

Trial Examination 2023

VCE Chemistry Unit 3

Written Examination

Suggested Solutions

SECTION A – MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

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Question 1 D

D is correct and **B** is incorrect. In a chemical reaction, a catalyst changes the rates of the forward and reverse reactions equally and lowers the activation energy, E_a ; however, it has no effect on the enthalpy change, ΔH , of the reaction nor the enthalpies of the reactants and products.

A and **C** are incorrect. A catalyst lowers the E_a .

Question 2 A

A is correct. This option is the half-equation that correctly represents the oxidation process.

B is incorrect. The product of the incomplete combustion of methanol, CH_3OH , is water, H_2O , not hydrogen gas, H_2 .

 \bf{C} is incorrect. This equation represents the reaction in the acid version of the fuel cell. Hydrogen ions, \bf{H}^+ , are not a reactant in the alkaline cell.

D is incorrect. The equation is not correctly balanced, and H₂O would be a liquid under standard laboratory conditions (SLC).

Question 3 B

B is correct. At 2 minutes, the temperature of the equilibrium mixture was changed. This means that the equilibrium constant, K_c , values at 1 minute and 5 minutes are not equal; that is, $K_{c1} \neq K_{c2}$. The change at 6 minutes, which is the removal of gas Q, does not change the K_c value; thus, $K_{c2} = K_{c3}$.

A, **C** and **D** are incorrect. The temperature change at 2 minutes caused the K_c value to change so that K_{c1} does not equal K_{c2} or K_{c3} .

Question 4 D

D is correct. At 3 minutes, the concentration of gas R was falling, and so the rate of formation must have been lower than the rate of decomposition.

A is incorrect. At 2 minutes, the temperature was changed and the position of equilibrium moved towards the reactants (P and Q). However, it is not certain whether the temperature was increased or decreased. If it was an increase, it was an exothermic reaction as the reverse reaction was favoured. If it was a decrease, the reaction must have been endothermic.

B is incorrect. At 6 minutes, some of gas Q was removed from the equilibrium mixture.

C is incorrect. Even though the concentrations did not change at equilibrium, the reaction was still occurring with the rate of formation equal to the rate of decomposition.

Question 5 C

A catalyst causes a reaction to reach equilibrium faster, but the concentrations of the components of a gaseous equilibrium do not change once equilibrium has been reached.

Question 6 D

D is correct. The reaction in a bioethanol fuel cell is exothermic, meaning that the products (carbon dioxide and water vapour) contain less energy than the reactants (ethanol and oxygen).

A is incorrect. The reaction of ethanol in a fuel cell is identical to the complete combustion of ethanol; therefore, it produces the greenhouse gases carbon dioxide and water vapour.

B is incorrect. Bioethanol molecules and molecules of ethanol derived from crude oil are identical in every respect.

C is incorrect. While the carbon dioxide used in photosynthesis by plants balances the carbon dioxide produced in a bioethanol fuel cell, the production of the bioethanol and construction of the fuel cell is likely to use some electricity produced by the burning of coal and other energy derived from the burning of fossil fuels. The production and use of bioethanol is therefore not likely to be 100% carbon neutral.

Question 7 B

Feature I applies to both galvanic and electrolytic cells. Energy transformations are not 100% efficient; some energy is lost as heat.

Feature II applies to galvanic cells only. Negative ions (anions) move towards the anode or positive electrode in electrolytic cells.

Feature III does not apply to galvanic cells nor electrolytic cells. Oxidising agents gain electrons; they do not lose them.

Feature IV applies to electrolytic cells only. The redox reactions in galvanic cells are spontaneous.

Therefore, **B** is correct.

Question 8 B

B is correct. The change at t_1 caused the rate of both the forward and reverse reactions to decrease. This is consistent with a decrease in temperature. The forward reaction was exothermic, as seen in the negative ΔH ; therefore, a decrease in temperature would have meant that the forward reaction – the temperature-increasing reaction – was favoured. The rate of the forward reaction was higher than the rate of the reverse reaction until the new equilibrium was reached.

A is incorrect. Removing gas W would not have immediately affected the rate of the reverse reaction.

