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SUBJECT : PEI301- ANALYTICAL INSTRUMENTATION

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UNIT I - SPECTROPHOTOMETRY

Spectral methods of analysis – Beer-Lambert law – UV-Visible spectroscopy – IR Spectrophotometry - FTIR spectrophotometry – Atomic absorption spectrophotometry - Flame emission and atomic emission photometry – Construction, working principle, sources detectors and applications.

PART – A

Q.No	Questions	CO	BT Level	Competence
1.	Define Beer-Lambert law.	CO1	BTL 1	Remember
2.	Compare single beam and double beam instrument.	CO1	BTL 2	Understand
3.	Mention the sources used in atomic absorption spectrometry.	CO1	BTL 1	Remember
4.	Name the different types of spectrophotometers.	CO1	BTL 1	Remember
5.	What is the principle of hollow cathode lamp used in atomic absorption spectroscopy?	CO1	BTL 1	Remember
6.	Define transmittance and absorbance.	CO1	BTL 1	Remember
7.	Distinguish between AAS and FES.	CO1	BTL 2	Understand
8.	What is total internal reflection in spectrometry?	CO1	BTL 2	Understand
9.	List the wavelength range of IR radiation.	CO1	BTL 1	Remember
10.	Identify the detectors to be used in IR Spectroscopy.	CO1	BTL 1	Remember
11.	What are the basic requirements of radiation sources in absorption photometry?	CO1	BTL 1	Remember
12.	Define interference filters.	CO1	BTL 1	Remember
13.	List the limitations of absorption filters.	CO1	BTL 1	Remember
14.	Why sensitive detector is required for Spectrophotometer?	CO1	BTL 2	Understand
15.	What is pyrolysis?	CO1	BTL 1	Remember
16.	What is attenuated total reflectance with respect to photometer?	CO1	BTL 2	Understand
17.	Interpret the range covered by UV visible spectrophotometers.	CO1	BTL 2	Understand
18.	Outline the advantages of double beam spectrophotometer.	CO1	BTL 2	Understand
19.	Demonstrate the application of flame emission spectrometry.	CO1	BTL 2	Understand
20.	What are the major design requirements of monochromator?	CO1	BTL 1	Remember
21.	Difference between absorption filter and interference filter.	CO1	BTL 2	Understand
22.	Define Beer's law.	CO1	BTL 1	Remember
23.	Compare the detector used in IR Spectroscopy.	CO1	BTL 2	Understand
24.	Write about photo multiplier detector.	CO1	BTL 2	Understand

PART-B

1.	i. State and derive Beer's law from basic principles. Discuss the limitations of it. (8)	CO1	BTL 3	Apply
	ii. With the Instrumentation setup, describe the working of single beam spectrometer. (8)			

2.	Explain in detail, the sources and detectors used in UV-Visible spectroscopy with necessary diagrams. (16)	CO1	BTL 4	Analyze
3.	i. Illustrate with a neat sketch the principle and operation of a typical single beam UV spectrograph. How does this differ from a double beam instrument? (8)	CO1	BTL 3	Apply
	ii. Draw and explain the schematic diagram of a typical double beam spectrophotometer. (8)			Apply
4.	Explain in detail about grating mono chromator system with neat diagram. (16)	CO1	BTL 4	Analyze
5.	Illustrate about single beam and double beam instruments used in IR spectrophotometer with necessary diagrams. (16)	CO1	BTL 3	Apply
6.	With necessary diagram, describe the principle, construction and working of U-V spectrophotometer. (16)	CO1	BTL 3	Apply
7.	i. With relevant diagrams, examine the working principle of various radiation sources used in IR-Spectrophotometers. (8)	CO1	BTL 3	Apply
	ii. With the help of a neat diagram, describe the construction and principle of FTIR, giving emphasis on its advantages over double beam IR. (8)			Apply
8.	i. Show the detectors used in IR. Explain any one detector in detail. Also mention about different sample handling techniques in IR. (8)	CO1	BTL 3	Apply
	ii. Illustrate the operation of attenuated total reflection Spectrophotometer. (8)			Apply
9.	With a neat instrumentation setup, examine the principle of IR spectrometer and label the various components involved in it. (16)	CO1	BTL 3	Apply
10.	Elaborate the FTIR spectrophotometer with neat optical path diagram and block diagram of the instrument. (16)	CO1	BTL 4	Apply
11.	i. Illustrate the operating principle of atomic absorption spectroscopy. (6)	CO1	BTL 3	Apply
	ii. Explain the various sources and detectors used in AAS. (10)			Apply
12.	Describe the operating principle of flame emission photometer with neat diagram. (16)	CO1	BTL 2	Understand
13.	Briefly, discuss the working technique and applications of AAS with suitable diagrams. (16)	CO1	BTL 2	Understand
14.	Explain in detail working principle of fluorescence spectrophotometer. (16)	CO1	BTL 4	Analyze
15.	Explain in details about filter used in spectrometer. (16)	CO1	BTL 4	Analyze
16.	Elaborate the operation of double beam UV-spectrometer. (16)	CO1	BTL 4	Analyze
17.	Illustrate the operating principle of NDIR spectrometer. (16)	CO1	BTL 3	Apply

