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VCE Chemistry ¾
AOS 2 Revision I [2.5]

Workbook

### **Outline:**

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Section A: Introduction to Electrolysis (21 Marks)

### **Sub-Section**: Recap



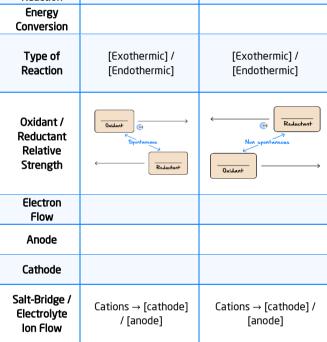
### **Cheat Sheet**

## [2.1.2] - Write equations & calculate EMF required for [2.1.1] - Identify differences between galvanic & electrolysis

electrolytic reactions

- When predicting electrolytic reactions, do not forget to include \_\_
- Metals at the cathode are \_\_\_\_\_
- Voltage required is \_\_\_\_\_

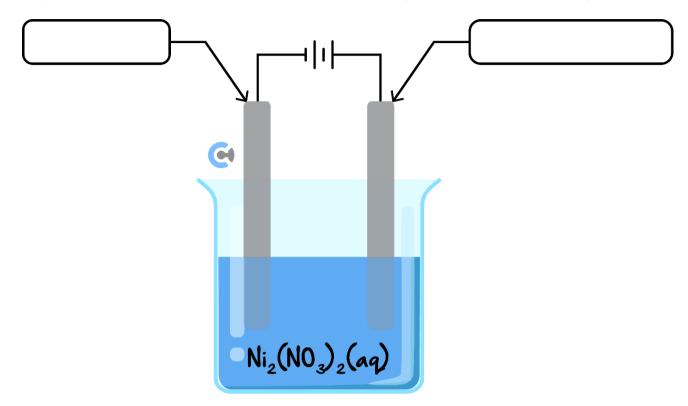
for electrodes, energy conversions, electron flow				
	<u>Galvanic cells</u>	Electrolytic cells		
Spontaneous Reaction	[Yes] / [No]	[Yes] / [No]		
Energy Conversion				
Type of Reaction	[Exothermic] / [Endothermic]	[Exothermic] / [Endothermic]		





Question 1 (4 marks) Walkthrough.

During the electrolysis of  $Ni(NO_3)_2(aq)$  with a tin cathode and graphite anode, the following setup is used below.



- a. In the boxes provided above, label the material used at each electrode. (1 mark) [2.1.1]
- **b.** Write the half-equations which occur at the: (2 marks) [2.1.2]

Tin electrode:

Graphite electrode:

**c.** State the voltage required to be inputted for the reaction to take place. (1 mark) [2.1.2]



### **Sub-Section**: Question Set A



**INSTRUCTION: 6 Marks. 5 Minutes Writing.** 



#### **Question 2** (1 mark) [2.1.1]

In an electrolytic cell:

- **A.** Reduction occurs at the positive electrode.
- **B.** Oxidation occurs at the positive electrode.
- **C.** Electrons flow from the negative electrode to the positive electrode.
- **D.** The reaction at the cathode will always involve the plating of a metal.

### Question 3 (3 marks)

Copper sulphate (CuSO<sub>4</sub>) solution undergoes electrolysis using inert electrodes.

- **a.** Write the balanced half-equation for the reaction occurring at the positive electrode. (1 mark) [2.1.2]
- **b.** Write the balanced half-equation for the reaction occurring at the negative electrode. (1 mark) [2.1.2]
- **c.** Find the voltage required to be inputted for the reaction to occur. (1 mark) [2.1.2]





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<b>Question 4</b> (2 marks) [2.1.2]	
For the electrolysis of Fe(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (aq) with copper of	cathode and silver anode.
Write out the balanced equation for the overall read	ction taking place.
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## **Sub-Section**: Question Set B



**INSTRUCTION: 9 Marks. 9 Minutes Writing.** 



Question 5 (3 marks)
An electrolytic cell involves some energy being inputted into a solution containing silver nitrate.
a. Write the overall equation. (2 marks) [2.1.2]
<b>b.</b> State the EMF required for the cell to operate. (1 mark) [2.1.2]

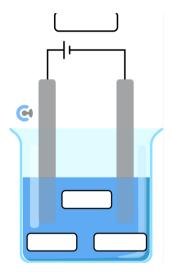
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Question 6 (6 marks)

The electrolysis of a solution containing 1.0 M copper chloride is undertaken. Inert electrodes are used.



