

**FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING MAIN TOPICS OF  
PROGRAMME NO. 02/2015 (Item No. 3)**

**LECTURER IN CHEMICAL  
ENGINEERING (POLYTECHNICS)**

**TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

**(CATEGORY No. 507/2013)**

**Part I: General Knowledge, Current Affairs and Renaissance in Kerala**

**Salient Features of Indian Constitution**

Salient features of the Constitution - Preamble- Its significance and its place in the interpretation of the Constitution.

Fundamental Rights - Directive Principles of State Policy - Relation between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles - Fundamental Duties.

Executive - Legislature - Judiciary - Both at Union and State Level. - Other Constitutional Authorities.

Centre-State Relations - Legislative - Administrative and Financial.

Services under the Union and the States.

Emergency Provisions.

Amendment Provisions of the Constitution.

**Social Welfare Legislations and Programmes**

Social Service Legislations like Right to Information Act, Prevention of atrocities against

Women & Children, Food Security Act, Environmental Acts etc. and Social Welfare Programmes like Employment Guarantee Programme, Organ and Blood Donation etc.

**RENAISSANCE IN KERALA**

**Towards A New Society**

Introduction to English education - various missionary organisations and their functioning- founding of educational institutions, factories, printing press etc.

**Efforts To Reform The Society**

**(A) Socio-Religious reform Movements**

SNDP Yogam, Nair Service Society, Yogakshema Sabha, Sadhu Jana Paripalana Sangham, Vaala Samudaya Parishkarani Sabha, Samathwa Samajam, Islam Dharma Paripalana Sangham, Prathyaksha Raksha Daiva Sabha, Sahodara Prasthanam etc.

**(B) Struggles and Social Revolts**

Upper cloth revolts. Channar agitation, Vaikom Sathyagraha, Guruvayoor Sathyagraha, Paliyam Sathyagraha. Kuttamkulam Sathyagraha, Temple Entry Proclamation, Temple Entry Act. Malyalee Memorial, Ezhava Memorial etc.

Malabar riots, Civil Disobedience Movement, Abstention movement etc.

### **Role Of Press In Renaissance**

*Malayalee, Swadeshabhimani, Vivekodayam, Mithavadi, Swaraj, Malayala Manorama, Bhashaposhini, Mathnubhoomi, Kerala Kaumudi, Samadarsi, Kesari, Al-Ameen, Prabhatham, Yukthivadi, etc*

### **Awakening Through Literature**

Novel, Drama, Poetry, *Purogamana Sahithya Prasthanam, Nataka Prashtanam*, Library movement etc

### **Women And Social Change**

Parvathi Nenmenimangalam, Arya Pallam, A V Kuttimalu Amma, Lalitha Prabhu. Akkamma Cheriyan, Anna Chandi, Lalithambika Antharjanam and others

### **Leaders Of Renaissance**

Thycaud Ayya Vaikundar, Sree Narayana Guru, Ayyan Kali. Chattampi Swamikal, Brahmananda Sivayogi, Vagbhadananda, Poikayil Yohannan (Kumara Guru) Dr Palpu, Palakkunnath Abraham Malpan, Mampuram Thangal, Sahodaran Ayyappan, Pandit K P Karuppan, Pampadi John Joseph, Mannathu Padmanabhan, V T Bhattathirippad, Vakkom Abdul Khadar Maulavi, Makthi Thangal, Blessed Elias Kuriakose Chaavra, Barrister G P Pillai, TK Madhavan, Moorkoth Kumaran, C. Krishnan, K P Kesava Menon, Dr. Ayyathan Gopalan, C V Kunjuraman, Kuroor Neelakantan Namboothiripad, Velukkutty Arayan, K P Vellon, P K Chathan Master, K Kelappan, P. Krishna Pillai, A K Gopalan, T R Krishnaswami Iyer, C Kesavan. Swami Ananda Theerthan, M C Joseph, Kuttippuzha Krishnapillai and others

### **Literary Figures**

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### **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND CURRENT AFFAIRS**

General Knowledge and Current Affairs

### **Part II a: Technical Mathematics**

- I. Matrices – Identification of Matrices, matrix operations, adjoint and inverse.
- II. Determinants – Evaluation of second and third order, minors and cofactors, solutions of simultaneous linear equation in three unknown using Cramer's rule.
- III. Binomial Series – Expansions using Binomial theorem.
- IV. Trigonometric functions – Signs of functions in each quadrant. Trigonometric values of angles, properties of trigonometric functions, applications of the identities  $\sin(A \pm B)$ ,  $\cos(A \pm B)$  and  $\tan(A \pm B)$ .

