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## Scholarship 2009 Chemistry

9.30 am Saturday 28 November 2009

Time allowed: Three hours

Total marks: 48

Check that the National Student Number (NSN) on your admission slip is the same as the number at the top of this page.

You should answer ALL the questions in this booklet.

A periodic table is provided on page 2 of this booklet.

Write all your answers in this booklet.

If you need more space for any answer, use the page(s) provided at the back of this booklet and clearly number the question.

Check that this booklet has pages 2–25 in the correct order and that none of these pages is blank.

You are advised to spend approximately 30 minutes on each question.

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# PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS

Atomic Number		Molar Mass/g mol <sup>−1</sup>																																																							
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3 Li 6.9	4 Be 9.0	11 Na 23.0	12 Mg 24.3	19 K 39.1	20 Ca 40.1	21 Sc 45.0	22 Ti 47.9	23 V 50.9	24 Cr 52.0	25 Mn 54.9	26 Fe 55.9	27 Co 58.9	28 Ni 58.7	29 Cu 63.5	30 Zn 65.4	31 Ga 69.7	32 Ge 72.6	33 As 74.9	34 Se 79.0	35 Br 79.9	36 Kr 83.8	37 Rb 85.5	38 Sr 87.6	39 Y 88.9	40 Zr 91.2	41 Nb 92.9	42 Mo 95.9	43 Tc 98.9	44 Ru 101	45 Rh 103	46 Pd 106	47 Ag 108	48 Cd 112	49 In 115	50 Sn 119	51 Sb 122	52 Te 128	53 I 127	54 Xe 131	55 Cs 133	56 Ba 137	71 Lu 175	72 Hf 179	73 Ta 181	74 W 184	75 Re 186	76 Os 190	77 Ir 192	78 Pt 195	79 Au 197	80 Hg 201	81 Tl 204	82 Pb 207	83 Bi 209	84 Po 210	85 At 210	86 Rn 222
87 Fr 223	88 Ra 226	103 Lr 262	104 Rf 261	105 Db 262	106 Sg 263	107 Bh 264	108 Hs 265	109 Mt 268																																																	

Lanthanide Series	57	<b>La</b>	139	58	<b>Ce</b>	140	59	<b>Pr</b>	141	60	<b>Nd</b>	144	61	<b>Pm</b>	147	62	<b>Sm</b>	150	63	<b>Eu</b>	152	64	<b>Gd</b>	157	65	<b>Tb</b>	159	66	<b>Dy</b>	163	67	<b>Ho</b>	165	68	<b>Er</b>	167	69	<b>Tm</b>	169	70	<b>Yb</b>	173
	89	<b>Ac</b>	227	90	<b>Th</b>	232	91	<b>Pa</b>	231	92	<b>U</b>	238	93	<b>Np</b>	237	94	<b>Pu</b>	239	95	<b>Am</b>	241	96	<b>Cm</b>	244	97	<b>Bk</b>	249	98	<b>Cf</b>	251	99	<b>Es</b>	252	100	<b>Fm</b>	257	101	<b>Md</b>	258	102	<b>No</b>	259

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- (iii) Upon standing for several days at low temperature, phosphorus pentahalide compounds convert to isomeric ionic solids.

In crystalline  $\text{PBr}_4\text{Cl}$ , only one of the two ions formed contains phosphorus.

Predict the formulae of the ions in solid  $\text{PBr}_4\text{Cl}$ , and justify your answer.

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(a) Titanium is a Group 4 transition metal. There are three different chlorides of titanium:  $\text{TiCl}_2$ ,  $\text{TiCl}_3$  and  $\text{TiCl}_4$ . One of these chlorides, **A**, is a solid that dissolves in water to produce a mildly acidic purple solution. On standing in the presence of air, the colour of this solution fades, and a white solid,  $\text{TiO}_2$ , is formed. The chlorides **B** and **C** are very reactive toward water. **B** is a liquid and reacts to produce a strongly acidic solution and  $\text{TiO}_2$ . **C** reacts with acidified water to produce a purple solution and hydrogen gas.

- Justify your answers using the properties of transition metals, including the colours and reactions outlined above, and/or by analogy with the chemistry of other transition metals. Include balanced equations for the reactions described.

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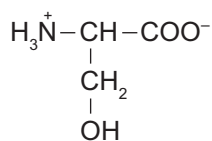


(a) (i) The structural formula of the amino acid glycine can sometimes be written as  $\text{H}_3\text{N}^+\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^-$  (a zwitterion) and sometimes as  $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{COOH}$ .

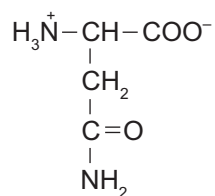
Explain which structure is more appropriate, taking into account functional group chemistry and the fact that glycine is a crystalline solid that has a melting point of 233°C.

