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**SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**  
**2022/23 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**TERM II TEST ONE**  
**CHEMISTRY (CH 110)**

**TIME ALLOWED:** Two (2) Hours.

**DATE:** 06 / 04 / 2023

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- (i) Attempt all the four questions, each question carries 25 Marks.
- (ii) All calculated quantities must have units and reported to the correct number of significant figures.
- (iii) Do not open till instructed to do so.

**IMPORTANT DATA:**

Physical Constants		
Constant	Symbol	Value
Atomic mass unit	$A_{mu}$	$1.660554 \times 10^{-27} \text{kg}$
Avogadro's number	$N_A$	$6.02214 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Gas constant	$R$	$8.31451 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
		$0.08206 \text{ L atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
$1 \text{ atm} = 760 \text{mmHg} = 1.0132 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^{-2} = 1.0132 \times 10^5 \text{Pa}$		

QUESTION ONE (INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL CHEMISTRY) [25 marks]

- a) Define each of the following terms applied in the scientific method: [3]  
(i) Hypothesis (ii) theory (iii) law
- b) Use exponential notation to express the number 101.325 to: [1]  
(i) One significant figure. [1]  
(ii) Five significant figures.
- c) State the difference between precision and accuracy. [2]
- d) Perform the following mathematical operations, and express each result to the correct number of significant figures. [2]  
(i)  $(9.04 + 8.23) + 21.954 + 81.0 \div 3.1416$  [2]  
(ii)  $\frac{0.470}{0.623} + \frac{80.705}{0.4326} - \frac{2.526}{3.1}$  [2]
- e) Show your understanding of metric prefixes by giving the name to the unit that equals the following: [3]  
(i)  $10^{-9}$  gram (ii)  $10^{+9}$  gram (iii)  $10^{-15}$  metre
- f) Convert each of the following temperatures from degrees Celsius to Kelvin: [4]  
(i)  $-38.9^{\circ}\text{C}$  (ii)  $119.3^{\circ}\text{C}$
- g) State the chemical formula of each of the following compounds: [4]  
(i) Perchloric acid (ii) Phosphorus pentachloride
- h) Europium has two isotopes whose relative abundances are 48 % and 52 %. Given that the average atomic mass of Europium is 151.96 amu and the mass of an isotope with relative abundance of 52 % is 152.92 amu. Determine the mass of the isotope whose relative abundance is 48%. [3]

QUESTION TWO (STOICHIOMETRY AND MOLE CONCEPT) [25 marks]

Compound A ( $\text{Fe}_x\text{O}_y$ ) comprises of 30.02% oxygen.

- a) Determine the actual value of x and y [4]  
b) Write down the systematic name of compound A [1]  
c) If 50.0 g of compound A reacts with 40.0 g of carbon monoxide to produce iron metal and carbon dioxide gas, prove that compound A is a limiting reagent in this reaction. [10]  
d) 0.658 g of a compound containing only carbon, hydrogen and oxygen is burned in excess oxygen gas, 1.285 g of carbon dioxide and 0.658g of water are produced. If the molar of the compound is determined to be 90g/mol. Determine the molecular formula. [10]

$\text{P}_2\text{S}_5\text{Cl}_2$   
 $\text{P}_2(\text{Cl}_5)_2$   
 $\text{P}_2(\text{SCl})_2$

### QUESTION THREE (REACTION IN AQUEOUS SOLUTION)

[25 Marks]

- a) Predict whether mixing each pair of the following solutions will result in the formation of a precipitate. If so, identify the precipitate.

[5]

- $\text{KOH}_{(\text{aq})}$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_{4(\text{aq})}$
- $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_{3(\text{aq})}$  and  $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})}$
- $\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_{2(\text{aq})}$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_{4(\text{aq})}$

- b) Calculate the oxidation state of each of the following:

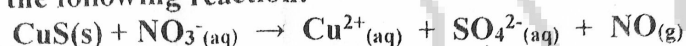
i. Cr in  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$

[2]

ii. S in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

[2]

- c) Given the following reaction:



i. Identify the oxidizing and reducing agents

[4]

ii. Write the two half reaction equations specifying which one is the oxidation half reaction and which one is the reduction half reaction.

