

Time – 3 hrs

Marks - 80

**N.B – Question no 1 is compulsory.  
Solve any three questions from remaining five questions.  
Draw flow sheets and diagrams wherever necessary.**

- Q.1 a) Why and how xylene isomerization is carried out **8**  
 b) Differentiate between Catalytic reforming and catalytic cracking based on objective process conditions and product span. **6**  
 c) Describe briefly how the processing conditions of ammonia synthesis have changed and the role of catalyst development in this change. **4**  
 d) What are the advantages of Stamicarbon process on other conventional processes for manufacture of Urea? **2**
- Q.2 a) Describe DCDA process for sulfuric acid manufacture from elemental Sulphur along with flow sheet with reference to :- **14**  
 i) Why multistage reactor used?  
 ii) Why interpass absorption done?  
 iii) How energy conservation achieved?  
 iv) What are typical process conditions?  
 v) Why SO<sub>3</sub> is absorbed in 98% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and not in water?
- Q.2 b) Describe operational and constructional features of membrane cell used for caustic soda manufacture. Why mercury cell is discontinued? **6**
- Q.3 a) Describe the manufacturing process of nitric acid from ammonia by single pressure process. What is dual pressure process? Differentiate between single and dual pressure process? **10**  
 b) Explain base catalyzed trans-esterification reaction with manufacturing process of biodiesel. **10**
- Q.4 a) Describe the manufacturing process of BTX from naphtha reformat. What are the solvents used in Udex process? Which solvent is preferred? Why? **10**  
 b) Why LLDPE is replacing LDPE in most applications? Explain with process flow diagram the manufacturing process of LLDPE. **10**
- Q.5 a) Describe manufacturing process of styrene starting from ethyl benzene. What are the major engineering problems associated with the process? How will you produce 99.8% pure styrene. **10**  
 b) Describe the manufacture of Phenol by cumene process with process flow diagram. **10**
- Q.6 Write short notes on : **20**  
 a) Manufacture of Ethanol from molasses.  
 b) Agrochemical industry in India.  
 c) Xylene separation along with flow sheet  
 d) Effect of Raw material and role of steam in manufacture of ethylene.