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**B.Sc. (Honours) Degree in Chemistry  
Fourth Year - Semester I Examination – September / October 2019**

**CHE 4215 – SOLID STATE CHEMISTRY**

**Time: Two (02) hours**

Answer all questions.

$R = 8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ ,  $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$ ,  $k_B = 1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$ ,  
 $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

Use of a non-programmable calculator is permitted.

1. a) Nickel crystalize in a cubic group where the unit cell length is 0.3542 nm. Assuming all the atoms are at the lattice points, calculate the number of Ni atoms in a unit cell. Determine the type of cubic lattice nickel possesses.  
 (Ni;  $d = 8.90 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ,  $M = 58.693 \text{ mol g}^{-1}$ ). (30 marks)
- b) Calculate the packing efficiency for the FCC unit cell. (10 marks)
- c) Ascertain the number of atoms in the unit cell each of following cubic unit cells.  
 i. Primitive      ii. Face centered      iii. Body centered (30 marks)
- d) Determine the crystal structure and calculate the packing factor for potassium chloride (KCl), ( $r^+ = 0.133 \text{ nm}$  and  $r^- = 0.181 \text{ nm}$ ).

$\rho$	Coordination number	
$\geq 0.732$	8:8	
0.414 – 0.732	6:6	
0.225 – 0.414	4:4	(30 marks)

2. a) On each of three separate drawings of one face of an FCC unit cell, indicate one of each of followings.

i. Vacancy      ii. Interstitial impurity      iii. Substitutional impurity      (30 marks)

- b) Elaborate two types of defects Scotty and Frenkel defects.      (30 marks)

- c) Define all the terms of the equation and calculate the number of vacancies per one  $\text{cm}^3$  in iron at  $850^\circ\text{C}$  where  $Q_v = 1.08 \text{ eV/atom}$ ,  $\rho = 7.65 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ,  $M = 55.85 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  for iron.

$$N_v = N_s \exp \left( -\frac{Q_v}{k_B T} \right) \quad (20 \text{ marks})$$

- d) X-rays of wavelength  $0.150 \text{ nm}$  are diffracted from a crystal at an angle of  $20.17^\circ$ . Assuming that  $n = 2$ , obtain the distance (in meters) between the layers in the crystal. In addition, calculate the minimum interlayer spacing that can be measured using this X-Ray.

(20 marks)

3. a) Discuss the three modes used in AFM.      (30 marks)

- b) In AFM you may observe signals as well as drifts. State how to distinguish two of them and explain the course of the drift.      (10 marks)

- c) Sketch the main components of a SEM apparatus and explains how SEM functions.      (40 marks)

- d) Compare the advantages and disadvantages of the TEM vs AFM.      (20 marks)

4. a) Describe how to use XRD to identify different phases of a material with the same chemical component.      (20 marks)

- b) Ge can be doped with Ga or As. How would you see this doping in a crystallographical point of view? Comment on the electrical conductance of Ge after doping of each Ga and As.      (20 marks)

- c) Describe the DSC technique in detail.      (30 marks)

- d) Details of decomposition thermogram of  $\text{CaC}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  is given below. The decomposition occurred in three steps. In each step, percentage of the weight losses are 12.57% ( $100 - 226^\circ\text{C}$ ), 19.47% ( $346 - 420^\circ\text{C}$ ) and 30.07% ( $600 - 840^\circ\text{C}$ ) for first, second and third steps respectively. The temperature range in which the weight losses are indicated in brackets. Draw the thermogram for the  $\text{CaC}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  decomposition and predict the mechanism.

(30 marks)

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