

CHEMISTRY
Subject Code: 043
Classes XI-XII (2025-26)

Rationale

The second phase of Secondary stage is the most crucial stage of school education because at this juncture specialized discipline based, content - oriented courses are introduced. Students reach this stage after 10 years of general education and opt for Chemistry with a purpose of pursuing their career in basic sciences or professional courses like medicine, engineering, technology and study courses in applied areas of science and technology at tertiary level. Therefore, there is a need to provide the learners with a sufficient conceptual background of Chemistry, which will make them competent to meet the challenges of academic and professional courses after this stage.

The new and updated curriculum is based on a disciplinary approach with rigor and depth taking care that the syllabus is not heavy and at the same time it is comparable to that at the international level. The pedagogy of Chemistry has undergone tremendous changes in recent times. Many new areas like green chemistry, material science, biomolecules, and industrial chemistry deserve to be an integral part of the chemistry syllabus at this stage. Globally, nomenclature of elements and compounds, symbols and units of physical quantities recommended by scientific bodies like IUPAC and CGPM are of immense importance and also need to be incorporated in the updated syllabus. The proposed syllabus adequately addresses these issues.

Objectives

The curriculum of Chemistry at the second phase of Secondary stage has been designed to:

- equip the learners with tools to understand the working of Chemistry rather than mere facts of it;
- develop the necessary conceptual foundations of chemistry and ability to apply them to real life situations;
- enable the learners to represent chemical phenomena at macroscopic, molecular, and symbolic levels;
- make the learners identify patterns and form connections that underlie various chemical phenomena;
- prepare the learners to contribute to frontier research areas related to climate change, environmental issues, materials science, biology and medicine etc.;
- inculcate problem solving skills in the learners and integrate life skills and values in the context of chemistry; and
- apprise learners of the interface of chemistry with other disciplines of science such as physics, biology, geology, engineering etc.

COURSE STRUCTURE
CLASS XI
THEORY

Time: 3 Hours

Total Marks: 70

S. No	UNIT	Marks
1	Some Basic Concepts of Chemistry	7
2	Structure of Atom	9
3	Classification of Elements and Periodicity in Properties	6
4	Chemical Bonding and Molecular Structure	7
5	Chemical Thermodynamics	9
6	Equilibrium	7
7	Redox Reactions	4
8	Organic Chemistry: Some basic Principles and Techniques	11
9	Hydrocarbons	10
	TOTAL	70

Unit 1: Some Basic Concepts of Chemistry

General Introduction: Importance and scope of Chemistry, Nature of matter, laws of chemical combination, Dalton's atomic theory: concept of elements, atoms and molecules, atomic and molecular masses, mole concept and molar mass, percentage composition, empirical and molecular formula, chemical reactions, stoichiometry and calculations based on stoichiometry.

Unit 2: Structure of Atom

Discovery of Electron, Proton and Neutron, atomic number, isotopes and isobars. Thomson's model and its limitations. Rutherford's model and its limitations, Bohr's model and its limitations, concept of shells and subshells, dual nature of matter and light, de Broglie's relationship, Heisenberg uncertainty principle, concept of orbitals, quantum numbers, shapes of s, p and d orbitals, rules for filling electrons in orbitals - Aufbau principle, Pauli's exclusion principle and Hund's rule, electronic configuration of atoms, stability of half-filled and completely filled orbitals.

Unit 3: Classification of Elements and Periodicity in Properties

Significance of classification, brief history of the development of periodic table, modern periodic law and the present form of periodic table, periodic trends in properties of elements -atomic radii, ionic radii, inert gas radii, Ionization enthalpy, electron gain enthalpy, electronegativity, valiancy, Nomenclature of elements with atomic number greater than 100.

Unit 4: Chemical Bonding and Molecular Structure

Valence electrons, ionic bond, covalent bond, bond parameters, Lewis structure, polar character of covalent bond, covalent character of ionic bond, valence bond theory, resonance, geometry of covalent molecules, VSEPR theory, concept of hybridization, involving s, p and d orbitals and shapes of some simple molecules, molecular orbital theory of homonuclear diatomic molecules (qualitative idea only), Hydrogen bond.

Unit 5: Chemical Thermodynamics

Concepts of System and types of systems, surroundings, work, heat, energy, extensive and intensive properties, state functions.

