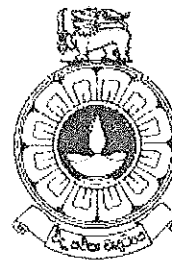


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Duration	: 02 hours

1. Read all instructions carefully before answering the questions.
  2. This question paper consists of **04** questions in **07** pages.
  3. Answer **ALL 04** questions. All questions carry equal marks.
  4. Answer for each question should commence from a new page.
  5. Draw fully labelled diagrams where necessary.
  6. Having any unauthorized documents/ mobile phones in your possession is a punishable offense.
  7. Use blue or black ink to answer the questions.
  8. Circle the number of the questions you answered in the front cover of your answer script.
  9. Clearly state your index number in **ALL** pages of your answer script.
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Some important universal constants are given below, in standard notation.

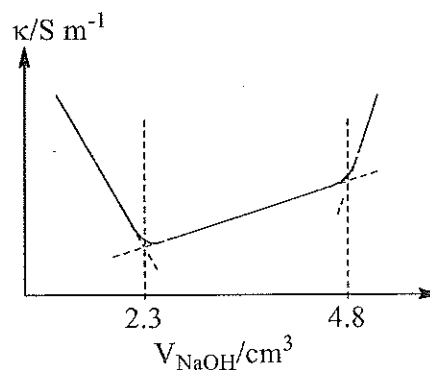
$$\begin{array}{lll}
 R = 8.314 \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} & N_A = 6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1} & F = 96,500 \text{ C mol}^{-1} \\
 h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js} & c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1} & P_0 = 10^5 \text{ Pa (Nm}^{-2}\text{)} = 1 \text{ bar} \\
 e = 1.602177 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} & \pi = 3.14159 & \text{Log}_e(X) = 2.303 \text{ Log}_{10}(X)
 \end{array}$$

Some equations used in chemistry are given below, in standard notation.

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 \log(\gamma_{\pm}) = -AZ_+|Z_-|\sqrt{I}, & E_J = BJ(J+1), & J_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{kT}{2hc\bar{B}}} - \frac{1}{2}, & \bar{v} = 2\bar{B}(J+1), \\
 v' = \frac{v}{1 \pm v/c}, \quad u = \frac{xak}{Q} & \lambda_B = u_B|Z_B|F, & v_B = u_B E, & j = \kappa E \quad A = \epsilon Cl, \\
 j_B = v_B c_B |Z_B| F, & \Lambda_Y = \frac{\kappa_Y}{C_Y}, & \lambda_B = \frac{\kappa_B}{c_B}, & \kappa_B = u_B c_B |Z_B| F.
 \end{array}$$

1. Answer any **TWO** parts out of (a), (b) and (c).

- (a) HA and HB are monobasic acids. HA is a **strong** acid while HB is a **weak** acid (with a very small dissociation constant). Using a standard solution of NaOH, a student performed a conductometric titration in determining the concentrations of HA and HB in a solution containing both acids. The figure shows the conductivity,  $\kappa$ , of the titration mixture versus volume of NaOH graph the student obtained in performing the titration of  $25.0 \text{ cm}^3$  of the solution. The concentration of NaOH used was  $1.0 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .

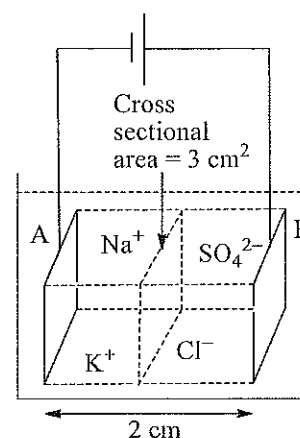


- (i) State the assumption the student has to make in order to determine the concentrations of HA and HB.
- (ii) Using the evidence gathered from the graph give a justification for the assumption you make.
- (iii) Determine the concentrations of HA and HB in the above mentioned solution.

