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**SUBJECT:** CHEMISTRY  
**DATE:** 6th September 2014  
**TIME:** 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

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*Useful information:* One mole of any gas or vapour occupies 22.4 dm<sup>3</sup> at s.t.p.  
The molar gas constant  $R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ .  
Relative atomic masses: H = 1, C = 12, O = 16, S = 32, Fe = 56

**A Periodic Table is included.**

*Section A*  
**Answer all questions in this Section**

1. Complete the following table (*You may refer to the Periodic Table*):

Particle	Protons	Neutrons	Electrons
N <sup>3-</sup>		7	
	12		10

(4 marks)

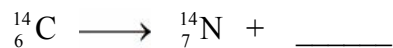
2. (a) Name **three** types of radiation which may be emitted by radioisotopes.

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- (b) Which type of radiation has the least ionisation power?

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- (c) Complete the following nuclear reaction:



(5 marks)

3. Write balanced chemical equations, including state symbols, for the following reactions taking place under **aqueous** conditions:

(a) Magnesium + Hydrochloric acid  $\rightarrow$  Magnesium chloride + Hydrogen

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(b) Lead nitrate + Sodium sulfate  $\rightarrow$  Lead sulfate + Sodium nitrate

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(6 marks)

4. Give the electron configuration, using the s, p, d notation, for the following atoms and ions:

(a)  ${}_5\text{B}$  \_\_\_\_\_

(b)  ${}_9\text{F}^-$  \_\_\_\_\_

(c)  ${}_{13}\text{Al}^{3+}$  \_\_\_\_\_

(6 marks)

5. Consider the following unbalanced equation:



(a) Give the oxidation number of iodine in:

(i)  $\text{I}_2$  \_\_\_\_\_ (ii)  $\text{I}^-$  \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Give the oxidation number of sulfur in:

(i)  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$  \_\_\_\_\_ (ii)  $\text{S}_4\text{O}_6^{2-}$  \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Explain what is happening in the above redox reaction in terms of a change in the oxidation number of the respective elements.

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(6 marks)

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6. (a) Define the term **homologous series**.

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(b) To which homologous series do the following compounds belong?

(i)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$  \_\_\_\_\_

(ii)  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$  \_\_\_\_\_

(iii)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  \_\_\_\_\_

(5 marks)

7. (a) Define the term **dynamic equilibrium**.

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(b) Write a chemical equation to indicate the reaction taking place during the Haber process for the production of ammonia.

\_\_\_\_\_ (5 marks)

8. Use the following compounds to give an example of:



(a) Strong acid \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weak acid \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Strong base \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Weak base \_\_\_\_\_

(4 marks)

9. (a) Define **standard enthalpy of combustion**.

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(b) (i) Comment on the fact that hydrogen is said to be a high-energy source, given that the enthalpy of combustion of hydrogen is  $-286 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  while that of octane is  $-5530 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

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(ii) Currently, hydrogen is not being widely used as a fuel. Mention a possible cause for this delay.

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(5 marks)

10. Fill in the blanks in the following paragraph.

Across a period of the Periodic Table there is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the atomic radius of the elements, which is accompanied, by a \_\_\_\_\_ in the first ionisation energy of the elements. Down a group of the Periodic Table there is an \_\_\_\_\_ in the atomic radius of the elements and a \_\_\_\_\_ in the first ionisation energy of the elements. (5 marks)

11. (a) Draw the shape, of the following molecules:

$\text{SF}_6$		$\text{NH}_4^+$	
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(b) Indicate the types of bonds present in  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ .

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(7 marks)

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12. (a) Write a balanced chemical equation, including state symbols, for the reaction of chlorine with thiosulfate.

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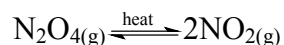
- (b) Explain why the oxidation product of the reaction in part (a) is different from the oxidation product of the reaction between thiosulfate and iodine.

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(5 marks)

13. Consider the following reaction:



- (a) Determine whether the forward reaction is endothermic or exothermic.

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- (b) What happens to the equilibrium position when the reaction temperature is increased at constant pressure?

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- (c) What happens to the equilibrium position when the total pressure is increased at constant temperature?

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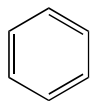
- (d) Write an expression for the equilibrium constant with respect to pressure,  $K_p$ , and state its units in Pascals.