First law of thermodynamics -internal energy and enthalpy, heat capacity and specific heat, measurement of ΔU and ΔH , Hess's law of constant heat summation, enthalpy of bond dissociation, combustion, formation, atomization, sublimation, phase transition, ionization, solution and dilution. Second law of Thermodynamics (brief introduction), Introduction of entropy as a state function, Gibb's energy change for spontaneous and non- spontaneous processes, criteria for equilibrium, Third law of thermodynamics (brief introduction).

Unit 6: Equilibrium

Equilibrium in physical and chemical processes, dynamic nature of equilibrium, law of mass action, equilibrium constant, factors affecting equilibrium – Le Chatelier's principle, ionic equilibrium- ionization of acids and bases, strong and weak electrolytes, degree of ionization, ionization of poly basic acids, acid strength, concept of pH, hydrolysis of salts (elementary idea), buffer solution, Henderson Equation, solubility product, common ion effect (with illustrative examples).

Unit 7: Redox Reactions

Concept of oxidation and reduction, redox reactions, oxidation number, balancing redox reactions, in terms of loss and gain of electrons and change in oxidation number, applications of redox reactions.

Unit 8: Organic Chemistry – Some Basic Principles and Techniques

General introduction, methods of purification, qualitative and quantitative analysis, classification and IUPAC nomenclature of organic compounds. Electronic displacements in a covalent bond: inductive effect, electrometric effect, resonance and hyper conjugation. Homolytic and heterolytic fission of a covalent bond: free radicals, carbocations, carbanions, electrophiles and nucleophiles, types of organic reactions.

Unit 9: Hydrocarbons

Aliphatic Hydrocarbons

Alkanes - Nomenclature, isomerism, conformation (ethane only), physical properties, chemical reactions including free radical mechanism of halogenation, combustion and pyrolysis.

Alkenes - Nomenclature, structure of double bond (ethene), geometrical isomerism, physical properties, methods of preparation, chemical reactions: addition of hydrogen, halogen, water, hydrogen halides (Markovnikov's addition and peroxide effect), ozonolysis, oxidation, mechanism of electrophilic addition.

Alkynes - Nomenclature, structure of triple bond (ethyne), physical properties, methods of preparation, chemical reactions: acidic character of alkynes, addition reaction of - hydrogen, halogens, hydrogen halides and water.

Aromatic Hydrocarbons

Introduction, IUPAC nomenclature, benzene: resonance, aromaticity, chemical properties: mechanism of electrophilic substitution. Nitration, sulphonation, halogenation, Friedel Craft's alkylation and acylation, directive influence of functional group in mono substituted benzene, carcinogenicity and toxicity

Note: The following topics are included in the syllabus but will be assessed only formatively to reinforce understanding without adding to summative assessments. This reduces academic stress while ensuring meaningful learning. Schools can integrate these with existing chapters as they align well. Relevant NCERT textual material is enclosed for reference.

1. s & p Block Elements

Electronic configuration, atomic & ionic radii, Ionization Enthalpy, Hydration Enthalpy and general trends in physical and chemical properties of s and p block elements across the periods and down the groups; unique behavior of the first element in each group.

2. The Gaseous State

Qualitative treatment of Gas laws, Ideal gas equation and deviations from it.

PRACTICAL

Evaluation Scheme for Examination	Marks
Volumetric Analysis	08
Salt Analysis	08
Content Based Experiment	06
Project Work	04
Class record and viva	04
Total	30

PRACTICAL SYLLABUS

Micro-chemical methods are available for several of the practical experiments, wherever possible such techniques should be used.

A. Basic Laboratory Techniques

1. Cutting glass tube and glass rod
2. Bending a glass tube
3. Drawing out a glass jet
4. Boring a cork

B. Characterization and Purification of Chemical Substances

1. Determination of melting point of an organic compound.
2. Determination of boiling point of an organic compound.
3. Crystallization of impure sample of any one of the following: Alum, Copper Sulphate, Benzoic Acid.

C. Experiments based on pH

1. Any one of the following experiments:
 - Determination of pH of some solutions obtained from fruit juices, solution of known and varied concentrations of acids, bases and salts using pH paper or universal indicator.
 - Comparing the pH of solutions of strong and weak acids of same concentration.
 - Study the pH change in the titration of a strong base using a universal indicator.
2. Study the pH change by common-ion in case of weak acids and weak bases.

