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Second End-Semester Examination – July 2023 – 2020/2021 Batch

MLS1222 Basic Chemistry II – Theory (SEQ)

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Time: 9.00 am -10.00 am

- Use of calculators is allowed.
- Answer **all** questions on this paper itself.
- Write your answer in the space provided for each question. Please note that the space provided is sufficient for the answer and that extensive answers are not expected.

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1. Answer **all** parts.

1.1 Write a mathematical relationship between absorbance and transmittance.

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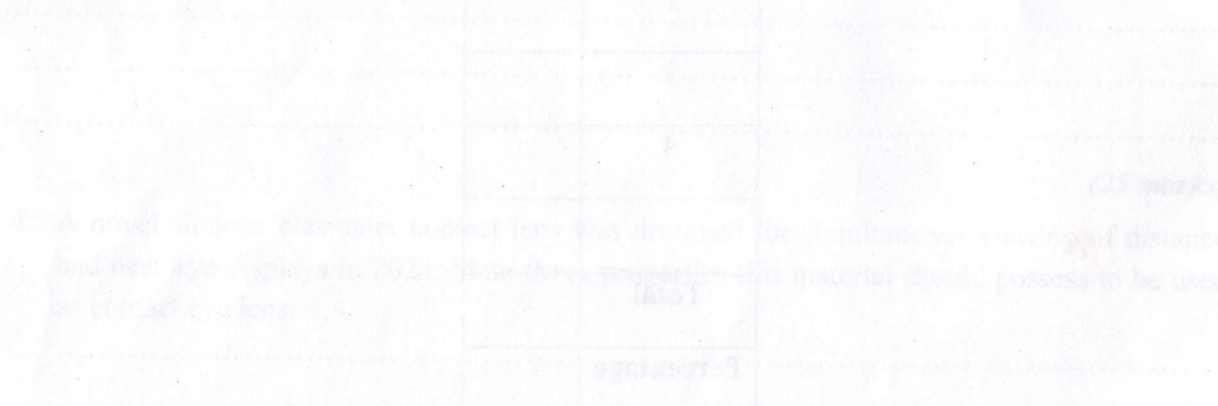
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1.2 Intensity of a particular wavelength of radiation incident on a solution of  $0.500 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  concentration of an absorbing substance is reduced to one-fourth of the initial value after passing through the 1.00 cm length of the solution. Calculate the molar extinction coefficient of the substance.

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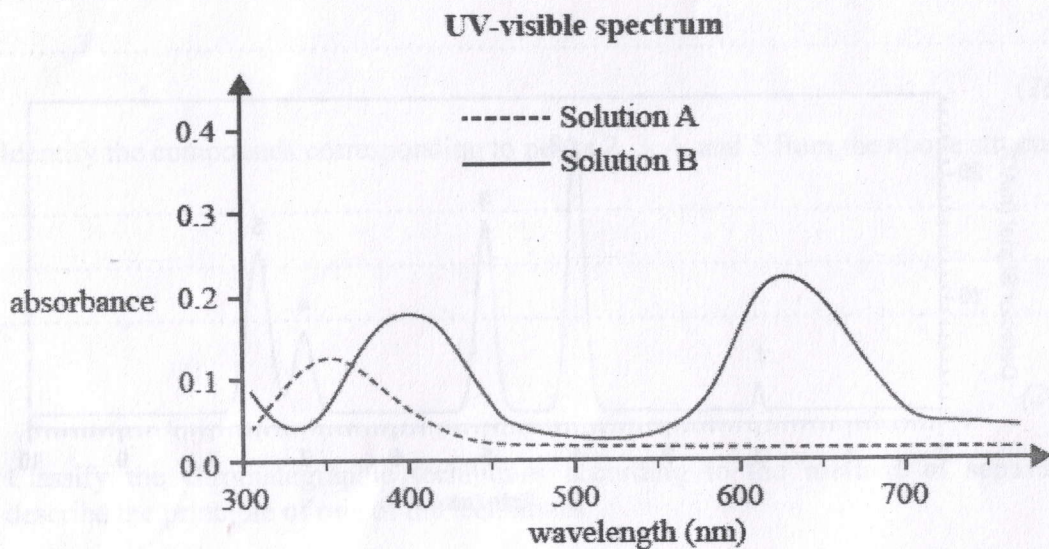
1.3 In the space provided below draw a schematic diagram of a single beam UV visible spectrophotometer and label its main components.



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1.4 Following graph shows the overlay UV-visible spectra of two solutions A and B. One of the solutions is yellow in colour and the other one is green. Identify the solutions A and B relevant to colours.



A - .....

B - .....

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1.5 A mixture was prepared by adding 10.00 mL of solution A with 10.00 mL of solution B, which wavelength should be used to measure the absorbance of the species in solution B in this mixture? Justify your answer.