C is incorrect. Removing gas Z would not have immediately affected the rate of the forward reaction.

D is incorrect. Decreasing the volume would have increased the concentrations of all species and so would have increased the rates of both the forward and reverse reactions.

Question 9 B

B is correct. The products of the forward reaction become the reactants of the reverse reaction and require an E_a of 25 kJ mol⁻¹ to overcome the activation barrier, as seen in the energy profile diagram.

A is incorrect. E_a is never negative.

 C is incorrect. This value is the difference between the magnitude of the ΔH of the forward and reverse reactions (95 kJ mol⁻¹) and the E_a of the reverse reaction (25 kJ mol⁻¹); it has no relevance.

D is incorrect. This value is the magnitude of the ΔH of the forward and reverse reactions.

Question 10 C

C is correct. The cell reaction occurs according to the equation $Cl_2(g) + Sn^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow 2Cl^-(aq) + Sn^{4+}(aq)$. $Cl_2(g)$ gains electrons and so is reduced, meaning it is the oxidising agent. Sn²⁺(aq) causes the reduction and so is the reducing agent.

A is incorrect. $Cl₂(g)$ is the oxidising agent.

 \bf{B} is incorrect. Cl^{$^{-}$}(aq) is the conjugate reducing agent of the oxidising agent.

D is incorrect. Sn⁴⁺(aq) is the conjugate oxidising agent of the reducing agent.

Question 11 D

D is correct. The products of the spontaneous forward redox reaction become the reactants for the non-spontaneous redox reaction that occurs during electrolysis. For this to happen, the products of the spontaneous reaction must remain in contact with the electrodes.

A is incorrect. Electrolysis can occur in two separate half-cells as well as a single container.

B is incorrect. Electrolysis is often conducted using platinum, Pt, electrodes.

C is incorrect. If the products of a galvanic cell reaction do not remain in contact with the electrodes, no amount of energy will cause the spontaneous forward redox reaction to reverse.

Question 12 A

A is correct. The high concentration of chloride ions, Cl⁻, means that predictions made using the electrochemical series are unreliable. Even though water, H_2O , is a stronger reducing agent than $Cl^-,$ chlorine gas, Cl_2 – rather than oxygen gas, O_2 – is produced at the anode according to the equation $2Cl^-(aq) \rightarrow Cl_2(g) + 2e^-$. This is oxidation, which occurs at the anode (positive electrode) in an electrolytic cell. The information provided also indicates that the electrolytic cell produces Cl₂.

B is incorrect. Hydrogen gas, H_2 , is produced at the cathode according to the following equation. $2H_2O(1) + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2(g) + 2OH^-(aq)$.

 C is incorrect. O₂ is not produced at the anode because the high concentration of $Cl⁻$ makes the production of Cl_2 more likely.

D is incorrect. Sodium, Na, could only be produced at the cathode; however, as H_2O is a stronger oxidising agent than sodium ions, Na^+ , Na is never produced from an aqueous solution.

Question 13 C

 C is correct. Na⁺ is present in the brine and used to produce sodium hydroxide, NaOH, in the chamber containing the cathode (negative electrode). The polymer membrane prevents the passage of Cl⁻ into the cathode chamber; if Cl[–] could pass to the cathode, it would mix with OH[–], resulting in an impure mix of NaOH and NaCl being collected.

A is incorrect. Cl₂ forms at the anode because of the high concentration of Cl⁻, not because of the membrane.

B is incorrect. H₂ forms at the cathode because H₂O is a stronger oxidising agent than Na⁺.

D is incorrect. Although used brine can be reclaimed from the cell, this is not the primary reason why the membrane is used.

Question 14 D

Reactant molecules must collide with sufficient energy and in the correct orientation in order for the bonds within them to be broken so that the products can form.

Question 15 A

 $n(e^-) = \frac{It}{F} = \frac{0.25 \times 2.0 \times 60 \times 60}{96,500} = 0.0187 \text{ C}$ 0.0187

 $n(metal) = 0.0185$ mol

As $n(e^-) \approx n$ (metal), the charge on each metal ion was +1.

Question 16 D

D is correct. The conclusions from the results are as follows.