- V. Coordinate geometry – Equations to a straight line – slope-intercept form, intercept form, Angle between two lines, condition for two lines to be perpendicular, parallel.
- VI. Differentiation – Limits and continuity, derivatives of functions, equation to tangents and normals. Maxima and minima of functions of one variable.
- VII. Integration of functions – Integration of different types of functions.
- VIII. Applications of integration – Area bounded by a curve and X or Y axis, solutions of differential equations using the method of variable separable, solutions of linear differential equations of first order.

### **Part II b: Basic Civil Engineering**

**Materials:** Brick – varieties and strength, characteristics of good brick. Cement – varieties and grade of cement and its uses. Steel – types of steel for reinforcement bars, steel structural sections. Aggregates – types & requirements of good aggregates. Concrete – grades of concrete as per IS code, water cement ratio. Workability, mixing, batching, compaction and curing.

**Construction:** Parts of building – foundation – types of foundations – spread footing, isolated footing, combined footing, Raft, pile and well foundations. Masonry – types rubble masonry, brick masonry, English bond and Flemish bond. (One brick wall).

**Surveying:** Chain surveying – principles, instruments, ranging, and chaining survey lines, field work and field book, selection of survey stations, units of land area.

**Levelling:** Levelling instruments, different types, bench mark, reduced level of points, booking of field notes, reduction of levels by height of collimation method (simple problem). Modern survey – instruments – Total station, Electronics theodolite, Distomat.

### **Part II c: Basic Mechanical Engineering**

**The importance of IC Engines:** Definition, classification – two stroke engines, four stroke engines, working of two stroke engines and four stroke engines with the help of line sketches, comparison between two stroke and four stroke engines, comparison between petrol and diesel engines, function of fly wheel, clutch, gearbox, propeller shaft and differential in power transmission, explain with sketch the working of differential, briefly explain power transmission of 4 wheel vehicle with line diagram.

**The importance of Power Plants:** Introduction, classification of power plants – working of hydroelectric power plant with schematic sketches – working of thermal (Steam and Diesel) power plant with schematic sketches – working of nuclear power plant with schematic sketches.

## **Part II d: Basic Electrical Engineering**

Review with discussion of electric current, potential difference, power, EMF, resistance and its laws, Ohms law and series parallel circuit, electromagnetism, generation of AC and DC supply.

**Idea of Basic electrical circuit:** Electrical supply and load and its functioning, division of voltage and current in a parallel and series circuit – simple problems, units of power and energy, solution of DC circuit with calculation of energy consumption in an installation.

**Circuit parameters:** Resistance, Capacitance and inductance. AC circuit with R, L, C. Simple solution of typical AC circuit with resistance, impedance, power and power factor.

**Electrical circuit of an installation:** Earthing, lightning protection.

## **Part II e: Essentials of Electronics Engineering**

Active and passive devices – review only. LED – working, applications, comparison of LED lighting and CFL lighting. Full wave rectifier – diagram and explanation, 5 V power supply – with bridge rectifier and 7805. SMPS – block diagram and advantages. Integrated circuits. SMDs – advantages. Static electricity – precautions in handling electronic circuits.

**Switches:** ON / OFF, push to ON, push to OFF, push to ON / OFF, SPST, SPDT, DPDT. Working and application of limit switches, proximity switches, relays.

**Microcontrollers:** Simple block diagram of 8 bit microcontrollers – application.

**Mobile technology:** CDMA and GSM. Compare – 2G and 3G technologies.

**Inverter & UPS:** Block diagram. Compare – inverter and UPS. Online and off line UPS – differentiate. Battery selection for UPS and inverter.

**E-waste:** Health hazards of e-waste.

## **Part III :**

### **FLUID MECHANICS**

**Properties of Fluids:** Density, Specific gravity, Viscosity, Newton's law of viscosity, Newtonian and Non-Newtonian fluid, Viscosity Index, Red wood viscometer

**Pressure Measuring Instruments:** Absolute Pressure, Gauge Pressure, Total Pressure

Liquid column Manometers – U Tube, Differential & Inclined Tube Manometers

**Types of Flows:** Viscous, Turbulent Flow, Critical Velocity, Reynolds Number, Transition range & Velocity distribution in pipes

Fluid Head - Static head, Impact head, Velocity head, Potential head, Computation of Total Mechanical energy, efficiency. Velocity distribution in pipes – relation between maximum and average velocity. Expressing Fluid Friction

Wake formation (Description only)

Friction in straight pipe – Hagen-Poiseuille equation for viscous flow (no derivation) and problems. Reynold's number and relative roughness on friction factor. Empirical equation for friction factor. Involving friction loss in pipe fittings. Economic pipe diameter.

