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# I Semester M.Sc. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Regular) Examination, October 2023 (2023 Admission) CHEMISTRY

MSCHE01C01: Theoretical Chemistry - I

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 60

# SECTION - A

Answer any 5 questions from the following. Each question carries three marks.

- 1. State Planck's radiation law.
- 2. What is meant by normalisation of a wave function?
- 3. What are spherical harmonics? Are they mutually orthogonal?
- 4. State Variation theorem.
- 5. Show that the ground state term symbol of  $H_2$  is  $1\Sigma_g^+$ .
- 6. What is basis set?

 $(5 \times 3 = 15)$ 

## SECTION - B

Answer any 3 questions from the following. Each question carries six marks.

- 7. What are eigenfunctions and eigenvalues? Show that  $e^{ikx}$  is an eigenfunction of the momentum operator  $\stackrel{\wedge}{P_x} = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ . What is the eigenvalue?
- 8. What will happen if the walls of the one-dimensional box are suddenly removed? Explain.

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- 9. Explain spin orbit coupling and spin orbit coupling constant. Why is it very large in heavy elements?
- 10. What is meant by HFSCF procedure? Explain.
- 11. What are the important problems faced in quantum mechanical calculations for many particles compared to a single particle? How it is overcome? (3×6=18)

### SECTION - C

Answer any 3 questions from the following. Each question carries nine marks.

- 12. Give the postulates of quantum mechanics.
- 13. Set up the Schrodinger wave equation for hydrogen atom in spherical polar coordinates. Separate the variables. How do the quantum numbers n, I and m emerge from the solution of three equations?
- 14. Obtain the normalized wave function and energy for a particle confined in a three-dimensional box with lengths Lx, Ly and Lz. Evaluate the results.
- 15. Give the Molecular Orbital (MO) treatment for the following molecules
  - i) Be<sub>2</sub>
  - ii) NO
  - iii) LiH
- 16. Set up the Huckel secular equation for cyclobutadiene, calculate the energies of the  $\pi$  orbitals and determine the delocalization energy. (3×9=27)

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