- Metal L and J^{2+} (aq): J^{2+} ions are stronger oxidising agents than L^{2+} ions.
- Metal J and Q^{2+} (aq): Q^{2+} ions are stronger oxidising agents than J^{2+} ions.
- Metal Q and H⁺(aq): Q^{2+} ions are stronger oxidising agents than H⁺ ions.
- Metal L and $H^+(aq)$: H^+ ions are stronger oxidising agents than L^{2+} ions.

Therefore, the order of decreasing oxidising strength is $Q^{2+} > J^{2+} > L^{2+}$, with H⁺ ions being second or third in the order. The order of decreasing reducing strength is $L > J > Q$.

A is incorrect. Metal L is the strongest reducing agent.

B is incorrect. H⁺ ions are weaker oxidising agents than Q^{2+} ions.

C is incorrect. Metal Q is a weaker reducing agent than metals J and L.

Question 17 A

A is correct. If mixing metal J with H^+ ions produces a reaction, then H^+ ions are stronger oxidising agents than J^{2+} ions. If no reaction occurs, then J^{2+} ions are stronger oxidising agents than H⁺ ions. Either result makes it possible to place H^+ ions in the order of oxidising agents according to their relative oxidising strengths.

B is incorrect. The results have already established that J^{2+} ions are stronger oxidising agents than L^{2+} ions.

C is incorrect. The results have already established that Q^{2+} ions are stronger oxidising agents than J^{2+} ions.

D is incorrect. The results have already established that Q^{2+} ions are stronger oxidising agents than L^{2+} ions.

Question 18 C

C is correct. At the negatively charged anode, methane, CH₄, reacts with oxide ions, O^{2-} , to produce CO₂, $H₂O$ and electrons. The electrons flow from the anode to the cathode, where they are used to reduce $O₂$ to O^{2-} . To complete the circuit, O^{2-} ions produced at the cathode travel though the electrolyte towards the anode, where they react with $CH₄$. The relevant equations are:

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$$
CH_4 + 4O^2 \rightarrow CO_2 + 2H_2O + 8e^-
$$

$$
\bullet \qquad \text{O}_2 + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{O}^{2-}
$$

A is incorrect. The oxidation number of carbon changes from -4 in CH₄ to $+4$ in CO₂.

B is incorrect. O_2 is reduced at the positively charged cathode.

D is incorrect. Electrons flow from the anode to the cathode.

Question 19 A

A is correct. A secondary cell produces electrical energy by separating two spontaneous half-reactions into separate containers and making the transfer of electrons proceed along a connecting wire. If one or more of the reactants is depleted, the cell reaction will stop and no electricity will be produced; that is, the battery is 'flat'.

B is incorrect. A secondary cell is rechargeable and so the products of the cell reaction must be kept in contact with the electrodes so that the cell reaction can be reversed by inputting electrical energy. If a product escapes from the cell, then recharging would not be possible; however, this does not best explain why a battery becomes flat.

C is incorrect. In a secondary cell, electrons move through a connecting wire; they do not flow through the electrolyte.

D is incorrect. In a secondary cell, the electrodes must be intact for the cell reaction to be reversed so that the cell can be recharged. If an electrode is consumed, then recharging would not be possible; however, this does not best explain why a battery becomes flat.

Question 20 C

Electrons are forced back onto the negative electrode of the cell when recharging using electrical energy from the power source. This causes the reactants to gain electrons, which is reduction.

SECTION B

Question 1 (13 marks)

a. i.
$$
C_3H_8(g) + 5O_2(g) \rightarrow 3CO_2(g) + 4H_2O(l)
$$
 $\Delta H = -2220 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

2 marks

1 mark for providing the correct balanced equation. 1 mark for providing the enthalpy change, including the negative sign.