- **a.** In the box provided, label the electrodes as either anode or cathode. (1 mark) [2.1.1]
- **b.** Write the balanced half-equations for the:
  - i. Negative electrode. (1 mark) [2.1.2]
  - ii. Positive electrode. (1 mark) [2.1.2]
- c. Label in the diagram above the direction of cations and electrons in the boxes provided. (1 mark) [2.1.1]
- **d.** As the reaction proceeds, there are four observations that can be made regarding the solution.

List all **four** observations and state the substances used or produced which are responsible for the observation. (2 marks) [2.1.2]



### **Sub-Section:** Additional Questions



### **Question 7** (1 mark) [2.1.2]

An electrolytic cell that contains a solution of magnesium nitrate and sodium chloride is electrolysed. The positive terminal of the power source is attached to a gold electrode and the negative terminal is attached to a copper electrode.

Which of the following is true?

- A. Both electrodes will have no change in mass/size.
- **B.** No bubbles will be observed.
- C. The overall pH increases.
- **D.** The overall pH decreases.

### **Question 8** (1 mark) [2.1.2]

Platinum electrodes are placed in a solution that contains zinc nitrate,  $Zn(NO_3)_2$  and sodium chloride, NaCl and is connected to a power source.

Which one of the following statements about the reaction is correct?

- **D.** Zinc metal is produced at the anode and chlorine gas is produced at the cathode.
- **D.** Zinc metal is produced at the cathode and oxygen gas is produced at the anode.
- **D.** Hydrogen gas is produced at the anode and chlorine gas is produced at the cathode.
- **D.** Hydrogen gas is produced at the cathode and oxygen gas is produced at the anode.





### Section B: Features of Electrolytic Cells (29 Marks)

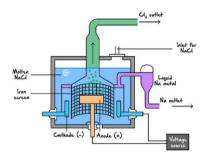
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## [2.2.1] – Find electrolytic reactions in non-standard conditions (molten & high concentration)

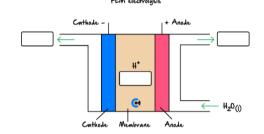
- High Concentration:
  - Chloride ions at concentrations greater than
    \_\_\_\_\_\_ concentration become a
    [stronger] / [weaker] reductant and [react] / [do not]
    react in preference to water.
  - Sodium ions at concentrations greater than 4.0 *M* concentration [react] / [do not] react in preference to water.
- Molten Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_\_ is not present, and the state of ions is \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### [2.2.2] - Identify features of electrolytic cells & their purpose



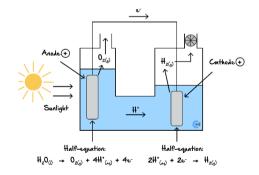
- Molten Electrolyte Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_
- Iron at the cathode: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
- Other Electrolytes (e.g., CaCl<sub>2</sub>)
  added:
- Barrier within the cell:
  - **@** \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - **G**
- Products constantly removed:
  - **G** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **G**
- Enclosed container: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

- [2.2.3] Identify key features, write reactions & relate to sustainability & green chemistry principles regarding production of green hydrogen (PEM & artificial photosynthesis)
- Both PEM electrolyser & artificial photosynthesis involve electrolysis of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
- PEM Electrolyser:



<u>Cathode</u>	<u>Anode</u>

- energy Used: \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- Green Chemistry Principle: \_\_\_\_\_
- Artificial Photosynthesis:



- G Energy Conversion:
- Green Chemistry Principle: \_\_\_\_\_



<b>Question 9 Walkthrough</b>	Duestion	9	Walkthr	ough
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A mixture of calcium chloride is electrolysed at high concentrations and is compared to when molten calcium chloride is electrolysed.

**a.** Write the half-equations that occur when it is electrolysed at **higher concentrations** at the:

i. Cathode. [2.2.1]

ii. Anode. [2.2.1]

**b.** Write the half-equations that occur when it is electrolysed at **molten conditions** at the:

i. Negative electrode. [2.2.1]

ii. Positive electrode. [2.2.1]





### **Sub-Section**: Question Set A



**INSTRUCTION: 9 Marks. 9 Minutes Writing.** 



Question 10 (2 marks)

A molten mixture of lithium bromide is electrolysed using an iron cathode and a graphite anode.

