



I Semester M.Sc. Examination, January/February 2018

(CBCS Scheme)

CHEMISTRY

C - 103 : Physical Chemistry - I

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

Instruction : Answer question No. 1 and any five of the remaining questions.

1. Answer **any ten** of the following : (2×10=20)
- What are operators ? Explain Hamiltonian operator.
 - Mention the significance of quantum mechanical tunneling phenomenon.
 - Provide an explanation for the terms normalization and orthogonality of wave functions.
 - Write about Slater determinants.
 - Explain term symbol with an example.
 - Justify the need for approximation methods in quantum mechanics.
 - Give a comparative account of collision and transition state theories.
 - State and explain steady state kinetics.
 - What is temperature coefficient ? How it can be evaluated ?
 - When water is subjected to the temperature jump method, the relaxation time for the return to the equilibrium at 30° is 40×10^{-6} s. Calculate the rate constants for the forward and reverse reaction.
 - Explain the effect of temperature on enzyme activity.
 - Comment on mechanical adsorption.
2.
 - Formulate time-independent Schrodinger wave equation.
 - Give the physical significance of wave function.
 - State and explain any three postulates of quantum mechanics. (4+3+3=10)
3.
 - Apply Schrodinger equation for a rigid rotator and obtain its normalized eigen functions and eigen values.
 - Outline the total wave functions of hydrogen atom.
 - Give a brief account of radial and angular wave functions diagrams. (4+3+3=10)



4. a) Obtain expressions for first order corrections in energy and wave function for a non-degenerate system according to Rayleigh Schrodinger Perturbation theory. (6+4=10)
- b) Demonstrate the Stern-Gerlach experiment.
5. a) Give the operators for x, y and z components of angular momentum.
- b) Explain primary and secondary salt effects. Predict the influence of increasing ionic strength of the medium on the rate of following reactions :
- i) $\text{CO}(\text{NH}_3)_5 \text{Br}^{2+} + \text{NO}_2^- \rightarrow \text{products}$
- ii) $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-} + \text{I}^- \rightarrow \text{products}$ (5+5=10)
- iii) $\text{CH}_3\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5 + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{products}$.
6. a) Discuss the kinetics and mechanism of thermal chain reaction between H_2 and Br_2 .
- b) Outline the shock tube technique for the study of fast reactions. (6+4=10)
7. a) Derive Michaelis-Menten equation for a single substrate enzyme catalyzed reaction using steady state approximation.
- b) Discuss the kinetics and mechanism of unimolecular reactions as proposed by Lindemann. (5+5=10)
8. a) Obtain Kelvin equation for vapour pressure droplets and mention its significance.
- b) Explain the use of BET equation in the determination of surface area of a solid.
- c) Write a brief account of catalytic activity of surfaces. (4+3+3=10)