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Title of paper: CHEMISTRY FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

Course code: HSC 106

Time allowed: 3 hours

Marks allocation: 100 Marks

Instructions:

- 1) Read the questions and instructions carefully
- 2) Answer ALL questions
- 3) Each question is 25 marks
- 4) A Periodic Table and Data Sheets are provided this paper.
- 5) All calculations/workout details should be submitted with your answer sheet (s).
- 6) Begin each question on a separate sheet of paper

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permission

**SECTION B**

**ANSWER AT LEAST TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION 1 [25 MARKS]**

a) Convert the following figures to the units indicated: [8]

- i) 92 pulse/min.....pulses/sec
- ii) 35 mL.....L
- iii) 30  $\mu\text{g}$ .....mg
- iv)  $3.2 \times 10^{24}$  atoms.....moles

Recall:

1 in. = 2.54 cm

1 minute = 60 secs

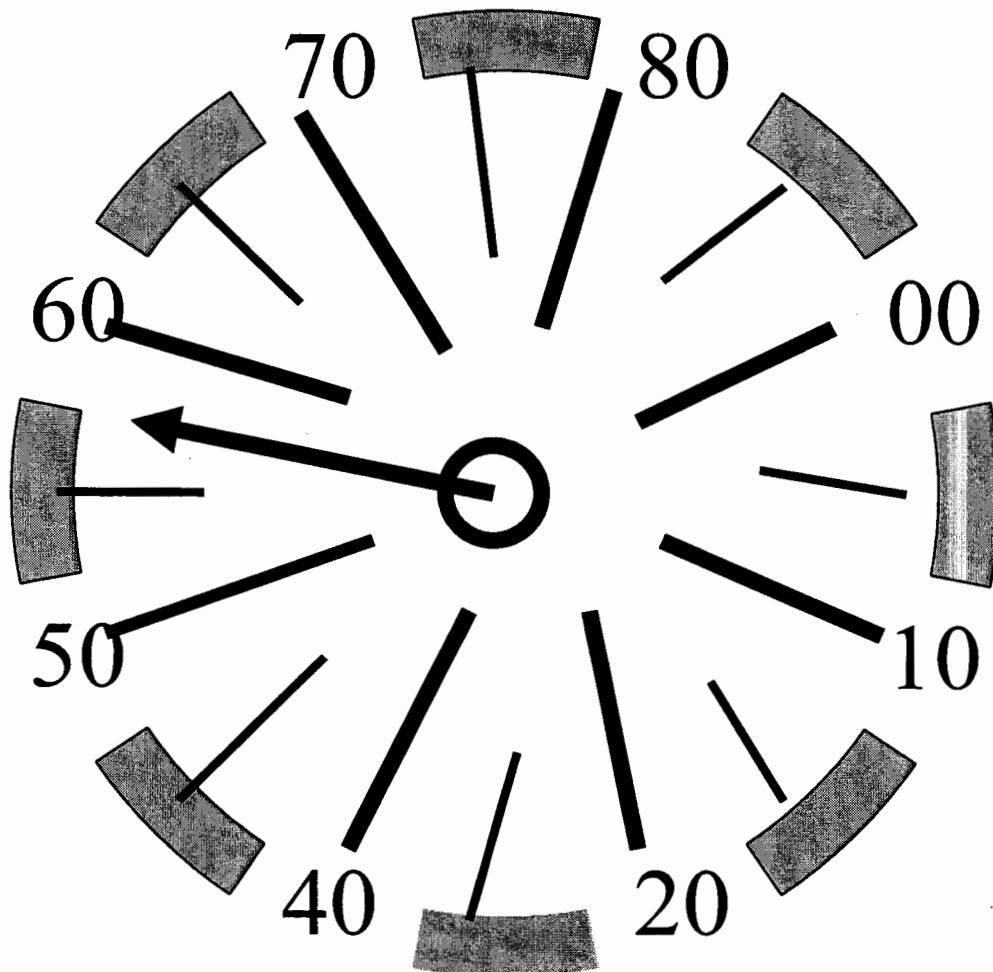
1 gal = 3.8 L

1 oz = 28.4 g

$6.023 \times 10^{23} = 1 \text{ mole}$

b) Write short notes explaining the differences between Systematic and random errors. [8]

c) Give the correct reading of the following measurement in the form  $x \pm S_x$ . [3]