UNIT II - CHROMATOGRAPHY

General principles – classification – chromatographic behavior of solutes – quantitative determination – Gas chromatography–Liquid chromatography – High-pressure liquid chromatography – Applications.

PART – A

Q.No	Questions	CO	BT Level	Competence
1.	Define retention time in a chromatograph.	CO2	BTL 1	Remember
2.	Discuss the function of chromatographic column.	CO2	BTL 2	Understand
3.	What are the detectors to be used in gas chromatography?	CO2	BTL 1	Remember
4.	Why temperature programming is required for column oven used in Gas chromatography?	CO2	BTL 2	Understand
5.	What do you mean by the open tubular columns in gas chromatography?	CO2	BTL 1	Remember
6.	Define Column Chromatography.	CO2	BTL 1	Remember
7.	What are the detectors used in Liquid Chromatography?	CO2	BTL 2	Understand
8.	Define chromatography.	CO2	BTL 1	Remember
9.	Write about liquid chromatography.	CO2	BTL 2	Understand
10.	Define partition ratio.	CO2	BTL 1	Remember
11.	Identify the selection criteria for carrier gas.	CO2	BTL 2	Understand
12.	Define thin layer chromatography.	CO2	BTL 1	Remember
13.	Write about sample injection system.	CO2	BTL 2	Understand
14.	What is the stationary phases in chromatography?	CO2	BTL 1	Remember
15.	Define dead time in chromatograph.	CO2	BTL 1	Remember
16.	Classify the various types of chromatographic column.	CO2	BTL 2	Understand
17.	How thin layer chromatography is better than paper chromatography?	CO2	BTL 2	Understand
18.	On what factor does the choice of detector will depend on liquid chromatography?	CO2	BTL 2	Understand
19.	List the limitations of bulk property detector.	CO2	BTL 1	Remember
20.	What the solvents to be used for mobile phase in chromatography?	CO2	BTL 1	Remember
21.	Mention the types of open tubular column.	CO2	BTL 1	Remember
22.	Classify the chromatography.	CO2	BTL 2	Understand
23.	What is ion exchange chromatography?	CO2	BTL 1	Remember
24.	What is size-exclusion chromatography?	CO2	BTL 1	Remember

PART-B

1.	i. With a neat schematic diagram, quote the separation principle of HPLC (High Pressure Liquid Chromatography). (10)	CO2	BTL 3	Apply
	ii. List the applications of HPLC. (6)			
2.	i. What is meant by column chromatography? And mention the advantages of column chromatography. (4)	CO2	BTL 3	Apply
	ii. Draw the instrumentation diagram for column chromatography and discuss how separation process will be performed in column chromatography. (12)			

