



EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

FIRST SEMESTER THIRD EXAMINATION IN SCIENCE

2009/2010 (JUNE - JULY 2011)

CH 303: ELECTROCHEMISTRY

(Proper & Repeat)

Answer all questions

Time Allowed: One hour

 $R = 8.314 \, J \, mot^1 \, K^1$ 2.303 RT/F = 0.0591 V

(1) a) i. Define 'ionic strength'

(05 marks)

ii. Estimate the mean ionic activity coefficient of CaCl2 (aq) in a solution that contains 0.01 M CaCl2 and 0.03 M NaF (aq)

(25 marks)

b) Calculate the molar conductivity of HIO4 at infinite dilution from the following data observed at 25 ° C.

$$\Lambda_{KIO_4}^0 = 127.92x10^{-4} \Omega^{-1} \text{ m}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Lambda_{HCl}^{0} = 127.92x10^{-4} \Omega^{-1} \text{ m}^{2} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Lambda_{KCI}^{0} = 127.92x10^{-4} \Omega^{-1} \text{ m}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

(30 marks)

c) i) Define 'Transport number' and for a strong electrolyte and show that $\sum t_i = 1$

ii) If the ionic mobility of Ca^{2+} and Cl^{-} at infinite dilution are $7.21 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2 \text{ V}^{-1}$ s⁻¹ and $7.91 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2 \text{ V}^{-1}$ s⁻¹ respectively. Calculate the transport number of Ca²⁺ and Cl⁻ at infinite dilution

(20 marks)

(2) a) Consider the following cell of $E_{Cl^{-1},AgCl(s),Ag(s)}^{\theta} = 0.2225 \text{ V}$

Ag/ AgCl/ HCl (0.02 M)// H₂ (0.56 atm) / Pt

- i) Write the electrode and overall reaction (10 marks)
- ii) Calculate e.m.f. of the cell at 25 ⁰ C neglecting the activity coefficients (15 marks)
- iii) Calculate the e.m.f. of the cell using activities, obtaining activity coefficients by using Dedye Huckel limiting law (35 marks)
- b) Calculate the solubility product of the reaction

Fe (OH)₂
$$\longrightarrow$$
 Fe³⁺ + 3 OH⁻¹

Given that Fe (OH)₂ + 3e \longrightarrow Fe(s) + 3 OH⁻¹
 $E^{\theta} = -0.770 \text{ V}$
 $E^{\theta} = -0.036 \text{ V}$

(40 marks)

ii) If the ionic mobility of Ca2 and CI at infinite dilution are £21 x 10 m 2 vi