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FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019 (CUCSS PG) CC19P CHE1C02 – ELEMENTARY INORGANIC CHEMISTRY (Chemistry)

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(2019 Admission Regular)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 30 Weightage

Section A

Answer any *eight* questions. Each question carries 1 weightage.

- 1. Give two major differences between 4f and 5f orbitals.
- 2. Applying Wade's rules classify the following boranes by structural type. a) $(B_2H_7)^-$ b) B_6H_{10} c) B_5H_{11} d) B_8H_{16}
- 3. What is magic acid? What is the reaction of magic acid with neopentane?
- 4. In organic matter rich water logged soils iron will be present in which form? Justify your answer.
- 5. What are the differences between a SEM and TEM microscope?
- 6. What is meant by an aprotic solvent? What are different classes of aprotic solvents and give examples of each class.
- 7. Distinguish between photonuclear and thermonuclear reactions.
- 8. Mention how nanomaterials are classified based on their dimension.
- 9. How calcium boride is prepared? Comment about its structure.
- 10. How silicones are prepared? Account for their water repellent nature.

(8 x 1 = 8 Weightage)

Section B

Answer any *six* questions. Each question carries 2 weightage.

- 11. Briefly discuss the synthesis and structures of different isopolyanions of Mo and W.
- 12. Briefly describe any four applications of nanomaterials.
- What is meant by Styx number of boranes? Derive different styx numbers possible for B₃H₇ and arrive at the most likely structure.
- 14. Explain neutron activation analysis.
- 15. Write a short note on alkali metal in liquid ammonia.
- 16. What are zeolites? Mention important applications of zeolites.
- 17. How is polythiazyl prepared? Give an account of its properties, structure and uses.
- 18. Write a note on Frost diagram.

(6 x 2 = 12 Weightage)

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Section C

Answer any *two* questions. Each question carries 5 weightage.

- 19. What is an Ellingham diagram? Discuss briefly about its applications and limitations.
- 20. Briefly discuss the HSAB theory of acids and bases and its applications.
- 21. a) Explain the synthesis of borazine, N-substituted borazine and B-substituted borazine.b) Compare the structure and reactivity of borazine with benzene.

22. Write notes on

- a) GM counter. b) Radiation dosimetry.
- c) Nuclear Fission. d) Nuclear fusion.

(2 x 5 = 10 Weightage)
