

Kennedy College CHEMISTRY

Most Difficult Multiple-Choice Questions From VCAA Chemistry Past Papers (2017-2021)

Units 3 and 4

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

Section	Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
A	10	10	10
			Total 10

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners, rulers and one scientific calculator.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or correction fluid/tape.

Materials supplied

- Question and answer book of 5 pages
- Data book
- Answer sheet for multiple-choice questions

Instructions

- Write your **name** in the space provided at the top of this page.
- Unless indicated, the diagrams in this book are **not** drawn to scale.
- All written responses must be in English.

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Instructions for Section A

Answer all questions in pencil on the answer sheet provided for multiple-choice questions.

Choose the response that is **correct** or that **best answers** the question.

A correct answer scores 1; an incorrect answer scores 0

Marks will **not** be deducted for incorrect answers.

No marks will be given if more than one answer is completed for any question.

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Question 1 2017 Question 15

Which one of the following is a correct statement about the denaturation of a protein?

- **A.** Denaturation is characterised by the release of peptides.
- **B.** Alcohol denatures proteins by disrupting the hydrogen bonding.
- **C.** Denaturation involves disruption of all bonds in the tertiary structure.
- **D.** The primary and secondary structures are disrupted when denaturation occurs

Ouestion 2 2017 **Ouestion 18**

Ammonia, NH3, can be produced by the reaction of hydrogen, H2, and nitrogen, N2. When this reaction takes place in a sealed container of fixed volume, an equilibrium system is established.

The equation for the reaction is shown below.

$$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g)$$
 $\Delta H = -92 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

If the pressure and volume remain constant when the temperature is increased, the forward reaction rate will

- **A.** increase and the $[NH_3]$ will increase.
- **B.** increase and the [NH₃] will decrease.
- **C.** decrease and the [NH₃] will decrease.
- **D.** decrease and the [NH₃] will remain the same.

Question 3 2019 Question 13

Which one of the following statements about flashpoints is correct?

- **A.** The flashpoint of butane is lower than 25 °C.
- **B.** As a flashpoint increases, the viscosity decreases.
- **C.** The flashpoint of a compound is higher than its boiling point.
- **D.** The flashpoint of butane is greater than the flashpoint of butan-1-ol.

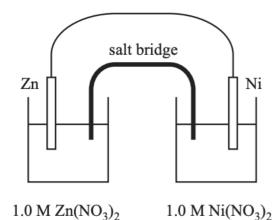
Question 4 2021 NHT Question 12

Which one of the following molecules can be oxidised to produce a carboxylic acid?

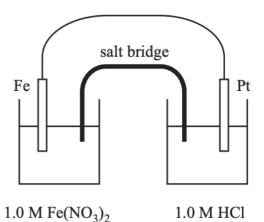
- **A.** propan-2-ol
- **B.** 1-chlorobutan-1-ol
- C. 2,2-dichloroethanol
- **D.** 2-methylpropan-2-ol

Question 5 2019 Question 18

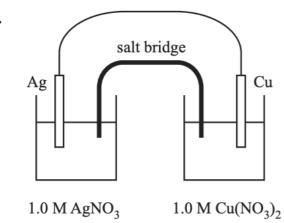
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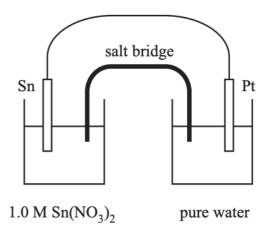
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Question 6 2021 NHT Question 16

Carbon monoxide, CO, and oxygen, O₂, dissociate from haemoglobin, represented by Hb, in the blood according to two reactions.

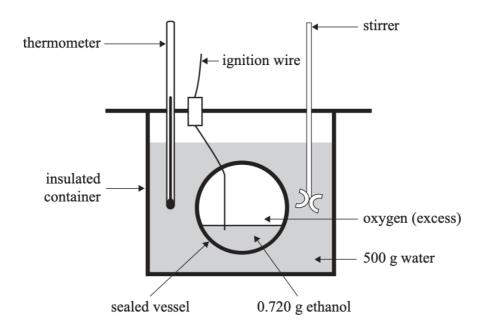
Reaction 1 $Hb(O_2)_4 \rightleftharpoons Hb + 4O_2$ K_1 Reaction 2 $Hb(CO)_4 \rightleftharpoons Hb + 4CO$ K_2

Which one of the following statements is true?

- **A.** K_2 is much greater than K_1 .
- **B.** O_2 binds more readily to Hb than CO.
- C. Increased levels of CO in the blood favour the forward reaction for Reaction 1.
- **D.** Breathing 100% O₂ increases the amount of free Hb in a person exposed to CO.

Question 7 2021 NHT Question 22

The diagram below shows the apparatus for a bomb calorimeter.



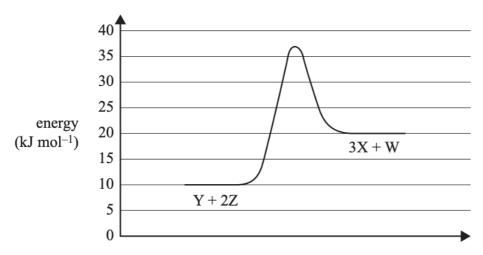
The bomb calorimeter containing 500 g of water was chemically calibrated by combusting 0.720 g of ethanol with an excess of oxygen. The increase in temperature was found to be 22.0 °C.

Which one of the following best explains these results?

- **A.** The stirrer was not working.
- **B.** The calorimeter actually contained 450 g of water.
- C. The temperature in the calorimeter was still rising after the final temperature was noted.
- **D.** Some of the ethanol evaporated after it was weighed, but before it was added to the calorimeter.

Question 8 2021 NHT Question 24

Below is an energy profile diagram for an uncatalysed reversible reaction.



A catalyst was added to the system, causing the rate of the forward and reverse reactions to increase. Which one of the following could be true for the catalysed reaction?

- **A.** The activation energy to produce 1 mol of W is 29 kJ.
- **B.** The activation energy to produce 1 mol of Z is 12 kJ.
- C. The activation energy to produce 0.5 mol of X is 5 kJ.
- **D.** The activation energy to produce 9 mol of Y is 120 kJ.

Question 9 2021 NHT Question 27

A high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) column has a non-polar stationary phase and a polar solvent as the mobile phase.

Which one of the following substances would have the lowest retention time?

- A. tetrachloromethane
- **B.** chloromethane
- **C.** bromomethane
- **D.** hexane

Question 10 2021 NHT Question 30

The glycaemic index of a food can be

- **A.** determined using a bomb calorimeter.
- **B.** calculated if the amount of glucose present in the food is known.
- C. determined experimentally using human subjects with varied rates of metabolism.
- **D.** determined in the laboratory by hydrolysing a food sample and measuring the yield of glucose after two hours.

END OF QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Solutions

