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Samoa National Junior Secondary Certificate

CHEMISTRY

2024

QUESTION and ANSWER BOOKLET

Time allowed: 3 Hours & 10 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS

1. You have 10 minutes to read **before** you start the exam.
2. Write your **Student Education Number (SEN)** in the space provided on the top right-hand corner of this page.
3. **Answer ALL QUESTIONS.** Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet.
4. If you need more space, ask the Supervisor for extra paper. Write your SEN on all extra sheets used and clearly number the questions. Attach the extra sheets to the appropriate places in this booklet.

Note: Periodic Table on page 24 of the Question Paper.

STRANDS		Pages	Time (min)	Weighting
STRAND 1	THE WAYS MATERIALS ARE STRUCTURED	2-7	62	34
STRAND 2	THE PROPERTIES AND USES OF SUBSTANCES	8-15	56	32
STRAND 3	THE WAYS MATERIALS ARE CHANGE	16-23	62	34
TOTAL			180	100

Check that this booklet contains pages 2-25 in the correct order and that none of these pages are blank.

HAND THIS BOOKLET TO THE SUPERVISOR AT THE END OF THE EXAMINATION.

TRUE and FALSE. Choose the BEST answer for Questions 1 to 3 by ticking the appropriate box.

1. Atom is the smallest particle unique to an element.

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TRUE

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FALSE

SL 1

2. A proton is a negatively charged particle.

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TRUE

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FALSE

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3. A neutron is a subatomic particle found in the nucleus of an atom.

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TRUE

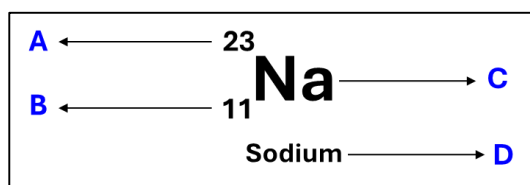
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FALSE

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For Questions 4 and 5, choose and write the LETTER of the correct answer in the box provided.

4. The mass number for the element below is labelled:



- A. A
B. B
C. C
D. D

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5. A covalent bonding is the type of bonding that:

- A. transfer electrons.
B. used up electrons.
C. shares electrons.
D. move electrons.

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6. Draw the Lewis structure of water.

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SL 2

7. Describe the formation of ionic bonds using sodium chloride, NaCl.

SL 2

8. List any **TWO** examples of a compound. Write the correct name and formula.

SL 2

9. Write the **TWO** isotopes of hydrogen.

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SL 2

10. Calculate the molar mass of **calcium sulphate**, CaSO_4 .

$M(\text{Ca}) = 40 \text{ g/mol}$

$M(\text{S}) = 32 \text{ g/mol}$

$M(\text{O}) = 16 \text{ g/mol}$

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11. Write the chemical formula of the **nitrate ion**.

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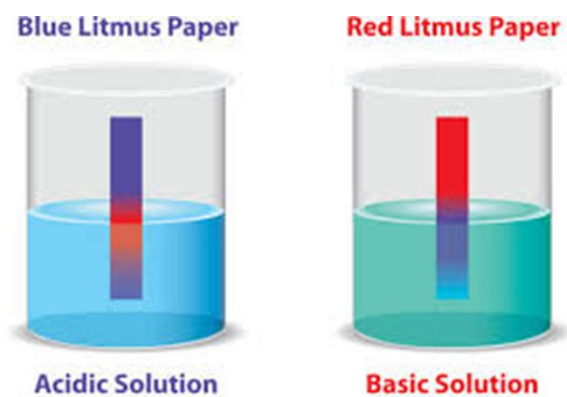
12. Calculate the **number of moles** of CH_4 with a mass of 64g.

$M(\text{C}) = 12 \text{ g/mol}$

$M(\text{H}) = 1 \text{ g/mol}$

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SL 3



15. A chemistry teacher sets up an experiment, as shown in the diagram above.

Discuss the purpose of the experiment, including any observations and the results obtained.

SL 4

For Questions 17 to 20, choose and write the LETTER of the correct answer in the box provided.

17. The chemical formula for washing soda or powder is:

- A. NaHCO_3 .
- B. NaCl .
- C. NaOH .
- D. Na_2CO_3 .

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18. The allotropes of sulfur are:

- A. diamond and graphite.
- B. monoclinic and rhombic.
- C. diamond and rhombic.
- D. graphite and monoclinic.

SL 1

19. Which of the following is an example of a flammable substance?

- A. Water
- B. Seawater
- C. Diesel
- D. River

SL 1

20. Hazardous substances are:

- A. Substances that are poisonous to living organisms when they are exposed to them.
- B. Substances that can chemically erode or degrade materials upon contact.
- C. Substances that can ignite and burn easily.
- D. Substances that pose a risk or danger to health, safety, property, or the environment.

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21. If you were the adult in the picture above, describe the appropriate actions you would take regarding safety in the home.

