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PREFACE

This handbook is designed to be your guide through the practical aspects in Chemistry 1 (CHEF 0314 and CHNF 0315), providing you with the necessary tools, techniques, and insights to excel in your laboratory experiments. The purpose of this handbook is to complement the theoretical knowledge you acquire in lectures with hands-on experiments. The aims are to bridge the gap between theory and practice, allowing you to apply concepts learned in the classroom to practical experiments. This handbook covers a range of experiments that will help you to develop essential skills in observation, analysing data, and discussions.

STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

Each experiment in this handbook is structured to provide a comprehensive learning experience. You will find detailed instructions, learning outcomes, required materials and steps of procedures. The detailed explanations of laboratory techniques provided in this handbook will help you gain a thorough understanding of each method. These explanations are essential for revising and effectively using the techniques during lab sessions. The lab report sheets attached to this handbook are designed to guide you on how to record and report data accurately and systematically. These data sheets provide a structured format for writing your introductions, observations, results, discussions and conclusions, ensuring consistency and completeness in your lab reports. Additionally, the laboratory skills you have developed throughout the semester will be assessed in a practical chemistry test. During this test, you will individually demonstrate selected laboratory techniques within a given timeframe.

SAFETY FIRST

Safety is importance in the laboratory. This handbook includes a dedicated section on laboratory safety guidelines and list of laboratory safety symbols and hazard signs. It is crucial for you to read and understand these guidelines before commencing any experiment. Always adhere to the safety protocols to ensure a safe and productive laboratory environment.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this laboratory course, you should be able to:

- Understand and apply scientific principles in a laboratory.
- Develop proficiency in using laboratory apparatus and techniques.
- Able to analyse and interpret experimental data.
- Able to write a well-structured lab report.

CONCLUSION

We hope this laboratory manual will serve as a valuable resource throughout your course. Embrace the challenges and opportunities that each experiment presents and use this experience to deepen your understanding and appreciation of the subject. Remember, the laboratory is a place of discovery and learning—approach it with curiosity, diligence, and an open mind.

Happy experimenting!

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