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INSTRUCTIONS:

- **THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF 5 QUESTIONS, EACH CARRYING 20 MARKS**
- **ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
- **START EACH QUESTION ON A NEW PAGE**
- **MARKS ARE SHOWN IN PARENTHESIS AT THE END OF EACH QUESTION**

Question 1

[20 marks]

a. Define the following terms

[8]

- i. Buffer
- ii. Analyte
- iii. Sampling
- iv. Equivalence point
- v. Standard deviation
- vi. Significance level
- vii. Primary standard
- viii. Compleximetric titration

b. Identify the following laboratory consumables and give **one** function of each

[12]



i.



ii.



iii



iv



v.



vi.

Question 2

[20 marks]

- a. A quantitative determination of paracetamol in an oral solution with a specified content of 24 mg/mL, gave the following results when six individual measurements were conducted:

Measurement No	Quantity (mg/ml)
1	21.6
2	23.1
3	23.2
4	23.3
5	23.6
6	23.7

- i. If it is necessary, reject the outlying data at 95% confidence level using the Q-test. [4]
 - ii. Calculate the mean of the paracetamol [2]
 - iii. Calculate the standard deviation. [2]
 - iv. Calculate the confidence interval at 95 % confidence level. [2]
- b. 200 ml of a 0.25 M sodium borate (NaB) buffer with pH 8.0 was prepared. Then 20 ml of 0.1 M HCl was added to it. Given that boric acid pKa is 9.14, calculate:
- i. The pH of the new buffer solution. [8]

- ii. Molarity of the new buffer solution. [1]

Question 3

[20 marks]

- a. A thymol mouth wash is formulated by adding 127.78 mg (0.12778g) of thymol in mixture of ethanol (96%v/v) and methanol, and the solution is dissolved in 20 ml of water. The density of water is 0.997044 g/ml at room temperature 25 °C and the molecular weight of thymol (C₁₀H₁₄O) is 150.217 g/mol.
- Calculate the molarity of the solution. [3]
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 - Express the concentration of the solution in % w/v [2]
 - Express the concentration of the solution in ppm. [2]
- b. What mass of AgNO₃ (169.9 g/mol) is needed to convert 2.33 g of Na₂CO₃ (106.0 g/mol) to Ag₂CO₃? What mass of Ag₂CO₃ (275.7 g/mol) will be formed? [6]
- c. Calculate the molar analytical concentration of Na₂CO₃ in the solution produced when 25.0 ml of 0.200 M AgNO₃ is mixed with 50.0 ml of 0.0800 M Na₂CO₃? [4]

Question 4

[20 marks]

- a. Ni²⁺ can be analyzed by indirect titration, using standard Zn²⁺ at pH 5.5 with xylenol orange indicator. A solution containing 50.00 ml of Ni²⁺ in dilute HCl is treated with 50.00 ml of 0.1057 M Na₂EDTA. The solution is neutralized with NaOH, and the pH is adjusted to 5.5 with acetate buffer. The solution turns yellow when a few drops of indicator are added. Titration with 0.04598 M Zn²⁺ requires 35.22 ml to reach the red end point. What is the molarity of Ni²⁺ in the unknown? [4]
- b. 50.0 mL of a 0.0200 M metal Mn²⁺ solution is titrated with 0.020M EDTA at pH 9.00. The value of log K for the complex is 14.30 and αY⁴⁻ is 5.4 x 10⁻².
- Describe any two types of Complexiometric titrations. [4]
 - Calculate the missing pMn²⁺ in the table below. [4,4,4]

mL	0.00	25.0	49.9	50.0	50.1	55.0
pMn ²⁺	1.70		4.70		10.30	

Question 5**[20 marks]**

a. A 2.00-g sample of dolomite, a calcium supplement, was dissolved in hydrochloric acid (HCl). To the resulting solution was added excess ammonium oxalate ((NH₃)₂C₂O₄) that precipitated calcium as calcium oxalate (CaC₂O₄). The precipitate was filtered then placed together with the filter paper in a 30.1025-g crucible. This was then ignited and weighed several times to a constant weight as 30.7100g CaO.

