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EDUCATION (SCIENCE)

SCH 0200: INORGANIC CHEMISTRY II

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TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

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## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- The paper consists of **two** sections.
- Section **A** is **compulsory**.
- Answer any **two** questions from section **B**.
- Find Periodic Table on the last Page.

## SECTION A: COMPULSORY

### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms
- i) Metallic radius (1 mark)
  - ii) Covalent radius (1 mark)
  - iii) Electro-positivity (1 mark)
  - iv) Ionization energy (2 marks)
  - v) Electron affinity (1 mark)
  - vi) Electronegativity (1 mark)
- b) Briefly explain five (5) importance of studying SCH 0200, 'The Chemistry of s- and p-block elements. (5 marks)
- c) Explain the following general trends in the periodic table
- i) Down a particular group, atomic sizes increases (2 marks)
  - ii) Nitrogen and oxygen have approximately the same atomic size yet oxygen has a lower 1<sup>st</sup> ionization energy (IE) than nitrogen (2 marks)
  - iii) Small difference in covalent radii between Si and Ge (2 marks)
  - iv) Electronegativity increases from left to right across the periodic table (2 marks)
- d) Arrange the following elements / compounds according to increasing
- i) Covalent character; KF, CsF and LiF (2 marks)
  - ii) Ionic sizes; Cl<sup>-</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, F<sup>-</sup> (2 marks)
- e) Briefly explain the extraction of lead from galena (4 marks)
- f) Complete the following reaction;
- $$\text{MgO}_{(s)} + \text{C}_{(s)} \longrightarrow \quad (2 \text{ marks})$$

## SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Write the electronic configurations of the following elements
- i) Oxygen (O) (2 marks)
  - ii) Titanium (Ti) (2 marks)
  - iii) What block of elements does titanium (Ti) and oxygen (O) belong to?  
Explain your answer (3 marks)
- b) The table below shows values for covalent radius and ionization energies (I.E) for some elements in groups 16 and 17.

| Group 16 | Covalent radius / Å | 1 <sup>ST</sup> I.E<br>kJ/mol | Group 17 | Covalent radius / Å | 1 <sup>ST</sup> I.E<br>kJ/mol |
|----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| S        | 1.04                | 1000                          | F        | 0.71                | 1681                          |
| Se       | 1.14                | 941                           | Br       | 1.14                | 1143                          |
| Te       | 1.37                | 869                           | At       | 1.45                | 93                            |
| Po       | 1.46                | 812                           |          |                     |                               |

Briefly explain

- i) The reason for the trends observed in the covalent radius within each group and between the two groups (4 marks)
  - ii) Why the difference in covalent radius between Te and Po is smaller than that of Se and S (2 marks)
  - iii) Why F has the highest first (1<sup>st</sup>) ionization energy (2 marks)
- c) Complete the following reactions
- i)  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{NaOH} \longrightarrow$  (3 marks)
  - ii)  $\text{NF}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow$  (2 marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the anomalous behavior of lithium (6 marks)
- b) Complete the following reactions (10 marks)
- i)  $\text{Mg}_3\text{N}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow$
  - ii)  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{P}_2\text{O}_5 \longrightarrow$
  - iii)  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{CO} \longrightarrow$
  - iv)  $\text{SiO}_2 + 2\text{C} \longrightarrow$
  - v)  $\text{Ba} + \text{HCl} \longrightarrow$

- c) A second year Chemistry Diploma student carried out an experiment on the determination of the heats of formation in kJ/mol for the following hydrides;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{Se}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{Te}$ . The results obtained were -242, +81 and +154 respectively; briefly explain the trend observed. (2 marks)
- d) Explain why Cl has a higher electron affinity than F. (2 marks)

#### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Diamond, graphite and silicon dioxide are all examples of giant covalent structures.
- (i) What does the word giant mean in this context? (2 marks)
  - (ii) Draw a diagram to show the arrangement of carbon atoms in a diamond crystal. (3 marks)
  - (iii) Draw a diagram to show the arrangement of carbon atoms in a graphite crystal. (3 marks)
- b) Answer the following questions by referring to the diagrams you have drawn in question 3 (a).
- (i) Explain the hybridization of carbon in diamond (3 marks)
  - (ii) Explain why diamond is very hard, whereas graphite is so soft that it can be used in pencils or as a lubricant. (3 marks)
  - (iii) The densities of diamond and graphite are: diamond  $3.51 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ; graphite  $2.25 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ . Explain why graphite is less dense than diamond. (2 marks)
  - (iv) Explain why although graphite is very much softer than diamond, both substances have very high melting points. (2 marks)
  - (v) Explain why graphite conducts electricity whereas diamond doesn't. (2 marks)

#### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Compare the chemistry of oxygen and its heavier congeners in terms of hydrides and halides. (10 marks)
- b) Describe how the following metals can be extracted from their ores:
- a. Tin from cassiterite ( $\text{SnO}_2$ ) (4 marks)
  - b. Phosphorous from phosphate rock (3 marks)
  - c. Sodium (3 marks)

