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C404/CHE411 ADVANCED ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY II

MAY 2019 FINAL EXAMINATION

Time Allowed:

Three (3) Hours

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Instructions:

1. This examination has six (6) questions and one data sheet. The total number of pages is four (4) including this page.
2. Answer any four (4) questions fully; diagrams should be clear, large and properly labelled. Marks will be deducted for improper units and lack of procedural steps in calculations.
3. Each question is worth 25 marks.

Special Requirements

1. Data sheet
2. Graph paper

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**QUESTION 1 [25]**

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- a) i) With the aid of a diagram, use the ion exchange theory to explain how a pH glass membrane electrode works. [5]
- ii) Explain how a pH glass electrode can be used to measure  $\text{Na}^+$  ions [3]
- iii) Write the Nernst expression for an ideal pH glass electrode, and show that unit calibrations in the readout are in increments of 59 mV. [5]
- b) The data below was obtained when a ion-selective electrode was immersed in a series of standard solutions of fluoride buffered in TISAB.

$[\text{F}^-] (\text{M})$	$E (\text{mV})$
$1.01 \times 10^{-5}$	-74.8
$0.98 \times 10^{-4}$	-48.4
$0.96 \times 10^{-3}$	-18.7
$1.11 \times 10^{-2}$	-10.0
$1.05 \times 10^{-1}$	+37.7

- i) Describe each component of TISAB and explain its function in this analysis [6]
- ii) What is the concentration of  $\text{F}^-$  in the sample if it gave a reading of -50.3mV [6]

**QUESTION 2 [25]**

- a) For the  $\text{UO}_2^{2+} / \text{U}^{4+}$  system in acid,
- i) Write down the balanced redox half cell reaction. [4]
- ii) Write down the Nernst expression. [3]
- iii) Calculate the concentration of  $\text{U}^{4+}$  at  $\text{pH}=3$  if the potential measured for a 0.2351M  $\text{UO}_2^{2+}$  solution is 0.562V. [6]
- b) Use equations to describe the anodic and cathodic reactions taking place during electrodeposition in the measurement of copper in an unknown solution. [6]
- c) A dilute solution of mixture of reduced and oxidized forms of Vanadium is subjected to controlled potential electrolysis. At -0.255 V vs SHE, 90.52 coulombs are required to complete electrolysis of the oxidised form  $\text{V}^{3+}$ . The potential is then shifted to -0.325V vs SHE, where controlled potential electrolysis requires 144.8 coulombs. Calculate the concentration of  $\text{V}^{3+}$  and  $\text{V}^{2+}$  in the original 100-mL solution. [6]

**QUESTION 3 [25]**

- a) What is the role of a reference electrode in potentiometry? [1]
- b) Describe and state the Nernst response equations for the following:
- i) Electrode of the First Kind [2]
- ii) Electrode of the Second Kind [3]
- iii) Electrode of the Third Kind [3]
- c) Discuss each of the two (2) main requirements of reference electrodes in potentiometry. [4]
- d) i) With the aid of a diagram, explain how a saturated calomel electrode is fabricated, and explain the role of each component in the electrode. [3]
- ii) Write down its half cell reaction and Nernst expression. [3]

iii) State its standard electrode potential and typical input impedance. [2]

iv) State two advantages, and two disadvantages of using this reference electrode over the other commonly used ones [4]

#### QUESTION 4 [25]

- a) Describe the term "overpotential" in relation to the polarography technique, and explain why overpotential is desirable in this electroanalytical technique. [4]
- b) Voltammetry in the upper right quadrant can be complicated by the presence of dissolved oxygen in solution.
- i) Use chemical equations to explain the origin of oxygen waves. [4]
- ii) Describe two (2) ways by which oxygen waves eliminated in voltammetry? [2]
- c) i) Use diagrams to explain the origins of "non-faradaic" current in polarography. [2]
- ii) Use a diagram to illustrate the dependence of "non-faradaic" current on time during the lifetime of a mercury drop in polarography. [2]
- iii) Use a diagram to illustrate the dependence of "faradaic" current on time during the lifetime of a mercury drop in polarography. [2]
- iv) Use a diagram to illustrate the effect of concentration on "non-faradaic" current during the lifetime of a mercury drop in polarography. [2]
- d) Sometimes useful information can be derived from the rising portion of the polarographic wave, for example, the number of electrons involved in the reduction. For benzoquinone, the following data were obtained in the rising portion of a polarographic wave:

<u>E vs SCE (V)</u>	<u>I (<math>\mu</math>A)</u>
+0.210	0.591
+0.190	0.146
+0.170	4.646
+0.150	6.299

- i) Calculate the value of  $n$  if  $i_{d,max} = 7.008 \mu\text{A}$ . [6]
- ii) What is  $E^\circ$ ? [1]

#### QUESTION 5 [25]

- a) (i) What is the origin of polarographic maxima in voltammetry? [2]
- (ii) How are polarographic maxima eliminated in polarography? [2]
- b) For each of the following techniques, indicate, on a voltage-time plot, when sampling of the signal is carried out. Draw the shape of the resultant voltammogram, and indicate the typical resolution (in Volts) and detection limit (in mol/L).
- i) Tast polarography. [4]
- ii) Differential pulse polarography. [4]
- c) i) Draw a schematic diagram of the apparatus used in Anodic Stripping Voltametry (ASV). [3]

- ii) Assume that ASV is being carried out on an environmental sample containing the toxic element cadmium. Use equations to describe the chemical processes taking place at each of the four steps involved in the ASV of the sample. [4]
- iii) Explain why ASV is considered superior over most analytical techniques in terms of detection limits. [2]
- iv) Suppose tap water is scanned in a polarographic cell without deaeration, and the following is observed:  
 $E_{1/2} = -0.05 \text{ V}$ ;  $i_{d, \text{ave}} = 2.54 \mu\text{A}$ , when the rate of flow of mercury is  $4.00 \text{ mg/sec}$  and the drop interval is  $3 \text{ sec}$ .  
 Calculate the concentration of oxygen in the tap water in the ppm units (diffusion coefficient  $= 2.12 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$ ). [4]

### QUESTION 6 [25]

- a) A solution of  $0.5 \text{ M Ag}^+$  in  $1 \text{ M H}^+$ , resistance  $0.5 \Omega$ , is to be electrodeposited to 99.9999% completion with  $4 \text{ A}$  in an open cell (partial pressure of  $\text{O}_2$  in air  $= 0.2 \text{ atm}$ ). In the equation  $E_{\text{app}} = E_{\text{cathode}} + IR + \omega$  used to ascertain the potential at which electrodeposition will occur:
- Calculate  $E_{\text{cathode}}$ . [3]
  - Calculate  $E_{\text{anode}}$ . [3]
  - Calculate the IR drop. [3]
  - Describe the term  $\omega$ , and explain its origins in electrogravimetry using suitable equations. [4]
- b) Explain the origins of electromotive efficiency in pH glass membrane electrodes. [2]
- c) Consider a biamperometric titration in which  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  is titrated with  $\text{Ce}^{4+}$  according to the reaction:  
 $\text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Ce}^{4+} \longrightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{Ce}^{3+}$ . Given that the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$  couple gets reduced at more negative potential than the  $\text{Ce}^{3+}/\text{Ce}^{4+}$  couple,
- Sketch the current-potential curves for point at which the fraction titrated is 0.1, 0.5, 1.0 and 1.2, assuming an impressed voltage of  $100 \text{ mV}$  across the electrodes. [8]
  - Sketch the biamperometric titration curve for this system. [2]

# PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS

## GROUPS

PERIODS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	IA	IIA	IIIB	IVB	VB	VIB	VIIIB		VIIIB		IB	IIB	IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA	VIIIA	
1	1.008 H																		He 4.003
2	6.941 Li	9.012 Be																	Ne 20.180
3	22.990 Na	24.305 Mg																	Ar 39.948
4	39.098 K	40.078 Ca	44.956 Sc	47.88 Ti	50.942 V	51.996 Cr	54.938 Mn	55.847 Fe	58.933 Co	58.69 Ni	63.546 Cu	65.39 Zn	69.723 Ga	72.61 Ge	74.922 As	78.96 Se	79.904 Br	83.80 Kr	
5	85.468 Rb	87.62 Sr	88.906 Y	91.224 Zr	92.906 Nb	95.94 Mo	98.907 Tc	101.07 Ru	102.91 Rh	106.42 Pd	107.87 Ag	112.41 Cd	114.82 In	118.71 Sn	121.75 Sb	127.60 Te	126.90 I	131.29 Xe	
6	132.91 Cs	137.33 Ba	138.91 *La	178.49 Hf	180.95 Ta	183.85 W	186.21 Re	190.2 Os	197.22 Ir	195.08 Pt	196.97 Au	200.59 Hg	204.38 Tl	207.2 Pb	208.98 Bi	(209) Po	(210) At	(222) Rn	
7	223 Fr	226.03 Ra	(227) **Ac	(261) Rf	(262) Ha	(263) Unh	(262) Uns	(265) Uno	(266) Une	(267) Uun	(247) Tb	(251) Dy	(252) Ho	(257) Er	(258) Tm	(259) Yb	(260) Lu		
	87	88	89	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	97	98	99	100	101	102	103		

### TRANSITION ELEMENTS

Atomic mass  
Symbol  
Atomic No.

10.811	B	5
12.011	C	6
14.007	N	7
15.999	O	8
18.998	F	9
20.180	Ne	10

\*Lanthanide Series

\*\*Actinide Series

140.12	Ce	140.91	Pr	144.24	Nd	(145)	Pm	150.36	Sm	151.96	Eu	157.25	Gd	158.93	Tb	162.50	Dy	164.93	Ho	167.26	Er	168.93	Tm	173.04	Yb	174.97	Lu
58		59		60		61		62		63		64		65		66		67		68		69		70		71	
232.04	Th	231.04	Pa	238.03	U	237.05	Np	(244)	Pu	(243)	Am	(247)	Cm	(247)	Bk	(251)	Cf	(252)	Es	(257)	Fm	(258)	Md	(259)	No	(260)	Lr
90		91		92		93		94		95		96		97		98		99		100		101		102		103	

( ) indicates the mass number of the isotope with the longest half-life.

General data and  
fundamental  
constants

Quantity	Symbol	Value
Speed of light	$c$	$2.997\,924\,58 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Elementary charge	$e$	$1.602\,177 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Faraday constant	$F = eN_A$	$9.5485 \times 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
Boltzmann constant	$k$	$1.380\,65 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
Gas constant	$R = kN_A$	$8.314\,51 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ $8.205\,78 \times 10^{-2} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ $62.364 \text{ L Torr K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Planck constant	$h$	$6.626\,08 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
	$\hbar = h/2\pi$	$1.054\,57 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
Avogadro constant	$N_A$	$6.022\,14 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Atomic mass unit	$u$	$1.660\,54 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
Mass of electron	$m_e$	$9.109\,39 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
proton	$m_p$	$1.672\,62 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
neutron	$m_n$	$1.674\,93 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
Vacuum permeability†	$\mu_0$	$4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ J s}^2 \text{ C}^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}$ $4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}^2 \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ m}^2$
Vacuum permittivity	$\epsilon_0 = 1/c^2 \mu_0$	$8.854\,19 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ C}^2 \text{ m}^{-1}$
	$4\pi\epsilon_0$	$1.112\,65 \times 10^{-10} \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ C}^2 \text{ m}^{-1}$
Bohr magneton	$\mu_B = e\hbar/2m_e$	$9.274\,02 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J T}^{-1}$
Nuclear magneton	$\mu_N = e\hbar/2m_p$	$5.050\,79 \times 10^{-27} \text{ J T}^{-1}$
Electron $g$ value	$g_e$	2.002 32
Bohr radius	$a_0 = 4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2/m_e e^2$	$5.291\,77 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$
Rydberg constant	$R_\infty = m_e e^4/8h^3 c$	$1.097\,37 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
Fine structure constant	$\alpha = \mu_0 e^2 c/2h$	$7.297\,35 \times 10^{-3}$
Gravitational constant	$G$	$6.672\,59 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
Standard acceleration of free fall†	$g$	$9.806\,65 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

