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SUBJECT:	CHEMISTRY
DATE:	30th August 2016
TIME:	4:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

Useful informationAvogadro's constant = 6.023×10^{23}

Relative atomic masses: H = 1; C = 12; O = 16; Ca = 40.

A Periodic Table is included.

Section A**Answer ALL questions in this Section**

1. The technician prepared a sample of calcium carbonate; she weighed 0.40 g of calcium carbonate.

(a) Find the number of moles of calcium carbonate present in the sample.

(2 marks)

(b) Calculate the number of Ca^{2+} ions present in the sample of calcium carbonate.

(1 mark)

Total: 3 marks

2. In radioactivity, gamma is electromagnetic radiation while alpha and beta are particles.

(a) Give the symbol, including mass number and atomic number, of an alpha and a beta particle.

(2 marks)

(b) What element is an alpha particle?

(1 mark)

Total: 3 marks

3. Consider period 3 of the Periodic Table.

(a) Give the valency of each element, from group I to group 0 (or VIII), in period 3.

(3 marks)

(b) 'Valency is a **periodic** property.' Explain briefly the term 'periodic'.

(1 mark)

Total: 4 marks

4. (a) Hydrogen and chlorine bond covalently together. Draw a dot-and-cross diagram of the hydrogen chloride molecule.

(1 mark)

(b) Hydrogen and chlorine have different electronegativities. The covalent bond between hydrogen and chlorine is a **polar** bond.

(i) Comment on the difference in electronegativity between hydrogen and chlorine.

(1 mark)

(ii) Explain briefly why the covalent bond between hydrogen and chlorine is polar.

(1 mark)

Total: 3 marks

5. Two ice cubes were placed in a glass and left on the kitchen table for two hours. The water in the glass was then placed in a pot and boiled.

(a) Describe briefly the behaviour of the water particles in the three physical states in terms of the kinetic theory.

(3 marks)

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- (b) “*My brother left the perfume bottle open. I could smell the perfume from the other room.*”
Explain briefly.
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(1 mark)

Total: 4 marks

6. “Benzene is an aromatic **hydrocarbon**. It has a stable **delocalised** structure.”

- (a) Explain each of the terms in bold in the statement.

(i) hydrocarbon: _____

(ii) delocalised: _____

(2 marks)

- (b) (i) Benzene reacts with chlorine in the presence of a catalyst. Give the name and write the structural formula of the product of this reaction.
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(1 mark)

(ii) What type of reaction is this reaction?

(1 mark)

Total: 4 marks

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7. (a) **Monomers** join together to form **polymers**. Explain each of the terms in bold in the statement.

(i) monomers: _____

(ii) polymers: _____

(2 marks)

(b) (i) Give an equation showing the polymerisation reaction of ethene.

(1 mark)

(ii) Both alkenes and difunctional molecules form polymers. Distinguish between the type of polymerisation reaction that takes place in these two cases.

(1 mark)

Total: 4 marks

8. A student carried out an acid-base titration. She placed the hydrochloric acid solution of unknown concentration in the burette, and 25 cm³ of 0.12 mol dm⁻³ sodium hydroxide solution and a few drops of indicator in a conical flask. She repeated the titration and the results are reported in the Table below:

	Titration 1	Titration 2	Titration 3
Final burette reading (cm ³)	20.80	40.80	31.20
Initial burette reading (cm ³)	0.00	20.80	11.20
Titre value (cm³)			

(a) (i) Fill in the titre values in the Table above and calculate the average titre value.

(1 mark)

(ii) Explain briefly your reasoning in calculating the average titre value.

(1 mark)

(b) Calculate the concentration of the hydrochloric solution.

(3 marks)

Total: 5 marks

Section B
Answer ALL questions in this Section

9. A gas occupies a volume of 0.05 m^3 at a pressure of $100,000 \text{ Pa}$ and a temperature of $27 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The mass of the gas is 88 g .

(a) Assuming that the gas is an ideal gas, find the number of moles of gas present.

(3 marks)

(b) Calculate the relative molecular mass of the gas.

(2 marks)

(c) Suggest a molecular formula for the gas.

(1 mark)

Total: 6 marks

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10. The molecules of water, ammonia, aluminium chloride and phosphorus pentachloride are all covalently bonded.

- (a) Draw the dot-and-cross diagrams (using outer shell electrons only) for each of these four molecules.

(4 marks)

- (b) Aluminium chloride and phosphorus pentachloride do not satisfy the 'octet rule'. Explain briefly.

(2 marks)

Total: 6 marks

11. Methane, water and ammonia molecules all have four electron pairs around the central atom, but they do not have the same shape. Explain briefly.
(Apart from new diagrams in your answer, you may wish to refer to the dot-and-cross diagrams in question 10.)