Write the half-equations which occur at the:

- **a.** Positive electrode. (1 mark) [2.2.1]
- **b.** Negative Electrode. (1 mark) [2.2.1]





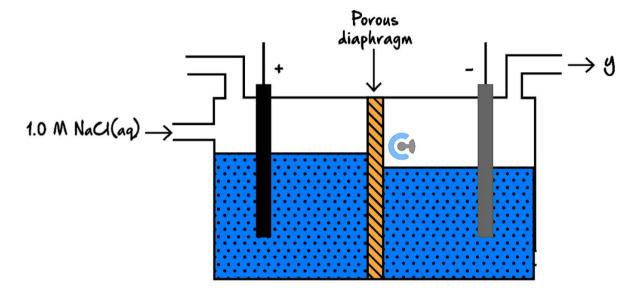
Question 11 (7 marks)



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A student carries out the electrolysis of a 1.0 M solution of sodium chloride using graphite electrodes. The setup is shown below, whereby it is known that gas y is formed at the negative electrode as shown.



- **a.** Write an equation for the half-reaction that occurs at the electrode which produces gas y. (1 mark) [2.2.1]
- **b.** Two different gases are produced at the anode. Write equations for the two half-reactions that result in the
  - formation of these two gases.

The equation for the half-reaction that produces gas 1. (1 mark) [2.2.1]

- \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. Equation for the half-reaction that produces gas 2. (1 mark) [2.2.1]



c. d.	Using the same current and electrodes, the student carries out a second electrolysis, this time of a saturated solution (approximately 6 <i>M</i> ) of sodium chloride instead of a 1.0 <i>M</i> solution. What difference, if any, would you expect in the product or products formed at the following electrodes? (2 marks) [2.2.1]  Cathode:  Anode:  List <b>two</b> functions of the diaphragm in the cell. (2 marks) [2.2.2]	
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### **Sub-Section**: Question Set B

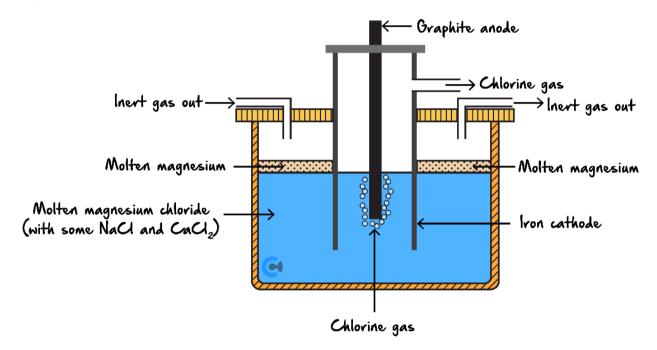


**INSTRUCTION: 15 Marks. 15 Minutes Writing.** 



#### **Question 12** (8 marks)

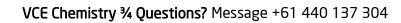
Magnesium is one of the most abundant elements on Earth. It is used extensively in the production of magnesium-aluminium alloys. It is produced by the electrolysis of molten magnesium chloride. A schematic diagram of the electrolytic cell is shown below.



The design of this cell takes into account the following properties of both magnesium metal and magnesium chloride:

- Molten magnesium reacts vigorously with oxygen.
- At the temperature of molten magnesium chloride, magnesium is a liquid.
- Molten magnesium has a lower density than molten magnesium chloride and forms a separate layer on the surface.
- a. Write a balanced half-equation for the reaction occurring at each of: (2 marks) [2.2.1]

Anode: _			
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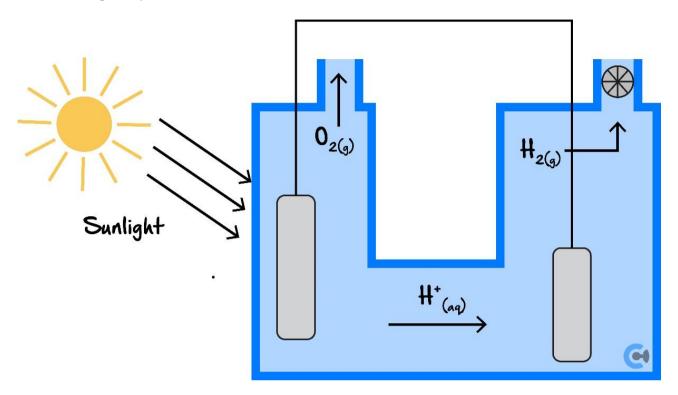


