

**GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY****BE – SEMESTER V • EXAMINATION – WINTER - 2012****Subject code: 152302****Date: 12-01-2013****Subject Name: Physics of Plastics****Time: 02:30 pm to 05:00 pm****Total Marks: 70****Instructions:**

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.
3. Figures to the right indicate full marks.

**Q.1** (a) Discuss In Detail , The Flory Huggins Theory **07**  
 (b) Discuss In Detail, The Gel Permeation Chromatography **07**

**Q.2** (a) Discuss the process of polymer dissolution in detail **07**  
 (b) 1. Differentiate between polymer conformation v/s. polymer configuration. **07**  
 2. Differentiate between Amorphous v/s. Crystalline polymers.

**OR**

(b) The intrinsic viscosity of a solution of polyisobutylene at 20 °C is 180  $\text{cm}^3\text{g}^{-1}$ . If  $[\eta]$  is related to the viscosity average molecular weight  $M_v$  by the expression ,  $[\eta]= 3.60 \times 10^{-4}(M_v^{0.64})$ , calculate the molecular weight  $M_v$  of the polymer. **07**

**Q.3** (a) [i] What is Chain length and contour length? Calculate the chain length and contour length of a PE molecule whose –C-C- chain is 1.54Å and bond angle is 109° 28'. Assume  $n=1000$  **07**  
 [ii] The intrinsic viscosity of polymer sample is 217  $\text{cm}^3\text{g}^{-1}$ . calculate the approximate concentration of sample , which would have relative viscosity of 1.5  
 (b) List various mechanical models of visco-elastic fluids. Explain Maxwell Model in detail. **07**

**OR**

**Q.3** (a) What is the principle of a rotational viscometer? Explain Brookfield viscometer in detail. **07**

(b) Discuss the Boltzmann's superposition Principle **07**

**Q.4** (a) What are the factors affecting  $T_g$ ? Discuss **07**  
 (b) Define [ any seven] : **07**  
 Crystallites ; Spherulites ; Rayleigh ratio ; Mesogens'; Polymer fractionation ; Viscoelasticity; Entropy; polymer Melts; Polymer solutions; Nematic phase; Intrinsic viscosity

**OR**

**Q.4** (a) What is the difference between dissolution of low molecular weight compounds and polymers in a solvent. Discuss in detail **07**

**Q.4** (b) What is intrinsic viscosity ? Discuss Mark Houwink equation and its significance **07**

**Q.5** (a) Discuss factors affecting crystallinity. **07**  
 (b) [i] Discuss RANDOM WALK Probability [ii] Discuss Radius of gyration **07**

**OR**

**Q.5** (a) Give classification of non-Newtonian fluids and explain in detail with example. **07**

(b) What is Avogadro's number? If a PE molecule has 3000 nos. Of monomers, each with a molar mass of 28 g/mol, calculate the weight of each molecule? **07**

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