



ARSD College, University of Delhi

Model Course Handout/Lesson Plan

Course Name : B.Sc. (Hons) chemistry						
Semester	Course Code	Course Title	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)	Credit (C)
IV	32171401 INORGANIC CHEMISTRY - III	Coordination Chemistry	4			4
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Session		2020-2021				

Course Objective: The course introduces the students to coordination compounds which find manifold applications in diverse areas like qualitative and quantitative analysis, metallurgy, as catalysts in industrial processes as medicines, paints and pigments as well as in life. The student is also familiarized with the d and f block elements and get an idea about horizontal similarity in a period in addition to vertical similarity in a group.

Course Learning Outcomes: By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the terms, ligand, denticity of ligands, chelate, coordination number and use standard rules to name coordination compounds.
- Discuss the various types of isomerism possible in such compounds and understand the types of isomerism possible in a metal complex.
- Use Valence Bond Theory to predict the structure and magnetic behaviour of metal complexes and understand the terms inner and outer orbital complexes
- Explain the meaning of the terms Δ_o , Δ_t , pairing energy, CFSE, high spin and low spin and how CFSE affects thermodynamic properties like lattice enthalpy and hydration enthalpy
- Explain magnetic properties and colour of complexes on basis of Crystal Field Theory
- Understand the important properties of transition metals like variable oxidation states, colour, magnetic and catalytic properties and use Latimer diagrams to predict and identify species which are reducing, oxidizing and tend to disproportionate and calculate skip step potentials
- Understand reaction mechanisms of coordination compounds and differentiate between kinetic and thermodynamic stability.

Lesson Plan:

Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be covered
1.	Coordination Chemistry:	1-2	Recapitulation of Werner's Coordination theory
		3-4	IUPAC nomenclature of coordination compounds.
		5-6	isomerism in coordination compounds. with coordination numbers 4 and 6.

		7-8	A brief idea about chelate effect and labile and inert complexes.
		9-10	Valence bond theory
		11-12	VBT application to complexes of coordination numbers 4 and 6. Examples of inner and outer orbital complexes..
		11-12	Crystal field theory,
		13-14	measurement of Δ_o . Calculation of CFSE in weak and strong fields, concept of pairing energies
		15-16	factors affecting the magnitude of Δ_o . Octahedral vs. tetrahedral coordination,
		17-18	octahedral geometry Jahn-Teller theorem,
		19-20	Jahn-Teller theorem and tetragonal distortions from square planar geometry
		21-22	Qualitative aspect of Ligand field and MO Theory
		23-24	for octahedral σ -donor
		25-26	(, π - acceptor and π - donor complexes).
29-30	variable valency, magnetic properties (no temperature dependence),		
31-32	catalytic properties, and ability to form complexes.		
33-34	Latimer diagrams of Mn, Fe and Cu in acidic and basic media		
2	Transition Elements	35-36	A brief discussion of differences between the first, second and third transition series
		37-38	Some important compounds of Cr, Mn, Fe and Co and their roles as laboratory reagents;
		39-40	Potassium dichromate, potassium permanganate, potassium ferrocyanide, potassium ferricyanide, sodium nitroprusside and sodium cobaltinitrite.
3	Lanthanoids and Actinoids:	41-42	A brief discussion of electronic configuration, oxidation states, A brief discussion of electronic configuration, oxidation states,
		43-44	colour, spectral and magnetic properties.
		45-46	Lanthanoid contraction (causes and effects) separation of lanthanoids by ion exchange method.
4	Inorganic Reaction	47-48	Introduction to inorganic reaction mechanisms

	Mechanism:	49-50	Concept of reaction pathways
		51-52	transition state, intermediate
		53-54	activated complex. Substitution reactions in square planar complexes,
		55-56	Trans- effect, theories of trans-effect.
		57-58	Thermodynamic Stability (using VBT).
		59-60	Kinetic stability (using VBT).

Evaluation Scheme:

No.	Component	Duration	Marks
1.	Internal Assessment		25
	• Quiz		
	• Class Test		
	• Attendance		
	• Assignment		
2.	End Semester Examination	3 hr	75

Details of the Course

Unit	Contents	Contact Hours
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	Total	16
Suggested Books:		
Sl. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers	Year of Publication/Reprint
-1	Atkins, P.W.; Overton, T.L.; Rourke, J.P.; Weller, M.T.; Armstrong, F.A. (2010), Shriver and Atkins Inorganic Chemistry, 5th Edition, Oxford University Press.	2010
2	2. Miessler, G.L.; Fischer P.J.; Tarr, D. A. (2014), Inorganic Chemistry, 5th Edition, Pearson.	2014
3	Huheey, J.E.; Keiter, E.A.; Keiter; R. L.; Medhi, O.K. (2009), Inorganic Chemistry- Principles of Structure and Reactivity, Pearson Education	2009
4	Pfennig, B. W. (2015), Principles of Inorganic Chemistry. John Wiley & Sons.	2015
5	Cotton, F.A.; Wilkinson, G.(1999), Advanced Inorganic Chemistry Wiley-VCH.	1999
Mode of Evaluation:		Internal Assessment / End Semester Exam