3.	Describe the different stages of Gas Chromatography in the separation of two phases with schematic diagram. (16)	CO2	BTL 4	Analyze
4.	Explain with neat sketches any two detectors used in gas chromatography. (16)	CO2	BTL 4	Analyze
5.	Discuss the electron capture detector and flame ionization detector. (16)	CO2	BTL 4	Analyze
6.	i. Quote the principle and applications of Refractive index detector used in HPLC. (8)	CO2	BTL 1	Remember
	ii. Describe the different parts in gas chromatography with relevant diagrams. (8)			
7.	Derive the relationship between retention time and distribution constant. (16)	CO2	BTL 4	Analyze
8.	Describe the following terms : (16) i.Retention volume ii.Retention factor iii.Dead volume and Dead time iv.Adjusted retention volume and adjusted retention time.	CO2	BTL 4	Analyze
9.	Explain any three types of detectors used in liquid chromatography. (16)	CO2	BTL 4	Analyze
10.	With necessary diagrams, Assess the working principle of High Pressure Liquid Chromatography. (16)	CO2	BTL 4	Analyze
11.	i. Show the different types of chromatography. (7)	CO2	BTL 3	Apply
	ii. What are the requirement of HPLC pumping system and discuss the advantage and disadvantages of it? (9)			
12.	With suitable diagrams, formulate the various sampling techniques in Gas Chromatography. (16)	CO2	BTL 3	Apply
13.	i. Give in detail the classification of Chromatography. (6)	CO2	BTL 4	Analyze
	ii. Discuss on Liquid Chromatography. (10)			
14.	i. Name the two types of Chromatographic column used in Gas chromatography and explain in detail. (6)	CO2	BTL 3	Apply
	ii. With a neat diagram, describe the construction and working of katharometer. (10)			
15.	Illustrate Ion Exchange Chromatography. (16)	CO2	BTL 3	Apply
16.	Describe the size-exclusion chromatography in detail with neat sketch. (16)	CO2	BTL 4	Analyze
17.	Describe the partition chromatography in detail with neat sketch. (16)	CO2	BTL 3	Apply

UNIT III - INDUSTRIAL GAS ANALYZERS AND POLLUTION MONITORING INSTRUMENTS

Gas analyzers – Oxygen, NO₂ and H₂S types, IR analyzers, thermal conductivity detectors, analysis based on ionization of gases. Air pollution due to carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxide estimation - Dust and smoke measurements.

PART – A

Q.No	Questions	CO	BT Level	Competence
1.	How the carbon-monoxide in the air is monitored?	CO3	BTL 2	Understand

2.	Draw a typical diagram to measure dust particles.	CO3	BTL 1	Remember
3.	What is the principle of H ₂ S analyzer?	CO3	BTL 2	Understand
4.	Identify the detection methods of Carbon Monoxide Analyzer.	CO3	BTL 2	Understand
5.	What is the principle of domestic smoke alarm?	CO3	BTL 1	Remember
6.	List the few gas pollutants.	CO3	BTL 1	Remember
7.	Demonstrate the principle of Dust density measurement in Exhaust.	CO3	BTL 2	Understand
8.	Define Thermal conductivity.	CO3	BTL 1	Remember
9.	Identify the methods to estimate Nitrogen-oxides present in air.	CO3	BTL 1	Remember
10.	Define thermal conductivity analyzer.	CO3	BTL 1	Remember
11.	List a few types of Gas analyzers.	CO3	BTL 1	Remember
12.	What the use of gold films in Hydrogen Sulfide analyser?	CO3	BTL 2	Understand
13.	Define Ionization.	CO3	BTL 1	Remember
14.	Write about the principle of Smoke meter.	CO3	BTL 2	Understand
15.	List the properties of Gas used for the measurement of quantity.	CO3	BTL 1	Remember
16.	What is the principle of Dust measurement in Thermal power plant?	CO3	BTL 2	Understand
17.	What is the need of measuring carbon monoxide in flue gas?	CO3	BTL 2	Understand
18.	Write the applications of conductivity analyzer.	CO3	BTL 1	Remember
19.	What is the principle behind IR analyzer?	CO3	BTL 2	Understand
20.	Write the need for sulphur dioxide estimation.	CO3	BTL 2	Understand
21.	Demonstrate the principle Smoke density measurement in Exhaust.	CO3	BTL 2	Understand
22.	Write the applications of IR gas analyzer.	CO3	BTL 1	Remember
23.	Where are the electrochemical sensors used?	CO3	BTL 2	Understand
24.	How is nitrogen-di-oxide prepared by chemiluminescence?	CO3	BTL 2	Understand

