

Semester 1 Examination 2016

**Question/Answer Booklet** 



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This Question/Answer Booklet Multiple-choice Answer Sheet Chemistry Data Book

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## Structure of this paper

| Section                              | Number of<br>questions<br>available | Number of<br>questions to<br>be answered | Suggested<br>working time<br>(minutes) | Marks<br>available | Percentage of exam |
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| Section One:<br>Multiple-choice      | 25                                  | 25                                       | 50                                     | /50                | /25                |
| Section Two:<br>Short answer         | 9                                   | 9  | 60                                     | /70                | /35                |
| Section Three:<br>Extended<br>answer | 6                                   | 6  | 70                                     | /80                | /40                |
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Instructions to candidates

1. Answer the questions according to the following instructions.

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### Section One: Multiple-choice

25% (50 marks)

This section has **25** questions. Answer **all** questions on the separate Multiple-choice Answer Sheet provided. For each question, shade the box to indicate your answer. Use only a blue or black pen to shade the boxes. If you make a mistake, place a cross through that square then shade your new answer. Do not erase or use correction fluid/tape. Marks will not be deducted for incorrect answers. No marks will be given if more than one answer is completed for any question.

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Suggested working time: 50 minutes.

1. When a candle burns, there are many different chemical processes occurring. Firstly the solid candle wax  $(C_{46}H_{92}O_2)$  is melted by the heat of the flame. This liquid wax is then drawn up the wick, where the heat of the flame vaporises it. The wax vapour then burns in air to produce the heat and light seen. The equation below represents the physical changes taking place in the candle wax **before** combustion occurs.

 $\begin{array}{cccc} \textbf{A} & \textbf{B} \\ C_{46}H_{92}O_{2\,(s)} &\rightleftharpoons & C_{46}H_{92}O_{2\,(l)} &\rightleftharpoons & C_{46}H_{92}O_{2\,(g)} \end{array}$ 

Classify the processes labelled A and B as endothermic or exothermic.

|     | Α           | В           |
|-----|-------------|-------------|
| (a) | endothermic | endothermic |
| (b) | endothermic | exothermic  |
| (c) | exothermic  | exothermic  |
| (d) | exothermic  | endothermic |

2. Consider the information in the table below regarding three different monoprotic acids.

| Acid              | Ka                      |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Formic acid       | 1.82 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> |
| Hydrofluoric acid | 6.76 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> |
| Propionic acid    | 1.35 x 10⁻⁵             |

If separate 0.5 mol L<sup>-1</sup> solutions of these three acids were tested with a pH meter, at the same temperature, which would have the highest pH?

- (a) Formic acid.
- (b) Hydrofluoric acid.
- (c) Propionic acid.
- (d) More information is required.
- 3. Which of the following statements regarding a 'salt bridge' is **not** correct?
  - (a) A salt bridge allows ions to move between half-cells.
  - (b) A salt bridge prevents build up of charge in half-cells.
  - (c) A salt bridge is an optional component of a galvanic cell.
  - (d) A salt bridge takes no part in the chemical reaction occurring in either half-cell.

## Questions 4 and 5 refer to the information below.

The Haber process is the final step in the production of ammonia. It involves the reaction of nitrogen and hydrogen gases in the presence of an iron/iron oxide catalyst. This process is carried out at 350-550 °C and 15-35 MPa. The reaction can be represented by the equation below.

$$N_{2(g)}$$
 +  $3 H_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 2 NH_{3(g)}$ 

4. Which statement is **not** correct regarding the action of a catalyst?

| (a) | A catalyst increases the rate of reaction. |
|-----|--|
|-----|--|

- (b) A catalyst increases the average kinetic energy of the reactant particles.
- (c) A catalyst allows a greater proportion of particles to react.
- (d) A catalyst provides an alternate reaction pathway.
- 5. The iron/iron oxide catalyst is added to this system **before** it establishes equilibrium. What is the resulting effect?
  - (a) Both forward and reverse reactions would be favoured equally.
  - (b) The forward reaction rate would be increased more than the reverse reaction rate.
  - (c) The system would establish equilibrium faster.
  - (d) The yield of  $NH_3$  would be increased.
- 6. A student had five different 0.2 mol L<sup>-1</sup> solutions on her lab bench. They were;
  - nitric acid, HNO<sub>3 (aq)</sub>
  - zinc chloride, ZnCl<sub>2 (aq)</sub>
  - lithium hydrogencarbonate, LiHCO<sub>3 (aq)</sub>
  - potassium hydroxide, KOH (aq)
  - ammonium chloride, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (aq)

Rank these solutions in order of **increasing** pH (i.e. lowest to highest).

| (a) | HNO <sub>3</sub> | < | NH <sub>4</sub> CI | < | ZnCl <sub>2</sub>  | < | LiHCO <sub>3</sub> | < | KOH              |
|-----|------------------|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|------------------|
| (b) | KOH              | < | NH₄CI              | < | ZnCl <sub>2</sub>  | < | LiHCO₃             | < | HNO <sub>3</sub> |
| (c) | HNO₃             | < | LiHCO <sub>3</sub> | < | NH₄CI              | < | ZnCl <sub>2</sub>  | < | KOH              |
| (d) | KOH              | < | ZnCl <sub>2</sub>  | < | LiHCO <sub>3</sub> | < | NH <sub>4</sub> Cl | < | HNO <sub>3</sub> |

7. Consider the following reaction between cobalt metal and hydrochloric acid.

 $Co_{(s)} \hspace{.1in} \textbf{+} \hspace{.1in} 2 \hspace{.1in} H^{\scriptscriptstyle +}_{(aq)} \hspace{.1in} \rightarrow \hspace{.1in} Co^{2 \textbf{+}}_{(aq)} \hspace{.1in} \textbf{+} \hspace{.1in} H_{2\,(g)}$ 

Which of the following statements is correct?

| (a) Electror | is are transferred from C | Co <sub>(s)</sub> to H <sup>+</sup> <sub>(aq)</sub> . |
|--------------|---------------------------|---|
|--------------|---------------------------|---|

- (b) Electrons are transferred from  $H^+_{(aq)}$  to Co  $_{(s)}$ .
- (c) Both Co  $_{(s)}$  and H<sup>+</sup> $_{(aq)}$  will each gain and lose some electrons.
- (d) Electrons are not transferred, as this is not a redox reaction.