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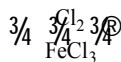
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14. Complete the following reactions by giving the structural formula of the **organic product**:



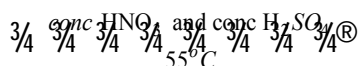
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(4 marks)

15. (a) Give the chemical formula of a transition metal compound that catalyses the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide.

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(b) Explain what would be **observed** if the catalyst mention in part (a) is added to a test-tube containing hydrogen peroxide.

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(c) Why is there a change in the rate of reaction when the catalyst is added to hydrogen peroxide solution?

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(d) Name the property that enables transition metals and their compounds to act as catalysts.

\_\_\_\_\_ (7 marks)

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**Section B****Answer all questions in this Section**

16. (a) Give the definition of a covalent bond.

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(4 marks)

(b) (i) Explain the term *ligand*?

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(ii) Give **two** examples of such ligands?

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(5 marks)

(c) Give an example of (i) an octahedral complex ion and (ii) a linear complex, indicating the oxidation number of the metal ion in the complex.

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_

Oxidation number \_\_\_\_\_ Oxidation number \_\_\_\_\_

(6 marks)

(d) What type of bonding is present between the ligands and the metal ion?

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(1 mark)

*Total: 16 marks*

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17. (a) Define **standard enthalpy of formation**.

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(2 marks)

(b) The table below gives the standard enthalpies of combustion for the following compounds:

Compound	$\Delta H^\circ_{\text{combustion}}$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )
C <sub>(s)</sub>	-394
H <sub>2(g)</sub>	-286
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6(l)</sub>	-3276

(i) Draw a Hess' cycle that can be used to calculate the standard enthalpy of formation of benzene, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, from the standard enthalpies of combustion given in part (b).

(ii) Calculate the standard enthalpy of formation of benzene.

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(11 marks)

(c) Is the formation of benzene endothermic or exothermic? Explain.

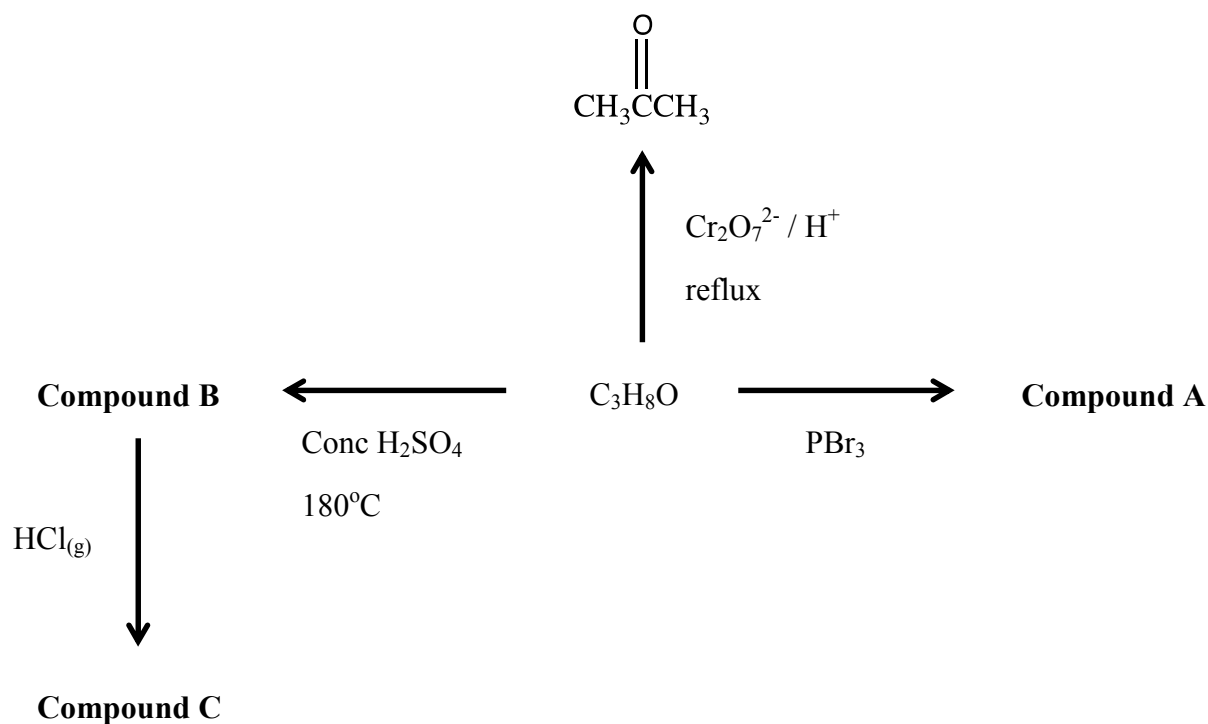
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*Total: 16 marks*



18. Consider the following scheme:



(a) (i) Give the structural formula for the compound with the molecular formula  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{O}$ .

