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**1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER 2024**

**MAIN CAMPUS**

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**COURSE CODE: SLD 1201**

**COURSE TITLE: CHEMISTRY TECHNIQUES III**

**EXAM VENUE:**

**STREAM: Diploma in Science Laboratory**

**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

1. Define the following terms as used in chemistry techniques;
  - i. Potential difference [2 marks]
  - ii. Electrolyte [2 marks]
  - iii. Monochromator [2 marks]
  - iv. Conductance [2 marks]
2. Describe any **THREE** applications of Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy. [6 marks]
3. Explain the working principle of a flame photometer and give any **TWO** of its applications. [6 marks]
4. Differentiate between proximate analysis and carbohydrates analysis. [4 marks]
5. Differentiate between an anode and a cathode as used in electrochemistry. [3 marks]
6. Differentiate between a bomb and ice calorimeter in terms of working principle. [4 marks]
7. List any **THREE** techniques used in analysis of metals. [3 marks]
8. State the role of the following components of an instrument; [6 marks]
  - i. Detector
  - ii. Nebulizer
  - iii. Cuvette

### Section B. Answer any SIX questions

#### Question 2 (10 marks)

- a) There are **TWO** types of monochromators. Describe them. [4 marks]
- b) Define the following terms as used in chemistry techniques; [6 marks]
  - i. Emission
  - ii. Atomization
  - iii. Excitation

#### Question 3 (10 marks)

- a) State the beer lamberts law. [2 marks]

- b) Using examples differentiate between a weak and strong electrolyte. [4 marks]
- c) Describe the process of electrolysis using a diagram. [4 marks]

**Question 4 (10 marks)**

- a) Briefly describe the working principle of an atomic absorption spectrophotometer. [4 marks]
- b) State any **THREE** uses of a bomb calorimeter in chemistry techniques. [6 marks]

**Question 5 (10 marks)**

- a) State any **FOUR** importances of water treatment. [4 marks]
- b) Describe any **THREE** applications of proximate analysis. [6 marks]

**Question 6 (10 marks)**

- a) Discuss any **THREE** applications of fibre analysis. [6 marks]
- b) Explain the working principle of a UV-visible spectrophotometer. [4 marks]

**Question 6 (10 marks)**

- a) State any **FOUR** chemicals commonly used to purify water. [4 marks]
- b) Describe any **THREE** applications of UV-visible spectrophotometer. [6 marks]

**Question 7 (10 marks)**

- a) Discuss any **FIVE** stages of water treatment. [10 marks]

**Question 8 (10 marks)**

- a) Define what a water treatment plant is composed of. [4 marks]
- b) Comment on the **MAIN** objectives of a water treatment plant. [6 marks]

**Question 9 (10 marks)**

- a) Differentiate between a ground state and excited state of an atom. [4 marks]

- b) With regards to use of a machine, discuss any **THREE** relevance of calibration studies. [6 marks]

**Question 10 (10 marks)**

- a) Describe how sample preparation is commonly done in the laboratory. [4 marks]
- b) Briefly discuss **THREE** importance of use of instruments in chemical analysis. [6 marks]