## Questions 8, 9 and 10 refer to the following information.

Consider the following equilibrium system, which is formed when solid white phosphorus reacts with fluorine gas to form phosphorus trifluoride vapour.

$$P_{4(s)}$$
 + 6  $F_{2(g)}$   $\rightleftharpoons$  4  $PF_{3(g)}$ 

8. What is the correct equilibrium constant (K) expression for the following reaction?

(a) 
$$K = [P_4][F_2]^6$$
  
 $[PF_3]^4$   
(b)  $K = \frac{4[PF_3]}{6[F_2]}$   
(c)  $K = [PF_3]^4$   
 $[F_2]^6$ 

(d) 
$$K = \frac{[PF_3]^4}{[P_4][F_2]^6}$$

- 9. If the total volume of the system was increased, which of the following effects would **not** occur while equilibrium is being re-established?
  - (a) The forward reaction rate would decrease.
  - (b) The reverse reaction rate would be higher than the forward reaction rate.
  - (c) The reverse reaction rate would increase.
  - (d) The forward reaction rate would have the greater change in rate.
- 10. Once the system has re-established equilibrium (after the increase in total volume), which of the following statements would **not** be correct?

|  | (a | ) TI | he r | nass ( | of I | P <sub>4(s)</sub> | would | l not | have | changed. |  |
|--|----|------|------|--------|------|-------------------|-------|-------|------|----------|--|
|--|----|------|------|--------|------|-------------------|-------|-------|------|----------|--|

- (b) The concentration of  $F_{2(g)}$  would have decreased.
- (c) The number of moles of  $PF_{3(g)}$  present would have decreased.
- (d) The number of moles of  $F_{2(g)}$  present would have increased.
- 11. The endothermic auto-ionisation of water can be represented by the equation below.

 $H_2O_{(1)} + H_2O_{(1)} + heat \Rightarrow H_3O^+_{(aq)} + OH^-_{(aq)}$   $K_w = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} at 25 °C$ 

If the temperature of pure water was raised to 50  $^\circ\text{C},$  which of the following statements are <code>correct</code>?

- (i) The concentration of  $H_3O^+_{(aq)}$  would be greater than 1.0 x 10<sup>-7</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>.
- (ii) The concentration of  $OH_{(aq)}^{-}$  would be lower than 1.0 x 10<sup>-7</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>.
- (iii) The value of K<sub>w</sub> would increase.
- (iv) The pH of the water would increase.
- (v) The acidity of the water would increase.
- (a) (i) and (ii) only
- (b) (iii) and (iv) only
- (c) (i), (iii) and (v) only
- (d) (i) and (iii) only

- 12. The pH of an aqueous solution is found to be 12.00. Which of the following solutions is consistent with this observation?
  - 1.00 x  $10^{-12}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup> sodium hydroxide. 5.00 x  $10^{-3}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup> barium hydroxide. 1.00 x  $10^{-12}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup> nitric acid. (a)
  - (b)
  - (c)
  - $1.00 \times 10^{-1}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup> potassium hydroxide. (d)
- 13. Calculate the pH of a solution formed by mixing 10.0 mL of 0.125 mol L<sup>-1</sup> nitric acid, HNO<sub>3</sub>(aq), with 90.0 mL of water.
  - 2.90 (a)
  - (b) 1.86
  - (C) 0.90
  - 1.90 (d)
- 14. Consider the following electrochemical cells:



The polarities of the electrodes indicate that the strongest reducing agent present is:

| (a) | Ni <sub>(s)</sub>     |
|-----|-----------------------|
| (b) | Ni <sup>2+</sup> (aq) |
| (c) | $Br_{2(aq)}$          |

(d) Br <sub>(aq)</sub> 6

15. Examine the following energy profile diagrams which represent four different chemical processes. You may assume the scale on the y-axis is the same for each diagram.



Considering the forward and reverse activation energies of these reactions, which is **most likely** to be a reversible reaction (i.e. the reaction that is most likely to proceed in both the forward and reverse directions)?

(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D

# Questions 16 and 17 refer to the information below.

An acid-base titration was conducted by a chemistry professor, with the pH being monitored throughout the experiment. From the data collected, the following titration curve was produced.



Addition of burette reagent

16. Which of the following arrangements could have produced this titration curve?

|     | Burette reagent       | Conical flask reagent                |
|-----|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (a) | HNO <sub>3 (aq)</sub> | KOH (aq)                             |
| (b) | NH <sub>3 (aq)</sub>  | HCI (aq)                             |
| (c) | NaOH (aq)             | CH <sub>3</sub> COOH (aq)            |
| (d) | HCI (aq)              | Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3 (aq)</sub> |

17. Which letter represents the equivalence point of the titration?

| (a) | Α |
|-----|---|
| (b) | B |
| (c) | С |
| (d) | D |

## Questions 18 and 19 refer to the following information.

Consider the following equilibrium which is formed between iron(III) ions and citrate ions, when 50 mL of iron(III) nitrate,  $Fe(NO_3)_3(aq)$ , is mixed with 50 mL of sodium citrate,  $Na_3C_6H_5O_7(aq)$ .

 $\begin{array}{rcl} \mbox{Fe}^{3+}_{(aq)} & + & C_6 \mbox{H}_5 \mbox{O}_7^{3-}_{(aq)} & \rightleftharpoons & \mbox{Fe} \mbox{C}_6 \mbox{H}_5 \mbox{O}_{7(aq)} & \mbox{K} = 6.3 \ x \ 10^{11} \ at \ 25 \ ^\circ \mbox{C} \\ \mbox{very pale brown} & \mbox{colourless} & \mbox{yellow} \end{array}$ 

18. If this system was allowed to establish equilibrium at 25 °C, which of the following would be the **best prediction** of the appearance of the system?

| <mark>(a)</mark> | The solution would appear yellow.               |
|------------------|---|
| (b)              | The solution would appear brown-yellow.         |
| (c)              | The solution would appear very pale brown.      |
| (d)              | The colour of the solution cannot be predicted. |

19. If a few drops of citric acid ( $C_6H_8O_7$ ) were added to this equilibrium system, which of the following gives the expected result?

|     | Favoured direction | New concentration of Fe <sup>3+</sup> (aq) |
|-----|--------------------|--|
| (a) | forward            | increased                                  |
| (b) | forward            | decreased                                  |
| (c) | reverse            | increased                                  |
| (d) | reverse            | decreased                                  |

#### Questions 20 and 21 refer to the following information.

The equation for the complete combustion of butanol is shown below.