[4]

iii. Balance each of the two half reaction equations.

[4]

iv. Considering that the reaction is taking place in acidic medium, write the overall balanced equation for this redox reaction.

[4]

### QUESTION FOUR (GASES)

[25 marks]

- a) Gas laws help us to understand the behaviour of gases under different conditions of temperature, pressure, and volume.

i. State Boyle's Law

[1]

ii. Sketch a graph of pressure against volume for the law in (i)

[1]

- b) If 22.5 L of nitrogen at 748 mm Hg are compressed to 725 mm Hg at constant temperature.

i. What is the new volume?

[2]

ii. What is the Volume in litres at STP of 50 g of nitrogen ( $\text{N}_2$ )?

[2]

iii. State the gas laws applied in (i) and (ii) above.

[2]

- c) A mole of a gas at 450 K has a density of  $1.41 \text{ g/dm}^3$  at 2.0 atm. What is the density of the gas at STP?

[4]

- d) Dalton, a renowned scientist talked about partial pressures in the atmosphere.

i. State the Dalton's law of partial pressures.

[2]

ii. What is the partial pressure in the atmosphere?

[2]

- e) At  $-18^\circ\text{C}$ , a 2L mixture of helium, nitrogen, and neon has a total pressure of 815 mmHg. What mass of neon is present in the mixture if the partial pressure of helium is 201 mmHg and the partial pressure of nitrogen is 351 mmHg?

[9]

**QUESTION ON (INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL CHEMISTRY) [25 marks]**

- a) Define each of the following terms applied in the scientific method:
- (i) **Hypothesis:** This is tentative explanation for a set of observations [B1]
  - (ii) **Theory:** This is a unifying principle that explains a body of facts and laws that are on them. [B1]
  - (iii) **Law:** A law is a concise verbal or mathematical statement of a relationship between phenomena that is always the same under the same conditions. [B1]
- b) Use exponential notation to express the number 101.325 to:
- (i) One significant figure: **Answer:  $1 \times 10^2$**  [A1]
  - (ii) Five significant figures: **Answer:  $1.0133 \times 10^2$**  [A1]
- c) State the difference between precision and accuracy.  
**Answer:** Precision is the degree of agreement among several measurements of the same quantity while accuracy refers to how closely a measured value agrees with the correct value. [B2]
- d) Perform the following mathematical operations, and express each result to the correct number of significant figures.
- (i)  $(9.04 - 8.23 + 21.954 + 81.0) \div 3.1416$   
 $= 103.8 \div 3.1416$   
 $= \underline{\underline{33.0}}$  [A2] (Deduct 1 mark if number of sig. figs is wrong)
  - (ii)  $\frac{0.470}{0.623} + \frac{80.705}{0.4326} - \frac{2.526}{3.1}$   
 $= 0.754 + 186.6 - 0.81$   
 $= 186.544$   
 $= \underline{\underline{186.5}}$  [A2] (Deduct 1 mark if number of sig. figs is wrong)
- e) Show your understanding of metric prefixes by giving the name to the unit that equals the following:
- (i)  $10^{-9}$  gram  $\Rightarrow$  nanogram [B1]
  - (ii)  $10^{+9}$  gram  $\Rightarrow$  gigagram [B1]
  - (iii)  $10^{-15}$  metre  $\Rightarrow$  femtometer [B1]
- f) Convert each of the following temperatures from degrees Celsius to Kelvin:
- (i)  $-38.9\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \Rightarrow -38.9\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} + 273.15 = \underline{\underline{234.3\text{ K}}}$  [A2] (Deduct 1 mark if number of sig. figs is wrong)
  - (ii)  $119.3\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \Rightarrow 119.3\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} + 273.15 = \underline{\underline{392.5\text{ K}}}$  [A2] (Deduct 1 mark if number of sig. figs is wrong)
- g) State the chemical formula of each of the following compounds:
- (i) Perchloric acid  $\Rightarrow \text{HClO}_4$  [B2]
  - (ii) Phosphorus pentachloride  $\Rightarrow \text{PCl}_5$  [B2]

- h) Europium has two isotopes whose relative abundances are 48 % and 52 %. Given that the average atomic mass of Europium is 151.96 amu and the mass of an isotope with relative abundance of 52 % is 152.92 amu. Determine the mass of the isotope whose relative abundance is 48%.