PART-B

1.	With a neat diagram, explain how oxygen content is measured using its paramagnetic property. (16)	CO3	BTL 4	Analyze
2.	i. Demonstrate the working principle of a Paramagnetic Oxygen Analyzer with a functional diagram. (10)	CO3	BTL 3	Apply
	ii. Specify the need of Oxygen measurement. (6)			
3.	Write a note on: -	CO3	BTL 3	Apply
	i. Method used to estimate sulphur dioxide (8)			
	ii. NO ₂ gas analyser. (8)			
4.	Describe with a neat sketch carbon monoxide monitor and Nitrogen oxide analyzer. (16)	CO3	BTL 4	Analyze
5.	Explain how the H ₂ S analyzer is used. (16)	CO3	BTL 4	Analyze
6.	Draw the schematic diagram and show the operation of a thermal conductivity analyzer. (16)	CO3	BTL 3	Apply
7.	Discuss how to estimate the amount of hydrocarbons present in air with neat instrumentation setup. (16)	CO3	BTL 4	Analyze

8.	Describe the constructional details and working of a dust monitor.	(16)	CO3	BTL 4	Analyze
9.	With a schematic diagram, explain the method of measuring sulphur dioxide (SO ₂) estimation using conductivity method	(16)	CO3	BTL 4	Analyze
10.	i. Estimate CO level in air and how it can be analysed using NDIR analyzer with relevant diagrams.	(10)	CO3	BTL 4	Analyze
	ii. Compose the consequences of air pollution.	(6)			
11.	Discuss on dust and smoke measurements.	(16)	CO3	BTL 4	Analyze
12.	i. Deduce the principle of pollution monitoring instruments used for monitoring automobile exhaust gases.	(10)	CO3	BTL 4	Analyze
	ii. Why should such pollution testing be carried out?	(6)			
13.	With neat diagram, explain the working principle of thermal conductivity analyzer and IR analyzers.	(16)	CO3	BTL 4	Analyze
14.	Write short notes on Air pollution due to Carbon monoxide & Nitrogen oxide	(16)	CO3	BTL 3	Apply
15.	Write short notes on Air pollution due to Hydrocarbons & Sulphur dioxide.	(16)	CO3	BTL 3	Apply
16.	Explain the measurement techniques available for sulphur Dioxide pollutant.	(16)	CO3	BTL 3	Apply
17.	With a neat diagram, explain how oxygen content is measured.	(16)	CO3	BTL 3	Apply

UNIT IV - pH METERS AND DISSOLVED COMPONENT ANALYZERS

Selective ion electrodes- Principle of pH and conductivity measurements - - dissolved oxygen analyzer – Sodium analyzer – Silicon analyzer - Water quality Analyzer.

PART – A

Q.No	Questions	CO	BT Level	Competence
1.	Define redox potential.	CO4	BTL 1	Remember
2.	List the demerits of glass electrode.	CO4	BTL 1	Remember
3.	Name the different types of electrodes used for pH measurements	CO4	BTL 1	Remember
4.	Why ammonia gas is added to the sample in Sodium analyzer?	CO4	BTL 1	Remember
5.	How will the temperature of the solution affect the measurement of pH in potentiometric method?	CO4	BTL 2	Understand
6.	List the industrial applications of ion selective electrodes.	CO4	BTL 2	Understand
7.	Give the pH equation.	CO4	BTL 2	Understand
8.	Identify the sources of error in oxygen analyzer.	CO4	BTL 1	Remember
9.	What is the need to measure pH in a solution?	CO4	BTL 1	Remember
10.	What is the purpose of biosensors?	CO4	BTL 2	Understand
11.	Definition of pH.	CO4	BTL 1	Remember
12.	Distinguish between glass electrode and reference electrode.	CO4	BTL 2	Understand
13.	Mention the applications of biosensors.	CO4	BTL 2	Understand
14.	Name the different types of electrodes.	CO4	BTL 1	Remember
15.	What is the role of buffer solution in pH measurement?	CO4	BTL 1	Remember
16.	Compare pH electrodes and Ion selective electrodes.	CO4	BTL 2	Understand
17.	List the use of blank in silica analyzer.	CO4	BTL 2	Understand

