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Course : CHEM 215

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SECTION "A"  
[20Q. × 1 = 20 marks]

Mark [×] for the most appropriate alternative from each set of choices.

- In Good Laboratory Practice (GLP), what is the primary purpose of the quality control (QC) process?  
 To ensure the laboratory personnel wear appropriate PPE.  
 To ensure all laboratory equipment is calibrated and maintained.  
 To verify the accuracy and reliability of test results.  
 To validate the methods used in the laboratory.
- What is the principle behind potentiometric measurements?  
 Measuring the flow of current  
 Measuring the voltage across a resistor  
 Measuring the potential difference between two electrodes  
 Measuring the resistance of a solution
- Which mass spectrometry technique is best suited for determining the molecular mass of a large biomolecule such as a protein?  
 Electron Impact (EI) Mass Spectrometry  
 Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization (MALDI) Mass Spectrometry  
 Electrospray Ionization (ESI) Mass Spectrometry  
 Fast Atom Bombardment (FAB) Mass Spectrometry
- What is the purpose of using primary standard substance in titration?  
 To calibrate the titration equipment.  
 To standardize the secondary standard substance.  
 To adjust the pH of the titration solution.  
 To measure the concentration of the analyte accurately.
- The process of dispersing an insoluble material into a liquid as a colloid is called:  
 coagulation       peptization       nucleation       occlusion
- Titrator A obtains a mean value of 12.96% and a standard deviation of 0.05 for the purity of a sample. Titrator B obtains corresponding values of 13.12% and 0.08. The true percent purity is 13.08. Compared to titrator B, titrator A is  
 more accurate and more precise       less accurate and less precise  
 more accurate but less precise       less accurate but more precise
- Which of the following is not a common application of mass spectrometry?  
 Environmental analysis       DNA sequencing  
 Protein identification       Drug discovery and development

8. Which of the following elements is typically used as the radiation source in atomic absorption spectroscopy?  
 Sodium (Na)  Mercury (Hg)  
 Hollow cathode lamp (HCL)  Tungsten (W)
9. In IR spectroscopy, which functional group is characterized by a strong and broad absorption peak in the range of 3200-3600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ?  
 Carbonyl group (C=O)  Hydroxyl group (OH)  
 Alkene group (C=C)  Amine group (NH<sub>2</sub>)
10. What will be the absorption if %Transmittance is 80?  
 0.5  0.05  0.097  0.97

**Fill in the blank with appropriate words/symbols/values:**

11. The process by which impurity is deposited after the complete precipitation of the analyte is \_\_\_\_\_.
12. A water sample is found to contain 0.00026 M in  $\text{CaCO}_3$ . The concentration of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  is \_\_\_\_\_ ppm.
13. If you double the wavenumber of electromagnetic radiation, you \_\_\_\_\_ the energy.
14. A determinate error whose size varies with the size of the sample is called \_\_\_\_\_.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ percentage of light is transmitted through the sample when it has absorbance value 0.046.
16. Smith-Hieftje background correction uses a single hollow-cathode lamp pulsed with first \_\_\_\_\_ and then with \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The sample container used in the ultra violet (UV) region is made up of the material \_\_\_\_\_.
18. In Infra Red Spectroscopy, the number of vibrational modes for  $\text{SO}_2$  molecule is \_\_\_\_\_.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ corresponds to an analyte molecule that has not undergone fragmentation in mass spectrum.
20. 100 mL of 0.1M solution of weak acid ( $K_a=1 \times 10^{-7}$ ) is titrated with 0.1M NaOH. The pH at the half equivalence point will be \_\_\_\_\_.

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SECTION "B"

[5Q. × 5 = 25 marks]

Attempt ANY FIVE questions.

1. a. What are the consequences of non-compliance with GLP regulations? [2]  
b. The normality of a solution is determined by four separate titrations, the results being 0.2041, 0.2049, 0.2039 and 0.2043. Calculate the mean, median, range, average deviation, standard deviation and coefficient of variation. [3]
2. a. State gravimetric factor. What size sample containing 14.4% chlorine (Cl) should be taken for analysis to obtain a precipitate of AgCl which weighs 0.440 g? [1+2]  
b. State the desirable properties of primary standard substances. [2]
3. a. Define spectral band pass or effective bandwidth. Why is iodine sometimes introduced into a tungsten lamp? [1+2]  
b. Sketch different types of curve used to determine the end point in potentiometric titration. [2]
4. a. Write general principles of titrimetric method of analysis. Calculate the pH of the solution made by mixing 100ml of 0.05 M NaOH and 100 ml of 0.05M CH<sub>3</sub>COOH. The K<sub>a</sub> of CH<sub>3</sub>COOH is  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ . [3]  
b. Show your familiarity with mass spectrometer [2]
5. a. What is the largest peak in a mass spectrum? How do you analyse mass spectrum? [1+2]  
b. What is Doppler effect in AAS? How does it cause line broadening in AAS? [2]
6. a. Explain briefly the concepts of bathochromic shift. A 0.00396 M solution of compound 'X' exhibited an absorbance of 0.624 at 238nm in a 1cm cuvet; a blank solution containing only solvent had an absorbance of 0.029 at the same wavelength. Find the molar absorptivity of compound 'X'. [1+1.5]  
b. What is figure of merit? What are the differences between dynamic range and detection limit? [1+1.5]

SECTION "C"

[5Q. × 6 = 30 marks]

Attempt ANY FIVE questions.

7. a. What are the key principles of GLP? How should laboratory equipment and instruments be maintained and calibrated to comply with GLP? [1+2]

- b. Discuss on Von Weimarn's theory of relative supersaturation. How does the digestion improve the quality of the precipitates? [1.5+1.5]
8. a. Why is it necessary for the glass in the membrane of a pH sensitive electrode to be appreciably hygroscopic? Derive the relation between boundary potential and pH of the solution. [1+2]
- b. Define equivalent conductance. The specific conductance of 0.02M KCl solution at 298K is  $0.002765 \text{ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$  and resistance of the cell containing this solution is 80 ohms. calculate the cell constant. [1+2]
9. a. State Beer's law. A typical simple infrared spectrophotometer covers a wavelength range from 3 to 15  $\mu\text{m}$ . Express its range (a) in wavenumbers and (b) in hertz. [1+2]
- b. Show that how do you determine an unknown concentration of analyte using standard addition calibration method. [3]
10. a. Show your familiarity with hollow cathode Lamp used as radiation source in AAS. [3]
- b. How is t- test applied for comparison of two means obtained for the same sample. [3]
11. a. Justify why  $\text{CO}_2$  does not appear in IR spectrum. Also find the total vibrational modes in  $\text{CO}_2$ . [2+1]
- b. Define continuum source. Why does a deuterium lamp produce a continuum rather than a line spectrum in the UV region? [1+2]
12. Short notes on: (*ANY THREE*) [3×2 =6]
- a. Fingerprint and functional region in IR
- b. Saturated calomel electrode
- c. Infrared detector
- d. photomultiplier tubes