Applied reaction kinetics, written exam.

- Only paper, pen, calculator and your own brain are allowed to be used. Interaction with your colleagues is strongly prohibited
- If necessary, additional paper could be provided
- Answers, intermediate results and used (derived) equations should be expressed and written clearly
- Assume ideal gas behavior in all cases

Question 1. (10 pts.)

Ethylbenzene (EB) dehydrogenation to styrene is carried out in gas phase under isothermalisobaric conditions in a flow equipment in the presence of steam (inert)

$$C_8H_{10} \rightleftharpoons C_8H_8 + H_2$$

Inlet mixture contains 20% (molar) of EB and 80% of steam. Determine the conversion of EB if the outlet molar fraction of EB is 0.035.

Question 2. (10 pts.)

Following gas phase reaction is carried out in isothermal-isobaric plug flow reactor (PFR)

$$2 \operatorname{R} \longrightarrow \operatorname{P}.$$

Reaction rate is expressed by $r_{\rm V} = kc_{\rm R}$, where k is $3 \cdot 10^{-3} \, {\rm s}^{-1}$. Inlet volumetric flow rate at reaction temperature and pressure is $1 \cdot 10^{-3} \, {\rm m}^3 {\rm s}^{-1}$. Feed composition is 100% of R. Determine the reactor volume needed for a conversion of R equal to 0.75.

Question 3. (10 pts.)

Consider a gas phase reaction

$$2 R \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} Z + W$$

occurring in ideal, isothermal and constant volume BATCH reactor. The initial reaction mixture composition is 70% (molar) of R and 30% (molar) of an inert. Determine the reaction rate constant if the pressure decreases by 10% after first 3 min. Reaction rate is described by the first order kinetic equation $r_{\rm V} = kc_{\rm R}$.