b.	Explain why an inert gas is constantly blown through the cathode compartment. (1 mark) [2.2.2]
c.	In this cell, NaCl and CaCl <sub>2</sub> are added to the mixture. Propose <b>one</b> purpose for the addition of this and how it helps with the operation of the cell. (2 marks) [2.2.2]
d.	What difference would it make to the half-cell reactions if the graphite anode were replaced with an iron anode? Write the half-equation for any different half-cell reaction. Justify your answer. (3 marks) [2.2.1]
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Question 13 (7 marks)

For the artificial photosynthesis cell below:



**a.** Determine the reaction occurring at the: (2 marks) [2.2.3]

Cathode:

Anode:

**b.** The cell produces hydrogen gas which has some safety concerns.

i. State one safety precaution which should be taken to mitigate the safety concerns. (1 mark) [2.2.3]

ii. Hydrogen gas is often stored in a pressurised vessel as a liquid. Propose one reason why. (1 mark) [2.2.3]

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c.	By referring to <b>one</b> green chemistry principle, explain how the cell produces hydrogen gas to meet society's demands. (2 marks)
d.	State <b>one</b> sustainability advantage the artificial photosynthesis cell has, with reference to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12. (1 mark)
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## **Sub-Section**: Additional Questions



Question 14 (5 marks)
An aqueous solution of 1.0 <i>M</i> calcium iodide is electrolysed using graphite electrodes.
a. Write the equations for the reaction:
i. At the cathode. (1 mark) [2.2.1]
ii. At the anode. (1 mark) [2.2.1]
<b>b.</b> Write the overall reaction that occurs if molten conditions are used instead. (1 mark) [2.2.1]
c. The electrolysis of this solution is dangerous. Explain why it is dangerous, and identify <b>two</b> safety precautions that can be implemented to help mitigate this risk. (2 marks) [2.2.3]





### Section C: Secondary Cells & Connected Cells (24 Marks)

### **Sub-Section**: Recap



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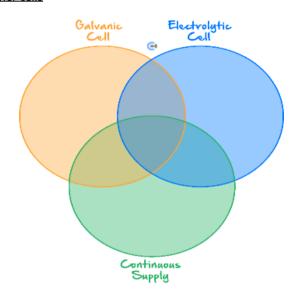
## [2.3.1] - Write discharge & recharge reactions in secondary cells

Primary Cells	Secondary Cells
[Rechargeable] / [Non-	[Rechargeable] / [Non-
rechargeable]	rechargeable]

Discharge (Galvanic)	Recharge (Electrolytic)	
Cottada  Carried  Carried  Zati	Arode  Catical  Catical  Zaij  Zai'  Zai'	
Electron flow: [Left] / [Right]	Electron flow: [Left] / [Right]	
Cathode:	Cathode:	
Anode:	Anode:	
Left Electrode Polarity: [+] / [–]	Left Electrode Polarity: [+]/[–]	
Left Electrode Type: [Cathode] / [Anode]	Left Electrode Type: [Cathode] / [Anode]	

- During discharge/recharge:
  - Polarities [stays same] / [swap].
  - Type of electrode (cathode/anode) [stays same] / [swap].

# 2.3.2] - Identify factors which affect rechargeability & compare similarities/differences between secondary cells and other cells



Primary Cell	Secondary Cell
[Rechargeable] / [Non-	[Rechargeable] / [Non-
rechargeable]	rechargeable]
Can act as [galvanic] /	Can act as [galvanic] /
[electrolytic] cell.	[electrolytic] cell.
[Chemical to electrical] /	[Chemical to electrical] /
[Electrical to chemical].	[Electrical to chemical].
[Cheap] / [Expensive]	[Cheap] / [Expensive]

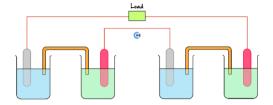
- Reasons for Rechargeability:
  - **@** \_\_\_\_\_
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- Reasons for decreased battery life:
  - **@** \_\_\_\_\_
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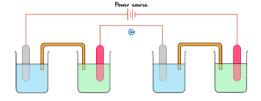
### **Cheat Sheet**

