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# SIXTH SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023 (Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

## CHEMISTRY GCHE6E02T: POLYMER CHEMISTRY

Time: 2 Hours Maximum Marks: 60

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

- 1. How are polymers classified based on polymerization? Give one example each.
- 2. What is crosslinking?
- 3. What are the different stages of free radical polymerization?
- 4. What is viscosity average molecular weight?
- 5. Give the equation for the number average and weight average molecular weight of a polymer.
- 6. What is meant by the viscoelasticity of a polymer?
- 7. Mention the advantages and disadvantages of bulk polymerization reaction.
- 8. Write an account on thermoforming.
- 9. What is meant by calendering?
- 10. Comment on nylon 6. Give any two applications.
- 11. What is EVA? Write two uses.
- 12. Give an example of a polycarbonate polymer, its monomer and its use.

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

- 13. Explain Cossee's monometallic mechanism.
- 14. Explain the process of oxidative degradation of polymers.
- 15. What is degree of polymerization? What is meant by the molecular weight of a polymer and how is it related to its degree of polymerization?
- 16. Discuss compression moulding and rotational moulding.
- 17. Write an account natural rubber and its properties? How the process of vulcanization modify the properties of natural rubber?
- 18. Write a note on plastic processing and recycling methodologies.
- 19. Explain plastic identification codes and its significance.

#### SECTION C: Answer any 1 question. Each carries ten marks.

- 20. Discuss Zeigler-Natta polymerization explaining the mechanism and its advantages.
- 21. Write a note on: (i) Melt condensation.
  - (ii) Solution polymerization.
  - (iii) Interfacial polycondensation.