

### Plan of Written Examination

All the aspirants are informed as under with respect to the written test to be conducted for the recruitment of **Assistant Chemist** :-

- (i) The Exam will be conducted in MCQ (Multiple Choice Questions) format. OMR sheets will be used for answering the questions.
- (ii) There will be negative marking. Each question carries 1 mark. **For every wrong answer, 1/4<sup>th</sup> mark would be deducted. The question(s) not attempted will receive no credit or discredit.**
- (iii) The test would be of 2 hours duration.
- iv) Pattern of the written competitive examination is as follows:-

Sr. No.	Topic	No. of Questions	Marks (Each Question carries 1 mark)	Type of Questions
1.	Questions from the Subject (Part A of Syllabus)	90	90	MCQs (Multiple Choice Questions)
2.	Questions from General Knowledge, English, Punjabi, Logical Reasoning and Mental ability (Part B of Syllabus)	30	30	
<b>Total</b>		<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>	

- v) Tentative syllabus for the written examination for the recruitment of **Assistant Chemist** is annexed at Annexure-1 and 2.

## **Annexure-I Syllabus Part-A**

### **(Post- Assistant Chemist)**

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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, valency. Nomenclature of elements with atomic number greater than 100.

#### **4. Chemical Bonding and Molecular Structure**

Valence electrons, ionic bond, covalent bond, bond parameters, Lewis's 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.

#### **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  $\Delta U$  and  $\Delta H$ , 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).

## **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).

## **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.

## **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, electromeric effect, resonance and hyper conjugation. Homolytic and heterolytic fission of a covalent bond: free radicals, carbocations, carbanions, electrophiles and nucleophiles, types of organic reactions.

## **9. Hydrocarbons**

### **Classification of Hydrocarbons**

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

Nomenclature, the 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, the 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 the functional group in monosubstituted benzene. Carcinogenicity and toxicity.

## **11. Solutions**

Types of solutions, expression of concentration of solutions of solids in liquids, solubility of gases in liquids, solid solutions, Raoult's law, colligative properties - relative lowering of vapour pressure, elevation of boiling point, depression of freezing point, osmotic pressure, determination of molecular masses using colligative properties, abnormal molecular mass, Van't Hoff factor.

## **12. Electrochemistry**

Redox reactions, EMF of a cell, standard electrode potential, Nernst equation and its application to chemical cells, Relation between Gibbs energy change and EMF of a cell, conductance in electrolytic solutions, specific and molar conductivity, variations of conductivity with concentration, Kohlrausch's Law, electrolysis and law of electrolysis (elementary idea), dry cell-electrolytic cells and Galvanic cells, lead accumulator, fuel cells, corrosion.

## **13. Chemical Kinetics**

Rate of a reaction (Average and instantaneous), factors affecting rate of reaction: concentration, temperature, catalyst; order and molecularity of a reaction, rate law and specific rate constant, integrated rate equations and half-life (only for zero and first order reactions), concept of collision theory (elementary idea, no mathematical treatment), activation energy, Arrhenius equation.

## **14. d and f Block Elements**

General introduction, electronic configuration, occurrence and characteristics of transition metals, general trends in properties of the first-row transition metals – metallic character, ionization enthalpy, oxidation states, ionic radii, colour, catalytic property, magnetic properties, interstitial compounds, alloy formation, preparation and properties of  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  and  $KMnO_4$ .

**Lanthanoids** – Electronic configuration, oxidation states, chemical reactivity and lanthanoid contraction and its consequences.

**Actinoids** - Electronic configuration, oxidation states and comparison with lanthanoids.

## 15. Coordination Compounds

Coordination compounds - Introduction, ligands, coordination number, colour, magnetic properties and shapes, IUPAC nomenclature of mononuclear coordination compounds. Bonding, Werner's theory, VBT, and CFT; structure and stereoisomerism, the importance of coordination compounds (in qualitative analysis, extraction of metals and biological system).

## 16. Haloalkanes and Haloarenes

**Haloalkanes:** Nomenclature, nature of C–X bond, physical and chemical properties, optical rotation mechanism of substitution reactions.

**Haloarenes:** Nature of C–X bond, substitution reactions (Directive influence of halogen in monosubstituted compounds only). Uses and environmental effects of - dichloromethane, trichloromethane, tetrachloromethane, iodoform, freons, DDT.

