

7. Derive the equation to determine the volume of a mixing tank in activated sludge process in terms of solid retention time, considering endogenous metabolism.

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**Group E**

8. Use the R-K method of order 4 to solve the solve the following equation with a step size of  $h=1$ , for  $1 < t < 3$ ,  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 1 + \frac{x}{t}$  with initial condition  $x(1)=1$

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9. Streptomycin is extracted from the fermentation broth using an organic solvent in a counter-current staged extraction unit. The distribution coefficient of streptomycin at  $pH=4$  is  $k=40$  and the flow rate of the aqueous phase is  $H=150$  l/min. Only 5 extraction units are available to reduce the streptomycin concentration from 10 gms/l in the aqueous phase to 0.2 gms/l. Determine the required flow rate of the organic phase (L) in the extraction unit if extraction factor (E) is greater than 1 by using the Newton-Raphson method.

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**MODELING AND SIMULATION IN BIOPROCESS  
(BIOT 6152)**

Time Allotted : 3 hrs

Full Marks : 70

*Figures out of the right margin indicate full marks.**Candidates are required to answer Group A and any 5 (five) from Group B to E, taking at least one from each group.**Candidates are required to give answer in their own words as far as practicable.***Group - A  
(Multiple Choice Type Questions)**

1. Choose the correct alternative for the following: **10 × 1 = 10**
- (i) Individuality of cells are the basic assumption of a  
 (a) structured model (b) segregated model  
 (c) non-segregated model (d) unstructured model.
- (ii) Two compartment model is  
 (a) a type of structured model  
 (b) where G component corresponds to cellular enzymes  
 (c) overtly simplistic  
 (d) all the above.
- (iii) Michaelis-Menten is  
 (a) a deterministic model (b) a probabilistic model  
 (c) an empirical model (d) none of the above.
- (iv) Which of the following is used to grow bacterial cultures continuously?  
 (a) Haemostat  
 (b) Chemostat  
 (c) Bacteria cannot be grown in continuous culture  
 (d) Thermostat
- (v) The modified Euler's formula is the same as  
 (a) Runge-Kutta formula of the first order  
 (b) Runge-Kutta formula of the second order with  $b=1$   
 (c) Runge-Kutta formula of the second order with  $b= \frac{1}{2}$   
 (d) none of the above.

- (vi) What do you mean by “quasi steady state”?
  - (a) Cell concentration remains virtually constant
  - (b) Cell concentration is virtually variable
  - (c) Total biomass remains constant with time
  - (d) Total biomass decreases with time.
- (vii) In a fixed-volume fed batch culture  $\mu$  declines when\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) biomass increases
  - (b) biomass decreases
  - (c) biomass remains constant
  - (d) biomass is equal to zero.
- (viii) In solving algebraic and transcendental equations by iterative methods, if I is interval in which the root  $\alpha$  of the equation  $x=\varphi(x)$  lies, then the criterion for convergence is
  - (a)  $|\varphi'(x)|=0$
  - (b)  $|\varphi'(x)|<1$
  - (c)  $|\varphi'(x)| >1$
  - (d)  $|\varphi'(x)| >0$ .
- (ix) Under continuous culture which of the following condition is applicable?
  - (a)  $\mu_{max} < D$
  - (b)  $\mu_{max} > D$
  - (c)  $\mu_{max} = D$
  - (d)  $\mu_{max}=0$ .
- (x) If one starts with 10,000 ( $10^4$ ) cells in a culture that has a generation time of 2 h, how many cells will be in the culture after 4 and 48 h?
  - (a)  $4.0 \times 10^4$  cells,  $1.7 \times 10^{11}$  cells
  - (b)  $4.2 \times 10^4$  cells,  $1.1 \times 10^{11}$  cells
  - (c)  $4.6 \times 10^4$  cells,  $1.5 \times 10^{11}$  cells
  - (d)  $4.8 \times 10^4$  cells,  $1.3 \times 10^{11}$  cells.

**Group - B**

- 2. Establish a mechanistic model for action of an enzyme on a substrate in the cellular system with suitable premises. 12
- 3. Create a structured kinetic model for product formation in a bioprocess. 12

**Group - C**

- 4. An autoclave malfunctions, and the temperature reaches only 119.5°C. The sterilization time at the maximum temperature was 20min. The jar contains 10L of complex medium that has  $10^5$  spores/L. At 121°C  $k_d=1.0\text{min}^{-1}$  and  $E_{od}=90\text{kCal/gmol}$ . What is the probability that the medium was sterile? 12

- 5. The number of viable spores of a new strain of *Bacillus subtilis* is measured as a function of time at various temperatures.

Time (min)	Number of spores (N) at:			
	T=85°C	T=90°C	T=110°C	T=120°C
0	$2.4 \times 10^9$	$2.4 \times 10^9$	$2.4 \times 10^9$	$2.4 \times 10^9$
0.5	$2.39 \times 10^9$	$2.38 \times 10^9$	$1.08 \times 10^9$	$2.05 \times 10^7$
1.0	$2.37 \times 10^9$	$2.3 \times 10^9$	$4.8 \times 10^8$	$1.75 \times 10^5$
1.5	-	$2.29 \times 10^9$	$2.2 \times 10^8$	$1.3 \times 10^3$
2	$2.33 \times 10^9$	$2.21 \times 10^9$	$9.85 \times 10^7$	-
3	$2.32 \times 10^9$	$2.17 \times 10^9$	$2.01 \times 10^7$	-
4	$2.28 \times 10^9$	$2.12 \times 10^9$	$4.41 \times 10^6$	-
6	$2.2 \times 10^9$	$1.95 \times 10^9$	$1.62 \times 10^5$	-
8	$2.19 \times 10^9$	$1.87 \times 10^9$	$6.88 \times 10^3$	-
9	$2.16 \times 10^9$	$1.79 \times 10^9$	-	-

- i. Determine the activation energy for thermal death of *Bacillus subtilis* spores.
- ii. What is the specific death rate constant at 100°C?
- iii. Estimate the time required to kill 99% spores in a sample at 100°C using a deterministic model for sterilization.

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**Group - D**

- 6. In a fed batch culture operating with intermittent addition of glucose solution, values of the following parameters are given at time  $t = 2$  hr, when the system is at quasi-steady state.  
 $V = 1000$  litre,  $F = 200$  ml/hr,  $S_0 = 100$  gm glucose/litre,  $\mu_m = 0.3$  hr<sup>-1</sup>.  
 $K_s = 0.1$  gm glucose/litre,  $Y_{x/s} = 0.5$  gdw cells/ g glucose,  $X_0^t = 30$  gm.
  - i. Find the initial volume of culture
  - ii. Determine the concentration of growth limiting substrate in the vessel at quasi steady-state.
  - iii. Determine the concentration and total amount of biomass in the vessel at  $t=2$  hr. (at quasi steady state).
  - iv. If  $q_p = 0.2$  gm product /gm cell,  $P_0 = 0$ , determine the concentration of product in the vessel at  $t= 2$  hr.

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