 $C_4 H_{10} O_{\ (l)} \ \ + \ \ 6 \ O_{2 \ (g)} \ \ \rightarrow \ \ 4 \ CO_{2 \ (g)} \ \ + \ \ 5 \ H_2 O_{\ (l)}$ 

20. How does the oxidation number of the element carbon (C) change during this reaction?

| (a) | +2 to +4 |
|-----|----------|
| (b) | -2 to +2 |
| (C) | -2 to +4 |
| (d) | +2 to 0  |

- 21. Which of the following statements regarding combustion is not correct?
  - (a) Combustion requires oxygen.
  - (b) Combustion is exothermic.
  - (c) Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) is the oxidant/oxidising agent.
  - (d) Combustion is spontaneous.

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22. Consider the buffer solution shown below.

 $HF_{(aq)}$  +  $H_2O_{(l)}$   $\rightleftharpoons$   $F_{(aq)}$  +  $H_3O_{(aq)}$ 

Which of the following would be **true** after the addition of a small amount of  $H_3O^+_{(aq)}$  to the buffer solution?

- (a) The forward reaction rate would decrease.
- (b) The amount of HF present in the system would increase.
- (c) The pH of the system would increase.
- (d) The forward reaction would be favoured.
- 23. In standardising a sodium hydroxide solution by titrating 20.00 mL aliquots against a standard hydrochloric acid solution, a student experienced difficulty in obtaining consistent values for the volume of acid added.

Which of the following sequential steps could be responsible for this lack of precision?

- (a) The burette was cleaned and rinsed thoroughly with the standard acid solution before being filled.
- (b) Several 250 mL conical flasks were washed, and rinsed thoroughly with the sodium hydroxide solution.
- (c) A clean pipette was rinsed with the sodium hydroxide solution and a 20.0 mL aliquot was carefully pipetted into each conical flask.
- (d) To each flask in turn, standard hydrochloric acid solution was added with care from the burette until the end point was observed, and the volume added was recorded.
- 24. In which of the following does the oxidation number of an element decrease by 3?

| (a) | NO                   | $\rightarrow$ | $NO_3^-$          |
|-----|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| (b) | MnO <sub>2</sub>     | $\rightarrow$ | MnO₄ <sup>−</sup> |
| (c) | $PH_4^+$             | $\rightarrow$ | Р                 |
| (d) | CrO₄ <sup>2−</sup> - | $\rightarrow$ | Cr <sup>3+</sup>  |

- 25. Pieces of four different metals J, L, M and N were separately placed into four solutions containing J<sup>2+</sup>, L<sup>2+</sup>, M<sup>2+</sup> and N<sup>2+</sup> ions respectively and the observations listed below:
  - I Metal L remained unchanged in all four solutions.
  - II Displacement reactions were observed when metal M was placed in solutions of  $L^{2+}$  and  $J^{2+}$ , but not in  $N^{2+}$ .

Which of the following electrochemical cells would produce the largest cell potential?

| (a) | L/I | _2+ | // | N <sup>2+</sup> | / N |
|-----|-----|-----|----|-----------------|-----|
|     |     | -   |    | -               |     |

(b) M / M<sup>2+</sup> // J<sup>2+</sup> / J

- (c)  $J / J^{2+} // L^{2+} / L$
- (d) L / L<sup>2+</sup> // M<sup>2+</sup> / M

End of Section One See next page Section Two: Short answer

35% (70 marks)

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#### Question 26

## (6 marks)

Arsenic acid  $(H_3AsO_4)$  can be produced by reacting solid arsenic trioxide  $(As_2O_3)$  with nitric acid. This produces arsenic acid, as well as the gaseous by-product dinitrogen trioxide.

Write the oxidation and reduction half-equations and the overall redox equation for this reaction, assuming acidic conditions.

| Oxidation half-<br>equation | $As_2O_3 + 5 H_2O \rightarrow 2 H_3AsO_4 + 4 H^+ + 4 e^-$ (2)  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Reduction half-<br>equation | $2 \text{ NO}_3^- + 6 \text{ H}^+ + 4 \text{ e}^- \rightarrow \text{N}_2\text{O}_3 + 3 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \qquad (2) \\ \text{OR} \\ 2 \text{ HNO}_3 + 4 \text{ H}^+ + 4 \text{ e}^- \rightarrow \text{N}_2\text{O}_3 + 3 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \qquad (1)$ |
| Overall redox<br>equation   | $As_{2}O_{3} + 2 H_{2}O + 2 NO_{3}^{-} + 2 H^{+} \rightarrow 2 H_{3}AsO_{4} + N_{2}O_{3}  (2)$<br>OR<br>$As_{2}O_{3} + 2 H_{2}O + 2 HNO_{3} \rightarrow 2 H_{3}AsO_{4} + N_{2}O_{3}  (2)$  |

Litmus is a very common acid-base indicator which is extracted from lichens. It turns red in solutions that have a pH below 7 and blue when the pH is above 7. The substance responsible for the colour of litmus indicator is called 7-hydroxyphenoxazone. The structure of this molecule is shown below in its 'red form'.



A simplified way to express this molecule is H*Lit*. This simplified notation is used in the equation below to demonstrate the reaction that litmus undergoes to change colour.

 $\begin{array}{rrrr} \text{HLit}_{(aq)} & + & \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(I)} & \rightleftharpoons & \text{Lit}^{-}_{(aq)} & + & \text{H}_3\text{O}^{+}_{(aq)} \\ \text{red} & & \text{blue} \end{array}$ 

- (a) Explain how litmus indicator works. With reference to acid-base equilibria, explain the colour changes observed in acidic and basic solution. (3 marks)
  - litmus works because the acidic / protonated form is a different colour (red) than the basic / deprotonated form (blue)
  - In acidic solution the reverse reaction is favoured due to presence of protons/hydrogen ions/hydronium ions and protonated ie. red form of litmus dominates
  - In basic solution the equilibrium shifts to the right due to the presence of hydroxide ions and the blue form dominates
- (b) Draw the 'blue form' of 7-hydroxyphenoxazone.