ii. At SLC, 1.0 L of
$$
C_3H_8
$$
 contains $\frac{1.0}{24.8}$ mol of gas. 1 mark

$$
n\left(\text{CO}_2\right) = 3 \times n\left(\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\right) = 3 \times \frac{1.0}{24.8} = 0.1210 \text{ mol}
$$
1 mark

$$
m\left(\text{CO}_2\right) = n \times M = 0.1210 \times 44.0 = 5.32258 = 5.32 \text{ g}
$$
 1 mark

iii. energy released by burning $C_3H_8 = 2220 \times 0.461 = 1023 \text{ kJ}$ 1 mark only 65% of the heat energy was transferred, therefore: 65% of the energy transferred = 1023×0.650

$$
= 665.0 \text{ kJ}
$$
1 mark

$$
\Delta T = \frac{E}{m \times c} = \frac{665.0 \times 10^3}{15\ 000 \times 4.18} = 10.61 \text{°C}
$$

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$$
\Delta T = T_{\text{final}} - T_{\text{initial}}; \text{ hence, } T_{\text{final}} = 17.8 + 10.61 = 28.4 \text{°C}.
$$
1 mark
\nb. i. To write a thermochemical equation, the energy released in the combustion of a known amount of a single compound must be known. As kerosene is a mixture of compounds, it is not possible to satisfy this requirement.

ii. As the molecules in kerosene are smaller than those in petrodiesel, the dispersion forces between the molecules in kerosene are likely to be less intense than those in petrodiesel. 1 mark

At a set temperature, the molecules in kerosene would therefore move more freely than those in petrodiesel, and so kerosene is likely to have a lower viscosity. 1 mark

iii. *m*(kerosene that would produce 10.5 MJ of energy) =
$$
\frac{10.5 \times 10^3}{43.7}
$$
1 mark
= 240.27 = 240 g 1 mark

Question 2 (12 marks)

3 marks

1 mark for each gas concentration.

ii. reaction quotient (or concentration fraction),
$$
Q = \frac{[SO_2Cl_2]}{[SO_2][Cl_2]}
$$

= $\frac{0.35}{0.65 \times 0.15} = 3.59 = 3.6 M^{-1}$ 1 mark

The K_c at T₁ is 3.8 M⁻¹ and so the system did not reach equilibrium because the value of the reaction quotient does not equal the value of the K_c . 1 mark *Note: Consequential on answer to Question 2a.i.*

 0.65×0.15

b. At T_2 , the value of the K_c is higher, meaning that $\left[\text{SO}_2\text{Cl}_2\right]$ has increased, and $\left[\text{SO}_2\right]$ and $\begin{bmatrix} C_1 \end{bmatrix}$ have decreased. 1 mark

The formation of SO_2Cl_2 (forward reaction) is exothermic, and so the system must have been cooled for the formation of products to be favoured; therefore, T_2 is lower than T_1 . 1 mark

4 marks

1 mark for each change in position of equilibrium identified. 1 mark for each explanation provided. **Question 3** (11 marks)

a. i. voltage =
$$
E^0
$$
 (oxidising agent) – E^0 (reducing agent) = 0.77 – (-0.50) = 1.27 V 1 mark

$$
\mathbf{i} \mathbf{i}. \qquad \mathrm{Fe}^{3+}(\mathrm{aq}) + \mathrm{e}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{Fe}^{2+}(\mathrm{aq})
$$
 1 mark

iii. The salt bridge provides electrical connection between the half-cells by allowing the free movement of ions in both directions. The movement of the ions keeps the overall charge of the half-cells neutral. 1 mark

3 marks

1 mark for stating that both statements are incorrect. 1 mark for each explanation provided.

b.	i.	the ability to allow ions to pass through	1 mark
		ii. $\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{aq}) + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})$	1 mark
		iii. $Cr^{3+}(aq) + e^{-} \rightarrow Cr^{2+}(aq)$	1 mark
	iv.	The electrodes are not porous because the reactants are not gases, which would need to pass through the electrodes so that contact between the gas and electrolyte is made.	1 mark
		The electrodes could be catalytic so that a fast reaction is ensured if the uncatalysed reaction is too slow for this application.	' mark

