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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**

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- TITLE OF PAPER** : **INTRODUCTION TO ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY**
- COURSE NUMBER** : **C 204**
- TIME** : **3 HOURS**
- Important information:** :
1. Each question is worth 25 marks
  2. Answer any **four (4)** questions in this paper.
  3. Candidates who show **ALL** procedural calculations will attract additional marks.
  4. Diagrams must be large and clearly labelled accordingly.
  5. This paper contains an appendix of chemical constants and useful data.
  6. This paper contains 9 printed pages, including the cover and appendix.
  7. Special materials: 3 graph papers.

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### Question 1

- a) Explain, using examples where possible, the difference between the following;
- i) Accuracy and Precision [4]
  - ii) Mean and median [2]
  - iii) Variance and Standard Deviation [3]

b) The acceptable value for chlorine content in a standard water sample is 54.2 %, with a standard deviation of 0.15 %. Five analyses were carried out on the same sample by a new instrumental procedure. The values obtained are tabulated below;

Replicate	Result
1	54.01
2	54.24
3	54.05
4	54.27
5	54.11

- i) Is the new method giving results that are consistent with the acceptable value at the 95% confidence level? [12]
- ii) A sixth value of 55.58 was obtained for the same analysis that the analyst rejected without performing any statistical justifications. Was the analyst right in rejecting the datum at the 95% confidence level? [4]

### Question 2

- a) What is meant by 'digestion of a precipitate'? Briefly describe what happens in the process of digesting a precipitate and give two (2) advantages of this step during gravimetric analysis. [4]
- b) i) What is peptization? How can this phenomenon be avoided during gravimetric analysis? [2]
- ii) What are the qualifying conditions that a perfect crystal should possess in gravimetric analysis? [3]
- c) A 1.00 L sample of polluted water was analysed for the presence of  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ , by adding an excess of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  to precipitate 229.8 mg of the lead as  $\text{PbSO}_4$ . What is the concentration of the Pb in the water sample in mg/L? [3]
- d) A 0.100 M solution of HCl is used to titrate 25 mL of 0.0100M  $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ .

- i) Calculate the pH at the following volumes of HCl added during the titration;

0.00 mL    2.00 mL    4.90 mL    5.00 mL    5.01 mL  
10.00 mL [10]

- ii) Plot the titration curve [3]

### Question 3

- a) What are the assumptions that are made in the establishment and application of the least squares method? [2]

- b) The phosphorus content in a urine sample was analysed by employing a spectrophotometric method. The data for the standards and samples are given below:

Standard	1	2	3	4	Urine sample
P (mg/L)	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	x
Absorbance	0.205	0.410	0.615	0.820	0.625

Employ the least squares regression method to:

- i) Calculate the slope, intercept and concentration, x, of phosphorus in the urine sample. [12]  
ii) Plot the best straight line, i.e. the best least square line. [5]
- c) An analysis is carried out on soil to determine the concentration of Zn at the RSSC. The data is shown in the table below. Using this information, advice the analyst on the quality of the data obtained.

Replicates	Concentration (ppm)
1.	329
2.	333
3.	345
4.	326
5.	322
<b>Mean</b>	<b>331</b>
<b>Std Deviation</b>	<b>9</b>

Your advice should include:

- i) An Analytical Quality Control (AQC) chart showing all the necessary analytical control limits and data points. [5]  
ii) An interpretation of the implications of the resulting chart. [1]

#### Question 4

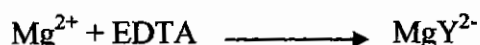
a) Briefly define the following terms and acronyms as applied in analytical chemistry;

- i) EDTA
- ii) Chelate effect
- iii) Electric Double layer [3]

b) Draw the titration curve for the titration of 50 mL of 0.05 M  $Mg^{2+}$  with 0.05 M EDTA at the following volumes of titrant added; [3]

5 ml, 50 mL, 51 mL, [9]

The  $Mg^{2+}$  is buffered to pH 10 and the titration reaction is;



And  $K_f = \alpha_{Y4} K_f$  where  $K_f = 6.2 \times 10^8$  and  $\alpha_{Y4} = 0.36$  (at pH 10) [3]

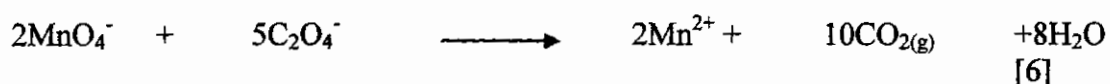
- c) i) What is coprecipitation? [2]
- ii) Briefly discuss the different types of coprecipitation and state how each of them can be minimized. [5]

