STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI-86 (For candidates admitted during the academic year 2023-24 & thereafter)

M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024 BRANCH IV- CHEMISTRY FIRST SEMESTER

| COURSE | : CORE |
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| PAPER | : ADVANCED PHYSICALCHEMISTRY |
| SUBJECT CODE | : 23CH/PC/PC14 |
| TIME | : 3 HOURS |

MAX.MARKS :100

| Q.N | SECTION-A | С | K |
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| 0. | Answer all questions(10x1=10 marks) | 0 | L |
| 1. | Particles with half integral spin are known as | 1 | 1 |
| | a) Bosons b) Fermions c) Nuons d) Mesons | 1 | 1 |
| 2. | For hydrogen molecule the number of translational, rotational and | | |
| | vibrational degrees of freedom at high temperature are: | | |
| | a) 3,3,3 b) 3,2,1 c) 3,2,2 d) 3,1,1 | | |
| 3. | Cell potential is an property. | 1 | 1 |
| | a) extensive b) colligative c) intensive d) nuclear | - | - |
| 4. | The Arrhenius rate equation is a) $k=Ae^{-Ea/RT}$ b) $k=Ae^{-Ea/RT}$ c) $k=2.303 \text{ A/RT}$ d) $k=E_a/RT$ | 1 | 1 |
| 5. | In a consecutive reaction, | | |
| | $A \rightarrow I \rightarrow P$ | | |
| | $A \rightarrow I v = k_a [A]$ | | |
| | $I \rightarrow A v = k \stackrel{[a]}{}_{a} [A]$ | | |
| | $I \rightarrow P v = k_b[A]$ | 1 | 1 |
| | When $k_b > > k_a$, | 1 | 1 |
| | a) The formation of the product depends only on the k_a | | |
| | b) The formation of the product depends only on the k_b | | |
| | c) The formation of the product depends only on [I] | | |
| | d) The formation of the product depends on both $k_a \& k_b$ | | |
| 6. | According to Rice-Herzfeld mechanism of decomposition of | | |
| | acetaldehyde, the rate of decomposition is directly proportion to | 1 | 1 |
| | a) $[CH_3CHO]^{1/2}$ b) $[CH_3CHO]^{3/2}$ c) $[CH_3CHO]$ d) $[CH_3CHO]^{2/3}$ | | |
| 7. | The equation for the rate constant of a diffusion-controlled reaction | | |
| | between two different molecules is | 1 | 1 |
| | a) $K_D = 4RT/3\eta$ b) $K_D = 8RT/3\eta$ c) $K_D = 3RT/8\eta$ d) $4RT/9\eta$ | | |
| 8. | Activity of a solid is always taken to be | 1 | 1 |
| | a) 1 b) 0 c) same as amount d) moles | | |
| 9. | In Freundlich adsorption isotherm, the slope of the straight-line graph | | |
| | between $log(x/m)$ and $logP$ for adsorption of a gas on solid is | 1 | 1 |
| | a) $1/n$ b) $logk$ c) n d) k | | |
| 10. | In electrochemistry, the transfer coefficient (α) is a quantity that has a | | |
| | value | | |
| | a) one b) more than 1 c) between 0 and 1 d) less than zero | | |
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| | SECTION- B | | | |
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| | Answer all questions (10 x 1 = 10 Marks) | со | KL | |
| | Fill in the blanks- | | | |
| 11 | | | | |
| 11. | The units of partition function is | 2 | 2 | |
| 12. | The process of catalytically induced fragmentation of the long chain hydrocarbons(drawn from earth as petroleum) is called | 2 | 2 | |
| 13. | The symmetry number for HCl molecule is | 2 | 2 | |
| 14. | According to Dulong and Pettit's law, for a monatomic crystal, C _v (calK ⁻¹) is | 2 | 2 | |
| 15. | Variation of the rate of the reaction between ions in the presence of an added electrolyte acting as catalyst is called as | 2 | 2 | |
| | Answer in a line or two: | | | |
| 16. | The following is graph of $t_{1/2}$ verses concentration of reactant 'a'. What $t_{1/2}$ is the order of the reaction? | 2 | 2 | |
| 17. | Identify type and give an example of the following isotherm. g_{g} | 2 | 2 | |
| 18. | Consider a system of distinguishable particles having only two non-degenerate energy levels separated by an energy which is equal to kT at 25K. Calculate the ratio of populations in states at 25K. | 2 | 2 | |
| 19. | Evaluate using Stirling approximation Ln N!. Where N= 6.023×10^{23} | 2 | 2 | |
| 20. | Indicate whether the reaction is spontaneous or not. Given: $E_{cell} = 1.314V.$ (n=2) | 2 | 2 | |