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(ii) Give the systematic name of the compound with the formula  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ .

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(4 marks)

(b) Give the structural formulae for compounds A, B and C.

A: \_\_\_\_\_ B: \_\_\_\_\_ C: \_\_\_\_\_ (9 marks)

(c) Give the structural formula of the ether that forms when excess  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{O}$  is reacted with concentrated sulfuric acid at  $140^\circ\text{C}$ .

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(3 marks)

*Total: 16 marks*

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19. (a) An aqueous solution of  $0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  ethylamine,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ , was found to have a pH of 11.8.

(i) Give a chemical equation for the acid-base reaction between a solution of ethylamine and hydrochloric acid.

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(ii) Identify the conjugate acid-base pairs in the equation given in part (a)(i).

Acid: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Conjugate base: \_\_\_\_\_ Conjugate acid: \_\_\_\_\_

(7 marks)

(b) Given that the ionic product of water,  $K_w$ , is  $1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$ , calculate the concentration of  $\text{OH}^-$  ions present in  $0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  ethylamine.

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(6 marks)

(c) What happens to the pH and to the concentration of  $\text{H}^+$  ions of a solution of ethylamine upon addition of a small amount of dilute hydrochloric acid?

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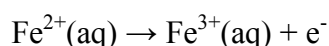
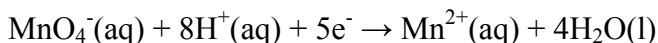
(3 marks)

*Total: 16 marks*



*Section C***Answer TWO questions from this Section****Write your answers on the lined pages provided.**

21. (a) Iron(II) sulfate can be oxidised using acidified potassium permanganate solution. The two half equations that represent this redox reaction are:



A redox titration was carried out in order to find the concentration of an iron(II) sulfate solution using a  $0.05 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  potassium permanganate solution.

The following procedure was followed:

- 1) By using a pipette (fitted with pipette filler), a 25 mL sample of the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  solution was poured into a 250 mL conical flask.
- 2) Then, 50 mL of distilled water and 15 mL of  $5.0 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  sulfuric acid solution were added into the flask.
- 3) The burette was filled with the  $\text{KMnO}_4$  solution, and the initial burette reading was recorded.
- 4) The sample was titrated with the  $\text{KMnO}_4$  solution to a faint pink end-point and the final burette reading was recorded.
- 5) The titration was repeated a number of times using a new sample of the Fe(II) solution until a number of concordant titre values were obtained.

The following readings were recorded:

	<b>Titration 1</b>	<b>Titration 2</b>	<b>Titration 3</b>	<b>Titration 4</b>
<b>Final burette reading (mL)</b>	20.90	40.95	20.00	39.95
<b>Initial burette reading (mL)</b>	0.00	20.90	0.00	20.00

- (i) Considering the two half equations, give the overall balanced equation for the redox reaction that is taking place. (3 marks)
- (ii) The oxidation and reduction half equations do not include the **spectator ions**. Explain briefly what the term ‘spectator ions’ means, and indicate the ‘spectator ions’ in this reaction. (5 marks)
- (iii) The reduction half equation includes “ $8\text{H}^+(\text{aq})$ ”. What is the source of the “ $8\text{H}^+(\text{aq})$ ”? (2 marks)
- (iv) Explain the term “concordant titre values”. (2 marks)
- (v) Find the concentration of the iron(II) sulfate solution. (10 marks)
- (vi) Find the mass of iron(II) sulfate-6-water that must be dissolved in 250 mL of distilled water in order to prepare a solution of the concentration found in part (v). (8 marks)

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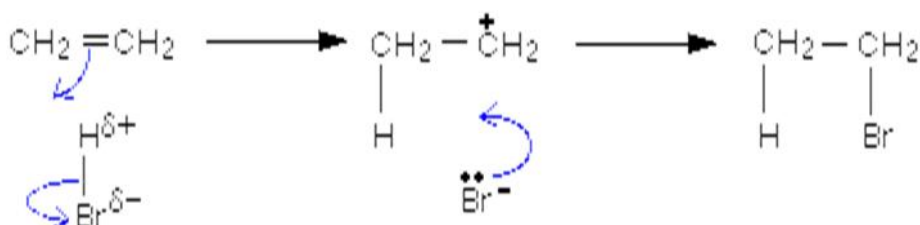
- (b) A mass of 1.73 g of a very volatile liquid was placed in a closed container and heated to a temperature of 27°C. All the liquid was vaporised at this temperature. The pressure of the gas was 150,000 Pa and it occupied a volume of 0.90 dm<sup>3</sup>. Find the relative atomic mass of the liquid. (10 marks)

