

**Chemistry**  
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**Paper 1A**

Practice paper

**Topic: Redox Processes**

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**Instructions to candidates**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer all questions.
- For each question, choose the best answer.
- A clean copy of the chemistry data booklet is required.
- The maximum mark for this paper is [30 marks].

## Section A

1. What is the standard electrode potential,  $E^\ominus$ , of the standard hydrogen electrode?
  - A. -1.00 V
  - B. 0.00 V
  - C. +1.00 V
  - D. +298 V
2. Which combination of conditions defines standard electrode potentials?
  - A. 298 K, 100 kPa, 1.0 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>
  - B. 273 K, 101 kPa, 1.0 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>
  - C. 298 K, 101 kPa, 0.1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>
  - D. 0 K, 100 kPa, 1.0 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>
3. In a functioning voltaic cell operating under standard conditions, which relates  $\Delta G^\ominus$  and  $E^\ominus_{\text{cell}}$ ?
  - A.  $\Delta G^\ominus > 0$  and  $E^\ominus_{\text{cell}} > 0$
  - B.  $\Delta G^\ominus < 0$  and  $E^\ominus_{\text{cell}} > 0$
  - C.  $\Delta G^\ominus < 0$  and  $E^\ominus_{\text{cell}} < 0$
  - D.  $\Delta G^\ominus > 0$  and  $E^\ominus_{\text{cell}} < 0$
4. Which conditions are required for standard electrode potentials?
  - I. 1.0 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> concentration for aqueous ions
  - II. 100 kPa pressure for gases
  - III. Platinum electrodes in all half-cells
  - A. I and II only
  - B. I and III only
  - C. II and III only
  - D. I, II and III
5. Which species is preferentially discharged at the anode during the electrolysis of dilute aqueous sodium chloride using inert electrodes?
  - A. Na<sup>+</sup>
  - B. Cl<sup>-</sup>
  - C. OH<sup>-</sup>
  - D. H<sup>+</sup>
6. Which factors affect the amount of product discharged during electrolysis?
  - A. Time and temperature
  - B. Current, time, and charge of the ion
  - C. Current and voltage only

- D. Concentration of the electrolyte only
7. In the balancing of a redox reaction in basic medium, how are the  $H^+$  ions neutralized?
- By adding  $H_2O$
  - By adding  $OH^-$  to both sides
  - By adding  $O_2$
  - By subtracting  $H^+$  from the products
8. Which statements apply to an electrolytic cell?
- $\Delta G > 0$  for the overall chemical reaction
  - Electrical energy drives a non-spontaneous reaction
  - Oxidation occurs at the positive electrode
- I and II only
  - I and III only
  - II and III only
  - I, II and III
9. A voltaic cell consists of  $Ag^+/Ag$  ( $E^\ominus = +0.80\text{ V}$ ) and  $Ni^{2+}/Ni$  ( $E^\ominus = -0.26\text{ V}$ ). What is the standard cell potential?
- +1.06 V
  - +0.54 V
  - 1.06 V
  - 0.54 V
10. In electroplating a copper spoon with silver, the spoon must be placed at the:
- Anode, where reduction occurs
  - Cathode, where oxidation occurs
  - Cathode, where reduction occurs
  - Anode, where oxidation occurs
11. Which of the following is an expected product at the cathode during the electrolysis of aqueous copper(II) sulfate using inert electrodes?
- Oxygen gas
  - Hydrogen gas
  - Copper metal
  - Sulfur dioxide
12. In comparing the electrolysis of molten NaCl vs dilute aqueous NaCl using inert electrodes:
- Both produce chlorine gas at the anode.

- II. Molten NaCl yields sodium metal at the cathode.  
III. Aqueous NaCl yields hydrogen gas at the cathode.
- A. I and II only  
B. II and III only  
C. I and III only  
D. I, II and III
13. Which equation relates Gibbs free energy to cell potential?
- A.  $\Delta G^\ominus = -nFE^\ominus$   
B.  $\Delta G^\ominus = nFE^\ominus$   
C.  $\Delta G^\ominus = -RT\ln(K)$   
D.  $E^\ominus = nF(\Delta G^\ominus)$
14. What is the value of the Faraday constant?
- A.  $9.65 \times 10^3 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$   
B.  $9.65 \times 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$   
C.  $8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$   
D.  $6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
15. If a current of 2.0 A flows for 10 minutes, what charge has passed?
- A. 20 C  
B. 120 C  
C. 1200 C  
D. 2400 C
16. Which relate to determining the mass of metal deposited during electroplating?
- I. Current applied  
II. Time of electroplating  
III. The charge of the metal ion
- A. I and II only  
B. I and III only  
C. II and III only  
D. I, II and III
17. Which metal is the strongest reducing agent according to its highly negative standard electrode potential?
- A. Gold  
B. Silver  
C. Copper  
D. Lithium

