

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MESRA, RANCHI
(END SEMESTER EXAMINATION)**

CLASS: BE
BRANCH: CHEMICAL ENGG.(PLASTICS & POLYMER)

SEMESTER : VI/ADD
SESSION : SP/19

SUBJECT: PC6001 POLYMER BLENDS AND COMPOSITES

TIME: 3.00 Hrs.

FULL MARKS: 60

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The question paper contains 7 questions each of 12 marks and total 84 marks.
 2. Candidates may attempt any 5 questions maximum of 60 marks.
 3. The missing data, if any, may be assumed suitably.
 4. Before attempting the question paper, be sure that you have got the correct question paper.
 5. Tables/Data hand book/Graph paper etc. to be supplied to the candidates in the examination hall.
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- Q.1(a) What is the difference between interface and interphase in polymer blends? [2]
Q.1(b) Differentiate between semi and full IPNs. Give suitable examples. [4]
Q.1(c) "Morphology of IPNs is kinetically controlled whereas morphology of reactive blends may be thermodynamically controlled". Explain with a typical example. [6]
- Q.2(a) Write at least two applications of MMC and CMC. [2]
Q.2(b) Highlight the differences between Pultrusion and Extrusion. [4]
Q.2(c) Write down the methods of polymer based composite preparation by pultrusion and vacuum bag methods. [6]
- Q.3(a) Define Interpenetrating polymer networks. [2]
Q.3(b) What are the advantages of biocomposites? Give suitable examples. [4]
Q.3(c) Describe methods of preparation of Polymer Concrete. Mention at least two application of PMC. [6]
- Q.4(a) Mention two different methods of compatibilization of polymer blends. [2]
Q.4(b) Give any two examples of miscible polymer blends. Explain the reason of the miscibility in these. [4]
Q.4(c) What are the terms miscibility and compatibilization meant for? Explain. [6]
- Q.5(a) What is the significance of interfacial thickness? [2]
Q.5(b) What are the requirements of miscibility of polymers in a blend? [4]
Q.5(c) "IPN preparation may be considered as a tool of polymer toughening." Justify this statement with suitable example. [6]
- Q.6(a) Write down the methods of composite testing for flexural, ILSS and tensile strength according to ASTM. [3]
Q.6(b) What is the significance of dynamic mechanical analysis for composite? Why do we see higher modulus of composites based on thermosets with glass fibre than with natural fibres? [3]
Q.6(c) What is the significance of loss modulus for composite? How is it dependent on fibre /resin bonding? Explain. [6]
- Q.7(a) Classify polymer blends. [2]
Q.7(b) Write short notes on thermoplastic elastomer. [4]
Q.7(c) Differentiate between copolymers, blends and IPNs. Explain with suitable examples. [6]

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