### [2.3.3] - Find reactions occurring in connected cells

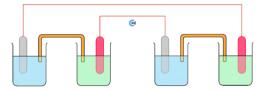
Connected \_\_\_\_\_ Cells:



Connected \_\_\_\_\_Cells:



Connected \_\_\_\_\_ Cells



TIPS:

**G** First find: \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Treat each cell as: \_\_\_\_\_\_



### Question 15 Walkthrough.

The electrode reactions that occur when the nickel-cadmium battery is producing electrical energy are shown below.

$$NiO_2(s) + 2H_2O(l) + 2e^- \rightarrow Ni(OH)_2(s) + 2OH^-(aq)$$

$$Cd(s) + 2OH^{-}(aq) \rightarrow Cd(OH)_2 + 2e^{-}$$

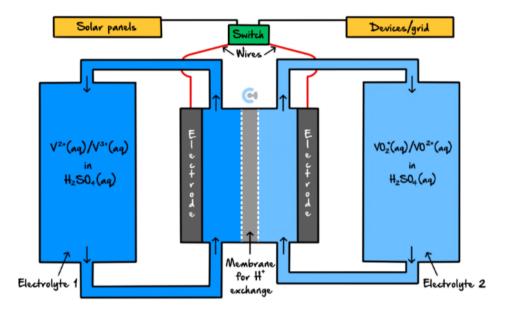
- **a.** Write the balanced half-equation for the reaction which takes place at the negative electrode during discharge. [2.3.1]
- **b.** Write the balanced half-equation for the reaction which takes place at the positive electrode during recharge. **[2.3.1]**



### Question 16 Walkthrough. [2.3.1]

An increasingly popular battery for storing energy from solar panels is the vanadium redox battery. The battery takes advantage of the four oxidation states of vanadium that are stable in aqueous acidic solutions.

A schematic diagram of a vanadium redox battery is shown below.



The two relevant half-equations for the vanadium redox battery are:

$$VO_2^+(aq) + 2H^+(aq) + e^- \rightleftharpoons VO^{2+}(aq) + H_2O(l)$$
  $E^\circ = +1.00 V$ 

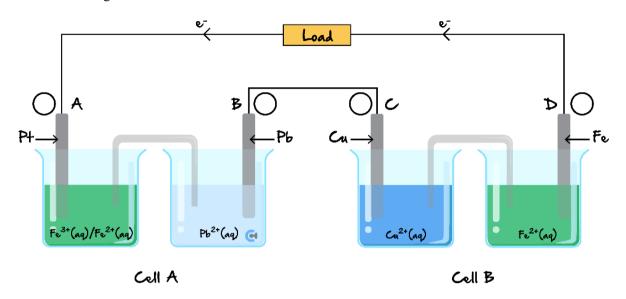
$$V^{3+}(aq) + e^{-} \rightleftharpoons V^{2+}(aq)$$
  $E^{\circ} = -0.26 V$ 

Write the balanced equation for the overall reaction that takes place when the cell is recharged.



Question 17 (7 marks) Walkthrough.

Consider the following:



**a.** State whether cell A and B is a galvanic cell or electrolytic cell. (1 mark) [2.3.3]

Cell A	Cell B

- **b.** Label the polarities of the electrodes in the circles provided above. (1 mark) [2.3.3]
- **c.** Write the balanced half-equation for the reaction which takes place at:
  - **i.** Electrode *A*. (1 mark) [2.3.3]

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**ii.** Electrode *B*. (1 mark) [2.3.3]

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iii. Electrode *C*. (1 mark) [2.3.3]

**iv.** Electrode *D*. (1 mark) [2.3.3]

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<b>d.</b> I	Find the overall EMF produced by the cell. (1 mark) [2.3.3]	
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### **Sub-Section**: Question Set A



**INSTRUCTION: 9 Marks. 7 Minutes Writing.** 



**Question 18** (7 marks)

The lead-acid battery is made up of a series of secondary cells in which the following half-reactions are utilised.

$$PbO_2(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 4H^+(aq) + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O(l)$$
  $E^\circ = +1.69 V$ 

$$E^{\circ} = +1.69 V$$

$$PbSO_4(s) + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons Pb(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq)$$

$$E^{\circ} = -0.36 V$$

**a.** During discharge, write the half-equation which occurs at each electrode. (2 marks) [2.3.1]

Cathode:

Anode:

**b.** When the battery is discharging state, how the pH changes? (1 mark) [2.3.1]

c. State one feature of the lead-acid battery which makes it rechargeable. (1 mark) [2.3.2]

**d.** The reaction which occurs at the anode when the battery is recharging is: (1 mark) [2.3.1]

**A.** 
$$PbSO_4(s) + 2e^- \rightarrow Pb(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq)$$

**B.** 
$$Pb(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) \rightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2e^-$$

C. 
$$PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O(l) \rightarrow PbO_2(s) + 4H^+(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 2e^-$$

**D.** 
$$PbO_2(s) + 4H^+(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 2e^- \rightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O(l)$$



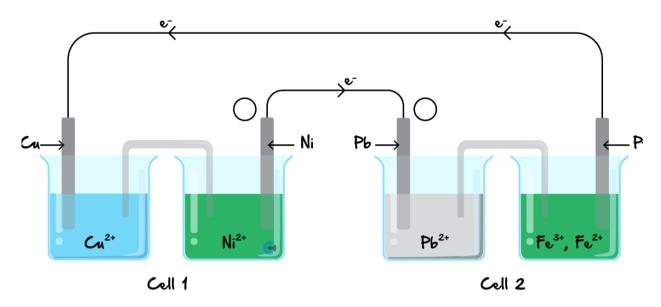
- e. When the lead-acid battery is recharging the energy transformation occurring is: (1 mark) [2.3.2]
  - **A.** Chemical  $\rightarrow$  Electrical + Heat.
  - **B.** Kinetic  $\rightarrow$  Chemical + Electrical + Heat.
  - **C.** Electrical  $\rightarrow$  Chemical + Heat.
  - **D.** Electrical  $\rightarrow$  Light + Kinetic + Heat.
- **f.** When recharging the lead-acid battery the positive terminal of the power supply should be connected to the: (1 mark) [2.3.1]
  - **A.** Positive terminal of the battery where oxidation will occur.
  - **B.** Positive terminal of the battery where reduction will occur.
  - C. Negative terminal of the battery where oxidation will occur.
  - **D.** Negative terminal of the battery where reduction will occur.

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### Question 19 (2 marks)

The following connected-cell is to be investigated.



- a. Label the polarities of the nickel and lead electrode in the circles provided above. (1 mark) [2.3.3]
- **b.** The energy transformation occurring in each cell is: (1 mark) [2.3.3]

	Cell 1	Cell 2
A.	Chemical → Electrical	Chemical → Electrical
В.	Chemical → Electrical	Electrical → Chemical
C.	Electrical → Chemical	Chemical → Electrical
D.	Electrical → Chemical	Electrical → Chemical



### **Sub-Section**: Question Set B



**INSTRUCTION: 8 Marks. 5 Minutes Writing.** 



Question 20 (7 marks)



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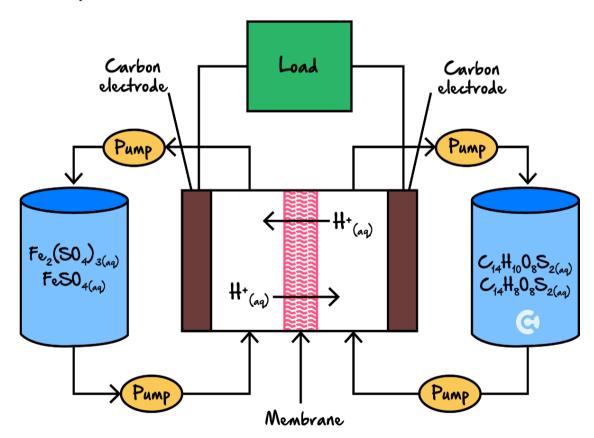
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Scientists are currently researching an experimental secondary cell.

