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**SCHOOL OF ADVANCED SCIENCES
CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST - II
FALL SEMESTER 2025-2026**

SLOT: G1+TG1

Programme Name & Branch : B. Tech - Computer Science and Engineering
Course Code and Course Name : BACHY105 and Applied Chemistry
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Class Number(s) : VL2025260106525, 6529, 6533, 6537, 6541, 6545, 6549, 6553, 6557, 6561, 6565, 6569, 6573, 6575, 6579
Date of Examination : 11/10/25
Exam Duration : 90 minutes
Maximum Marks: 50

General instruction(s):

- **Answer All Questions**
- M - Max mark; CO - Course Outcome; BL - Bloom's Taxonomy Level (1 - Remember, 2 - Understand, 3 - Apply, 4 - Analyse, 5 - Evaluate, 6 - Create)
- **Course Outcome:**
 - CO-2: Use chemical concepts for the advancement of materials in electrical, magnetic, and energy domains
 - CO-3: Demonstrate UV-Visible spectroscopic and X-ray diffraction techniques

QN	Questions	M	CO	BL
1.	A widely used rechargeable battery in portable electronics works on the principle of reversible insertion and removal of ions into layered solid materials. Illustrate its working mechanism with a neat diagram, write the balanced chemical equations for the charge-discharge process, and explain why such layered solid electrode materials allow repeated cycling compared to batteries based only on redox reactions in solution.	10	CO2	3
2.	Natural pigments, such as anthocyanin or betanin, can absorb visible light and transfer excited electrons to a semiconducting material, which creates an electrical current. Show the construction of an electricity generation system using a detailed diagram, explaining each event with justification.	10	CO2	3
3	(a) A material often displays dramatically different physical, chemical, and electronic behavior when reduced from bulk to the nanoscale. Discuss the fundamental factors responsible for these differences, supporting your discussion with a relevant example. (b) Describe a chemical strategy to convert a silica-based precursor into nanosilica, and clearly explain the underlying principles that govern particle size control and nanoscale formation.	5+5	CO2	2



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4	Explain the working principle of spectroscopy that utilises EMR in the range of 200-800 nm, accompanied by a neat sketch. Envisage color differences in benzene (colourless), nitrobenzene (yellow), and 4-nitrophenol (intense yellow) based on molecular structure and substituent effect.	10	CO3	2
5	(a) An electrochemical cell is constructed as follows: $\text{Zn}_{(s)} \text{Zn}^{2+}(?) \text{Ag}^+(0.1\text{ M}) \text{Ag}_{(s)}$ The standard reduction potentials are -0.76 V and 0.8 V, respectively, and the measured cell potential is 1.50 V at 25°C. Calculate the concentration of Zn^{2+} in the anode compartment. (b) A material has been characterised using powder X-ray diffraction (p-XRD). One of its diffraction peaks appears at $2\theta = 36.50^\circ$ with a full width at half maximum (FWHM) of 0.85°. The X-ray wavelength used is $\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$, and $k = 0.9$. Determine the crystallite size of the material and comment on the size of the material based on the result.	5+5	CO3	3
