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Programme: B.E.

Semester: I / II

Branch: Common to all Branches

Duration: 3 hrs.

Course Code: 21CY1BSECT / 21CY2BSECT

Max Marks: 100

Course: Engineering Chemistry

Instructions: 1. Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing one full question from each unit.
 2. Missing data, if any, may suitably assumed.

UNIT - I

1	a) What are reference electrodes? Describe the construction and working of calomel electrode. 06
	b) What are all concentration cells? EMF of concentration cell: $Zn ZnSO_4 (X) \parallel ZnSO_4 (0.02M) Zn$, at $29^\circ C$ is 0.03 V. Find the concentration of $ZnSO_4$ at anode. 05
	c) Justify the following statements: i) Iron corrodes faster in contact with silver than with copper. (ii) Phosphating is a surface conversion coating 05
	d) Appraise the process of Galvanization of Iron. 04

OR

2	a) Define corrosion. Explain electrochemical theory of corrosion taking iron as an example. 06
	b) Predict the effect of following factors on the rate of corrosion: 04
	i) nature of corrosion product ii) pH of medium
	c) Justify the following statements: 04
	(i) EMF of a galvanic cell has to be always positive.
	(ii) The potential of calomel electrode increases with decrease in KCl concentration
	d) What is electroless plating? Explain the electroless plating of copper with relevant reactions and mention its advantages over electroplating. 06

UNIT - II

3	a) Define GCV. When 0.76 g of chemical fuel is subjected to complete combustion in a bomb calorimeter, the temperature of the surrounding water increased from $25^\circ C$ to $28^\circ C$. The weight of water taken and water equivalent of bomb calorimeter are 2.5 Kg and 0.485 Kg respectively. Calculate GCV and NCV. (Given: Specific heat of water=4.186 KJ/Kg/ $^\circ C$, Latent heat of steam is 2457 KJ/Kg and percentage of hydrogen in the fuel is 4.9). 05
	b) Explain the construction and working of solar cell. 05
	c) Lithium is preferred as anode material in battery technology: justify the statement. Explain the construction and working of Li-CoO ₂ battery. 06

Important Note: Completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages. Revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator will be treated as malpractice.

d) Justify the following statements: (i) Fuel cells do not store chemical energy. (ii) Why acidic electrolyte is preferred in Methanol-O₂ fuel cell? 04

UNIT - III

4 a) In a polymer sample, 20 molecules have molecular mass 15000g/mol, 35 molecules have molecular mass 25000g/mol and remaining 45 molecules have molecular mass 20000 g/mol. Calculate the number average, weight average molecular mass and PDI of the polymer. 05

b) Write the synthesis and uses of: (i) UF resin and (ii) Nitrile rubber. Mention their applications 06

c) Describe the synthesis and applications of poly glycolic acid 05

d) Justify the following statements: 04

- i) Kevlar is less flexible than nylons
- ii) Not all simple organic molecules are monomers.

UNIT - IV

5 a) Describe the synthesis of ethylene oxide and methyl methacrylate from green route. 06

b) Define hardness of water. In an experiment 25 cm³ of hard water sample required 12.3 cm³ 0.025 M EDTA solution for titration using EBT as indicator. Under similar conditions another 25cm³ of same sample water after boiling and cooling required 9.5 cm³ of EDTA solution. Calculate temporary, permanent and total hardness of water sample. 05

c) Explain with a neat diagram desalination of sea water by reverse osmosis method. 05

d) Justify the roles of Ag₂SO₄ and HgSO₄ in experimental determination of COD of waste water. What happens to estimation of COD in their absence? 04

OR

6 a) Describe the process of removal of hardness by ion exchange method. 06

b) What is atom economy? Describe its significance in green chemistry. 04

c) Aerobic conditions are necessary in secondary treatment of sewage water, justify the statement. Elaborate the Trickling filter process of sewage treatment. 06

d) List any four principles of green chemistry. 04

UNIT - V

7 a) Draw and explain the phase diagram for water system. Explain the significance of area, curves and triple point. 06

b) Justify the following statements: 04

- i) Nano gold is catalytically more active than bulk gold
- ii) Graphene has superior mechanical and electrical properties

c) State Lambert – Beer Law. Elaborate the principle involved in colorimetric estimation of copper. 06

d) Differentiate top-down approach from bottom up approach of nanomaterial synthesis. 04