- i. Why was the precipitate ignited? [3]
- ii. What is the benefit of converting and using the precipitate as CaO? [1]
- iii. Calculate the percentage content of Ca in the supplement. [7]

b. A 50 ml aliquot of 0.05 M NaCN (K_a for HCN = 6.2 x 10⁻¹⁰) is titrated with 0.100 M HCl at the following acid volumes:

Va (ml)	10.0	25.0	26.0
pH			

- i. From the provided data, calculate the pH of the solution at all titration volumes [9]

Appendix**Formulas**

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{volume of solution in litres (L)}}$$

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{mass of solvent in kilograms (kg)}}$$

$$\text{parts per million} = \frac{\text{mass of solute}}{\text{mass of sample}} \times 10^6$$

$$\text{parts per billion} = \frac{\text{mass of solute}}{\text{mass of sample}} \times 10^9$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \dots x_n}{n} = \sum_i \frac{x_i}{n} \quad s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}} \quad \mu = \bar{x} \pm \frac{t \cdot s}{\sqrt{n}} \quad Q_{\text{calculated}} = \frac{|x_i - x_{\text{critical}}|}{|x_1 - x_{\text{critical}}|}$$

$$\text{Weight percent} = \%(\text{w/w}) = \frac{\text{mass of solute}}{\text{mass of solution}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Volume percent} = \%(\text{v/v}) = \frac{\text{volume of solute}}{\text{volume of solution}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Weight volume percent} = \%(\text{w/v}) = \frac{\text{mass of solute (g)}}{\text{volume of solution (ml)}} \times 100\%$$

Values of student's t

Degree of freedom (n-1)	Confidence level				
	80%	90%	95%	99%	99.9%
1	3.08	6.31	12.7	63.7	637
2	1.89	2.92	4.30	9.92	31.6
3	1.64	2.35	3.18	5.84	12.9
4	1.53	2.13	2.78	4.60	8.61
5	1.48	2.02	2.57	4.03	6.87
6	1.44	1.94	2.45	3.71	5.96
7	1.42	1.90	2.36	3.50	5.41
8	1.40	1.86	2.31	3.36	5.04
9	1.38	1.83	2.26	3.25	4.78
10	1.37	1.81	2.23	3.17	4.59
15	1.34	1.75	2.13	2.95	4.07
20	1.32	1.73	2.09	2.84	3.85
40	1.30	1.68	2.02	2.70	3.55
60	1.30	1.67	2.00	2.62	3.46
∞	1.28	1.64	1.96	2.58	3.29

Q-values for Q-test

Number of measurements	Confidence level		
	90%	95%	99%
3	0.94	0.98	0.99
4	0.76	0.85	0.93
5	0.64	0.73	0.82
6	0.56	0.64	0.74
7	0.51	0.59	0.68
8	0.47	0.54	0.63
9	0.44	0.51	0.60
10	0.41	0.48	0.57

Values for EDTA

Table 13-1 Values of α_{Y4-} for EDTA at 20°C and $\mu = 0.10$ M

pH	α_{Y4-}
0	1.3×10^{-23}
1	1.9×10^{-18}
2	3.3×10^{-14}
3	2.6×10^{-11}
4	3.8×10^{-9}
5	3.7×10^{-7}
6	2.3×10^{-5}
7	5.0×10^{-4}
8	5.6×10^{-3}
9	5.4×10^{-2}
10	0.36
11	0.85
12	0.98
13	1.00
14	1.00