The following reaction takes place in the experimental cell during discharge.

$$Fe_2(SO_4)_3(aq) + C_{14}H_{10}O_8S_2(aq) \rightarrow 2FeSO_4(aq) + C_{14}H_8O_8S_2(aq) + HSO_4^-(aq) + H^+(aq)$$

A diagram of the experimental cell is shown below.



a. State the energy transformations that occur in the experimental cell during discharge. (1 mark) [2.3.2]

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i.	Write the half-equation for the reaction that occurs in the $C_{14}H_8O_8S_2/C_{14}H_{10}O_8S_2$ half-cell during recharge. (1 mark) [2.3.1]
ii.	State the polarity of the $C_{14}H_8O_8S_2/C_{14}H_{10}O_8S_2$ half-cell electrode during recharge. (1 mark) [2.3.1]
iii.	Explain how the polarity of the electrodes is established during recharge to allow the recharge to occur. (2 marks) [2.3.2]
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Question 21 (1 mark) Additional Question.

The lead-acid accumulator, used as a common car battery, converts chemical energy into electrical energy via the electrode reactions.

$$Pb(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) \rightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2e^{-}$$

$$PbO_2(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 4H^+(aq) + 2e^- \rightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O(l)$$

When the lead-acid accumulator is recharged:

- **A.** Pb is produced at the negative electrode.
- **B.** The pH increases.
- C. PbSO<sub>4</sub> is produced at the positive electrode.
- **D.** The changes in the oxidation numbers of lead are from 0 to +2 and +4 to +2.

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### Section D: Electroplating (21 Marks)

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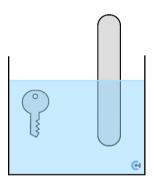
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### [2.4.1] - Identify the electroplating setup (location of object) & find the electroplating reactions

Definition

<u>Object</u>	<u>Metal Used</u>
[Cathode] / [Anode]	[Cathode] / [Anode]
[Positive] / Negative]	[Positive] / Negative]

Setup:



Anode Reaction	<u>Cathode Reaction</u>

- Concentration of Electrolyte:
- EMF:

#### [2.4.2] - Find next-order reactions during electrolysis

- Assume the current strongest oxidant runs out.
- Move to the next \_\_\_\_\_oxidant.
- End game scenarios:

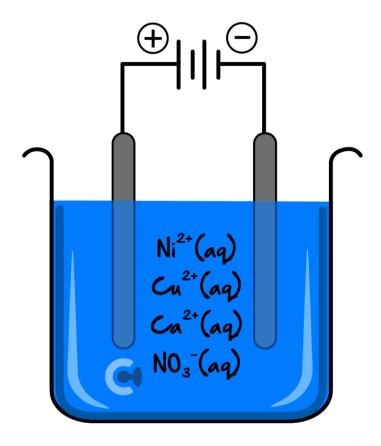
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- Equations:
- Typical Steps:
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- Faraday's First Law:
- Faraday's Second Law:
- Molar Mass: Charge Ratio  $(M_r/z)$ 
  - Use: \_ \_\_\_ mass deposited for different metals.
  - Formula:



Question 22 (5 marks) Walkthrough.

Consider the electrolysis of the following electrolytic cell, which contains aqueous solutions of 0.1 M concentrations of  $Ni(NO_3)_2(aq)$ ,  $Cu(NO_3)_2(aq)$ ,  $Ca(NO_3)_2(aq)$  and inert electrodes.



a. Write the balanced half-equation for the reactions which occur at the: (2 marks) [2.4.2]

Positive electrode:

Negative electrode:

**b.** After some time has elapsed, the reaction which takes place at one of the electrodes is observed to change.

i. Write the balanced half-equation for the next reaction that takes place at this electrode. (1 mark) [2.4.2]

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ii. Write the balanced half-equation for the next reaction which takes place at this same electrode afterwards.(1 mark) [2.4.2]

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iii. Hence or otherwise, draw the products that form at this electrode. (1 mark) [2.4.2]



Question 23 Walkthrough.
Michael wants to electroplate cobalt metal onto his copper key chain. To do so, he attaches the positive terminal of the power source a sheet of cobalt metal, and he attaches the negative terminal to the copper key chain. The electrolyte is comprised of cobalt (II) chloride.
a. Draw the electroplating cell. [2.4.1]
<b>b.</b> Find the change in mass of the key chain, if 4.20 <i>A</i> of current is passed through for 15.0 minutes. [2.4.3]
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### **Sub-Section:** Questions



