



**B.Tech. Degree VI Semester Special Supplementary Examination in  
Polymer Science and Engineering April 2020**

**PE 1602 CHARACTERISATION AND TESTING METHODS**

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

**PART A**  
(Answer *ALL* questions)

(10 × 2 = 20)

- I. (a) How will you distinguish inter and intra hydrogen bonding in polymers using IR spectroscopy?
- (b) Define specific heat capacity. How is it determined using DSC?
- (c) What is dielectric strength? How is it determined? Explain the factors affecting the dielectric strength of polymer materials.
- (d) Discuss the determination of carbon content of rubber vulcanisates using thermogravimetric analysis (TGA).
- (e) Write notes on MFI determination of polymers. How is it related to molecular weight?
- (f) Briefly explain the determination of coefficient of thermal expansion using quartz tube dilatometer.
- (g) How will you determine the dielectric constant of polymers? What are the factors affecting dielectric constant?
- (h) Briefly explain the procedure for the determination of volatile fatty acid (VFA) for NR latex.
- (i) How will you determine the flexural strength of polymer composite by 3 point bending?
- (j) Draw a typical rheogram and explain cure time and scorch time.

**PART B**

(4 × 7½ = 30)

- II. Draw a typical heating and cooling DSC thermograms of a polymer and explain the determination of glass transition, melting point and crystallization temperature and crystallinity. (7½)

**OR**

- III. Discuss the principle and procedure used for the determination of: (3 × 2½ = 7½)
  - (i) Dry rubber content
  - (ii) Copper content
  - (iii) Coagulum content

- IV. (a) Briefly explain the basic principle of NMR spectroscopy? (4)
- (b) How will you determine the tacticity of polypropylene using NMR? (3½)

**OR**

- V. Write short notes on: (3 × 2½ = 7½)
  - (i) Impact strength
  - (ii) Creep of vulcanisates
  - (iii) Resilience of polymers

VI. Discuss the principle and methods used for the quality control test for:  $(3 \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 7\frac{1}{2})$

- (i) Latex threads
- (ii) Tyres
- (iii) Laminates

**OR**

VII. (a) Explain the use of IR and UV spectroscopy for the determination of ageing of polymers. (4)

(b) Explain the method used for the determination of gel point.  $(3\frac{1}{2})$

VIII. Write short notes on the determination of:  $(3 \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 7\frac{1}{2})$

- (i) Resistivity
- (ii) Thermal conductivity
- (iii) Haze

**OR**

IX. What are the quality tests done for:  $(3 \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 7\frac{1}{2})$

- (i) Micro cellular sheet
- (ii) Pipes
- (iii) Films

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