

CHEM 3590 Final examination 2017 Instructor : Dr. Hélène Perreault Monday December 11, 1:30-4:30 pm, Frank Kennedy Gold Gym seats 310-343

Questions 1-15 have multiple choices (50 pts). Please answer on the bubble sheet. **Questions 16-25** must be answered in the examination booklet (50 pts).

Question 1:

CO3: 1.0x10 ⁻¹⁰
0 ₃ : 2.1x10 ⁻¹¹
03: 1.3x10⁻ ⁷

Which of these carbonate salts has a solubility of 0.005 M at pH 8?



Question 2

The following calibration curve was obtained by UV-vis absorbance. Determine the concentration of a solution whose transmittance is 30%.



a) 2.50 mg/L
b) 4.25 mg/L
c) above 10 mg/L
d) 8.75 mg/L

In ICP-OES, sensitivity may be improved if:

- a) Argon of higher rather than lower quality is used
- b) Ca and Ar are present at the same time in the torch
- c) The radial rather than axial viewing mode is used
- d) Larger droplets are directed to the plasma torch

Question 4

In GC/MS, most often an electron impact ionization source is used. What is the role of the magnet component inside the source?

- a) It repels the ions formed toward the mass analyzer
- b) It gives the electrons a spiral-like trajectory
- c) It ionizes the analyte molecules
- d) It pulls the electrons away from the tungsten filament

Question 5

Only one statement is true about this superimposition of figures obtained by gel permeation chromatography with amperometric detection, which one?



- a) The peak heights are proportional to molecular weights measured.
- b) High MW species are more concentrated in this sample than low MW ones.
- c) A molecule of MW 75 would likely not come out of the column in 33 min.
- d) A molecule of MW 10^7 would saturate the detector.

Question 6

You decide to use cation exchange chromatography at pH 7 to separate the following compounds: Aniline (aromatic amine, pKa = 9.4)

Phenylalanine (an amino acid, pl = 5.9)

Acetyl salicylic acid (weak organic acid, pKa = 2.7)

Acetone (no pKa)

Predict the order of elution (1st eluting to last eluting):

- a) Acetone and ASA together; phenylalanine; alanine.
- b) Acetone; phenylalanine; aniline; ASA.
- c) Alanine; acetone; phenylalanine and ASA together.
- d) Phenylalanine; acetone, ASA, aniline.

Question 7 (NOT COVERED)

The diagram below represents a typical membrane water filtration system.



What is the direction of flow in this diagram, and why is sand used?

- a) Flow: right to left. Sand helps to trap heavy metal cations.
- b) Flow: right to left. Sand captures polar molecules and large solid particles.
- c) Flow: left to right. Sand captures polar molecules and large solid particles.
- d) Flow: left to right. Sand helps to trap heavy metal cations.

Question 8

What phenomenon causes the electroosmotic flow (EOF) in capillary zone electrophoresis?

- a) When a pressure is applied to one end of the capillary, the EOF is the counter pressure created.
- b) Deprotonated silanol walls are covered by a layer of mobile cations that are attracted to the cathode, this causes the EOF.
- c) When one end of the capillary is placed higher than the other, the pressure created is called the EOF.
- d) The Joule effect (heating) of the capillary due to resistance causes an increase of the solvent's dissociation and diffusion along the capillary walls, thus EOF.

Question 9 (NOT COVERED)

At the scene of a fire (arson):

- a) Investigators carry a portable GC-FID device to detect the presence of trace volatile fuel components.
- b) Investigators carry a portable photoionization device to detect the presence of trace volatile fuel components.
- c) Investigators carry a portable UV-vis detection device to detect any organic component.
- d) All samples are brought to the lab before any type of analysis is performed.

Question 10 (NOT COVERED)

A sample of a pure element is irradiated with neutrons, then left to cool for the appropriate time and measured for gamma ray emission at a specific wavelength. Ten hours after irradiation, the rate is 7250 counts, and a week after irradiation, the rate is 6815. Which one of these elements is being considered?