- d)
- i) Calculate the degree of precision as a percentage coefficient of variation (or percentage relative standard deviation, %RSD) in your reading. [1]
  - ii) Calculate the percentage relative error (% RE) in the reading by using the difference between the reading without any correction and the reading after correction. [1]
  - iii) Based on the % RSD and the % RE would you consider readings from this instrument reliable, explain. [2]
  - iv) What are the two sources of error in this device ? [2]

**Useful Formulae:**

$$\text{standard deviation } S_x = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (\bar{x} - x_i)^2}{N-1}}; \text{ mean } \bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{N}$$

**QUESTION 2 [25 MARKS]**

- a). Explain the difference between the following pairs of terms. Give examples for each pairs.
  - i). Ionic bonding and Covalent bond [6]
  - ii) Hunds rule and Agfbau builing up principle [6]
- b). Draw Lewis structures or diagrams to show and name the type of bonding for each of the following:
  - (i) calcium chloride [2]
  - (ii)  $NH_4^+$  [2]
- c)
  - i) Using Hunds rule, Agfbau builing up principle and the periodic table write the electronic configurations of **any Two** of the following elements. [5]
  - ii) Also indicate the role in health and the most likely dietary sources of the **Two** you have chosen in c(i): [4]
 

Iodine	Iron	Calcium
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**QUESTION 3 [25 MARKS]**

- a) Define the term “Empirical formula”. [6]
- b) Give three ways by which the empirical formula may be obtained. [6]
- c) 6.853 mg of a sex hormone containing C, H and O was burned to determine its molecular formula. On burning 20.08 mg CO<sub>2</sub> and 5.023 mg of H<sub>2</sub>O were obtained. The formula weight of the substance was found to be 270 g/mol.
  - i) Calculate the Empirical formula for the hormone [8]
  - ii) Calculate the molecular formula for the hormone [5]

[note that the unit 1 mg = 0.001 g =  $1 \times 10^{-3}$ g]

**QUESTION 4 [25 MARKS]**

a) Briefly discuss any one of the following: [15]

- i) Respiratory Alkalosis
- ii) Metabolic Alkalosis

In your discussion include the cause, the symptoms and the treatment.

b) A 30 year old woman is admitted to Mbabane Clinic. On admission her arterial blood results were as follows:

HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	28 mEq/L	pH	7.21
Barbiturates	160 mEq/L	PCO <sub>2</sub>	52 mm Hg
Heroin	30 Meq/L	Blood ketones	positive

- i) Using the data given diagnose the condition of the patient, giving specific reasons for your diagnoses. [6]
- ii) What treatment would you prescribe for this patient. [4]

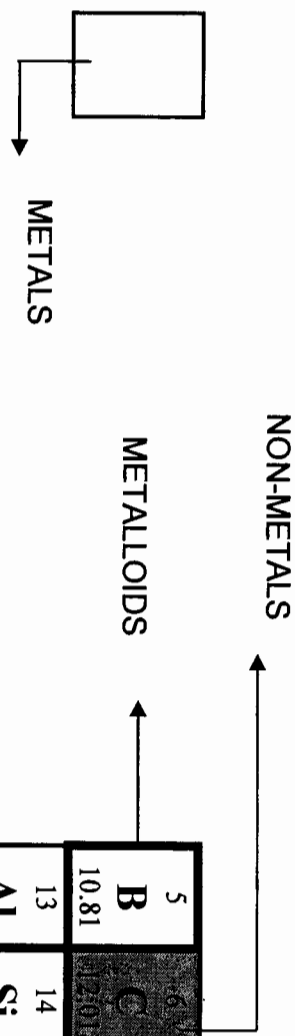
**NORMAL LABORATORY VALUES FOR BLOOD TESTS**

