation for Microbial Product formation.