| | SECTION- C | | KL |
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| | Answer any four questions(4 x 6 = 24 Marks) | CO | KL |
| 21. | Derive the expression for Maxwell- Boltzmann Statistics. | 3 | 3 |
| 22. | a) Explain in detail the potential energy diagram of surfaces. (4) b) A average human DNA molecule has 5x10⁸ bio-nucleotides (rungs on DNA ladder) of four different kinds. If each rung were a random choice of one of these four possibilities, what would be the residual entropy associated with this typical DNA molecule? (2) a) Explain the dynamics of molecular collisions. (3) | 3 | 3 |
| 23. | b) Explain the sedimentation potential. (3) | 3 | 3 |
| 24. | a) Explain the role of catalytic oxidation in pollution control with an example. $k_a k_b$ (3) b) Show that the pre-equilibrium mechanism - $A + B \leftrightarrow C \rightarrow P$ (3) results in a second order reaction, k_a' Arrive at a rate law when $k_b \ll k_a'$ | | |
| 25. | Obtain an expression for internal energy and partition function of an ideal gas. Show that the internal energy of a monatomic gas is 3RT/2. | | |

| | SECTION- D | | KL |
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| | Answer any four questions(4x 8= 32 marks) | CO | NL |
| 26. | a) Derive an expression for molecular translational partition function of | | |
| | an ideal gas. (5) | 4 | 4 |
| | b) Calculate the translational partition function for D ₂ molecule confined | | - |
| | to 100 cm^3 vessel at 25°C. Given: m= 4.028 u , u = 1.67x10 ⁻²⁷ Kg (3) | | |
| | a) Describe the Rice-Herzfeld mechanism in decomposition of | | |
| 27. | acetaldehyde. (4) | 4 | 4 |
| | b) Compare Eley Rideal mechanism and Langmuir Hinshelwood | | - |
| | mechanism for surface catalysed reaction. (4) | | |
| 28. | Discuss the application Bose Einstein equation in derivation of Planck's | 4 | 4 |
| | equation for distribution of energy in black body radiation. | | |
| 29. | What do you mean by diffusion-controlled reactions? Prove that the | 4 | 4 |
| | diffusion rate of the reaction is inversely proportional to the viscosity. | | |
| 30. | Explain the Helmholtz-Perrin and Stern models for structure of | 4 | 4 |
| | electrified surfaces. | | |

| | SECTION E | | |
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| | Answer the following (2 x 12 = 24 Marks) | CO | KL |
| 31. | a) Starting from the expression of entropy and partition function derive Sackur Tetrode equation. Calculate the standard molar entropy of Argon at 25°C. Given molar mass of Ar= 39.95 [4+3] b) Evaluate the vibrational partition function at 1500K. The wave numbers of three normal modes of CO₂ are 1388 cm⁻¹, 667.4 cm⁻¹, and 2349 cm⁻¹, the second being doubly degenerate. (5) OR a) What are phenomenological equations? Discuss the Onsager reciprocity relation and verify the same. (6) b) Discuss the Lindemann-Hinshelwood mechanism for unimolecular reactions. (6) | 5 | 5 |
| 32. | a) Derive Tafel equation. In the electrolysis of 2N sulphuric acid using Ni electrodes the hydrogen over voltage was found to be 0.35V for a given current density. What will be the hydrogen over voltage for the same cathode under same conditions if the current density is increased 8 times its preset value? Given b = 0.12V at 298K (4+3) b) Discuss in brief the influence of solvent on reaction rate. (5) OR a) Discuss in detail the Debye specific heat equation of solids. (8) b) A monolayer of N₂ molecules is adsorbed on the surface of 1.00g of an Fe/Al₂O₃ catalyst at 77K, the boiling point of liquid nitrogen. Upon warming, the nitrogen occupies 2.86cm³ at 0°C and 760Torr. What is the surface area of the catalyst? The effective area of a N₂ molecule is 0.167nm². (4) | 5 | 5 |
