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**TITLE OF PAPER:           GENERAL CHEMISTRY**

**COURSE NUMBER:        C101**

**TIME:                    THREE (3) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**        There are six (6) questions each worth 25 marks.  
                              Answer any four (4) questions.  
                              A data sheet and periodic table are attached.  
                              Non-programmable calculators may be used.

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**Question 1**

- (a) Give the set of four quantum numbers of the electron that is removed when nickel forms  $\text{Ni}^+$ . [2]
- (b) There are four elements which have the number of electrons indicated in paranthesis  
A(2), B(8), C(15), D (17)
- (i) Arrange the elements in order of increasing size. Explain your order. [2]
- (ii) Draw the Lewis structures of  $\text{BA}_2$ ,  $\text{CD}_3$ ,  $\text{CD}_5$  and  $\text{CBD}_3$ . [2]
- (iii) Draw the VSEPR models of all the compounds in (ii) above. [2]
- (c) Ammonia gas is synthesized from the reaction of nitrogen gas and hydrogen gas. If the rate of formation of ammonia is reported as  $1.15 \text{ mol NH}_3/\text{L.h}$ , what is the rate of disappearance of  $\text{H}_2$ ? [3]
- (d) (i) What is Lassaigne sodium fusion test and what is the importance of the test?
- (ii) Name any five elements that are most commonly present in organic compounds.
- (iii) Describe to show the presence of any three of the elements named above. [12]

**Question 2**

(a) Outline a Corey-Hause synthesis of the following compounds;



[6]

(b) (i) Name any six classes of organic compounds.

(ii) Give the functional group and a named example for each of the classes of compounds named above.

[9]

(c) (i) What is hybridization?

(ii) Name the types of hybridization occurring in organic compounds.

(iii) Describe briefly how each type of hybridization named above is formed.

[10]

Question 3

- (a) A solution is made by mixing 17.3 mL of 0.25 M HCl and 15.0 mL of 0.33 M NaOH. Calculate the pH of this solution. [5]

- (b) White phosphorus, P<sub>4</sub>, can be prepared by the following reaction:

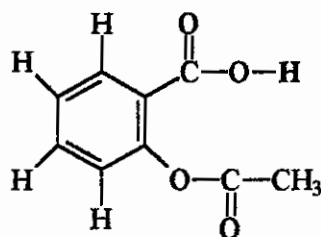


A reaction vessel contains 25.00 g of each of the reactant. Determine

- (i) the limiting reagent [3]
- (ii) the mass of white phosphorus, P<sub>4</sub>, obtained from this reaction mixture if the reaction proceeds with a 72.6% yield. [3]
- (c) A 50.0 mL sample of 0.25 M methylamine CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> (aq), solution is titrated with 0.35 M HCl solution. The K<sub>b</sub> for methylamine is 3.6 × 10<sup>-4</sup>.
- (i) What is the initial pH of the 0.25 M CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>? [6]
- (ii) What volume of the HCl solution is required to reach the stoichiometric point of the titration? [3]
- (iii) Calculate the pH of the solution at the stoichiometric point. [5]

**Question 4**

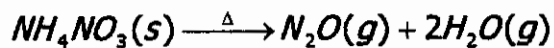
- (a) The density of silver metal at 25°C is 10.5g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Calculate the number of silver atoms in a cube of silver that measures 3.00 cm on each side. [3]
- (b) Consider the elements silicon, sodium and chlorine.
- Write the electronic configuration of each element. [1½]
  - Arrange the elements in order of increasing atomic size, from smallest to the largest. [1½]
  - The energy needed to ionize a sodium atom is  $8.24 \times 10^{-19}$ J. Calculate the wavelength of light that will ionize a sodium atom. [2]
  - Do you expect the wavelength of light that will ionize a chlorine atom to be longer or shorter than that for sodium? Explain. [2]
- (c) A B.Sc. student dissolves an aspirin tablet in 0.500 L of water at 25°C. The tablet is known to contain 0.32g of acetylsalicylic acid, HC<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>4</sub> whose structure is given below



acetylsalicylic acid

- Write the equilibrium expression for the ionization of acetylsalicylic acid in water. [1]
- Given that  $K_a = 3.3 \times 10^{-4}$  for acetylsalicylic acid at 25°C, Calculate the pH of the aspirin solution. [5]

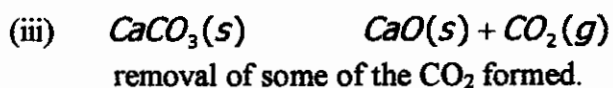
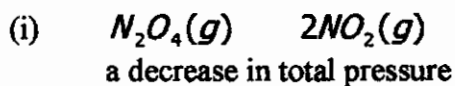
- (d) Nitrous oxide can be formed by thermal decomposition of ammonium nitrate.



What mass of ammonium nitrate would be required to produce 145L of  $N_2O$  at 2850 Torr and  $42^\circ C$ ?

[3]

- (e) With reasons, state which direction will each of the following reactions shift after the specified stress is applied.



[6]

**Question 5**

(a) Define the following terms

- (i) Electronegativity
- (ii) Ionization energy
- (iii) Hydrogen bonding

[3]

(b) Naturally occurring magnesium is a mixture of three isotopes: 78.99%  $^{24}\text{Mg}$  and 11.01%  $^{26}\text{Mg}$ . The atomic masses are respectively 23.9850 amu, 24.9858 amu and 25.9826. Calculate the average molar mass of magnesium

[4]

(c) A compound used in the manufacture of Saran is found to have 24.7% C, 2.1% H and 73.2% Cl by mass.

