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## THIRD SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024

#### (Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

#### CHEMISTRY

## GCHE3B03T: PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY I

Time: 2 Hours

#### Maximum Marks: 60

# SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks. (Ceiling 20 marks)

- 1. What is the expression for  $K_p$  for the equilibrium  $CaCO_3(s) \leftrightarrow CaO(s) + CO_2(g)$ ?
- 2. How does the entropy change of a gaseous substance change with (i) increase in temperature and (ii) decrease in pressure?
- 3. Write all the binary combinations of symmetry elements of  $C_{2v}$  point group and check whether the product of all binary combinations is an element of  $C_{2v}$  point group.
- 4. Define enthalpy of neutralization. How is enthalpy of neutralization of strong acid x strong base reaction different from that of strong acid x weak base reaction?
- 5. The standard enthalpy of reaction for the hydrogenation of ethylene to ethane is -136.8 kJmol<sup>-1</sup>. The standard enthalpy of formation of ethane is -84.4 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>. Calculate the standard enthalpy of formation of ethylene.
- 6. What is the effect of pressure on mean free path?
- What is meant by a C<sub>6</sub> axis? Give an example for a molecule that possess C<sub>6</sub> axis of symmetry.
- 8. In how many ways can the letters of the word COMBINE be arranged?
- 9. Give the Maxwell-Boltzmann law of distribution of molecular velocities and mention the terms used.
- 10. What is partition function?
- 11. What is a finite group? Give an example.
- 12. What happens to the internal energy of a system if (a) work is done on the system and (b) work is done by the system?

## SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks. (Ceiling 30 marks)

- 13. Two moles of H<sub>2</sub> and 3 moles of I<sub>2</sub> are heated in a 2-litre closed vessel at 600K. If the K<sub>c</sub> for the reaction: H<sub>2</sub>(g) + I<sub>2</sub>(g) ↔ 2HI(g) is 16 at 600K, calculate the concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>, and HI at equilibrium.
- 14. The Gibbs free energy change ( $\Delta$ G) for a process at 300 K is -121.7 kJmol<sup>-1</sup> and at 310 K, it is -107.9 kJmol<sup>-1</sup>, both for a pressure of 1 bar. Calculate the change in enthalpy for the process at 300 K.
- 15. Identify the symmetry elements of BF<sub>3</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> and assign their point groups.
- 16. Explain the term bond energy. At 298 K the bond energies of C-H, C-C, C=C and H-H bonds are respectively 414, 347, 615 and 435 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>. Calculate the Δ<sub>r</sub>H for the reaction: H<sub>2</sub>C=CH<sub>2</sub> (g) + H<sub>2</sub> (g) → H<sub>3</sub>C-CH<sub>3</sub> (g) at 298 K.
- 17. State and explain the Zeroth Law of thermodynamics.
- 18. Explain the elements of symmetry of molecules.
- 19. State Le Chatelier principle and predict the effect of a change of pressure on the equilibrium:  $H_2(g) + I_2(g) \leftrightarrow 2HI(g)$ .

## SECTION C: Answer any one question. The question carries ten marks.

- 20. Derive the van der Waal's equation for a real gas. Discuss the applicability of van der Waals' equation in explaining real gas behaviour under different conditions.
- 21. (i) What is meant by microstate?
  - (ii) Get the possible microstates for a system of three vibrating diatomic molecules with a total energy of 3hv.

(1 x 10 = 10 Marks)