Answer:

$$R.A.M = \frac{I_1 \times \% \text{ abundance} + I_2 \times \% \text{ abundance}}{100\%} \quad (1)$$

$$I_1 = y, \% = 48\%$$

$$I_2 = 152.92, \% = 52\%$$

$$R.A.M = 151.96$$

$$\therefore 151.96 = \frac{y \times 48\% + 152.92 \times 52\%}{100\%}$$

$$151.96 = \frac{48y + 7951.84}{100}$$

$$15196 = 48y + 7951.84$$

$$15196 - 7951.84 = 48y$$

$$\frac{7244.16}{48} = \frac{48y}{48}$$

$$y = 150.92$$

$\therefore$  the mass of the first isotope with percentage abundance 48% is 150.92 (2)

## QUESTION TWO (STOICHIOMETRY AND THE MOLE CONCEPT) [25 marks]

a). Compound A ( $Fe_xO_y$ ) comprises of 30.02% oxygen.

i. Determine the actual value of x and y

[4]

Ans:

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a)

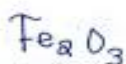
A ( $\text{Fe}_x\text{O}_y$ ).

$$\begin{aligned}\% \text{ of Fe} &= 100\% - 30.02\% \\ &= 69.98\%\end{aligned}$$

we assume that the compound comprises 30.02g of oxygen and 69.98g of Fe respectively.

Empirical formula.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}\text{Fe} & : & \text{O} \\ \hline \frac{69.98\text{g}}{55.8\text{g/mol}} & : & \frac{30.02\text{g}}{16.0\text{g/mol}} \\ \hline \frac{1.254181864}{1.254181864} & : & \frac{1.87625}{1.254181864} \\ & & 1 : 1.5 \\ & & [1 : \frac{3}{2}] \times 2 \\ & & 2 : 3\end{array}$$



$\therefore$  the values of x and y are  $x=2$  and  $y=3$  respectively.

b)

Systematic name: Iron (III) oxide.

ii. Write down the systematic name of compound A

[1]

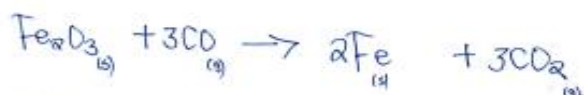
Ans:

Iron (III) oxide [1]

iii. If 50.0 g of compound A in (i) reacts with 40.0 g of carbon monoxide to produce iron metal and carbon dioxide gas, prove that compound A is a limiting reagent in this reaction. [10]

Ans:





$$n = \frac{m}{m_r}$$

$$n = \frac{50.0\text{g}}{159.6\text{g/mole}}$$

$$n = 0.313283208 \text{ moles}$$

$$n = 0.313283208 \text{ moles of Fe}_2\text{O}_3$$

$$n = \frac{m}{m_r}$$

$$= \frac{40.0\text{g}}{28.01\text{g/moles}}$$

$$= 1.428061407 \text{ moles of CO.}$$

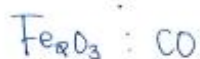
$$\Rightarrow \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 : \text{CO}$$

$$1 : 3$$

$$0.313283208 : y$$

$$y = 0.939849624 \text{ moles of CO needed.}$$

Since the number of moles of CO needed are less than the moles available, then CO is the excess reagent.



$$1 : 3$$

$$x : 1.428061407$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{1.428061407}{3}$$

$$x = 0.476020468 \text{ moles of Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \text{ needed}$$

Since the number of moles of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> available are less than the moles needed, therefore Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is the limiting reagent.

- a) 0.658 g of a compound containing only carbon, hydrogen and oxygen is burned in excess oxygen gas, 1.285 g of carbon dioxide and 0.658g of water are produced. If the molar of the compound is determined to be 90g/mol. Determine the molecular formula.