Table 13-2 Formation constants for metal-EDTA complexes

Ion	$\log K_f$	Ion	$\log K_f$	Ion	$\log K_f$
Li ⁺	2.79	Mn ³⁺	25.3 (25°C)	Ce ³⁺	15.98
Na ⁺	1.66	Fe ³⁺	25.1	Pr ³⁺	16.40
K ⁺	0.8	Co ³⁺	41.4 (25°C)	Nd ³⁺	16.61
Be ²⁺	9.2	Zr ⁴⁺	29.5	Pm ³⁺	17.0
Mg ²⁺	8.79	Hf ⁴⁺	29.5 ($\mu = 0.2$)	Sm ³⁺	17.14
Ca ²⁺	10.69	VO ₂ ²⁺	18.8	Eu ³⁺	17.35
Sr ²⁺	8.73	VO ₂ ⁺	15.55	Gd ³⁺	17.37
Ba ²⁺	7.86	Ag ⁺	7.32	Tb ³⁺	17.93
Ra ²⁺	7.1	Tl ⁺	6.54	Dy ³⁺	18.30
Sc ³⁺	23.1	Pd ²⁺	18.5 (25°C, $\mu = 0.2$)	Ho ³⁺	18.62
Y ³⁺	18.09	Zn ²⁺	16.50	Er ³⁺	18.85
La ³⁺	15.50	Cd ²⁺	16.46	Tm ³⁺	19.32
V ²⁺	12.7	Hg ²⁺	21.7	Yb ³⁺	19.51
Cr ²⁺	13.6	Sn ²⁺	18.3 ($\mu = 0$)	Lu ³⁺	19.83
Mn ²⁺	13.87	Pb ²⁺	18.04	Am ³⁺	17.8 (25°C)
Fe ²⁺	14.32	Al ³⁺	16.3	Cm ³⁺	18.1 (25°C)
Co ²⁺	16.31	Ga ³⁺	20.3	Bk ³⁺	18.5 (25°C)
Ni ²⁺	18.62	In ³⁺	25.0	Cf ³⁺	18.7 (25°C)
Cu ²⁺	18.80	Tl ³⁺	37.8 ($\mu = 1.0$)	Th ⁴⁺	23.2
Ti ³⁺	21.3 (25°C)	Bi ³⁺	27.8	U ⁴⁺	25.8
V ³⁺	26.0			Np ⁴⁺	24.6 (25°C, $\mu = 1.0$)
Cr ³⁺	23.4				

The Periodic Table of the Elements

1 H Hydrogen 1.00794																	2 He Helium 4.003
3 Li Lithium 6.941	4 Be Beryllium 9.012182											5 B Boron 10.811	6 C Carbon 12.0107	7 N Nitrogen 14.00674	8 O Oxygen 15.9994	9 F Fluorine 18.9984032	10 Ne Neon 20.1797
11 Na Sodium 22.989770	12 Mg Magnesium 24.3050											13 Al Aluminum 26.981538	14 Si Silicon 28.0855	15 P Phosphorus 30.973761	16 S Sulfur 32.066	17 Cl Chlorine 35.4527	18 Ar Argon 39.948
19 K Potassium 39.0983	20 Ca Calcium 40.078	21 Sc Scandium 44.955910	22 Ti Titanium 47.867	23 V Vanadium 50.9415	24 Cr Chromium 51.9961	25 Mn Manganese 54.938049	26 Fe Iron 55.845	27 Co Cobalt 58.933200	28 Ni Nickel 58.6934	29 Cu Copper 63.546	30 Zn Zinc 65.39	31 Ga Gallium 69.723	32 Ge Germanium 72.61	33 As Arsenic 74.92160	34 Se Selenium 78.96	35 Br Bromine 79.904	36 Kr Krypton 83.80
37 Rb Rubidium 85.4678	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	39 Y Yttrium 88.90585	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224	41 Nb Niobium 92.90638	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.94	43 Tc Technetium (98)	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh Rhodium 102.90550	46 Pd Palladium 106.42	47 Ag Silver 107.8682	48 Cd Cadmium 112.411	49 In Indium 114.818	50 Sn Tin 118.710	51 Sb Antimony 121.760	52 Te Tellurium 127.60	53 I Iodine 126.90447	54 Xe Xenon 131.29
55 Cs Cesium 132.90545	56 Ba Barium 137.327	57 La Lanthanum 138.9055	72 Hf Hafnium 178.49	73 Ta Tantalum 180.9479	74 W Tungsten 183.84	75 Re Rhenium 186.207	76 Os Osmium 190.23	77 Ir Iridium 192.217	78 Pt Platinum 195.078	79 Au Gold 196.96655	80 Hg Mercury 200.59	81 Tl Thallium 204.3833	82 Pb Lead 207.2	83 Bi Bismuth 208.98038	84 Po Polonium (209)	85 At Astatine (210)	86 Rn Radon (222)
87 Fr Francium (223)	88 Ra Radium (226)	89 Ac Actinium (227)	104 Rf Rutherfordium (261)	105 Db Dubnium (262)	106 Sg Seaborgium (263)	107 Bh Bohrium (262)	108 Hs Hassium (265)	109 Mt Meitnerium (266)	110 (269)	111 (272)	112 (277)	113	114				