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**TITLE OF PAPER** : **Advanced Analytical Chemistry**

**COURSE CODE** : **C404**

**TIME ALLOWED** : **Three (3) Hours.**

**INSTRUCTIONS** : **Answer any Four (4) Questions. Each  
Question Carries 25 Marks**

**A periodic table and other useful data have been provided with this paper.**

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**Question 1 (25 marks)**

- (a) What are the factors that influence the conductivity of an electrolyte? From the list of stated factors, identify the most important one and state the factors that affect its own value too. [5]
- (b) (i) Define the terms 'cell constant' and 'equivalent conductance'  
(ii) State their respective S.I. units and obtain an expression that relates the two' [5]
- (c) Using the principles of ionic atmosphere, discuss (with an illustrative example), the variation of limiting ionic conductance,  $\lambda^{\circ}$ , of cations of elements in the same group of the periodic table. [5]
- (d) A 560.75mg weak, monobasic acid, HB, (F.W. 122), was dissolved in 250 mL of deionized water at 25°C. If the measured resistance of the solution is 557 $\Omega$  at 25°C, and the cell constant of the conductivity cell is 0.075 cm<sup>-1</sup>, calculate the following for the acid:
- (i) The molar conductance.  
(ii) The degree of dissociation.  
(iii) The ionization constant. [10]
- $(\lambda_{H^+}^{\circ} = 349.6, Scm^3mol^{-1}, \lambda_{B^-}^{\circ} = 40.9Scm^3mol^{-1})$

**Question 2 (25 marks)**

- (a) State the precautionary steps you would take in order to maximize accuracy of data during a conductometric titration [4]
- (b) Summarize the general procedure for end point determination during a conductometric titration. Why are measurements near the equivalent point unnecessary? [3]
- (c) With specific examples and illustrative diagrams, explain why the titration of a weak acid with a weak base is preferred to the titration of a weak acid with a strong base. [4]
- (d) Show the general forms of the titration curves for the following conductometric titrations and indicate the equivalent point in each case;
- (i) Titration of HCl solution with 0.50M NaOH.  
(ii) Titration of HCl solution with 0.50M NH<sub>4</sub>OH [4]

- (e) A solution containing a mixture of an aliphatic acid and an aromatic sulphonic acid was titrated conductometrically with a 0.200M NH<sub>3</sub> solution (as titrant). The conductance data obtained (after correction for the titrant volume) are as follows:

Burette Reading/mL	0.00	1.00	2.00	2.50	3.00	3.20	3.50	4.20	4.50	5.00	6.00	8.00
$\Lambda/S \text{ cm}^2 \text{equiv}^{-1}$	2.01	1.75	1.47	1.33	1.19	1.19	1.26	1.47	1.51	1.51	1.52	1.53

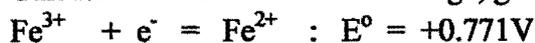
- (i) Determine the number of equivalents of each acid present in the mixture.  
 (ii) Comment briefly on the shape of the titration curve. [10]

### Question 3 (25 marks)

- (a). Enumerate the salient properties of an ideal reference electrode? [4]
- (b). For the Ag/AgCl reference electrode:
- (i) Write the half-cell reaction and its shorthand notation. [2]
  - (ii) Write the Nernst equation for its potential and show that the potential depends on the [KCl], the filling solution. [3]
  - (iii). Draw a labeled schematic diagram of this electrode and briefly describe its preparation. [5]
  - (iii) Give one advantage and one disadvantage of this electrode when compared with the saturated calomel electrode (SCE). [2]
  - (iv) Which is more temperature dependent – the one prepared using saturated KCl or the one prepared using 3.5M KCl? Explain. [4]

©. A cell was prepared by dipping a Pt wire(indicator electrode), and a S.C.E into a solution containing a 0.2M Fe<sup>3+</sup> and 0.1M Fe<sup>2+</sup> and the two were connected to a potentiometer so that the Pt-wire is the cathode while the S.C.E is the anode.

Calculate the theoretical cell voltage, given that:



$$E_{\text{ref}} = 0.245\text{V}(\text{i.e. } E_{\text{sce}} = 0.245\text{V})$$

$$E_{\text{ij}} = 0, \text{ and Activity Coefficient} = 1.0 \quad [5]$$

**Question 4 (25 marks)**

- (a) Summarize the make up, the half – cell line notation and the half cell reaction of a saturated calomel electrode. [6]
- (b). The potential (in volts), of some reference electrodes vs SHE, as a function of temperature are as tabulated below :

Temp (°C)	Calomel(0.1MKU)	Calomel(Saturated KCL)	Ag/AgCl (Saturated KCl)
10	0.3362	0.2543	0.2138
20	0.3359	0.2479	0.2040
25	0.3356	0.2444	0.1989
30	0.3351	0.2411	0.1939
40	0.3336	0.2340	0.1835