[10]

Ans:

d). mass of C =  $\frac{12.01 \text{ g/mole}}{44.01 \text{ g/mole}} \times 1.285 \text{ g}$   
 $= 0.350666893 \text{ g of C.}$

mass of H =  $\frac{2.02 \text{ g/mole}}{18.02 \text{ g/mole}} \times 0.658 \text{ g}$   
 $= 0.073760266 \text{ g of H.}$

mass of O present  
 in the sample =  $0.658 \text{ g} - (0.350666893 \text{ g} + 0.073760266 \text{ g})$   
 $= 0.658 \text{ g} - 0.424427159 \text{ g}$   
 $= 0.23357284 \text{ g of O.}$



Empirical formula.

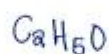
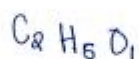
C : H : O

$$\frac{0.350666893 \text{ g}}{12.01 \text{ g/mole}} : \frac{0.073760966 \text{ g}}{1.01 \text{ g/mole}} : \frac{0.2357284 \text{ g}}{16 \text{ g/mole}}$$

$$\frac{0.029197909 \text{ moles}}{0.014598302 \text{ moles}} : \frac{0.073029966 \text{ moles}}{0.014598302} : \frac{0.014598302 \text{ moles}}{0.014598302 \text{ moles}}$$

$$2.00 : 5.00 : 1$$

$$2 : 5 : 1$$



$$n = \frac{\text{molar mass}}{\text{empirical mass}}$$

$$n = \frac{90 \text{ g/mol}}{45.07 \text{ g/mol}}$$

$$n = 2.00$$

$$\therefore \text{Molecular formula} = [\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O}]_2$$

$$= \text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$$

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## REACTIONS IN AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS (SOLUTIONS)

- a) Predict whether mixing each pair of the following solutions will result in the formation of a precipitate. If so, identify the precipitate.
- $\text{KOH}_{(\text{aq})}$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_{4(\text{aq})}$
  - $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_{3(\text{aq})}$  and  $\text{BaCl}_{2(\text{aq})}$
  - $\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_{2(\text{aq})}$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_{4(\text{aq})}$

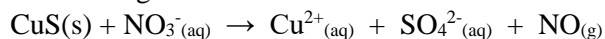
PAIR OF SOLUTIONS	PPT FORMS OR NOT	IDENTITY OF PPT	Marks
i. $\text{KOH}_{(\text{aq})}$ and $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_{4(\text{aq})}$	No ppt	-	1
ii. $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_{3(\text{aq})}$ and $\text{BaCl}_{2(\text{aq})}$	Precipitate forms	$\text{BaCO}_3$	2
iii. $\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_{2(\text{aq})}$ and $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_{4(\text{aq})}$	Precipitate forms	$\text{BaSO}_4$	2

b) Calculate the oxidation state of each of the following:

- Cr in  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$
- S in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

Question b(i)	Question b(ii)
Cr in $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$	S in $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
$2x + 7(-2) = -2$ $2x - 14 = -2$ $X = +6$ 2 marks	$2(+1) + x + 4(-2) = 0$ $2 + x - 8 = 0$ $X = +6$ 2 marks

c) Given the following reaction:



- Identify the oxidizing and reducing agents

Oxidizing Agent is  $\text{NO}_3^-$  (2 marks)

Reducing Agent is  $\text{CuS}$  (2 marks)

- Write the two half reaction equations specifying which one is the oxidation half reaction and which one is the reduction half reaction.

Oxidation Half-Reaction:  $\text{CuS(s)} \rightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})$  (2 marks)

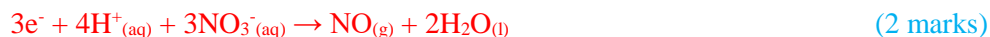
Reduction Half-Reaction:  $\text{NO}_3^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{NO(g)}$  (2 marks)

- Balance each of the two half reaction equations.

Balanced Oxidation Half-Reaction:



Balanced Reduction Half-Reaction



- Considering that the reaction is taking place in acidic medium Write the overall balanced equation for this redox reaction.

To balance the elections, multiply the oxidation reaction equation by 3 and the reduction reaction equation by 8 and then add the two new equations. (1 mark)



#### QUESTION 4: GASES (SOLUTIONS)

(25 MARKS)

- Gas laws help us to understand the behaviour of gases under different conditions of Temperature, pressure, and volume.