18.	Show the advantages of Ion selective electrodes.	CO4	BTL 1	Remember
19.	List out the advantages of Hydrogen electrodes.	CO4	BTL 1	Remember
20.	Why thermistors are used in thermal conductivity analyzer as a heat sensing element?	CO4	BTL 2	Understand
21.	Give the different types of electrodes used for pH measurements?	CO4	BTL 1	Remember
22.	Write the Nernst equation.	CO4	BTL 1	Remember
23.	What is chemical blank measurement?	CO4	BTL 2	Understand
24.	What are the two measurements made in Silica analyzer?	CO4	BTL 1	Remember
PART-B				
1.	i. List the types of electrodes used for pH measurement. (6)	CO4	BTL 4	Analyze
	ii. Describe the construction of a pH electrode. Draw the electronic circuit diagram for measuring pH of a liquid and explain its working. (10)			
2.	Explain with neat diagram a method of measuring oxygen dissolved in water. (16)	CO4	BTL 4	Analyze
3.	How pH is measured using glass electrode with suitable diagram? (16)	CO4	BTL 3	Apply
4.	With neat diagram, describe the operating principle of solid state sensors (16)	CO4	BTL 3	Apply
5.	Describe the construction and working principle of reference electrode with necessary diagram. (16)	CO4	BTL 4	Analyze
6.	i. Obtain the advantages and limitations of biosensors as analytical instruments. (6)	CO4	BTL 3	Apply
	ii. How a glucose biosensor can be fabricated from oxygen sensor? (10)			
7.	i. Describe in detail about the constructional details and working principles of ion selective electrodes. (8)	CO4	BTL 4	Analyze
	ii. Discuss how pH values are measured. Explain the role of calomel electrodes in this measurement. (8)			
8.	With a schematic diagram, explain the working principle of water quality analyzer. (16)	CO4	BTL 3	Apply
9.	With a schematic diagram, explain the working principle of dissolved oxygen analyzer. (16)	CO4	BTL 3	Apply
10.	Illustrate the construction and working principle of ammonia electrodes. (16)	CO4	BTL 3	Apply
11.	Write short notes on Sodium analyzer (16)	CO4	BTL 3	Apply
12.	i. Explain the construction and working principle of hydrogen electrode to measure pH. Use neat diagrams to explain it. (10)	CO4	BTL 4	Analyze
	ii. List out the advantages of hydrogen electrode. (6)			
13.	Describe the operation of industrial sodium analyzer with neat sketch. (16)	CO4	BTL 3	Apply
14.	Demonstrate the operating principle of kathrometer in measuring dissolved oxygen. (16)	CO4	BTL 3	Apply
15.	Describe the operating principle of liquid matrix electrodes with relevant diagram. (16)	CO4	BTL 3	Apply

16.	With neat diagram, explain the Bio sensor.	(16)	CO4	BTL 4	Analyze
17.	Demonstrate the operation of Silicon analyzer.	(16)	CO4	BTL 3	Apply

UNIT V - NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE AND MASS SPECTROMETRY

NMR – Basic principles – Continuous and Pulsed Fourier Transform NMR spectrometer - Mass Spectrometry – Sample system – Ionization methods – Mass analyzers- Types of mass spectrometry.

