Practice Question Set For A-Level
Subject : Chemistry
Paper-1 Topic: Inorganic 1

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Name of the Student:_____
Max. Marks : 21 Marks **Time : 21 Minutes**

Q1.

(a) Anhydrous strontium chloride is not used in toothpaste because it absorbs water from the atmosphere. The hexahydrate, $SrCl_2.6H_2O$, is preferred.

A chemist was asked to determine the purity of a sample of strontium chloride hexahydrate. The chemist weighed out 2.25 g of the sample and added it to 100 cm^3 of water. The mixture was warmed and stirred for several minutes to dissolve all of the strontium chloride in the sample. The mixture was then filtered into a conical flask. An excess of silver nitrate solution was added to the flask and the contents swirled for 1 minute to make sure that the precipitation was complete.

The silver chloride precipitate was separated from the mixture by filtration. The precipitate was washed several times with deionised water and dried carefully. The chemist weighed the dry precipitate and recorded a mass of 1.55 g.

(i) Calculate the amount, in moles, of AgCl in 1.55 g of silver chloride (M_r = 143.4).

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(1)

(ii) The equation for the reaction between strontium chloride and silver nitrate is

$$SrCl_2 + 2AgNO_3 \longrightarrow 2AgCl + Sr(NO_3)_2$$

Use your answer from part (i) and this equation to calculate the amount, in moles, of $SrCl_2$ needed to form 1.55 g of silver chloride.

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(iii) Use data from the Periodic Table to calculate the M_r of strontium chloride hexahydrate. Give your answer to 1 decimal place.

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(iv) Use your answers from parts (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) to calculate the percentage by mass of strontium chloride hexahydrate in the sample. Show your working.
Give your answer to the appropriate precision.

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(v) Several steps in the practical procedure were designed to ensure an accurate value for the percentage by mass of strontium chloride hexahydrate in the sample.

1 Explain why the solution of strontium chloride was filtered to remove insoluble impurities before the addition of silver nitrate.

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2 Explain why the precipitate of silver chloride was washed several times with deionised water.

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(b) Magnesium hydroxide and magnesium carbonate are used to reduce acidity in the stomach. Magnesium hydroxide can be prepared by the reaction of solutions of magnesium chloride and sodium hydroxide.

(i) Write the **simplest ionic** equation for the reaction that occurs between magnesium chloride and sodium hydroxide.
Include state symbols in your equation.

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(ii) Other than cost, explain one advantage of using magnesium hydroxide rather than magnesium carbonate to reduce acidity in the stomach.

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(c) Calcium ethanoate, $(CH_3COO)_2Ca$, is used in the treatment of kidney disease.
Thermal decomposition of calcium ethanoate under certain conditions gives propanone and **one** other product.

Write an equation for the thermal decomposition of calcium ethanoate.

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(1)

(d) Salts containing the chromate(VI) ion are usually yellow in colour.
Calcium chromate(VI) is soluble in water.
Strontium chromate(VI) is insoluble in water, but will dissolve in a solution of ethanoic acid.
Barium chromate(VI) is insoluble in water and is also insoluble in a solution of ethanoic acid.

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Describe a series of tests using solutions of sodium chromate(VI) and ethanoic acid that would allow you to distinguish between separate solutions of calcium chloride, strontium chloride and barium chloride.
State what you would observe in each test.

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(e) The strontium salt of ranelic acid is used to promote bone growth. Analysis of a pure sample of ranelic acid showed that it contained 42.09% of carbon, 2.92% of hydrogen, 8.18% of nitrogen, 37.42% of oxygen and 9.39% of sulfur by mass.

Use these data to calculate the empirical formula of ranelic acid.
Show your working.

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(Total 15 marks)

Q2.

A student investigated how the initial rate of reaction between sulfuric acid and magnesium at 20 °C is affected by the concentration of the acid.

The equation for the reaction is

$$H_2SO_4(aq) + Mg(s) \longrightarrow MgSO_4(aq) + H_2(g)$$

(a) The student made measurements every 20 seconds for 5 minutes. The student then repeated the experiment using double the concentration of sulfuric acid.

State a measurement that the student should make every 20 seconds. Identify the apparatus that the student could use to make this measurement.

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(b) State **one** condition, other than temperature and pressure, that would need to be kept constant in this investigation.

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(c) When the student had finished the investigation, an excess of sodium hydroxide solution was added to the reaction mixture. This was to neutralise any unreacted sulfuric acid. The student found that a further reaction took place, producing magnesium hydroxide.

(i) Draw a diagram to show how the student could separate the magnesium hydroxide from the reaction mixture.

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(ii) Suggest **one** method the student could use for removing soluble impurities from the sample of magnesium hydroxide that has been separated.

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(Total 6 marks)

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