(50 marks)

- (b) (i) Define the following as applied in studying conductivity of electrolytes in solution.
- ( $\alpha$ ) Conductivity of a solution.
  - ( $\beta$ ) Molar conductivity of a chemical species in solution.
  - ( $\gamma$ ) Transport number of an ionic species in a solution.
- (ii) Explain why the ionic mobility of an ion in aqueous medium is highest at infinite dilution.
- (iii) Calculate the total charge of sodium ions released to the solution when 1 mol of sodium phosphate (which is a strong electrolyte) is dissolved in  $2 \text{ dm}^3$  of water. (50 marks)

- (c) A student electrolysed an aqueous solution of  $\text{NaCl}$  and  $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$  using two equal platinum plates, A and B; see the figure. The electric current was  $2.5 \text{ A}$  and remained constant throughout the experiment. The plates were kept parallel, at a distance of  $2 \text{ cm}$  from each other. The concentration of  $\text{NaCl}$  was  $1.5 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ . The time taken by an  $\text{Na}^+$  ion to travel from A to B was  $1000 \text{ s}$ . The conductivity of the solution was  $0.3 \text{ S m}^{-1}$ . Assume that the current flows only within the cell of solution trapped between the plates and the cross sectional area of it is  $3 \text{ cm}^2$ . The current density is the same throughout the cross section.



- (i) Define the ionic mobility of an ion.
- (ii) Calculate the ionic mobility of  $\text{Na}^+$ .
- (iii) Calculate the transport number of  $\text{Na}^+$ .

(50 marks)

2. (a) Briefly describe what is meant by *Doppler broadening* in spectroscopy.

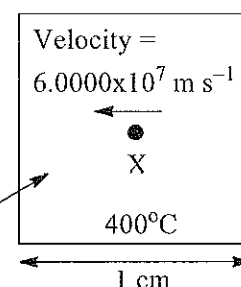
(20 marks)

- (b) A molecule X has only two energy levels at  $1.0000 \times 10^{-22} \text{ J}$  and  $9.2875 \times 10^{-22} \text{ J}$ . A gaseous sample of X at  $400^\circ \text{C}$  is placed in a (parallel) beam of radiation of frequency

Radiation source

Radiation beam  
of frequency  
 $1.0000 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz}$

Gaseous sample  
of X molecules



$1.0000 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz}$  in a sample cell of path length  $1 \text{ cm}$ . Consider a molecule of X in the sample which is moving directly towards the radiation source at velocity  $6.0000 \times 10^7 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ ; see the figure. Showing all the necessary calculations and

identifying all the terms in any equation you use, deduce whether the above mentioned molecule can absorb a photon from the beam of radiation.

(30 marks)

(c) Answer either **Part A** OR **Part B** (but NOT both).

**Part A:**

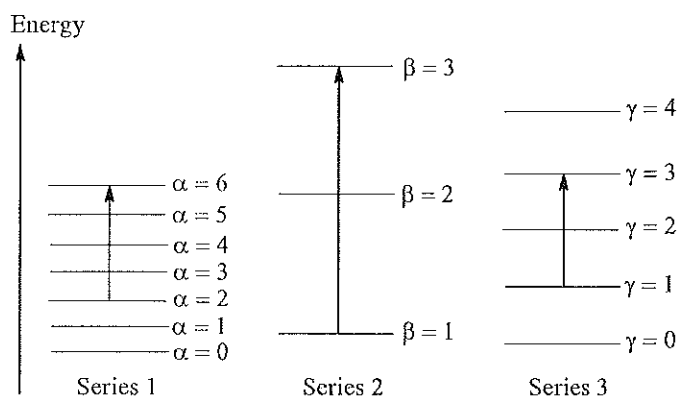
(i) Define the following terms as applied in molecular spectroscopy

( $\alpha$ ) Stimulated absorption

( $\beta$ ) Transmittance (of a sample)

(10 marks)

(ii) You learned that the electronic, vibrational and rotational energies of a molecule are quantised separately (independently). In the figure, Series 1, 2 and 3, represent the first few energy levels in each of these energies (NOT in any particular order) of a diatomic molecule.  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$



and  $\gamma$  are the associated quantum numbers. The energy in the series 1, 2 and 3, in units of  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , are given by  $\bar{E}_1(\alpha) = 20.0 \times \alpha(\alpha + 1)$ ,  $\bar{E}_2(\beta) = 20000.0 \times \beta$  and  $\bar{E}_3(\gamma) = 2000.0 \times (\gamma + 1/2)$ , respectively. The parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  correspond to the respective quantum numbers.

( $\chi$ ) Giving reasons, identify the three series as electronic, rotational and vibrational energies.