PART – A

Q.No	Questions	CO	BT Level	Competence
1.	List the applications of mass spectrometers.	CO5	BTL 1	Remember
2.	Point out the advantages of mass spectrometry.	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
3.	Interpret the principle of Faraday cup used in Mass spectrometry.	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
4.	Label a typical NMR spectrum.	CO5	BTL 1	Remember
5.	How can the NMR spectrum be scanned?	CO5	BTL 3	Apply
6.	Define the term NMR.	CO5	BTL 1	Remember
7.	What are the selection criteria of collimator?	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
8.	Demonstrate the principle of mass spectrometer?	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
9.	Describe the principle of NMR spectrometer?	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
10.	What is magnetic resonance?	CO5	BTL 1	Remember
11.	Mention the disadvantages of ionization chamber.	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
12.	Name the types of ion transducer used in mass analyzer.	CO5	BTL 1	Remember
13.	Why high intensity magnets are preferred for NMR?	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
14.	How can we measure radioactivity?	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
15.	Formulate the rules to determine Nuclear spin.	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
16.	Point out the advantages of Electron spin Resonance spectroscopy.	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
17.	Give the limitations of NMR.	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
18.	Tabulate the advantages and disadvantages of time of flight mass spectrometer.	CO5	BTL 1	Remember
19.	What is the nuclear shielding in NMR?	CO5	BTL 1	Remember
20.	List the limitations of quadruple mass analyzer.	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
21.	What are the basic components of NMR Spectrometry?	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
22.	What are the various parts of the Mass spectrometer?	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
23.	How can we obtain the NMR absorption spectra?	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
24.	Why do we go for a solid state detector instead of scintillation detector?	CO5	BTL 2	Understand

PART-B

1.	i. Explain the working of NMR spectrometer with a neat schematic diagram. (10)	CO5	BTL 4	Analyze
	ii. List the applications of NMR spectrometer. (6)			
2.	i. What are the basic components of Electron spectroscopy? (6)	CO5	BTL 4	Analyze
	ii. Describe the working of Electron spectroscopy with a block diagram (10)			
3.	Illustrate the construction and working principle of Magnetic sector analyzer spectrometer with neat sketch. (16)	CO5	BTL 3	Apply
4.	With neat diagram, brief about the principle, operation of ion transducer. (16)	CO5	BTL 3	Apply

5.	i. Propose the method to sort the ions based on their mass to charge ratio. (6)	CO5	BTL 3	Apply
	ii. Elaborate its function with its instrumentation set up with a neat sketch. (10)			
6.	Demonstrate the construction and working principle of single focusing mass spectrometer. (16)	CO5	BTL 3	Apply
7.	Describe how various samples are analyzed using NMR spectrometer with neat diagram. (16)	CO5	BTL 3	Apply
8.	i. Give a detailed explanation about proton NMR, with its principle, instrumentation and applications. (8)	CO5	BTL 3	Apply
	ii. With the help of a neat diagram, discuss the principle, working and applications of a double-focussing mass spectrometer. (8)			
9.	Explain the principle of operation of continuous wave NMR spectrometer. (16)	CO5	BTL 4	Analyze
10.	Draw the block diagram of a pulsed Fourier Transform NMR spectrometer and explain its working principle. (16)	CO5	BTL 3	Apply
11.	Explain the working of quadrupole mass spectrometers. (16)	CO5	BTL 4	Analyze
12.	Explain the working principle of Electron spin resonance spectroscopy with block diagram and mention the application. (16)	CO5	BTL 3	Apply
13.	Explain the working of time of flight mass spectrometers. (16)	CO5	BTL 4	Analyze
14.	Describe the working principle of GM counter & proportional counter in detail (16)	CO5	BTL 3	Apply
15.	Draw the block diagram of SEM and explain it. (16)	CO5	BTL 2	Understand
16.	i. Differentiate the optical microscope and electron microscope. (8)	CO5	BTL 4	Analyze
	ii. Difference between a continuous wave and Fourier transform NMR. (8)			
17.	i. What are mass spectrometers? Discuss its advantages and applications. (7)	CO5	BTL 4	Analyze
	ii. Explain a simple mass spectroscopy system with neat diagram. (9)			Analyze