DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

MAY 2014 FINAL EXAMINATION

TITLE OF PAPER

: INTRODUCTION TO ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY

COURSE NUMBER

C204

TIME

: 3 HOURS

Important Information

: 1. Each question is worth 25 marks.

2. Answer any four (4) questions in this paper.

3. Marks for <u>ALL</u> procedural calculations will be awarded.

4. Start each question on a fresh page of the answer sheet.

5. Diagrams must be large and clearly labelled accordingly.

6. This paper contains an appendix of chemical constants

7. Additional material: graph paper.

You are not supposed to open this paper until permission has been granted by the chief invigilator

QUESTION 1 [25]

- a) i) Distinguish between systematic and random error, using example to illustrate? (4)
 ii) Distinguish between precision and accuracy, using examples to illustrate your explanation.
 (3)
- b) What is meant by "occlusion in gravimetry? How can occlusion be minimized?(3)
- c) What is meant by 'Peptization' in gravimetric analysis, and how is minimised? (3)
- d) Explain two (2) cases when back titration is preferred instead of direct titration. (2)
- e) Describe the principle of "indirect titration" in analytical chemistry. (3)
- f) The phosphorus in 4.258 g of a plant food was converted to PO₄³⁻ and precipitated as Ag₃PO₄ through the addition of 50.00 mL of 0.0820 M AgNO₃. The excess AgNO₃ was back titrated with 4.46 mL of 0.0625M KSCN. Express the results of this analysis in terms of % P₂O₅. (7)

The chemical reactions are;

$$P_2O_5 + 9H_2O \longrightarrow 2PO_4^{3-} + 6H_3O^+$$

$$Ag^+ + SCN \longrightarrow AgSCN (s)$$

QUESTION 2 [25]

- The concept of CRM and or SRM is widely used by industry for their quality control measures. Briefly explain;
- i) What are CRM or SRMs (2)
- ii) What is their central role in analytical chemistry? (2)
- iii) How are they certified? (4)
- b) Distinguish between sample mean and population mean (2)
- c) Riboflavin (Vitamin B 2) is determined in a cereal sample by measuring its fluorescence intensity in 5% acetic acid solution. A calibration curve was prepared by measuring the fluorescence intensities of a series of standards of increasing concentrations. The following data were obtained.

Riboflavin (μg/mL) (x _i)	Fluorescence Intensity (y _i)
0	0
0.1	5.8
0.2	12.2
0.4	22.3
0.8	43.3
Unknown	15.4

- i) Using the data as far as possible, plot the 'best straight line'. (3)
- ii) Use the method of least squares regression analysis of the data to calculate the slope, intercept, and concentration of the unknown. (12)

QUESTION 3 [25]

a) The standardized Gas Chromatographic (GC) method and a newly developed Enzymatic Method (EM) were employed separately to determine the alcohol content of a locally brewed wine. The results obtained (in % Ethanol) are as follows:

GC (% Ethanol): 13.0, 13.5, 13.3, 12.9

EM(Ethanol %): 15.1, 13.3, 12.7, 12.6, 13.1

- Determine the pooled mean and the pooled standard deviation for the two data sets.
- ii) Is there any significant difference in the precision of the two methods at 95% confidence level? (4)
- b) A method for the determination of mercury by atomic absorption spectrometry gave values of 400, 385 and 382 ppm for a standard known to contain 400 ppm. Does the mean value differ significantly from the true value, or is there any evidence of systematic error (bias) at 95% confidence level?
 (5)

 An analysis is carried out in water to determine the concentration of Cu in a river passing through the Matsapha industrial site. The instrument was calibrated via standard addition method, and the response obtained is listed below;

Standard Addition Concentration (mg/L)	Instrument Reading(Units)					
0	12					
3	16					
5	27					
10	37					
15	49					
20	61					

Assuming that no interferences are present, determine the Cu concentration within the sample in ppb using the graphical method. (6)

d)	i) Explain the advantage of using the standard addition method instead of external	
	calibration method for elemental analysis?	(2)

ii) What is the disadvantage of using the standard addition method? (2)

QUESTION 4 [25]

a) In the lab I get the following 4 numbers for the concentration of chloride in a sample: 0.1015, 0.0991, 0.1016, 0.1014 and 0.1017 M.

