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**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

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**TIME: 2 HOURS**

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**Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

*-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID*

This paper consists of Choose No questions. Attempt Choose instruction.

**Do not write on the question paper.**

**Question ONE**

- (a) Define the following terms:
- i. pH [1mk]
  - ii. Buffer solution [1mk]
- (b) Calculate the pH of a buffer solution that will be formed when 4 g of sodium hydroxide pellets is added to a liter of 0.2M methanoic acid [HCOOH] and 0.1 M methanoate [HCOO<sup>-</sup>] [5mks]
- (c) By the use of examples, differentiate between an orbital and a shell [3mks]
- (d) Determine the total number of orbitals associated with the principal quantum number  $n = 4$  [4mks]
- (e) Determine the four quantum numbers for an electron in 4d orbital [4mks]
- (f) A marble weighs 150 g. if the uncertainty in its position is 5 pm, calculate the uncertainty in velocity of the marble [5mks]
- (g) Hemoglobin, [C<sub>2952</sub> H<sub>4664</sub> N<sub>812</sub> O<sub>832</sub> S<sub>8</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub>], is oxygen carrier in blood in blood.
- i. Calculate the molar mass of hemoglobin. [3mks]
  - ii. An average adult has about 6.0 L of blood. Every milliliter of blood has approximately  $5.5 \times 10^9$  erythrocytes or red blood cells, and every blood cell have about  $3.8 \times 10^8$  hemoglobin molecules. Calculate the mass of hemoglobin molecules in grams in an average adult. [6mks]
  - iii. If the oxidation number of iron in hemoglobin is positive two, write down the electronic configuration of iron in the hemoglobin [2mk]

iv. Using your answer in (g) (iii) above suggest block into which iron belong in the periodic table

[1mk]

### Question TWO

(a) Define the following terms:

i. Steric number

[2mks]

ii. Hybridization

[2mks]

(b) Draw the stable Lewis structure for  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{O}_3$

[4mks]

(c) Using valence bond theory, determine the type of hybridization in  $\text{PCl}_5$ , hence predict its possible shape

[6mks]

(d) State three properties of ionic and covalent compounds

[6mks]

### Question THREE

(a) By the use of examples, state the difference between; a Lewis acid and Bronsted acid

[4mks]

(b) Briefly explain how you can prepare a standard solution of sulphuric acid whose concentration is 0.1M, from a stock solution whose density is  $1.813 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  and its percentage purity is 94%.

[5mks]

(c) State the difference between gravimetric and volumetric method of chemical analysis

[2mks]

(d) An organic pesticide with molar mass of  $183.7 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  which was found to be an excellent killer of mosquito larvae with no effect on the environment was found to contain 8.43 % chlorine. A 0.627 g sample containing no chloride was decomposed with sodium alcohol. The liberated chloride ion was precipitated as  $\text{AgCl}$  and it weighed 0.0831 g. Calculate the % of the pesticide in the sample

[9mks]

### Question FOUR

(a) Differentiate between molar solubility and solubility product of salt.

[2mks]

(b) Calculate the solubility of  $\text{AgBr}$  in pure water and in 0.05M of  $\text{AgNO}_3$

[8mks]

(c) The  $K_{sp}$  for  $\text{Cu(OH)}_2$  is given as  $2.2 \times 10^{-20}$ .

i. Derive the mathematical expression for the  $K_{sp}$  of  $\text{Cu(OH)}_2$

[2mks]

ii. Find the  $[\text{OH}^-]$  ions

[3mks]

iii. Find the solubility of  $\text{Cu(OH)}_2$  in g/L

[3mks]

(d) State two factors that affect solubility of a salt

[2mks]

### Question FIVE

(a) State contribution of radiochemistry to modern society

[4mks]

(b) Differentiate between qualitative and quantitative techniques in chemical analysis

[4mks]

(c) A water sample drawn from a village bore hole was suspected to have the following ions;  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{OH}^-$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ . Using ionic equations explain how you could confirm the presence of the state ion in the water sample

[10mks]

(d) Explain how you can prepare a molar solution of sodium hydroxide

[2mks]