(1 mark)



A student wishing to investigate the oxidising strength of various metals set up an electrochemical cell made up of a copper rod immersed in a solution of copper(II) sulfate and a magnesium rod immersed in a solution of magnesium nitrate. The apparatus used is shown in the diagram below.



| (b) | By adding an arrow to the diagram, show the direction of electron flow in the external circuit. | (1 mark) |
|-----|---|----------|
| (c) | On the diagram show the movement of ions across the salt bridge                                 | (1 mark) |

(d) Give the half equation for the reaction occurring at the positive electrode. (1 mark)

Cu<sup>2+</sup> + 2 e<sup>-</sup> --> Cu

| (e) Identify the reducing agent (reductant) in the cell. | (1 mark) |
|--|----------|
|--|----------|

#### Magnesium

(f) The initial voltage measured in the cell was higher than the 2.70 V that the student had expected to measure. Give **one** possible reason for this observation. (1 mark)

Cell voltage of 2.70 V based on Standard conditions(0.5)May not be 1 mol/L solution concentrations or 25 C(0.5)

 (g) Describe an observation that would be expected to be made in the copper half-cell whilst the experiment was taking place. (1 mark) Either of:

Blue ! colour of solution fades

Formation of salmon pink solid on the metal cathode

(h) The student weighed both electrodes before and after the experiment, and found that one had increased in mass by 0.253 g. Calculate the mass lost from the other electrode.

(3 marks)

| Cathode (copper increases in mass):<br>n(Cu) = 0.253 g/63.55 = 0.003981 mol |                                |     |  |
|---|--------------------------------|-----|--|
| Cu <sup>2+</sup> + Mg> Mg <sup>2+</sup> + Cu                                | Therefore: 1 mol Cu = 1 mol Mg | (1) |  |

 $m(Mg) = n \times M = 0.003981 \times 24.31 = 0.097 g$  (1)

(9 marks)

Consider the following closed equilibrium system, which has been allowed to establish equilibrium at a temperature of 600 °C. The value of K for this reaction at 600 °C is 7.94 x  $10^{-7}$ .

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$$2 Cu_2O_{(s)} \rightleftharpoons 4 Cu_{(s)} + O_{2(g)}$$

(a) Write an equilibrium constant (K) expression for this reaction. (1 mark)

K = [O<sub>2</sub>]

Some additional  $O_{2(g)}$  is injected into this equilibrium system at 600 °C. The system was then allowed to re-establish equilibrium.

(b) How has the mass of Cu(s) present changed in this new equilibrium? (circle) (1 mark)

increased decreased no change

- (c) At this new equilibrium, state the concentration of  $O_{2(g)}$ , in mol L<sup>-1</sup>. Explain your answer. (2 marks)
  - concentration of O<sub>2</sub> is 7.94 x 10<sup>-7</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>
  - since temperature has not changed, the value of K has not changed; value of K only depends on concentration of O<sub>2</sub>, therefore concentration of O<sub>2</sub> must have readjusted back to original level
- (d) A small amount of Cu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>(s)</sub> was then added to this equilibrium system. Explain how this would affect the equilibrium position. (2 marks)
  - no effect
  - solids have no measurable 'concentration' so addition or removal of a solid has no impact on equilibrium
- (e) At 800 °C, the value of K for this reaction is  $3.16 \times 10^{-5}$ . What does this tell you about the enthalpy change ( $\Delta$ H) for this reaction? Explain your answer. (3 marks)
  - the value of K has increased which indicates more products are present
  - this means the forward reaction must be favoured with the addition of heat
  - therefore the forward reaction is endothermic, ie  $\Delta H$  is positive

- (a) Explain what is meant when oxalic acid is referred to as a 'weak, diprotic acid'. Use relevant chemical equations to support your answer. (4 marks)
  - 'weak' indicates ionisation of oxalic acid does not go to completion
  - 'diprotic' indicates each molecule of oxalic acid contains 2 ionisable/acidic hydrogen atoms
  - $H_2C_2O_4 + H_2O \rightleftharpoons HC_2O_4^- + H_3O^+$  OR  $H_2C_2O_4 \rightleftharpoons HC_2O_4^- + H^+$
  - $HC_2O_4^- + H_2O \rightleftharpoons C_2O_4^{2-} + H_3O^+$  OR  $HC_2O_4^- \rightleftharpoons C_2O_4^{2-} + H^+$

Some oxalic acid dihydrate crystals were used to produce a primary standard for use in a titration. 4.434 g of  $H_2C_2O_4.2H_2O_{(s)}$  was dissolved in water and made up to 250.0 mL in a volumetric flask.

(b) Calculate the concentration of the oxalic acid primary standard. (2 marks)

| n(H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O) |             | =<br>=<br>=                 | m/M<br>4.434 / 126.068<br>0.0351715 mol                                    |
|--|-------------|-----------------------------|--|
| c(H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )                   | =<br>=<br>= | n/V<br>0.03<br>0.14<br>0.14 | 51715 / 0.2500<br>0686 mol L <sup>-1</sup><br>07 mol L <sup>-1</sup> (4SF) |

(c) What properties of oxalic acid make it a good primary standard for acid-base and redox titrations ? (2 marks)

The oxalic acid solution was then used to standardise some aqueous potassium hydroxide. A 20.00 mL sample of  $KOH_{(aq)}$  required 17.85 mL of oxalic acid to reach equivalence. The relevant chemical equation for the titration is shown below.

 $2 \text{ KOH}_{(aq)}$  +  $H_2C_2O_{4(aq)} \rightarrow 2 H_2O_{(l)}$  +  $K_2C_2O_{4(aq)}$ 

(d) Calculate the concentration of KOH<sub>(aq)</sub>.

(3 marks)

 $n(H_2C_2O_4)$ cV = 0.140686 x 0.01785 = 0.0025112 mol = n(KOH)  $2 \times n(H_2C_2O_4)$ = 0.0050225 mol = c(KOH) n/V = 0.0050225 / 0.02000 = 0.251124 mol L<sup>-1</sup> = 0.2511 mol L<sup>-1</sup> (4SF) =

Two beakers contained separate samples of zinc bromide solution,  $ZnBr_{2(aq)}$ . To one beaker a piece of tin metal,  $Sn_{(s)}$ , was added. To the second beaker a piece of magnesium metal,  $Mg_{(s)}$ , was added. In one beaker, a reaction took place, while in the other beaker no reaction was observed.

