



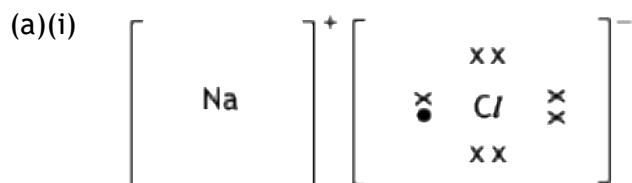
# END OF YEAR MOCK EXAMINATION SECONDARY THREE IP CHEMISTRY (ANSWER KEY)

## Paper 1

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## Paper 2

### Question 1



- (a)(ii)  $\text{NaCl}$  exists as a giant ionic lattice with strong electrostatic forces between  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions while  $\text{Cl}_2$  has a simple molecular structure, where there are weak intermolecular forces of attraction between  $\text{Cl}_2$  molecules. [1]

More energy is required to overcome the strong ionic bonds in sodium chloride than the weak intermolecular forces of attraction between  $\text{Cl}_2$  molecules. [1]

- (b) Ionic compounds conduct electricity in aqueous state, whereas covalent compounds do not. A circuit is set up using 2 carbon electrodes / electrical wires dipped in the respective solutions. The electrodes are then connected to a battery and a light bulb/ammeter. [1]

In an ionic compound, the free-moving ions act as mobile charge carriers, and the bulb will light up. [1]

In a covalent compound, there are no free-moving electrons or ions to act as mobile charge carriers to help conduct electricity and the bulb will not light up. [1]

### Question 2

- (a) A: Fe / iron  
B:  $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  / iron(II) nitrate  
C: Cu / copper  
D:  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2$  / iron(II) hydroxide
- (b)  $\text{Fe}(\text{s}) + 2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2(\text{g})$

### Question 3

- (a) 11.8 %
- (b)(i)  $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq/g}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
- (b)(ii) It conducts electricity as it contains free-moving  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and  $\text{OH}^-$  ions, that act as mobile charge carriers.
- (c) 21.2 %
- (d)(i)  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$
- (d)(ii) The reaction of aqueous barium chloride forms either barium sulfate or barium carbonate precipitate [1]. Since the precipitate dissolves after the addition of dilute nitric acid, it shows that the precipitate is barium carbonate; and hence the contaminant contains carbonate ions [1].

### Question 4

- (a)(i) A strong acid is one that ionises completely in water to form (a high concentration of)  $\text{H}^+$  ions.
- (a)(ii) The acid strength of HX increases down Group 17.
- (a)(iii) The bond energy of H-X decreases down Group 17.
- (a)(iv) The higher the bond energy H-X, the weaker the acid is. [1] A larger H-X bond energy of H-X means larger amount of energy required to break all the H-X bonds in one mole of HX molecules. [1] Hence, acid dissociates to a smaller extent. [1]
- (b)  $\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}(l)$
- (c)(i)  $\text{HF}(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{F}^-(\text{aq})$
- (c)(ii) Yes, a concentrated weak acid can have the same concentration of  $\text{H}^+$  ions as a dilute strong acid.