PAPER 1A

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CHEMISTRY PAPER 1

8.30 am – 11.00 am (2 hours 30 minutes)
This paper must be answered in English

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. There are **TWO** sections, A and B, in this Paper. You are advised to finish Section A in about 45 minutes.
- 2. Section A consists of multiple-choice questions in this question paper, while Section B contains conventional questions printed separately in Question-Answer Book B.
- 3. Answers to Section A should be marked on the Multiple-choice Answer Sheet while answers to Section B should be written in the spaces provided in Question-Answer Book B. The Answer Sheet for Section A and the Question-Answer Book for Section B will be collected separately at the end of the examination.
- 4. A Periodic Table is printed on page 20 of Question-Answer Book **B**. Atomic numbers and relative atomic masses of elements can be obtained from the Periodic Table.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SECTION A (MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS)

- 1. Read carefully the instructions on the Answer Sheet. After the announcement of the start of the examination, you should first stick a barcode label and insert the information required in the spaces provided. No extra time will be given for sticking on the barcode label after the 'Time is up' announcement.
- 2. When told to open this book, you should check that all the questions are there. Look for the words 'END OF SECTION A' after the last question.
- 3. All questions carry equal marks.
- 4. **ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.** You are advised to use an HB pencil to mark all the answers on the Answer Sheet, so that wrong marks can be completely erased with a clean rubber. You must mark the answers clearly; otherwise you will lose marks if the answers cannot be captured.
- 5. You should mark only **ONE** answer for each question. If you mark more than one answer, you will receive **NO MARKS** for that question.
- 6. No marks will be deducted for wrong answers.

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This section consists of two parts. There are 24 questions in PART I and 12 questions in PART II.

Choose the best answer for each question.

Candidates may refer to the Periodic Table printed on page 20 of Question-Answer Book B.

PART I

- 1. Which of the following statements is correct?
 - A. All aqueous solutions contain $H^+(aq)$ ions.
 - B. The pH of all acid solutions is greater than zero.
 - C. All acidic compounds contain hydrogen as their constituent elements.
 - D. A 'corrosive' hazard warning label must be displayed on all reagent bottles containing acid solution.
- 2. Which of the following processes would NOT give oxygen?
 - A. heating mercury(II) oxide strongly
 - B. electrolysis of dilute sulphuric acid
 - C. fractional distillation of liquefied air
 - D. passing steam over heated magnesium
- 3. Element **Q** belongs to Group II of the Periodic Table. It combines with element **R** to give an ionic compound with chemical formula Q_3R_2 . Which group of the Periodic Table does **R** belong to?
 - A. Group III
 - B. Group V
 - C. Group VI
 - D. Group VII
- 4. Which of the following salts CANNOT be prepared from the reaction of a metal with a dilute acid?
 - A. zinc sulphate
 - B. iron(II) chloride
 - C. calcium chloride
 - D. copper(II) sulphate
- 5. A gel containing NaCl(aq), K₃Fe(CN)₆(aq) and phenolphthalein is yellow in colour. An iron nail is put into the gel and corrodes after a period of time. Which of the following colours would NOT be observed in the gel after the iron nail corrodes?
 - A. blue
 - B. pink
 - C. grey
 - D. yellow

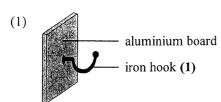
6. The conversion of nitrogen gas to nitric acid involves the following steps:

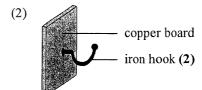
$$N_2 \xrightarrow{Step 1} NH_3 \xrightarrow{Step 2} NO \xrightarrow{Step 3} NO_2 \xrightarrow{Step 4} HNO_3$$

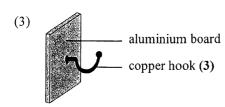
In which step is nitrogen reduced?

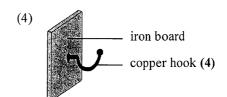
- A. Step 1
- B. Step 2
- C. Step 3
- D. Step 4

7. Consider the following set-ups:









Which hook would corrode first?

- A. iron hook (1)
- B. iron hook (2)
- C. copper hook (3)
- D. copper hook (4)

8. In an experiment, 25.0 cm³ of HCl(aq) is measured with apparatus **X** and is placed in apparatus **Y**. The HCl(aq) in **Y** is then titrated with a standard NaOH(aq). Which of the following combinations is correct?

