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2021 MALAWI SCHOOL CERTIFICATE MOCK EXAMINATIONS

## CHEMISTRY

Tuesday, 10 August

Time Allowed: 2 hours  
(2: 00 – 4:00 pm)

### PAPER I THEORY (100 marks)

#### Instructions

1. This paper contains 10 printed pages. Please check.
2. Write your name and Examination Number at the top of each page.
3. This paper contains two sections A and B. In Section A there are short answer questions while in Section B there are restricted essay questions.
4. Answer all the ten questions in the spaces provided.
5. The maximum number of marks for each answer is indicated against each question.
6. In the table provided on this page, tick against the number of the question you have answered.

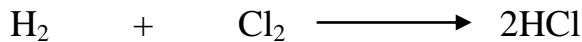
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**Section A (70 marks)**

Answer all the questions

1. a. Hydrogen gas ( $H_2$ ) and Chlorine ( $Cl_2$ ) gas react to form Hydrogen chloride (HCl).



If the total energy required to break the reactants bonds is 678kJ and total energy produced is 862kJ,

- i. is the reaction endothermic or exothermic?

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(1 mark)

- ii. Give a reason for the answer in 1.a. i.

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(1 mark)

- iii. Draw the energy level diagram for the reaction.



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- b. i. Explain how milk of magnesia regulates stomach pH.

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(3 marks)

- ii. Describe the amphoteric oxides.

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(2 marks)

- c. Hydrocarbon containing 92.3% Carbon and 7.7% Hydrogen by mass. Determine its empirical formula. (Hint: RAM C=12, H=1)

(4 marks)

2. a. i. Write half equations for the reaction between magnesium (Mg) and silver nitrate ( $\text{AgNO}_3$ ).

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(2 marks)

- ii. Name the reducing agent in 2. a. i.

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- b. i. Define “electron configuration”.

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(1 mark)

- ii. Describe the metallic bonding.

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- c. i. Mention any two similarities between carbon diamond and silicon dioxide.

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(2 marks)

ii. Explain why steels are used in constructions.

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(3 marks)

d. i. What is a heterogeneous mixture?

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(1 mark)

ii. Describe how a mixture of sand and salt can be separated.

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3. a. i. What is the difference between precision and accuracy of an experimental result?

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(2 marks)

ii. State any one way of disposing flammable wastes.

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(1 mark)

b. **Figure 2** is a setup for an experiment to test the presence of hydrogen gas.

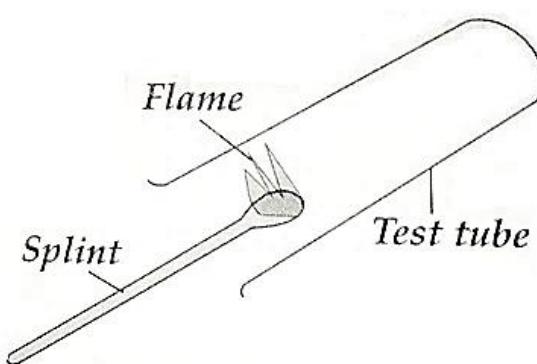


Figure 2

i. Why the production of popping sound indicates the presence of hydrogen gas?  
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ii. Write a chemical equation for the reaction in the test tube.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2 marks)

c. i. Explain how impurities affect the boiling point of a substance.

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(2 marks)

ii. Write  $0.075 \times 10^6$  moles in a standard form.

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(1 mark)

iii. Explain how the boiling point can be used to determine the purity of a substance.

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4. a. i. What are green – house gases.

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ii. Describe how ion – exchange method is applied to soften hard water.

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(4 marks)

5. a. i. State any two natural sources of organic compounds.

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(2 marks)

- ii. With relevant examples, differentiate saturated hydrocarbons from unsaturated hydrocarbons.

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(2 marks)

- b. i. Draw a molecular structure of a tertiary alcohol with 5 carbons.

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- ii. Explain why only small alkanols dissolve in water.

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(3 marks)

6. a. **Figure 1** is the skeletal formula of an organic compound.



Figure 1

- i. Name the compound.

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(1 mark)

- ii. Write the molecular formula of this compound.

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(1 mark)

- iii. In which homogenous series is the compound?

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(1 mark)

- b. Draw all the isomers of butane ( $C_4H_{10}$ ).

(2 marks)

7. a. i. Explain how nuclear charge affects atomic radius.

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(2 marks)

- ii. Explain how nitrogen can be used to preserve food in plastic containers.

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(3 marks)

- b. **Table 1** shows ionisation energies of Beryllium (Be).

IONIZATION ENERGY NUMBER	ENTHALPY (kJ/mol)
1 <sup>st</sup>	899
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 800
3 <sup>rd</sup>	14 390

**Table 1**

- i. What is an ionisation energy?

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- ii. Explain the reasons for the trend shown in the ionisation of Beryllium.

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(3 marks)

## **Section B (30 marks)**

## Answer all the questions

- 8. a.** Describe fractional distillation as a means of separating petroleum components.

(5 marks)

- b. Describe how aldehydes can be distinguished from ketones using silver mirror method.

(5 marks)

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9. With an aid of a diagram(s) describe how the sodium chloride salt can be prepared from sodium hydroxide and dilute hydrochloric acid.

(10 marks)

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10. With the aid of a well labelled diagram, describe an experiment that could be done to distinguish a strong base from a weak base using conductivity apparatus.

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