( $\delta$ ) Giving reasons, state the most probable regions of the electromagnetic spectrum where the photons effecting the following transitions are located.

(I)  $(\alpha = 0, \beta = 1, \gamma = 3) \rightarrow (\alpha = 0, \beta = 2, \gamma = 4)$

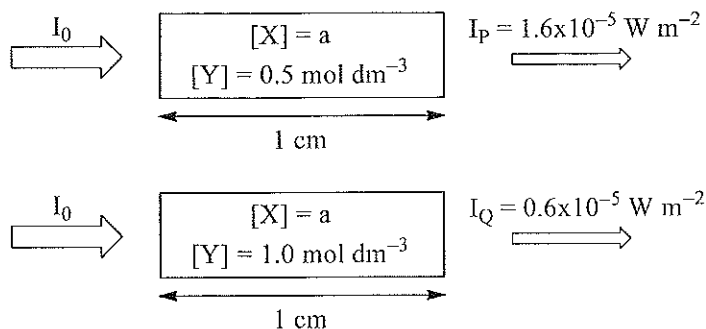
(II)  $(\alpha = 0, \beta = 1, \gamma = 3) \rightarrow (\alpha = 1, \beta = 1, \gamma = 3)$

( $\lambda$ ) Calculate the energy required to bring about the mixed transition indicated in the figure, in units of  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

(40 marks)

**Part B:**

X and Y are two non-interacting chemical species. A student was given two solutions, P and Q, containing X and Y. The concentration of X was the same in P and Q. However, the concentration of Y in P and Q, in units of  $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$ ,

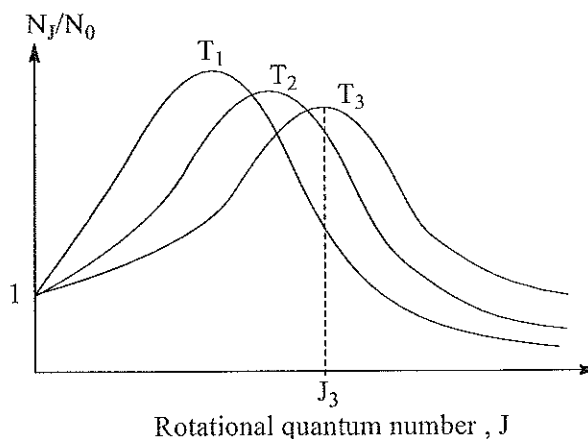


were 0.5 and 1.0, respectively. The student placed samples of P and Q in a beam of monochromatic radiation and measured the intensities of outgoing radiation,  $I_P$  and  $I_Q$ , to be  $1.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ W m}^{-2}$  and  $0.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ W m}^{-2}$ , respectively. The student used the same sample cell with a path length of 1 cm. The intensity of the incoming radiation beam was the same for both samples. See the figure.

- (i) Write down the Beer-Lambert law for absorbance of a sample of a solution having N number of non-interacting chemical species and identify all the parameters in it.
- (ii) Using the equation in part (i) above, show that the absorbance of a sample is the sum of absorbance due to constituent chemicals species in it, when there is no interaction among them.
- (iii) Calculate the molar extinction coefficient of Y.

(50 marks)

3. (a) Consider a gaseous sample of a diatomic molecule which behaves as a rigid rotor. The variation of  $N_J/N_0$  with the rotational quantum number, J, at three different temperatures,  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  and  $T_3$ , is schematically represented in the figure. Here,  $N_J$  is the population of the rotational energy level with the rotational quantum number J.



- (i) State the relationship among  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  and  $T_3$  (largest, next largest and smallest). Briefly explain your answer using relevant equation/s.
- (ii) Estimate the value of the rotational quantum number,  $J_3$ , if  $T_3 = 400 \text{ K}$  and the rotational constant of the molecule is  $10.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

(30 marks)

- (b) Write down the expression for the Arrhenius equation and, clearly identify all the symbols used.

(08 marks)

- (c) A bottle of milk stored at  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$  sours in **2 days** whilst that stored in a refrigerator at  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$  soured in **8 days**. Assuming that the rate of souring ( $R$ ) is related to the absolute temperature ( $T/\text{K}$ ) and time,  $t$  (in days) by the equation,  $R = \frac{k}{t} \exp\left(-\frac{5 \times 10^3}{T}\right)$

determine the value of  $\frac{R_1}{R_2}$  where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are the rate of souring at  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$ , respectively, and  $k$  is a constant in the above temperature range.

