

II B.Tech II Semester Examinations, April/May 2012
MECHANICAL UNIT OPERATIONS
Chemical Engineering

Time: 3 hours

Max Marks: 80

Answer any FIVE Questions
All Questions carry equal marks

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	Through	On	On	On	On	On	On
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% product	Nil	26	18	23	8	17	8

What would be the power required to crush one ton per hour of the same material from a feed -4.44 cm $+3.81$ cm to a product of average size 0.051 cm? Use Rittinger's law. [4+12]

2. (a) Discuss about the construction and operation of a continuous rotary vacuum filter with a neat diagram.
- (b) What is a precoat filter? Describe its operation and use. [10+6]
3. Discuss the method of sedimentation. Describe how, based on a single batch sedimentation test conducted in the laboratory the minimum cross-sectional area of continuous thickener can be determined. What are the factors which effect sedimentation? Explain the specific application of continuous thickener in industry. [16]
4. Write short notes on:
- (a) Crossflow filtration
- (b) Ultrafiltration
- (c) Microfiltration. [16]
5. Give a detailed account of belt conveyors. [16]
6. (a) Discuss the principles of impeller mixers.
- (b) Describe agitation and mixing of liquids. [8+8]
7. Discuss about different mixers for free flowing solids. [16]
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