SL 2

22. Describe how washing powder is used in your household.

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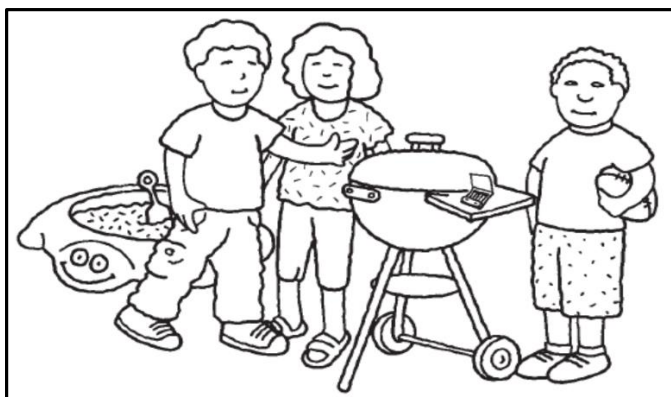


23. Describe the impacts of household substances shown in the diagram above on the environment and human health.

SL 2

24. Describe any **TWO** uses of carbon dioxide (CO_2)

SL 2



26. Study the picture above, and describe the potential effects if children were to play with matches. List any **THREE** appropriate actions the children should take in this situation.

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27. Explain why graphite leaves a black mark when rubbed on paper but diamond cuts paper.

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28. Explain how any household substances should be stored safely.

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29. Discuss the effect of chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) on the ozone layer as shown in the figure above.

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30. Discuss the steps and equipment required for preparing chlorine through electrolysis of sodium chloride solution (NaCl) in a school laboratory.

For Questions 31 to 33, choose and write the LETTER of the correct answer in the box provided.

31. Which of the following is **NOT** a factor that affects the rate of chemical reactions?

- A. Temperature.
- B. Surface area.
- C. Concentration.
- D. Air.

SL 1

32. Which of the following is an example of chemical change?

- A. Boiling water.
- B. Ice cubes forming.
- C. Lighting a match.
- D. Mixing sand and salt.

SL 1

33. The chemical name for the compound, Fe_2O_3 is:

- A. iron chloride.
- B. iron oxide.
- C. iron hydroxide.
- D. iron oxalate.

SL 1

34. Balance the following chemical equation.



SL 2

35. Write a balanced chemical equation for a **precipitation reaction** of calcium sulfate (CaSO_4).

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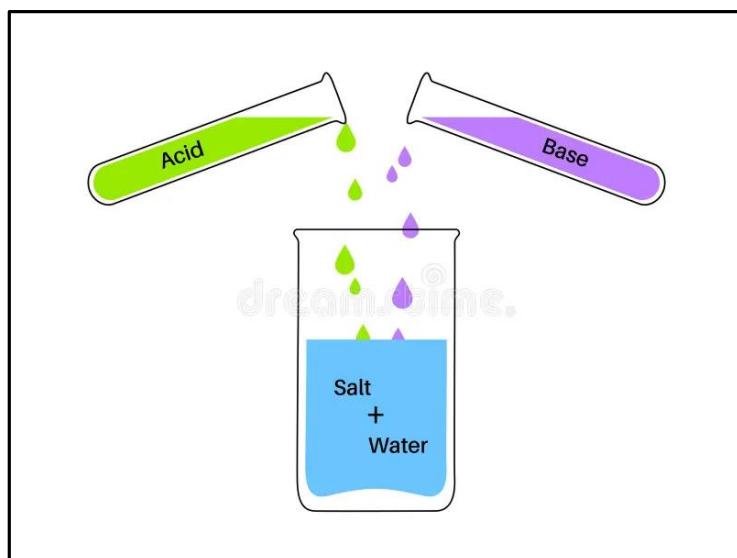
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36. Define the term **oxidation** in terms of the transfer of oxygen and electrons.

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37. Describe any observations that help you to determine when a chemical reaction has taken place.

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38. A chemistry student conducted the experiment depicted in the diagram above.

Describe the type of reaction that occurred and provide an example, including a balanced chemical equation.

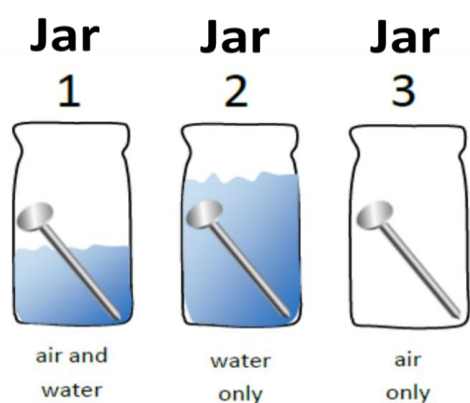
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Discuss the expected result in terms of rusting, in test tubes A, B and C.

