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MOCK EXAMINATION

CHEMISTRY

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PAPER I

(100 Marks)

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Instructions

1. This paper contains **9** printed pages. **Please check.**
2. Answer all questions in all sections in the spaces provided.
3. Write your **Name / Examination Number** on top of each answer sheet you have used.
4. In the table provided to the right of this page tick against the question you have answered.
5. Use of electronic calculators is allowed.

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SECTION A (70 Marks)

Answer all the questions in the spaces provided in this section

1. a) State **two** branches of chemistry.

 _____(2 marks)

- b) Give **any two** differences between an element and a compound

 _____(4 marks)

- c) Define an isotope

(1 mark)

d) An atom of element X can be represented by the symbol ${}^{16}_6\text{X}$. If element X contains 70% of ${}^{16}\text{X}$ and 30% of ${}^{18}\text{X}$. Calculate the relative atomic mass.



(3 marks)

2. a) Write a balanced chemical equation for the reaction between sodium metal and oxygen to form sodium oxide.

(3 marks)

b) Explain why hexane has higher melting point than ethane

(2 marks)

c) State any two methods of separating mixtures.

(2 marks)

d) Explain why metals have high boiling and melting points.

(2 marks)

3. a) Describe any two effects of hard water in everyday life.

(4 marks)

b) Explain how phosphorus can improve food security.

(2 marks)

c) With the aid of a dot and cross diagram, draw the structure of methane molecule, CH_4 (C=6,

H=1)

(3 marks)

d) Define a condensation reaction

_____(1 mark)

4. Ammonia is an example of a strong base.

a) What is a “strong base”?

_____(1 mark)

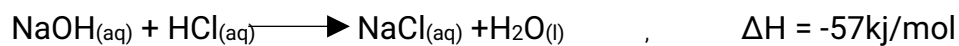
b) Write a chemical equation to show the ionization of ammonia in water

_____(3 marks)

c) Identify one conjugate acid base pair from the equation in 4b

_____(1 mark)

5. **a)** Draw an energy level diagram for the following chemical reaction.



(3 marks)

b) Is the reaction in 5(a) endothermic or exothermic?
_____ (1 mark)

c) Give a reason for the answer to 5(b)

_____ (2 marks)

d) What is the meaning of (aq) and (l) in the equation?

_____ (2 marks)

6. a) Table 1 shows atomic numbers and electron configuration of some elements

Table 1

Element	Atomic Number	Electron configuration
A	18	2, 8, 8
B	10	2, 8
C	20	2, 8, 8, 2
D	12	2, 8, 2
E	2	2
F	9	2, 7

i) Identify an element that comes first in period 2
_____ (1 mark)

ii) Which two elements can form positive ions?

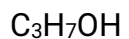
_____ (2 marks)

iii) Give a reason for the answer to 6a (ii)

_____ (2 marks)

b) What are hydrocarbons?
_____ (1 mark)

c) Figure below shows formula of some organic compounds A, B, C and D.



A



B



C



D

i) Which compounds are hydrocarbons?

_____(2 marks)

ii) Name compound A

_____(1 mark)

iii) Draw molecular structure of compound C.

(2 marks)

iv) Draw the structure of the two isomers of butane (C_4H_{10})

(2 marks)

7. a) The following is part of a reactivity series

Magnesium (Mg)

Aluminium (Al)

Zinc (Zn)

Iron (Fe)



Increasing reactivity

Copper (Cu)

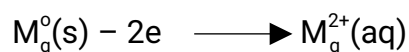
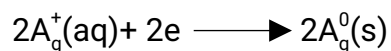
i) Which **two** elements will displace zinc (Zn) from its oxide?

_____(2 marks)

ii) Give a reason for your answer to 7a(i)

_____(1 mark)

b) The following are half equations for the reaction between magnesium (Mg) and Silver nitrate (AgNO₃):



i) Write a full chemical equation for the reaction

_____(2 marks)

ii) Name the reducing and oxidizing agents in 7b(i)

_____(2 marks)

8. a) Define air pollution

_____(1 mark)

b) List down any **two** common pollutants of air.

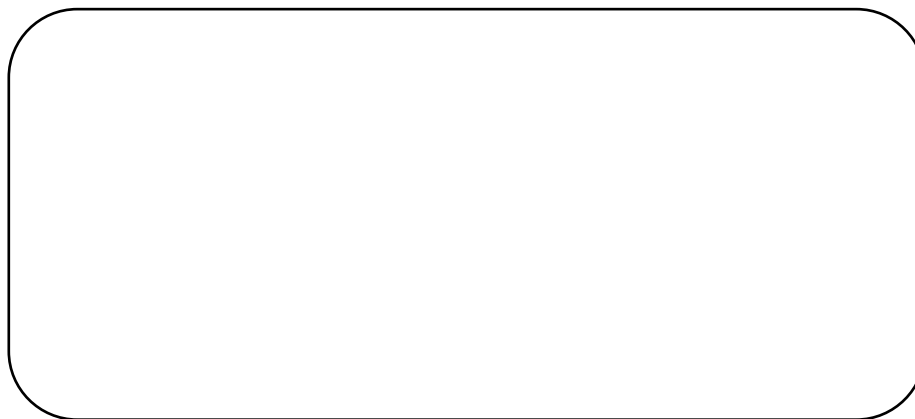
_____(2 marks)

c) Give any **three** major sources of wastes

_____(3 marks)

d) A hydrocarbon is found to contain 24g of carbon and 4g of hydrogen. Workout its

empirical formula.



(3 marks)

SECTION B (30 Marks)

✓ Answer all the questions in this section

9. With the aid pf a well labelled diagram, explain what happens during the electroplating of an iron nail with copper using copper chloride as electrolyte.



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10. Describe how you would prepare 250cm^3 of a 1.8M solution of sodium hydroxide, NaOH using sodium hydroxide pellets.

____(10 marks)

11. With the aid of a well labelled diagram, design an experiment to investigate the conditions necessary for rusting.

(10 marks)

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