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Answer any FIVE Questions All Questions carry equal marks *****

- 1. Give an account of the commercially important thermosetting resins based on formaldehyde raw material highlighting their method of preparation, properties and applications. [16]
- 2. Discuss the properties and applications of both natural, vulcanized and synthetic rubbers. [16]
- 3. (a) Explain the basic physical, mechanical and thermal properties of thermosets.
 - (b) What are the first thermosetting materials used by plastic industry? Explain about them.
 - (c) Explain about condensation polymerization. [8+4+4]
- 4. (a) Explain the production of ethylene by the following processes.
 - i. Hydrogenation of acetylene
 - ii. Dehydration of ethanol
 - iii. By cracking of petroleum products.
 - (b) Explain the various methods of increasing the strength of ethylene. [9+7]
- 5. Write short notes:
 - (a) Characteristics and applications of injection molding
 - (b) Laminating process.

- [8+8]
- 6. What is step polymerization? Explain different types of step polymerization techniques. [16]
- 7. (a) How do you generalize the concepts of two averaging methods to determine either number-average molecular weight or weight-average molecular weight? Explain.
 - (b) Explain any one method of average molecular weight of a polymer. [10+6]
- 8. (a) What are Bakelite resins? Explain its functioning in the production of polymers?
 - (b) What is cross-linking? What are its advantages? Which materials are for cross-linking purpose? [8+8]

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- 1. (a) Explain about the following type of acetals.
 - i. Homopolar acetals
 - ii. Copolymer acetals.
 - (b) Give the properties and uses of the above acetals.
- 2. (a) Distinguish between
 - i. Step growth and
 - ii. Chain growth polymerization process.
 - (b) Describe the shapes that can be made extrusion process. Why? Explain.
 - (c) How is size of an injection molding machine designated? What are the common sizes. In what from the plastic is used in the process. [8+4+4]
- 3. (a) Define colligative property. List out different types of colligative properties.
 - (b) How does the molecular weight of a polymer be determined by Osmometry method? [6+10]
- 4. (a) Bring out the differences between the following
 - i. Buna-S & Buna-N.
 - ii. Polyurethane rubber & silicone rubber.
 - (b) Why are the synthetic rubbers becoming more and more popular? Explain.

[10+6]

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- 5. (a) What is the mechanism of inhibition and retardation?
 - (b) Explain the kinetics of inhibition and retardation. [8+8]
- 6. List out different types of polymerization techniques. Discuss in detail any two techniques. [16]
- 7. Discuss the following
 - (a) Characteristics and applications of calendaring process
 - (b) Process parameters of blow molding. [8+8]
- 8. With the help of neat sketches explain the following. Also write the advantages and limitations of each of these processes for the production of polymers.
 - (a) Injection molding process

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(b) Extrusion molding process.

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- 1. (a) Write short notes on the following
 - i. Phenol-formaldehyde resin
 - ii. Functionality of a monomer.
 - (b) What is a parting line? Explain. Where it will be located on an injection molded article. Explain. [10+6]
- 2. (a) Explain the principle of calendaring operation with a neat sketch of sequence of operations.
 - (b) Explain compression moulding process adopted for thermosetting materials.

3. Write a brief note on:

- (a) Relaxation and retardation
- (b) Colorants in the processing of polymers.
- 4. (a) Define and give mathematical expressions for the following:
 - i. Inherent viscosity
 - ii. Specific viscosity
 - iii. Limiting viscosity.
 - (b) State the Mark-Houwink equation and discuss how would apply this equation for the determination of molecular weight of a polymer. [9+7]
- 5. Explain about nylon 6,9; nylon 6,10 and nylon 6,12 with respect it processing, properties and applications. [16]
- 6. (a) What is chain polymerization? Explain.
 - (b) Explain chemical structures of the following: Potassium persulphate, Methyl ethyl ketone peroxide, Peracetic acid, Perbenzoic acid. [8+8]
- 7. (a) Sketch and explain the mer structure of Buna rubber. What is the major limitations of Buna rubber? What are its important applications.
 - (b) On the basis of structure, how elastomers are different from other long chain polymers. Explain.
 - (c) State the advantages & disadvantages of reclaimed rubbers. [8+4+4]

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Set No. 1

- (a) With the help of a flow chart explain the manufacture of low density polyethy-8. lene.
 - (b) Describe the relation between long chain branching and molecular weight distribution, typical to low density polyethylene.
 - (c) Explain why is polyvinylchloride scrap is reuseable while bakelite scrap is useless. [7+5+4]

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- 1. (a) What are the products made by transfer molding? What would they have in common that would be different from compression molded articles?
 - (b) Explain the characteristics and applications of cold molding process.
 - (c) How can patterns be impressed in the calendered sheet? [6+6+4]
- 2. (a) What is the effect of weight of a polymer on its glass transition temperature? Discuss
 - (b) How does the glass transition temperature of a polymer related to its melting point?
 - (c) Explain the significance of glass transition temperature.
 - (d) Show that osmatic pressure depends on number of molecules per unit volume. [8+4+4]
- 3. (a) What are the major advantages and disadvantages of thermosetting plastics.
 - (b) What are the usual processes by which thermosetting plastics are processed? Explain briefly their working principle. [8+8]
- 4. (a) Sketch the mer structures of LDPE & HDPE and explain them in detail.
 - (b) Write short notes on the following
 - i. Expanded Polystyrene
 - ii. Teflon. [6+10]
- 5. (a) What are photo degradients? Explain its effects in the use of polymers with examples.
 - (b) What are Inhibitors? Explain the effects of inhibitors in polymers with an example. [8+8]
- 6. (a) Explain the behavioural differences between a polymer like polyvinyl alcohol and a low molecular weight compound such as sodium chloride.
 - (b) Explain the processes of polymerisaion with suitable examples. [6+10]
- 7. (a) Give the flow chart for the production of nylon yarn and explain the process.
 - (b) Explain briefly about the following
 - i. Nylon II ii. Nylon 9. [10+6]

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- 8. (a) Buna-S-rubber or butadiene-styrene copolymer is produced by what kind of polymerization process? Explain. Give the equation.
 - (b) What are elastomers? What kind of structure rubbers have? Discuss.
 - (c) What is a silicone elastomer? What is the chemical structure unit for the silicones? Explain. [6+5+5]

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