# University of Eswatini

# **Department Of Chemistry**

# **November 2018 Re-Sit Examination**

TITLE OF PAPER

: Transport and Chemical Kinetics

**COURSE NUMBER** 

: CHE 341

TIME

: 3 Hours

**Important Information** 

: Each question is equivalent to 25% of the entire exam.

: Answer questions one (1) and any other three (3) questions in this paper.

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

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

: Diagrams must be large and clearly labelled accordingly.

: Additional material: data sheet, graph paper and the periodic table.

You are not supposed to open this paper until permission has been granted by the Chief Invigilator

### Question 1 [25 Marks]

a) The conductance of KI at 25° in a solvent mixture of water and ethylene carbonate was measured and the following data was obtained:

c (mmol/dm <sup>3</sup> )	17.68	10.88	7.19	2.67	1.28	0.83	0.19
Am (S cm <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> )	42.45	45.91	47.53	51.81	54.09	55.78	57.42

- i. Show that this data confirms that KI is a strong electrolyte [9]
- ii. Find the limiting molar conductivity. [4]
- b) For the perchlorate ion in water at 25°C,  $\lambda_{\rm m}$ °=67.2 S cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>. Calculate the following;
  - i. The mobility u of ClO4- in water, [4]
  - ii. The drift speed of ClO4- in water in a field of 24 V/cm [3]
- c) With an aid of a diagram, describe Newtonian flow. [5]

### Question 2 [25 marks]

Given that cyclobutane decomposes by first order kinetics at 438°C at constant volume and the decomposition is given by;

$$C_4H_8(g)\to 2C_2H_4(g)$$

- a) Express the rate of reaction in terms of the change in total pressure as a function of time. [3]
- b) The rate constant of the reaction is  $2.48 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  calculate the half-life of the reaction. [5]
- c) After initiation of the reaction, how long will it take for the initial pressure of C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub> to drop to 90% of its initial value? [6]
- d) If the rate constant for a reaction is 2.45 x10<sup>-4</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> at 302°C and 0.950 M<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> at 508 °C and given that the reaction follows Arrhenius type of kinetics, calculate
  - i. The Arrhenius parameters  $E_a$  and A. [7]
  - ii. The rate constant at 400°C. [4]

### Question 3 [25 Marks]

[5] a) With an aid of a diagram, describe Newtonian flow. b) An enzyme catalysed reaction conversion of a substance at 25°C has Michaelis constant of 0.042 mol  $L^{-1}$ . The rate of reaction is 2.45 x 10-4 mol  $L^{-1}$  s<sup>-1</sup> when the substrate concentration is 0.89 mol L-1. What is the maximum velocity of this 5 enzmolysis c) Discuss the features, advantages and limitations of the Michaelis - Menten [5] mechanism of enzyme action d) Compute the root mean square speed, the mean speed and the relative mean speed for [10]  $CO_2$  at 300K. **Question 4 [25 Marks]** a) Derive the pressure of the perfect gas according to the kinetic model. [10]b) Write short notes on the Maxwell-Boltzman's distribution. [10] c) What is the difference between a strong electrolyte and a weak electrolyte? Give [5] examples of each. Question 5 [25 Marks] a) Calculate the mean free path of argon at 0.5 atm [5] [3] b) List the three assumptions of the Kinetic model c) Calculate the diffusion constant of Nitrogen at 25°C and [4] i. 10.0 kPa, [2] ii. 100 kPa d) Given the following;  $\lambda_m^0$  (KCl) = 0.0149 Sm<sup>2</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda_m^0$  (NaCl) = 0.0127 and  $\lambda_m^0$  (KNO<sub>3</sub>) = 0.0145, determine the conductivity of NaNO<sub>3</sub> at infinite dilution. [5] e) Derive the Ostwald dilution law for a weak electrolyte [6]

# Question 6 [25 Marks]

Write short notes on the following;	
(i) Limiting molar conductivity.	[3]
(ii) Collision frequency.	[4]
(iii)Half-life.	[3]
Discuss one way of measuring transport numbers.	[7]
Write short notes on the two major classes of polymerization kinetics.	[8]
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