What is;

- i) the mean
- ii) the median
- iii) the 95% confidence interval
- iv) relative standard deviation for this data set. (12)
- b) In 4(a) there is one value that looks like a ringer (an outlier). Use a suitable method to determine if this value can be rejected from the data set. (5)
- c) In 4(a) I had you calculate a relative standard deviation. The relative standard deviation is usually regarded as a measure of the relative error on your mean. You also calculated a confidence interval, which is also a measure of the uncertainty of the mean. Compare and contrast these numbers. Which is the better measure of experimental uncertainty? (3)
- d) In acid-base titrimetry,

- i) Explain what a primary standard is and state two reasons why NaOH is not a suitable primary standard (3)
- ii) Name a common primary standard for the standardization of NaOH (2)

QUESTION 5 [25]

- a) A 50.0 mL of 0.0500M NaCl is titrated with 0.1000M AgNO₃. Calculate the pAg value at the following stages of the titration, given that for AgCl, Ksp = 1.82×10^{-10} .
- i) After addition of 10.0 mL of AgNO₃
- ii) At equivalence point
- iii) At 26.0 mL
- iv) Plot the titration curve (10)
- b) A standard 0.0100 M solution Na⁺ is required to calibrate a flame photometric method to determine the element. Describe how 500 mL of this solution can be prepared from a primary standard Na₂CO₃.
- c) What is the 0.0100 M Na⁺ in ppm and ppb? (3)
- d) You have just been employed as an analytical chemist at RSSC, in charge of soil chemistry and analysis. It is alleged that a certain plantation with an area of 1 hectare has an excess of the toxic element Arsenic from application of certain herbicides. Briefly outline the steps you would undertake for a quantitative analysis of soil samples in the affected plantation. Explanation should include, but not limited to;
 - i) Sampling
 - ii) Quality control
 - iii) Data analysis and interpretation (7)

QUESTION 6 [25]

- a) What is the difference between galvanic and non-galvanic cells? Explain. (3)
- With an aid of a diagram explain the function of the salt bridge and explain how it works
 (3)
- c) Calculate the electrode potential of a silver electrode immersed in a 0.0500 M solution of NaCl using;

i)
$$E^{\circ}_{Ag+/Ag} = 0.799 \text{ V}$$
 [AgCl, Ksp = 1.82×10^{-10}]
ii) $E^{\circ}_{AgCl}/Ag = 0.222 \text{ V}$ (5)

- d) In the determination of chlorine by Fajan's titration in samples,
 - i) Name the common adsorption indicator used in this titration. (2)
 - ii) What is the reason for the addition of dextrin before titration? (2)
- e) An iron ore was analysed by dissolving a 1.1324 g sample in concentrated HCl. The resulting solution was diluted with water, and the iron (III) was precipitated as the hydrous oxide Fe₂O₃.xH₂O by the addition of NH₃. After filtration and washing, the residue was ignited at a high temperature to give 0.5394 g of pure Fe₂O₃.

Calculate

- i) The % Fe in the sample
- ii) The % Fe₃O₄ in the sample.

(6)

f) What is coprecipitation?

(2)

g) What are the properties of a "good" precipitate in gravimetry?

(2)

<u>APPENDIX</u>

VALUES OF tFOR VARIOUS LEVELS OF PROBABILITY										
Number of Observations	Factor for Confidence Interval									
	80%	90%	95%	99%	99.90%					
1	3.08	6.31	12.7	63.7	637					
2	1.89	2.92	4.3	9.92	31.6					
3	1.64	2.35	3.18	5.84	12.9					
4	1.53	2.13	2.78	4.6	8.6					
5	1.48	2.02	2.57	4.03	6.86					
6	1.44	1.94	2.45	3.71	5.96					
7	1.42	1.9	2.36	3.5	5.4					
8	1.4	1.86	2.31	3.36	5.04					
9	1.38	1.83	2.26	3.25	4.78					
10	1.37	1.81	2.23	3.17	4.59					
11	1.36	1.8	2.2	3.11	4.44					
12	1.36	1.78	2.18	3.06	4.32					
13	1.35	1.77	2.16	3.01	4.22					
14	1.34	1.76	2.14	2.98	4.14					

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Number of	90%	95%	99%							
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3	0.941	0.970	0.994							
4	0.765	0.829	0.926							
5	0.642	0.710	0.821							
6	0.560	0.625	0.740							
7	0.507	0.568	0.680							
8	0.468	0.526	0.634							
9	0.437	0.493	0.598							
10	0.412	0.466	0.568							

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80	1.28
90	1.64
95	1.96
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6	5.14	4.76	4.53	4.39	4.28	4.21	4.15	4.10	4.06	4.00	3.94	3.87	3.81	3.67
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14	3.74	3.34	3.11	2.96	2.83	2.76	2.70	2.65	2.60	2.53	2.46	2.39	2.31	2.13
15	3.68	3.29	3.06	2.90	2.79	2.71	2.64	2.59	2.54	2.45	2.40	2.33	2.25	2.07
16	3.63	3.24	3.01	2.85	2.74	2.66	2.59	2.54	2.49	2.42	2.35	2.28	2.19	2.01
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