- (i) Identify the electrodes having the poorest potential stability with temperature variation. How does this observation affect its performance as a reference electrode? [4]
- (ii) Arrange the electrodes in the increasing order of their potential— temperature coefficient(or gradient). [2]
- (iii) Which would you prefer for an analysis: a saturated calomel electrode or a 0.1M KCl calomel electrode? Why? [3]
- (c) what are the advantages of Ag/AgCl reference electrode over a SCE [2]
- (d) A cell consisting of a SCE ( $E = 0.25V$ ), and an electrode of unknown potential, has a cell potential of 0.62 V. Calculate the potential of the unknown electrode if the polarity of the SCE is: (i) positive, (ii) Negative [8]

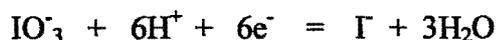
**Question 5 (25 marks)**

- (a) Give a classification of ion selective electrodes and give an example in each case.[6]
- (b) State three favourable features of ion selective electrodes. [3]

- (c) In general,  $H^+$  ions interfere during the use of other types of glass membrane electrodes. Suggest how serious  $H^+$  ion interference can be avoided during the analysis of other cations using a glass membrane electrode. [2]
- (d) (i) using appropriate diagrams, describe the make up, the working mechanism, the electrode response and the major interfering ion of a fluoride ISE. [6]  
(ii) To which class of the ISE does it belong? [1]  
(iii) Why is the membrane of this electrode is doped with Eu(II). [2]
- (e) A lithium ion – selective electrode has a selectivity coefficient,  $K_{Li^+, Ca^{2+}} = 5.0 \times 10^{-5}$ . On being laced in a  $3.44 \times 10^{-4} M Li^+$  solution, its potential, versus SCE, was  $-0.333V$ . Calculate its potential when  $Ca^{2+}$  is added to give  $0.100 M Ca^{2+}$ . [5]

**Question 6 (25 marks)**

- (a) State the difference/s between  
(i) Voltammetry and potentiometry,  
(ii) Voltammetry and coulometry. [4]
- (b) Briefly account for the following observations:  
(i) Highly reproducible current-potential data often obtained from polarographic analysis.  
(ii)  $H^+$  reduction does not interfere with most reductions at the Hg surface of a DME.  
(iii) Alkali metals (with lower standard potentials) can be reduced more easily than  $H^+$  at a DME.  
(iv) A DME is preferred for cathodic reactions during amperometric titrations while a Pt electrode is preferred for anodic reactions. [10]
- (c) At the DME, the iodate ion undergoes the following reaction:



When a  $1.41mM$  solution of  $KIO_3$  in a  $0.1M$  perchloric acid was reduced polarographically at a DME with a drop time of  $2.18s$  and Hg flow rate of  $2.67mg/s$ , the diffusion current was  $37.1\mu A$ . Determine the diffusion coefficient of the iodate ion in  $0.1M$  perchloric acid. [11]

# PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS

## GROUPS

PERIODS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	IA	IIA	IIIB	IVB	VB	VIB	VII B	VIII B			IB	II B	IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA	VIIIA
1	1.008 H 1																	4.003 He 2
2	6.941 Li 3	9.012 Be 4																
3	22.990 Na 11	24.305 Mg 12	TRANSITION ELEMENTS										26.982 Al 13	28.086 Si 14	30.974 P 15	32.06 S 16	35.453 Cl 17	39.948 Ar 18
4	39.098 K 19	40.078 Ca 20	44.956 Sc 21	47.88 Ti 22	50.942 V 23	51.996 Cr 24	54.938 Mn 25	55.847 Fe 26	58.933 Co 27	58.69 Ni 28	63.546 Cu 29	65.39 Zn 30	69.723 Ga 31	72.61 Ge 32	74.922 As 33	78.96 Se 34	79.904 Br 35	83.80 Kr 36
5	85.468 Rb 37	87.62 Sr 38	88.906 Y 39	91.224 Zr 40	92.906 Nb 41	95.94 Mo 42	98.907 Tc 43	101.07 Ru 44	102.91 Rh 45	106.42 Pd 46	107.87 Ag 47	112.41 Cd 48	114.82 In 49	118.71 Sn 50	121.75 Sb 51	127.60 Te 52	126.90 I 53	131.29 Xe 54
6	132.91 Cs 55	137.33 Ba 56	138.91 *La 57	178.49 Hf 72	180.95 Ta 73	183.85 W 74	186.21 Re 75	190.2 Os 76	192.22 Ir 77	195.08 Pt 78	196.97 Au 79	200.59 Hg 80	204.38 Tl 81	207.2 Pb 82	208.98 Bi 83	(209) Po 84	(210) At 85	(222) Rn 86
7	223 Fr 87	226.03 Ra 88	(227) **Ac 89	(261) Rf 104	(262) Ha 105	(263) Unh 106	(262) Uns 107	(265) Uno 108	(266) Uuc 109	(267) Uun 110								

