



Second Semester M.Sc. Degree Examination, June 2016  
(NS) (2010-11 and Onwards)  
CHEMISTRY

C 201 : Inorganic Chemistry – II (Co-ordination Chemistry)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

*Instruction : Answer Question No. 1 and any five of the remaining.*

1. Answer ten questions of the following : (2×10=20)

- a) For a co-ordination compound formation,  $\Delta G^\circ = -10.56 \text{ kJmol}^{-1}$ . Calculate the stability constant at  $25^\circ \text{C}$  (Given :  $R = 8.314 \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ).
- b) Explain why  $[\text{Cu}(\text{en})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}$  is stabler than  $[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}$ .
- c) What is spectrochemical series ? Why is it called so ?
- d) Which of the following would undergo Jahn Teller distortion ?  
 $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ ,  $[\text{FeF}_6]^{3-}$ ,  $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  and  $[\text{CoCl}_4]^{2-}$ .
- e) Indicate the possible modes of bonding of isocyanide to metals.
- f) Explain the Cotton effect.
- g) Some values of the Racah parameter are  $920$ ,  $760$  and  $1050 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Assign these values to the ions,  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{V}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$ . Explain your choice.
- h) Obtain the total number of microstates for carbon and  $\text{V}^{3+}$ .
  - i) Copper acetate has a lower magnetic moment at room temperature with respect to its spin-only value. Why ?
  - j) What is meant by spin cross over ? Why spin cross over systems are not possible in tetrahedral complexes ?
- k) Predict the geometries of metal complexes with co-ordination numbers 7 and 8.
  - l) Account for the fact that NO is capable of forming both linear and angular M-NO groups in nitrosyl complexes.

2. a) Nature of the metal ion affects the stability of metal complexes. Enumerate with suitable examples.
- b) Describe the spectrophotometric method of determination of stability constant of a metal complex.
- c) The stepwise stability constant values for  $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{NH}_3$  system are as follows :  
 $\log k_1 = 4.28$ ,  $\log k_2 = 3.55$ ,  $\log k_3 = 2.99$  and  $\log k_4 = 2.36$ . Calculate the overall stability constant of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$ :

(3+6+3)

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3. a) Illustrate any two experimental evidences for covalency in M-L bonding of complexes.
- b) Sketch the MO energy level diagram for  $[\text{FeF}_6]^{3-}$  involving  $\sigma$  bonding only. Give its salient features.
- c) Identify all the isomers of (i)  $[\text{M}(\text{aa})_2\text{bc}]$  and (ii)  $[\text{M}(\text{aa})_2\text{b}_2]$  where (aa) is a bidentate ligand. Which of them are optically active? (4+4+4)
4. a) Distinguish between CD and ORD. Discuss the use of CD in determining the absolute configuration of metal complexes.
- b) Write the structures of  $\text{Mn}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$  and  $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$  and discuss the bonding of CO in these complexes. Explain why metal atoms/ions occur in lower oxidation states in carbonyl complexes.
- c) Give a brief account of stereochemical non-rigidity. (5+4+3)
5. a) How does  $^3F$  state of  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  free ion transform in an octahedral field? Assign the possible transitions. Calculate the values of  $Dq$ ,  $B'$  and  $\beta$  for  $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  which exhibits absorption bands at 8700, 17500 and  $25000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Given:  $B$  for free  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  ion =  $1040 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).
- b) Giving suitable examples, explain the characteristics of different types of charge transfer transitions. Explain why compounds exhibiting charge transfer transitions are intensely colored?
- c) State and explain the selection rules of electronic spectroscopy. (4+5+3)
6. a) Discuss the spectral and magnetic properties of lanthanides.
- b) Distinguish between ferromagnetism and antiferromagnetism. Explain the effect of temperature on magnetic susceptibility of ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic compounds.
- c) For  $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  complex,  $\mu_{\text{eff}} > \mu_{\text{s}}$ , while for  $[\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$  the  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  is comparable to  $\mu_{\text{s}}$  value. Explain. (4+5+3)
7. a) Discuss the bonding in dinitrogen and phosphine metal complexes.
- b) Give a brief account of self assembly in supramolecular chemistry.
- c) Mention the limitations of CFT. (6+3+3)