

**PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)**

**MSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2018
(First Semester)**

Branch - **CHEMISTRY**

INORGANIC CHEMISTRY - I

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

Answer **ALL** questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks (5 x 15 = 75)

- 1 a What are the salient features of crystal field theory? Write down its limitations. (6)
- b For the complex ion $[\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$, the pairing energy is found to be 23500cm^{-1} . The value of A_0 is 13900cm^{-1} . Calculate the crystal field stabilization energy for the complex in weak field (high spin) and strong field (low spin) states. (4)
- c State and explain CFT rule with an example. (5)
- OR**
- d Draw the crystal field splitting energy level diagram of $[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$ and account for its diamagnetic character. (5)
- e Draw the MO diagram for low spin $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$ and explain. (6)
- f Explain the formation of $[\text{CoF}_6]^{3-}$ based on VB theory. (4)
- 2 a What are the selection rules for electronic transitions? Explain. (6)
- b Derive the ground state term for d configuration. (3)
- c Discuss the Orgel diagram for the Co^{2+} ion in octahedral and tetrahedral fields. (6)
- OR**
- d Discuss briefly the importance of Gouy method. (5)
- e Describe the effect of spin-orbit coupling on magnetic properties. (6)
- f Distinguish between ferro magnetism and antiferro magnetism. (4)
- 3 a Explain briefly the π -bonding and polarization theories of trans effect. (6)
- b What are racemisation and isomerisation? (4)
- c State and explain $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$ reaction mechanism. (5)
- OR**
- d What are inner sphere and outer-sphere mechanisms? Explain them with suitable examples. (8)
- e Discuss any two applications of trans effect. (4)
- f What are non-complementary electron transfer reactions? Give one example and explain. (3)

- 4 a What is meant by stereo isomerism? What are its two types? Explain them with one example each. (6)
- b Discuss the geometry of coordination complexes with coordination number four. (5)
- c Explain' briefly the geometry and possible isomers of the complex $[\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2]$. (4)
- OR
- d Describe briefly the possible arrangements of the complex having six coordination number. (5)
- c Predict the possible geometry of the complex having five coordination number. (5)
- f Write down any three method which can be used to distinguish between cis and trans isomers. Explain briefly how they are distinguished? (5)
- 5 a What are super acids? Explain them. (4)
- b What are oxyacids? Discuss the strength of HClO , HClO_2 , HClO_3 and HClO_4 in detail. (6)
- c What is meant by hydrogen bonding? How is it classified? Explain them with suitable examples. (5)
- OR
- d What is Pearson's principle on acids and bases? Explain briefly the concept of HSAB and its classifications. ■ (7)
- c Explain briefly the Usanovich concept of acids and bases with suitable examples. (4)
- f What is meant by symbiosis? Explain it with suitable examples. (4)