Total: 6 marks

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12. Consider the following reaction: $A(aq) + B(s) \rightarrow X(aq)$

- (a) Sketch two graphs: concentration of A against time, and concentration of X against time. Label the axes accordingly.

(3 marks)

- (b) Reactant B is a solid, and the reaction was carried out twice as follows: (i) with 2 g of B as one block; and (ii) with 2 g of B in powder form. Assuming that the concentration of A is the same in both cases, explain the change, if any, in the rate of the reaction.

(2 marks)

- (c) Indicate what effect on the rate of reaction would an increase in temperature and an increase in pressure have.

(1 mark)

Total: 6 marks

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13. (a) Organic compounds are classified into homologous series.
- (i) There is more than one homologous series that contains hydrocarbons; one of them is the alkanes. Give the name of **two** other homologous series that contain hydrocarbons.

(1 mark)

- (ii) All homologous series have a general formula. Give the general formula of the alkanes.

(1 mark)

- (iii) Give another **two** common features of compounds in the same homologous series.
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(1 mark)

- (b) The alkane with five carbons has three isomers. Give the structural formula and the name of the three isomers.

(3 marks)

Total: 6 marks

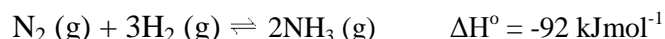
Section C
Answer TWO questions from this Section

14. This question concerns transition elements.

- (a) Define a transition element. (1 mark)
- (b) Discuss **four** chemical properties that characterise transition elements. For each property illustrate your answer with one specific example of a transition element. (6 marks)
- (c) Give the electron configuration in terms of s, p and d orbitals of:
(i) the Mn atom; and (ii) the Fe^{2+} ion. (Atomic numbers: Mn = 25; Fe = 26) (1 mark)
- (d) Explain why Mn^{3+} is easily reduced to Mn^{2+} , whereas Fe^{2+} is easily oxidised to Fe^{3+} . (2 marks)
- (e) Using the species $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ as an example, explain what is meant by the terms:
(i) complex ion; (ii) ligand; and (iii) co-ordination number. (3 marks)
- (f) Draw a diagram to show the geometrical shape of $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$, name the shape and describe the bonding in it. (2 marks)
- (g) Manganate(VII) ions will oxidise ethanedioate ions ($\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$) to carbon dioxide in acidic solution. The following experiment was carried out to find the number of moles of water of crystallisation, x, in ammonium ethanedioate $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$.
A quantity, 2.13g, of hydrated ammonium ethanedioate was dissolved in dilute sulfuric(VI) acid and the volume made up to 250 cm^3 in a volumetric flask. 25 cm^3 portions of this solution required 30.00 cm^3 of 0.02 mol dm^{-3} of potassium manganate (VII) for complete oxidation.
- (i) Write a balanced ionic half equation to show the reduction of manganate(VII) ions to Mn^{2+} ions.
- (ii) Write a balanced ionic half equation to show the oxidation of ethanedioate ions.
- (iii) Write a balanced equation that represents the redox reaction between manganate(VII) ions and ethanedioate ions.
- (iv) How many moles of manganate(VII) ions were used in the titration?
- (v) How many moles of ethanedioate ions were present in 25 cm^3 of the solution?
- (vi) What mass of ammonium ethanedioate was present in the original weighed sample?
- (vii) What mass of water of crystallisation was contained in the weighed sample?
- (viii) Deduce the formula of the hydrated ammonium ethanedioate. (5 marks)

Total: 20 marks

15. In the Haber process, nitrogen and hydrogen react as shown in the equation:



The following Table shows the percentage yield of ammonia, under different conditions of temperature and pressure.

Pressure / Pa	10,000kPa	20,000kPa	50,000kPa
% yield at 600 K	50	60	75
% yield at 800 K	10	16	25
% yield at 1000 K	2	4	7

- (a) Referring to the given Haber process reaction, explain the meaning of the term dynamic equilibrium. (1 mark)
- (b) State Le Chatelier's principle. (2 marks)
- (c) The above table shows that 75 % yield of ammonia is obtained at a pressure of 50,000 kPa and a temperature of 600 K. Explain how Le Chatelier's principle predicts that such conditions give a high conversion to ammonia. (3 marks)

- (d) Many industrial ammonia plants operate under compromise conditions of temperature and pressure and make use of a catalyst.
- Name the catalyst used in the process.
 - From the above Table identify an appropriate set of compromise conditions and explain, in detail, why compromise conditions of pressure and temperature and a catalyst are used. (7 marks)
- (e) Sketch an appropriate energy profile diagram for the non-catalysed and catalysed production of ammonia. In your diagram label the axes, and mark the activation energy and the enthalpy change of the reaction. (3 marks)
- (f) Explain how a catalyst affects the activation energy of a reaction and describe how the catalyst in the Haber Process functions as a heterogeneous catalyst. (4 marks)