	USUAL REFERENCE RANGE	
Specific Gravity		1.056
Hemoglobin Count Hb		Men: 14 - 18g /dL Women: 12 -16 g/dL
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> Bicarbonate	24 - 28 mmol/L	24 - 28 mEq/L
Glucose	(3.6-6.1 mmol/L)	65 - 110 mg/dL
BUN (Blood Urea Nitrogen)	2.9 - 7.1 mmol/L	8 - 20 mg/dL
Ca <sup>+2</sup>	(2.1-2.6 mmol/L)	8.5 - 10.3 mg/dL
Cl <sup>-</sup>	(96-106 mmol/L)	96 - 106 mEq/L
Cholesterol		150 - 220 mg/dL
CO <sub>2</sub>	24-29 mmol/L	24-29 mEq/L
PCO <sub>2</sub>		35-45 mmHg
PO <sub>2</sub>		80 - 100 mm Hg
pH		7.35 - 7.45
Fatty acids	0.3-0.8 mmol/L	0.3-2 mg/dL
Protein		6-8 µg/dL
Phosphate	1 - 1.5 mmol/L	3-4.5 mg/dL
ketone bodies		0.3-2 mg/dL
K <sup>+</sup>	3.5-5 mmol/L	3.5 - 5 mEq/L
Na <sup>+</sup>	136-145 mmol/L	136 - 145 mEq/L
Uric Acid	Men: 0.18 - 0.54 Women: 0.15 - 0.46 mmol/L	Men: 3 - 9 mg/dL Women: 2.5 - 7.5 mg/dL Children: 1.5 g/L (150mg/dL)

Useful Relations		General Data						
$(RT)_{298.15K} = 2.4789 \text{ kJ/mol}$		<b>speed of light</b>	$c$	$2.997925 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$				
$(RT/F)_{298.15K} = 0.025693 \text{ V}$		charge of proton	$e$	$1.60219 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$				
T/K: 100.15 298.15 500.15 1000.15		Faraday constant	$F = Le$	$9.64846 \times 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$				
T/Cm <sup>-1</sup> : 69.61 207.22 347.62 695.13		<b>Boltzmann constant</b>	$k$	$1.38066 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$				
$1 \text{ mmHg} = 133.222 \text{ N m}^{-2}$		<b>Gas constant</b>	$R = Lk$	$8.31441 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$				
$hc/k = 1.43878 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m K}$				$8.20575 \times 10^{-2} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$				
<b>1 atm</b>	1 cal	1 eV	1 cm <sup>-1</sup>					
$1.01325 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$	4.184 J	$1.602189 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$	<b>Planck constant</b>	$h$	$6.62618 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$			
<b>760 torr</b>		96.485 kJ/mol		$\hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi}$	$1.05459 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$			
<b>1 bar</b>		8065.5 cm <sup>-1</sup>		<b>Avogadro constant</b>	$6.02214 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$			
				Atomis mass unit	$1.66054 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$			
<b>SI-units:</b>				<b>Electron mass</b>	$9.10939 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$			
$1 \text{ L} = 1000 \text{ ml} = 1000 \text{ cm}^3 = 1 \text{ dm}^3$				Proton mass	$1.67262 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$			
1 dm = 0.1 m				Neutron mass	$1.67493 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$			
1 cal (thermochemical) = 4.184 J				Vacuum permittivity	$\epsilon_0 = \mu_0^{-1} \text{ c}^{-2}$			
dipole moment: 1 Debye = $3.33564 \times 10^{-30} \text{ C m}$				Vacuum permeability	$\mu_0$			
force: $1 \text{ N} = 1 \text{ J m}^{-1} = 1 \text{ kgms}^{-2} = 10^5 \text{ dyne}$				Bohr magneton	$\mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e}$			
$1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ Nm}^{-2} = 1 \text{ Jm}^{-3}$				Nuclear magneton	$\mu_N = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_p}$			
power: $1 \text{ W} = 1 \text{ J s}^{-1}$				Gravitational constant	$G$			
magnetic flux: $1 \text{ T} = 1 \text{ Vsm}^{-2} = 1 \text{ JCs}^{-2}$				<b>Gravitational acceleration</b>	$g$			
				Bohr radius	$a_0$			
<b>Prefixes:</b>								
p nano	n micro	m milli	c centi	d deci	k kilo	M mega	G giga	
$10^{-12}$	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-1}$	$10^3$	$10^6$	$10^9$

