

ALLIANCE INTEGRATED SECONDARY SCHOOL

S.6 TERM 1 ASSESSMENT 2026

DURATION: 1HR:30MINS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- o Attempt All**
- o Be Neat**

- 1) While in the laboratory, an argument rose up between two senior three students after seeing

certain information on one of the bottles in the laboratory. This information is for compound D which is an organic acid whose formula is: $H_xC_yO_z \cdot nH_2O$. On its bottle its written that D contains 26.7% Carbon, 2.2% hydrogen and 71.1% oxygen by mass. On the same bottle its written that it has a vapor density of $5.625 \times 10^{-3} \text{gcm}^{-3}$ at s.t.p. Your teacher of chemistry has requested you to help the senior three students under the issue at hand.

In your message include the following:

- (a) Determine empirical formula of the anhydrous form of Q.
 - (b) Deduce the values of x, y and z.
 - (c) Determine the value of n and hence the formula of the hydrated D.
 - (d) Write the IUPAC name of D.
 - (e) Determine the percentage of water of crystallization in D.
- 2) You are part of a national science competition where your school has been tasked with solving a mystery involving a malfunctioning industrial machine used in metal processing. The machine separates metals based on their reactivity and electronic configuration, but it has stopped working correctly due to a suspected programming error in how it identifies elements. Your team is given a list of six elements used in the machine's sorting system: Iron (Fe, 26) Magnesium (Mg, 12) Calcium (Ca, 20) Manganese (Mn, 25) Potassium (K, 19) Zinc (Zn, 30)

Task.

- (a) You must reprogram the machine to correctly sort these elements by confirming their electronic configurations.
- (b) The machine accidentally classified manganese and zinc in the same category. Based on their configurations, explain why this is incorrect.
- (c) Suggest how the machine should differentiate elements with partially filled d-orbitals from those with filled ones.

- 3) The National Water and Sewerage Corporation evaluated different halogens for water treatment. They compared chlorine, bromine, and iodine in terms of disinfecting power, solubility, and cost. The team explained how oxidizing ability decreases down the group, making chlorine the most effective disinfectant. They also considered the formation of disinfection byproducts and adjusted pH to optimize chlorine efficiency, ensuring safe drinking water for Ugandan households.

Task:

- a) Explain the trend in oxidizing power down Group 17.
- b) Write the reaction between chlorine and water.
- c) State why iodine is less soluble in water than chlorine.