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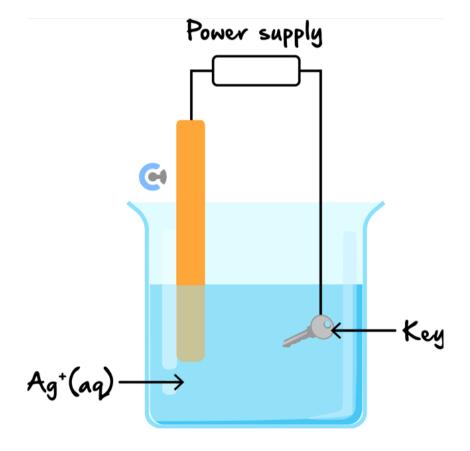


#### **Question 24** (1 mark) [2.4.1]



Inspired from VCAA Chemistry Exam 2002 https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/chemistry/chem22002.pdf#page=4

A student decided to silver-plate a locker key with a silver electrode using the apparatus shown:

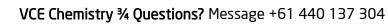


In this cell, the silver electrode is the:

- **A.** Anode, and is connected to the positive terminal of the power supply.
- **B.** Anode, and is connected to the negative terminal of the power supply.
- **C.** Cathode, and is connected to the positive terminal of the power supply.
- **D.** Cathode, and is connected to the negative terminal of the power supply.



Question 25 (6 marks)						
A nickel rod is placed as the anode and a metal key is used as the cathode. A solution of 1.0 $M$ Ni(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> is placed in the cell. Ni <sup>2+</sup> (aq) ions are green in colour.						
a. Determine the reaction at the cathode. (1 mark) [2.4.1]						
<b>b.</b> Determine the reaction at the anode. (1 mark) [2.4.1]						
<b>c.</b> After 10 minutes, with a low current of 2.00 <i>A</i> , the beaker is electrolysed.						
i. Explain how the colour of the solution changes. (1 mark) [2.4.1]						
ii. Find the expected change in mass of the metal key. (3 marks) [2.4.3]						
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Question 26 (1 mark) [2.4.2]					
A solution containing 0.1 mole each of $Ag^+$ , $Ni^{2+}$ , $Co^{2+}$ and $Mg^{2+}$ ions was prepared by dissolving their respective nitrates in 1.0 $L$ of deionised water. This solution was then subjected to electrolysis using platinum electrodes. As electrolysis proceeded, the metal ions were sequentially reduced and deposited onto the cathode.					
In which order did the metals deposit on the cathode, from the first to the last?					
Question 27 (2 marks) [2.4.3]					
The passage of 2960 $\mathcal{C}$ of electric charge through a molten vanadium compound yields 0.39 $\mathcal{g}$ of vanadium metal. Find the oxidation number of vanadium in the compound.					
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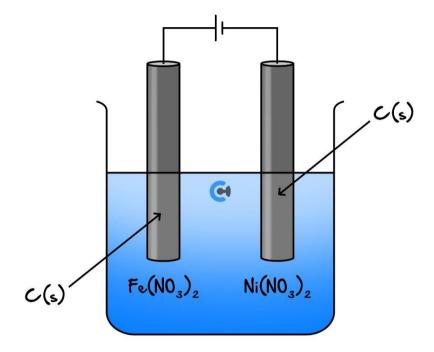


### **Sub-Section**: Additional Questions



Question 28 (5 marks)

Consider an aqueous solution of both iron (II) nitrate and nickel nitrate. The solution is electrolysed using inert electrodes, as shown below:



- **a.** Write the balanced half-equations for the reaction which takes place at the:
  - i. Cathode. (1 mark) [2.4.2]

ii. Anode. (1 mark) [2.4.2]

**b.** After some time has elapsed, a new equation occurs at one of the electrodes. Write the half-equation for the new reaction which takes place. (1 mark) [2.4.2]

**c.** As the cell operates, a coating is seen to form over one of the electrodes. Draw the coating(s) that form at the electrode on the diagram above. (2 marks) [2.4.2]



**Question 29** (1 mark) [2.4.3]



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An electroplating cell containing two platinum electrodes and an electroplating solution is operated at 5.0 *A* for 600 *s*. After the cell is turned off, 0.54 *g* of metal is found to have been deposited on the cathode. Which electroplating solution was used in this process?

- **A.**  $1 M AgNO_3$
- **B.**  $1 M \text{ Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2$
- C.  $1 M Pb(NO_3)_2$
- **D.**  $1 M Cr(NO_3)_3$

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