#### Question 5

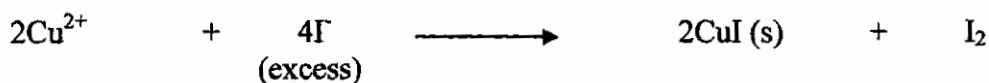
- a) i) Distinguish between a primary standard and a secondary standard. [4]
- ii) Give four (4) essential requirements for a primary standard for titration purposes. [4]

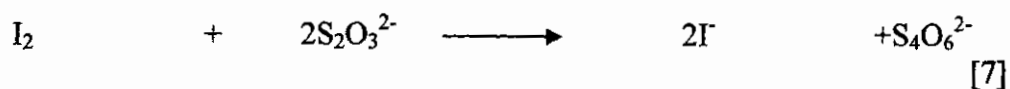
b) What are the desirable properties of a standard solution meant for titrimetric method of analysis? [4]

c) A 0.6000 g pure sodium oxalate  $Na_2C_2O_4$  was weighed, dissolved in an acid and titrated with a Potassium Permanganate solution,  $KMnO_4$ . The volume of the permanganate added to reach end-point was 34.00 mL. Calculate the molarity of the  $KMnO_4$ . The equation for the reaction is;



d) During the standardization of sodium thiosulphate solution, 0.2500 g of pure copper metal was dissolved and treated with excess KI. The liberated iodine required 44.90 mL of the solution of sodium thiosulphate to reach the end-point. Calculate the molarity of the sodium thiosulphate. The pertinent reactions are:





**Question 6**

a) Using appropriate illustrations compare calibration curves with standard additions methods and their use in elemental analysis.

i) Clearly explain how a normal calibration curve is obtained. [4]

ii) Clearly explain how one uses the standard additions method to determine concentration. [5]

iii) Under what conditions does the standard additions method provide more accurate analytical information than the calibration curve method? [3]

b) A 20 mL solution of 0.100 M  $\text{NH}_3$  is titrated with 0.200 M HCl.

i) Calculate the pH of the ammonia solution at the following volumes of HCl added.

0 mL	1 mL	9.0 mL	9.99 mL	10 mL
	10.01 mL	11 mL.		[7]

ii) Plot the resulting titration curve [4]

iii) Suggest a suitable indicator for the titration. [2]

Table 1(A)  
 Values of t for  $\nu$  Degrees of Freedom for Various Confidence Levels

$\nu$	Confidence Level			
	90%	95%	99%	99.5%
1	6.314	12.706	63.657	127.32
2	2.920	4.303	9.925	14.089
3	2.353	3.182	5.841	7.453
4	2.132	2.776	4.604	5.598
5	2.015	2.571	4.032	4.773
6	1.943	2.447	3.707	4.317
7	1.895	2.365	3.500	4.029
8	1.860	2.306	3.355	3.832
9	1.833	2.262	3.250	3.690
10	1.812	2.228	3.169	3.581
15	1.753	2.131	2.947	3.252
20	1.725	2.086	2.845	3.153
25	1.708	2.060	2.787	3.078
$\infty$	1.645	1.960	2.576	2.807

$\nu = N - 1 = \text{degrees of freedom.}$

Table 1(B) Values of t for Various Levels of Probability

Degrees of Freedom	Factor for Confidence Interval				
	80%	90%	95%	99%	99.9%
1	3.08	6.31	12.7	63.7	637
2	1.89	2.92	4.30	9.92	31.6
3	1.64	2.35	3.18	5.84	12.9
4	1.53	2.13	2.78	4.60	8.60
5	1.48	2.02	2.57	4.03	6.86
6	1.44	1.94	2.45	3.71	5.96
7	1.42	1.90	2.36	3.50	5.40
8	1.40	1.86	2.31	3.36	5.04
9	1.38	1.83	2.26	3.25	4.78
10	1.37	1.81	2.23	3.17	4.59
11	1.36	1.80	2.20	3.11	4.44
12	1.36	1.78	2.18	3.06	4.32
13	1.35	1.77	2.16	3.01	4.22
14	1.34	1.76	2.14	2.98	4.14
x	1.29	1.64	1.96	2.58	3.29

