



**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED CHEMISTRY**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS– AUGUST 2013**  
**ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY I– SCH 1206**  
**TIME: (3) THREE HOURS**

**MATERIAL**  
**Periodic Table**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**  
**Answer any FOUR questions in this paper**  
**Each question carries 25 marks**

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1. (a) Explain the difference between:
- (i) Random and systematic error
  - (ii) Homogeneous and inhomogeneous
  - (iii) Mean and median
  - (iv) Accuracy and precision
  - (v) Sample and replicate [15 marks]
- (b) The following determinations were made of the atomic weight of carbon: 12,0080, 12,0095, 12,0097, 12,0101; 12,0102; 12,0106, 12,0111, 12,013, 12,0118, and 12,0120. Calculate:
- (i) the arithmetic mean,
  - (ii) the standard deviation,
  - (iii) the standard deviation of the mean,
  - (iv) the 99 percent confidence limits of the mean. [10 marks]
2. (a) Define the following:
- (i) normality
  - (ii) molarity
  - (iii) equivalent weight
  - (iv) ionic strength
  - (iv) activity coefficient [10 marks]

- (b) Calculate the volume of 10 M HCl acid which must be added to 300cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.15 M NH<sub>3</sub>(aq) to give a buffer solution with a pH of 8.22.  
K<sub>b</sub> for NH<sub>3</sub> = 1.8 x 10<sup>-5</sup>. [8 marks]
- (c) 2 mols of O<sub>2</sub> and 2 mols of SO<sub>2</sub> are placed in a 1 dm<sup>3</sup> container and allowed to come to equilibrium:  

$$2\text{SO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightleftharpoons 2\text{SO}_3 \quad (\text{all gases})$$
The total pressure is 10 atm. If the number of mols of O<sub>2</sub> at equilibrium is 1.5, calculate K<sub>p</sub> at the same temperature. [7 marks]
3. (a) Define solubility product. [2 marks]
- (b) Explain the common ion effect in details (examples of reactions may be used for clarity) [6 marks]
- (c) Calculate the solubility of Fe(OH)<sub>2</sub> at 25°C, given that K<sub>sp</sub> for Fe(OH)<sub>2</sub> is 1.6 x 10<sup>-14</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup> at this temperature. [6 marks]
- (e) For the equilibrium  $\text{CaSO}_4(\text{s}) + \text{aq} \rightleftharpoons \text{Ca}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})$ ,  
K<sub>sp</sub> = 2.0 x 10<sup>-5</sup> mol<sup>2</sup> dm<sup>-6</sup>
- (i) What is the solubility of calcium sulphate in a saturated solution of the salt in g cm<sup>-3</sup>? [5 marks]
- (f) Calculate the solubility of Ba(IO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in a solution prepared by mixing 200 mL of 0.0100 M Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> with 100 mL of 0.100 M NaIO<sub>3</sub>. K<sub>sp</sub> of Ba(IO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> = 1.57 x 10<sup>-9</sup> [6 marks]
4. (a) What is a buffer and what do you understand from the term buffer capacity. [6 marks]
- (b) Define the terms a Bronsted-Lowry acid and the conjugate base of a Bronsted-Lowry acid [5 marks]
- (c) Consider the curves for the titration of 0.1M NaOH and 0.01M NH<sub>3</sub> with 0.10M HCl
- (i) Briefly account for the differences between the curves for the titrations [8 marks]
- (ii) In what respect will the two curves be indistinguishable. [6 marks]

5. (a) From a weak acid/conjugate base buffer system,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}/\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$  in an aqueous solution show that:

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_{\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}} + \log \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]}$$

[7 marks]

- (b) Which form of EDTA is used in preparing a titration solution? Why is a solution containing a metal ion buffered before titrating with EDTA?  
[5 marks]
- (c) Calculate the volume of 0.0500 M EDTA needed to titrate:  
(i) 26.37 mL of 0.0741 M in  $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ .  
(ii) the Ca and Mg in a 0.1557 g sample that is 92.5% dolomite,  $\text{CaCO}_3$ - $\text{MgCO}_3$ (184.4g/mol)  
[6 marks]
- (d) Calculate the hydronium ion concentration in 0.120M nitrous acid. The principal equilibrium is  $\text{HNO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{NO}_2^-$  ( $K_a = 7.1 \times 10^{-4}$ )  
[7 marks]

**End of paper!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**