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### **QUESTION BANK**



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**PEI303 – INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROL IN PETROCHEMICAL  
INDUSTRIES**

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**UNIT I - INTRODUCTION TO PETROLEUM REFINING AND FORMATION PROCESS**

Brief survey of petroleum formation, petroleum exploration, Petroleum production, Petroleum refining and its methods, refining capacity and consumption in India, constituents of Crude Oil, Recovery techniques – Oil – Gas separation, Processing wet gases.

**PART – A**

<b>Q.No</b>	<b>Questions</b>	<b>BT</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>Competenc</b>
1.	How the petroleum formation take place?	BTL 2	CO1	Understand
2.	What is meant by petroleum exploration?	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
3.	List the different petroleum refining methods.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
4.	What is meant by petroleum or crude oil ?	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
5.	State Engler's theory for the formation of petroleum.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
6.	Mention the crude oil or petroleum contamination.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
7.	Mention various hydrocarbons present in petroleum.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
8.	List the different exploration technique to recover Petrol.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
9.	Give the steps involved in oil-gas separation.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
10.	Name the different petroleum exploration sites in Tamil Nadu.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
11.	What is meant by petrochemical?	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
12.	Name the principle raw material used in petrochemical industry.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
13.	Mention the constituents of crude oil.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
14.	Mention the instruments used in refining of crude oil.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
15.	List the steps involved in processing wet gases.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
16.	Why is petrochemical preferred over other organic chemical?	BTL 2	CO1	Understand
17.	List the various recovery techniques in petroleum processing.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
18.	What is the need for petroleum recovery.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
19.	Sketch the P and I diagram of a gas separation process in a petroleum refinery	BTL 2	CO1	Understand
20.	Mention the difference between two phase and three phase oil separation.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
21.	What is meant by cracking ?	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
22.	Mention the petroleum main product constituents.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
23.	What is meant by hydro cracking ?	BTL 1	CO1	Remember
24.	Mention the Hydro carbons and Non-Hydro carbons obtained from crude oil.	BTL 1	CO1	Remember

**PART – B**

<b>1.</b>	Analyze the process of extraction of oil from marine environment. (16)	BTL4	<b>CO1</b>	Analyze
<b>2.</b>	Illustrate in detail the method to discover petroleum mines under sea. (16)	BTL3	<b>CO1</b>	Apply
<b>3.</b>	Explain the petroleum refining consumption of India. (16)	BTL4	<b>CO1</b>	Analyze
<b>4.</b>	Illustrate the various process involved in wet gases with necessary diagram. (16)	BTL3	<b>CO1</b>	Apply
<b>5.</b>	Explain the constitutes of Crude oil (i) Hydro Carbon (ii) Non-Hydrocarbon. (8+8)	BTL4	<b>CO1</b>	Analyze
<b>6.</b>	Illustrate in detail the procedure involved in refining crude oil. (16)	BTL3	<b>CO1</b>	Apply
<b>7.</b>	Explain the petroleum recovering technique : (i) Primary Recovery Technique (ii) Secondary Recovery Technique (iii) Tertiary Recovery Technique. (5+5+6)	BTL4	<b>CO1</b>	Analyze
<b>8.</b>	Illustrate various methods of oil extraction in petroleum plant. (16)	BTL3	<b>CO1</b>	Apply
<b>9.</b>	Explain the constituents of crude oil how it can be separated. (16)	BTL4	<b>CO1</b>	Analyze
<b>10.</b>	(i)Analyze the various methods used in primary and secondary recovery in petroleum plants. (8) (ii)Explain the measurements done in those recovery processes. (8)	BTL 4	<b>CO1</b>	Analyze
<b>11.</b>	Analyze the various control loops involved in the separation of gas and water from crude oil. (16)	BTL4	<b>CO1</b>	Analyze
<b>12.</b>	Explain the refining capacity and consumption of petroleum products in India. (16)	BTL4	<b>CO1</b>	Analyze
<b>13.</b>	Illustrate the Stages for the formation of Petroleum. (16)	BTL3	<b>CO1</b>	Evaluate
<b>14.</b>	Explain the design and working of Scrubber with neat diagram. (16)	BTL 4	<b>CO1</b>	Analyze
<b>15.</b>	Illustrate the Schematic P&I Diagram of a typical crude oil distillation unit as used in petroleum crude oil refineries. (16)	BTL3	<b>CO1</b>	Apply
<b>16.</b>	Analyze the different products that are obtained from the refining crude oil. (16)	BTL 4	<b>CO1</b>	Analyze
<b>17.</b>	Draw the diagram of recovery of petroleum from the oil well and explain its operation. (16)	BTL3	<b>CO1</b>	Apply

**UNIT II          ATMOSPHERIC AND VACUUM DISTILLATION UNITS**

P & I diagram of petroleum refinery, Atmospheric distillation process, Vacuum distillation process, Thermal cracking, Catalytic cracking, Catalytic reforming, and Utility plants – Air, N<sub>2</sub> , and cooling water.