# THE PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS

Group	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15		16		17		18		
	IA	IIA	IIIB	IVB	VB	VIB	VII	VIII	VIII	VIII	VIII	IB	IIB	IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIA	VIA	VIA	VIA	VIA	VIA	VIA	IIIA	IIIA	IIIA	IIIA	IIIA	IIIA	IIIA	IIIA	IIIA	IIIA			
Period 1	<b>1</b> <b>H</b> 1.008																																				
2	<b>3</b> <b>Li</b> 6.94	<b>4</b> <b>Be</b> 9.01																																			
3	<b>11</b> <b>Na</b> 22.99	<b>12</b> <b>Mg</b> 24.31																																			
4	<b>19</b> <b>K</b> 39.10	<b>20</b> <b>Ca</b> 40.08	<b>21</b> <b>Sc</b> 44.96	<b>22</b> <b>Ti</b> 47.90	<b>23</b> <b>V</b> 50.94	<b>24</b> <b>Cr</b> 52.01	<b>25</b> <b>Mn</b> 54.9	<b>26</b> <b>Fe</b> 55.85	<b>27</b> <b>Co</b> 58.71	<b>28</b> <b>Ni</b> 58.71	<b>29</b> <b>Cu</b> 63.54	<b>30</b> <b>Zn</b> 65.37																									
5	<b>37</b> <b>Rb</b> 85.47	<b>38</b> <b>Sr</b> 87.62	<b>39</b> <b>Y</b> 88.91	<b>40</b> <b>Zr</b> 91.22	<b>41</b> <b>Nb</b> 91.22	<b>42</b> <b>Mo</b> 95.94	<b>43</b> <b>Tc</b> 98.9	<b>44</b> <b>Ru</b> 101.1	<b>45</b> <b>Rh</b> 102.9	<b>46</b> <b>Pd</b> 106.4	<b>47</b> <b>Ag</b> 107.9	<b>48</b> <b>Cd</b> 112.4	<b>49</b> <b>In</b> 114.8	<b>50</b> <b>Sn</b> 118.7	<b>51</b> <b>Sb</b> 121.8	<b>52</b> <b>Te</b> 127.6																					
6	<b>55</b> <b>Cs</b> 132.9	<b>56</b> <b>Ba</b> 137.3	<b>71</b> <b>Lu</b> 174.9	<b>72</b> <b>Hf</b> 178.5	<b>73</b> <b>Ta</b> 180.9	<b>74</b> <b>W</b> 183.8	<b>75</b> <b>Re</b> 186.2	<b>76</b> <b>Os</b> 190.2	<b>77</b> <b>Ir</b> 192.2	<b>78</b> <b>Pt</b> 195.1	<b>79</b> <b>Au</b> 196.9	<b>80</b> <b>Hg</b> 200.6	<b>81</b> <b>Tl</b> 204.4	<b>82</b> <b>Pb</b> 207.2	<b>83</b> <b>Bi</b> 208.9	<b>84</b> <b>Po</b> 210	<b>85</b> <b>At</b> 210																				
7	<b>87</b> <b>Fr</b> 223	<b>88</b> <b>Ra</b> 226.0	<b>103</b> <b>Lr</b> 257	<b>104</b> <b>Unq</b>	<b>105</b> <b>Unp</b>	<b>106</b> <b>Unh</b>	<b>107</b> <b>Uns</b>	<b>108</b> <b>Uno</b>	<b>109</b> <b>Une</b>																												



Lanthanides		Actinides	
<b>57</b> <b>La</b> 138.9	<b>58</b> <b>Ce</b> 140.1	<b>59</b> <b>Pr</b> 140.9	<b>60</b> <b>Nd</b> 144.2
<b>89</b> <b>Ac</b> 227.0	<b>90</b> <b>Th</b> 232.0	<b>91</b> <b>Pa</b> 231.0	<b>92</b> <b>U</b> 238.0
<b>61</b> <b>Pm</b> 146.9	<b>62</b> <b>Sm</b> 150.9	<b>63</b> <b>Eu</b> 151.3	<b>64</b> <b>Gd</b> 157.3
<b>65</b> <b>Tb</b> 158.9	<b>66</b> <b>Dy</b> 162.5	<b>67</b> <b>Ho</b> 164.9	<b>68</b> <b>Er</b> 167.3
<b>69</b> <b>Tm</b> 168.9	<b>70</b> <b>Yb</b> 173.0	<b>93</b> <b>Np</b> 237.1	<b>94</b> <b>Pu</b> 239.1
<b>95</b> <b>Am</b> 241.1	<b>96</b> <b>Cm</b> 247.1	<b>97</b> <b>Bk</b> 249.1	<b>98</b> <b>Cf</b> 251.1
<b>99</b> <b>Es</b> 254.1	<b>100</b> <b>Fm</b> 257.1	<b>101</b> <b>Md</b> 258.1	<b>102</b> <b>No</b> 255

*Numbers below the symbol indicates the atomic masses; and the numbers above the symbol indicates the atomic numbers.*  
 SOURCE: International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, I mills, ed., Quantities, Units, and symbols in Physical Chemistry, Blackwell Scientific publications, Boston, 1988, pp 86-98.