Method - mechanical method and special methods.

Expressions – simple problems.

Measurements – Displacement meters, wet gas meter, rotating disc meter and piston meters, Current meters – Electro magnetic flow meter.

**Transportation of fluids:** Pipes and pipe fittings: Pipes & tubes – pipe and tube standards

Pipe fittings – fittings for screwed, welded and flanged joints.

Gaskets. Sealing of rotating shafts – stuffing boxes and mechanical seals

Fundamentals of flow control mechanism and valve classifications

1. Gate valve and its variations like sluice valve and slide valve
2. Plug valve (cocks) – 2 way and 3 way and non-lubricating plug valves
3. Ball valves
4. Stop valves – Globe valve
5. Butterfly valve
6. Diaphragm valve

**Pump Classifications:** Positive displacement and Centrifugal.

Simplex and duplex – single acting and double acting.

Diaphragm pumps – Rotary – gear pump, screw pumps, lobe pumps.

Fluid displacement pumps – Airlift, Acid egg, Jet pumps, Electro magnetic pumps

Double suction type - Split case and multistage pumps - Priming of centrifugal pumps and self-priming

Blowers, Compressors and Vacuum Systems - Displacement compressors, vacuum pumps and ejectors. Nash Hytor.

### **PARTICLE TECHNOLOGY**

Filtration as a solid, liquid separation and its application in industry. Classification of filters

1. Sand filter – open – closed
2. Filter presses – plate and frame filter press, non-washing, open delivery, washing, closed
3. Leaf filters – pressure and vacuum types – Moore filter
4. Continuous filter – rotary drum – working cycle – methods of cake discharge – installation

Filter operation – effect of pressure – constant pressure and constant volume filtration.

Centrifugation

Centrifugal force developed in centrifuges – classification of centrifuges – batch – semi

**Size Reduction:** Nature of the materials to be crushed – hardness, structure, moisture content, crushing

Types of crushing equipments, coarse crushers – Intermediate crushers – fine grinders – open

Laws of crushing – Kick’s law – Rittinger’s law – Bonds law – Jaw crusher – gyratory – Average particle size – specific surface of mixture, volume surface mean diameter

**Size Separation and Fluidization:** Screens: Tyler and U. S. standard screens

Screen analysis: efficiency and capacity of screens

Types of screening equipment – grizzlies – trammels, shaking screens, vibrating screens

Air separation methods: cyclone separator – air separator – bag filter. Electrostatic

**Fluidization:** Mechanism of fluidization – conditions for fluidization – batch fluidization – boiling effect

**Sedimentation, Agitation and Mixing:** Sedimentation separation in liquid medium – batch sedimentation – application of batch - Principle of froth floatation cells - froth floatation cells – simple flow sheet for floatation plant

**Agitation and Mixing:** Purpose of agitation – agitation equipment – propellers, paddles and turbines - Flow pattern in agitated vessels – prevention of swirling – draft tubes and baffles – their power consumption in agitated vessels – simple problems in determination of power.

**Storage and Transportation of Solids, Gases and Liquids:** Storage of solids – Hoppers – bins – angle of repose. Devices for discharge of solids – Conveyor types – belt conveyor – chain conveyor – scraper conveyor – apron conveyor – screw conveyors – pneumatic conveyors – pneumatic conveying system auxiliary equipments

Storage of liquid – storage tanks

Storage of volatile liquids – floating roof

Storage of gases: Horton sphere – pressure cylinders – gas holders – wet and dry specifications

## **Part IV :**

### **STOICHIOMETRY**

Units and dimensions, conversion of units, dimensionless group, chemical formulae, mass

**Gas Laws and Their Applications:** Ideal gases – gas laws (derivation is not required), simple problems involving single gas.

