

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
I SEM BSc

Content of Theory Course 1

Unit – 1

Analytical Chemistry (Part-1): Definitions of analysis, determination, measurement, techniques and methods. Classification of analytical techniques. Choice of an analytical method - accuracy, precision, sensitivity, selectivity, method validation. Figures of merit of analytical methods and limit of detection (LOD), Limit of quantification (LOQ), linear dynamic range (working range).

Errors and treatment of analytical data: Limitations of analytical methods – Errors: Determinate and indeterminate errors, absolute error, relative error, minimization of errors. Statistical treatment of finite samples -mean, median, range, standard deviation and variance.

Acid-base titrimetry: Titration curves for strong acid vs strong base, weak acid vs strong base and weak base vs strong acid titrations. Titration curves, Quantitative applications – selecting and standardizing a titrant, inorganic analysis - alkalinity, acidity.

Analytical Chemistry (Part-2): Complexometric titrimetry: Indicators for EDTA titrations - theory of metal ion indicators, titration methods employing EDTA - direct, back, displacement and indirect determinations, Application-determination of hardness of water.

Redox titrimetry: Balancing redox equations, calculation of the equilibrium constant of redox reactions, titration curves, Theory of redox indicators, calculation of standard potentials using Nernst equation, Applications.

Precipitation titrimetry: Titration curves, titrants and standards, indicators for precipitation titrations involving silver nitrate- Volhard's and Mohr's methods and their differences.

Gravimetric Analysis: Requisites of precipitation, mechanism of precipitation, Factors influencing precipitation, Co-precipitation, post-precipitation, Advantages of organic reagents over inorganic reagents, reagents used in gravimetry (8-hydroxy quinoline (oxine) and dimethyl glyoxime (DMG).

Numerical problems on all the above aspects.