- a) ¹³⁷Ba, t_½=2.55 min
- b) 60 Co, t_{1/2}=5.27 years
- c) ¹⁹²Ir, t_{1/2}=73.83 days
- d) 24 Na, t_{1/2} = 14.9 hours

The electrochemical cell illustrated below corresponds to:



Question 12

Identify each of the numbered arrows on this polarogram.



a) 1 diffusion current; 2 diffusion potential;

3 hydrolysis current; 4 llkovic current.

b) 1 post-reduction measurements; 2
 reduction potential; 3 maximum diffusion
 current; 4 current fluctuations of dropping Hg
 electrode.

c) 1 post-oxidation measurements; 2 oxidation potential; 3 diffusion current; 4 alternate current (AC) portion of the polarogram.

d) 1 average diffusion current; 2 standard electrode potential; 3 oxidation potential; 4 E_0 of Hg dropping electrode.

Question 13

A potentiometric cell uses the Ag/AgCl (E_{ref} = + 0.199 V) to produce the graph below. Which working electrode is used?



In ICP-MS coupled with OES, ions corresponding to metal oxides often interfere **in mass** with other elements. An example is the formation of MgO ions at m/z 60, which can interfere with an isotope of neodymium at the same mass. How could you address this problem?

- a) By observing the emission wavelengths that would be different
- b) By using a standard additions-like method
- c) By using high resolution mass spectrometry
- d) By distinguishing the isotopic patterns of each element
- e) All of the above

Question 15

Electrospray ionization is a technique which allows:

- a) Direct interfacing of HPLC and MS; formation of multiply charged ions.
- b) Direct interfacing of GC and MS; formation of M+ ions for small molecules.
- c) Direct interfacing of ICP and MS; formation of hydrated elemental ions.
- d) Direct interfacing of both GC and LC to MS; formation of all types of ions.

END OF THE MULTIPLE CHOICE SECTION

Question 16

The spectrum below was obtained by photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS).



Comment on the positions of the lines in the spectrum based on the atomic number and orbitals considered.

You are to make up a water solution containing three compounds: A, B, and C. The final concentrations should be 20 μ g/mL for A, 10 μ g/mL for B and 5 μ g/mL for C. The three stock solutions contain 1 mg/mL of either A, B or C. The final volume needed is at least 2 mL, and enough solution should be made so automatic pipettes can be used for dilutions.

- a) Describe the preparation of this solution.
- b) If you inject 10 μL of this solution in an instrument, how much of A, B, C do you inject?

Question 18 (NOT COVERED)

A 0.25 M solution of radioactive ${}^{41}CaC_2O_4$ (50 mL) is measured for its gamma ray radiation intensity and the value obtained is 6500 counts. This solution is poured into a large container of unknown volume and the well water is stirred mechanically. A 50-mL sample of the mixed water is then collected and measured for radiation at an intensity of 72 counts.

- a) Determine the volume of the container.
- b) What is the concentration of the mixed water sample?
- c) How much 41 Ca (in µg) is in the mixed 50 mL sample?

Question 19

A series of aliphatic aldehydes (pentanal, hexanal and heptanal) are to be separated by normal phase HPLC and detected by fluorescence after labelling with amino-anthracene.



- a) Write the chemical reaction for labelling, for one of the aldehydes.
- b) How would labelling influence the retention times of these aldehydes. Justify.
- c) What is the advantage of using the same label for all aldehydes in this experiment?

Question 20

Write the two balanced half reactions that make up this redox reaction. Indicate which one is an oxidation and which one is a reduction, and determine the E_0 value.

 $2NO_3^- + 3ClO_3^- + 2H^+ \rightarrow 2NO + 3ClO_4^- + H_2O$

A polymer chemist wants to analyze three types of monomers by GC before performing a polymerization reaction. However, polymerization happens in the GC injector due to high temperature, which plugs the injector and the top of the column. Here are the three building block monomers:



- a) What types of polymers will clog up the injector and top of column?
- b) What should be done to the GC to get it in working order again?
- c) Suggest an alternative chromatographic technique to analyze these monomers; predict their elution order.

Question 22 (NOT COVERED)

Plutonium-239 decays by loss of an alpha particle. The product in turn also decays by loss of an alpha particle. At last, this second decay product undergoes fission into two nuclei, one of which being zirconium-107.

- a) Write these statements as nuclear reactions.
- b) What is the other nucleus produced besides ¹⁰⁷Zr?

Question 23

Name and describe three different modes of sample injection for capillary electrophoresis.

Question 24

In a solution containing iron, you are interested in determining the concentrations of Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺ species. Draw a cyclic voltammogram for this solution, if the reference is the standard hydrogen electrode. Use the blank graph below as a model. Do you believe this process to be reversible and why?



