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**MAIN CAMPUS**

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**COURSE CODE: WAT 01**

**COURSE TITLE: APPLIED CHEMISTRY & BIOLOGY**

**EXAM VENUE:**

**STREAM: Diploma in Science**

**DATE:**

**EXAM SESSION:**

**TIME: 2:00 HRS**

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**Instructions:**

- 1. Answer question 1 (Compulsory) in Section A and ANY other 2 questions in Section B.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room**

## SECTION A: COMPLUSORY (40 MARKS)

### Question 1

- a) Define the following terms;
- Period
  - Helminths
  - Turbidity
  - Irreversible reactions
  - Pathogens
- (10 marks)
- b) Briefly state **FOUR** examples of microorganisms commonly encountered in real life. (4 marks)
- c) 1.2 litres of oxygen measured at 30 °C and 760 mmHg has a mass of 1.5 g. Calculate the volume occupied by 24 g of oxygen at STP. (2 marks)
- d) Living things are classified into seven levels. Name them. (7 marks)
- e) Discuss any **THREE** types of chemical reactions. (6 marks)
- f) To 50 mL of 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 75 mL of 0.25 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> is added. What is the concentration of the final solution if its volume is 150 mL? (3 marks)
- g) Describe any **FOUR** physical water quality tests. (4 marks)
- h) What is involved in microbial water quality testing? (2 marks)
- i) State any **TWO** properties of alkanes (2 marks)

## SECTION B: Answer Any Six questions

### Question 2 (10 Marks)

- a) Describe any **TWO** characteristics of living things. (4 marks)
- b) Differentiate between;
- Physical and chemical change (2 marks)
  - Electrolyte and electrode (2 marks)
- c) Briefly state the various chemical tests for drinking water. (2 marks)

### Question 3 (10 Marks)

- a) Calculate the final pressure of gas at the specified conditions assuming the temperature and mass remain constant given that  $V_1 = 205 \text{ cm}^3$ ,  $V_2 = 50 \text{ cm}^3$  and  $P_1 = 1.5 \text{ atm}$ . (2 marks)
- b) How are elements grouped in the periodic table? (2 marks)
- c) What are the common features of each column in the periodic table? (2 marks)
- d) Briefly explain how wastewater sampling is done for chemical testing. (4 marks)

#### Question 4 (10 marks)

- a) A fixed mass of gas at a constant temperature has a pressure of 200 Pa and a volume of  $0.02 \text{ m}^3$ . It is compressed until the volume is  $0.05 \text{ m}^3$ . What is its new pressure? (3 marks)
- b) How many grams of Magnesium, are in 0.342 mol Mg? (Molar Mass Mg = 24). (3 marks)
- c) Iron is a most important metal in our society. How many moles of chlorine gas are present in cylinder weighing 95.8 g? (Molar mass of Cl = 35.5 g/mol). (3 marks)
- d) Why is chlorination treatment done to drinking water? (1 mark)

#### Question 5 (10 marks)

- a) Pathogens can be transmitted in several ways. Name **FOUR** of such ways. (4 marks)
- b) Explain why elements of the same group have similar properties. (2 marks)
- c) Briefly list any **FOUR** PPEs commonly used in the laboratory. (4 marks)

#### Question 6 (10 marks)

- a) How many moles are in 46 g ammonium chloride,  $\text{HNO}_3$ ? (Molar mass of N = 14 g/mol; H = 1.01 g/mol; O = 16 g/mol) (3 marks)
- b) When do atoms attain stability? (1 mark)
- c) Compare the **THREE** elements Li, K and Be. Arrange the elements in order of increasing non-metallic strength. Justify your answer (3 marks)
- d) Distinguish between chemical equation and chemical reaction. (2 marks)
- e) Define the term 'Molarity'. (1 mark)

#### Question 7 (10 marks)

- a) What are the common features of each period in the periodic table? (2 marks)
- b) Balance the following reaction:  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ . (2 marks)
- c) Discuss the any **TWO** relevant applications of alkanes. (4 marks)

#### Question 8 (10 marks)

- a) The periodic table is comprised of 8 families, briefly name them. (4 marks)
- b) Briefly describe the **THREE** types of bonds commonly in chemistry. (6 marks)

### Question 9 (10 marks)

- a) Differentiate between a galvanic cell and an electrolytic cell. (4 marks)
- b) How many electrons fit in the inner shell of a Sodium atom? (1 mark)
- c) Describe any **FIVE** general safety considerations in the laboratory. (5 marks)

### Question 10 (10 marks)

- a) Name the following with reference to the elements of Modern Periodic Table.
- i) The number of electron shells in elements of period 4. (2 marks)
- ii) The period of elements having 2 valence electrons. (2 marks)
- b) Differentiate between chemical equation and balanced equation. (3 marks)
- c) Gas X has atomic number 96 and mass number 252. Give the number of electrons, protons and neutrons in its atom. (3 marks)

