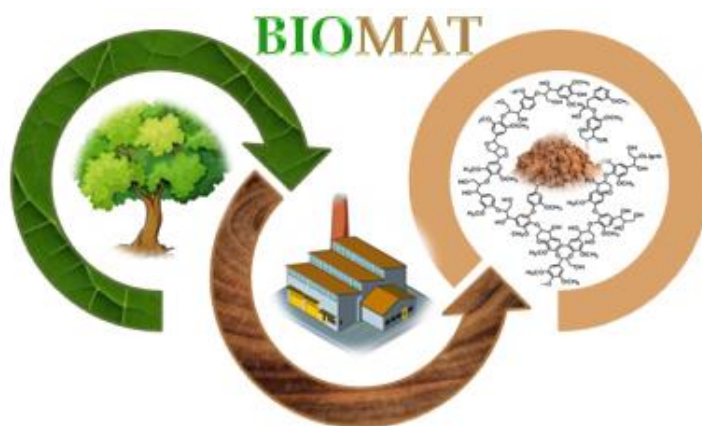


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Part 2

E-test

Obtaining polymeric materials with the addition of lignin, testing and evaluation of their properties

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Choose and mark one correct answer:

1. Polymers are made of repeating units called:

- A. atoms
- B. mers
- C. micelles
- D. macromolecules

2. The degree of polymerization means:

- A. the number of atoms in a polymer molecule
- B. the number of chemical bonds in a macromolecule
- C. the number of mers present in a macromolecule
- D. molecular weight of the polymer

3. Polymers widely used in industry include:

- A. polyethylene, polystyrene, poly(vinyl chloride)
- B. sulfuric acid(VI), ammonia, ethanol
- C. cellulose, glucose, fructose
- D. polyethylene, glucose, ethanol

4. Secondary bonds in polymers include:

- A. ionic bonds
- B. hydrogen bonds
- C. metallic bonds
- D. covalent bonds

5. Bulk polymerization is characterized by the fact that:

- A. it takes place in the presence of a large amount of water
- B. it takes place in a pure monomer without solvents
- C. it requires the use of micelles
- D. only occurs at negative temperatures

6. Which initiator is commonly used in suspension polymerization?

- A. AIBN (azobis(isobutyronitrile))
- B. NaCl (sodium chloride)
- C. H₂SO₄ (sulfuric acid)
- D. BN (boron nitride)

7. The main function of the protective colloid in suspension polymerization is:

- A. initiating the reaction
- B. stabilizing the suspension

- C. neutralizing the solution
- D. polymer chain expansion

8. Emulsifiers in emulsion polymerization are:

- A. fatty acid salts
- B. organic dyes
- C. reaction by-products
- D. heavy metal ions

9. In emulsion polymerization, the main reaction phases are:

- A. water-alcohol solutions
- B. detergent micelles
- C. homogeneous polymer blocks
- D. salt crystals

10. Lignin in the synthesis of microspheres plays the role of:

- A. stabilizer
- B. copolymer component
- C. reaction initiator
- D. reaction catalyst

11. Adsorption is the process of:

- A. collecting substances in the entire volume of a phase
- B. collecting substances at the interface of phases
- C. chemical reaction in a solution
- D. solvent evaporation

12. The substance on which the adsorbate accumulates is:

- A. inhibitor
- B. adsorbent
- C. absorbent
- D. catalyst

13. Physical adsorption occurs mainly due to:

- A. chemical bonds
- B. covalent bonds
- C. ionic reactions
- D. van der Waals forces

14. Chemical adsorption differs from physical adsorption in that:

- A. it occurs only in a liquid-gas system

- B. it is completely reversible
- C. it always leads to the formation of a gas
- D. chemical bonds are formed

15. The phenomenon of accumulating substances within the entire volume of a material is called:

- A. adsorption
- B. absorption
- C. desorption
- D. diffusion

16. Adsorption capacity is defined as:

- A. the amount of adsorbate per unit mass of adsorbent
- B. the volume ratio of the solid:liquid phases
- C. the amount of solvent in the solution
- D. the amount of substance dissolved in 100 g of solvent

