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NATIONAL CERTIFICATE
CHEMICAL PLANT OPERATION N5
TIME: 3 HOURS
MARKS: 100

#### **INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

- 1. Answer all the questions.
- 2. Read all the questions carefully.
- Number the answers according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
- 4. Sketches must be large, neat and fully labelled.
- 5. Write neatly and legibly.

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#### **QUESTION 1**

Indicate whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE by writing only 'True' or 'False' next to the question number (1.1–1.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.

- 1.1 A gas burner is a premix burner in which a proportional mixer uses air velocity to draw in a measured amount of gas.
- 1.2 Potential energy is the energy of an object due to its position or state of tension.
- Steam that is heated to a temperature  $(t_{Su})$  higher than the 1.3 temperature is called saturated steam.
- In an impulse turbine, the entire available pressure drop from supply to 1.4 exhaust occurs across the nozzles.
- Heat of reaction refers to the difference in energy between the products of the 1.5 reaction and the reactants.

 $(5 \times 1)$ [5]

#### **QUESTION 2**

2.1 Draw a labelled diagram of an open cycle gas turbine system. (9)

2.2 Explain the operation of the following:

(6)

- 2.2.1 Helical conveyor centrifuge
- Nozzle discharge centrifuge 2.2.2 (4)
- Tumbling mixers 2.2.3 (6) [25]

#### **QUESTION 3**

3.1 The analysis of the waste gas from a burner fuelled with natural gas (essentially pure  $C_2H_6$ ) is as follows:  $N_2 = 75$  mol per cent;  $O_2 = 12.5$  mol per cent;  $CO_2 = 5$  mol per cent and  $H_2O = 7.5$  mol per cent.

> What is the ratio of moles of air to the moles of natural gas fed to the burner? (10)

Draw a labelled diagram of a disk centrifuge. 3.2 (8)

3.3 Define Kopp's rule. (2)[20]

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