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M.Sc (Chemistry) PIT (2015 to 2017) (Sem.-2) ELECTROCHEMICAL TECHNIQUES

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Time: 3 Hrs. Max. Marks: 70

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- SECTION-A is COMPULSORY consisting of TEN questions carrying TWO marks each.
- 2. SECTION-B contains SIX questions carrying FIVE marks each and students have to attempt ALL questions.
- 3. SECTION-C contains THREE questions carrying TEN marks each and students have to attempt any TWO questions.

SECTION-A

- 1. What do you mean by half wave potential in polarography?
- 2. What is the function of salt bridge?
- 3. Why calomel electrode is called reversible electrode?
- 4. How concentration cells are different from chemical cells?
- 5. Given that $E^0_{(Zn^{2+}/Zn)} = -0.76V$ and $E^0_{(Cu^{2+}/Cu)} = +0.34V$. Identify cathode and anode of the electrochemical cell.
- 6. What is cathodic depolarizer? Give one example.
- 7. Mention the limitation of direct current polarography.
- 8. How do you test for the irreversibility of a redox reaction in CV?
- 9. Write down the unit of specific conductance.
- 10. How molar conductance is related with specific conductance?

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SECTION-B

- 11. Write down the working principle, and explain the role of different types of electrodes used in voltammetry.
- 12. Write down Randle-Sevcik equation and Cotrell equation with meaning of different parameters.
- 13. Derive Nernst equation and give its significance.
- 14. Write a short note on standard weston cell.
- 15. Write down the merits and demerits of dropping mercury electrode (DME) used in polarography.
- 16. What is log-plot in polarography? Mention its characteristic physical significance.

SECTION-C

- 17. Write down Butler-Volmer equation with meaning of different parameters. Draw the plot of current density against potential. Discuss two limiting cases of the equation. What is mass-transfer control?
- 18. Differentiate between electrolytic cell and electrochemical cell. Define EMF of a cell. How will you predict the spontaneity of any redox system using EMF? Can you use a nickel spatula to stir a solution of copper sulphate? Explain.

Given that,
$$E^0_{Ni^{2+}/Ni} = +0.0025$$
, $E^0_{Cu^{2+}/Cu} = +0.34V$.

Calculate the reduction potential of ClO₄-/HClO couple from the Latimer diagram :

$$\text{ClO}_4^{\text{--}} \xrightarrow{\text{1.2V}} \text{ClO}_3^{\text{--}} \xrightarrow{\text{1.18V}} \text{ClO}_2^{\text{--}} \xrightarrow{\text{1.7V}} \text{HClO} \xrightarrow{\text{1.63V}} \text{Cl}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{1.36V}} \text{Cl}^{\text{--}}$$

19. Explain the conductometric titration of mixture of strong and weak acid against strong base. Write a short note on oscillometry.

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