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TITLE OF PAPER:           INTRODUCTORY INORGANIC CHEMISTRY  
COURSE NUMBER:           C201  
TIME ALLOWED:           THREE (3) HOURS  
INSTRUCTIONS:            THERE ARE SIX (6) QUESTIONS. ANSWER  
                              ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.       EACH  
                              QUESTION IS WORTH 25 MARKS.

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**Question one**

a) What is the physical significance of a radial wave function  $R(r)$ ? [1]

b) If a wave function of a hydrogen atom is given by

$$\psi = (27 - 18b + 2b^2)\exp(-b/3)$$

where  $b = Zr/a_0$ , give the expression for each of the following:

- i) radial part
- ii) angular part
- iii) radial distribution function.

[4]

c) For the wavefunction of a  $6d_{x^2-y^2}$  orbital, sketch the diagram corresponding to

- i) radial part
- ii) radial distribution function
- iii) angular part

[6]

d) For each of the following species, write the electron configuration and determine the number of unpaired electrons present:

- i)  $\text{Re}^{2+}$
- ii)  $\text{Nd}^{2+}$

[8]

e) Briefly state the de Broglie hypothesis. Your answer should include the appropriate equation. Briefly explain how the hypothesis has contributed to understanding of the properties of an electron.

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### Question Two

- a) Consider the species Ga, Ga<sup>+</sup> and Ga<sup>2+</sup>.
- For each of the species above, calculate the effective nuclear charge for an electron in the valence shell [12]
  - Based on your calculated effective nuclear charge values, which of the species is expected to have the lowest ionization energy? Explain. [2]
- b) Consider the molecule IO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>, where iodine, I, is the central atom.
- Draw at least three non-equivalent Lewis structures of the molecule
  - Use formal charges to determine which one of the structures you have drawn is the most reasonable. [11]

### Question Three

- a) For each of the following species, determine the molecular geometry and suggest an appropriate hybridization scheme for the central atom:
- F<sub>2</sub>O (O is the central atom)
  - SF<sub>4</sub>
  - BrF<sub>5</sub> (Br is the central atom) [12]
- b) Consider the diatomic molecule C<sub>2</sub>. Using valence atomic orbitals and valence electrons only, answer the following questions:
- Prepare a molecular orbital energy level diagram for the molecule, C<sub>2</sub>. [Note that the diagram should not be filled with any electrons at this point].
  - Use the diagram in i) above to give electron configurations for C<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>2</sub><sup>2-</sup>.
  - For each of the species, determine the number of unpaired electrons and indicate whether the species is paramagnetic or diamagnetic.
  - For each of the species, calculate the bond order, and indicate which one is expected to have a stronger bond and which one is expected to have a shorter bond [13]

#### Question Four

a) With the help of appropriate structures, suggest the nature of hydrogen bonding present in the following species:

- i) Hydrogen fluoride, HF
- ii)  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$
- iii) A carboxylic acid  $\text{RCOOH}$
- iv)  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{NH}_2$ , an amide

[9]

b) Use balanced equations to illustrate what happens when the following species are dissolved in water:

- i)  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$
- ii)  $\text{Al}_4\text{C}_3$
- iii)  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_7$

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c) For each of the following, sketch the structure and indicate the coordination number around the Lewis acid:

- i)  $[\text{BF}_4]^-$
- ii)  $\text{Be}^{2+}(\text{aq})$
- iii)  $\text{SiF}_6^{2-}$
- iv)  $\text{Na}^+(\text{aq})$

[10]

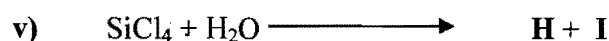
### Question Five

- a) For each of the groups (of the periodic table) given below, state the common oxidation state(s) which occur in oxides, and give the formula,  $M_xO_y$ , of each of such oxides:
- i) group 1    ii) group 2    iii) group 13    iv) group 14    v) group 15    [6]
- b) Give a balanced equation for a reaction that is expected to take place when each of the following chlorides is added to water:
- i)  $SiCl_4$     ii)  $PCl_5$     iii)  $HCl(g)$     [6]
- c) Give one example of an oxide and write a balanced reaction equation to illustrate its property as indicated below.
- i) An acidic oxide that is soluble in water and show how it reacts with water  
ii) A basic oxide that is soluble in water and show how it reacts with water  
iii) An amphoteric oxide and show how it reacts with an acid and a base

[13]

### Question Six

- a) Identify the species A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K:



[11]

- b) Give an outline of the Born-Haber cycle for the formation of indium chloride,  $InCl_3(s)$ . [8]
- c) From a theoretical approach, give three factors that contribute to lattice energy of an ionic compound. Briefly **explain how** each factor affects lattice energy.