TABLE 2

Values of  $F$  at the 95% Confidence Level

	$\nu_1 = 2$	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	30
$\nu_2 = 2$	19.0	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.3	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.5
3	9.55	9.28	9.12	9.01	8.94	8.89	8.85	8.81	8.79	8.70	8.66	8.62
4	6.94	6.59	6.39	6.26	6.16	6.09	6.04	6.00	5.96	5.86	5.80	5.75
5	5.79	5.41	5.19	5.05	4.95	4.88	4.82	4.77	4.74	4.62	4.56	4.50
6	5.14	4.76	4.53	4.39	4.28	4.21	4.15	4.10	4.06	3.94	3.87	3.81
7	4.74	4.35	4.12	3.97	3.87	3.79	3.73	3.68	3.64	3.51	3.44	3.38
8	4.46	4.07	3.84	3.69	3.58	3.50	3.44	3.39	3.35	3.22	3.15	3.08
9	4.26	3.86	3.63	3.48	3.37	3.29	3.23	3.18	3.14	3.01	2.94	2.86
10	4.10	3.71	3.48	3.33	3.22	3.14	3.07	3.02	2.98	2.85	2.77	2.70
15	3.68	3.29	3.06	2.90	2.79	2.71	2.64	2.59	2.54	2.40	2.33	2.25
20	3.49	3.10	2.87	2.71	2.60	2.51	2.45	2.39	2.35	2.20	2.12	2.04
30	3.32	2.92	2.69	2.53	2.42	2.33	2.27	2.21	2.16	2.01	1.93	1.84

TABLE 3

Rejection Quotient,  $Q$ , at Different Confidence Limits\*

No. of Observations	Confidence level		
	Q90	Q95	Q99
3	0.941	0.970	0.994
4	0.765	0.829	0.926
5	0.642	0.710	0.821
6	0.560	0.625	0.740
7	0.507	0.568	0.680
8	0.468	0.526	0.634
9	0.437	0.493	0.598
10	0.412	0.466	0.568
15	0.338	0.384	0.475
20	0.300	0.342	0.425
25	0.277	0.317	0.393
30	0.260	0.298	0.372

\*Adapted from D. B. Rorabacher, *Anal. Chem.* 63 (1991) 139.

## 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	$a_0 = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2 / m_e e^2$	$5.291\,77 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$
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>

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



Table 5: PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS

PERIODS	GROUPS																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	IA 1,008	IIA	IIIB	IVB	V	VIB	VII	VIII	VIII	VIII	IB	IB	IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA	VIIIA 1,000
1	H 1																	He 2
2	Li 3 6.941	Be 4 9.012											B 5 10.811	C 6 12.011	N 7 14.007	O 8 15.999	F 9 18.998	Ne 10 20.180
3	Na 11 22.990	Mg 12 24.305											Al 13 26.982	Si 14 28.086	P 15 30.974	S 16 32.06	Cl 17 35.453	Ar 18 39.948
4	K 19 39.098	Ca 20 40.078	Sc 21 44.956	Ti 22 47.88	V 23 50.942	Cr 24 51.996	Mn 25 54.938	Fe 26 55.847	Co 27 58.933	Ni 28 58.69	Cu 29 63.546	Zn 30 65.39	Ga 31 69.723	Ge 32 72.61	As 33 74.922	Se 34 78.96	Br 35 79.904	Kr 36 83.80
5	Rb 37 85.468	Sr 38 87.62	Y 39 88.906	Zr 40 91.224	Nb 41 92.906	Mo 42 95.94	Tc 43 98.907	Ru 44 101.07	Rh 45 102.91	Pd 46 106.42	Ag 47 107.87	Cd 48 112.41	In 49 114.82	Sn 50 118.71	Sb 51 121.75	Te 52 127.60	I 53 126.90	Xe 54 131.29
6	Cs 55 132.91	Ba 56 137.33	*La 57 138.91	Hf 72 178.49	Ta 73 180.95	W 74 183.85	Re 75 186.21	Os 76 190.2	Ir 77 192.22	Pt 78 195.08	Au 79 196.97	Hg 80 200.59	Tl 81 204.38	Pb 82 207.2	Bi 83 208.98	Po 84 209	At 85 210	Rn 86 222
7	Fr 87 223	Ra 88 226.03	**Ac 89	Rf 104 261	Hs 105 262	Unh 106 263	Uns 107 262	Uno 108 265	Uuc 109 266	Uun 110 267								

TRANSITION ELEMENTS

140.12	Ce 58	140.91	Pr 59	144.24	Nd 60	150.36	Sm 62	151.96	Eu 63	157.25	Gd 64	158.93	Tb 65	162.50	Dy 66	164.93	Ho 67	167.26	Er 68	168.93	Tm 69	173.04	Yb 70	174.97	Lu 71
232.04	Th 90	231.04	Pa 91	238.03	U 92	237.05	Pu 94	244	Pu 94	247	Am 95	247	Bk 97	251	Cf 98	252	Es 99	257	Fm 100	258	Md 101	259	No 102	260	Lr 103

\* Lanthanide Series

\*\* Actinide Series

( ) indicates the mass number of the isotope with the longest half-life