17. An increase in temperature in the case of physical adsorption leads to:

- A. an increase in the degree of adsorption
- B. desorption
- C. it has no effect on the process
- D. re-extraction

18. The main advantage of the static adsorption method is:

- A. simplicity of the apparatus
- B. possibility of carrying out the process on an industrial scale
- C. complete elimination of the adsorbate
- D. possibility of using columns with different cross-section diameters

19. The column adsorption method is mainly used:

- A. in laboratories
- B. in industrial processes
- C. only in chromatography
- D. in catalysis

20. Adsorption is widely used in:

- A. crude oil distillation
- B. water and sewage treatment
- C. fuel combustion
- D. ceramics production

21. Which feature is characteristic of physical adsorption?

- A. formation of chemical bonds between the adsorbate and the adsorbent
- B. formation of a monolayer
- C. high heat of adsorption (80–400 kJ/mol).
- D. the possibility of creating multiple adsorption layers

22. Suspension polymerization is also called polymerization:

- A. pearl or in suspension
- B. in bulk (in block)
- C. in solution
- D. emulsion

23. What is the main energetic difference between physical and chemical adsorption?

- A. physical adsorption – low heat of adsorption (5–40 kJ/mol), chemical adsorption – high heat of adsorption (80–400 kJ/mol).
- B. physical adsorption – high heat of adsorption (80–400 kJ/mol), chemical adsorption – low heat of adsorption (5–40 kJ/mol).
- C. physical adsorption – high heat of adsorption (1000 kJ/mol), chemical adsorption – low heat of adsorption (100 kJ/mol)
- D. both have a similar range of adsorption heat

24. What percentage of industrial lignin is used in the production of specialty chemicals?

- A. about 75%
- B. about 25%
- C. more than 50%
- D. less than 2%

25. The growing interest in lignin applications is due to, among others:

- A. the abundance of cheap fossil fuels
- B. the search for renewable energy sources
- C. the lack of greenhouse gas emissions
- D. its high solubility in most solvents

26. One of the properties of lignin is:

- A. the ability to absorb UV radiation
- B. non-biodegradability
- C. low glass transition temperature
- D. exclusively hydrophilic nature

27. In medicine, lignin can be used as:

- A. flavor enhancer

- B. carrier of active substances
- C. food preservative
- D. diagnostic dye

28. Unmodified lignin can be used as:

- A. raw material for Portland cement production
- B. additive, filler, stabilizer, UV filter
- C. glucose source
- D. protein source

29. The main difficulties in the industrial use of lignin include:

- A. homogeneous structure
- B. unlimited solubility in water and organic solvents
- C. lack of chemical reactivity
- D. impurities and structural heterogeneity

30. The BET specific surface area of lignin is typically:

- A. 1–5 m²/g
- B. 100–200 m²/g
- C. 500–1000 m²/g
- D. 500–2000 m²/g

31. One of the strategies for the synthesis of lignin polymers is:

- A. sulfonation of lignin without any other additives
- B. direct mixing of lignin with other polymers
- C. reduction of lignin to glucose
- D. complete decarboxylation of lignin

32. Physicochemical methods of removing contaminants do not include:

- A. adsorption
- B. flotation
- C. coagulation
- D. biological treatment

33. Lignin is considered as a future material in water purification because:

- A. it is highly soluble in water
- B. it is cheap, renewable and can be modified
- C. it has low reactivity
- D. has a crystalline structure

34. In the agricultural industry, lignin can be used as:

- A. a food dye
- B. a pesticide carrier and a nutrient loss inhibitor
- C. a source of protein in feed
- D. as an additive improving feed digestibility

35. Due to its ability to absorb UV radiation, lignin is used in:

- A. protective coating formulations
- B. lubricating oils
- C. technical gases
- D. protective materials used in nuclear energy

36. The key advantages of lignin as a precursor of adsorption materials include:

- A. wide availability and the impossibility of its modification
- B. lack of chemical reactivity
- C. high cost of acquisition
- D. biodegradability, low price and susceptibility to chemical modifications