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## C201: Slater's Rules:

1) Write the correct electron configuration for the atom and organize the orbitals into groupings as follows:

$(1s)(2s,2p)(3s,3p)(3d)(4s,4p)(4d)(4f)(5s,5p)$ , etc

2) Any electrons to the right of the electron of interest contributes zero to shielding.

3) All other electrons in the same grouping (or same principal quantum number,  $n$ ) as the electron of interest shield to an extent of 0.35 nuclear charge units

4) If the electron of interest is an  $s$  or  $p$  electron:

*All electrons with one less value ( $n-1$ ) of the principal quantum number shield to an extent of 0.85 units of nuclear charge per electron. All electrons with two less values ( $n-2$ ) of the principal quantum number shield to an extent of 1.00 units per electron.*

5) If the electron of interest is a  $d$  or an  $f$  electron:

*All electrons to the left shield to an extent of 1.00 units of nuclear charge.*

6) Sum the shielding amounts from steps 2 through 5 and subtract from the nuclear charge value to obtain the effective nuclear charge:

$$Z_{\text{eff}} = Z - S$$

where

$Z_{\text{eff}}$  = effective nuclear charge

$Z$  = atomic number

$S$  = shielding constant

## Fundamental Physical Constants (six significant figures)

Avogadro's number	$N_A = 6.02214 \times 10^{23} / \text{mol}$
atomic mass unit	$\text{amu} = 1.66054 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
charge of the electron (or proton)	$e = 1.60218 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Faraday constant	$F = 9.64853 \times 10^4 \text{ C/mol}$
mass of the electron	$m_e = 9.10939 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
mass of the neutron	$m_n = 1.67493 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
mass of the proton	$m_p = 1.67262 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
Planck's constant	$h = 6.62607 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$
speed of light in a vacuum	$c = 2.99792 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
standard acceleration of gravity	$g = 9.80665 \text{ m/s}^2$
universal gas constant	$R = 8.31447 \text{ J}/(\text{mol}\cdot\text{K})$ $= 8.20578 \times 10^{-2} (\text{atm}\cdot\text{L})/(\text{mol}\cdot\text{K})$

$$\text{Rydberg constant} = 1.097 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

### SI Unit Prefixes

p	n	$\mu$	m	c	d	k	M	G
pico-	nano-	micro-	milli-	centi-	deci-	kilo-	mega-	giga-
$10^{-12}$	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-1}$	$10^3$	$10^6$	$10^9$

### Conversions and Relationships

#### Length

SI unit: meter, m

1 km	= 1000 m
	= 0.62 mile (mi)
1 inch (in)	= 2.54 cm
1 m	= 1.094 yards (yd)
1 pm	= $10^{-12}$ m = 0.01 Å

#### Volume

SI unit: cubic meter, m<sup>3</sup>

1 dm <sup>3</sup>	= $10^{-3}$ m <sup>3</sup>
	= 1 liter (L)
	= 1.057 quarts (qt)
1 cm <sup>3</sup>	= 1 mL
1 m <sup>3</sup>	= 35.3 ft <sup>3</sup>

#### Pressure

SI unit: pascal, Pa

1 Pa	= 1 N/m <sup>2</sup>
	= 1 kg/m·s <sup>2</sup>
1 atm	= $1.01325 \times 10^5$ Pa
	= 760 torr
1 bar	= $1 \times 10^5$ Pa

#### Mass

SI unit: kilogram, kg

1 kg	= $10^3$ g
	= 2.205 lb
1 metric ton (t)	= $10^3$ kg

#### Energy

SI unit: joule, J

1 J	= 1 kg·m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup>
	= 1 coulomb·volt (1 C·V)
1 cal	= 4.184 J
1 eV	= $1.602 \times 10^{-19}$ J

#### Math relationships

	$\pi = 3.1416$
volume of sphere	= $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
volume of cylinder	= $\pi r^2 h$

#### Temperature

SI unit: kelvin, K

0 K	= -273.15°C
mp of H <sub>2</sub> O	= 0°C (273.15 K)
bp of H <sub>2</sub> O	= 100°C (373.15 K)
T (K)	= T (°C) + 273.15
T (°C)	= $[T (\text{°F}) - 32] \frac{5}{9}$
T (°F)	= $\frac{9}{5}T (\text{°C}) + 32$

# PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS

## GROUPS

PERIODS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	IA	IIA	IIIB	IVB	VB	VIB	VIIIB	VIII			IB	IIB	IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA	VIIIA
<b>1</b>	1.008 <b>H</b> 1																	4.003 <b>He</b> 2
<b>2</b>	6.941 <b>Li</b> 3	9.012 <b>Be</b> 4											10.811 <b>B</b> 5	12.011 <b>C</b> 6	14.007 <b>N</b> 7	15.999 <b>O</b> 8	18.998 <b>F</b> 9	20.180 <b>Ne</b> 10
<b>3</b>	22.990 <b>Na</b> 11	24.305 <b>Mg</b> 12	<b>TRANSITION ELEMENTS</b>										26.982 <b>Al</b> 13	28.0855 <b>Si</b> 14	30.9738 <b>P</b> 15	32.06 <b>S</b> 16	35.453 <b>Cl</b> 17	39.948 <b>Ar</b> 18
<b>4</b>	39.0983 <b>K</b> 19	40.078 <b>Ca</b> 20	44.956 <b>Sc</b> 21	47.88 <b>Ti</b> 22	50.9415 <b>V</b> 23	51.996 <b>Cr</b> 24	54.938 <b>Mn</b> 25	55.847 <b>Fe</b> 26	58.933 <b>Co</b> 27	58.69 <b>Ni</b> 28	63.546 <b>Cu</b> 29	65.39 <b>Zn</b> 30	69.723 <b>Ga</b> 31	72.61 <b>Ge</b> 32	74.922 <b>As</b> 33	78.96 <b>Se</b> 34	79.904 <b>Br</b> 35	83.80 <b>Kr</b> 36
<b>5</b>	85.468 <b>Rb</b> 37	87.62 <b>Sr</b> 38	88.906 <b>Y</b> 39	91.224 <b>Zr</b> 40	92.9064 <b>Nb</b> 41	95.94 <b>Mo</b> 42	98.907 <b>Tc</b> 43	101.07 <b>Ru</b> 44	102.906 <b>Rh</b> 45	106.42 <b>Pd</b> 46	107.868 <b>Ag</b> 47	112.41 <b>Cd</b> 48	114.82 <b>In</b> 49	118.71 <b>Sn</b> 50	121.75 <b>Sb</b> 51	127.60 <b>Te</b> 52	126.904 <b>I</b> 53	131.29 <b>Xe</b> 54
<b>6</b>	132.905 <b>Cs</b> 55	137.33 <b>Ba</b> 56	138.906 <b>*La</b> 57	178.49 <b>Hf</b> 72	180.948 <b>Ta</b> 73	183.85 <b>W</b> 74	186.207 <b>Re</b> 75	190.2 <b>Os</b> 76	192.22 <b>Ir</b> 77	195.08 <b>Pt</b> 78	196.967 <b>Au</b> 79	200.59 <b>Hg</b> 80	204.383 <b>Tl</b> 81	207.2 <b>Pb</b> 82	208.980 <b>Bi</b> 83	(209) <b>Po</b> 84	(210) <b>At</b> 85	(222) <b>Rn</b> 86
<b>7</b>	(223) <b>Fr</b> 87	226.025 <b>Ra</b> 88	(227) <b>**Ac</b> 89	(261) <b>Rf</b> 104	(262) <b>Ha</b> 105	(263) <b>Unh</b> 106	(262) <b>Uns</b> 107	(265) <b>Uno</b> 108	(266) <b>Uue</b> 109									

140.115 <b>Ce</b> 58	140.908 <b>Pr</b> 59	144.24 <b>Nd</b> 60	(145) <b>Pm</b> 61	150.36 <b>Sm</b> 62	151.96 <b>Eu</b> 63	157.25 <b>Gd</b> 64	158.925 <b>Tb</b> 65	162.50 <b>Dy</b> 66	164.930 <b>Ho</b> 67	167.26 <b>Er</b> 68	168.934 <b>Tm</b> 69	173.04 <b>Yb</b> 70	174.967 <b>Lu</b> 71
232.038 <b>Th</b> 90	231.036 <b>Pa</b> 91	238.029 <b>U</b> 92	237.048 <b>Np</b> 93	(244) <b>Pu</b> 94	(243) <b>Am</b> 95	(247) <b>Cm</b> 96	(247) <b>Bk</b> 97	(251) <b>Cf</b> 98	(252) <b>Es</b> 99	(257) <b>Fm</b> 100	(258) <b>Md</b> 101	(259) <b>No</b> 102	(260) <b>Lr</b> 103

\* Lanthanide series

\*\* Actinide series

Numbers below the symbol of the element indicates the atomic numbers. Atomic masses, above the symbol of the element, are based on the assigned relative atomic mass of <sup>12</sup>C = exactly 12; ( ) indicates the mass number of the isotope with the longest half-life.

SOURCE: International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, I. Mills, ed., *Quantities, Units, and Symbols in Physical Chemistry*, Blackwell Scientific Publications, Boston, 1988, pp 86-98.