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**TITLE OF** : CHEMISTRY FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

**PAPER**

**COURSE CODE** : EHS111

**DURATION** : 2 HOURS

**MARKS** : 100

**INSTRUCTIONS** : THERE ARE FIVE QUESTIONS IN THIS EXAM

: ANSWER ANY FOUR OUT OF THE FIVE

QUESTIONS

: EACH QUESTION CARRIES A MAXIMUM MARK OF  
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### Question 1

A student performs a titrimetric analysis to determine the amount of iron in a sample using dichromate in acid medium.

1.1.1 Construct a balanced chemical equation for the reaction. (8)

1.1.2 Identify the reducing and oxidizing agents. (2)

1.2 Complete and balance the following equations and classify the type of reaction represented. (Include state symbols).

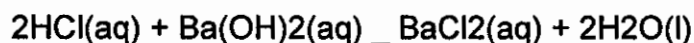
1.2.1  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{O}_2 \longrightarrow \text{???}$  (4)

1.2.2  $\text{???} \longrightarrow \text{calcium chloride} + \text{hydrogen sulfide}$  (4)

1.3 A 25.00 mL sample of  $\text{HCl(aq)}$  was added to a 0.1000 g sample of  $\text{CaCO}_3$ . All the  $\text{CaCO}_3$  reacted leaving some unreacted moles of  $\text{HCl(aq)}$ .



The unreacted moles of  $\text{HCl}$  required 43.82 mL of a 0.01185 M  $\text{Ba(OH)}_2(\text{aq})$  to react completely, according to the following balanced equation:



1.3.1 Calculate the number of moles of  $\text{HCl}$  that reacted with  $\text{CaCO}_3$ . (2)

1.3.2 Calculate the number of moles of  $\text{HCl}$  that reacted with  $\text{Ba(OH)}_2$ . (2)

1.3.3 Determine the molarity of the original solution of  $\text{HCl}$ . (3)

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### Question 2

2.1 In the process of attempting to characterize a substance, a chemist makes the following observations:-

The substance is a silvery white, lustrous metal. It melts at  $649^\circ\text{C}$  and boils at  $1105^\circ\text{C}$ . The substance burns in air, producing an intense white light. It reacts with chlorine to give a brittle white solid. The substance can be pounded into thin sheets or drawn into wires. It is a good conductor of electricity.

Identify any two chemical and two physical properties of the unknown substance. (4)

2.2 Account for the following facts:-

2.2.1 Graphite conducts electricity. (2)

2.2.2 Most ionic compounds have high melting points. (2)

2.2.3 Ionic compounds are brittle. (2)

2.3 Write formulas of:-

2.1.1 Auric chlorate (3)

2.1.2 Hydrotelluric acid (3)

2.1.3 Calcium hydride (3)

2.4 Name the following compounds:-

2.4.1  $\text{HgO}$  (1)

2.4.2  $\text{HIO}_2$  (1)

2.4.3  $\text{Sn}(\text{HSO}_3)_2$  (1)

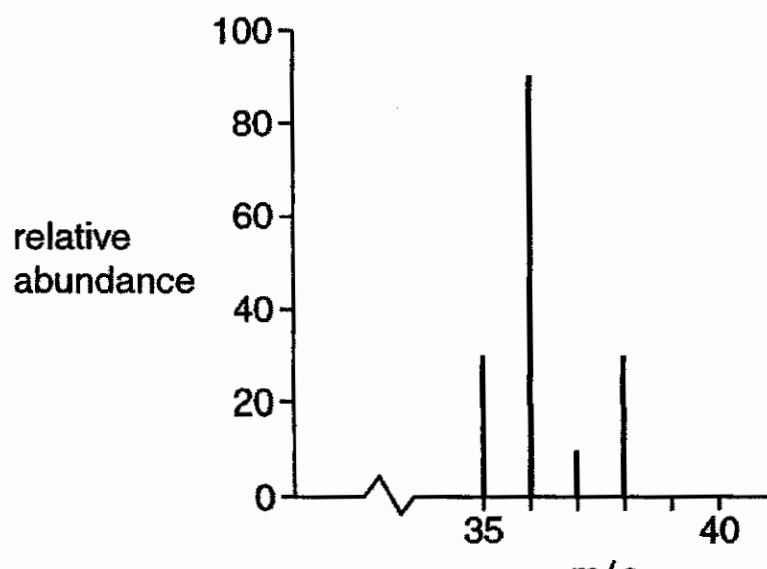
2.4.4  $\text{CO}$  (1)

2.5 There are  $1.699 \times 10^{22}$  atoms in 1.00 g of chlorine. Assume that chlorine atoms are spheres of radius 0.99 Å and that they are lined up side-by-side. How many kilometres is the line of the chlorine atoms? (5)

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### QUESTION 3

3.1 In a mass spectrometer some hydrogen chloride molecules will split into atoms. The mass spectrum of HCl is given. Chlorine has two isotopes. The hydrogen involved in this molecule is the isotope  $^1_1\text{H}$  only.