† Exact (defined) values

f	p	n	$\mu$	m	c	d	k	M	G	Prefixes
femto	pico	nano	micro	milli	centi	deci	kilo	mega	giga	
$10^{-15}$	$10^{-12}$	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-1}$	$10^3$	$10^6$	$10^9$	

APPENDIX C POTENTIALS OF SELECTED HALF-REACTIONS AT 25 °C

A summary of oxidation/reduction half-reactions arranged in order of decreasing oxidation strength and useful for selecting reagent systems.

Half-reaction	$E^{\circ}$ (V)
$F_2(g) + 2H^+ + 2e^- = 2HF$	3.06
$O_3 + 2H^+ + 2e^- = O_2 + H_2O$	2.07
$S_2O_8^{2-} + 2e^- = 2SO_4^{2-}$	2.01
$Ag^{2+} + e^- = Ag^+$	2.00
$H_2O_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^- = 2H_2O$	1.77
$MnO_4^- + 4H^+ + 3e^- = MnO_2(s) + 2H_2O$	1.70
$Ce(IV) + e^- = Ce(III) \text{ (in } 1M \text{ HClO}_4\text{)}$	1.61
$H_2IO_6 + H^+ + 2e^- = IO_3^- + 3H_2O$	1.6
$Bi_2O_4 \text{ (bismuthate)} + 4H^+ + 2e^- = 2BiO^+ + 2H_2O$	1.59
$BrO_3^- + 6H^+ + 5e^- = \frac{1}{2}Br_2 + 3H_2O$	1.52
$MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- = Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$	1.51
$PbO_2 + 4H^+ + 2e^- = Pb^{2+} + 2H_2O$	1.455
$Cl_2 + 2e^- = 2Cl^-$	1.36
$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6e^- = 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$	1.33
$MnO_2(s) + 4H^+ + 2e^- = Mn^{2+} + 2H_2O$	1.23
$O_2(g) + 4H^+ + 4e^- = 2H_2O$	1.229
$IO_3^- + 6H^+ + 5e^- = \frac{1}{2}I_2 + 3H_2O$	1.20
$Br_2(l) + 2e^- = 2Br^-$	1.065
$ICl_2 + e^- = \frac{1}{2}I_2 + 2Cl^-$	1.06
$VO_2^+ + 2H^+ + e^- = VO^{2+} + H_2O$	1.00
$HNO_2 + H^+ + e^- = NO(g) + H_2O$	1.00
$NO_3^- + 3H^+ + 2e^- = HNO_2 + H_2O$	0.94
$2Hg^{2+} + 2e^- = Hg_2^{2+}$	0.92
$Cu^{2+} + I^- + e^- = CuI(s)$	0.86
$Ag^+ + e^- = Ag$	0.799
$Hg_2^{2+} + 2e^- = 2Hg$	0.79
$Fe^{3+} + e^- = Fe^{2+}$	0.771
$O_2(g) + 2H^+ + 2e^- = H_2O_2$	0.682
$2HgCl_2 + 2e^- = Hg_2Cl_2(s) + 2Cl^-$	0.63
$Hg_2SO_4(s) + 2e^- = 2Hg + SO_4^{2-}$	0.615
$Sb_2O_5 + 6H^+ + 4e^- = 2SbO^+ + 3H_2O$	0.581
$H_3AsO_4 + 2H^+ + 2e^- = HAsO_2 + 2H_2O$	0.559
$I_3^- + 2e^- = 3I^-$	0.545
$Cu^+ + e^- = Cu$	0.52
$VO^{2+} + 2H^+ + e^- = V^{3+} + H_2O$	0.337
$Fe(CN)_6^{3-} + e^- = Fe(CN)_6^{4-}$	0.36
$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- = Cu$	0.337
$UO_2^{2+} + 4H^+ + 2e^- = U^{4+} + 2H_2O$	0.334