(18 marks)

- (d) Consider a first order elementary reaction of the form  $A \rightarrow P$ .

(i) Write down the rate equation using the standard symbols and hence, derive the integrated form, expressing time,  $t$ , as a function of the amount of  $A$  reacted,  $x$  [i.e.  $t = f(x)$ ].

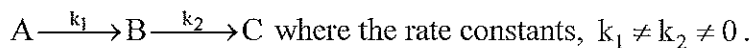
(ii) A drug is known to be ineffective when it has undergone 30% decomposition. A sample of this drug whose original concentration is given as 500 units/ml was analysed after 20 months; it was found to have a concentration of 420 units/ml. Assuming that this decomposition follows **first order kinetics**, calculate the expiration time of this drug and its half-life.

(32 marks)

- (e) Illustrate the meaning of the term Steady State Assumption (SSA) by sketching the rate versus time graph for an intermediate in a chain reaction.

(06 marks)

- (f) Consider a consecutive, irreversible first order reaction of the form



Write down the rate equation with respect to the intermediate  $B$ .

(06 marks)

4. (a) Sketch a clearly labelled **Pressure vs Temperature** phase diagram for water; identify the Triple Point in your diagram.

Apply the phase rule to the Triple Point and determine the number of degrees of freedom

(18 marks)

- (b) (i) One  $(1) \text{ dm}^3$  of a homogeneous solution consisting of three components,  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ , is prepared such that the molar concentrations of  $B$  and  $C$  are equal to twice that of  $A$ . Determine the mole fraction of  $A$ .

(ii) 100.0 ml of a mixture of two substances  $X$  and  $Y$  is prepared such that the concentration is 0.6 M in  $Y$ . The mole fraction of  $X$  is reported as  $1/3$ . Determine the concentration of  $X$ .

(20 marks)

- (c) Consider a binary mixture of two liquids  $A$  and  $B$  which are miscible in all proportions and where the boiling point of  $A$  is greater than that of  $B$ .

(i) Assuming that  $A$  and  $B$  form an ideal solution, sketch a **clearly labelled** temperature (boiling point) versus composition phase diagram.

- (ii) Assuming that A and B form a non-ideal solution with a boiling point maximum, sketch a **clearly labelled** temperature (boiling point) versus composition phase diagram. The azeotropic composition is given as 35% A (mole percent) with a boiling point of 205°C.
- (iii) If an equimolar mixture of A and B, corresponding to the system in (ii) above, is subject to fractional distillation, discuss/explain briefly the outcome when compared with that of a similar process in system (i) above [you may refer to the respective phase diagrams in (i) and (ii)].

(32 marks)

- (d) Answer either **Part A** OR **Part B** (but **NOT** both).

**Part A:**

- (i) Write down the mathematical expression that represents Raoult's law for an ideal solution and identify clearly the symbols used.
- (ii) Two liquids, 53.0 g of ethylbenzene (X) and 84.0 g of a compound Y were mixed together to form an ideal solution at room temperature. The mole fraction of X in this mixture is 0.25. The vapour pressures of pure ethylbenzene is 40 torr and the total vapour pressure of this mixture is 42 torr. With the aid of the relevant laws and mathematical expressions calculate the following.  
[Relative atomic masses: H = 1.0, C = 12.0; O = 16.0]
- (α) The molar mass of Y.
- (β) The saturated vapour pressure of Y at this temperature.
- (γ) The mole fraction of X in the vapour phase at this temperature.

(30 marks)

**Part B:**

Two metals A and B (melting point of A being greater than that of B) are said to form a simple eutectic system at elevated temperatures. The eutectic composition is found to be at  $X_A = 0.4$  ( $X_A$  is the mole fraction of A).

- (i) What do you understand by the term "eutectic composition"?
- (ii) Sketch a fully labelled phase diagram for the above system.
- (iii) The cooling curve corresponding to the melt of the eutectic composition has the shape similar to that of the cooling curves of pure A and B. Sketch the expected shape. Explain the expected shape with reference to the sketch of the cooling curve and the phase rule.

(30 marks)

**The END**

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