## 17. Alcohols, Phenols and Ethers

**Alcohols:** Nomenclature, methods of preparation, physical and chemical properties (of primary alcohols only), identification of primary, secondary and tertiary alcohols, mechanism of dehydration, uses with special reference to methanol and ethanol.

**Phenols:** Nomenclature, methods of preparation, physical and chemical properties, acidic nature of phenol, electrophilic substitution reactions, uses of phenols.

**Ethers:** Nomenclature, methods of preparation, physical and chemical properties, uses.

## **18. Aldehydes, Ketones and Carboxylic Acids**

**Aldehydes and Ketones:** Nomenclature, nature of carbonyl group, methods of preparation, physical and chemical properties, mechanism of nucleophilic addition, reactivity of alpha hydrogen in aldehydes, uses.

**Carboxylic Acids:** Nomenclature, acidic nature, methods of preparation, physical and chemical properties; uses.

## **19. Amines**

**Amines:** Nomenclature, classification, structure, methods of preparation, physical and chemical properties, uses, identification of primary, secondary and tertiary amines.

**Diazonium salts:** Preparation, chemical reactions and importance in synthetic organic chemistry.

## **20. Biomolecules**

**Carbohydrates** - Classification (aldoses and ketoses), monosaccharides (glucose and fructose), D-L configuration oligosaccharides (sucrose, lactose, maltose), polysaccharides (starch, cellulose, glycogen); Importance of carbohydrates.

**Proteins** -Elementary idea of - amino acids, peptide bond, polypeptides, proteins, structure of proteins - primary, secondary, tertiary structure and quaternary structures (qualitative idea only), denaturation of proteins; enzymes. Hormones - Elementary idea excluding structure.

**Vitamins** - Classification and functions.

**Nucleic Acids:** DNA and RNA

## Annexure-2

### Part B Syllabus

**General Knowledge, English, Punjabi, Logical Reasoning and Mental Ability.**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Indicative Contents of Syllabus</b>	<b>Weightage (Approx.)</b>
1	<p><b>General Knowledge and Current affairs of National and International importance including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Political issues,</li><li>(ii) Environment issues,</li><li>(iii) Current Affairs,</li><li>(iv) Science and Technology,</li><li>(v) Economic issues,</li><li>(vi) History of Punjab-14<sup>th</sup> century onwards</li><li>(vii) History of India with special reference to Indian freedom struggle movement.</li><li>(viii) Sports,</li><li>(ix) Cinema and Literature.</li></ul>	10
2	<p><b>Logical Reasoning &amp; Mental Ability:</b></p> <p>Verbal reasoning: Coding, Decoding, Analogy, Classification, Series, Direction sense test, relations, mathematical operations, time test, odd man out problems.</p> <p>Non Verbal reasoning: Series, Analogy and Classification.</p> <p>Basic numerical skills, Percentage, Number system, LCM and HCF, Ratio and Proportion, Number series, Average, Problems based on Ages, Profit &amp; Loss, Partnership and Mixture, Simple and Compound Interest, Work and Time, Time and Distance. Mensuration and Data Interpretation.</p>	10
3	<p><b>English:-</b></p> <p>Basic Grammar, Subject and Verb, Adjectives and Adverbs,</p>	5

	Synonyms, Antonyms, One Word Substitution, Fill in the Blanks, Correction in Sentences, Idioms and their meanings, Spell Checks, Adjectives, Articles, Prepositions, Direct and Indirect Speech, Active and Passive Voice, Correction in Sentences, etc.	
4	ਪੰਜਾਬੀ:- ਸੁੱਧ-ਅਸੁੱਧ, ਸ਼ਬਦਜੋੜ, ਅਗੇਤਰ ਅਤੇ ਪਿਛੇਤਰ, ਸਮਾਨਾਰਥਕ/ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਸ਼ਬਦ, ਨਾਂਵ, ਪੜਨਾਂਵ ਅਤੇ ਕਿਰਿਆ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਿਸਮਾਂ ਤੇ ਸਹੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ, ਲਿੰਗ ਅਤੇ ਵਚਨ, ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਅਖਾਣ ਤੇ ਮੁਹਾਵਰੇ, ਅੰਗਰੇਜੀ ਤੋਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਅਤੇ ਬਹੁਤੇ ਸ਼ਬਦਾਂ ਦੀ ਥਾਂ ਇੱਕ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਆਦਿ।	5
	<b>Maximum Marks</b>	30

Note:-a) The distribution of marks/question in each section is indicative. It may vary slightly.

b) The syllabus is broadly classified as above but may vary to some extent.