37. What structural form of lignin is preferred for applications in columnar adsorption processes?

- A. lignin-modified polymer microspheres
- B. lignin adsorbents in powder form
- C. wood dust
- D. quartz gravel

38. In the pulp and paper industry, lignin is used as:

- A. an agent improving the mechanical strength of paper
- B. a source of glucose in enzymatic hydrolysis
- C. a chemical reducing agent
- D. saponification reaction inhibitor

39. In the renewable fuels sector, lignin can be processed into:

- A. bio-oil by pyrolysis
- B. leaded gasoline
- C. liquid nitrogen
- D. vanillin and hygienic lignin

40. The mechanism of dye removal from aqueous solutions by lignin-containing adsorbents is based on:

- A. the formation of bonds and electrostatic interactions between the dye and the functional groups of lignin

- B. physical filtration of adsorbent particles
- C. dissolution of dyes in the lipid matrix
- D. concentrating dyes on the adsorbate

41. The main limitation of using raw, unmodified lignin as a sorbent is:

- A. low solubility
- B. excessive chemical reactivity
- C. lack of functional groups
- D. melting point too high

42. In the cosmetics industry, lignin is mainly used as:

- A. paraben ingredient
- B. as a tanning accelerator
- C. skin moisturizing material
- D. ingredient of creams and emulsions with antioxidant properties

43. Sorption of heavy metal ions on adsorbents containing lignin may occur as a result of:

- A. coordination and complexation with lignin functional groups containing donor atoms
- B. increase in combustion temperature
- C. evaporation of metals from the solution
- D. only and exclusively the reduction of metal ions to the metallic form

44. In the chemical industry, lignin is a raw material for the production of:

- A. formaldehyde
- B. cellulose acetate
- C. copper(II) sulfate
- D. vanillin

45. The process of lignin modification leads to:

- A. an increase in the specific surface area and the number of active adsorption centers
- B. a decrease in biodegradability
- C. an increase in molecular weight without changing the properties
- D. reduction of the specific surface area and the number of active adsorption centers

46. In materials science, lignin can be a precursor to:

- A. cotton fibers
- B. carbon fibers and electrically conductive materials
- C. aluminum alloys
- D. brass

47. What spectroscopic technique is most often used to study polymeric materials containing lignin?

- A. UV-Vis spectroscopy
- B. ATR/FTIR spectroscopy
- C. Raman spectroscopy
- D. Vis spectroscopy

48. What polymer parameters can be determined by differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)?

- A. glass transition temperature, melting point, crystallization temperature
- B. only thermal conductivity and density
- C. only molar mass and degree of polymerization
- D. volatility and viscosity of polymers

49. Analysis of lignin by Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy with attenuated total reflection (ATR/FTIR) allows, among others:

- A. polymer melting point test
- B. identification of functional groups and assessment of their interactions with the polymer matrix
- C. determination of the molecular weight of the polymer
- D. determination of the zero charge point of a polymeric material containing lignin

50. The basic principle of the differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) method is:

- A. measuring the thermal conductivity of the sample
- B. examining the rate of diffusion of adsorbate molecules in the pores of the adsorbent
- C. examining the changes in the volume of the sample under the influence of heating
- D. measuring the difference in the amount of heat supplied to the sample and to the standard as a function of temperature

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Part 2_ *Answer Key*

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Each correct answer: 1 point, maximum number of points to be obtained: 50 points.

1. B	11. B	21. D	31. B	41. A
2. C	12. B	22. A	32. D	42. A
3. A	13. D	23. A	33. B	43. A
4. B	14. D	24. D	34. B	44. A
5. B	15. B	25. B	35. A	45. D
6. A	16. A	26. A	36. D	46. A
7. B	17. B	27. B	37. A	47. D
8. A	18. A	28. B	38. A	48. A
9. B	19. B	29. D	39. A	49. B
10. B	20. B	30. A	40. A	50. D