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- (ii) The amino acids serine and asparagine have the zwitterion structures shown below.



serine



asparagine

These amino acids can be linked to form two different dipeptides.

Discuss how the structures of these dipeptides change as the pH of the aqueous solutions change from highly acidic, through neutral, to highly basic.

Include structural formulae in your answer.

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- Discuss how each of these two processes is involved in preparing and isolating pure samples of the organic products.

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- (c) Compound **A** has the formula  $C_9H_{18}O_3$ .

When compound **A** is refluxed with dilute sulfuric acid, it forms compound **B**,  $C_6H_{12}O_3$  and compound **C**,  $C_3H_8O$ . Both compounds **B** and **C** react with acidified potassium dichromate to produce compounds **D**,  $C_6H_{10}O_3$  and **E**,  $C_3H_6O$  respectively. Neither compound **D** nor **E** reacts with Tollens' reagent.

When compound **B** is reacted with concentrated sulfuric acid, it produces THREE structural isomers **F**, **G** and **H**, of molecular formula  $C_6H_{10}O_2$ , all of which are optically active. **F** exists as geometrical isomers, but **G** does not. Both **F** and **G** decolourise a solution of bromine, **H** does not.

Give the structural formulae for compounds **A** to **H** that are consistent with the information above.

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**QUESTION FOUR (8 marks)**

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- (a) Models are representations used to explain observed phenomena.

A model useful for describing the physical properties of Group 18 elements views the particles of these elements as individual atoms.

In contrast, various properties of metals, both in solid and liquid form, can be explained by a model that views the structure of the metal as cations submerged in a “sea of electrons”. In this model, the “electron sea” consists of valence electrons moving freely throughout the metal structure.

The table below shows the melting points (mp) and boiling points (bp) for selected elements in Groups 1 and 18 of the periodic table.

1	2		13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Li</b> mp: 180°C bp: 1342°C	<b>Be</b>							<b>Ne</b> mp: -249°C bp: -246°C
<b>Na</b> mp: 98°C bp: 883°C	<b>Mg</b>							<b>Ar</b> mp: -189°C bp: -186°C
<b>K</b> mp: 63°C bp: 760°C	<b>Ca</b>							<b>Kr</b> mp: -157°C bp: -152°C
<b>Rb</b> mp: 39°C bp: 686°C	<b>Sr</b>							<b>Xe</b> mp: -112°C bp: -108°C

- (i) Explain the trend in boiling points of the Group 18 elements.
- (ii) Discuss how each of the statements below is evidence for the different models described above.
- The boiling point of a Group 18 element is significantly lower than the boiling point of the Group 1 element with the next higher atomic number.*
  - The **difference** between the boiling point and the melting point of a Group 1 metal, such as sodium, is much larger than the **difference** between the boiling point and melting point of a Group 18 element, such as argon.*
- (iii) Predict, using the “electron sea” model described above, how the boiling points for the Group 1 metals would compare with those for the Group 2 metals.

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	<b>Bond Enthalpy / kJ mol<sup>-1</sup></b>
C–F	485
C–Cl	328

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(a) When silver ions are dissolved in an aqueous ammonia solution, complex ions of  $\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2^+(aq)$  form. The formation of  $\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2^+(aq)$  occurs in two steps that are represented by the equations below, together with the corresponding equilibrium constant for each reaction.



Use the values of the equilibrium constants to identify the major species in this solution at equilibrium, and hence calculate the concentrations in mol L<sup>-1</sup> of the Ag<sup>+</sup>, Ag(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> and Ag(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ions.

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- (b) 15.35 g of a mixture of sodium nitrate,  $\text{NaNO}_3$ , and magnesium nitrate,  $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ , was heated until no more gases were evolved. The  $\text{NaNO}_3$  decomposes giving sodium nitrite,  $\text{NaNO}_2$ , and oxygen gas, while the  $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  decomposes to give the metal oxide, nitrogen dioxide and oxygen. The water-soluble part of the residue produced on heating was used to prepare 1.00 L of solution. 10.00 mL of this solution was reacted with 20.00 mL of 0.0200 mol  $\text{L}^{-1}$  acidified potassium permanganate (which oxidises nitrite to nitrate). The excess potassium permanganate required 10.25 mL of 0.0500 mol  $\text{L}^{-1}$  oxalic acid,  $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ , for complete reaction in which oxalic acid is oxidised to form  $\text{CO}_2$ .

Write balanced equations for all of the reactions occurring above, and hence calculate the mass, in grams, of each metal nitrate present in the original mixture.

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Three flasks contain aqueous solutions of the **same pH**. One of the solutions is  $0.0010 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  nitric acid, one is  $0.0060 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  methanoic acid ( $\text{HCOOH}$ ) and one is  $0.040 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  anilinium hydrochloride ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}$ ).

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- (b) The three acid solutions in part (a) are diluted by a factor of 10.

Discuss the change in both the pH of each of the solutions and the concentrations of the species present.

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