Atomic mass →  
Symbol →  
Atomic No. →

10.811	12.011	14.007	15.999	18.998	20.180
B	C	N	O	F	Ne
5	6	7	8	9	10
26.982	28.086	30.974	32.06	35.453	39.948
Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
13	14	15	16	17	18

\*Lanthanide Series

140.12	140.91	144.24	(145)	150.36	151.96	157.25	158.93	162.50	164.93	167.26	168.93	173.04	174.97
Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71

\*\*Actinide Series

232.04	231.04	238.03	237.05	(244)	(243)	(247)	(247)	(251)	(252)	(257)	(258)	(259)	(260)
Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr
90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103

( ) indicates the mass number of the isotope with the longest half-life.

Quantity	Symbol	Value	General data and fundamental constants
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	$F = eN_A$	$9.6485 \times 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$	
Boltzmann constant	$k$	$1.380\,66 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$	
Gas constant	$R = kN_A$	$8.314\,51 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ $8.205\,78 \times 10^{-2} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ $62.364 \text{ L Torr K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$	
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 of 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 permeability†	$\mu_0$	$4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ J s}^2 \text{ C}^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}$ $4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}^2 \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ m}^2$	
Vacuum permittivity	$\epsilon_0 = 1/c^2 \mu_0$	$8.854\,19 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ C}^2 \text{ m}^{-1}$ $4\pi \epsilon_0$	
Bohr magneton	$\mu_B = e\hbar/2m_e$	$9.274\,02 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J T}^{-1}$	
Nuclear magneton	$\mu_N = e\hbar/2m_p$	$5.050\,79 \times 10^{-27} \text{ J T}^{-1}$	
Electron <i>g</i> value	$g_e$	2.002 32	
Bohr radius	$a_0 = 4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2/m_e e^2$	$5.291\,77 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$	
Rydberg constant	$R_\infty = m_e e^4/8h^3 c$	$1.097\,37 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	
Fine structure constant	$\alpha = \mu_0 e^2 c/2h$	$7.297\,35 \times 10^{-3}$	
Gravitational constant	$G$	$6.672\,59 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$	
Standard acceleration of free fall†	$g$	$9.806\,65 \text{ m s}^{-2}$	

† Exact (defined) values

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

APPENDIX C POTENTIALS OF SELECTED HALF-REACTIONS AT 25°C

A summary of oxidation/reduction half-reactions arranged in order of decreasing oxidation strength and useful for selecting reagent systems.

Half-reaction	$E^\circ$ (V)
$F_2(g) + 2H^+ + 2e^- = 2HF$	3.06
$O_3 + 2H^+ + 2e^- = O_2 + H_2O$	2.07
$S_2O_8^{2-} + 2e^- = 2SO_4^{2-}$	2.01
$Ag^+ + e^- = Ag$	2.00
$H_2O_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^- = 2H_2O$	1.77
$MnO_4^- + 4H^+ + 3e^- = MnO_2(s) + 2H_2O$	1.70
$Ce(IV) + e^- = Ce(III)$ (in 1M HClO <sub>4</sub> )	1.61
$H_5IO_6 + H^+ + 2e^- = IO_3^- + 3H_2O$	1.6
$Bi_2O_4$ (bismuthate) + 4H <sup>+</sup> + 2e <sup>-</sup> = 2BiO <sup>+</sup> + 2H <sub>2</sub> O	1.59
$BrO_3^- + 6H^+ + 5e^- = \frac{1}{2}Br_2 + 3H_2O$	1.52
$MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- = Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$	1.51
$PbO_2 + 4H^+ + 2e^- = Pb^{2+} + 2H_2O$	1.455
$Cl_2 + 2e^- = 2Cl^-$	1.36
$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6e^- = 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$	1.33
$MnO_2(s) + 4H^+ + 2e^- = Mn^{2+} + 2H_2O$	1.23
$O_2(g) + 4H^+ + 4e^- = 2H_2O$	1.229
$IO_3^- + 6H^+ + 5e^- = \frac{1}{2}I_2 + 3H_2O$	1.20
$Br_2(l) + 2e^- = 2Br^-$	1.065
$ICl_2 + e^- = \frac{1}{2}I_2 + 2Cl^-$	1.06
$VO_2^+ + 2H^+ + e^- = VO^{2+} + H_2O$	1.00
$HNO_2 + H^+ + e^- = NO(g) + H_2O$	1.00
$NO_3^- + 3H^+ + 2e^- = HNO_2 + H_2O$	0.94
$2Hg^{2+} + 2e^- = Hg_2^{2+}$	0.92
$Cu^{2+} + I^- + e^- = CuI(s)$	0.86
$Ag^+ + e^- = Ag$	0.799
$Hg_2^{2+} + 2e^- = 2Hg$	0.79
$Fe^{3+} + e^- = Fe^{2+}$	0.771
$O_2(g) + 2H^+ + 2e^- = H_2O_2$	0.682
$2HgCl_2 + 2e^- = Hg_2Cl_2(s) + 2Cl^-$	0.63
$Hg_2SO_4(s) + 2e^- = 2Hg + SO_4^{2-}$	0.615
$Sb_2O_5 + 6H^+ + 4e^- = 2SbO^+ + 3H_2O$	0.581
$H_3AsO_4 + 2H^+ + 2e^- = HAsO_2 + 2H_2O$	0.559
$I_3^- + 2e^- = 3I^-$	0.545
$Cu^+ + e^- = Cu$	0.52
$VO^{2+} + 2H^+ + e^- = V^{3+} + H_2O$	0.337
$Fe(CN)_6^{3-} + e^- = Fe(CN)_6^{4-}$	0.36
$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- = Cu$	0.337
$UO_2^{2+} + 4H^+ + 2e^- = U^{4+} + 2H_2O$	0.334