- 3.1.1 Define the term isotope. (1)
- 3.1.2 What particle is responsible for the peak mass 35? (1)
- 3.1.3 What particle is responsible for the peak mass 38? (1)
- 3.1.4 Use your relative heights of the peaks to determine the proportions of the two isotopes of chlorine. Show how you obtained your answer. (2)
- 3.1.5 Use your answer in 3.1.4 to prove that the relative atomic mass of chlorine is 35.5 amu. (2)
- 3.2 The molecular formula of aspartame, an artificial sweetener, is  $C_{14}H_{18}N_2O_5$ . Calculate the mass of carbon atoms that are present in 1.00 mg of aspartame. (7)
- 3.3 Explain in detail how to make up 150.0 mL of 0.9200 M sucrose solution. You need to include calculations in your answer too. Molar mass of sucrose = 342.30 g mol<sup>-1</sup> (5)
- 3.4 Complete the table below:- (6)

Ion	Number of			Atomic number	Mass number
	Protons	Neutrons	Electrons		
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	12	12	3.4.1	3.4.2	3.4.3
Br <sup>-</sup>	3.4.4	3.4.5	3.4.6	35	85

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#### **QUESTION 4**

- 4.1 In an experiment, 45.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.270 M barium hydroxide were mixed with 28.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.330 M aluminium sulphate.
- 4.1.1 Write the net ionic equation for the reaction that takes place. (3)
- 4.1.2 What is the total mass of the precipitate that forms? (3)
- 4.1.3 What are the molar concentrations of the ions that remain in the solution after the reaction is complete? (3)

- 4.2 Qualitative analysis of an unknown acid was found to contain only carbon, hydrogen and oxygen. In a quantitative analysis, a 10.46 mg sample was burned in oxygen and gave 22.17 mg carbon dioxide and 3.40 mg water.

The molecular mass determined to be  $166 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ . When 0.1680 g of the acid was titrated with 0.1250 M sodium hydroxide, the end point was reached after 16.18 mL of the base added.

- 4.2.1 What is the empirical formula of the acid? (8)
- 4.2.2 What is its molecular formula? (2)
- 4.2.3 Is the acid mono-, di- or triprotic? (1)
- 4.2.4 Calculate the percentage composition of the acid. (5)

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### **Question 5**

- 5.1 Account for the following facts:-

- 5.1.1 Atomic size decreases across the period. (2)
- 5.1.2 Group VIIA elements have positive electron affinity values. (2)
- 5.1.3 The electron configuration of  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  is  $[\text{Ar}]4s^23d^1$  instead of  $[\text{Ar}]4s^13d^2$ . (2)
- 5.1.4 There is a decrease in the first ionization energy from Be to B and Mg to Al. (2)

- 5.2 The amount of calcium in a 13.5 g sample was determined by converting the calcium found in the sample to calcium oxalate,  $\text{Ca}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ . If the mass of  $\text{CaC}_2\text{O}_4$  is 13.9 g, what is the percentage of calcium in the original sample? (5)

- 5.3 Give the charge and electron configuration on the ion which is underlined in the following compounds

- 5.3.1  $\text{KMnO}_4$  (3)
- 5.3.2  $(\text{HPO}_4)^{2-}$  (3)
- 5.3.3  $\text{ZnSO}_4$  (3)
- 5.3.4  $\text{VO}_2$  (3)

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## General data and fundamental constants

Quantity	Symbol	Value
Speed of light	$c$	$2.997\,924\,58 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Elementary charge	$e$	$1.602\,177 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Faraday constant	$F = N_A e$	$9.6485 \times 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
Boltzmann constant	$k$	$1.380\,66 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
Gas constant	$R = N_A k$	$8.314\,51 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ $8.205\,78 \times 10^3 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ $6.2364 \times 10 \text{ L Torr K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Planck constant	$h$	$6.626\,08 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
	$\hbar = h/2\pi$	$1.054\,57 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
Avogadro constant	$N_A$	$6.022\,14 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Atomic mass unit	$u$	$1.660\,54 \times 10^{-27} \text{ Kg}$
Mass		
electron	$m_e$	$9.109\,39 \times 10^{-31} \text{ Kg}$
proton	$m_p$	$1.672\,62 \times 10^{-27} \text{ Kg}$
neutron	$m_n$	$1.674\,93 \times 10^{-27} \text{ Kg}$
Vacuum permittivity	$\epsilon_0 = 1/c^2 \mu_0$	$8.854\,19 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ C}^2 \text{ m}^{-1}$
	$4\pi\epsilon_0$	$1.112\,65 \times 10^{-10} \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ C}^2 \text{ m}^{-1}$
Vacuum permeability	$\mu_0$	$4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ J s}^2 \text{ C}^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}$ $4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}^2 \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ m}^2$
Magneton		
Bohr	$\mu_B = eh/2m_e$	$9.274\,02 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J T}^{-1}$
nuclear	$\mu_N = eh/2m_p$	$5.050\,79 \times 10^{-27} \text{ J T}^{-1}$
g value	$g_e$	2.002 32
Bohr radius	$a_0 = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2 / m_e e^2$	$5.291\,77 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$
Fine-structure constant	$\alpha = \mu_0 e^2 c / 2h$	$7.297\,35 \times 10^{-3}$
Rydberg constant	$R_\infty = m_e e^4 / 8h^3 c \epsilon_0^2$	$1.097\,37 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$
Standard acceleration of free fall	$g$	$9.806\,65 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
Gravitational constant	$G$	$6.672\,59 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ Kg}^{-2}$

## Conversion factors

1 cal	=	4.184 joules (J)	1 erg	=	$1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ J}$
1 eV	=	$1.602\,2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$	1 eV/molecule	=	$96\,485 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

Prefixes	f	p	n	$\mu$	m	c	d	k	M	G
	femto	pico	nano	micro	milli	centi	deci	kilo	mega	giga
	$10^{-15}$	$10^{-12}$	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-1}$	$10^3$	$10^6$	$10^9$

