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ACH 2105: FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY

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 **FIVE** questions. Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

Question ONE

- a) Explain why alkenes are the only hydrocarbons able to form stereoisomers (4 marks)
- b) Given the half-cell equation $\text{O}_{2(\text{g})} + 2\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})}$
(i) Construct the fully balanced redox ionic equation for the oxidation of hydrogen peroxide by potassium manganate (VII) (4 marks)
- c) List FOUR factors that influence ionization energy (4 marks)
- d) Discuss using examples the difference between nuclear fusion and nuclear fission (4 marks)
- e) State why alkenes are the only hydrocarbons able to form stereoisomers (5 marks)
- f) Nitrogen gas combines with hydrogen gas to form ammonia according to the equation below explain how changes in temperature, pressure and concentration affect equilibrium constant (9 marks)
- $$\text{N}_2(\text{g}) + 3\text{H}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{NH}_3(\text{g}) \quad \Delta H = -102.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Question TWO

- a) 2.00 dm^3 of concentrated hydrochloric acid (10.0 M) was spilt onto a laboratory floor. It can be neutralized with limestone powder. [atomic masses: Ca = 40, C = 12, O = 16]
- (i) Give the equation for the reaction between limestone and hydrochloric acid. (2 marks)
- (ii) How many moles of hydrochloric acid was spilt? (2 marks)
- (iii) How many moles of calcium carbonate will neutralize the acid? (2 marks)

- (iv) What minimum mass of limestone powder is needed to neutralize the acid? (2marks)
- b) If 1000 dm^3 of sulphuric acid, of concentration 2.00 mol dm^{-3} , leaked from a tank, calculate the minimum mass of magnesium oxide required to neutralize it (5marks)
- c) State Heisenberg's uncertainty principle (2mark)

Question THREE

- a) a buffer solution containing 0.10 mol dm^{-3} of ethanoic acid and 0.20 mol dm^{-3} of sodium ethanoate calculate its pH given K_a for ethanoic acid is $1.74 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$. (7marks)
- b) Chlorination of methane is a chain reaction give equation for
- the chain initiation step (2 marks)
 - two equation for chain propagating steps (2 marks)
 - three equation for chain terminating step (3 marks)
 - formation of the least chlorinated methane (1 marks)

Question FOUR

- a) The pH of 0.01 mol dm^{-3} of ethanoic acid (*acetic acid*), CH_3COOH is 3.40 at 25°C . What is the dissociation constant of ethanoic acid at this temperature? (6marks)
- b) Draw and name isomeric structural of a compound with molecule formulae. C_5H_{10} (6marks)
- c) State any THREE applications of radioactivity. (3marks)
- d) Differentiate between Wavelength and wave number (2marks)

Question FIVE

Describe the periodic trend of the following giving reason in each case

- Ionization energy (3 marks)
- Electronegativity (3 marks)
- melting point (3 marks)
- Atomic radius (3 marks)
- Reactivity (3marks)