**PART – A**

<b>Q.No</b>	<b>Questions</b>	<b>BT</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>Competenc</b>
1	Define cracking.	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
2	Mention the different types of cracking.	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
3	Define catalytic cracking.	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
4	Define catalytic reforming.	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
5	What are free radicals?	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
6	What are the three stages of oil refining?	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
7	What is meant by thermal cracking?	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
8	Mention the different types of Thermal Cracking.	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
9	What is meant by atomic distillation process ?	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
10	Distinguish between catalytic cracking and catalytic reforming.	BTL 2	CO2	Understand
11	Mention the different types of Catalytic Cracking.	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
12	Mention some examples for knocking operation.	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
13	What is meant by knocking ?	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
14	How are industrial thermal cracking operations classified?	BTL 2	CO2	Understand
15	Mention the main elements of petroleum refinery.	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
16	In Distillation column, what are the different products can be obtained?	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
17	What are the products obtained from petroleum refinery?	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
18	Mention any four main products obtained from petro chemical industry.	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
19	Why Cooling water plant is necessary in petrochemical industry ?	BTL 2	CO2	Understand
20	Mention the main elements of Nitrogen plant in petrochemical industry.	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
21	How the petroleum is purified in different stages ?	BTL 2	CO2	Understand

22	Why Nitrogen plant is necessary in petrochemical industry ?	BTL 2	CO2	Understand
23	Mention the main elements of cooling water plant in petrochemical industry.	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
24	List the steps involved in Atmospheric distillation process.	BTL 1	CO2	Remember
<b>PART – B</b>				
1.	Explain the P & I Diagram of a Petroleum Refinery Process. (16)	BTL 4	CO2	Analyze
2.	Explain (i) Atmospheric Distillation Process (ii) Vacuum Distillation Process. (16)	BTL 3	CO2	Apply
3.	Write a detail technical note on polymerization techniques in petroleum industries with examples. (16)	BTL 3	CO2	Apply
4.	With neat sketch explain the operation of thermal cracking. (16)	BTL 3	CO2	Apply
5.	With neat sketch explain the operation of catalytic reforming. (16)	BTL 3	CO2	Apply
6.	Explain the different products obtained from petrochemical industry. (16)	BTL 3	CO2	Apply
7.	Explain about catalytic reforming process. (16)	BTL 3	CO2	Apply
8.	With neat sketch explain the operation of Atmospheric Distillation Process. (16)	BTL 3	CO2	Apply
9.	With neat sketch explain the operation of Vacuum Distillation Process. (16)	BTL 3	CO2	Apply
10.	Differentiate thermal and catalytic cracking. (16)	BTL 4	CO2	Analyze
11.	What is meant by cracking? Explain the following types of cracking (i) Thermal Cracking (ii) Catalytic Cracking. (16)	BTL 4	CO2	Analyze
12.	List the products produced after cracking and also explain its use. (16)	BTL 4	CO2	Analyze
13.	Explain the following types of Thermal Cracking (i) Liquid phase Thermal Cracking (ii) Vapour phase Thermal Cracking. (16)	BTL 4	CO2	Analyze
14.	Explain the following types of : (i) Fixed type Catalytic Cracking (ii) Moving bed type Catalytic Cracking. (16)	BTL 4	CO2	Analyze
15.	With neat diagram, explain the operation Nitrogen plant used in petrochemical industry. (16)	BTL 3	CO2	Apply
16.	Explain the operation of Cracking and Knocking in Petrochemical Industry. (16)	BTL 3	CO2	Apply
17.	With neat diagram, explain the operation colling water system plant used in petrochemical industry. (16)	BTL 4	CO2	Analyze

**UNIT III - INSTRUMENTATION IN PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRIES**

Basics of field instruments, Parameters to be measured in Petrochemical industry, Distillation Column control, Selection of instruments, Basics of intrinsic safety of instruments, Area classification.

