3 (Sem-3/CBCS) CHE HC 1

2021 (Held in 2022)

CHEMISTRY

(Honours)

Paper: CHE-HC-3016

(Inorganic Chemistry-II)

Full Marks: 60

Time: Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

- 1. Answer the following as directed: $1 \times 7 = 7$
 - (i) F is a hard base.

(State True or False)

- (ii) Predict the shape of XeF₂ with the help of the VSEPR model.
- (iii) Why does nitrogen not form any pentahalide in contrast to phosphorus?

- (iv) Why is the dipole moment of NF₃ very low compared to that of NH₃?
- (v) NaCl and KCl are anhydrous whereas $MgCl_2 \circ 6H_2O$ and $CaCl_2 \circ 6H_2O$ have water of crystallization. Give a reason.
- (vi) MgSO₄ is soluble in water but BaSO₄ is insoluble. Why?
- (vii) FeS is much less soluble than $Fe(OH)_2$. Explain.
- 2. Answer the following questions: 2×4=8
 - (i) Briefly discuss the structural differences of BeH_2 and CaH_2 .
 - (ii) What are pseudohalogens? Write two similar properties of CN- and Cl-.
 - (iii) Arrange the following molecules in increasing order of their acid strengths and give reasons for your choice:

 BBr3,BF3,BCl3
 - (iv) What happens when sodium hydrogencarbonate (NaHCO₃) is heated? Why is it used as the fire extinguisher?

- 3. Answer any three of the following questions: 5×3=15
 - (i) Define Lewis base. Lewis acids may be classified into four categories. Discuss these four categories of Lewis acids.

1+4=5

- (ii) Identify the products: 1×5=5
 - (a) $XeF_4(s) + Pt(s) \rightarrow$
 - (b) $XeF_2(s) + SbF_5(l) \rightarrow$
 - (c) $Li_3N + H_2O \rightarrow$
 - (d) $Li(s) + N_2(g) \rightarrow$
 - (e) $B_2H_6 + 2NH_3 \rightarrow$
- (iii) Applying Wade's rule, rationalize why the cage structure of $C_2B_4H_6$ is an octahedron. How many cage isomers are possible for it? 3+2=5
- (iv) Write the preparation method, structure and application of polysiloxanes.

2+2+1=5

(v) What is inert-pair effect? Give two examples where the inert-pair effect is seen. 1+2+2=5

- 4. Answer any three of the following questions: 10×3=30
 - (i) Discuss the Ellingham diagram. 10
 - (ii) Discuss the layer structure of boron nitride. Write one method for the preparation of boron nitride. Write two dissimilarities between the boron nitride and the graphite.

 7+1+2=10
 - (iii) Discuss the synthesis, structure and applications of phosphazene polymers.
 - (iv) Write the differences between lithium and the other Group 1 elements. 10
 - (v) Discuss the structures of various silicates.
 - (vi) Write about 5+5=10
 - (a) the allotropes of phosphorus and
 - (b) the structure of carbon nanotubes.