

# Problem 1 : Short Ans

Short Answers a-d, full points only for both the correct choice AND a complete explanation. No explanation = 0 pts

Solutions to MT 1

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a) B - CSTR

CSTR operation dilutes the feed and therefore operates at a fixed lower concentration and since the rate is inversely proportional to concentration (i.e. negative order kinetics), the rate is higher for a CSTR than that of a PFR. (+2)

b) A - constant vol CSTR

• Since  $\delta > 0$  / moles are generated so volume of the reactor will expand and concentration will be diluted in a const. pressure BSTR. (+2)

OR •  $\delta > 0$  / moles are generated but the constant vol BSTR will not allow for the reactor volume change that will otherwise dilute the concentrations. (+2)

c) C - equivalent (+4)

• Both reactors are at constant pressure so they accommodate changes in volume / volumetric flow rates the same way and  
oe. a volume element in a PFR is its own batch reactor.  
• "PFR in space is analogous to a batch reactor in time"

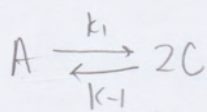
d) B - const. P BSTR

$$K_c = \frac{[R]^2[S]}{[P][Q]} = \frac{\frac{N_R^2}{V^2} \cdot \frac{N_S}{V}}{\frac{N_P}{V} \cdot \frac{N_Q}{V}} = \frac{N_R^2 N_S}{N_P \cdot N_Q} \cdot \frac{1}{V} \text{ if } V \uparrow, \text{ products } \uparrow$$

• If volume is allowed to increase since  $\delta > 0$  and in a constant pressure BSTR, the # of moles of product has to increase to maintain the value of  $K_c$ . (+2)

OR • According to Le Chatelier's principle, an increase in pressure (in the case of  $\delta > 0$ , const. vol) will favor the side of less moles produced, which is the reverse reaction. (+2)

E. elementary, reversible gas phase rxn in flow reactor



$$K_{eq} = \frac{k_1}{k_{-1}} = 1.25 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}$$

Isothermal ( $T=T_0$ )  
Isobaric ( $P=P_0$ )

$$y_{A0} = 1 \quad @ \quad T = 400\text{K}$$

$$P = 10\text{atm}$$

$$K = 0.082 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{K}\cdot\text{mol}}$$

$$X_{eq} = ?$$

need to take into account  $\Delta n_{\text{mols}}$  and change in volumetric flow

$$-r_A = k_1 C_A - k_{-1} C_C^2 = K_1 \left[ C_A - \frac{C_C^2}{K_{eq}} \right]$$

@ equilibrium,  $-r_A = 0$  thus  $C_A = \frac{C_C^2}{K_{eq}}$  or  $K_{eq} = \frac{C_C^2}{C_A}$

can use a stoichiometric table if needed

species	in	change	out
A	$F_{A0}$	$-F_{A0} X_{eq}$	$F_{A0}(1-X_{eq})$
C	0	$+2F_{A0} X_{eq}$	$2F_{A0} X_{eq}$

$$C_A = \frac{F_A}{v} \quad C_C = \frac{F_C}{v} \quad \text{and} \quad v = v_0(1 + \epsilon X_{eq}) \quad \text{where} \quad \epsilon = y_{A0} \Delta n$$

$$C_A = \frac{C_{A0}(1-X_{eq})}{(1+X_{eq})}$$

$$C_C = \frac{2C_{A0} X_{eq}}{(1+X_{eq})}$$

$$C_{A0} = \frac{y_{A0} P}{RT}$$

$$C_{A0} = \frac{(1)(10\text{atm})}{(0.082 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}})(400\text{K})}$$

$$C_{A0} = 0.305 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}$$

+1, MUST account for v changes in order to have the proper concentrations

$$K_{eq} = \frac{C_C^2}{C_A}$$

$$K_{eq} = \frac{4 C_{A0}^2 (X_{eq})^2}{(1+X_{eq})^2} = \frac{4 C_{A0} X_{eq}^2}{(1-X_{eq})(1+X_{eq})}$$

$$K_{eq} = \frac{4 C_{A0} X_{eq}^2}{1-X_{eq}^2}$$

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↑

2-1=1

+1

$$K_{eq} - K_{eq} X_{eq}^2 = 4C_{A0} X_{eq}^2$$

$$K_{eq} = X_{eq}^2 (4C_{A0} + K_{eq})$$

+1

$$X_{eq} = \sqrt{\frac{K_{eq}}{4C_{A0} + K_{eq}}}$$

plug in values →

$$X_{eq} = \sqrt{\frac{1.25 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}}{4(0.305 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}) + 1.25 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}}}$$