(continued)

## APPENDIX C (continued)

Half-reaction		$E^\circ$ (V)
$\text{Hg}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{s}) + 2\text{e}^-$	$= 2\text{Hg} + 2\text{Cl}^-$	0.2676
$\text{BrO}^- + 2\text{H}^+ + 3\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Br} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.32
$\text{AgCl}(\text{s}) + \text{e}^-$	$= \text{Ag} + \text{Cl}^-$	0.2222
$\text{SbO}^- + 2\text{H}^+ + 3\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Sb} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.212
$\text{CuCl}_2^- + \text{e}^-$	$= \text{Cu} + 2\text{Cl}^-$	0.178
$\text{SO}_4^{2-} + 4\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{SO}_2(\text{aq}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.17
$\text{Sn}^{4+} + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Sn}^{2+}$	0.15
$\text{S} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{g})$	0.14
$\text{TiO}^{2+} + 2\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-$	$= \text{Ti}^{3+} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.10
$\text{S}_4\text{O}_6^{2-} + 2\text{e}^-$	$= 2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$	0.08
$\text{AgBr}(\text{s}) + \text{e}^-$	$= \text{Ag} + \text{Br}^-$	0.071
$2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{H}_2$	0.0000
$\text{Pb}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Pb}$	-0.126
$\text{Sn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Sn}$	-0.136
$\text{AgI}(\text{s}) + \text{e}^-$	$= \text{Ag} + \text{I}^-$	-0.152
$\text{Mo}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Mo}$	approx. -0.2
$\text{N}_2 + 5\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^-$	$= \text{H}_2\text{NNH}_3^+$	-0.23
$\text{Ni}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Ni}$	-0.246
$\text{V}^{3+} + \text{e}^-$	$= \text{V}^{2+}$	-0.255
$\text{Co}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Co}$	-0.277
$\text{Ag}(\text{CN})_2^- + \text{e}^-$	$= \text{Ag} + 2\text{CN}^-$	-0.31
$\text{Cd}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Cd}$	-0.403
$\text{Cr}^{3+} + \text{e}^-$	$= \text{Cr}^{2+}$	-0.41
$\text{Fe}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Fe}$	-0.440
$2\text{CO}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$	-0.49
$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{H}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-0.50
$\text{U}^{4+} + \text{e}^-$	$= \text{U}^{3+}$	-0.61
$\text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Zn}$	-0.763
$\text{Cr}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Cr}$	-0.91
$\text{Mn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Mn}$	-1.18
$\text{Zr}^{4+} + 4\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Zr}$	-1.53
$\text{Ti}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Ti}$	-1.63
$\text{Al}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Al}$	-1.66
$\text{Th}^{4+} + 4\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Th}$	-1.90
$\text{Mg}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Mg}$	-2.37
$\text{La}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^-$	$= \text{La}$	-2.52
$\text{Na}^+ + \text{e}^-$	$= \text{Na}$	-2.714
$\text{Ca}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Ca}$	-2.87
$\text{Sr}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$	$= \text{Sr}$	-2.89
$\text{K}^+ + \text{e}^-$	$= \text{K}$	-2.925
$\text{Li}^+ + \text{e}^-$	$= \text{Li}$	-3.045