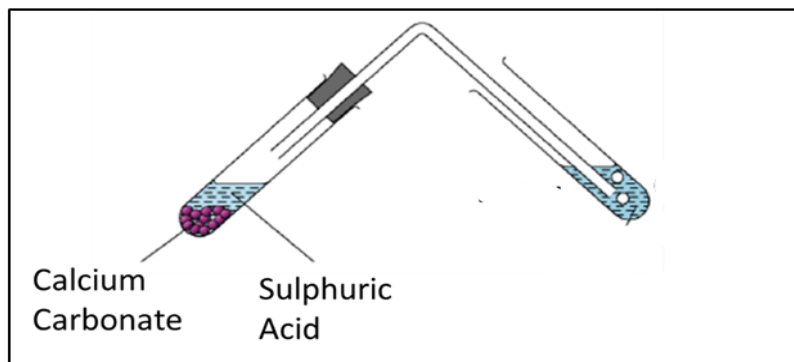
41. Iron has many properties, and one example is that it can rust. For iron to rust it needs certain conditions.



Discuss any observation of the result based on the conditions shown in the diagram above.

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42. Most carbonates usually do not dissolve in water (insoluble) as shown in the illustration below.



Describe the result of the chemical reaction shown above. *[Hint: products of the reaction above]*

SL 4

43. In biological reactions, catalysts are usually protein molecules called **enzymes**.

Discuss how catalysts can increase the rate of a reaction.

SL 4

Periodic Table of the Elements

1 H Hydrogen 1.008																	2 He Helium 4.003																																																																																		
3 Li Lithium 6.941	4 Be Beryllium 9.012																																																																																																		
11 Na Sodium 22.990	12 Mg Magnesium 24.305	3 B Boron 10.811	4 C Carbon 12.011	5 N Nitrogen 14.007	6 O Oxygen 15.999	7 F Fluorine 18.998	8 Ne Neon 20.180	9 Al Aluminum 26.982	10 Si Silicon 28.086	11 P Phosphorus 30.974	12 S Sulfur 32.066	13 Cl Chlorine 35.453	14 Ar Argon 39.948	15 K Potassium 39.098	16 Ca Calcium 40.078	17 Sc Scandium 44.956	18 Ti Titanium 47.88	19 V Vanadium 50.942	20 Cr Chromium 51.996	21 Mn Manganese 54.938	22 Fe Iron 55.933	23 Co Cobalt 58.933	24 Ni Nickel 58.693	25 Cu Copper 63.546	26 Zn Zinc 65.39	27 Ga Gallium 69.722	28 Ge Germanium 72.61	29 As Arsenic 74.922	30 Se Selenium 78.09	31 Br Bromine 79.904	32 Kr Krypton 84.80	33 Rb Rubidium 84.468	34 Sr Strontium 87.62	35 Y Yttrium 88.906	36 Zr Zirconium 91.224	37 Nb Niobium 92.906	38 Mo Molybdenum 95.94	39 Tc Technetium 98.907	40 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	41 Rh Rhodium 102.906	42 Pd Palladium 106.42	43 Ag Silver 107.868	44 Cd Cadmium 112.411	45 In Indium 114.818	46 Sn Tin 118.71	47 Sb Antimony 121.760	48 Te Tellurium 127.6	49 I Iodine 126.904	50 Xe Xenon 131.29	51 Cs Cesium 132.905	52 Ba Barium 137.327	53 La Lanthanum 138.906	54 Ce Cerium 140.115	55 Pr Praseodymium 140.908	56 Nd Neodymium 144.24	57 Pm Promethium [144.913]	58 Sm Samarium 150.36	59 Eu Europium 151.966	60 Gd Gadolinium 157.25	61 Tb Terbium 158.925	62 Dy Dysprosium 162.50	63 Ho Holmium 164.930	64 Er Erbium 167.26	65 Tm Thulium 168.934	66 Yb Ytterbium 173.04	67 Lu Lutetium 174.967	68 Hf Hafnium 178.49	69 Ta Tantalum 180.948	70 W Tungsten 183.85	71 Re Rhenium 186.207	72 Os Osmium 190.23	73 Ir Iridium 192.22	74 Pt Platinum 195.08	75 Au Gold 196.967	76 Hg Mercury 200.59	77 Tl Thallium 204.383	78 Pb Lead 207.2	79 Bi Bismuth 208.980	80 Po Polonium [208.982]	81 At Astatine 209.987	82 Rn Radon 222.018	83 Fr Francium 223.020	84 Ra Radium 226.025	85 Ac Actinides	86 Rf Rutherfordium [261]	87 Db Dubnium [262]	88 Sg Seaborgium [266]	89 Bh Bohrium [264]	90 Hs Hassium [269]	91 Mt Meitnerium [268]	92 Ds Darmstadtium [269]	93 Rg Roentgenium [272]	94 Cn Copernicium [277]	95 Uut Ununtrium unknown	96 Fl Flerovium [289]	97 Uup Ununpentium unknown	98 Lv Livermorium [298]	99 Uus Ununseptium unknown	100 Uuo Ununoctium unknown

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