- (a) Which of these metals (i.e. magnesium or tin) is the strongest reducing agent? Explain your answer. (2 marks)
  - Magnesium
  - E<sup>0</sup> value of oxidation of magnesium is 2.36 V compared to 0.14 V for tin, therefore a stronger tendency to be oxidised and thus a stronger reducing agent
- (b) Write a balanced chemical equation for the reaction that does occur, and explain why no reaction is observed in the other beaker. (2 marks)
  - Mg(s) + Zn<sup>2+</sup>(aq)  $\rightarrow$  Mg<sup>2+</sup>(aq) + Zn(s) OR
  - Mg(s) + ZnBr<sub>2</sub>(aq)  $\rightarrow$  MgBr<sub>2</sub>(aq) + Zn(s)
  - No reaction observed with tin metal as Sn<sup>2+</sup> has a higher reduction potential than Zn<sup>2+</sup> / Sn<sup>2+</sup> is a stronger oxidant than Zn<sup>2+</sup> / Zn is a stronger reductant than Sn

Some chlorine water, Cl<sub>2(aq)</sub>, was added to a separate third sample of zinc bromide solution.

- (c) Explain what would occur when these solutions were mixed. Include in your answer the expected observations. (2 marks)
  - a halogen displacement reaction would occur
  - pale yellow and colourless solutions would mix to produce an orange solution

(8 marks)

In the following equilibrium system, nitrogen, oxygen and chlorine gases combine to produce nitrosyl chloride vapour. This equilibrium system can form at temperatures of around 400 °C.

 $\begin{array}{rrrr} \mathsf{N}_{2\,(g)} & + & \mathsf{O}_{2\,(g)} & + & \mathsf{Cl}_{2\,(g)} &\rightleftharpoons & 2\;\mathsf{NOCl}_{(g)} \\ \textit{colourless} & \textit{colourless} & \textit{greenish-yellow} & \textit{yellow} \end{array}$ 

Into an initially empty, sealed flask at 400 °C, an equal number of moles of  $N_{2(g)}$ ,  $O_{2(g)}$  and  $Cl_{2(g)}$  are injected.

- (a) Explain what would happen to the forward and reverse reaction rates as the system moved to establish equilibrium. (3 marks)
  - the forward reaction rate would initially be high, as the molecules collide to produce NOCI, and would slowly decrease as the reactants form products
  - the reverse reaction rate would initially be zero, but as NOCI is produced it would begin to increase
  - at equilibrium the rate of forward and reverse reactions becomes equal
- (b) Explain what would happen to the concentration of all gases as the system moved to establish equilibrium. (3 marks)
  - the concentration of N<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and Cl<sub>2</sub> would all decrease
  - the concentration of NOCI would increase from an initial concentration of zero
  - the concentration of NOCI would increase by double the amount that N<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>/Cl<sub>2</sub> decrease, in proportion with the stoic ratio 1:1:1:2
- (c) Explain what you would observe as the system moved to establish equilibrium. (2 marks)
  - the greenish-yellow colour of the original mixture would become more yellow
  - at equilibrium the colour of the system would be unchanging

Phosphate buffered saline (PBS) is a solution which is commonly used in biological research. It was specifically designed so that the ion concentrations of the buffer solution match those found in the human body. The table below gives a standard 'recipe' for making PBS. The four salts are dissolved in water to produce the concentrations indicated.

|                                  | Final concentration when dissolved in distilled water |                               |  |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Salt                             | Conc. (g L <sup>-1</sup> )                            | Conc. (mmol L <sup>-1</sup> ) |  |
| NaCl                             | 8.0   | 137                           |  |
| KCI                              | 0.2   | 2.7                           |  |
| Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> | 1.42  | 10                            |  |
| KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>  | 0.24  | 1.8                           |  |

- (a) Which components would produce the buffering effect observed in PBS? Explain your answer. (2 marks)
  - Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> and KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>
  - The HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> / H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> are a weak conjugate acid-base pair
- (b) Write an equation showing the buffering system that would form. (1 mark)
  - $\begin{array}{rcrcr} & H_2PO_4^- + H_2O \rightleftharpoons HPO_4^{2-} + H_3O^+ & (B1) \\ & OR \\ & H_2PO_4^- + OH^- \rightleftharpoons HPO_4^{2-} + H_2O & (B2) \end{array}$
- (c) Explain how this buffer is able to resist a change in pH when a small amount of NaOH(aq) is added. (2 marks)
  - The addition of NaOH neutralises the  $H_3O^+$  (B1) / increases the concentration of  $OH^-$  (B2)
  - The system then favours the forward reaction to produce more  $H_3O^+$  (B1) / reduce the amount of OH<sup>-</sup> (B2), thereby maintaining a constant pH
- (d) Define 'buffering capacity' and describe how you could increase the buffering capacity of PBS. (3 marks)
  - buffering capacity is the extent to which a buffer can maintain a constant pH when additional  $H_3O^+$  or  $OH^-$  is being added
  - the buffering capacity of PBS could be increased by combining the HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> /  $H_2PO_4^-$  in equimolar amounts, and
  - by increasing the concentration of both HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> / H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>

Consider the reaction in which bromine is reacted with pentane in the presence of UV light to produce 1-bromopentane. The equation for this reaction is shown below.

 $C_5H_{12}$  +  $Br_2 \rightleftharpoons C_5H_{11}Br$  + HBr

The reaction is allowed to reach equilibrium in a closed container.

The melting points and boiling points of each of the species in the process is given in the table below.

| Species                           | Melting point (°C) | Boiling point (°C) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub>    | -129               | 36                 |
| Br <sub>2</sub>                   | -7.2               | 58.5               |
| C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub> Br | -95                | 130                |
| HBr                               | -87                | -67                |

Write the phase, i.e., solid (s) liquid (l) or gas (g) of each species in this system at the temperatures shown in the table and **predict the effect of the imposed change** on this equilibrium at each of the temperatures in the table below.

| Temperature | Phase (s), (l) or (g)                 |                 |         |      | Imposed  | Shift in equilibrium       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|------|--|----------------------------|
| (ºC)        | <b>C</b> <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> | Br <sub>2</sub> | C₅H₁₁Br | HBr  | change   | (left, right or no change) |
| 200         | (g)                                   | (g)             | (g)     | (g)√ | Total<br>pressure<br>decreased                         | no change √                |
| 100         | (g)                                   | (g)             | (I)     | (g)  | Total volume decreased                                 | right ✓                    |
| 50          | (g)                                   | (I)             | (I)     | (g)  | Br <sub>2</sub> is added<br>at constant<br>temperature | no change √                |
| 0           | (I)                                   | (I)             | (I)     | (g)  | HBr is added<br>at constant<br>temperature             | left √                     |

(8 marks)

**End of Section Two** 

40% (80 marks)

#### Section Three: Extended answer

This section contains **six (6)** questions. You must answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided below.

Where questions require an explanation and/or description, marks are awarded for the relevant chemical content and also for coherence and clarity of expression. Lists or dot points are unlikely to gain full marks.

