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CHEMISTRY — HONOURS

Paper: CC-10

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(Inorganic Chemistry)

Full Marks: 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer question no. 1 and any eight questions from the rest.

1. Answer any ten questions:

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- (a) Find out the electronic state of an ion with 3F_4 ground term.
- (b) Cite an example of tetragonally compressed molecule.
- (c) What would be spin only magnetic moment of Mn³⁺ in [Mn(H₂O)₆]Cl₃?
- (d) Show the Scheme of preparation of cis- PtCl₂(C₂H₄)(NH₃) from [PtCl₄]²⁻.
- (e) Account for the dark red colour of $[Fe(bipy)_3]^{2+}$ (bipy = bipyridine).
- (f) Identify the metal ion(s) able to show Jahn-Teller effect in their high spin state: Cr(II), Fe(II), Ni(II), Mn(IV), Mn(III)
- (g) Identify the transition(s) which are not allowed according to selection rule: $2s \rightarrow 2p$, $3p \rightarrow 3d$, $2s \rightarrow 3p$, $3s \rightarrow 3d$, $1s \rightarrow 2s$.
- (h) Find out the number of unpaired electron(s) in Gd(z = 64).
- (i) Arrange the following ligands in a spectrochemical series: H₂O, NH₃, F, OH, CN, CO
- (j) State ground state term for Fe2+.
- (k) Mention the M²⁺ ion in 3d-transition series, that possesses minimum ionic radius value in low spin state.
- (l) Give the structure of the complex 'A'. $[Pt(Cl)_3(NO_2)]^{2-} \xrightarrow{NO_2^+} A$.
- 2. (a) Using Orgel diagram, explain the possible transitions of $[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ complex. Which transition corresponds to 10 Dq value?
 - (b) Explain the order of LMCT transition energies : $MnO_4^- < TcO_4^- < ReO_4^-$.

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- 3. (a) Pd(II) and Pt(II) form square planar complexes exclusively but Ni(II) forms square planar complexes under certain condition. Explain.
 - (b) Δ_0 for three hexaamines differs as follows:

$$[\text{Co(NH}_3)_6]^{3+} = 23000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$[Rh(NH_3)_6]^{3+} = 34000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$[Ir(NH_3)_6]^{3+} = 41000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

Identify the factor(s) involved for this difference.

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(a) 10 Dq for [Mn(H₂O)₆]³⁺ is known from electronic spectrum as 21000 cm⁻¹. The pairing energy of Mn(III) is 28800 cm⁻¹. Predict whether the complex is high spin or low spin and also calculate the

CFSE value.

(b) Cr(II) acetate monohydrate is diamagnetic. Explain.

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55. (a) How will you separate lanthanides using ion-exchange methodology?

(b) Estimation of activation energy for aquation reaction of octahedral Co(III) and Cr(III) complexes indicates that a pentagonal bipyramid intermediate path is followed by Cr(III), while for Co(III) the intermediate is a square pyramid. Comment on their mechanistic path.

6. (a) Addition of concentrated HCl to pale pink $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ changes its colour to blue but similar addition to $[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ has no effect. Justify this from the point of OSSE.

- (b) Explain the exceptional stability of +2 oxidation state of Eu (z = 63) and Yb (z = 70).
- 7. (a) Lanthanides show poor tendency to form complexes with π acid ligands while the same is greater for actinides. Explain.
 - (b) In high spin octahedral and tetrahedral complexes of Co(II) three unpaired electrons are present; but magnetic moment for the octahedral complexes are 4.8-5.2 BM whereas for tetrahedral it is 4.2-4.8 BM.— Explain.
- 8. (a) Explain mechanistically the high substitution rate for square planar platinum (II) complexes in presence of a π -acid ligand.
 - (b) Between two redox couples, $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}/[Co(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$ and $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}/[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$, which one is more oxidizing and why? Explain on the basis of CFT.
- 9. (a) Actinides show variety of oxidation states while lanthanides exhibit uniform (+3) oxidation state. Why is it so?
 - (b) Fe³⁺ (aq) reacts rapidly with EDTA at room temperature, while Cr³⁺ (aq) reacts slowly. Comment.
- 10. (a) What is lanthanide contraction? Explain why Zr and Hf have similar properties although they belong to different periods.
 - (b) Explain the variation of hydration energy of M²⁺ ion in 3d transition series.

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- 11. (a) Both the metal ions in $K_3[CuF_6]$ and $K[AgF_4]$ possess d^8 electronic configuration but one is paramagnetic and the other is diamagnetic. Identify them with justification.
 - (b) Predict the colour of the complex $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ [Given $\Delta_0 = 20,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$].
- 12. (a) Explain the abrupt drop of $\log k_3$ value in the complexation of $[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ with ethylenediamine at 30°C.

$$[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + en \Rightarrow [Cu(H_2O)_4en]^{2+} + 2H_2O \log k_1 = 10.72$$

$$[Cu(H_2O)_4en]^{2+} + en \Rightarrow [Cu(H_2O)_2(en)_2]^{2+} + 2H_2O \log k_2 = 9.31$$

$$[Cu(H_2O)_2(en)_2]^{2+} + en \Rightarrow [Cu(en)_3]^{2+} + 2H_2O \log k_3 = -0.90$$

- (b) Establish the structure of NiFe₂O₄ and Mn₃O₄ as normal or inverse spinel.
- 13. (a) Justify the distorted octahedral structure of [Cu(H₂O)₆](ClO₄)₂

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(b) Explain antiferromagnetism through superexchange using a suitable example. 3+2

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