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ORDINARY EXAMINATION

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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 (30 Marks)

- a) A buffer solution was prepared by mixing 2.5 moles per litre of weak acid ($K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$) and 2.5 moles per litre of its salt. Find
- the pH of this buffer solution
 - PH change when 2 mL of 6M NaOH is added to it
- (4 marks)**

- b) Define indicators (2 marks)
- c) Distinguish between
- Arrhenius, Bronsted and Lewis concept of acids (3 marks)
 - Homogeneous from heterogeneous equilibria (2 marks)
- d) Discuss deviation of gases from the ideal behavior. (3 marks)
- e) With the help of graph and equations, state Boyle's and Charles law of gases (4mks)
- f) Calculate vapor pressure lowering of water when 10 mL glycerol ($C_3H_8O_3$) was added to 500 mL water at 50°C . [vapour pressure of water is 92.5 mmHg, Density of glycerol and water as 1.26 g/ml and 0.988 g/ml respectively]. (4 marks)
- g) Discuss the effect of adding HCL on dissociation of sodium acetate
- $$CH_3COOH + H_2O \rightleftharpoons CH_3COO^- + H_3O^+ \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$
- h) Given the equilibrium partial pressure of Ammonia, Nitrogen and Hydrogen as 2.9×10^{-4} atm, 8.9×10^{-1} atm 2.9×10^{-3} atm respectively, calculate
- Equilibrium constant K_p
 - Equilibrium constant K_c at 35°C ($R = 0.0821 \text{ atm}\cdot\text{L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$)
- $$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g) \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

Question Two (20 Marks)

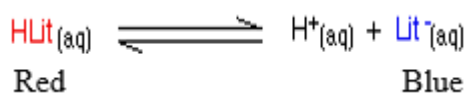
- a) Calculate the pH of a saturated solution of AgOH, $K_{sp} = 2.0 \times 10^{-8}$ (4 marks)
- b) Using examples explain the term conjugate acid base pair. (3 marks).
- c) 31.150 dm^3 of H_2 gas initially at 30°C and 745 mmHg was cooled to -30°C and 312 mmHg, Calculate the Contraction final volume. (3 marks)
- d) Differentiate between
- Acidic salt and Acidic Buffer (2 marks)
 - Boiling point and Boiling (3 marks)
- e) One Kg of ethylene glycol ($C_2H_6O_2$) was added to car radiator containing 4.450 g of water. Calculate the boiling point of solution ($k_b = 0.512^\circ\text{C}\cdot\text{Kg} / \text{moles}$) (3 marks).
- f) Define dynamic (2 marks)

Question Three (20 Marks)

- a) A gas mixture was prepared by blending 1.24 moles of hydrogen gas with 2.91 moles of oxygen gas under a total pressure of 104 kilopascals. Determine respective partial pressure in atmospheric. **(4 marks)**
- b) State Le Chatelier principle and used it to explain the effect of increasing temperature and pressure on the following equilibrium **(4 marks)**
- $$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl(s)} \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_3\text{(g)} + \text{HCl(g)} \quad \text{DH} = 57 \text{ KJ/MOL}^{-1}$$
- c) Define partial pressure **(2 marks)**
- d) State and explain four assumptions made in Kinetic molecular theory **(4 marks)**
- e) State the law of equilibrium **(2 marks)**
- f) A solution was prepared by dissolving 86.8 g of a nonvolatile solute in 350. g of water. Calculate the molar mass of a nonvolatile solute given vapor pressure of pure water at 29.6 °C as 31.1 mmHg and that of resulting solution as 28.6 mmHg **(4 marks)**

Question Four (20 Marks)

- a) Calculate
- Enthalpy of combustion per mole when 3 g of glucose (molar mass 180g/mol) was burn in constant volume calorimeter containing 1.2 kg of water. During experiment temperature of water rose from 19°C to 25.5°C. [Heat capacity of calorimeter = 2.21 KJ /°C, Specific heat of water = 4.184J/°C.g] **(5 marks)**
 - Amount of heat release per mole during combustion of 1 g of butane (C₄H₁₀). [ΔH_f of C₄H₁₀, CO₂ and H₂O as -147.6,-393.5 and -285.5 kJ mol⁻¹ respectively] **(4 marks)**
- b) Distinguish between an electrolytic cell and a voltaic cell. **(3 marks)**
- c) Calculate the equilibrium constant at 25°C for the cell: $\text{Cu} | \text{Cu}^{2+}(1 \text{ M}) || \text{Ag}^+(1 \text{ M}) | \text{Ag}$
Given $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu(s)} \quad E^\circ = 0.518 \text{ V}$ and $\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag(s)} \quad E^\circ = + 0.799 \text{ V}$. **(5 marks)**
- b) Litmus indicator is and acidic indicator and its dissociation is represented below.
Using le Chateliers principle explain its colour change in alkaline media. **(3 marks)**



Question Five (20 Marks)

- a) With the help of equation state Raoult's law (2 marks).
- b) Calculate the pH of a buffer solution containing 0.25 mol/litre NH_3 ($K_b = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$) and 0.40 mol/litre ammonium chloride. (4 marks)
- c) Differentiate between Amphiprotic and amphoteric substance (3 marks)
- d) Define common ion effect (2 marks)
- e) A given household detergent has a pOH of 6.165 at 25 °C calculate the concentration of hydroxyl and hydrogen ions (4 marks)
- f) Compare and Comment on the pressure predicted for 536 mL of 1 mole Carbon dioxide gas at 373 Kelvin. using the;
 - a. Ideal gas equation (2 marks)
 - b. Van der Waals equation (3 marks)

Given $a = 3.61 \text{ L}^2 \text{ atm mol}^{-2}$, $b = 0.0428 \text{ L}$ and

van der Waals equation $(P + \frac{an^2}{V^2})(V - nb) = nRT$.