18. What occurs during the electrolysis of concentrated aqueous sodium chloride?
- A. Hydrogen gas is formed at the anode.
  - B. Chlorine gas is formed at the anode.
  - C. Sodium metal is formed at the cathode.
  - D. Oxygen gas is formed at the anode.
19. A cell with an  $E^{\circ}_{\text{cell}}$  of 0.00 V implies:
- A. The reaction is spontaneous.
  - B. The reaction is at equilibrium.
  - C. The cell is short-circuited.
  - D. The cell has an infinite resistance.
20. For a spontaneous electrochemical reaction:
- I. The total cell potential ( $E^{\circ}_{\text{cell}}$ ) is positive.
  - II. The Gibbs free energy change ( $\Delta G^{\circ}$ ) is negative.
  - III. The equilibrium constant ( $K$ ) is greater than 1.
- A. I and II only
  - B. I and III only
  - C. II and III only
  - D. I, II and III
21. Which describes the electron flow in an electrolytic cell?
- A. From anode to cathode via the external circuit
  - B. From cathode to anode via the external circuit
  - C. Through the electrolyte from anode to cathode
  - D. Through the electrolyte from cathode to anode
22. When copper is electro-refined, what forms at the anode?
- A. Pure copper is deposited.
  - B. Impure copper undergoes oxidation to  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ .
  - C. Oxygen gas is evolved.
  - D. Hydrogen gas is evolved.
23. What is the oxidation state of Mn in the permanganate ion,  $\text{MnO}_4^-$ ?
- A. +2
  - B. +4
  - C. +6
  - D. +7

24. During the electrolysis of concentrated NaCl(aq) (brine), which products are formed?
- Hydrogen gas
  - Chlorine gas
  - Sodium hydroxide solution
- I and II only
  - I and III only
  - II and III only
  - I, II and III
25. Which is an appropriate salt bridge electrolyte?
- BaSO<sub>4</sub>
  - AgCl
  - KNO<sub>3</sub>
  - PbBr<sub>2</sub>
26. The standard electrode potential for a half cell is defined relative to the SHE. What is the material of the SHE electrode?
- Copper
  - Zinc
  - Platinum
  - Graphite
27. During the rusting of iron, what is the initially formed solid product?
- Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
  - Fe(OH)<sub>2</sub>
  - Fe(OH)<sub>3</sub>
  - Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>
28. Which factors influence the selective discharge of ions in an aqueous solution?
- The position of the ion in the standard electrode potential series
  - The concentration of the electrolyte
  - the nature of the electrode
- I and II only
  - I and III only
  - II and III only
  - I, II and III
29. If  $E^\ominus$  for the reaction  $X + Y^{2+} \rightarrow X^{2+} + Y$  is positive, what can be deduced about the reverse reaction?
- It has a positive  $\Delta G^\ominus$  and is non-spontaneous.
  - It has a negative  $\Delta G^\ominus$  and is spontaneous.

- C. It has a positive  $\Delta G^\ominus$  and is spontaneous.
- D. It has a negative  $\Delta G^\ominus$  and is non-spontaneous.

What is the oxidation state of Chromium in the dichromate ion,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ ?

- A. +3
- B. +6
- C. +7
- D. +12

Which statement defines oxidation?

- A. Gain of electrons
- B. Loss of electrons
- C. Decrease in oxidation state
- D. Addition of hydrogen

32. Which changes occur when balancing redox half-equations in basic solution instead of acidic?

- I.  $\text{H}^+$  ions are neutralized by adding  $\text{OH}^-$  to both sides.
  - II. Water is added to balance oxygen.
  - III. The number of transferred electrons changes.
- A. I and II only
  - B. I and III only
  - C. II and III only
  - D. I, II and III

In a voltaic cell, where does reduction take place?

- A. At the anode, which is positive.
- B. At the anode, which is negative.
- C. At the cathode, which is positive.
- D. At the cathode, which is negative.

Which species acts as the oxidizing agent in the reaction:  $\text{Cu(s)} + 2\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{Ag(s)}$ ?

- A.  $\text{Cu(s)}$
- B.  $\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq})$
- C.  $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq})$
- D.  $\text{Ag(s)}$

What is the primary function of a salt bridge in a voltaic cell?

- A. To provide a pathway for electrons to flow

- B. To maintain electrical neutrality by allowing ions to migrate
- C. To act as an electrode
- D. To stop the reaction from proceeding too quickly

Which variables must be designated for standard electrode potential conditions?

- I. Temperature of 298 K
  - II. Solutions at  $1.0 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$
  - III. Gases at 100 kPa pressure
- A. I and II only
  - B. I and III only
  - C. II and III only
  - D. I, II and III

During the electrolysis of molten sodium chloride, what is produced at the negative electrode (cathode)?

- A. Sodium metal
- B. Chlorine gas
- C. Hydrogen gas
- D. Oxygen gas

A standard hydrogen electrode (SHE) is assigned an electrode potential of exactly what value?

- A. 1.00 V
- B. 0.00 V
- C. -1.00 V
- D. 2.98 V

Which of the following indicate a spontaneous reaction?

- I. A positive standard cell potential
  - II. A negative Gibbs free energy change
  - III. The oxidation of a highly unreactive metal like gold
- A. I and II only
  - B. I and III only
  - C. II and III only
  - D. I, II and III