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CEMADSE01T-CHEMISTRY (DSE1/2)

ADVANCED PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.  
All symbols are of usual significance.*

Answer any *three* questions taking *one* from each unit

UNIT-I

1. (a) (i) State Haüy's law of rational intercepts. 2
- (ii) Determine the Miller indices of the planes that intersect the crystal axes at  $a$ ,  $2b$ ,  $\infty c$  and  $\frac{1}{2}a$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}b$ ,  $-c$ . 2
- (b) There exists long range order in crystals. Justify or criticize. 2
- (c) What is the highest order that can be observed in Bragg's reflection from a crystal of interplanar distance  $2\text{Å}$  by X-ray having wavelength  $100\text{ pm}$ ? 2
- (d) A metal has a body centred cubic lattice and length of a unit cell is  $2.95\text{Å}$ . If the density of the metal is  $9.95\text{ gm/cc}$ , calculate the atomic weight of the metal. 3
- (e) The molar volume of KCl is 1.3 times that of NaCl. If the glancing angle for the first order Bragg reflection from the 100 plane of NaCl is  $5.9^\circ$ , calculate the same for KCl. 3
2. (a) (i) Deduce Bragg's law  $\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$ . 3
- (ii) On what factors does the intensity of the diffracted beam from different sets of planes depend? 2
- (b) The characteristic  $K_\alpha$  lines of Cr, Fe and Ni have wavelengths of  $2.2009$ ,  $1.9373$  and  $1.6591\text{Å}$  respectively. (i) Can all be used to determine a lattice spacing of  $1\text{ Å}$ ?  
(ii) What will be the largest value of diffraction angle  $\theta$ ? 3
- (c) The unit cell dimension ' $a$ ' of NaCl lattice is  $5.63\text{ Å}$ . If X-ray beam of wavelength  $1.1\text{ Å}$  falls on a family of planes with a separation of  $\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$ ; how many orders of diffraction are observable? 3
- (d) Show that the maximum proportion of available volume which may be filled by hard spheres in simple cube, body centred cube and face centred cube is in the ratio  $26:34:37$ . 3

## UNIT-II

3. (a) Consider a system of  $n$  molecules distributed among non-degenerate energy levels represented by  $\epsilon_0, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots$  etc. Write down the expression for molecular partition function for the system. Show that internal energy ( $U$ ) of the system can be expressed as 3
- $$U = nkT^2 \left( \frac{\partial \ln Q}{\partial T} \right)_V$$
- where  $k$  is the Boltzmann constant,  $T$  and  $V$  being the temperature and volume of the system respectively.
- (b) What is meant by most probable macrostate? 1
- (c) In a six particle system four energy states are available and energy levels are nondegenerate. The gap between the successive levels is  $\epsilon$ . Find out the most probable configurations of the states having energy  $10\epsilon$  and  $6\epsilon$ . 2+2
- (d) Calculate the relative number of microstates in water with respect to ice at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . Given  $\Delta H_{\text{fus}} = 1440 \text{ cal mol}^{-1}$ . 3
- (e) Entropy is a function of thermodynamic probability. How can one conclude that the function is logarithmic? 2
4. (a) Define partition function. What is its physical significance? 2
- (b) A system consisting of 4 identical and distinguishable particles, each possessing three available states of 1, 2 and 3 units, has a total of 10 unit energy. Calculate the number of ways,  $W$ , in which these conditions are satisfied. 3
- (c) If  $N$  molecules are distributed among the possible nondegenerate energy levels  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3, \dots$  etc in an isolated system, show that the entropy of this system can be represented as  $S = k\beta E + Nk \ln Q$  (here symbols have their usual meaning). Find the value of  $\beta$  in terms of  $T$ . 3
- (d) The relative population in two states with energies  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  satisfying Boltzmann distribution is given by  $\frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{g_2}{g_1} e^{-(E_1 - E_2)/k_B T}$ . What is the relative degeneracy  $g_2/g_1$ ? 2
- (e) State Sterling's approximation and mention the condition of its validity. 1
- (f) Express Helmholtz free energy ( $A$ ) in terms of partition function. 2

## UNIT-III

5. (a)  $\Delta G$  for a reaction as a function of temperature ( $T$ ) for low value of  $T$  ( $T$  approaching zero Kelvin) is given by: 2+1+2
- $$\Delta G = a + bT + cT^2$$
- (i) Show that  $b = 0$ ; (ii) Find  $\Delta H$  as a function of temperature and (iii) show schematically the variation of  $\Delta G$  and  $\Delta H$  with  $T$  on the same plot.
- (b) What is residual entropy? Calculate the residual entropy of two moles of CO molecules from the Boltzmann equation. Which has a higher residual entropy: water or methane? Explain. 1+2+1

- (c) A solution contains equal number of particles with molar masses  $10000 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  and  $20000 \text{ gm mol}^{-1}$  respectively, Calculate  $\bar{M}_n$  and  $\bar{M}_m$ . 2
- (d) What is functionality? The functionality of glycerol is three. Comment. 1+1
6. (a) (i) Evaluate the values of the constants 'x' and 'y' in the equation  $C_p - C_v = TV\alpha^x\beta^y$  from dimensional considerations. Terms have their usual significances. 1
- (ii) From Debye's equation for heat capacity of solids calculate the atomic heat of copper at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . 2
- (b) (i) Arrange the following molecules in order of increasing standard molar entropy:  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2(\text{g})$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4(\text{g})$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6(\text{g})$ . Explain your answer. 3
- (ii) Explain with  $S-T$  diagram the process of cooling by adiabatic demagnetisation of paramagnetic substances. 3
- (c) (i) Deduce the relation between number average degree of polymerisation, ' $\langle x_n \rangle$ ' and extent of polymerisation, ' $p$ '. Hence show that near the completion of polymerisation reaction a small increase in ' $p$ ' leads to a large increase in ' $\langle x_n \rangle$ '. 2
- (ii) What are conducting polymers? Give examples and account for their conducting properties. 2

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