

CORE COURSE II - INORGANIC CHEMISTRY I

UNIT – I

1. Main Group Chemistry

Chemistry of boron – borane, higher boranes, carboranes, borazines and boron nitrides. Chemistry of silicon – silanes, higher silanes, multiple bonded systems, disilanes, silicon nitrides, siloxanes and silicates. P-N compounds, cyclophosphazenes and cyclophosphazanes. S-N compounds – S_4N_4 , $(SN)_x$.

2. Ionic Model

Lattice energy – Born-Landé equation – Kapustinski equation – High T_c superconductors – Solid state reactions – Types and examples.

UNIT II

3. Coordination Chemistry: Principles

Studies of coordination compounds in solution – detection of complex formation in solution – Stability constants – stepwise and over-all formation constants – simple methods (Potentiometric, pH metric and photometric methods) of determining the formation constants – Factors affecting stability – statistical and chelate effects – Forced configurations.

UNIT III

4. Theories of Metal - Ligand bond

VB theory and its limitations – Crystal field theory – splitting of d-orbitals under various geometries – Factors affecting splitting – CFSE and evidences for CFSE (Structural and thermodynamic effects) – Spectrochemical series – Jahn-Teller distortion – Spectral and magnetic properties of complexes – Site preferences – Limitations of CFT – Ligand field theory – MO theory – sigma – and pi-bonding in complexes – Nephelauxetic effect – The angular overlap model.

UNIT – IV

5. Coordination Chemistry – Reaction Mechanism

Kinetics and mechanism of reactions in solution – labile and inert complexes – Ligand displacement reactions in octahedral and square planar complexes – acid hydrolysis, base hydrolysis and anation reactions – trans effect – theory and applications. Electron transfer reactions – electron exchange reactions – complementary and non-complementary types – inner sphere and outer sphere processes – Application of Electron transfer reactions in inorganic

- isomerisation and racemisation reactions of complexes – Molecular rearrangement – Reactions of four and six-coordinate complexes – Interconversion between stereoisomers. Reactions of coordinated ligands – Template effect and its application for the synthesis of Macrocyclic ligands – Unique properties.

UNIT – V

6. Inorganic Photochemistry

Electronic transitions in metal complexes, metal-centered and charge-transfer transitions – Various photophysical and photochemical processes of coordination compounds – Unimolecular charge-transfer photochemistry of cobalt (III) complexes. Mechanism of CTTM photoreduction. Ligand-field photochemistry of chromium(III) complexes, Adamson's rules, photoactive excited states, V-C model – photophysics and photochemistry of ruthenium-polypyridine complexes, emission and redox properties – photochemistry of organometallic compounds, metal carbonyl compounds, compounds with metal-metal bonding Reinecke's salt chemical actinometer.

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