

I Semester M.Sc. Degree Examination, Jan./Feb. 2014
(2010-11 Scheme) (NS)

CHEMISTRY

C – 101 : Inorganic Chemistry – I

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

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

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

- Explain Bent's rule.
- How are σ -, Π - and δ - molecular orbitals formed ?
- The electronegativities of A, B, C and D are 3.8, 3.3, 2.8 and 1.3 respectively. Place the compounds AB, AD, BD and AC in order of increasing covalent character.
- Explain why Li^+ has higher hydration energy than that of K^+ .
- What is synergic bond ? Explain with an example.
- How is S_4N_4 obtained ? Draw its structure.
- What are molecular sieves ? Give the composition of ZSM-5.
- Explain the term super acids with an example.
- Give the significance of the term 'n/p ratio'.
- A borane has a styx code 4120. Name the borane and draw its structure.
- What are Lewis acids and bases ? Explain with examples.
- With respect to sulfur, explain the term polymorphism.

2. a) What is meant by partial ionic character of covalent bonds ? How is this related to electronegativity ?

b) Outline the concept of VSEPR model. Based on it, discuss the shapes of ClF_3 , SF_4 and BrF_5 .

c) Draw the resonance structures for OCN^- and CN^- and assign formal charges.

(4+4+4=12)



3. a) Explain why crystals of ionic compounds are relatively hard and brittle.
b) Using Slater's rule, calculate the effective nuclear charge experienced by one of the d-electrons in vanadium.
c) Depict a Walsh diagram for AH_2 molecule and based on it explain the shape of water molecule. **(4+4+4=12)**
4. a) How are trimeric and tetrameric cyclophosphazenes prepared? Write the structure of the trimer and explain its bonding.
b) Discuss the structure and bonding in borazine.
c) Explain the leveling effect of solvents. **(5+4+3=12)**
5. a) Describe critically the preparation, properties and structure of heteropoly acids of molybdenum.
b) Give the classification of condensed phosphates and mention their characteristics.
c) Write a short note on shell model. **(5+4+3=12)**
6. a) How does N_2O_4 auto-ionize? Discuss its role in preparing anhydrous metal nitrates.
b) Discuss the classification and structures of silicates.
c) Explain Wade's rules and their use in the classification of boranes and carboranes. **(3+5+4=12)**
7. a) Based on HSAB concept, explain the following :
Will Cu^{2+} react more strongly with HO^- or NH_3 ? With O^{2-} or S^{2-} ?
b) Write briefly on the reactions studied in bromine trifluoride solvent.
c) Give a comprehensive note on liquid drop model of nucleus. **(4+4+4=12)**
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