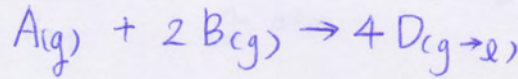
+1

$$X_{eq} = 0.71$$

**PROBLEM #2 (15 PTS)**

Problem 2

Gas Phase Rxn, in a PFR



- $V_0 = 5 \text{ L/min}$
- $F_{A0} = F_{B0}$
- $P_{\text{tot}} = 4 \text{ atm}$
- $P_{\text{vap}, D} = 1 \text{ atm}$

a) B +1

b)	Before Condensation			After Condensation		
	$F_{j0}$	$\Delta F_j$	$F_j$	$F_{j0}$	$\Delta F_j$	$F_j$
Species						
A	$F_{A0} = F_{B0}$	$-0.5 F_{B0} X_B$	$F_{B0}(1-0.5X_B)$	$F_{A0} = F_{B0}$	$-0.5 F_{B0} X_B$	$F_{B0}(1-0.5X_B)$
B	$F_{B0}$	$-F_{B0} X_B$	$F_{B0}(1-X_B)$	$F_{B0}$	$-F_{B0} X_B$	$F_{B0}(1-X_B)$
D	0	$+2 F_{B0} X_B$	$2 F_{B0} X_B$	0		$y_D \cdot F_T'$

In a total of 4 points in b):  
1 point is deducted for each mistake made

If XA was used instead of X<sub>B</sub>, and no other mistakes were made, 2 points deducted out of 4

$$= \left( \frac{P_{\text{vap}, D}}{P_{\text{tot}}} \right) F_T' = 0.25 F_T'$$

where  $F_T'$  is the total molar flow rate after condensation

c)

D will condense when its partial pressure reaches its vapor pressure

$$y_D P_{\text{Tot}} = P_{\text{vap},D}$$

<sup>+1</sup> This may also be solved by  $FT = FT'$

$$\text{When } y_D = \frac{P_{\text{vap},D}}{P_{\text{Tot}}} = \frac{1 \text{ atm}}{4 \text{ atm}} = 0.25$$

when molar fraction of D in gas reaches 25%, condensation happens

$$y_D = \frac{F_D}{F_T} = \frac{2F_{B_0}X_B}{F_A + F_B + F_D} = \frac{2F_{B_0}X_B}{F_{B_0}(1+0.5X_B) + F_{B_0}(1-X_B) + 2F_{B_0}X_B}$$

Correct FT +1

Correct FD (or FT') +1

$$= \frac{2F_{B_0}X_B}{2F_{B_0} + 0.5F_{B_0}X_B}$$
$$\text{hence back to } \frac{y_D}{x_B} = \frac{F_T'}{2F_{B_0}} = \frac{2X_B}{2 + 0.5X_B} = (1.33 - X_D)$$

Hence when  $0.25 = \frac{2X_B}{2 + 0.5X_B}$  condensation begins.

$$0.5 + 0.125X_B = 2X_B$$

$$1.875X_B = 0.5$$

$$X_B = 0.27$$

at 27% conversion of B #

Correct final solution +2

If XA was used instead of XB, and no other mistakes were made, 2 points deducted out of 5

d)

+1 For correct setup

$$\frac{(P_T V)}{(P_0 V_0)} = \frac{F_T' RT}{F_{T0} RT_0}$$

$F_T'$  is the total molar flow rate after condensation

$$\frac{V}{V_0} = \frac{F_T'}{F_{T0}} = \frac{F_T'}{2F_{B0}}$$

+2 For correct expression of  $F_T'$

+1 For correct expression of  $F_{T0}$

$$F_T' = F_A + F_B + F_D = F_{B0}(1 - 0.5X_B) + F_{B0}(1 - X_B) + 0.25F_T'$$

$$0.75F_T' = 2F_{B0} - 1.5F_{B0}X_B$$

$$F_T' = 2.67F_{B0} - 2F_{B0}X_B = F_{B0}(2.67 - 2X_B)$$

hence back to  $\frac{V}{V_0} = \frac{F_T'}{2F_{B0}} = \frac{F_{B0}(2.67 - 2X_B)}{2F_{B0}} = (1.33 - X_B)$

$$\Rightarrow V = V_0(1.33 - X_B) \quad \#$$

+1 for correct final answer

Note that  $y_D$  needs to be written out in actual numbers since  $y_D$  is not given in the problem

