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Time allowed: Three hours

Total marks: 48

Check that the National Student Number (NSN) on your admission slip is the same as the number at the top of this page.

You should answer ALL the questions in this booklet.

A periodic table is provided on page 2 of this booklet.

Write all your answers in this booklet.

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You are advised to spend approximately 30 minutes on each question.

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PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS

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You have three hours to complete this examination.

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QUESTION ONE (8 marks)

- (a) (i) Draw a 3-dimensional structure for each of the possible isomers of the pentahalide PCl_3F_2 , indicating the size of the F-P-F bond angle in each isomer.
- (ii) In VSEPR theory it is assumed that the bond from the central atom to an atom of lower electronegativity occupies more space than the bond from the central atom to an atom of higher electronegativity.

Comment on the polarity of each of the isomers of PCl_3F_2 and identify the isomer that is most likely to occur.

- (iii) Upon standing for several days at low temperature, phosphorus pentahalide compounds convert to isomeric ionic solids.

In crystalline PBr_4Cl , only one of the two ions formed contains phosphorus.

Predict the formulae of the ions in solid PBr_4Cl , and justify your answer.

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(a) Titanium is a Group 4 transition metal. There are three different chlorides of titanium: TiCl_2 , TiCl_3 and TiCl_4 . One of these chlorides, **A**, is a solid that dissolves in water to produce a mildly acidic purple solution. On standing in the presence of air, the colour of this solution fades, and a white solid, TiO_2 , is formed. The chlorides **B** and **C** are very reactive toward water. **B** is a liquid and reacts to produce a strongly acidic solution and TiO_2 . **C** reacts with acidified water to produce a purple solution and hydrogen gas.

- Justify your answers using the properties of transition metals, including the colours and reactions outlined above, and/or by analogy with the chemistry of other transition metals. Include balanced equations for the reactions described.

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- $$E^0(\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2) = -0.42 \text{ V} \qquad E^0(\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 0.82 \text{ V}$$

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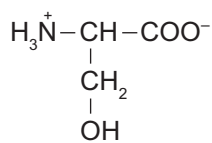
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(a) (i) The structural formula of the amino acid glycine can sometimes be written as $\text{H}_3\text{N}^+\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^-$ (a zwitterion) and sometimes as $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{COOH}$.

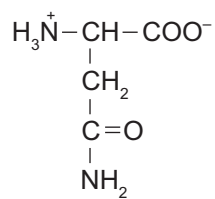
Explain which structure is more appropriate, taking into account functional group chemistry and the fact that glycine is a crystalline solid that has a melting point of 233°C.

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- (ii) The amino acids serine and asparagine have the zwitterion structures shown below.



serine



asparagine

These amino acids can be linked to form two different dipeptides.

Discuss how the structures of these dipeptides change as the pH of the aqueous solutions change from highly acidic, through neutral, to highly basic.

Include structural formulae in your answer.

- Discuss how each of these two processes is involved in preparing and isolating pure samples of the organic products.

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- Give the structural formulae for compounds **A** to **H** that are consistent with the information above.

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QUESTION FOUR (8 marks)

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- (a) Models are representations used to explain observed phenomena.

A model useful for describing the physical properties of Group 18 elements views the particles of these elements as individual atoms.

In contrast, various properties of metals, both in solid and liquid form, can be explained by a model that views the structure of the metal as cations submerged in a “sea of electrons”. In this model, the “electron sea” consists of valence electrons moving freely throughout the metal structure.

The table below shows the melting points (mp) and boiling points (bp) for selected elements in Groups 1 and 18 of the periodic table.

1	2		13	14	15	16	17	18
Li mp: 180°C bp: 1342°C	Be							Ne mp: -249°C bp: -246°C
Na mp: 98°C bp: 883°C	Mg							Ar mp: -189°C bp: -186°C
K mp: 63°C bp: 760°C	Ca							Kr mp: -157°C bp: -152°C
Rb mp: 39°C bp: 686°C	Sr							Xe mp: -112°C bp: -108°C

- (i) Explain the trend in boiling points of the Group 18 elements.
- (ii) Discuss how each of the statements below is evidence for the different models described above.
- The boiling point of a Group 18 element is significantly lower than the boiling point of the Group 1 element with the next higher atomic number.*
 - The **difference** between the boiling point and the melting point of a Group 1 metal, such as sodium, is much larger than the **difference** between the boiling point and melting point of a Group 18 element, such as argon.*
- (iii) Predict, using the “electron sea” model described above, how the boiling points for the Group 1 metals would compare with those for the Group 2 metals.

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	Bond Enthalpy / kJ mol⁻¹
C-F	485
C-Cl	328

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(a) When silver ions are dissolved in an aqueous ammonia solution, complex ions of $\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2^+(aq)$ form. The formation of $\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2^+(aq)$ occurs in two steps that are represented by the equations below, together with the corresponding equilibrium constant for each reaction.



Use the values of the equilibrium constants to identify the major species in this solution at equilibrium, and hence calculate the concentrations in mol L⁻¹ of the Ag⁺, Ag(NH₃)⁺ and Ag(NH₃)₂⁺ ions.

[illegible]

- Write balanced equations for all of the reactions occurring above, and hence calculate the mass, in grams, of each metal nitrate present in the original mixture.

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Three flasks contain aqueous solutions of the **same pH**. One of the solutions is $0.0010 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ nitric acid, one is $0.0060 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ methanoic acid (HCOOH) and one is 0.040 mol L^{-1} anilinium hydrochloride ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}$).

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- (b) The three acid solutions in part (a) are diluted by a factor of 10.

Discuss the change in both the pH of each of the solutions and the concentrations of the species present.

NO CALCULATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

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