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Total Marks: 70

- Que.1 Select correct answer of the followings (08)**
- 1 The term polymer was first used by the  
(A) Berzelius (B) Charles GoodYear  
(C) Ziegler Natta (D) Henry
  - 2 Light scattering provides molecular weight, which is  
(A) Number average (B) Weight average  
(C) Z-average (D) viscosity average
  - 3 Which of the following polymerization techniques offers problem of heat dissipation  
(A) Solution polymerization  
(B) Suspension polymerization  
(C) Emulsion polymerization  
(D) Bulk polymerization
  - 4 Termination under control condition sometimes does not occur in  
(A) Anionic polymerization (B) Cationic polymerization  
(C) Free radical polymerization (D) Coordination polymerization
  - 5 The mixing of two polymers yields  
(A) Alternating copolymer (B) Block copolymer  
(C) Polyblend or polymer alloy (D) None of the above
  - 6 Which of the following additives is added during the polymerization  
(A) Plasticizers (B) Antioxidants  
(C) Thermal stabilizers (D) Chain transfer agents
  - 7 In good solvents where solvent molecules processes an affinity for polymer molecule, the polymer coil  
(A) Expands (B) Contracts  
(C) Expands or contracts (D) Does not change size
  - 8 Epoxides, alkyl resins, PVA are all examples of  
(A) Antioxidants (B) Fiber  
(C) Filler (D) Adhesives

- Que.2** Attempt any **SEVEN** of the followings (14)
- 1 What are natural polymers? Give its two examples?
  - 2 Give difference between natural rubber and vulcanized rubber with its examples?
  - 3 Explain thermodynamics of ceiling temperature?
  - 4 Ethylene is more easily polymerized by free radicals than isobutylene. Why?
  - 5 Why does solution polymerization often result to low molecular weight polymer?
  - 6 Polymers obtained by condensation polymerization are more crystalline than addition polymers. Why?
  - 7 Plasticizers make the polymer flexible and rubbery. Why?
  - 8 Why does the  $T_g$  of a polymer increase in the presence of filler?
  - 9 Write mechanism of Ziegler Natta polymerization?

- Que.3**
- A** Discuss the vapour pressure method for determination of molecular weight of polymer. (06)
- B** What are homo addition polymerization and addition copolymerization? Give its suitable examples? (03)
- B** 3 gram of unknown polymer sample has a number average molecular weight 3000 gm/mole. It requires 0.1122 gram of alcoholic potassium hydroxide to reach phenolphthalein end point. Calculate the functionality of a given polymer sample. (03)

**OR**

- B** Why osmometric method for molecular weight determination is preferred over viscosity and GPC methods? (03)
- B** Polyethylene oxide (PEO) in water and 0.1 M  $K_2SO_4(aq)$  at  $25^\circ C$  has the following Mark-Houwink constants,  $K$  and  $\alpha$ ; (03)

|               | $K \times 10^3$ | $\alpha$ |
|---------------|-----------------|----------|
| Water         | 16.6            | 0.82     |
| Aq. $K_2SO_4$ | 130             | 0.5      |

Calculate the chain expansion factor for a PEO sample of molecular mass 50,000.

- Que.4**
- A** Describe kinetics of chain polymerization by free radicals. Obtain expression for rate of polymerization and degree of polymerization. (06)
- B** Write name of Ziegler Natta catalyst. How is the growing chain terminated in Ziegler Natta polymerization? (06)

**OR**

- B** Describe mechanism of cationic polymerization. Derive an expression for rate of polymerization. (06)

- Que.5** A Write note on emulsion polymerization technique? (06)  
B Discuss the kinetics of catalyzed and non catalyzed polycondensation reaction. (06)

**OR**

- B Discuss ring opening polymerization with suitable example? (06)

- Que.6** A Discuss thermodynamics of polymer solubility. (06)  
B Discuss the Q-e Scheme and resonance effect of reactivity ratios. (06)

**OR**

- B Obtain expression for the kinetics of copolymerization. How does the reactivity ratio of monomers affect the copolymerization reactions? (06)

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