**PART – A**

<b>Q.No</b>	<b>Questions</b>	<b>BT</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>Competenc</b>
1	What is meant by Distillation Column ?	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
2	Mention the different products obtained from petrochemical industry.	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
3	Write any four Pressure measuring instruments used in petrochemical Instruments.	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
4	Mention the basic five control schemes for distillation column.	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
5	Define term : (i) Reboiler (ii) Accumulator.	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
6	List any four parameters measured in petro chemical industry.	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
7	What are five Products controlled in Petrochemical Industry?	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
8	Mention the Temperature measuring instruments for Petrochemical Industry.	BTL 2	CO3	Understand
9	List the factors need to be consider for the selection of measuring instruments.	BTL 2	CO3	Understand
10	Draw the basic control scheme for Distillation Column.	BTL 2	CO3	Understand
11	Mention any Bottom product in Petrochemical Industry.	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
12	Mention any 4- safety instruments used in petrochemical industry.	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
13	What is the need of reboiler in Petrochemical Industry ?	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
14	What is meant by accumulation for Distillation column ?	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
15	List the four control valves used in Petrochemical Industry.	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
16	Mention the various chemicals from petroleum.	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
17	Difference between Petroleum and Petrol.	BTL 2	CO3	Understand
18	Mention any two Area zones considered in Petrochemical Industry.	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
19	List any four Indicating or Recording Instruments used as field instruments in petro chemical industry.	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
20	Differentiate the following products (i) Reflux Product (ii) Distillate Product	BTL 2	CO3	Understand

21	Why bottom product is heated with help of reboiler in Distillation column ?	BTL 2	CO3	Understand
22	What is meant by intrinsic safety Instruments?	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
23	What is the purpose of safety instruments ?	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
24	Mention any four Intrinsic safety instruments.	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
<b>PART – B</b>				
1.	Explain the basics of Field Instruments used for the petrochemical industry. (16)	BTL 4	CO3	Analyze
2.	Explain the safety instruments used in Petrochemical Industry. (16)	BTL 4	CO3	Analyze
3.	Illustrate the Parameters to be Measured in Petrochemical Industry. Explain with suitable diagram. (16)	BTL 3	CO3	Apply
4.	Explain the control schemes for Distillation Column. (16)	BTL 4	CO3	Analyze
5.	Draw the diagram for Distillation Column Control, how the different products can be obtained? (16)	BTL 3	CO3	Apply
6.	Draw the control scheme for Distillation Column (i) Temperature Control (ii) Pressure Control Scheme. (16)	BTL 3	CO3	Apply
7.	Draw the control scheme for Distillation Column (i) Top Product Control (ii) Bottom Product Control. (16)	BTL 3	CO3	Apply
8.	Illustrate, how the Distillation Column is an example for 5X5 Process. (16)	BTL 3	CO3	Apply
9.	Explain the following terms in Distillation Column (i) Basic Control Scheme with Diagram (ii) Accumulation. (16)	BTL 4	CO3	Analyze
10.	Illustrate the factors need to consider for the Selection of Instruments in petrochemical industry. (16)	BTL 3	CO3	Apply
11.	Explain about the basics of Intrinsic Safety of Instruments. (16)	BTL 4	CO3	Analyze
12.	Analyze the following area zone (i) Gas Hazardous Zone (ii) Dust Hazardous Zone. (16)	BTL 4	CO3	Analyze
13.	Explain about (i) Temperature Measuring Instruments (ii) Pressure Measuring Instruments. (16)	BTL 4	CO3	Analyze
14.	Explain about (i) Gas Analyzer (ii) Chemical composition Analyzer. (16)	BTL 4	CO3	Analyze
15.	Explain the following types of basic field instruments : (i) Measuring Instruments (ii) Transmitting Instruments. (16)	BTL 4	CO3	Analyze
16.	Analyse the Different Final Control Elements or Control valves used in Petrochemical Industries. (16)	BTL 4	CO3	Analyze
17.	Explain about Indicating or Recording Instruments acts as field instruments for petrochemical industries. (16)	BTL 4	CO3	Analyze

**UNIT IV -STEAM AND CONDENSATE CONTROL**

Control of furnace, Reboiler Control, Reflux Control, Control of catalytic crackers, Control of heat exchanger, Control of cooling tower.

