Exam. Code : 210402 Subject Code : 4950

M.Sc. Chemistry 2nd Semester

REACTION MECHANISMS & METAL CLUSTERS

Paper: Course-XI

Time Allowed—2 Hours] [Maximum Marks—50

Note: There are *eight* questions of equal marks.

Candidates are required to attempt any

four questions.

- 1. (a) Write brief note on :—
 - (i) Dissociative mechanism of substitution reactions.
 - (ii) Interchange mechanism of substitution reactions.
 - (b) Suggest appropriate mechanism for the following reaction:

$$[Co(en)_2NH_3Cl]^{2+} + OH^- \longrightarrow$$

$$[Co(en)_2NH_3OH]^{2+} + Cl^-$$

2. (a) Suggest suitable mechanism for substitution reactions of square planar complexes. Also discuss various factors influencing the rate of such reactions.

- (b) Write brief note on substitution reaction of 17 electron species.
- 3. (a) Explain in detail the outer sphere and inner sphere mechanisms of electron transfer reactions.
 - (b) Give one example of ligand exchange reactions via electron exchange. Also suggest suitable mechanism for the reaction.
- 4. (a) Discuss the main features of Marcus theory of electron transfer reactions.
 - (b) Explain suitable mechanism for the following reaction:

$$[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + [Co(NH_3)_5Cl]^{2+} \longrightarrow$$

 $[Cr(H_2O)_5Cl]^{2+} + [Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 5NH_4^+$

- 5. (a) Write brief notes on:
 - (i) Two electron transfer reactions
 - (ii) Non-complementary electron transfer reactions.
 - (b) Briefly discuss the stereochemical nonrigidity in coordination compounds with coordination number five.
- 6. (a) How will you determine the binary formation constant using pH meter ?

- (b) What do you understand by the stability of coordination metal complexes? Explain in detail the factors affecting stability of complex.
- 7. (a) Give the main points of comparison between benzene and borazine.
 - (b) Predict the structures of $C_2B_4H_8$, $[B_{12}H_{12}]^{2-}$ and $[C_2B_9H_{11}]^{2-}$ with the help of Wade's rules.
 - (c) Complete:

(i)
$$B_4H_{10} + 4OH^- \longrightarrow ?$$

(ii)
$$RNH_3Cl + BCl_3 \longrightarrow ? \xrightarrow{NaBH_4} ?$$

(iii)
$$[(Cp)Mo(CO)_3]_2 + (MeAs)_5 \xrightarrow{190^{\circ}C} CHCl_3 \rightarrow ?$$

- 8. (a) Briefly describe homocyclic inorganic compounds.
 - (b) What are high-nuclearity carbonyl complexes?

 Describe the procedure for predicting the skeletal structure of HNCCs. Also predict the structures of following carbonyl clusters:
 - (i) $[Re_{8}C(CO)_{24}]^{2-}$
 - (ii) [Os₅(CO)₁₆].