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## University Examinations 2012/2013

## FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE IN AGRICULTURE AND FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION

## **CHE 0100: CHEMISTRY**

#### DATE: AUGUST 2013

c TIME: 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer questions **one** and any other **two** questions.

- Speed of light  $c = 2.99792 \times 10^8 m s^{-1}$
- Plancks constant, h=  $6.6262 \times 10^{-34} Js^{-1}$

#### **QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) State three basic assumptions made by Dalton on atomic theory. (3 Marks)
- b) Define a base according to Arhenius.
- c) Using the s, p d notations write the electronic configuration for the following elements

(4 Marks)

(2 Marks)

- i. Sodium (atomic number 11)
- ii. Phosphorous (atomic number 15)
- iii. Aluminium (atomic number 13)
- iv. Manganese (atomic number 25)
- v. Zinc (atomic number 30)
- d) The wavelength of a certain radiation was  $\lambda = 3.4 \times 10^{-5}$  m. Calculate the energy for the radiation in joules. (4 Marks)
- e) Distinguish between electro negativity and electron affinity. (2 Marks)
- f) Ionization energy increases from Na, Mg, to Al. Explain (2 Marks)
- g) Explain the meaning of the term "common ion effect". (2 Marks)
- h) Calculate the pH of 0.03M nitric acid. (3 Marks)

i)	Write the structural formula for the following organic compounds. (3 Marks)		
	i.	2 – chloro, 2,3-dimethylbutane	
	ii.	2,3-dimethylpent-2-ol	
	iii.	3-methylhexanoic acid	
j)	Outline the failures of Neils Behr atomic model. (3 Marks)		(3 Marks)
k)	What is a redox reaction? (2 Mark		(2 Marks)

## **QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)**

a)	The solubility of silver bromide in water is $7.0 \times 10^{-7}$ mole $dm^{-3}$ at $25^{\circ}C$ .			
	solubility product.	(4 Marks)		
b)	i) What are isomers?	(2 Marks)		
	ii) Draw and name the positional isomers in 2-methylhex-1-ene.	(3 Marks)		
c)	Define the term ionization energy.	(2 Marks)		
d)	What is the pH of $0.01 \text{ mol/dm}^3$ of benzoic acid (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> COOH), given that			
	Ka(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> COOH)= $6.4 \times 10^{-5} mol/dm^3$ .	(4 Marks)		

## **QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)**

a)	Defin	e the term buffer solution.	(2 Marks)
b)	Chlor	ic (I) acid (hypochlorous acid is a weak acid Ka(HClO)= $3.2 \times 10^{-10}$	<sup>-8</sup> mol/dm <sup>3</sup> .
	i.	Calculate $[H^+]$ and $[OH^-]$ in $1.25 \times 10^{-2}$ M HClO.	(3 Marks)
	ii.	What is the pH of $1.25 \times 10^{-2}$ M HClO?	(2 Marks)
c)	State	the properties of the four quantum numbers.	(8 Marks)

## **QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)**

- a) Name the following organic compounds. (5 Marks) i) CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>
  - v) HO-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-OH

v) HO— $CH_2CH_2CH_2$ —OH

- b) Draw a clearly labeled diagram for the atomic spectra of hydrogen as observed in the Balmer series.
  (4 Marks)
- c) Distinguish between mole and molarity. (2 Marks)

d) A 1.0g sample of limestone was allowed to react with 100cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.2MHCl acid. The excess acid required 24.8cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.1M NaOH solution. Calculate the percentage by mass of calcium carbonate in limestone. (4 Marks)

## **QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)**

- a) What is meant by the term functional group in organic chemistry? (2 marks)
- b) Complete the table below by stating the Homologous Series.

Functional group	Name of Homologous
	Series
ОН	
NH <sub>2</sub>	
о Ш сон	
c	
о Ш ——с——н	
R 	

c) State giving a reason the oxidized species in the following chemical reactions.

(6 Marks)

(7 Marks)

 $\begin{array}{ccc} Cu^{2+(aq)}+Zn(s) & \longrightarrow & Cu(s)+Zn^{2+}(aq) \\ 2K(s)+2H_20(l) & \longrightarrow & 2KOH(aq)+H_2(g) \\ MnO_4^-(aq)+8H^+(aq) & \longrightarrow & Mn^{2+}(aq)+5Fe^{3+}(aq)+4H_2O(l) \end{array}$