Electrochemical Cells: Assignment

- 1. If a piece of copper metal is dipped into a solution containing Cr⁺³ ions, what will happen? Explain, using E^0 values.
- 2. What will happen if an aluminium spoon is used to stir an $Fe(NO_3)_{2 \text{ (aq)}}$? What will happen if iron spoon is used to stir an AlCl_{3 (aq)}? Justify your answer using E⁰ values.
- 3. Can a 1 mol dm⁻³ $Fe_2(SO_4)_{3 \text{ (aq)}}$ be stored in a container made of nickel metal? Explain your answer.
- 4. Will the reaction:

occur? What is the net voltage?
$$2 \operatorname{Fe^{+2}} + \operatorname{Ni^{+2}}_{(aq)} \longrightarrow 2 \operatorname{Fe^{+3}}_{(aq)} + \operatorname{Ni}_{(s)}$$

- 5. Predict what will happen if molecular bromine, Br₂, is added to a solution containing NaCl_(aq) and $NaI_{(aq)}$ at 25 °C.
- 6. An electrochemical cell is to be assembled using the overall reaction:

$$Cd_{(s)} + 2 AgNO_{3 (aq)} \longrightarrow Cd(NO_3)_{2 (aq)} + 2 Ag_{(s)}$$

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- A) What is oxidized in this process?
- B) Write the equation for that half-reaction which is an oxidation process.
- C) Do the negative ions serve any useful purpose in the operation of the cell? Explain.
- D) Diagram the half-cell in which oxidation occurs. Label the electrode and the solution around it. (It will be convenient here to use the porous cup as a container for the half-cell).
- E) What is the electrode called which is undergoing oxidation?
- F)Write the equation for that half-reaction which is a reduction process. Diagram the half-cell for this process and identify the material used for the electrode and the compound dissolved in the solution.
- G) What is the name of the electrode in the half-cell where reduction is occurring?
- H) Combine the half-cells of parts D) and F) to give a complete cell; then indicate the direction of electron flow in the external circuit. Indicate the direction of movement of positive ions in the cell. Indicate the direction of movement of negative ions in the cell. Which half-cell electrode would be labelled negative?
- I) Suppose 2 moles of silver atoms were deposited. How many moles of cadmium atoms would dissolve? How many grams of Cd would dissolve if 2.0 g of silver metal plated out?
- J) Write the cell diagram (using standard cell notation) for this cell, including the net cell voltage.
- K) As the cell operates, what will happen to each of the electrodes?
- L) What is the function of the porous pot?
- M) Write the overall cell reaction.
- 7. A galvanic cell consists of a Mg electrode in a 1.0 mol dm⁻³ Mg(NO₃)₂ solution and a Ag electrode in a 1.0 mol dm⁻³ AgNO₃ solution. Calculate the overall cell voltage and diagram this cell fully showing all relevant details. Write the cell notation for the cell.
- 8. Draw a schematic cell, clearly label the anode, the cathode, indicate the direction of electron flow, give the balanced equation for the cell; and calculate the E⁰ for the following cell:
- Fe⁺³ / Fe⁺² and Br₂ / Br⁻¹ (with platinum electrodes) (i)
- Cu^{+2}/Cu and H^{+1}/H_2 (ii)