D. Chemical Equilibrium

Any one of the following experiments:

- Study the shift in equilibrium between ferric ions and thiocyanate ions by increasing/decreasing the concentration of either of the ions.
- Study the shift in equilibrium between $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ and chloride ions by changing the concentration of either of the ions.

E. Quantitative Estimation

1. Using a mechanical balance/electronic balance.
2. Preparation of standard solution of Oxalic acid.
3. Determination of strength of a given solution of Sodium hydroxide by titrating it against standard solution of Oxalic acid.
4. Preparation of standard solution of Sodium carbonate.
5. Determination of strength of a given solution of hydrochloric acid by titrating it against standard Sodium Carbonate solution.

F. Qualitative Analysis

1. Determination of one anion and one cation in a given salt

Cations: Pb^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Al^{3+} , Fe^{3+} , Mn^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Zn^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Ca^{2+} , Sr^{2+} , Ba^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , NH_4^+

Anions: CO_3^{2-} , S^{2-} , SO_3^{2-} , NO_3^- , NO_2^- , Cl^- , Br^- , I^- , SO_4^{2-} , PO_4^{3-} , CH_3COO^-

(Note: Insoluble salts excluded)

2. Detection of -Nitrogen, Sulphur, Chlorine in organic compounds.

PROJECTS

Scientific investigations involving laboratory testing and collecting information from other sources.

A few suggested Projects

- a) Checking the bacterial contamination in drinking water by testing sulphide ion
- b) Study of the methods of purification of water
- c) Testing the hardness, presence of Iron, Fluoride, Chloride, etc., depending upon the regional variation in drinking water and study of causes of presence of these ions above permissible limit (if any).

- d) Investigation of the foaming capacity of different washing soaps and the effect of addition of Sodium carbonate on it
- e) Study the acidity of different samples of tea leaves.
- f) Determination of the rate of evaporation of different liquids
- g) Study the effect of acids and bases on the tensile strength of fibers.
- h) Study of acidity of fruit and vegetable juices.

Note: Any other investigatory project, which involves about 10 periods of work, can be chosen with the approval of the teacher.

Practical Examination for Visually Challenged Students Class XI

Note: Same Evaluation scheme and general guidelines for visually challenged students as given for Class XII may be followed.

List of apparatus for identification for assessment in practicals (All experiments)

Beaker, tripod stand, wire gauze, glass rod, funnel, filter paper, Bunsen burner, test tube, test tube stands, dropper, test tube holder, ignition tube, china dish, tongs, standard flask, pipette, burette, conical flask, clamp stand, dropper, wash bottle

- Odor detection in qualitative analysis.
- Procedure/Setup of the apparatus.

List of Experiments

A. Characterization and Purification of Chemical Substances

Crystallization of an impure sample of any one of the following: copper sulphate, benzoic acid.

B. Experiments based on pH

1. Determination of pH of some solutions obtained from fruit juices, solutions of known and varied concentrations of acids, bases and salts using pH paper.
2. Comparing the pH of solutions of strong and weak acids of same concentration.

C. Chemical Equilibrium

1. Study the shift in equilibrium between ferric ions and thiocyanate ions by increasing/decreasing the concentration of either ions.
2. Study the shift in equilibrium between $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ and chloride ions by changing the concentration of either of the ions.

D. Quantitative estimation

1. Preparation of standard solution of oxalic acid.

2. Determination of molarity of a given solution of sodium hydroxide by titrating it against standard solution of oxalic acid.

E. Qualitative Analysis

1. Determination of one anion and one cation in a given salt

Cations - NH_4^+

Anions: CO_3^{2-} , S^{2-} , SO_3^{2-} , Cl^- , CH_3COO^-

(Note: insoluble salts excluded)

2. Detection of Nitrogen in the given organic compound.
3. Detection of Halogen in the given organic compound.

Note: *The above practical may be carried out in an experiential manner rather than recording observations.*

Prescribed Books:

1. Chemistry Part – I, Class-XI, Published by NCERT.
2. Chemistry Part – II, Class-XI, Published by NCERT.
3. Manual of Microscale Chemistry laboratory kit.

Links for NCERT textbooks:

1. <https://ncert.nic.in/textbook.php?kech1=0-6>
2. <https://ncert.nic.in/textbook.php?kech2=0-3>
3. https://ncert.nic.in/division/dek/pdf/Manual_01.pdf