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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name and index number in the spaces provided above.
Sign and write the date of examination in the spaces provided above.
You should have a non-programmable scientific calculator for this examination.

This paper consists of TWO sections: A and B.

Answer ALL questions from section A and any THREE questions from section B in the spaces provided in this question paper.

Each question in section A carries 4 marks while each question in section B carries 20 marks.
Candidates should answer the questions in English.

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Section A

Questions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL SCORE
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Section B

Questions	11	12	13	14	15	TOTAL SCORE
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SECTION A (40 marks)

Answer ALL questions from this section in the spaces provided.

1. Define the following terms:

(a) oxidation:

(2 marks)

(b) oxidizing agent:

(2 marks)

2. Classify the following iron(II) solutions either as oxidants or reductants:

(i) potassium permanganate

(ii) iodine

(iii) sodium thiosulphate

(iv) potassium dichromate

(4 marks)

3. State four factors that influence EDTA titrations.

(4 marks)



4.

50 ml of 0.10 M NaCl is titrated with 0.10 M AgNO₃. Calculate the chloride ion concentration after adding 10 ml of the AgNO₃.

(4 marks)

5.

(a) Define precipitation titration.

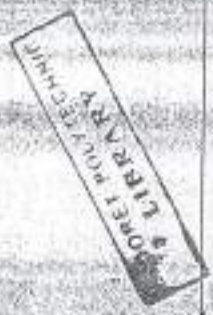
(2 marks)

(b) Name any two basic requirements of precipitation reactions.

(2 marks)

6. Describe using equations the reactions that take place when iron sheets rust.

(4 marks)



A solution of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ was standardized by dissolving 0.121 g KIO_3 ($M_w = 214 \text{ g/mol}$) in water, adding a large excess of KI and acidifying with HCl . The liberated iodine (I_2) required 41.64 ml of the $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ to decolorize the blue starch-iodine complex. Calculate the molarity of the $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution.

(4 marks)

Explain the basic principle of metal ion indicator in EDTA titrations.

(4 marks)

Define the following terms:

(a) coagulation (2 marks)

(b) peptization (2 marks)

10. A sample of slag from a blast furnace is analyzed for SiO_2 by decomposing a 0.5007 g sample with HCl leaving a residue with a mass of 0.1414 g. After treating with HF and H_2SO_4 and evaporating the volatile SiF_4 , a residue with a mass of 0.0183 g remains. Calculate the % w/w SiO_2 in the sample.

(9 marks)

SECTION B (60 marks)

11. Answer any THREE questions from this section in the spaces provided after question 15.

(a) You are provided with the following: Standard KMnO_4

- balance
- large beaker
- KMnO_4 solid
- deionised water
- wash glass
- hot plate
- fume chamber
- stop watch
- filter crucible
- Concentrated HCl
- dark stoppered bottle.

Explain how to prepare and standardize a 0.02 M KMnO_4 solution.

(10 marks)

(b) State any five advantages of complexometric titrations.

(10 marks)

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12. (a) Define the following:

(i) standard enthalpy change. (2 marks)

(ii) standard enthalpy of formation. (2 marks)

(b) 250 ml of 0.1 M HCl and 250 ml of 0.1 M NaOH are mixed at 298 K. If the rise in temperature during the experiment was 0.0078 K, calculate the molar heat of neutralization. Density of water at 4°C = 1 g/cm³, & specific heat capacity = 4.200 J/g°C. (8 marks)

(c) Explain any four practical methods of conserving energy. (8 marks)

13. (a) Distinguish between the following terms:

(i) titrant and titrand. (4 marks)

(ii) end point and equivalence point. (4 marks)

(b) Construct a titration curve for the titration of 25.0 ml of 0.125 M NaOH with 0 ml, 10 ml, 50 ml, 70 ml and 100 ml of 0.0625 M HCl ($K_a = 10^{-7}$) clearly indicating the equivalence point. (12 marks)

14. (a)

A mixture containing only FeCl₃ (fw = 162.2) and AlCl₃ (fw = 133.34) weighs 5.95 g. The chlorides are converted to hydroxides and ignited to Fe₂O₃ (fw = 159.7) and Al₂O₃ (fw = 101.96). If the oxide mixture weighed 2.26 g, calculate the % Fe (fw = 55.85) and % Al (fw = 26.98) in the mixture. (12 marks)

(b) Explain any four precautions undertaken when determining a chloride as AgCl from a soluble sample. (8 marks)

15. (a) Define the following terms:

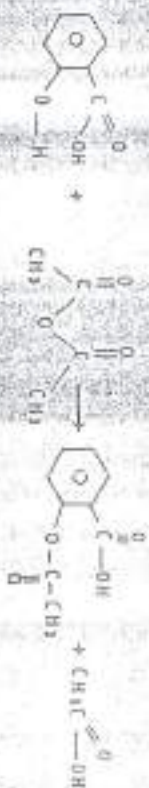
(i) adsorption. (2 marks)

(ii) absorption. (2 marks)

(b) 25 ml of 0.002 M K₂CrO₄ are mixed with 75 ml of 0.000125 M Pb(NO₃)₂. Determine whether a precipitate forms or not. K_{sp} for PbCrO₄ = 1.8×10^{-9} . (8 marks)

(c) A sample of aspirin was prepared by reacting 2.20 g of salicylic acid with 4.20 ml of ethanoic anhydride in a conical flask. After heating for 20 minutes, the reaction mixture was cooled and white crystals precipitated, collected, dried to constant mass and weighed.

The reaction equation is as follows:



Given the following information:

- Mass of product = 2.25 g
- Molar mass of aspirin = 180
- Molar mass of salicylic acid = 138
- Molar mass of ethanoic anhydride = 102
- Specific density of ethanoic anhydride = 1.08

calculate the % yield of aspirin.

(8 marks)