	<u>X</u>	$\underline{\mathbf{Y}}$
A.	measuring cylinder	beaker
B.	measuring cylinder	conical flask
C.	pipette	beaker
D.	pipette	conical flask

9. In an experiment to prepare calcium sulphate, excess dilute sulphuric acid is added to 10.0 cm³ of 1.0 mol dm⁻³ calcium nitrate solution. Which of the following is the theoretical mass of the calcium sulphate obtained?

(Relative atomic masses: O = 16.0, S = 32.1, Ca = 40.1)

- A. 0.68 g
- B. 1.36 g
- C. 2.72 g
- D. 4.08 g

10. The structure of a certain polymer is shown below:

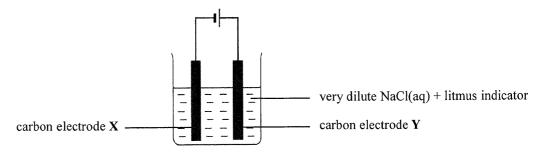
Which of the following is the systematic name of the monomer of this polymer?

- A. propene
- B. but-1-ene
- C. but-2-ene
- D. methylpropene
- 11. In the species below, the underlined atom is the central atom, and all non-central atoms have octet electronic arrangement. In which of them does the central atom NOT have octet electronic arrangement?
 - A. $\underline{S}F_2$
 - B. $\underline{C}F_2$
 - C. $\underline{C}S_2$
 - D. $\underline{N}Cl_3$
- 12. Consider the following reactions:
 - (1) $CO_2(g)$ + CaO(s) \rightarrow $CaCO_3(s)$ ΔH_1
 - (2) $NH_3(g)$ + HBr(g) $\rightarrow NH_4Br(s)$ ΔH_2

 - (4) NaHCO₃(aq) + HCl(aq) \rightarrow NaCl(aq) + CO₂(g) + H₂O(l) ΔH_4

Which of the following represents enthalpy change of neutralisation?

- A. ΔH_1
- B. ΔH_2
- C. ΔH_3
- D. ΔH_4
- 13. An electrolysis experiment is conducted using the set-up shown below :



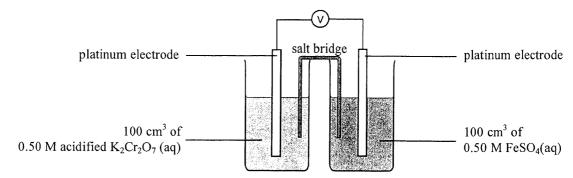
What are the expected colours around X and Y after the experiment has been conducted for some time?

	$\underline{\mathbf{X}}$	<u>Y</u>
A.	yellow	red
B.	red	blue
C.	blue	red
D.	red	yellow

- Consider the following information concerning metals W, X, Y and Z: 14.
 - Heating oxide of W gives metal W. (1)
 - (2) Heating metal X in steam gives a colourless gas.
 - (3) Putting metal Y in CH₃CO₂H(aq) gives a colourless gas.
 - (4) Putting metal **Z** in CuSO₄(aq) gives a reddish-brown solid.

Which of these metals has the lowest reactivity?

- A. \mathbf{X}
- B.
- C. Y
- D. \mathbf{Z}
- 15. Which of the following statements concerning 'atom' is correct?
 - A. All atoms do not carry net charges.
 - B. Mass is evenly distributed within an atom.
 - C. All atoms consist of protons, neutrons and electrons.
 - D. For all elements, atoms of the same element have the same mass number.
- 16. Consider the following set-up at the start of an experiment:



After a period of time, the concentration of K₂Cr₂O₇(aq) drops to 0.47 M. What is the concentration of FeSO₄(aq) at that time?

- 0.53 M A.
- B. 0.47 M
- C. 0.41 M
- D. 0.32 M
- 17. An aqueous solution of potassium iodide turns yellow with time due to the following reaction:

$$4KI(aq) + 2CO_2(g) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2K_2CO_3(aq) + 2I_2(aq)$$

Which of the following statements concerning the above reaction is / are correct?

