A First Course on Kinetics and Reaction Engineering

Unit 12 Additional Quiz Questions

- 1. True or false? Values for equilibrium constants can often be calculated without the need to perform experiments.
- 2. Which of the following is NOT a step in the procedure for generating a rate expression?
 - a. Gather experimental data
 - b. Calculate the rate coefficients using ab-initio quantum chemistry
 - c. Decide whether the fit of the design equation to the data is acceptable
 - d. Gather experimental data
 - e. Pick a mathematical function to be tested as a rate expression
- 3. True or false? The procedure for generating a rate expression is only used when the reaction is nonelementary.
- 4. True or false? Kinetics data are used to determine whether the mathematical form of a given rate expression is capable of describing how the rate of reaction varies as a function of the environmental variables.
- 5. True or false? Kinetics data are used to determine values for two parameters appearing in rate expressions, namely the enthalpy of reaction and the molecularity of the reaction.
- 6. True or false? External transport limitations are said to exist if there is a concentration gradient between the bulk fluid and the inlet to the reactor.
- 7. True of false? A reactor can be modeled as ideal if there are temperature gradients, but not concentration gradients between the bulk fluid and the external surface of the catalyst.
- 8. True or false? When internal concentration gradients are severe, the reaction actually takes place at multiple concentrations.
- 9. True or false? Strong external concentration gradients typically result in an apparent first order rate expression.
- 10. True or false? The conversion in a PFR operated at constant residence time with varying linear flow velocities will vary as the linear flow velocity varies if internal transport limitations are affecting the rate.
- 11. True or false? Computational tests, in the form of inequalities, have been developed to help determine whether external transport limitations are affecting the measured rate.
- 12. True or false? Internal temperature gradients are more likely than external temperature gradients.
- 13. True or false? Internal concentration gradients are more likely than external concentration gradients.
- 14. True or false? For a fixed amount of catalyst in the absence of internal transport limitations, the conversion will change as the size of the catalyst particles changes.
- 15. True or false? Computational tests, in the form of inequalities, can be used to test for internal transport limitations.
- 16. True or false? For a PFR, it is preferable to operate adiabatically when collecting kinetics data.
- 17. True or false? For a CSTR, it is preferable to operate at steady state when collecting kinetics data.
- 18. True or false? It is often wise to collect data in blocks where the composition is the same and only the temperature varies.
- 19. True or false? It is preferable to operate a batch reactor at steady state when collecting kinetics data.
- 20. True or false? A single batch experiment can yield several kinetics data points.

21. True or false? In the regime where a laboratory CSTR is perfectly mixed, the conversion of a reactant should not depend upon the speed of stirring.