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CHEMISTRY

( Major )

Course : 507

( Symmetry and Quantum Chemistry )

Full Marks : 48

Pass Marks : 19

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer from the following : 1×5=5

(a) The  $H_2O$  molecule belongs to  $C_{2v}$  point group. It does not possess

(i)  $C_2$  symmetry axis

(ii)  $C_4$  symmetry axis

(iii)  $\sigma_v$  plane

(iv)  $E$

(b) The quantum number accounts for the Zeeman effect is

- (i) magnetic quantum number
- (ii) spin quantum number
- (iii) azimuthal quantum number
- (iv) None of the above

(c) The bond order of  $O_2^+$  is

- (i) 3.0
- (ii) 2.5
- (iii) 2.0
- (iv) 1.0

(d) The maximum kinetic energy of the photoelectrons varies directly with

- (i) wavelength
- (ii) frequency
- (iii) intensity
- (iv) None of the above

(e) A wave function  $\psi$  satisfies the equation

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^* \psi dx = 1$$

The function is said to be

- (i) orthogonal
- (ii) diagonal
- (iii) normalized
- (iv) None of the above



2. Answer any five questions from the following : 2×5=10

(a) Taking  $\text{NH}_3$  as an example of trigonal pyramid molecule, discuss symmetry operations in  $C_{3v}$  point group molecules.

(b) Show that the following functions are orthogonal to each other :

$$(i) \left(\frac{1}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} \cos nx$$

$$(ii) \left(\frac{1}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} \sin nx$$

(c) Calculate the eigenvalue of the function  $\psi = \sin 7x$ , where operator  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  is operated upon it.

(d) Calculate the zero-point vibrational energy of a one-particle, one-dimensional system, if  $E_v = (v + \frac{1}{2}) h\nu_0$ .

(e) Write a short note on Bravais lattice.

(f) Hermitian operators have real eigenvalues. Explain.

## UNIT—I

3. Answer any *three* questions from the following : 3×3=9

(a) Write short notes on symmetry elements and symmetry operations.

(b) Discuss the following with reference to symmetry elements and symmetry operations :

(i)  $\text{CO}_2$

(ii)  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$

(iii)  $\text{PCl}_5$

(c) Construct the character table for  $C_{3v}$  point group.

(d) State, without any derivation, the five rules about irreducible representation of a group and their characters by making use of 'great orthogonality theorem'.

(e) Give the reducible representation of character table for  $C_{2v}$  point group.

## UNIT—II

Answer any *two* questions : 9×2=18

4. (a) What are eigenfunctions and eigenvalues? Normalize the function  $\psi = x^2$  over the interval  $0 \leq x \leq k$ , where  $k$  is a constant.

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- (b) The distance between the atoms of a diatomic molecule is  $r$  and its reduced mass is  $\mu$ . If its angular momentum is  $L$  and moment of inertia is  $I$ , prove that

$$\text{kinetic energy; } T = \frac{L^2}{2\mu I^2} \quad 3$$

- (c) Deduce the equation showing Hamiltonian operator for one-dimensional harmonic oscillator. 3

5. (a) Deduce the Schrödinger's wave equation on the basis of classical wave concept. 3½

- (b)  $\psi_i$  and  $\psi_j$  represent the wave functions corresponding to two different states of a particle in a box. Show that they are orthogonal to each other. 3½

- (c) Determine the degree of degeneracy of the energy levels  $\frac{17h^2}{8ma^2}$  of a particle in a three-dimensional box. 2

6. (a) Solve the Schrödinger's wave equation for a particle in a one-dimensional box and find its energy. Why is the value  $n=0$  of the quantum number not permitted? 4+1=5

- (b) Sketch  $\psi$  and  $\psi^2$  for the states  $n=3$  and  $n=4$  of a particle in a one-dimensional box. 4

UNIT—III

7. Explain on the basis of LCAO-MO theory how a single electron can bind two hydrogen nuclei to form a stable hydrogen molecule ion. 4
8. What are the main differences between VBT and MOT? 2

Or

Draw the MO energy-level diagram for any one of the following molecules and find the bond order : 2

(a) CO molecule

(b) NO molecule

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