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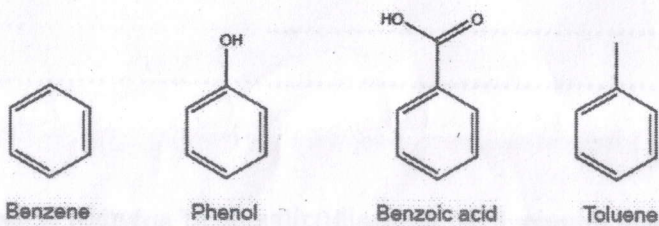
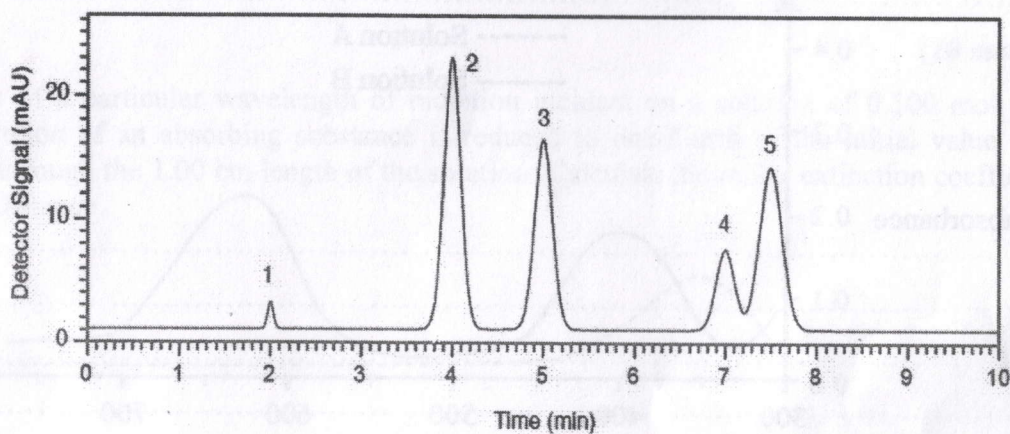
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02. Answer **all** parts.

A sample containing benzene, phenol, benzoic acid, and toluene was analyzed by HPLC. The following chromatogram was obtained for the separation of the above compounds in a **reverse phase** column.



2.1 Calculate the number of theoretical plates for the compound corresponding to the peak 2.

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2.2 Calculate the retention factor for the compound corresponding to the peak 3.

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2.3. How would you change the composition of the mobile phase to improve the resolution of peaks 4 and 5?

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2.4. Identify the compounds corresponding to peaks 2, 3, 4, and 5 from the above structures.

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2.5 Classify the chromatographic techniques according to the **method of separation** and describe the principle of **one** of the techniques.

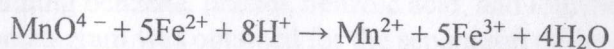
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03. Answer **all** parts.

The following oxidation reduction reaction occurs spontaneously in acidic solution.

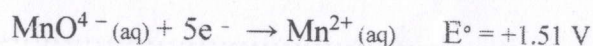
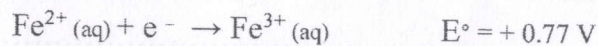


A solution containing  $\text{KMnO}_4$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is poured into one beaker, and a solution of  $\text{FeSO}_4$  is poured into another beaker. A salt bridge is used to join the two solutions in the two beakers. A platinum rod is placed in each solution and the two platinum rods are connected by a wire that passes through a voltmeter.

3.1 Sketch a diagram for the above described cell. Indicate clearly the **anode**, the **cathode**, **direction of electron movement** through the external circuit, and the **direction of migration of cations and anions** through the salt bridge.

(30 marks)

3.2 Calculate the emf of this cell under the standard conditions using standard reduction potentials given below:



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3.3 Apply the Nerst equation ( $E = E^\circ - (0.0592/n) \log Q$ ) and **calculate** the emf of the cell when the concentrations are as follows:  $\text{pH} = 0.0$   $[\text{Fe}^{2+}] = 0.10 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{MnO}_4^-] = 1.50 \text{ M}$  and  $[\text{Fe}^{3+}] = 2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{Mn}^{2+}] = 0.010 \text{ M}$ .

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3.4 A certain reaction is non-spontaneous at  $-25^\circ\text{C}$ . The entropy change for the reaction is  $95 \text{ J/K}$ . What can you conclude about the **sign** and the **magnitude** of  $\Delta H$ ?

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3.5 A solution of  $0.64 \text{ g}$  of adrenalene in  $0.36 \text{ g}$  of  $\text{CCl}_4$  elevates the boiling point by  $0.49^\circ\text{C}$ . Calculate the molar mass of adrenalene. ( $K_b \text{ CCl}_4 = 5.02^\circ\text{C/m}$ )

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04. Answer **all** parts.

4.1 In a nuclear transmutation, uranium-238 is bombarded with  $\alpha$  particles and a neutron is ejected from each target nuclei. Predict the product nucleus and write equation for this nuclear reaction.

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4.2 If 1.00 g of strontium-90 is left in a container, 0.953 g will remain after two years. Calculate the half-life of strontium-90.

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4.3 Calculate how much of the initial 2.00 g would remain after 5 years.

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4.4 Chlorine-36 is a convenient radiotracer. It is weak  $\beta$  emitter with a half-life of  $3 \times 10^5$  years. Describe how you would use this radiotracer to determine effect of soil pH on the uptake of chloride ion from the soil by soybeans.

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4.5 A novel silicone elastomer contact lens was designed for simultaneous viewing of distance and near eye displays in 2023. State **three** properties this material should possess to be used as contact eye lens.

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