If  $X_A$  was used instead of  $X_B$ , and no other mistakes were made, 2 points deducted out of 5

b)  $r_{net} = r_2 = k_2 [I_2]$

press for  $I_2$

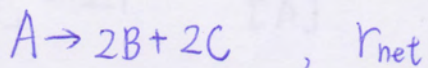
$$\frac{d[I_2]}{dt} = 0 = k_1 [A] - k_{-1} [A][I_2] - k_2 [I_2]$$

$$[I_2] = \frac{k_1 [A]}{(k_{-1} [A] + k_2)}$$

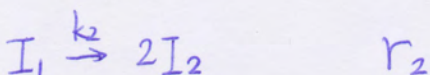
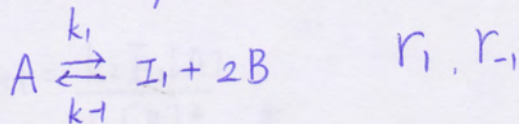
hence

$$r_{net} = \frac{k_1 k_2 [A]}{(k_{-1} [A] + k_2)} \quad \#$$

**PROBLEM #3 (25 PTS)**

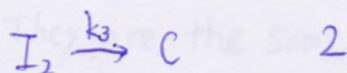
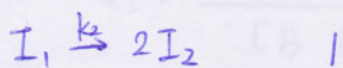
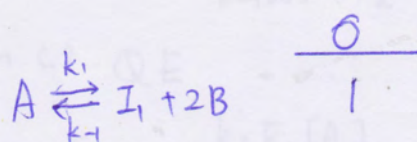


Elementary reactions:

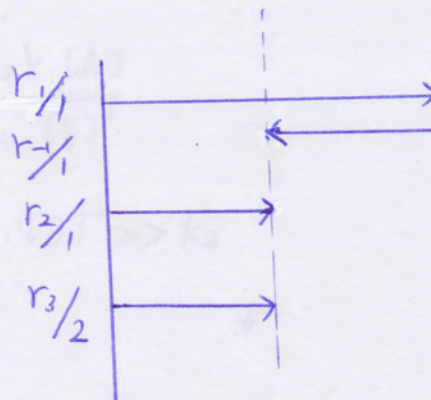


Total of 3 points, 1 point deducted for each mistake/unclearity. (ex. 1 sigma value or 1 label wrong on the diagram)

a)



$$\frac{r_1 - r_{-1}}{1} = \frac{r_2}{1} = \frac{r_3}{2}$$



b)

$$r_{net} = r_2 = k_2 [I_1]$$

+1 for a correct expression for setup of net (with correct stoichiometry)

PSSH for  $I_1$

net can also be expressed as  $r_{net} = 0.5 \cdot r_3$

$$\frac{d[I_1]}{dt} = 0 = k_1 [A] - k_{-1} [I_1] [B]^2 - k_2 [I_1]$$

hence

$$[I_1] = \frac{k_1 [A]}{(k_{-1} [B]^2 + k_2)}$$

$$r_{net} = \frac{k_1 k_2 [A]}{(k_{-1} [B]^2 + k_2)}$$

+1 for correct expression

PSSH to find correct expression for  $[I_1]$  +3

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If chosen to obtain  $r_{net}$  from  $r_{net} = 0.5 \cdot r_3$ ;

PSSH on both intermediates needed

+1 for correct expression for  $I_2$

+2 for correct expression for  $I_1$

partial credit +1 rewarded for correct rnet:

rnet = r2 or rnet = 0.5\*r3

c) In case that Q<sub>E</sub> applies for step 1

$$\frac{k_1}{k_{-1}} = K_1 = \frac{[B]^2 [I_1]}{[A]}$$

$$[I_1] = \frac{K_1 [A]}{[B]^2}$$

+3

$$r_{net} = \frac{k_2 K_1 [A]}{[B]^2} \quad \#$$

+1

d)