Question 25 (NOT COVERED)

If you had to set up your own laboratory for arson forensics (fires), which three instruments would you purchase and what would their use(s) be?

Cathode (Reduction) Half.Reaction	Standard Potential E [°] (volts)	Cathode (Reduction) Half-Reaction	Standard Potential E [°] (volts)
Li ⁺ (aq) + e ⁻ -> Li(s)	-3.04	IO ^(aq) + H ₂ O(I) + 2e ⁻ -> I ^(aq) + 2OH ^(aq)	0.49
$K^+(aq) + e^- \gg K(s)$	-2.92	$Cu^{+}(aq) + e^{-} > Cu(s)$	0.52
Ca ²⁺ (aq) + 2e ⁻ -> Ca(s)	-2.76	I ₂ (s) + 2e ⁻ -> 2I ⁻ (aq)	0.54
Na+(aq) + e ⁻ -> Na(s)	-2.71	CIO ₂ (aq) + H ₂ O(l) + 2e ⁻ -> CIO ⁻ (aq) + 2OH ⁻ (aq)	0.59
$Mg^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Mg(s)$	-2.38	$Fe^{3+}(aq) + e^{-} > Fe^{2+}(aq)$	0.77
Al ³⁺ (aq) + 3e ⁻ -> Al(\$)	-1.66	Hg2 ²⁺ (aq) + 2e ⁻ -> 2Hg(l)	0.80
$2H_2O(1) + 2e^- > H_2(g) + 2OH(aq)$	-0.83	$Ag^{+}(aq) + e^{-} > Ag(s)$	0.80
$Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} -> Zn(s)$	-0.76	$Hg^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} > Hg(1)$	0.85
Cr ³⁺ (aq) + 3e ⁻ -> Cr(s)	-0.74	$CIO(aq) + H_2O(I) + 2e^{-} - CI(aq) + 2OH(aq)$	06.0
$Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Fe(s)$	-0.41	$2Hg^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} -> Hg^{2+}(aq)$	06.0
Cd ²⁺ (aq) + 2e ⁻ -> Cd(s)	-0.40	$NO_{3}(aq) + 4H^{+}(aq) + 3e^{-} > NO(g) + 2H_{2}O(1)$	96.0
$Ni^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} > Ni(s)$	-0.23	Br ₂ (1) + 2e ⁻ -> 2Br ⁻ (aq)	1.07
$Sn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} > Sn(s)$	-0.14	$O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) + 4e^> 2H_2O(1)$	1.23
$Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Pb(s)$	-0.13	$Cr_2O\gamma^{2-}(aq) + 14H^{+}(aq) + 6e^{-} -> 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 7H_2O(1)$	1.33
Fe ³⁺ (aq) + 3e ⁻ -> Fe(s)	-0.04	Cl ₂ (g) + 2e ⁻ -> 2Cl ⁻ (aq)	1.36
$2H^{+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \rightarrow H_{2}(g)$	0.00 (ref)	$Ce^{4+}(aq) + e^{-} -> Ce^{3+}(aq)$	1.44
$Sn^{4+}(aq) + 2e^{-} > Sn^{2+}(aq)$	0.15	$MnO4$: $(aq) + 8H^{+}(aq) + 5e^{-} -> Mn^{2+}(aq) + 4H_{2}O(1)$	1.49
$Cu^{2+}(aq) + e^{-} \rightarrow Cu^{+}(aq)$	0.16	$H_2O_2(aq) + 2H^+(aq) + 2e^- > 2H_2O(1)$	1.78
$CIO_4(aq) + H_2O(1) + 2e^> CIO_3(aq) + 2OH(aq)$	0.17	$Co^{3+}(aq) + e^{-} -> Co^{2+}(aq)$	1.82
$AgCI(s) + e^{-2} Ag(s) + CI(aq)$	0.199 (ref)	$S_2O_8^{2-}(aq) + 2e^{-} -> 2SO4^{2-}(aq)$	2.01
$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} -> Cu(s)$	0.34	$O_3(g) + 2H^+(aq) + 2e^- > O_2(g) + H_2O(1)$	2.07
$C10_{3}(aq) + H_{2}O(l) + 2e^{-} - C10_{2}(aq) + 20H(aq)$	0.35	$F_2(g) + 2e^- \ge 2F^-(aq)$	2.87

Standard electrode potentials in aqueous solution at 25°C

