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## FOURTH SEMESTER B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATION (R), MAY 2024

(2020 SCHEME)

Course Code: 20CHT294

Course Name: Instrumental Methods for Environmental Engineering

Max. Marks: 100 Duration: 3 Hours

#### PART A

### (Answer all questions. Each question carries 3 marks)

- 1. Write the mechanism of solvent extraction.
- 2. List out any three methods in environmental engineering used for the analysis of samples.
- 3. Define the terms i) Accuracy ii) Resolution, iii) Precision of a measuring instrument.
- 4. Distinguish between transducers and sensors with an example for each.
- 5. Explain the working principle flame photometry.
- 6. Explain Beer Lambert's law and its limitations.
- 7. Explain how the Bragg's equation is used to determine positions of atoms within a crystal?
- 8. Differentiate mobile and stationary phase in paper chromatography.
- 9. List out any two instruments to monitor i) Air pollution and ii) Water pollution.
- 10. Write the importance of P&ID with an example.

## PART B

# (Answer one full question from each module, each question carries 14 marks) ${ m MODULE}~{ m I}$

11. a) Explain any three instrumental methods used in environmental (14) engineering.

## OR

- 12. a) What is electrophoresis? Explain the working of electrophoresis in (7) separating and identifying very large molecules.
  - b) Explain the modes of operation of an ion exchange column to extract ions of different charges. (7)

#### **MODULE II**

- 13. a) Using a neat figure, explain the working principle of a strain gauge. (7)
  - b) Describe the working principle of a temperature sensor with a neat (7) sketch.

#### OR

- 14. a) Classify transducers based on the signal being converted. (4)
  - b) Describe the working of a piezoelectric transducer with a neat figure. (10)

#### **MODULE III**

- 15. a) Define pH of a solution. Describe the working principle and limitations (10) pH electrode with a neatly drawn labelled diagram.
  - b) Identify two different optical methods of analysis in relation to their (4) energy interaction with samples.

#### OR

16. a) Describe with a neatly drawn labelled diagram explain the working of (14) atomic absorption spectrophotometer for the analysis of metal ions in water samples.

#### **MODULE IV**

- 17. a) Describe the working principle of a mass spectrometer with a neat figure. (8)
  - b) Explain the working principle and applications of scanning electron microscope.

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#### OR

18. Explain the working principle and applications of X ray diffraction. (14)

## **MODULE V**

19. Explain and draw in detail the P&ID of a sewage treatment process. (14)

#### OR

20. Explain the factors affecting the design of process control instrumentation in (14) a wastewater treatment plant.

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