Gas mixtures – Dalton’s Law, Amagat’s law, Volume %=mole% = partial pressure %. Average

Material Balances – Not involving chemical reactions

Types of processes – Material balances equations – key component – material balances problem

**Material Balances involving Chemical Reactions:** Chemical reactions, complete and incomplete reactions, stoichiometric proportions of reactants

### FUELS & COMBUSTION

Petroleum – fractional distillation – petroleum products – cracking – catalytic, thermal, hydrocracking – polymerisation – knocking agent – octane number – cetane number – removal of sulphur – gasoline, kerosene, LPG storage of liquid fuels.

**Solid Fuels and Gaseous Fuels:** Solid fuels – classification – composition of wood – origin of coal – theories of origin of coal – ranking of low temperature carbonization – Storage of coal – Beehive oven – Otto Hoffman by product oven – composition, calorific value and uses of above gas fuels – blast furnace gas. Preparation of nuclear materials – preparation of nuclear material. Uranium, Thorium, Plutonium fuel.

**Analysis of Fuel, Fuel Burning Systems and Furnaces:** Properties and uses of coal for industrial purpose – Classification of furnaces – construction and working.

**Non conventional Energy:** Cooling and refrigeration – distillation – solar drying and cooking – working of silicon cell – conversion – Schematic diagram of OTEC – Geo thermal power – Geo thermal power station in India

### Part V:

#### HEAT TRANSFER

**Heat Transfer by Conduction:** Heat transfer by conduction in solids – steady state and unsteady state flow – definition – units of heat flow. Single wall – derivation of equation and simple problems – Thermal conductivity – units. Steady state conduction through composite wall in series derivation of equation and problems. Steady state conduction through cylindrical wall and spherical wall derivation – problems of overall heat transfer coefficient from individual heat transfer coefficient – simple problems

**Forced Convection and Radiation:** Transfer to fluid without phase change – thermal boundary layer – hydro dynamic boundary layers. Liquids – flash building sub cooled boiling – saturated boiling – regimes of boiling – maximum

**Heat Transfer Equipments:** Calculation in heat exchangers – Heat transfer equipment – Heaters and heat exchangers – single pass shell floating head heaters – use of baffles on shell side of heat exchangers, double pipe heat exchangers – plate basis of classification – horizontal tube – vertical tube – climbing film – falling film – forced circulation

**Multiple Effect Evaporators:** Area – capacity – steam economy – factors that control heat transfer coefficient and effect of hydrostatic method of feeding – advantages of multiple effect evaporation – steam economy and capacity. – simple problems in determining concentration and temperature in each effect – industrial uses – optimum temperature differences – incorporating heat pump cycle in evaporation of fruit.

## MASS TRANSFER

**Diffusion:** Molecular diffusion – molar flux – Fick's rate equation – steady state diffusion of gas A

**Absorption:** Mechanism of Absorption – conditions of equilibrium between gas and liquid – Henry's law

**Humidification:** General mechanism of diffusional processes – Definitions and mathematical expressions for Adiabatic saturation temperature – wet bulb temp cooling towers – atmospheric – natural

**Drying:** Purpose and industrial applications – drying equipment – classifications – tray dryer – tunnel

**Distillation:** Distillation as an interphase mass transfer – industrial application – definition of terms – less

**Fractionation:** Rectification, Azeotropic distillation, extractive distillation, and molecular distillation, rectification

**Leaching:** Applications of leaching – batch and continuous – heap leaching – percolation tanks – shank

## Part VI :

**Chemical Technology:** Diaphragm cell – mercury cell – membrane cells – manufacture of solid caustic soda. Chlorine

### **Introduction to Chemical Engineering, Chemical Industrial Process:**

Major industries in Kerala and India – Raw materials and products – Economic importance of

**Water:** Water sources – impurities – characteristics – softening methods, Lime soda process

**Sulphuric Acid:** Introduction – Importance of Sulphuric acid – properties and uses – raw materials – sulphur pyrites – production of sulphur dioxide, sulphur burners – cleaning

**Nitric Acid:** – Properties and uses – reaction – catalyst – manufacturing process – concentration

**Hydrochloric Acid:** - Properties and uses and commercial grades – manufacture of Hydrochloric

**Phosphoric Acid:-** Properties, uses and grades, raw materials manufacturing process. Wet and dry

**Preparation and purification of brine,** reaction and flow diagram, light and heavy soda Ash, Different source of synthesis gas low and high pressure process for the manufacture of Ammonia grade urea - Merits and demerits.