Final answers to calculations should be expressed to the appropriate number of significant figures.

Spare pages are included at the end of this booklet. They can be used for planning your responses and/or as additional space if required to continue an answer.

- Planning: If you use the spare pages for planning, indicate this clearly at the top of the page.
- Continuing an answer: If you need to use the space to continue an answer, indicate in the original answer space where the answer is continued, i.e. give the page number. Fill in the number of the question(s) that you are continuing to answer at the top of the page.

Suggested working time: 70 minutes.

#### Question 35

## (8 marks)

For the last few decades, the climate change debate has been taking place between the scientists, governments, companies and citizens of our planet. Rising carbon dioxide levels are thought to have contributed significantly to this climate change, including the phenomenon known as 'ocean acidification'. Some of the chemistry behind carbon dioxide and its link to ocean acidification is represented in the equations below.

| Equation 1: | $CO_{2(g)}$ + $H_2O_{(I)} \rightleftharpoons H_2CO_{3(aq)}$         |
|-------------|---|
| Equation 2: | $H_2CO_{3(aq)} \rightleftharpoons H^+_{(aq)} + HCO_3^{(aq)}$        |
| Equation 3: | $HCO_{3^{-}(aq)} \rightleftharpoons H^{+}(aq) + CO_{3^{2^{-}}(aq)}$ |

One of the many negative consequences of ocean acidification is thought to be the disruption of the chemistry of ocean water, leading to things such as a decreased rate of calcification amongst many marine organisms. For example, one of the main compounds from which coral build their structure is calcium carbonate. Ocean acidification decreases the amount of calcium carbonate available to these organisms and thereby severely impacts their survival. This has already been observed in the Great Barrier Reef and many countries are already committed to reducing their nation's carbon dioxide emissions in an effort to combat the climate change we are witnessing.

- (a) With reference to equations 1 3, explain how an increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide,  $CO_{2(g)}$ , levels can cause a change in the pH of our oceans. (3 marks)
  - Some atmospheric carbon dioxide dissolves in ocean water to produce the weak carbonic acid (equation 1)
  - The carbonic acid then ionises to produce H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (equation 2 and 3)
  - Since  $pH = -log[H_3O^+]$ , the presence of additional  $H_3O^+$  in our oceans lowers the pH and causes acidification

A chemistry teacher was attempting to demonstrate the process of ocean acidification to her class using the apparatus shown in the diagram below. A sample of ocean water was placed in a glass fish tank and a canister of carbon dioxide was attached by a tube. When the canister was opened, additional carbon dioxide gas was introduced into the air in the fish tank. A small vent ensured the overall air pressure in the fish tank remained constant.



- (b) Explain, in terms of the collision theory and with reference to Equation 1, the effect on both the forward and reverse reaction rates, when the partial pressure of  $CO_{2(g)}$  present in the tank was increased. (3 marks)
  - as the partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> is increased, this increases the rate of collision between CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O (Equation 1), increasing the forward reaction rate significantly
  - the production of more H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> molecules then also causes the reverse reaction rate to increase
  - as the system moves to establish equilibrium, the forward reaction rate will decrease and the reverse reaction rate will increase, until they are again equal; however at the new equilibrium, both reaction rates will be higher than original
- (c) Does the teacher's demonstration represent an open or closed equilibrium system? Explain. (2 marks)
  - open
  - matter (i.e. CO<sub>2</sub>) is being added into the system (and air is able to leave)

In the process of cheese making a bacterial culture is added to milk, which causes the milk to separate into the curds (solid cheese) and whey (remaining liquid). During this process the bacteria convert the lactose present in milk, into lactic acid,  $CH_3CHOHCOOH$ . Lactic acid is a weak, monoprotic, organic acid. Cheese makers use the concentration of lactic acid in the whey to determine when the reaction has proceeded to the extent that the cheese (curds) are ready for consumption or storage.

The concentration of lactic acid present in the whey can be determined at any time during the cheese making process via a simple titration. This usually involves taking a 10 mL sample of whey and titrating it against some standard sodium hydroxide solution, NaOH(aq), using phenolphthalein as an indicator.

A cheese maker added 4.00 L of milk to a small sample of bacterial culture. He knew that once the concentration of lactic acid reached  $1.25 \times 10^{-2}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup> the cheese would be ready. He took a 10.00 mL sample of the whey, added several drops of phenolphthalein, and titrated the sample against a 0.111 mol L<sup>-1</sup> NaOH solution. 1.15 mL of NaOH was required for equivalence. The reaction that took place in the titration is shown below.

 $CH_3CHOHCOOH_{(aq)} + NaOH_{(aq)} \rightarrow H_2O_{(l)} + CH_3CHOHCOONa_{(aq)}$ 

(a) Determine the concentration of lactic acid in the whey, and comment on whether or not the cheese maker should allow the reaction to proceed for longer before isolating the curds.

(4 marks)

| n(NaOH)    | =<br>=<br>= | cV<br>0.111 x 0.00115<br>1.2765 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> mol |  |  |
|------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| n(CH₃CHOHC | OOH)        | =<br>=   | n(NaOH)<br>1.2765 x 10⁻⁴ mol   |  |
| с(СН₃СНОНС | OOH)        | =<br>=<br>=  | n/V<br>1.2765 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> / 0.01000<br>1.2765 x 10 <sup>-2</sup> mol L <sup>-1</sup><br>1.28 x 10 <sup>-2</sup> mol L <sup>-1</sup> (3SF) |  |

reaction should be stopped now as concentration of lactic acid is > 1.25 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>

- (b) Explain why phenolphthalein indicator is used. Use a chemical equation to support your answer. (3 marks)
  - the equivalence point of this titration is basic
  - due to the production of the basic salt CH<sub>3</sub>CHOHCOONa
  - $CH_3CHOHCOO^+ + H_2O \rightleftharpoons CH_3CHOHCOOH + OH^-$
- (c) Determine the percent by mass of lactic acid present in the whey at this point in time, if the 10.00 mL sample was taken from a total volume of 3.10 L of whey. The density of the whey is 1.040 kg L<sup>-1</sup>.
  (5 marks)

| n(CH₃CHOHCOOH in 3.10 L) |             |                             |                   | = cV<br>= 1.2765 x 10 <sup>-2</sup> x 3<br>= 0.0395715 mol |                                    |  |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| m(CH₃CHOHCOOH)           |             |                             | =<br>=<br>=       | nM<br>0.0395715 x 90.078<br>3.56452 g                      |                                    |  |
| m(whey)                  | =<br>=<br>= | V<br>1.040<br>3.224<br>3224 | x 3.10<br>kg<br>9 |  |                                    |  |
| % lactic acio            | d in whe    | у                           | =<br>=<br>=       | 3.5645<br>0.1105<br>0.111                                  | 52 / 3224 x 100<br>56 %<br>% (3SF) |  |

Another cheese maker mistakenly used methyl orange indicator in an identical titration.