(continued)

## APPENDIX C (continued)

Half-reaction	$E^\circ$ (V)
$\text{Hg}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{s}) + 2\text{e}^- = 2\text{Hg} + 2\text{Cl}^-$	0.2676
$\text{BiO}^+ + 2\text{H}^+ + 3\text{e}^- = \text{Bi} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.32
$\text{AgCl}(\text{s}) + \text{e}^- = \text{Ag} + \text{Cl}^-$	0.2222
$\text{SbO}^+ + 2\text{H}^+ + 3\text{e}^- = \text{Sb} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.212
$\text{CuCl}_2 + \text{e}^- = \text{Cu} + 2\text{Cl}^-$	0.178
$\text{SO}_4^{2-} + 4\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- = \text{SO}_2(\text{aq}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.17
$\text{Sn}^{4+} + 2\text{e}^- = \text{Sn}^{2+}$	0.15
$\text{S} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- = \text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{g})$	0.14
$\text{TiO}^{2+} + 2\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^- = \text{Ti}^{3+} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.10
$\text{S}_4\text{O}_6^{2-} + 2\text{e}^- = 2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$	0.08
$\text{AgBr}(\text{s}) + \text{e}^- = \text{Ag} + \text{Br}^-$	0.071
$2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- = \text{H}_2$	0.0000
$\text{Pb}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- = \text{Pb}$	-0.126
$\text{Sn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- = \text{Sn}$	-0.136
$\text{AgI}(\text{s}) + \text{e}^- = \text{Ag} + \text{I}^-$	-0.152
$\text{Mo}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- = \text{Mo}$	approx. -0.2
$\text{N}_2 + 5\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^- = \text{H}_2\text{NNH}_3^+$	-0.23
$\text{Ni}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- = \text{Ni}$	-0.246
$\text{V}^{3+} + \text{e}^- = \text{V}^{2+}$	-0.255
$\text{Co}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- = \text{Co}$	-0.277
$\text{Ag}(\text{CN})_2^- + \text{e}^- = \text{Ag} + 2\text{CN}^-$	-0.31
$\text{Cd}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- = \text{Cd}$	-0.403
$\text{Cr}^{3+} + \text{e}^- = \text{Cr}^{2+}$	-0.41
$\text{Fe}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- = \text{Fe}$	-0.440
$2\text{CO}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- = \text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$	-0.49
$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- = \text{H}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_5 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-0.50
$\text{U}^{4+} + \text{e}^- = \text{U}^{3+}$	-0.61
$\text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- = \text{Zn}$	-0.763
$\text{Cr}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- = \text{Cr}$	-0.91
$\text{Mn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- = \text{Mn}$	-1.18
$\text{Zr}^{4+} + 4\text{e}^- = \text{Zr}$	-1.53
$\text{Ti}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- = \text{Ti}$	-1.63
$\text{Al}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- = \text{Al}$	-1.66
$\text{Th}^{4+} + 4\text{e}^- = \text{Th}$	-1.90
$\text{Mg}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- = \text{Mg}$	-2.37
$\text{La}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- = \text{La}$	-2.52
$\text{Na}^+ + \text{e}^- = \text{Na}$	-2.714
$\text{Ca}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- = \text{Ca}$	-2.87
$\text{Sr}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- = \text{Sr}$	-2.89
$\text{K}^+ + \text{e}^- = \text{K}$	-2.925
$\text{Li}^+ + \text{e}^- = \text{Li}$	-3.045