

BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING EXAMINATION, 2019

(1st Year, 2nd Semester)

PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

Time: Three hours

Full Marks: 100

(50 marks for each Group)
Use separate answer script for each Group

GROUP - A

- 1 a) "pH at the end point of a titration of a weak acid with a strong base is not 7" – Justify or criticize.
- b) How would you experimentally determine the equivalent conductance of sodium chloride solution at infinite dilution?
- c) Explain Grotthuss mechanism. What is its impact?
- d) For the reaction $AB + CD \rightarrow AD(\downarrow) + CB$, predict the variation of conductance when CD solution is gradually added to a solution of AB.

(Given: The medium is water. AB, CD and CB are water soluble salts and AD is water insoluble)

$$5 + 5 + (3+2) + 6 = 21$$

- 2 a) Draw, with justification, the variation of conductance of a NH_4OH solution as a function of volume of hydrochloric acid solution gradually added to it from the burette.
- b) To determine the transport number of K^+ ion in 0.1 N KCl solution by moving boundary method CdCl_2 solution is used as the indicator electrolyte. The solutions are taken in a capillary of internal diameter 2.124 mm. The cationic boundary shifts by 100 mm when a steady current of 14 mA is passed for 497 sec. Find out the transport number of K^+ ion.

$$5 + 8 = 13$$

- 3 a) Represent the Daniell cell and write the overall reaction taking place in the cell.
- b) A real electrochemical cell can not have a negative potential – Explain.
- c) For the cell $\text{Zn} | \text{Zn}^{2+} (a_{\pm} = 0.05) || \text{Cu}^{2+} (a_{\pm} = 0.01) | \text{Cu}$, calculate at 25 °C E_{cell}^0 , ΔG^0 and the equilibrium constant for the cell reaction. Given: Standard oxidation potentials of Zn/Zn^{2+} and Cu/Cu^{2+} systems at 25 °C are 0.776 and -0.337 volts respectively.

$$(3 + 2) + 3 + (2 + 3 + 3) = 16$$

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B. E. Chemical Engineering First Year Second Semester (Old) – 2019

Physical Chemistry

Part – II

1. a) Define surface tension. Give its unit.
b) What is capillary action?
c) Calculate the height to which a liquid will rise in a glass capillary if the radius of the tube is 0.02 cm. The surface tension of liquid is $56.7 \text{ dynes cm}^{-1}$.
d) Deduce Laplace equation of excess pressure acting a bubble. 3+4+3+3
2. a) Write down Eotvos equation. At what temperature the surface tension will be zero?
b) How does surface tension of water vary when a surfactant is dissolved?
c) What is CMC?
d) Draw the curve – surface tension vs. concentration of surfactant and explain. 3+4+2+4
3. a) What is zeta potential?
b) What is coagulation? State Hardy-Schulze rule for power of coagulation. Arrange the following in increasing order of flocculation value for a positively charged sols Mg Cl_2 , $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$, Na_3PO_4 .
c) What is Gold Number? 2+5+2
4. a) Distinguish between physical adsorption and chemisorptions.
b) How can you show Freundlich adsorption isotherm is a special case of Langmuir isotherm?
c) Volume of nitrogen gas (measured at S.T.P.) required to cover a sample of silica gel with unimolecular layer is $129 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ g}^{-1}$. Calculate surface area per gram of silica gel if each nitrogen molecule occupies $16.2 \times 10^{-20} \text{ m}^2$.
d) What do you understand by positive and negative adsorption? 3+2+2+2
5. What are nano-dispersions? How does nanodispersion get stability? What are the applications of nanodispersions? 2+2+2