

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

MSc DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2022  
(First Semester)

Branch – CHEMISTRY

**THERMODYNAMICS, ELECTROCHEMISTRY AND PHASE EQUILIBRIUM**

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

**SECTION-A (5 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(5 x 1 = 5)

- 1 The molal chemical potential is given by  
(i)  $dE/dS$  (ii)  $dE/dV$   
(iii)  $dE/dn$  (iv)  $dE/dT$
- 2 The  $C_p$  value at absolute zero temperature is  
(i) 1 (ii) 0  
(iii) R (iv) 4.8
- 3 When increasing the dilution of an electrolyte, equivalent conductance will  
(i) Increase (ii) decrease  
(iii) Increase then decrease (iv) be 0
- 4 Helmholtz electrical double layer model predicts  
(i) constant capacitance (ii) constant resistance  
(iii) constant current (iv) constant potential
- 5 Which equation relates the temperature, pressure, and the chemical potential of the components in a phase?  
(i) Gibbs phase equation (ii) Gibbs-Duhem equation  
(iii) Nernst equation (iv) Gibbs-Helmholtz equation

**SECTION - B (15 Marks)**

Answer ALL Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 3 = 15)

- 6 a Derive expression for variations of chemical potential with pressure and temperature.  
OR  
b Explain the determination of activity coefficient by EMF measurements method.
- 7 a Write short note on Nernst heat theorem.  
OR  
b Derive the Van't Hoff equation and its Integration form.
- 8 a What are the types of electrodes? Give their Nernst equations.  
OR  
b Derive the Henderson equation. How can we prepare pH 7.2 buffer solution using dihydrogen and mono hydrogen phosphate solution.

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- 9 a Explain the Helmholtz Parallel Plate double layer model.  
OR  
b How to derive the Zeta Potential in Electrophoresis?
- 10 a Explain the sodium sulphate water system phase diagram.  
OR  
b Explain the terms simple eutectic, congruent and incongruent, melting systems with an example. What are the differences between congruent and incongruent melting point?

**SECTION -C (30 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 6 = 30)

- 11 a What is partial molar free energy? Derive the Gibbs-Duhem Equations.  
b How is fugacity determined by graphical method?  
OR  
c Derive Duhem-Margules equation and mention its importance.  
d What are the applications of chemical potential?
- 12 a Derive thermodynamic expression for chemical equilibrium.  
OR  
b Explain the Le Chatelier-Braun principle and its applications to chemical equilibria.
- 13 a Derive an expression for the thickness of an ionic atmosphere in strong electrolyte.  
OR  
b How can we measure the conductance of an electrolyte? Explain the various applications of conductance measurement.
- 14 a Explain the Stern double layer model with its merits and demerits.  
OR  
b Derive Butler-Volmer equation and explain its uses.  
c Enumerate the factors affecting the over-voltage.
- 15 a Derive the Gibbs phase rule and explain the phase diagram of water.  
OR  
b Explain the Fe-C phase diagram and explain its importance in steel making.

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