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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

SUBJECT: Physical Science

PAPER NO: 605/S05

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2010 EXAMINATION

REQUIREMENTS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE

1. Answer all questions in Section A.
2. Answer any (2) questions in Section B
3. Answer any (2) questions in Section C.
4. Take acceleration due to gravity $g = 10\text{m/S}$

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

What do you understand by the following terms?

- (i) Atom (2 marks)
- (ii) Molecule (2 marks)
- (iii) Element (2 marks)
- (iv) Isotope (2 marks)
- (v) Compound (2 marks)

QUESTION 2

- (a) A piece of solid steel sinks in water whereas a ship made of steel floats. Explain why this is so. (5 marks)
- (b) Identify the principle that is used in (a) above and state clearly what it says. (5 marks)

QUESTION 3

- (a) Methane is a hydrocarbon. What is a hydrocarbon? (2 marks)
- (b) Methane and ethane are saturated, other hydrocarbons are said to be unsaturated e.g. ethene. Describe a chemical test to distinguish ethane and ethene (4 marks)
- (c) Define a homologous series. (2 marks)

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QUESTION 4

- (a) (i) State the difference between mass and weight. Give the SI Unit for each quantity. (2 marks)
- (ii) How much work does a man do when he lifts a bag of mass 50kg to a trunk 1.5 m high? (2 marks)
- (b) A body of mass 3.0 kg moving at 1.0 m/s is accelerated at 3.0 m/s² for 5.0s. Calculate the:
 - (i) Final velocity (2 marks)
 - (ii) Displacement (2 marks)
 - (iii) Change in kinetic energy (2 marks)

$m = 3.0 \text{ kg}$

$F = ma$

$v = u + at$

$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$

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$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

SECTION B

Answer any two questions.

QUESTION 5

Draw dot and cross diagrams for the following compounds

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| (i) | Sodium fluoride | (3 marks) |
| (ii) | Carbon dioxide | (3 marks) |
| (iii) | Calcium chloride | (3 marks) |
| (iv) | Magnesium oxide | (3 marks) |
| (v) | Water | (3 marks) |

QUESTION 6

- (a) Describe three methods by which dangerous chemicals can enter into our bodies and cause harm without us noticing it. (6 marks)
- (b) Name three bases used in hospital and give one medical use for each. (6 marks)
- (c) Explain why acids are usually in containers made of glass. (1 mark)
- (d) What treatment should be given when an acid is accidentally spilled on skin. (2 marks)

QUESTION 7

- (a) Magnesium burns brilliantly in air forming magnesium oxide. Write down a balanced ionic redox equation for the reaction. (5 marks)
- (b) Explain how the following occur in the reaction
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| (i) | Oxidation | (5 marks) |
| (ii) | Reduction | (5 marks) |

SECTION C

Answer any two questions from this Section.

QUESTION 8

- (a) Define;
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| (i) | Density | |
| (ii) | Force | |
| (iii) | Pressure | (3 marks) |

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- (b) A rectangular block of mass 15 00g has dimensions 0.3 x 0.2 x 0.1m.
- (i) Calculate the density of the block. (2 marks)
 - (ii) What is the weight of the block? (2 marks)
 - (iii) If the block is put on the table determine the maximum pressure it exerts when lying on the surface. (3 marks)
- (c) Discuss how the following radio active particles are affected by magnetic and electrical fields.
- (i) Alpha
 - (ii) Beta
 - (iii) Gamma (6 marks)

QUESTION 9

- (a) Distinguish the following.
- (i) Scalar and Vector quantities
 - (ii) Speed and acceleration. (4 marks)
- (b) If a body starts with a velocity (u) and has a constant acceleration over the period (v) the expressions for its;
- (i) Displacement (1 mark)
 - (ii) Final velocity (1 mark)
- (c) A body of mass 5.0kg starts with a velocity $u = 4.0 \text{ m/s}$ and accelerates at $a = 2.6 \text{ m/s}^2$ for 10 sec, it then continues with a constant velocity for 20 sec and is brought to rest by constant force within 6.0 seconds.

Find the total displacement with the aid of:

- (i) Velocity time graph. (5 marks)
 - (ii) Force which brings the body to rest. (2 marks)
- (d) State what happens to the kinetic energy when the body is brought to rest. (1 mark)

QUESTION 10

Explain the concept of heat transfer under the following;

- (a) Conduction (5 marks)
- (b) Convection (5 marks)
- (c) Radiation (5 marks)

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