Glass – manufacturing method; different grades – uses. Alumina brick, carbon ceramics – raw material – main unit operation and process

**Oils And Fats:** Of rancidity – acid value, saponification value and iodine value. Extraction of oils – oil expellers - Refining of vegetable oils, neutralization, bleaching and deodorisation

Catalysts - Materials, manufacturing process for toilet & laundry soaps. Batch and continuous process, comparison with soap. Biodegradability of detergents, detergent additives and formulation

**Pulp & Paper :** Paper – Paper industry in India and its future - Soda mechanical pulping – details of process and plant - Paper manufacture - Details of paper machine

**Explosives and Insecticides:** Glycerine, cellulose nitrate, smokeless powder, trinitrotoluene manufacture - Action – inorganic – sulphur compounds – phosphorus compounds – chemistry – mode of action

**Sugar, Starch and Leather:** Streadding and classification by liming, evaporation, crystallization and centrifuging. Refined glusers removal, bleaching, filtration and drying. Different grades of starch – bleaching. Synthetic tanning agents, and finishing operations

**Biotechnology:** Micro organisms – enzymes – definition, functions and types. Definition of substrate, nutrients Brewing – production of alcoholic beverages by fermentation (a schematic outline)

## **Part VII :**

### **POLYMER TECHNOLOGY**

**Introduction to polymers:** Speciality Thermoplastic / Thermosetting plastics - Plastics – Rubber – Fibre – adhesive – coatings

**Important sources of monomers and manufacturing of the following:** Ethylene, Propylene, Vinyl Chloride, Styrene.

**Types of polymerisation reaction:** Addition polymerisation, Step polymerisation, Chain polymerisation, Anionic and cationic polymerisation, Polymerisation by condensation

Different types of co-polymers – Random, block, graft co-polymer

Characteristic features and applications of co-polymerisation - polycondensation

**Manufacture of thermoplastics:** Commodity plastics

(1) Polyethylene (2) Poly propylene

Engineering Plastics

Manufacture of Man made Fibres – Nylon, Viscous Rayon, Polyester

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**

**Water Pollution:** Secondary, Tertiary – BOD, COD determination

**Air Pollution and Control:** Of dust emissions – ESP, Bog filters, absorbers, scrubbers, etc – sources of gaseous pollutants

**Noise Pollution – Solid Waste – Radioactive Pollution:** Noise – pollution control programme – TLV, SIL, NEI – Noise barriers – Composition of earth – methods of disposal. Sources of radioactive waste – effects of radioactive pollution – monitoring

**Maintenance – Plant Inspection:** Replacement – maintenance of chemical plant equipments – Troubles and remedial actions – start

**Safety, Fire Engineering:** The importance and need for safety measures in industries - Define the meaning of the term – factory, accident, frequency rate, security rate, accident pronnes - Identify the various accident factors, mechanical factors, environmental factors, personal factors - Discuss the 4 E's of accident prevention technique - List the precautions to be observed while working in an hazardous environment - Explain briefly the artificial respiration methods - Safety practices in a chemical industries – explosive limit – Flammable limit – Inflammable limit – characteristics of hazardous material – TLV, STEL, TLV – C, LD 50, LC 50 – flammable liquids

**Instrumentation & Process Control:** Principles of measurement – Instruments for indication, recording and remote control.

1. Temperature – filled system thermometers – bimetallic – thermocouples – resistance
2. Pressure and vacuum – manometers – diaphragm gauges, bellow gauges, strain gauges

**Different flow meters and level measuring instruments:** Level measurement: Sight glasses, float type, displacement type (torque tube), diaphragm box

**Specific gravity, Humidity & Instrumental methods of analysis:** Specific gravity - Off line and on line measurement – Humidity - Dew point method, wet bulb method, hygrometry, electrical type - Moisture content in different products - Chromatographic analysis – flame photometry, spectrophotometry, mass spectrograph

**Process Control:** Recorders, timers – transducers - Characteristics of measuring elements and process control system – open and closed loop systems

**Computerized Control and Instrumentation Diagrams:** Descriptive treatment of the following

Telemetry devices, Analog and digital signal transmission, A/D, D/A converter, analog and Instrumentation diagram for the following

1. Heat exchangers
2. Distillation plant

Control room – panels and control room functions

**NOTE:** - It may be noted that apart from the topics detailed above, questions from other topics prescribed for the educational qualification of the post may also appear in the question paper. There is no undertaking that all the topics above may be covered in the question paper.