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

QUANTUM CHEMISTRY

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Max. Marks : 100

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES :

1. Attempt **FIVE** questions in all selecting **ONE** question from each section. All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION-A

1. a) State and explain postulates of quantum mechanics. (8)
b) What are Hermitian operators? Show that the operator \hat{p}_x for the linear momentum is Hermitian. (12)
2. a) Solve the differential equation, $\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + 4\frac{\pi^2}{\lambda^2}\psi = 0$, for a stationary wave in a clamped string. (10)
b) Explain the following :
 - i) Addition of matrices.
 - ii) Hamilton equation of motion.
 - iii) Uncertainty principle. (10)

SECTION-B

3.
 - a) Set up Schrodinger equation for the hydrogen atom in polar form and solve it for the radial part. (12)
 - b) Derive different term symbols for p^2 configuration. (8)
4. Explain the following :
 - a) Angular momentum. (5)
 - b) Spin-Orbit coupling. (5)
 - c) Expectation values. (5)
 - d) Virial theorem. (5)

SECTION-C

5. a) Discuss the time independent perturbation method for the calculation of energy and wave function of a perturbed system having non-degenerate states. (12)
- b) Calculate the energy and normalized wave function for the ground state of hydrogen atom by applying variation method. (8)
6. a) Give a brief account of LCAO-MO approximation. (8)
- b) Explain the following :
- i) Configuration interaction.
 - ii) Hartee-Fock equations.
 - iii) Gaussian orbital. (12)

SECTION-D

7. a) Give a comparison between valence bond and molecular orbital approaches of chemical bonding. (10)
- b) Write a short note on the electronic states of polyatomic molecules. (10)
8. a) Explain π electron approximation in conjugated systems. (5)
- b) Set up the secular determinant for benzene molecule. Solve it for the energy and wave functions of different molecular orbitals. (15)

SECTION-E

9. **Answer briefly :** (10 × 2)
- a) Explain gradient and curl in vectors.
 - b) Evaluate the commutator, $[x, d/dx]$.
 - c) Sketch the first four wave functions of linear harmonic oscillator.
 - d) Explain why the s orbital is spherical in shape.
 - e) Determine the effective nuclear charge for the 2s electron in carbon atom.
 - f) A hydrogen atom is subjected to an electric field of strength F in the z direction. Calculate the first order correction to the energy for the ground state of the atom.
 - g) What is the basic difference between variation and perturbation methods?
 - h) Write the ground state anti-symmetric wave function for the helium atom in the determinant form.
 - i) What are the molecular orbital wave functions of H_2 and N_2 molecules?
 - j) What is the physical significance of the HMO coefficients?