- (1) KI(aq) is oxidised by $O_2(g)$.
- KI(aq) is oxidised by $CO_2(g)$. (2)
- (3) The yellow colour is due to the $K_2CO_3(aq)$ formed.
 - A. (1) only
 - В. (2) only
 - C. (1) and (3) only
 - D. (2) and (3) only

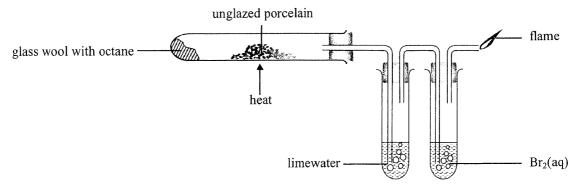
18. Which of the following combinations is / are correct?

Chemical reaction

Enthalpy change of reaction positive

- (1) $2H_2O(1) \rightarrow 2H_2(g) + O_2(g)$
- (2) $2CO(g) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2CO_2(g)$
- (3) $2Na(s) + 2H_2O(1) \rightarrow 2NaOH(aq) + H_2(g)$
- positive negative

- A. (1) only
- B. (2) only
- C. (1) and (3) only
- D. (2) and (3) only
- 19. Which of the following pairs of substances can be distinguished by using acidified KMnO₄(aq)?
 - (1) pent-1-ene and pent-2-ene
 - (2) cyclohexane and cyclohexene
 - (3) polyethene and poly(chloroethene)
 - A. (1) only
 - B. (2) only
 - C. (1) and (3) only
 - D. (2) and (3) only
- 20. The set-up of an experiment is shown below:



Which of the following observations would be expected?

- (1) Limewater turns milky.
- (2) $Br_2(aq)$ changes from brown to colourless.
- (3) The flame is brick red in colour.
 - A. (1) only
 - B. (2) only
 - C. (1) and (3) only
 - D. (2) and (3) only

- Which of the following observations would be expected when some calcium granules are put in cold water 21. inside a test tube? (1) A cloudy mixture is formed. The test tube becomes warm. (2) (3) Colourless gas bubbles are formed. A. (1) and (2) only (1) and (3) only B. C. (2) and (3) only D. (1), (2) and (3) 22. Which of the following are renewable energy sources?
 - (1) nuclear energy
 - (2) tidal energy
 - (3) biomass
 - A. (1) and (2) only
 - B. (1) and (3) only
 - C. (2) and (3) only
 - D. (1), (2) and (3)
- 23. Which of the following can distinguish a sample of limestone powder from a sample of table salt?
 - (1) adding water
 - (2) performing a flame test
 - (3) adding dilute hydrochloric acid
 - A. (1) and (2) only
 - B. (1) and (3) only
 - C. (2) and (3) only
 - D. (1), (2) and (3)

Directions: Question 24 consists of two separate statements. Decide whether each of the two statements is true or false; if both are true, then decide whether or not the second statement is a *correct* explanation of the first statement. Then select one option from A to D according to the following table:

- A. Both statements are true and the 2nd statement is a correct explanation of the 1st statement.
- B. Both statements are true but the 2nd statement is NOT a correct explanation of the 1st statement.
- C. The 1st statement is false but the 2nd statement is true.
- D. Both statements are false.

1st statement

2nd statement

24. The boiling point of H₂O is lower than that of HF

The electronegativity of oxygen is lower than that of fluorine.

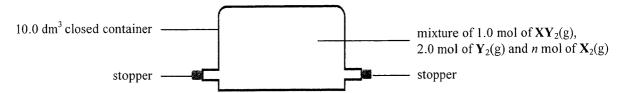
PART II

- 25. Which of the following statements concerning the Periodic Table is correct?
 - A. The melting point of the Group I elements increases down the group.
 - B. The boiling point of the Group VII elements increases down the group.
 - C. The elements are arranged in the order of increasing relative atomic mass.
 - D. The electrical conductivity of the third period elements increases from left to right.
- 26. How many geometrical isomers does $H_3C-CH=CH-CH=CH-CH_3$ have?
 - A.
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4
- 27. Consider the following reaction at a certain temperature :

$$2\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}_2(\mathbf{g}) \rightleftharpoons \mathbf{X}_2(\mathbf{g}) + 2\mathbf{Y}_2(\mathbf{g})$$

$$K_{\rm c} = 0.60 \; {\rm mol} \; {\rm dm}^{-3}$$

An equilibrium mixture was obtained at this temperature as shown below:



What is n?