*Total: 40 marks*

22. (a) Alkanes, alkenes and alkynes are three homologous series that are classified as **aliphatic hydrocarbons**.

- (i) Explain briefly each of the following two terms: **aliphatic** and **hydrocarbons**. (4 marks)
- (ii) The typical reactions of alkanes are substitution reactions while those for alkynes are addition reactions. Explain briefly, illustrating your answer with suitable examples. (10 marks)
- (iii) Methane reacts with chlorine, adopting a **free radical mechanism**. Explain briefly the **three** steps of this mechanism supporting your answer with relevant equations. Show mechanistic equations for the formation of the monochlorinated product. (11 marks)
- (iv) Propene reacts with hydrogen chloride to give a halogenoalkane following Markovnikov's rule. Explain briefly. (5 marks)

- (b) Ethene and hydrogen bromide react together according to the following proposed reaction mechanism, which has two steps:



Indicate the rate-determining step, giving reasons for your answer. (4 marks)

- (c) Consider the exothermic reaction:  $A + B \rightarrow X$ .

- (i) Draw a reaction profile that represents this reaction, indicating clearly the activation energy. (4 marks)
- (ii) Using the same set of axes for part (c)(i), draw the profile for the same reaction when a suitable catalyst is used. (2 marks)

*Total: 40 marks*

23. Consider the following tests carried out on substances **A**, **D** and **E**. Indicate the inference/conclusion that can be deduced from each test and hence identify each substance. **Give chemical or ionic equations wherever reactions take place.**

(a) The following tests were carried out on substance **A**:

- On adding some drops of sulfuric acid to around  $2\text{ cm}^3$  of a solution of substance **A**, a white precipitate was produced.
- To another  $2\text{ cm}^3$  of a solution of substance **A**, a few drops of dilute nitric acid followed by a few drops of silver nitrate solution were added. A yellow precipitate was formed, which resulted to be insoluble in concentrated ammonia solution.
- A flame test of substance **A** produced an apple green colour. (14 marks)

(b) The following tests were carried out on substance **D**:

- A white solid substance **D** gave a golden yellow colour when placed in a Bunsen burner flame.
- It dissolved in water, and gave bubbles of a colourless, odourless gas when dilute hydrochloric acid was added to the solution. Bubbles of gas were also given off when dilute hydrochloric acid was added to the solid. The gas evolved was bubbled through lime water solution and turned it milky. (9 marks)

(c) Substance **E** is a coloured salt. The following tests were carried out on substance **E**:

- On adding sodium hydroxide solution to a solution of **E**, a blue precipitate formed, found to be insoluble on addition of excess sodium hydroxide solution.
- On adding ammonia solution to a solution of **E**, a blue precipitate formed, which dissolved on addition of excess ammonia solution giving a deep blue solution.
- On adding dilute hydrochloric acid followed by a few drops of barium chloride solution to a clear solution of **E**, a white precipitate formed.
- On heating strongly a sample of the crystalline solid **E**, a white powder was produced, which regained its colour on addition of a few drops of water. (17 marks)

*Total: 40 marks*

24. Consider the following statements:

- (a) Sodium and chlorine bond to form sodium chloride. Sodium chloride has a **lattice structure**. Explain the term in bold, including a diagram in your answer. (10 marks)
- (b) Hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen molecules are all **covalently bonded**, but they present a *different* bonding situation. Justify this statement and explain the term in bold. (8 marks)
- (c) Carbon dioxide molecules are **non-polar**. On the other hand, hydrogen chloride and water molecules are **polar**. Explain this statement by discussing the shapes of these molecules. (12 marks)
- (d) Phosphorus forms two chlorides: **PCl<sub>3</sub>** and **PCl<sub>5</sub>**. In the former case there is a total of eight external electrons upon bonding, while in the case of PCl<sub>5</sub> there is 'octet expansion'. Explain this statement and say how this is possible. (10 marks)

*Total: 40 marks*



















