

FIRST/SECOND YEAR B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH/APRIL 2009

Part III—Chemistry (Main)

Paper I—**THEORETICAL** CHEMISTRY

(Improvement)

[Common with B.Sc. Polymer Chemistry (Main)]

Paper I and B.Sc. Industrial Chemistry (Main) [Regular]--Paper I]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 55 Marks

Section A*Answer any **sixteen** questions.**Each question carries 1% marks.*

- Calculate the de Broglie wavelength of an electron travelling at 1 % of the speed of light.
(Planck's constant = 6.626×10^{-34} JS, Mass of electron = 9.1×10^{-31} kg.)
- What is the uncertainty in momentum if we wish to locate an electron within approximately 100 pm ? (Mass of electron = 9.1×10^{-31} kg. and Planck's constant = 6.626×10^{-34} JS).
- What is meant by Laplacian operator ?
- Determine the term symbol of the ground state of Helium.
- How many electrons in an atom may have the following quantum numbers ? $n = 4$, $m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$.
- Sketch the shapes of d_{xz} , $d_{x^2-y^2}$ and d_{z^2} orbitals.
- Arrange the following elements in the increasing order of their electron affinity : P, S; Cl, F. Justify your answer.
- Which of the following will have the largest and smallest size ?
Mg, Mg^{2+} , Al, Al^{3+} . Give reason.
- Arrange Na and Mg, which would have the largest difference between first and second ionisation energies. Briefly explain your answer.
- Give the Born-Landé equation and explain the terms.
- Why is the dipole moment of NH_3 greater than that of NF_3 ?
- Which is more stable, O_2^- or OF^- ? Why ?
- Draw the structure of diborane.
- State and explain Geiger-Nuttall rule.
- Three quarters of ^{90}Sr , a radioactive element, disappeared in 56 years. What is the half-life period of ^{90}Sr ? What is the rate constant ?
- What is meant by artificial radioactivity ? Give an example.
- Which of the following molecules will be microwave active ? CO_2 , CO , H_2 , HCl . Give reason.

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18. Sketch the fundamental modes of vibration of H_2O molecule.
19. State the Frank-Condon principle.
20. Give the self ionisation reaction of liquid SO_2 .

(16 x $1\frac{1}{2}$ = 24 marks)

Section B

Answer any **four** questions.
Each question carries 4 marks.

21. (a) Sketch the radial probability distribution curves of 2s and 2p orbitals.
(b) Calculate the wavelength of the spectral line obtained when the excited electron of the hydrogen atom falls from the third orbit to the second orbit.
22. Give a brief account of the Pauling's and Mulliken's scale of electronegativity.
23. Calculate the lattice energy of LiF given that the enthalpy of (i) sublimation of Li is $155.2 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$; (ii) dissociation of F_2 is $150.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$; (iii) ionisation of Li(g) is 520 kJ mol^{-1} ; (iv) electron affinity of F(g) is -333 kJ mol^{-1} and heat of the reaction is $-594.1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$.
24. Discuss VSEPR theory. Explain the shapes of XeF_2 and IF_4 on the basis of VSEPR theory.
25. Explain how moment of inertia and bond length can be determined from rotational spectra.
26. (a) What are protic and aprotic solvents? Give examples for each.
(b) Explain the Lewis concept of acids and bases. Which of the following can act as Lewis acid BF_3 , NH_3 , F^- , SiF_4 . Justify your answer.

(2 + 2 = 4 marks)

[4 x 4 = 16 marks]

Section 'C

Answer any **two** questions.
Each question carries $7\frac{1}{2}$ marks.

27. (a) State and explain the Postulates of quantum mechanics.
(b) Calculate the energy of the first two energy levels of an electron confined to a one-dimensional box of length 10^{-10} m .
28. (a) Draw the MO level diagram of CO molecule. Calculate its bond order and comment on magnetic property.
(b) Give a brief account of inter and intra molecular hydrogen bonding taking suitable examples.
29. (a) An archeological sample shows ^{14}C activity of 1.52 disintegrations per minute per gram of carbon. A freshly cut piece of wood shows a ^{14}C activity of 15.2 disintegrations per minute per gram of carbon. Calculate the age of the sample. $t_{1/2}$ of ^{14}C is 5760 years.
(b) Explain the principle and working of Aston's mass spectrograph.
30. (a) Give a brief account of (i) chemical shift and (ii) spin-spin coupling.
(b) Explain the selection rules of rotational and vibrational spectra.

(4 + 3/2 = 7 1/2 marks)

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[2 x 7 1/2 = 15 marks]