

Paper I – Inorganic Chemistry – I

Unit I Acids and Bases :

Protonic acids – Proton Affinities – Differentiation and Leveling Solvents – Hammett-Ho Scale – Acidic Behaviour of the binary Hydrides – Cosolvating agents – Oxyacids – Organic acids – Acetic acid and the Inductive Effect, Aromatic Acids and Resonance Effects – Hydrolysis and Aquoacids – Basic precipitations – Amphoteric oxides – Nonprotonic Concepts concepts of Acid – Base Reactions – Lux Concept – Solvent Ion Theory of Acids and Bases – Liquid Ammonia, Acetic acid as a solvent, Bromine trifluoride, Dinitrogen tetroxide, Liquid hydrogen chloride – Hard and Soft Acids and Bases – Classification of Acids and Bases as Hard or Soft – Acid – Base strength and Hardness and Softness – Symbiosis – Theoretical basis of Hardness and Softness – Electronegativity and Hardness and Softness.

Inorganic Chains, Rings and Clusters :

Chains – Catenation, heterocatenation – silicate minerals (names and structures only) Intercalation chemistry – talc, muscovite (structure only).

Isopoly anions : - basic building units of vanadate, molybdate and tungstate ions – apex sharing (structure only) – Heteropoly anions – structure only.

Rings – Phosphazenes – structure – Craig and Paddock model – Dewar model.

Unit II Ionic Bond and Crystal structure :

Radius Ratio rules – Calculation of some limiting radius ratio values for C.N.3 (planar triangle), C.N. 4 (tetrahedral), C.N. 6 (octahedral).

Classification of Ionic structures – AX, AX₂, AX₃ types, AX type (ZnS, NaCl, CsCl) Structures only, AX₂ type, fluorite, rutile, beta-cristobalite, (structure only). Layer structure – CdI₂, Nickel arsenide structures – Lattice energy – Born-Landé equation derivation – Important points arising from Born-Landé equation – Schottky defect and Frenkel defect – explanation and calculation of number of defects per cm³ – Metal excess defect – F centers and interstitial ions – Metal deficiency defect – positive ions absent – extra interstitial negative ions – Semiconductors and transistors – Rectifiers – Photovoltaic cell – Transistors – steps in the manufacture of memory chips for computers.

Unit III Nuclear Chemistry :

Radioactive decay – Theories of decay processes – Laws of radioactivity – Detection and measurement of radiations – Nuclear structure – Composition of nuclei – properties of nuclei – nuclear radii, nuclear spin etc, - nuclear forces –

its characteristics – Meson field theory – nuclear stability – characteristics – Meson field theory – nuclear stability – nuclear models – liquid drop, shell and collective models.

Artificial radioactivity – Nuclear reactions – transmutations, stripping and pick up, fission, fusion, spallation and fragmentation reactions – scattering reactions – nuclear cross section.

Nuclear reactors – charged particle accelerators – neutron sources – gamma ray and X-ray sources. Applications of nuclear science in agriculture and biology – neutron activation and isotopic dilution analysis.

Unit IV Medicinal Bioinorganic Chemistry

Bioinorganic chemistry of toxic metals – lead, cadmium, mercury, aluminium, chromium, iron, copper, plutonium. Detoxification by metal chelation – Drugs which act by binding the metal sites of metalloenzymes.

Radiation risks and medical benefits – Natural and manmade radio isotopes – Bioinorganic chemistry or radiopharmaceuticals – Technetium.

Unit V Extraction and uses of metals

Metallurgy of Zr, Ge, Be, Th – Preparation and uses of their important compounds. Metal clusters – Dinuclear clusters – structure of Re_2C_{18} . – Qualitative M.O. diagrams for dinuclear rhenium and molybdenum complexes to explain the strength of quadrupole bond.

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