CH203 'Physical Chemistry' - Rubric for Assessment of Laboratory Experiment and Report

RSD	Marking	Marginal (1)	Acceptable (2)	Exceptional (3)
Facets	Element			
	Aim,	No clear aim.	Aim is somewhat clear and moderately aligned to	Aim is clear and is well aligned to the experiment.
Facet A	Hypothesis		the experiment.	
Embark and	Carrying out	Not sure of what to do and why	Confident in doing the experiment but does not	Confident in doing the experiment and articulates a
Clarify	experiments in	experiment is done (Unconfident.)	have an idea of an expected outcome(s)	realistic expected outcome of the experiment.
	the class			
Facet B Find & Generate	Procedure /methods	In the report experimental procedure	In the report, experimental section contains the	In the report, experimental section contains the
		is incomplete. Writes "As in lab	procedure which is presented in a mixture of	procedure presented in past tense. Easy to follow and
		handout".	present and past tense. Difficult to follow.	understand.
	Carrying out	Incompetent with the use of	Partially competent with the use of laboratory	Proficient in the use of scientific instruments,
	experiments in	scientific instruments, techniques	instruments, techniques and skills to carry out	techniques and skills in carrying out experiments.
	the class	and skills to carry out experiment.	experiment.	
	Use of credible	No sources or references used to	Non-credible references used to verify recorded	Credible references used to verify the recorded and
Facet C	references or	verify the recorded and calculated	and calculated data.	calculated data.
Evaluate	sources.	data.		
and Reflect	Calculation of	No error calculation.	Errors are calculated for some data.	Provides realistic range of potential errors in data.
	errors			
Facet D; Organise and Manage	Experimental	Log book not used. Experimental results	No proper log book used. Experimental results correct,	Proper log book for recording experimental results and
	results	incomplete, improper use of units. No	not tabulated no proper use units	doing calculations. Data tabulated with proper use of units.
	presentation	tables.		
		Is not following the general outline of	Follows the general outline of Title, Introduction	Follows the general outline of Title, Introduction
	Format of	Title, Introduction (including aim),	(including aim), Experimental, Results, Discussion,	(including aim), Experimental, Results, Discussion,
	report	Experimental, Results, Discussion,	Conclusion and References. Information in the result	Conclusion and References Information is presented in a
	.1.	Conclusion and References. Work is	section is presented in a logical manner, which is easily	logical way, which is easy to follow.

		hard to follow as there is very little	followed.	
		continuity.		
Facet E;	Calculations (problem solving)	Only the answer is written without the formula. No further explanation is given.	Formula is written and calculation is shown without explanation as to why the particular formula was used.	Chooses the correct formula. Explains each term in the formula and is defined with units. Explains which term(s) is achievable through experiments. Obtains the answer using the formula
Analyse and Synthesise	Content & Knowledge	Unsure of content. Only basic concepts are demonstrated and interpreted.	At ease with content and able to elaborate and explain to some degree its applications to the society	Demonstrate full knowledge of the subject with explanations and elaborations and its applications to the society.
	Conclusion	Conclusion is not linked well to aim.	Conclusion is moderately linked to the aim.	Conclusion is well linked to the aim.
Facet F; Communicat e and Apply Ethically	Use of ICT (where applicable to write laboratory reports)	Report handwritten. Graphs are drawn using graph paper. Unformatted text. Improper use of English language.	Report is written in a mixture of handwritten and use of ICT tools. Graphs are drawn using computer software however labelling and formulas are handwritten. The text is not formatted. Some grammatical errors. References used but not valid.	ICT tools used to write the report. Graphs are drawn using computer software and labelled correctly. Text formatted, chemical formulas are correctly typed. Proper use of English language. Valid references used for citation.
	Mark allocation	5-6.5	6.6-7.9	8-10

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