- (d) Would he have obtained a smaller or larger NaOH titre reading? Comment on whether this is a random or systematic error. Explain your answer. (3 marks)
  - repeat trials allow an average titre to be calculated rather than one single value
  - averaging data reduces the effects of random errors on the results and improves reliability

# (13 marks)

A group of chemistry students were asked to carry out an investigation. They were given three different standard half-cells as follows;

- A nickel electrode in a solution of 1.0 mol L<sup>-1</sup> nickel nitrate, i.e. Ni / Ni<sup>2+</sup>(aq)
- A silver electrode in a solution of 1.0 mol L<sup>-1</sup> silver nitrate, i.e. Ag / Ag<sup>+</sup><sub>(aq)</sub>
- A lead electrode in a solution of 1.0 mol L<sup>-1</sup> lead(II) nitrate, i.e. Pb / Pb<sup>2+</sup>(aq)
- (a) Describe how you could experimentally determine which of these three half-cells could be used to produce an electrochemical cell with the maximum possible voltage/EMF. You may assume you have access to standard laboratory equipment. Include a sketch of your apparatus. (5 marks)
  - use a salt bridge, wires and voltmeter to;
  - connect the half-cells to each other in pairs until all three combinations have been done (i.e. Ni & Ag, Ni & Pb, Ag & Pb)
  - record the values of the voltage produced by each to find the highest
  - (2 marks for diagram)



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Assuming standard conditions, what results would you expect? Give your answer in the (b) form of a table displaying the predicted EMF values. (4 marks)

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|   | EMF / voltage produced |  |  |
|---|------------------------|--|--|
| Ni/Ni <sup>2+</sup> // Pb <sup>2+</sup> /Pb | 0.11 V                 |  |  |
| Ni/Ni²+ // Ag⁺/Ag                           | 1.04 V                 |  |  |
| Pb/Pb <sup>2+</sup> // Ag <sup>+</sup> /Ag  | 0.93 V                 |  |  |

(3) for correct values (1) for neat labelled table with units

Briefly describe the chemical principles behind an electrochemical cell and explain why (c) different cells are able to produce different voltages. (4 marks)

any 4 relevant points...

- electrochemical cells use a redox reaction where the oxidation (loss of electrons) happens in a physically different location to the reduction (gain of electrons)
- the electrons are forced to divert through an external pathway to move from the ÷., reductant to the oxidant, and this creates an electrical current
- different voltages are produced by different cells because oxidation and reduction half-reactions have different E<sup>0</sup> values i.e. varying tendencies to be reduced or oxidised
- the greater the difference in the E<sup>0</sup> value of the two half-reactions involved, the greater the voltage produced by the cell
- cells may also be connected in series to produce a larger range of voltages

(17 marks)

Silicon dioxide  $(SiO_2)$  is one of the most abundant substances in the Earth's crust. It is most commonly found in quartz and many types of sand and because of this, is often found in metal ores that are mined from the Earth's crust. One of the methods that can be used to remove silicon dioxide from an ore is illustrated in the equation below.

 $SiO_{2(s)} + H_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons SiO_{(g)} + H_2O_{(g)}$   $\Delta H = +534 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ 

This chemical equation represents the equilibrium that forms between silicon dioxide and silicon monoxide. The activation energy for this reaction is 565 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.

- (a) Identify the oxidising agent (oxidant) and reducing agent (reductant) in this reaction. Use oxidation numbers to support your answer. (2 marks)
  - SiO<sub>2</sub> is the oxidant; O.N. of Si changes from +4 to +2
  - H<sub>2</sub> is the reductant; O.N. of H changes from 0 to +1
- (b) Draw an energy profile diagram for this reaction. Label the activation energy and the enthalpy change. (4 marks)



#### Progress of reaction

(c) Determine the value of;

(2 marks)

Ea(rev) 31 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>

 $\Delta H(rev) -534 kJ mol^{-1}$ 

Quite a low pressure, around atmospheric, is used for this process. However a high temperature of 1550 °C is maintained in the reaction chamber.

(d) Explain, in terms of the collision theory, the effect of each of the following on reaction rate.

(4 marks)

| Use of high<br>temperature | <ul> <li>increases average kinetic energy of reactants and results in an increased number of collisions</li> <li>also a greater proportion of reacting species have sufficient energy to overcome Ea barrier</li> <li>therefore a faster reaction rate</li> </ul> |
|----------------------------|---|
| Use of low<br>pressure     | <ul> <li>decreases number of collisions that occur between<br/>reactants due to large distances between gas particles<br/>therefore a slower reaction rate</li> </ul>   |

(e) State the effect (increased, decreased or no change) of each of the following on yield. (2 marks)

| Use of high temperature | increased |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Use of low pressure     | increased |

Since the silicon monoxide is produced in gaseous form, SiO(g), it is easily removed from the system. This in turn helps to favour the forward reaction.

(f) Continue the concentration graph below, by sketching the effect of removing a batch of SiO(g) from the reaction chamber. (3 marks)



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Sulfuric acid is produced in the Contact Process in the following sequence of reactions:

$$\begin{array}{l} S_{(s)} \ + \ O_{2 \ (g)} \ \rightarrow \ SO_{2 \ (g)} \\ \\ 2 \ SO_{2 \ (g)} \ + \ O_{2 \ (g)} \ \rightleftharpoons \ 2 \ SO_{3 \ (g)} \\ \\ SO_{3 \ (g)} \ + \ H_{2}SO_{4 \ (l)} \ \rightarrow \ H_{2}S_{2}O_{7 \ (l)} \\ \\ \\ H_{2}S_{2}O_{7 \ (l)} \ + \ H_{2}O \ (l) \ \rightarrow \ 2 \ H_{2}SO_{4 \ (l)} \end{array}$$

A company has an order for 4 tonnes of Sulfuric acid.