From b) PSSH

The concept of comparison of the terms in the denominator +5

$$r_{net} = \frac{k_1 k_2 [A]}{k_{-1} [B]^2 + k_2}$$

From c) Q<sub>E</sub>

$$r_{net} = \frac{k_2 K_1 [A]}{[B]^2} = \frac{k_2 k_1 [A]}{k_{-1} [B]^2}$$

They are the same if  $k_{-1} [B]^2 \gg k_2$

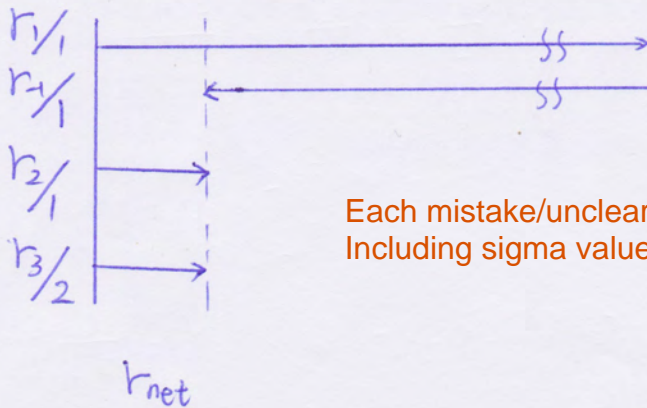
Correct and clear logic +2

Note that  $k_{-1} [B]^2$  and  $k_2$  need to be compared (or  $r_{-1}$  vs  $r_2$ ), the sole comparison of  $k_{-1}$  and  $k_2$  is incomplete.

Sole comparison of  $k_{-1}$  and  $k_2$  leads to a deduction of 2 points

e) Q<sub>E</sub> for step 1

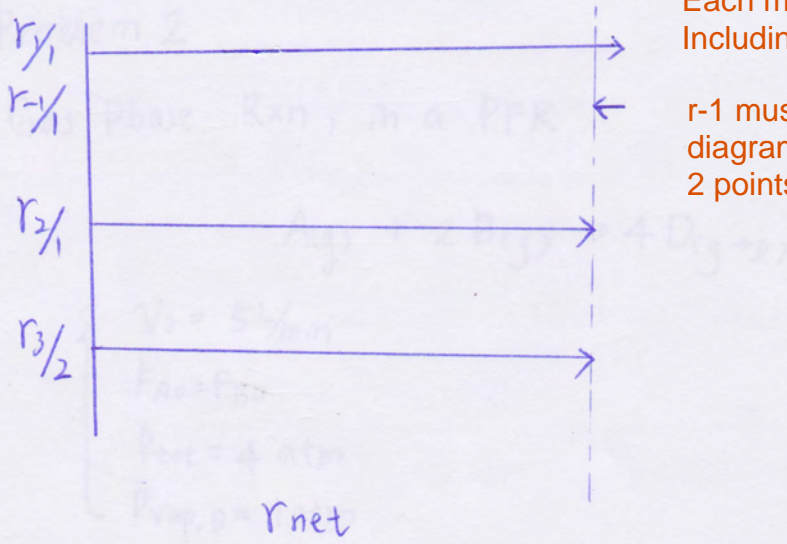
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Each mistake/unclearity -1 out of 5 points. Including sigma values, labeling of rates.



f) Step 1 is irreversible



Each mistake/unclearity -1 out of 5 points. Including sigma values, labeling of rates.

r-1 must be included in this diagram (or an explanation in words) 2 points deducted for not labeling r-1

a) B

	Before Condensation			After Condensation		
b)	$F_{A0}$	$F_{B0} = F_{A0} X_B$	$F_{I0} = F_{A0}(1-X_B)$	$F_{A0}$	$F_{B0}$	$F_{I0}$
Species						
A	$F_{A0} = F_{A0}$	$-0.5 F_{A0} X_B$	$F_{A0}(1-0.5 X_B)$	$F_{A0} = F_{A0}$	$-0.5 F_{A0} X_B$	$F_{A0}(1-0.5 X_B)$
B	$F_{B0}$	$-F_{B0} X_B$	$F_{B0}(1-X_B)$	$F_{B0}$	$-F_{B0} X_B$	$F_{B0}(1-X_B)$
I	0	$+2 F_{B0} X_B$	$2 F_{B0} X_B$	0		

$$y_B = F_{I0}' = \left( \frac{P_{A0} X_B}{P_{tot}} \right) F_{I0}' = 0.25 F_{I0}'$$

where  $F_{I0}'$  is the total molar flow rate after condensation

## Problem 4

$v = \alpha V + \beta$  } meaning the volumetric flow rate is changing as it moves down each volume element  $dV$ , for

$\tau = \frac{V}{v}$  residence time.