Total: 20 marks

16. Some bond energy terms are listed below:

Bond	H – H	C – H	C – Br	C – C	C = C	Br – Br
Bond energy / kJmol^{-1}	435	415	284	356	598	193

- Define *bond energy term*. (1 mark)
- Using the given data, calculate the enthalpies of formation from gaseous atoms of:
 - gaseous propene; and
 - gaseous 1,2-dibromopropane. (4 marks)
- Using bond energy terms, compare the above enthalpy changes of formation in terms of exothermicity or endothermicity and explain why the enthalpy changes of the above reactions are different. (3 marks)
- Calculate the enthalpy change (ΔH°) for the bromination of propene. (4 marks)
- The bromination of propene takes place in the presence of an inert solvent, as carbon tetrachloride. Name and show the mechanism involved in the bromination of propene. (4 marks)
- List and explain **four** differences between the brominations of propene and propane. (4 marks)

Total: 20 marks

17. (a) The melting point of the elements in Periods 2 and 3 of the Periodic Table is a periodic property.
- Sketch a graph of melting point against atomic number to show the trends in the melting points of the elements in Period 2. (3 marks)
 - Referring to each element in Period 2 and the sketch in (a)(i), explain what determines the melting point of an element and why the melting points of the elements in Period 2 vary. (5 marks)
- (b) X and Z are Period 2 elements. Both elements form oxides when they burn in oxygen. Element X forms an oxide of formula X_2O , which is a crystalline solid, is soluble in water and has a high melting point. When melted X_2O readily conducts electricity. The oxide of element Z has the formula ZO_2 , and is a gas at room temperature. ZO_2 is moderately soluble in water giving a weakly acidic solution. In an experiment, *gaseous* ZO_2 is bubbled into an aqueous solution of Z_2O .
- Identify elements X and Z and discuss, using diagrams, the type of bonding present in elements X and Z. (4 marks)
 - Using the above information, discuss the type of bonding present in the oxides X_2O and ZO_2 . Draw diagrams to clarify your answer. (4 marks)
 - Write balanced equations, including state symbols, to represent the reactions of the oxides of X and Z with water. (2 marks)
 - Write a balanced equation, including state symbols, for the reaction that occurs when ZO_2 is bubbled into an aqueous solution of X_2O . (2 marks)

Total: 20 marks

PERIODIC TABLE

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
1 H 1							4 He 2
7 Li 3	9 Be 4		12 C 6	14 N 7	16 O 8	19 F 9	20 Ne 10
23 Na 11	24 Mg 12		28 Si 14	31 P 15	32 S 16	35.5 Cl 17	40 Ar 18
39 K 19	40 Ca 20		73 Ge 32	75 As 33	79 Se 34	80 Br 35	84 Kr 36
85 Rb 37	88 Sr 38		115 In 49	122 Sb 51	128 Te 52	127 I 53	131 Xe 54
133 Cs 55	137 Ba 56		204 Tl 81	209 Bi 83	209 Po 84	210 At 85	222 Rn 86
223 Fr 87	226 Ra 88						
			65 Zn 30	63.5 Cu 29	59 Ni 28	59 Co 27	
			112 Cd 48	108 Ag 47	106 Pd 46	103 Rh 45	
			201 Hg 80	197 Au 79	195 Pt 78	192 Ir 77	
			56 Fe 26	56 Fe 26	55 Mn 25	52 Cr 24	
			101 Ru 44	101 Ru 44	99 Tc 43	96 Mo 42	
			190 Os 76	190 Os 76	186 Re 75	184 W 74	
			51 V 23	51 V 23	48 Ti 22	45 Sc 21	
			93 Nb 41	93 Nb 41	91 Zr 40	89 Y 39	
			181 Ta 73	181 Ta 73	178.5 Hf 72	139 La 57	
			147 Pm 61	147 Pm 61	144 Nd 60	140 Ce 58	
			152 Eu 63	152 Eu 63	150 Sm 62	141 Pr 59	
			243 Am 95	243 Am 95	244 Pu 94	232 Th 90	
			96 Cm 96	96 Cm 96	94 Pu 94	91 Pa 91	
			157 Gd 64	157 Gd 64	155 Sm 62	144 Nd 60	
			247 Bk 97	247 Bk 97	247 Pu 94	231 Pa 91	
			162 Dy 66	162 Dy 66	160 Er 68	141 Pr 59	
			169 Tm 69	169 Tm 69	167 Er 68	144 Nd 60	
			258 Md 101	258 Md 101	257 Fm 100	232 Th 90	
			102 No 102	102 No 102	100 Fm 100	91 Pa 91	
			260 Lr 103	260 Lr 103	259 No 102	238 U 92	
			175 Lu 71	175 Lu 71	173 Yb 70	141 Pr 59	