- (i) Deduce the empirical formulae of the compound.

[2]

The storage of 3.557 g of the compound in a 750 mL vessel at  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  results in a pressure of 1.10 atm after the substance has vaporized.

- (ii) What is the molecular formulae of the compound.

[2]

- (iii) Draw the Lewis structure of the compound and show which bonds are polar. On the polar bonds, designate the  $\sigma^+$  and  $\sigma^-$  element.

[2]

(d) Suggest, giving reasons, which substance in each pair is likely to have the higher normal boiling point.

- (i) CH<sub>4</sub> or SiH<sub>4</sub>
- (ii) HF or HCl
- (iii) H<sub>2</sub>O or CH<sub>3</sub>OH

[6]

(e) The valence shell electronic configuration of a certain periodic group is  $ns^2np^3$ .

- (i) write the electronic configurations of the first two members of the group.

[2]

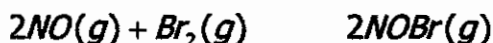
- (ii) which element in the group has the smallest size? Smallest first ionization energy? Smallest electronegativity? Most metallic character?

[4]



**Question 6**

- (a) The reaction of nitric acid, NO, with bromine gas gives nitrosyl bromide NOBr. The reaction reaches the dynamic equilibrium.



- (i) In your own words explain what is meant by 'dynamic equilibrium'. [2]
- (ii) Suggest two ways in which you can increase the yield of NOBr once the reaction has reached equilibrium. [2]

A sample of 0.0873 mol NO with 0.0437 mol Br<sub>2</sub> in a 2.00 L flask gives an equilibrium mixture containing 0.0518 mol NOBr.

- (iii) Calculate the equilibrium constant K<sub>C</sub> for this reaction at 25°C. [5]
- (iv) Calculate the equilibrium constant K<sub>p</sub> for this reaction at 25°C. [3]

- (b) Beer was brewed by ancient Egyptians and is thought to have been of the rations of the builders of pyramids.

The energy content of beer comes from glucose and ethanol. The ethanol and glucose composition of a beer is given below.

Constituent	Concentration (g/dm <sup>3</sup> )
Ethanol, C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	20
Glucose, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	20

Ethanol is food as well as a drug. Like glucose it burns to give carbon dioxide and water.

- (i) Write balanced chemical equations for the complete combustion of ethanol and glucose. [2]
- (ii) given that the standard enthalpy change of combustion for ethanol and glucose are  $-1370 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  and  $-3000 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  respectively, calculate the enthalpy change per gram for both glucose and ethanol. [4]
- (iii) Hence or otherwise, calculate the total energy available per  $\text{dm}^3$  of beer. [2]

(c) For the compound  $\text{SF}_2$

- (i) Write the Lewis structure
- (ii) Using the VSEPR theory, predict the shape of the molecule
- (iii) Predict whether or not the molecule is polar.

[5]



## General data and fundamental constants

Quantity	Symbol	Value
Speed of light	$c$	$2.997\,924\,58 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Elementary charge	$e$	$1.602\,177 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Faraday constant	$F = N_A e$	$9.6485 \times 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
Boltzmann constant	$k$	$1.380\,66 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
Gas constant	$R = N_A k$	$8.314\,51 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
		$8.205\,78 \times 10^{-2} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
		$6.2364 \times 10 \text{ L Torr K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Planck constant	$h$	$6.626\,08 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
	$\hbar = h/2\pi$	$1.054\,57 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
Avogadro constant	$N_A$	$6.022\,14 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Atomic mass unit	$u$	$1.660\,54 \times 10^{-27} \text{ Kg}$
Mass		
electron	$m_e$	$9.109\,39 \times 10^{-31} \text{ Kg}$
proton	$m_p$	$1.672\,62 \times 10^{-27} \text{ Kg}$
neutron	$m_n$	$1.674\,93 \times 10^{-27} \text{ Kg}$
Vacuum permittivity	$\epsilon_0 = 1/c^2 \mu_0$	$8.854\,19 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ C}^2 \text{ m}^{-1}$
	$4\pi\epsilon_0$	$1.112\,65 \times 10^{-10} \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ C}^2 \text{ m}^{-1}$
Vacuum permeability	$\mu_0$	$4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ J s}^2 \text{ C}^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}$
		$4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}^2 \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ m}^3$
Magneton		
Bohr	$\mu_B = e\hbar/2m_e$	$9.274\,02 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J T}^{-1}$
nuclear	$\mu_N = e\hbar/2m_p$	$5.050\,79 \times 10^{-27} \text{ J T}^{-1}$
g value	$g_e$	2.002 32
Bohr radius	$a_0 = 4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar/m_e e^2$	$5.291\,77 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$
Fine-structure constant	$\alpha = \mu_0 e^2 c/2h$	$7.297\,35 \times 10^{-3}$
Rydberg constant	$R_\infty = m_e e^4/8h^3 c \epsilon_0^2$	$1.097\,37 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$
Standard acceleration of free fall	$g$	$9.806\,65 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
Gravitational constant	$G$	$6.672\,59 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ Kg}^{-2}$

## Conversion factors

1 cal	=	4.184 joules (J)	1 erg	=	$1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ J}$
1 eV	=	$1.602\,2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$	1 eV/molecule	=	96 485 kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>

Prefixes	f	p	n	$\mu$	m	c	d	k	M	G
	femto	pico	nano	micro	milli	centi	deci	kilo	mega	giga
	$10^{-15}$	$10^{-12}$	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-1}$	$10^3$	$10^6$	$10^9$