

1.4 APPLIED CHEMISTRY

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RATIONALE

The regular use of a variety of chemistry based materials and processes in diverse technical and engineering fields have repeatedly proven the importance of Applied Chemistry and its role in current and future technological advancements. Ever increasing use of chemical materials in the emerging engineering applications demands engineers and technocrats to acquire an in-depth knowledge of Applied Chemistry to be able to choose the best suited materials to meet their needs while maintaining the environment sustainability. An understanding of the principles of Applied Chemistry will develop scientific attitude in the budding engineers to understand the physical and chemical properties of the available materials for engineering applications as well as an ability to design new and effective materials.

COURSE OUTCOMES

After studying this course, students will be able to:

CO1: Classify the elements into metals, non-metals and metalloids.

CO2: Explain the extraction of metals from ores, their mechanical properties and modification of properties by alloy formation.

CO3: Classify fuels and lubricants and apply them in different engineering applications.

CO4: Identify the polymeric materials, assess their properties and design suitable polymeric materials for current and future applications.

CO5: Apply effective methods for corrosion prevention

DETAILED CONTENTS

UNIT 1

Atomic Structure, Periodic Table and Chemical Bonding.

1.1 Bohr's model of atom (qualitative treatment only), dual character of matter: derivation of de-Broglie's equation, Heisenberg's Principle of Uncertainty, modern concept of atomic structure: definition of orbitals, shapes of s, p and d-orbitals, quantum numbers and their significance. Electronic configuration: Aufbau and Pauli's exclusion principles and Hund's rule, electronic configuration of elements up to atomic number 30.

- 1.2 Modern Periodic law and Periodic table, classification of elements into s, p, d and f-blocks, metals, non-metals and metalloids (periodicity in properties excluded).
- 1.3 Chemical bonding: cause of bonding, ionic bond, covalent bond, and metallic bond (electron sea or gas model), Physical properties of ionic, covalent and metallic substances.

UNIT II

Metals and Alloys

- 2.1 Metals: mechanical properties of metals such as conductivity, elasticity, strength and stiffness, luster, hardness, toughness, ductility, malleability, brittleness, and impact resistance and their uses.
- 2.2 Definition of a mineral, ore, gangue, flux and slag. Metallurgy of iron from haematite using a blast furnace. Commercial varieties of iron.
- 2.3 Alloys: definition, necessity of making alloys, composition, properties and uses of duralumin and steel. Heat treatment of steel- normalizing, annealing, quenching, tempering.

UNIT III

Water, Solutions, Acids and Bases

- 3.1 Solutions: definition, expression of the concentration of a solution in percentage (w/w, w/v and v/v), normality, molarity and molality and ppm. Simple problems on solution preparation.
- 3.2 Arrhenius concept of acids and bases, strong and weak acids and bases, pH value of a solution and its significance, pH scale. Simple numerical problems on pH of acids and bases.
- 3.4 Hard and soft water, causes of hardness of water, types of hardness – temporary and permanent hardness, expression of hardness of water, ppm unit of hardness; disadvantages of hard water; removal of hardness: removal of temporary hardness by boiling and Clark's method; removal of permanent hardness of water by Ion-Exchange method; boiler problems caused by hard water: scale and sludge formation, priming and foaming, caustic embrittlement; water sterilization by chlorine, UV radiation and RO.

UNIT IV

Fuels and Lubricants

- 4.1 Fuels: definition and classification of higher and lower calorific values, units of calorific value, characteristics of an ideal fuel. Petroleum: composition and refining of petroleum; gaseous fuels: composition, properties and uses of CNG, PNG, LNG, LPG; relative advantages of liquid and gaseous fuels over solid fuels. Scope of hydrogen as future fuel.

- 4.2 Lubricants- Functions and qualities of a good lubricant, classification of lubricants with examples; lubrication mechanism (brief idea only); physical properties (brief idea only) of a lubricant: oiliness, viscosity, viscosity index, flash and fire point, ignition temperature, pour point.

UNIT V

Polymers and Electrochemistry

- 5.1 Polymers and Plastics: definition of polymer, classification, addition and condensation polymerization; preparation properties and uses of polythene, PVC, Nylon-66, Bakelite; definition of plastic, thermoplastics and thermosetting polymers; natural rubber and neoprene, other synthetic rubbers (names only).
- 5.2 Corrosion: definition, dry and wet corrosion, factors affecting rate of corrosion, methods of prevention of corrosion—hot dipping, metal cladding, cementation, quenching, cathodic protection methods
- 5.3 Introduction and application of nanotechnology: nano-materials and their classification, applications of nanotechnology in various engineering applications (brief).

PRACTICAL EXERCISES

1. To prepare standard solution of oxalic acid.
2. To dilute the given KMnO_4 solution
3. To find out the strength in grams per litre of an unknown solution of sodium hydroxide using a standard (N/10) oxalic acid solution.
4. To find out the total alkalinity in parts per million (ppm) of a water sample with the help of a standard sulphuric acid solution.
5. To determine the total hardness of given water sample by EDTA method
6. To determine the amount of total dissolved solids(TDS) in ppm in a given sample of water gravimetrically
7. To determine the pH of different solutions using a digital pH meter.
8. To determine the calorific value of a solid/liquid fuel using a Bomb calorimeter.
9. To determine the viscosity of a lubricating oil using a Redwood viscometer
10. To prepare a sample of Phenol-formaldehyde resin (Bakelite)/Nylon-66 in the lab.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

1. Textbook of Chemistry for class XI and XII (part I & II) NCERT, Delhi, 2017-18.

2. C.N. R. Rao, Understanding Chemistry, Universities Press (India) Pvt. Ltd, 2011.
3. Jain & Jain, Engineering Chemistry, Dhanpat Rai and Sons; New Delhi, 2015.
4. Dr. G. H. Hugar & Prof A. N. Pathak, Applied Chemistry Laboratory Practices, Vol. I and Vol. II, NITTTR, Chandigarh, Publications, 2013-14.
5. Agnihotri, Rajesh, Chemistry for Engineers, Wiley India Pvt. Ltd, 2014.
6. Applied Chemistry by Usha Raju.

SUGGESTED WEBSITES

1. www.chemguide.co.uk/atommenu.html (Atomic structure and chemical bonding)
2. www.visionlearning.com (Atomic structure and chemical bonding)
3. www.cheml.com (Atomic structure and chemical bonding)
4. <https://www.wastewaterelearning.com/elearning/> (Water treatment)
5. www.capital-refractories.com (Metals, Alloys, Cement, and Refractory Materials)
6. www.em-ea.org/guide%20books/book-2/2.1%20fuels%20and%20combustion.pdf (Fuel and combustion)

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGY

Teachers may take help of various models and charts while imparting instructions to make the concept clear. More emphasis should be laid on discussing and explaining practical applications of various chemical process and reactions. In addition, students should be encouraged or motivated to study those processes in more details, which may find practical application in their future professional career. This subject contains five units of equal weightage.