- State Boyle's Law

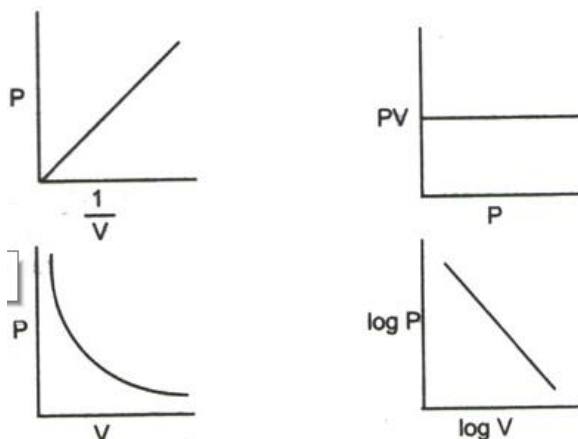
[1]

This law states that the pressure (P) of a fixed amount of gas is inversely proportional to the volume (V) for a given amount of gas at constant temperature

- Sketch a graph of pressure against volume for the law in (i)

[1]

Either of the following graphs is correct;



2. If 22.5 L of nitrogen at 748 mm Hg are compressed to 725 mm Hg at constant temperature.

i. What is the new volume?

[2]

$$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$$

$$(748 \text{ mmHg} \times 22.5 \text{ L}) = (725 \text{ mmHg} \times V_2)$$

$$V_2 = 23.2 \text{ L}$$

ii. What is the Volume in litres at STP of 50 g of nitrogen ( $\text{N}_2$ )? [2]

Volume of one mole of any gas at STP is 22.4 L

$$50 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{28.19 \text{ g}} \times \frac{22.4 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ mol}} = 39.8 \approx 40 \text{ L}$$

iii. State the gas laws applied in (i) and (ii) above.

[2]

i. Boyles Law

ii. Avogadro's Law

3. A mole of a gas at 450 K has a density of 1.41 g/dm<sup>3</sup> at 2.0 atm. What is the density of the gas at STP?

[4]

$$\frac{P_1}{T_1 d_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2 d_2}$$

Making  $d_2$  the subject of the formula yields

$$d_2 = \frac{T_1 d_1 P_2}{T_2 P_1} = \frac{450 \times 1.0 \times 1.41}{2 \times 273} \frac{\text{g}}{\text{dm}^3} = 1.16 \text{ g dm}^{-3}$$

4. Dalton, a renowned scientist talked about partial pressures in the atmosphere.

i. State the Dalton's law of partial pressures.

[2]

Dalton's partial pressure law states that when two or more gases that do not react chemically are enclosed in a vessel, the total pressure equals the sum of their partial pressures

ii. What is the partial pressure in the atmosphere?

[2]

At sea level, the atmospheric pressure is 760 mm Hg, the partial pressures of the various gases can be estimated to be varying for nitrogen, oxygen, argon etc.

5. At  $-18\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a 2L mixture of helium, nitrogen, and neon has a total pressure of 815 mmHg. What mass of neon is present in the mixture if the partial pressure of helium is 201 mmHg and the partial pressure of nitrogen is 351 mmHg? [9]

$$P_{\text{Total}} = 815 \text{ mmHg}$$

$$P_{\text{He}} = 201 \text{ mmHg}$$

$$P_{\text{N}} = 351 \text{ mmHg}$$

$$P_{\text{Total}} = P_{\text{He}} + P_{\text{N}} + P_{\text{Ne}} \quad [1]$$

$$P_{\text{Ne}} = 815 - 201 - 351 = 263 \text{ mmHg} = 0.346 \text{ atm} \quad [2]$$

Using the ideal gas law  $PV = nRT$ ;

$$T = 273 + (-18) = 255\text{K} \quad [1]$$

$$n = \frac{pV}{RT} = \frac{0.346 \text{ atm} \times 2 \text{ L}}{0.082 \frac{\text{L.atm}}{\text{mol.K}} \times 255\text{K}} \quad [2]$$

$$n = 0.03307 \text{ moles of Ne} \quad [1]$$

Converting moles into grams;

$$m = n \times Mr = 0.03307 \text{ mol} \times 20.18 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}} = 0.67 \text{ g} \quad [2]$$