- A. 1.5
- B. 3.0
- C. 0.15
- D. 0.30
- 28. Which of the following pairs of chemicals, upon mixing under the same temperature, has the highest rate of gas formation?
 - A. 0.10 g of Zn powder and 100 cm³ of 1.0 M HCl(aq)
 - B. 0.10 g of Zn granules and 200 cm³ of 1.0 M HCl(aq)
 - C. 0.10 g of Zn granules and $200 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ of } 1.0 \text{ M H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq})$
 - D. 0.10 g of Zn powder and $100 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ of } 1.0 \text{ M H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq})$

Consider the following conversion: 29.

Which of the following combinations of reagents can achieve the above conversion?

- NaOH(aq) and CH₃OH(1) A.
- B. CH₃OH(l) and CH₃COOH(l)
- NaOH(aq), H₂SO₄(aq) and CH₃OH(l) C.
- H₂SO₄(aq), NaOH(aq) and CH₃COOH(l) D.

30. The structure of the antibiotic 'amoxicillin' is shown below:

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Which of the following functional groups is / are present in amoxicillin?

- (1) ester
- (2) amide
- (3) hydroxyl
 - A. (1) only
 - В. (2) only

 - C. (1) and (3) only
 - D. (2) and (3) only

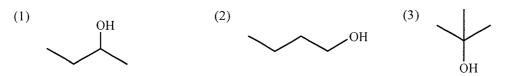
31. In a closed container and at a certain temperature, the following equilibrium was attained:

$$COCl_2(g) \rightleftharpoons CO(g) + Cl_2(g)$$

Which of the following statements is / are correct?

- (1) CO(g) and Cl₂(g) must be of the same concentration.
- (2) The rate of decomposition of $COCl_2(g)$ is equal to the rate of formation of CO(g).
- (3) The equilibrium constant K_c for the reaction increases when the volume of the container increases.
 - A. (1) only
 - B. (2) only
 - C. (1) and (3) only
 - D. (2) and (3) only

32. Which of the following compounds can react with acidified potassium dichromate solution to form a ketone?



- A. (1) only
- B. (2) only
- C. (1) and (3) only
- D. (2) and (3) only
- 33. Consider the following equilibrium reaction system in a closed container of fixed volume :

$$CO(g) + H_2O(g) \rightleftharpoons CO_2(g) + H_2(g)$$
 $\Delta H < 0$

Which of the following, when applied to the system, would lead to an increase in the rate of formation of $H_2(g)$?

- (1) adding CO(g)
- (2) increasing the temperature
- (3) adding a suitable catalyst
 - A. (1) only
 - B. (2) only
 - C. (1) and (3) only
 - D. (2) and (3) only
- 34. A polymer has the structure shown below:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CH_3 & O \\
 & \parallel \\
CH & CH_2
\end{array}$$

Which of the following statements concerning the polymer is correct?

- (1) Its intermolecular attraction is predominately hydrogen bond.
- (2) The polymer chains can be broken in the presence of dilute hydrochloric acid.
- (3) The polymer chains can be broken in the presence of dilute sodium hydroxide solution.
 - A. (1) and (2) only
 - B. (1) and (3) only
 - C. (2) and (3) only
 - D. (1), (2) and (3)

Directions: Each question below (Questions 35 and 36) consists of two separate statements. Decide whether each of the two statements is true or false; if both are true, then decide whether or not the second statement is a correct explanation of the first statement. Then select one option from A to D according to the following table:

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- B. Both statements are true but the 2nd statement is NOT a correct explanation of the 1st statement.
- C. The 1st statement is false but the 2nd statement is true.
- D. Both statements are false.

1st statement

2nd statement

35. The melting point of silicon is higher than that of aluminium.

The number of electrons in a silicon atom is greater than that in an aluminium atom.

36. At room conditions, the volume of 1 mol of $SO_2(g)$ is larger than that of 1 mol of $N_2(g)$.

The number of atoms constituting 1 mol of $SO_2(g)$ is greater than that constituting 1 mol of $N_2(g)$.

END OF SECTION A