Practice Question Set For A-Level
Subject : Chemistry
Paper-1 Topic: Physical 1_Electrode Potentials And Electrochemical Cells

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Name of the Student:_____
Max. Marks : 22 Marks **Time : 22 Minutes**

Mark Schemes

Q1.

(a) $Zn(s) \rightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$

*If equations reversed, allow **M1** only.*

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$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \rightarrow Cu(s)$

Ignore state symbols.

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(b) Moles of copper(II) reacted = (100 / 1000) × 0.5 = 0.05

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Moles of zinc reacted = 0.05

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Mass of zinc lost = 0.05 × 65.4 = 3.27 g

*Correct final answer without working scores **M3** only.*

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(c) Allow cell to discharge until $[Cu^{2+}]$ is 0.5

Alternative: Allow cell to discharge completely.

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Confirmed by colorimetric measurement or other suitable method

Solution colourless or use of chemical test to determine absence of copper(II)

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Weigh the Zn electrode before and after the experiment

Weigh Zn electrodes before and after and halve the mass change.

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Q2.

(a) Platinum electrode

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Solution in beaker is a mixture of named soluble iron(II) compound and named soluble iron(III) compound

Allow correct formulae for the iron compounds.

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Concentrations of Fe(II) and Fe(III) ions are both 1 mol dm^{-3}

Ignore any references to temperature.

If eg $Fe_2(SO_4)_3$ used then concentration must be 0.5

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(b) Purpose: Allow movement of ions between electrodes

Allow to maintain an electric circuit.

Do not allow reference to movement of electrons in salt bridge.

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Requirement: Must not react with the electrolyte / ions in solution

Do not allow 'must not react' without further qualification.

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Q3.

(a) It has mobile ions / ions can move through it / free ions

Do not allow movement of electrons.

Allow specific ions provided they are moving but do not react.

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(b) Chloride ions react with copper ions / Cu^{2+} ***OR*** $[CuCl_4]^{2-}$ formed

If incorrect chemistry, mark = 0

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(c) The Cu^{2+} ions / $CuSO_4$ in the left-hand electrode more concentrated

Allow converse.

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So the reaction of Cu^{2+} with $2e^-$ will occur (in preference at) left-hand electrode / $Cu \rightarrow Cu^{2+}$ + electrons at right-hand electrode

Allow left-hand electrode positive / right-hand electrode negative.

Also reduction at left-hand electrode / oxidation at right-hand electrode.

Also left-hand electrode has oxidising agent / right-hand electrode has reducing agent.

Allow E left-hand side > E right-hand side

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(d) (Eventually) the copper ions / $CuSO_4$ in each electrode will be at the same concentration

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(e) (i) −3.05 (V)

Must have minus sign.

−3.05 only.

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(ii) $LiMnO_2 \rightarrow Li + MnO_2$ correct equation

Allow 1 for reverse equation.

Allow multiples.

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Correct direction

If Li^+ not cancelled but otherwise correct, max = 1

If electrons not cancelled, CE = 0

$LiMnO_2 \rightarrow Li + MnO_2$ scores 2

$Li^+ + LiMnO_2 \rightarrow Li^+ + Li + MnO_2$ scores 1

$Li + MnO_2 \rightarrow LiMnO_2$ scores 1

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(iii) Electricity for recharging the cell may come from power stations burning (fossil) fuel

Allow any reference to burning (of carbon-containing) fuels.

Note combustion = burning.

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