

# TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA

### FACULTY OF APPLIED AND HEALTH SCIENCES

### DEPARTMENT OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES

### **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:**

BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY IN APPLIED CHEMISTRY (INDUSTRIAL OPTION)

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**ELECTROCHEMISTRY** ACH 4314

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

**SERIES: DEC 2016** 

**TIME:2 HOURS** 

**DATE:** 

### **Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of FIVE questions. Attempt Question one compulsory and any other two question

Do not write on the question paper.

# Paper one

## **QUESTION ONE**

B.	Outline different application of electroplating of process Define Electrosynthesis and explain the basic setup of Electrosynthesise cell Define Electrochemical biosensors and Outline its application	3 marks 5 marks 4 marks
D.	Explain with the help of reaction, Rusting of iron	6 marks

E. Write the cell reaction involved and an expression for calculating EMF for the cells Cd / Cd2+ || KCl | Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>| Hg

3 marks

F. calculate the solubility product K<sub>sp</sub> for AgCN at 298 Kelvin

4 marks

 $Ag+ + e^{-} ---> Ag$   $E^{0} = 0.80 V$ 

$$AgCN + e^{-} ---> Ag + CN^{-}$$
  $E = -0.01 \text{ V}$ 

G. A zinc electrode is submerged in 0.80 M Zn<sup>2+</sup> solution connected by a salt bridge to a 1.30 M Ag<sup>+</sup> solution containing a silver electrode. Determine the initial voltage of the cell at 298K.

 $Zn^{2+}_{aq} \mid Zn_s = \text{ - }0.76 \text{ V} \text{ and } Ag^+_{aq} \mid Ag_s = +0.80 \text{ V}$ 

5 marks

# **QUESTION TWO**

A. State characterized of Superconductivity

4 marks

B. At 20°C the standard EMF of the cell Hg,  $Hg_2Cl_2(s) \mid HCl(aq) \mid H_2(g) \mid$  Pt is 0.2692V. Find the values of  $\Delta G$  and hence  $\Delta S$ .

*cell reaction is*  $0.5Hg_2Cl_2(s) + 0.5H_2(g) \leftrightarrow Hg(l) + HCl(aq)$ 

6 marks

- C. State different:
  - i. Modification techniques on Zinc Carbon battery
  - ii. Methods of preventing corrosion

6 marks

D. Explain briefly principle of Polarography

4 marks

## **QUESTION THREE**

- A. Calculate:
  - i. Volume of chlorine gas liberated at S.T.P . when 40 Amperes of current flows through molten FeCl<sub>3</sub> for ten hours. **6 marks**
  - ii. voltage of cell with concentration potential of 0.004V and resistance of  $6.42\Omega$  when 28.3mA flow through the cell whit E <sub>nernst</sub> of 0.764V **4 marks**
- **B.** Discuss
  - i. principle of Cell balancing

5 marks

ii. mechanism and prevention of electrolyte loss in alkaline fuel cell

5 marks

5 marks

### **QUESTION FOUR**

- A. Define strike 2 marks
- B. Define electrocatalyst and explain hydrogen oxidation reaction (HOR)
- C. With the help of a diagram explain Operation and Advantages of Molten Carbonate fuel cells
- D. Calculate
  - i. Mass of copper deposited if 0.22Amps flows through the cell for 910 minutes. When a metal to be plated with copper was dipped in copper sulphate solution
     6 marks

### **QUESTION FIVE**

- A. Differentiate between self discharge rate and side reactions as used in batteries 3 marks
- B. Define the Glass Membrane Electrodes

2 marks

- C. With the help of diagram explain the working of a the alkaline fuel cell (AFC).
- 7 marks
- D. with the help of reaction explain hydrodiminerisation of acrylonitrile to adiponitrile by electrohydrodimerization 8 marks