

**First / Second Semester B.E. Degree Examination, January 2006**

Time : 3 hours

**CHE 12 / 22 Engineering Chemistry**

Maximum Marks 100

**Note : Answer any Five questions**

1. a) Mention two characteristics of the mesophase state of matter. Define a director. Draw relevant figures to represent the director in a crystalline solid and also in a liquid crystal. **(8 marks)**  
 b) Explain the principle of a biosensor. **(6 marks)**  
 c) Calculate the mass of oxygen required by acetobacter to manufacture 100 kg of vinegar containing 1 % acetic acid by the aerobic oxidation of excess of dilute alcohol solution. (Atomic weights: H = 1, C = 12, O = 16) **(6 marks)**
2. a) Define the following : Gross calorific value, net calorific value. **(4 marks)**  
 b) The gross calorific value of a sample of bituminous coal is 36000 kJ kg<sup>-1</sup>. In an experiment, 0.83 g of this coal was burnt under 1.2 kg of water in a bomb calorimeter. Due to combustion, the temperature of water rose by 3.92° C. Calculate the water equivalent of the calorimeter. Specific heat of water = 4.2 kJ kg<sup>-1</sup> per° C. **(8 marks)**  
 c) Explain the process of fluidized bed catalytic cracking of petroleum fractions. **(8 marks)**
3. a) Explain the construction of calomel electrode. Explain how this electrode is used to determine the potential of an unknown electrode. **(8 marks)**  
 b) The spontaneous galvanic cell Tin/tin ion (0.024 m) || tin ion (0.064 m) / Tin develops an EMF of 0.0126 V at 25° C. Calculate the valency of tin. **(4 marks)**  
 c) Explain the principles of a membrane electrode. Mention the different types of membranes available. **(8 marks)**
4. a) What are the special properties of lithium that make it advantageous to use as an electrode material? Write the electrode reactions that occur in the Li-MnO<sub>2</sub> cell. **(4 marks)**  
 b) What are the factors that affect the voltage of a battery? Explain the techniques involved in increasing the voltage of a battery. **(8 marks)**  
 c) Explain the construction and working of a lead acid battery. **(8 marks)**
5. (a) What are the sources of carbon monoxide and particulate matter? Mention their harmful effects. Indicate the measures to control carbon monoxide. **(8 marks)**  
 (b) 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of a sample for COD analysis was reacted with 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.25 N K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> and the unreacted K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> required 6.5 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.10 N Ferrous ammonium sulphate (FAS). 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of same K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> and 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of distilled water under the same condition as the sample requires 26.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.10 N FAS. What is the COD of the sample **(4 marks)**  
 (c) Write brief notes on  
 i) Secondary Treatment of Sewage    ii) BOD and COD **(8 marks)**
6. (a) Explain the electrochemical theory of corrosion with reference to iron **(6 marks)**  
 (b) Discuss the following corrosion control methods  
 i) Cathodic Protection    ii) Anodic Protection System **(10 marks)**  
 (c) Explain why pinholes on tin coated iron are more prone to corrosion than pinholes on zinc coated iron **(4 marks)**
7. (a) What are the main objectives of metal finishing? Explain the electroplating of nickel **(8 marks)**  
 (b) What is throwing power of the plating bath? Describe the experimental determination of throwing power of the plating bath by using Haring Blum Cell. **(8 marks)**  
 (c) What is electroless plating? Mention any two advantages of electroless plating over electroplating. **(4 marks)**
8. (a) What are high polymers? Explain emulsion polymerisation process. **(6 marks)**  
 (b) Explain the manufacture of the following polymers and mention their applications :  
 i) Polymethylmethacrylate    ii) Low Density Polyethylene **(8 marks)**  
 (c) What are polymer matrix composites? Mention their applications. **(6 marks)**