

**CHEM 211 UNIT 2 – THE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF LIQUIDS AND SOLUTIONS**  
**PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

**Vapour Pressure, Boiling point, Raoult's Law and Azeotropes**

1. The vapour pressure of ethoxyethane at 18 °C is 53 kPa and  $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}$  for ethoxyethane is 26.0 kJmol<sup>-1</sup>. calculate the vapour pressure of ethoxyethane at 32 °C.
  - (a) Calculate the vapour pressure of ethoxyethane at 32 °C.
  - (b) Calculate the boiling point of ethoxyethane at 100 kPa
  
2. The vapour pressure of water at 25 °C is 3.1 kPa. Given that water boils at 100 °C at atmospheric pressure, calculate the molar heat of vaporisation of water.
  
3.
  - (a) State Raoult's Law and define an ideal solution.
  - (b) Pentane (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>12</sub>) and heptane (C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>) have vapour pressures of 55 kPa and 4.8 kPa respectively at 20 °C. A mixture is known to contain 252 g of pentane and 1400 g of heptane. Calculate:
    - (i) The mole fraction of each component in the liquid mixture
    - (ii) The total vapour pressure of the mixture
    - (iii) The mole fraction of each component in the vapour above the mixture
  - (d) Sketch vapour pressure-composition and boiling point-composition diagrams for a mixture of pentane and heptane.
  - (e) Hence explain how fractional distillation can be used to separate an ideal solution into its two components.
  
4. Ethyl ethanoate (bpt 77 °C) and water (bpt 100 °C) form an azeotrope containing 9% water with a boiling point of 70 °C.
  - (a) Sketch vapour pressure-composition and boiling point-composition diagrams for a mixture of ethyl ethanoate and water.
  - (b) Explain why the mixture forms an azeotrope.
  - (c) Explain what is formed when a mixture of ethyl ethanoate and water containing 5% water is fractionally distilled.
  - (d) Explain what is formed when a mixture of ethyl ethanoate and water containing 50% water is fractionally distilled.
  
5. Nitric acid (bpt 83 °C) and water (bpt 100 °C) form an azeotrope containing 32% water with a boiling point of 121 °C.
  - (a) Sketch vapour pressure-composition and boiling point-composition diagrams for a mixture of nitric acid and water.
  - (b) Explain why the mixture forms an azeotrope.
  - (c) Explain what is formed when a mixture of nitric acid and water containing 5% water is fractionally distilled.
  - (d) Explain what is formed when a mixture of nitric acid and water containing 50% water is fractionally distilled.

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**Colligative Properties of Solutions**

6. (a) The vapour pressure of pure water is 3.14 kPa at 25 °C. The vapour pressure of a solution of urea is 3.04 kPa at 25 °C. If the density of water is 1000 kgm<sup>-3</sup> and assuming that the volume of water does not change when a small amount of urea is added, deduce the molarity of the urea solution.
- (b) The addition of 114 g of sucrose to 1000 g of water reduces the vapour pressure from 3.173 kPa to 3.154 kPa. Calculate the molar mass of sucrose.
7. What mass of glucose (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>) should be added to 552 g of water to reduce the vapour pressure of pure water at 20 °C from 2.33 kPa to 2.07 kPa?
8. Calculate the boiling point and freezing point of a solution containing 478 g of ethan-1,2-diol (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) in 3202 g of water, given that K<sub>f</sub> and K<sub>b</sub> for water are 1.86 K/m and 0.52 K/m respectively.
9. 7.85 g of a compound is dissolved in 301 g of benzene (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>) and the freezing point depression is found to be 1.05 °C. Given that K<sub>f</sub> for benzene is 5.12 K/m, calculate the molar mass of the compound.
10. (a) Calculate the molarity of a solution of sodium chloride which has an osmotic pressure of 3000 kPa at 25 °C.
- (b) Calculate the osmotic pressure of an 0.084 moldm<sup>-3</sup> solution of sucrose at 16 °C.
- (c) Calculate the molar mass of a polymer if 2.47 g of the polymer has an osmotic pressure of 1.15 kPa when dissolved in 202 cm<sup>3</sup> of benzene at 21 °C
11. (a) The freezing point depression of a 0.10 moldm<sup>-3</sup> solution of MgSO<sub>4</sub> is 0.225 °C. Calculate the Van't Hoff factor of MgSO<sub>4</sub> at this molarity.
- (b) Calculate the freezing point and boiling point of a solution of 21.2 g NaCl in 135 cm<sup>3</sup> of water, given that K<sub>f</sub> and K<sub>b</sub> for water are 1.86 K/m and 0.52 K/m respectively.

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**Faraday's Laws of Electrolysis**

12. (a) Calculate the mass of copper, and the volume of oxygen at 298 K and 100 kPa, which can be produced by passing a current of 0.5 A through a solution of copper sulphate for 10 minutes.
- (b) Calculate the time required for 56 g of silver to be deposited from AgNO<sub>3</sub> solution using a current of 4.5 A.
- (c) How long must a current of 3 A be applied for through a solution of silver nitrate to coat a metal surface of 80 cm<sup>2</sup> with 0.005 cm thick layer? Density of silver is 10.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.
- (d) Calculate the current used if 4.76 g of copper was deposited from copper sulphate solution in 5 hours.
- (e) A current of 3.7 A is passed for 6 hours between platinum electrodes in 500 cm<sup>3</sup> of a 2 moldm<sup>-3</sup> solution of Ni(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. What will be the molarity of the solution at the end of the electrolysis?

**Conductance, specific conductivity and molar conductivity**

13. (a) Describe the method commonly used to measure the resistance of a solution. Explain why alternating current should be used and describe how the cell can be adjusted to deal with very high or very low conductances.
- (b) A solution of 0.1 moldm<sup>-3</sup> H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in a cell containing electrodes with an area of 2 cm<sup>2</sup> and placed 1 cm apart is found to have a resistance of 50 Ω. Calculate:
- The cell constant
  - The specific conductivity of the solution
  - The molar conductivity of 0.1 moldm<sup>-3</sup> H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.
  - The resistance obtained if 0.05 moldm<sup>-3</sup> KCl is placed in the same cell (Λ of 0.05 moldm<sup>-3</sup> KCl = 0.0133 m<sup>2</sup> Ω<sup>-1</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>)
- (c) The resistance of a cell containing 0.1 moldm<sup>-3</sup> ZnSO<sub>4</sub> was found to be 72.2 Ω. The resistance of the same cell containing 0.02 moldm<sup>-3</sup> KCl was 550 Ω. If the molar conductivity of 0.02 moldm<sup>-3</sup> KCl is 0.0140 m<sup>2</sup> Ω<sup>-1</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>, calculate the cell constant and hence the molar conductivity of 0.1 moldm<sup>-3</sup> ZnSO<sub>4</sub>.