Question 4 (6 marks)

a. average rate of reaction = $\frac{\Delta m}{\Delta n} = \frac{0.34}{2.8} = 0.011$ g of Fe min⁻ Δ *m t* 0.34 30 $\frac{0.34}{20} = 0.011$ g of Fe min⁻¹ 1 mark **b. i.** Ω 0.10 0.20 0.30 mass loss of Fe(s) (grams) 0 5 10 15 20 25 time (minutes) 0.40 30 $0.10 M Br₂(aq)$ $0.050 M Br₂(aq)$ 1 mark ii. The 0.050 M Br₂ solution has half the concentration of the original 0.10 M Br₂ solution and so half the number of moles of particles in a set volume. 1 mark The number of collisions between the reactants would therefore be approximately halved and the number of successful collisions would also be halved. Therefore, the rate of reaction would be approximately half the rate of the original $0.10 M Br₂$ solution experiment. 1 mark

c. Based on the electrochemical series, the stronger oxidising agent, Br₂, reacts spontaneously with the stronger reducing agent, Fe. 1 mark This spontaneous redox reaction would be exothermic. 1 mark

Question 6 (6 marks)

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1. Periodic table of the elements

The value in the brackets indicates the mass number of the longest-lived isotope. The value in the brackets indicates the mass number of the longest-lived isotope.

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89 Ac (227) actinium

90 Th 232.0 thoriu

91 Pa 231.0 protactinium

92 U238.0 uraniu m

93 Np (237) neptuniu m

94 Pu (244) plutoniu m

95 Am (243) americium

96 Cm (247) curium

97 Bk (247) berkelium

98 Cf (251) californium

 $califormium$

99 Es (252) einsteinium

100 Fm (257) fermium

101 Md (258) mendelevium

102 No (259) nobeliu m

103 Lr (262) lawrencium

2. Electrochemical series

3. Chemical relationships

4. Physical constants and standard values

5. Unit conversions

6. Metric (including SI) prefixes

7. Acid–base indicators

8. Representations of organic molecules

The following table shows different representations of organic molecules, using butanoic acid as an example.

9. Formulas of some fatty acids

CH.

 CH_2

 $CH₂$ **CH** $CH₃$

10. Formulas of some biomolecules

 β -fructose

aspartame

amylopectin (starch)

amylose (starch)

11. Heats of combustion of common fuels

The heats of combustion in the following table are calculated at SLC (25°C and 100 kPa) with combustion products being CO_2 and H_2O . Heat of combustion may be defined as the heat energy released when a specified amount of a substance burns completely in oxygen and is, therefore, reported as a positive value, indicating a magnitude. Enthalpy of combustion, ΔH , for the substances in this table would be reported as negative values, indicating the exothermic nature of the combustion reaction.

12. Heats of combustion of common blended fuels

Blended fuels are mixtures of compounds with different mixture ratios and, hence, determination of a generic molar enthalpy of combustion is not realistic. The values provided in the following table are typical values for heats of combustion at SLC (25 $^{\circ}$ C and 100 kPa) with combustion products being CO₂ and H₂O. Values for heats of combustion will vary depending on the source and composition of the fuel.

13. Energy content of food groups

Bond	Wave number $\text{(cm}^{-1})$	Bond	Wave number $\text{(cm}^{-1})$
C-Cl (chloroalkanes)	$600 - 800$	$C=O$ (ketones)	1680-1850
C-O (alcohols, esters, ethers)	$1050 - 1410$	$C=O$ (esters)	1720–1840
$C=C$ (alkenes)	1620–1680	C-H (alkanes, alkenes, arenes)	2850-3090
$C=O$ (amides)	1630–1680	$O-H$ (acids)	2500-3500
$C=O$ (aldehydes)	1660-1745	O-H (alcohols)	3200-3600
$C=O$ (acids)	1680-1740	N-H (amines and amides)	3300-3500

14. Characteristic ranges for infra-red absorption

15. 13C NMR data

Typical 13 C shift values relative to TMS = 0

These can differ slightly in different solvents.

16. ¹ H NMR data

Typical proton shift values relative to $TMS = 0$

These can differ slightly in different solvents. The shift refers to the proton environment that is indicated in bold letters in the formula.

17. 2-amino acids (a**-amino acids)**

The table below provides simplified structures to enable the drawing of zwitterions, the identification of products of protein hydrolysis and the drawing of structures involving condensation polymerisation of amino acid monomers.

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