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M.Sc.
Second Semester
CORE – 08
CHEMISTRY
Course Code: MCHC 2.41
(Physical Chemistry - III)

Total Mark: 70
Time: 3 hours

Pass Mark: 28

Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. (a) Write a note on generalised kinetic theory. 5
(b) Give the thermodynamic formulation of CTST. 7
(c) Which factors determine the reaction rates in solution? 2
2. (a) Derive the rate equation for transition state theory using derivation 1. 5
(b) Discuss the double sphere model for activated complex. 4
(c) Explain the effect of ionic strength. 5

UNIT-II

3. (a) Explain the Lineweaver-Burk plot. 4
(b) What are acid functions? Explain. 7
(c) Write the Michaelis-Menten equation. 3
4. (a) With the help of a neat diagram, explain the activation energies for catalysed reaction. 4
(b) Give the mechanism of acid base catalysis taking two extreme cases, $k_2 \ll k_{-1}[B]$ and $k_{-1}[B] \ll k_2$. 5
(c) Write a note on catalytic activity and acid-base strength. 5

UNIT-III

5. (a) Explain the combination and disproportionation reactions. 4

- (b) Write a note on each of the following: 2×2=4
- (i) Intermolecular energy transfer
- (ii) Laser induced unimolecular reactions
- (c) Explain the pressure effect and volume of activation using van 't Hoff equation. 6
6. (a) Write a note on Slater's treatment. 3
- (b) Explain the Marcus extension of RRK treatment. 4
- (c) Discuss the ion-dipole and dipole-dipole reactions. 4
- (d) Give the theory of unimolecular reactions. 3

UNIT-IV

7. (a) Discuss the mechanism of cationic polymerisation. 6
- (b) Explain the pyrolysis of acetaldehyde. 5
- (c) What is autocatalysis? Explain. 3
8. (a) Give a detailed account on the kinetics of HBr reaction. 4
- (b) Explain the kinetic aspects of polymerisation reactions. 5
- (c) Write a note on each of the following: 2½×2 =5
- (i) Kinetic chain length
- (ii) Free radical mechanisms

UNIT-V

9. (a) Write a note on each of the following: 2×2=4
- (i) Graft polymers
- (ii) Electrically conducting polymers
- (b) Give a detailed account of polymerisation reactions. 5
- (c) Explain the sedimentation process for determining the molar mass of polymer. 5
10. (a) Using light scattering method, determine the molar mass of polymer. 5
- (b) Write the kinetics of anionic polymerisation. 5
- (c) Explain the calculation of average dimensions of various chain structures. 4