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## MSc DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION MARCH 2016 SEMESTER - 4, MSc CHEMISTRY

COURSE: P4CHET15EL: ADVANCED PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

Time: Three Hours Max. Marks: 75

## **Section A**

(Answer any 10 questions. Each question carries 2 marks)

- 1. Lattice parameter of a face centred cubic (FCC) conventional unit cell is "a". Calculate the volume of its primitive unit cell.
- 2. Define screw axis and Glide planes.
- 3. What is oxygen starvation in fuel cells? What can happen to the fuel cell during Oxygen starvation?
- 4. Can  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$  be used to oxidize  $Fe^{2+}$ ? Would  $Cl^-$  oxidation be a problem with  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ ?

Given 
$$E^{0}_{(Cr_{2} \circ 7^{2} - /Cr_{3}^{2} + )} = 1.38 \text{ V}, E^{0}_{(Fe_{3}^{3} + /Fe_{4}^{2} + )} = 0.77 \text{ V}, E^{0}_{(Cl_{2}/Cl_{3}^{-})} = 1.36 \text{ V}$$

- 5. If heavier gas molecules move more slowly than lighter gas molecules, why is the average kinetic energy independent of the mass?
- 6. Describe the basic differences between atomic emission and atomic absorption spectroscopy.
- 7. Calculate the solubility product of AgI at 25.0 °C from the following data:

Reduction half-  
reaction 
$$E^{\circ}(V)$$
 AgI(s) + e<sup>-</sup> ---> -0.15  
Ag(s) + I<sup>-</sup> -0.54  
Ag<sup>+</sup> + e<sup>-</sup> ---> Ag(s) +0.80

- 8. What do you mean by Debye-Falkenhagen effect?
- 9. Identify the two effects that lead to decrease in molar conductivity ( $\Lambda$ ) with concentration for strong electrolytes.
- 10. Write down Ilkovic Equation and explain the different terms in the equation?

- 11. Define 'Over Potential' for a particular electrode.
- 12. Write the space groups of a triclinic crystal system?
- 13. Compute the Miller Indices for a plane intersecting at

(i) 
$$x = \frac{1}{4}$$
,  $y = 1$ , and  $z = 1/2$ ,

(ii) 
$$x=2$$
,  $y=3/2$ ,  $z=1$  (2 × 10 = 20) (PTO)

## **Section B**

(Answer any 5 questions. Each question carries 5 marks)

- 14. Crystal of Iridium (Ir) (FCC) is analyzed by x-ray diffraction through exposure to Molybdenum  $K_{\alpha}$  radiation, for which  $\lambda_{K\alpha} = 0.721 \text{ Å} = 7.21 \times 10^{-11}$  m. Calculate the angle of reflection,  $\theta$ , of the lowest-index plane present in the diffractogram. The lattice constant of Ir, a, is 3.84 Å.
- 15. Write down the half cell and complete cell reactions for a Daniell cell. Why it is not rechargeable? Why the electrolytes cannot be mixed?
- 16. Explain the terms 'Liquid Junction Potential' and 'Concentration Cell' with suitable example.
- 17. (a) Compare the average speed of an oxygen molecule with that of a molecule of carbon tetrachloride at 20 °C. (b) Compare their average kinetic energies.

(Atomic weight of O = 16.0, CI = 35.5)

18. Calculate the mean free path of molecules in air using collision cross section ( $\sigma$ ) = 0.43 nm<sup>2</sup>

at 25°C and (a) 10 atm, (b) 1.0 atm, (c) 1.0 µ atm.

- 19. Distinguish between migration current and diffusion current in Polarography.
- 20. What is reciprocal lattice? Show that a BCC lattice in real space become FCC in reciprocal space.

21. Define (i) RMS (ii) Average and (iii) Most probable velocities. Give the formula to calculate each of them.

$$(5 \times 5 = 25)$$

## **Section C**

(Answer any 2 questions. Each question carries 15 marks)

- 22. (a) What are liquid crystals?
  - (b) Outline the classification of Liquid crystals.
  - (c)Write a short note on applications of liquid crystals and give few examples of liquid crystals?
- 23 Deduce the Butler-Volmer equation for the following electrochemical reaction and explain at which condition it can be reduced to Tafel Equation?

$$A + e^{-} \longrightarrow B$$

- 24. i) Derive Maxwell's Law of distribution of Velocities.
  - ii) Explain transport properties of a gas with reference to viscosity and thermal conductivity.
- 25. Explain the different types of mechanisms involved in energy and electron transfer.

$$(15 \times 2 = 30)$$

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