(b) Determine the mass of Sulfur needed, considering the process is 98.5 % efficient. (3)

n (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) = 4 x 10<sup>6</sup> g/98.086 = 4.078 x 10<sup>4</sup> mol (1) n(S) = 0.5 x n (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) = 2.039 x 10<sup>4</sup> mol m(S) = n x M = 2.039 x 10<sup>4</sup> x 32.07 = 6.539 x 10<sup>5</sup> (1)

m(S) at  $98.5\% = 6.539 \times 10^5 \times 100/98.5 = 6.64 \times 10^5 g$  (1)

(1)

(3)

Sulfuric acid can be used to neutralise barium sulfate, producing a precipitate of barium sulfate. A chemist dissolved 1.31 g of solid anhydrous  $Ba(OH)_2$  crystals into 795 mL of water and added 600 mL of a sulfuric acid solution with a concentration of 0.0125 mol L<sup>-1</sup>.

 $H_2SO_4 (aq) + Ba(OH)_2 (s) \rightarrow BaSO_4 (s) + 2 H_2O (I)$ 

(c) Determine whether this solution was acidic, basic or neutral (i.e. whether one of the reactants is limiting). (2)

 $n(Ba(OH)_2) = m/M = 1.31/171.316 = 7.647 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$   $n(H_2SO_4) = c \times V = 0.0125 \times 0.6 = 7.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$  (1)  $n(H_2SO_4) = n(Ba(OH)_2) = 7.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol of } Ba(OH)_2 \text{ needed; we have more,}$ therefore the limiting reagent is  $H_2SO_4$ 

therefore solutions would be basic

(d) Calculate the resulting pH of the solution

 $n(Ba(OH)_2)$  used =  $n(H_2SO_4) = 7.5 \times 10^{-3}$  mol  $n(Ba(OH)_2)$  left = n(Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>) added - n(Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>) used 7.647 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mol - 7.5 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mol = 1.456 x 10<sup>-4</sup> mol = (0.5) $n(OH^{-}) = 2 \times n(Ba(OH)_{2}) =$  $1.456 \times 10^{-4} \mod x = 2$ 2.912 x 10<sup>-4</sup> mol (0.5)c(OH-) = n/V2.912 x 10<sup>-4</sup> mol/(0.6 + 0.795 L) = 2.087 x 10<sup>-4</sup> = (1)

 $[H^{+}] = kw/[OH^{-}]$   $= 10^{-14}/2.087 \times 10^{-4}$   $= 4.79 \times 10^{-11} \text{ mol/L} \qquad (0.5)$   $pH = 10.3 \qquad (0.5)$ 

## (18 marks)

Barium is a highly toxic substance to higher animals and can accumulate in animal and plant tissue. High barium levels can affect the ability of plants to photosynthesize, and in higher animals can cause heart disease, respiratory failure, kidney damage, and muscle weakness.

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Student chemists were interested in determining the concentration of barium (II) ions in a large water pond outside of a glass making factory.

The basic technique involved adding sodium sulfate (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) to a 400.0 mL water sample to precipitate out the barium as barium (II) sulfate. The acceptable level of barium in drinking water is 2.0 mg/L. Levels above 50 mg/L are considered to be immediately dangerous to life and health.

(a) Write a balanced chemical equation for the precipitation reaction. (1 mark)

 $Ba^{2+} + SO_4^{2-} \rightarrow BaSO_4$ 

(b) The barium sulfate precipitate was collected and placed in a special oven for drying at 110°C. Over time the sample was weighed and re-weighed. (1 g = 1000 mg)

| Weighing | Mass(mg) |
|----------|----------|
| 1        | 23.0     |
| 2        | 21.5     |
| 3        | 19.0     |
| 4        | 19.0     |

Why was the sample weighed four times?

The mass was weighed several times to see that mass was constant i.e. all of the water had been removed [weigh to constant mass]

(c) Calculate the mass of **barium** (in mg) in the dry precipitate.

m(BaSO4) recovered = 19.0 mg

m(Ba) = 137.3 / 233.37 x 19.0 = 11.2 mg

(d) Determine the concentration of barium ions (in mg/L), in the polluted water sample. (Assume the density of the water is 1000 mg/L) (2 marks)

 $[Ba^{2+}] = 11.2 \text{ mg per 400 mL}$ 

- = 11.2 x 1000 / 400 mg per kg solution [1]
- = 28.0 mg/L(1)

(1 mark)

(2 marks)

(e) How does the concentration of barium ions in the water sample compare with the accepted level in drinking water? (1 mark)

# The concentration of barium ions is 14 times the level accepted in drinking water.

(f) The students assumed that no other ions in the water formed precipitates with the sodium sulfate solution.
 Name **ONE** other ion that would also form a precipitate with sulfate ions? (1 mark)

# Other ions which also form precipitates include Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, and Ag<sup>+</sup> (only one needed)

After this preliminary result, the students decided to extend their investigation over a number of weeks to see how barium levels changed over time, and so tested more water samples. Their results are tabulated below:

| Day | Concentration of Ba <sup>2+</sup> (mg/L) |  |  |
|-----|--|--|--|
| 0   | Refer to answer in (d)                   |  |  |
| 3   | 30                                       |  |  |
| 6   | 36                                       |  |  |
| 9   | 45                                       |  |  |
| 12  | 60                                       |  |  |
| 15  | 55                                       |  |  |
| 18  | 58                                       |  |  |

(g) For this extended investigation what was the:

(2 marks)

| independent variable | <u>time (</u> in days)        |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| dependent variable   | [Ba <sup>2+</sup> ] (in mg/L) |

| (h) | State two (2) variables that would need to be controlled?   | (2 mai | rks) |
|-----|---|--------|------|
|     | Sampling technique need to be sound:  |        |      |
|     | <ul> <li>Sampling (400 mL) from the same spot in the pond</li> <li>Period of time with no rainfall</li> <li>No other influences [another industry]</li> </ul> | [1]    |      |
|     | Laboratory work needs to be consistent and accurate:  |        |      |
|     | <ul> <li>Method of filtering and drying precipitate</li> <li>Same weighing balance</li> </ul>   | [1]    |      |

(i) Plot the information on the graph paper below. Include a heading and all labels. (5 marks)

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(j) What conclusions can be made from this investigation?

(1 mark)

## <u>Conclusions</u> (a number can be made):

- [Ba<sup>2+</sup>] were at a dangerous level (above 50 mg/L) from day 10.
- [Ba<sup>2+</sup>] generally increased over the time period
- [Ba<sup>2+</sup>] fluctuated over the time period

Water quality not suitable for human consumption

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