**PART – A**

<b>Q.No</b>	<b>Questions</b>	<b>BT</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>Competenc</b>
1	Mention the parameters to be measured in the furnace.	BTL 1	CO4	Remember
2	List some examples for air fuel ratio scheme.	BTL 1	CO4	Remember
3	Why air fuel ratio adjustment is necessary for furnace?	BTL 2	CO4	Understand
4	Mention the safety interlocks used in the furnace.	BTL 1	CO4	Remember
5	What are the control measures of thermal crackers?	BTL 1	CO4	Remember
6	What is meant by reboiler ?	BTL 1	CO4	Remember
7	What is the need for composition controller in a petrochemical industry?	BTL 1	CO4	Remember
8	Define the control actions performed in catalytic cracking.	BTL 1	CO4	Remember
9	Mention the control parameters used for thermal cracking.	BTL 1	CO4	Remember
10	Brief about the control of thermal crackers and its process variables.	BTL 2	CO4	Understand
11	Mention the main elements of catalytic crackers.	BTL 1	CO4	Remember
12	What is meant by Heat exchanger?	BTL 1	CO4	Remember
13	Define the term Reflux ratio.	BTL 1	CO4	Remember
14	Why reflux ratio control is necessary for petrochemical industry?	BTL 2	CO4	Understand
15	Define the term: Air-fuel ratio for furnace.	BTL 1	CO4	Remember
16	What is meant by reboiler ?	BTL 1	CO4	Remember
17	Enumerate the reboiler control schemes used in petrochemical industry.	BTL 2	CO4	Understand
18	Compare cracking and reforming.	BTL 2	CO4	Understand
19	Sketch the block diagram of a distillation column control.	BTL 2	CO4	Understand
20	Differentiate the types of Heat exchangers : (i) Parallel Flow Type Heat Exchanger (ii) Coherent Flow type Heat Exchanger	BTL 2	CO4	Understand
21	Sketch the control scheme for reflux adjustment.	BTL 2	CO4	Understand
22	Why is meant by cooling tower ?	BTL 1	CO4	Remember

23	Mention the need of cooling tower in petrochemical industry.	BTL 1	CO4	Remember
24	List the controls involved in catalytic reformer.	BTL 1	CO3	Remember
<b>PART – B</b>				
1.	Explain the measuring instruments used in the furnace with suitable diagram. (16)	BTL 4	CO4	Analyze
2.	Draw the control scheme implemented for the furnace and explain its operation. (16)	BTL 3	CO4	Apply
3.	With neat diagram explain the air-fuel ratio control in the furnace. (16)	BTL 3	CO4	Apply
4.	Draw and explain the control scheme implemented for the reboiler.	BTL 3	CO4	Apply
5.	Explain the reflux ratio control scheme with suitable diagram for petrochemical industry. (16)	BTL 3	CO4	Apply
6.	Draw and explain the control scheme implemented for the furnace. (16)	BTL 3	CO4	Apply
7.	Explain the measuring instruments used in the temperature control process with suitable diagram. (16)	BTL 3	CO4	Apply
8.	Draw and explain the control scheme implemented for the furnace. (16)	BTL 3	CO4	Apply
9.	Explain the control scheme for Furnace Control (i) Air Fuel ratio Control (ii) Temperature Control Scheme. (16)	BTL 3	CO4	Apply
10.	Explain the following types of Heat Exchangers (i) Parallel Flow Type Heat Exchanger (ii) Coherent Flow type Heat Exchanger. (16)	BTL 4	CO4	Analyze
11.	Draw the control scheme implemented for the Heat exchanger. (16)	BTL 4	CO4	Analyze
12.	Analyze how the bottom product can be controlled with the help of reboiler explain it. (16)	BTL 4	CO4	Analyze
13.	With neat diagram, explain the following control scheme for Heat Exchanger (i) Feedforward Control (ii) Feedback Control (iii) Cascade Control. (16)	BTL 4	CO4	Analyze
14.	Draw the control scheme for catalytic crackers. (16)	BTL 4	CO4	Analyze
15.	Draw the control Schemes for (i) Reboiler Control (ii) Reflux Control, (16)	BTL 3	CO4	Apply
16.	In cooling tower, Illustrate the following control schemes: (i) Fan Control (ii) Pump Control. (16)	BTL 3	CO4	Apply
17.	Draw the diagram for cooling tower and explain the parameters measured and controlled in the cooling tower. (16)	BTL 3	CO4	Apply

## UNIT V - BOILER SAFETY AND PROCESS INTERLOCKS

Basics of PLC, and Safety interlocks in furnace, separator, pump, and compressor. Basics of SIL, Introduction to Standards.