a)  $\alpha = 0$

,  $v = \beta$  } volumetric flow rate is constant

therefore

$$\tau_{\text{total}} = \frac{V_f}{v} \Rightarrow \boxed{\tau_{\text{total}} = \frac{V_f}{\beta} (+1)}$$

b)  $\alpha > 0$

see Matt's (Fall 2017) solution from recent announcement

**PROBLEM #5 (25 PTS)**

**+1** A. from stoichiometry, know  $\frac{r_A}{-2} = \frac{r_B}{+1} \rightarrow \boxed{r_A = -2r_B}$

+1/2 for negative sign  
+1/2 for having two

**+4** B. overall mass balance on all species  
given:  $p = p_0$

in - out + gen = accum

**+1**  $v_s p_0 - 0 + 0 = \frac{d(pV)}{dt}$   $p = p_0$ , cancel out

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = v_s$$

+2 correct answer

+1 correct  
volume  
bounds

$$\int_{V_0}^V dV = \int_0^t v_s \rightarrow V - V_0 = v_s t \rightarrow \boxed{V = V_0 + v_s t}$$

+5



Using  $\frac{dC_A}{dt}$

$$\frac{dN_S}{dt} = C_{S0} v_S$$

$$\text{and } \frac{dN_S}{dt} = \frac{d(C_S V)}{dt}$$

$$C_S \frac{dV}{dt} + V \frac{dC_S}{dt} = C_{S0} v_S$$

$$\text{from part b, } \frac{dV}{dt} = v_S$$

$$V = V_0 + v_S t$$

$$C_S v_S + (V_0 + v_S t) \frac{dC_S}{dt} = C_{S0} v_S$$

$$\frac{dC_S}{dt} = \frac{C_{S0} v_S - C_S v_S}{V_0 + v_S t}$$

+1 correct form, plugged V from your part (b) answer

$$\int_0^{C_S} \frac{dC_S}{C_{S0} v_S - C_S v_S} = \int_0^t \frac{dt}{V_0 + v_S t}$$

@t=0,  $C_S = 0$   
which is why  
 $C_S$  integrated  $[0, C_S]$

+1 initial condition or correct bounds

$$-\frac{1}{v_S} \left[ \ln(C_{S0} v_S - C_S v_S) \right]_{C_S=0}^{C_S=C_S} = \frac{1}{v_S} \left[ \ln(V_0 + v_S t) \right]_{t=0}^{t=t}$$

$$\left[ \ln(C_{S0} v_S - C_S v_S) \right]_{C_S=0}^{C_S=C_S} = \left[ \ln(V_0 + v_S t) \right]_{t=0}^{t=t}$$

$$\ln \left( \frac{C_{S0} v_S - C_S v_S}{C_{S0} v_S} \right) = \ln \left( \frac{V_0}{V_0 + v_S t} \right)$$

+1 for any attempt on integration

$$\frac{C_{S0} v_S - C_S v_S}{C_{S0} v_S} = \frac{V_0}{V_0 + v_S t}$$

$$(C_{S0} v_S - C_S v_S)(V_0 + v_S t) = V_0 C_{S0} v_S$$

$$C_{S0} v_S V_0 + C_{S0} v_S^2 t - C_S v_S V_0 - C_S v_S^2 t = V_0 C_{S0} v_S$$

$$C_{S0} v_S^2 t - C_S v_S V_0 - C_S v_S^2 t = 0$$

$$C_{S0} v_S^2 t = C_S v_S (V_0 + v_S t)$$

$$C_S = \frac{C_{S0} v_S^2 t}{(V_0 + v_S t) v_S} \rightarrow \boxed{C_S = \frac{C_{S0} v_S t}{V_0 + v_S t}}$$

+1 correct answer

D. mole balance on species A

in-out + gen = accum

$$0 - 0 + r_A V = \frac{dN_A}{dt} \quad \text{+2 mole balance}$$

Because nothing coming out, only S enters (no A), and A is consumed based on  $-r_A$

$$\frac{dN_A}{dt} = r_A V = -2r_B V$$

(from part A, know  $r_A = -2r_B$ )

$$\frac{dN_A}{dt} = -2K C_A C_S V$$

+1 for adding part (a) answer, +2 for correct equation or expanded via product rule correctly to  $dC_A/dt$

@ this point you can solve via  $\frac{dN_A}{dt}$  or  $\frac{dC_A}{dt}$

Both methods are valid, shown one by one below:

@ this point, can get +10 additional points using either  $dN_A/dt$  or  $dC_A/dt$  method

Using  $\frac{dN_A}{dt}$

$$\frac{dN_A}{dt} = -2K C_A C_S V$$

(plug in  $C_S$  from part C)

+1 for  $C_S$  substitution from your part (c) answer

$$\frac{dN_A}{dt} = \frac{-2K C_A V C_{S0} v_s t}{V_0 + v_s t}$$

(know  $N_A = C_A V$ )

+1 for correct V substitution from your part (b) answer

+1 for  $dN_A/dt$  term

$$\frac{dN_A}{dt} = \frac{-2K C_{S0} v_s N_A t}{V_0 + v_s t}$$

$$\int_{N_{A0}}^{N_A} \frac{dN_A}{N_A} = -2K C_{S0} v_s \int_0^t \frac{t}{V_0 + v_s t} dt$$

use integral table in the form

$$\int_0^x \frac{x}{ax+b} dx$$

a:  $v_s$   
b:  $V_0$

$$\ln\left(\frac{N_A}{N_{A0}}\right) = (-2K C_{S0} v_s) \left[ \frac{t}{v_s} + \frac{V_0}{v_s^2} \ln\left(\frac{V_0}{V_0 + v_s t}\right) \right]$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{N_A}{N_{A0}}\right) = -2K C_{S0} t - \frac{2K C_{S0} V_0}{v_s} \ln\left(\frac{V_0}{V_0 + v_s t}\right)$$

up to +2 for attempts on math with correct integration bounds

$$N_A = N_{A0} \exp\left[-2K C_{S0} t - \frac{2K C_{S0} V_0}{v_s} \ln\left(\frac{V_0}{V_0 + v_s t}\right)\right]$$

$$C_A = \frac{N_A}{V} \quad \text{and} \quad C_{A0} = \frac{N_{A0}}{V_0} \rightarrow V_0 = C_{A0} V_0$$

$$C_A = \frac{C_{A0} V_0 \exp\left[-2K C_{S0} t - \frac{2K C_{S0} V_0}{v_s} \ln\left(\frac{V_0}{V_0 + v_s t}\right)\right]}{V_0 + v_s t}$$

+5 for correct answer

using  $\frac{dC_A}{dt}$

$$\frac{dN_A}{dt} = -2kC_A C_S V$$

$$\text{Know } N_A = V C_A$$

$$\frac{d(V C_A)}{dt} = -2k C_A C_S V$$

plug in  $C_S$  from part c )  
plug in  $V$  from part b

$$V \frac{dC_A}{dt} + C_A \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{-2k C_A C_S V_s t}{V_0 + V_s t} (V_0 + V_s t)$$

$\swarrow$   $V_0 + V_s t$                        $\swarrow$   $\frac{dV}{dt} = V_s$

+1 for  $C_S$  substitution from your part (c) answer

+1 for correct  $V$  substitution from your part (b) answer

$$(V_0 + V_s t) \frac{dC_A}{dt} + V_s C_A = -2k C_A C_S V_s t$$

+1 for  $dC_A/dt$  term

$$\frac{dC_A}{dt} = \frac{-C_A (2k C_S V_s t + V_s)}{V_0 + V_s t}$$

up to +2 for attempts on math with correct integration bounds

$$\int_{C_{A0}}^{C_A} \frac{dC_A}{C_A} = \int_0^t \frac{-2k C_S V_s t - V_s}{V_0 + V_s t} dt$$

use integral table in the form

$$\int_0^x \frac{ax+b}{cx+d} dx$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{C_A}{C_{A0}}\right) = \left(\frac{-2k C_S V_s t}{V_s}\right) + \frac{-2k C_S V_s V_0 + V_s^2}{V_s^2} \ln\left(\frac{V_0}{V_0 + V_s t}\right)$$

a:  $-2k C_S V_s$   
b:  $-V_s$   
c:  $V_s$   
d:  $V_0$

$$\ln\left(\frac{C_A}{C_{A0}}\right) = -2k C_S t + \left(1 - \frac{2k C_S V_0}{V_s}\right) \ln\left(\frac{V_0}{V_0 + V_s t}\right)$$

$$C_A = C_{A0} \exp\left[-2k C_S t + \left(1 - \frac{2k C_S V_0}{V_s}\right) \ln\left(\frac{V_0}{V_0 + V_s t}\right)\right]$$

+5 correct answer