### PART – A

Q.No	Questions	BT	CO	Competenc
1	Define Programmable Logic Controller (PLC).	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
2	Mention the basic components of a PLC.	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
3	List any two advantages of PLC over relay logic.	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
4	Mention any four PLC input devices and output devices used in process industries.	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
5	What is meant by pump?	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
6	Why are PLCs preferred in hazardous process plants?	BTL 2	CO5	Understand
7	Explain the term I/O module in a PLC system.	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
8	Summarize, how a PLC improves plant reliability.	BTL 2	CO5	Understand
9	What is separator in petrochemical industry?	BTL 2	CO5	Understand
10	Why are PLCs preferred in hazardous process plants.	BTL 2	CO5	Understand
11	What is a safety interlock?	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
12	Name any two furnace safety interlocks.	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
13	How does anti-surge interlock protect a compressor?	BTL 2	CO5	Understand
14	Why is motor overload interlocked with pump operation?	BTL 2	CO5	Understand
15	What is meant by compressor?	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
16	Name the international standard for functional safety.	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
17	Define the term: interlocks.	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
18	List any two pump safety interlocks.	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
19	Name any two safety interlocks used in a separator.	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
20	Define the relationship between risk and SIL.	BTL 2	CO5	Understand
21	Why is SIL four rarely used in process industries?	BTL 2	CO5	Understand
22	What is anti-surge control?	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
23	Name the international standard for functional safety.	BTL 1	CO5	Remember
24	Which standard is specific to process industries?	BTL 2	CO5	Understand

### PART – B

1.	Illustrate how the liquid level measurement and control through Pump with PLC for safety interlocks. (16)	BTL 3	CO5	Apply
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2.	Draw the block diagram of Programmable Logic Controller(PLC) and explain each element. (16)	BTL 4	<b>CO5</b>	Analyze
3.	Illustrate the advantages of Ladder logic compare with relay logic. (16)	BTL 3	<b>CO5</b>	Apply
4.	Explain the working of a PLC with the help of a block diagram and apply it to control a motor start–stop operation. (16)	BTL 3	<b>CO5</b>	Apply
5.	Analyze how the temperature is measured through Temperature switch and control the solenoid. (16)	BTL 4	<b>CO5</b>	Analyze
6.	Analyze the advantages of PLC-based control over conventional relay logic in hazardous process plants. (16)	BTL 4	<b>CO5</b>	Analyze
7.	Illustrate how pressure measured in the vessel through pressure switch and control through compressor through PLC and Motor. (16)	BTL 3	<b>CO5</b>	Apply
8.	Sketch the furnace safety interlocks and apply them to a typical process heater with a neat interlock logic diagram. (16)	BTL 3	<b>CO5</b>	Apply
9.	Sketch pump safety interlocks and apply them to a centrifugal pump. (16)	BTL 3	<b>CO5</b>	Apply
10.	Draw the physical and Ladder diagram program for the process control application. (16)	BTL 3	<b>CO5</b>	Apply
11.	Analyze the interaction between air–fuel ratio control and safety interlocks in preventing furnace explosions. (16)	BTL 4	<b>CO5</b>	Analyze
12.	Explain compressor safety interlocks and apply them to a centrifugal compressor in a gas processing unit. (16)	BTL 4	<b>CO5</b>	Analyze
13.	Analyze the application of anti-surge control and safety interlocks in compressors. (16)	BTL 3	<b>CO5</b>	Apply
14.	Analyse how the Single Phase Motor and Three Phase Motor are controlled with PLC with safety interlock. (16)	BTL 4	<b>CO5</b>	Analyze
15.	Illustrate the concept of SIL and apply it to determine the SIL requirement for a furnace fuel shut-off system. (16)	BTL 3	<b>CO5</b>	Apply
16.	Illustrate the steps involved in SIL assessment and verification for a safety instrumented function, (16)	BTL 3	<b>CO5</b>	Apply
17.	Analyze the importance of compliance with international safety standards in preventing major industrial accidents. (16)	BTL 4	<b>CO5</b>	Analyze

