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CHEMISTRY LABORATORY

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR			
UV – VISIBLE SPECTROPHOTOMETER			
Name of the Lab	Chemistry		
Purpose	To outline the process for operating and maintaining		
	the UV-Visible Spectrophotometer.		
Scope	This apparatus is employed to quantify the extent to		
	which a liquid sample absorbs light at a specific		
	wavelength.		
Responsibility	The Lab In-Charge is accountable for instructing the		
	Lab Assistant and students in this protocol and		
	ensuring strict compliance. It is the duty of students		
	and technicians to adhere to the provided Standard		
	Operating Procedure (SOP) and promptly report any		
	deviations or issues encountered during the		
	procedure to the Lab In-Charge.		

SOPs

- Open panel door and make sure cuvette holders are empty, and then close the panel door.
- Flip open the display unit and Turn spectrophotometer "ON" by flipping the yellow switch on the side of the machine. The machine will automatically initialize.
- Hold the cuvette from the top to prevent tampering with the measurements, and wipe the sides with a lab tissue.
- Open panel door and place the cuvettes with blank solution in the cuvette holders. When the Auto Zero is complete, open the panel door and remove the front cuvette.
- Do not replace cuvette in rear holder.

- Using the same cuvette style, fill an empty cuvette with about 2-ml of the sample.
- Clean the cuvette with a lab tissue.
- Place in front cuvette holder, using the appropriate orientation and close the panel door.
- Press START to take a reading.
- Select spectrum from the drop down menu
- Press save as and give name and save.
- Open panel door and remove test sample from front cuvette holder.
- To test additional samples: Place cuvettes in front holder and press start for a reading.
- Press RETURN to bring you back to step Note: This will erase your old data.
- Remove cuvettes remaining in holders.
- Then click on the Disconnect button near the bottom of the screen.
- Exit from the UV-Probe software.
- Flip power switch located on the side, to turn off the machine.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED N/A

RECORD TO BE MAINTAINED

- Laboratory Manual containing the experiments that can be performed with the equipment
- Maintenance Record

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR				
CONDUCTIVITY METER				
Name of the Lab	Chemistry			
Purpose	To outline the process for operating and maintaining the Conductivity Meter			
Scope	This apparatus is employed for determining conductivity in Liquid and water samples.			
Responsibility	The Lab In-Charge is accountable for instructing the Lab Assistant and students in this protocol and ensuring strict compliance. It is the duty of students and technicians to adhere to the provided Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and promptly report any			

deviations	or	issues	encountered	during	the
procedure t	o the	Lab In-	Charge.		

- > Turn on the meter.
- > Rinse the probe with DI water.
- > Dip probe into sample making sure there are no air bubbles trapped on the slot of the probe.
- > Stir the probe gently in the sample to create a homogenous sample, allowing a few seconds for the temperature reading to approach the solution temperature
- > Take reading (when the reading is stable 'READY' will display on the left-middle of the LCD.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED

Do not use or install the this equipment in any manner other than which is specified RECORD TO BE MAINTAINED

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR				
CENTRIFUGE				
Name of the Lab	Chemistry			
Purpose	To outline the process for operating and maintaining			
	the Centrifuge			
Scope	This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) applies to			
	the staff and students using the Centrifuge in the Lab			
Responsibility	The Lab In-Charge is accountable for instructing the			
	Lab Assistant and students in this protocol and			
	ensuring strict compliance. It is the duty of students			
	and technicians to adhere to the provided Standard			
	Operating Procedure (SOP) and promptly report any			
	deviations or issues encountered during the			
	procedure to the Lab In-Charge.			

- Press the start/stop button and slowly increase the rpm to the desired speed using the dial
- > Once a run is complete, make sure the rotor has COMPLETELY STOPPED before opening the centrifuge lid by depressing the red stop/start button.
- > Remove sample vials.
- > Remember to return the rpm dial back to zero after finishing.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED

- Proper handling of the instrument
- > Ensure level and stability
- ➤ Balance centrifuge tubes equally
- > Ensure use of rubber cushion for glass tubes
- > Bring speed Knob to off and increase the speed gradually.
- > Do not open the lid in between the centrifugation cycle

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR			
pH METER			
Name of the Lab	Chemistry		
Purpose	To outline the process for operating and maintaining		
	the pH METER		
Scope	This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) provides		
	guidance on the proper utilization and upkeep of a pH		
	meter. The instrument is designed for precise pH		
	measurement of buffer solutions employed in the		
	Chemistry laboratory.		
Responsibility	The Lab In-Charge is accountable for instructing the		
	Lab Assistant and students in this protocol and		
	ensuring strict compliance. It is the duty of students		
	and technicians to adhere to the provided Standard		

Operating Procedure (SOP) and promptly report any					
deviations	or	issues	encountered	during	the
procedure t	o the	Lab In-	Charge.		

- ➤ Before use, rinse the electrode with deionized water and blot dry with a soft, clean Paper towel.
- > Transfer the electrode to the test solution.
- > Compensate for the temperature if necessary.
- ➤ Record the pH when the reading is stable (5–20 seconds after insertion of the electrode into the solution)
- Rinse the electrode with deionized water and store according to the manufacturer's Instructions.

Cleaning and maintenance

- > Clean the pH meter with a soft, clean, damp paper towel after use. No solvents should be used.
- Replace the electrode filling solution on a regular basis, according to the Manufacturer's instructions. Record in the logbook (Adjust the speed control knob to a low stirring rate.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED

- ➤ Thoroughly wash the stir bar with distilled water after each application.
- > Store stir bars in pairs to maintain their magnetic strength and increase their life Span.

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR		
COLORIMETER		
Name of the Lab	Chemistry	
Purpose	To outline the process for operating and maintaining	
	the COLORIMETER	

Scope	This SOP provides guidance on the proper utilization
	and upkeep of a COLORIMETER in the Chemistry
	laboratory.
Responsibility	The Lab In-Charge is accountable for instructing the
	Lab Assistant and students in this protocol and
	ensuring strict compliance. It is the duty of students
	and technicians to adhere to the provided Standard
	Operating Procedure (SOP) and promptly report any
	deviations or issues encountered during the
	procedure to the Lab In-Charge.

- > Switch on the instrument at least 5 minutes before use to allow it to stabilize.
- > Select the most appropriate filter for the analysis and insert it in the light path or dial it in with the selector.
- > Place the reagent blank solution (or water) in the cuvette and zero the instrument.
- Make sure the clear faces of the cuvette are in the light path
- ➤ Place the sample in the colorimeter and read the absorbance of the solution. If the absorbance is "over range" (usually > 2.0) then the sample must be diluted to yield a value within the limits of the instrument.
- At intervals, recheck the reagent blank to ensure that there is no drift in the zero Value.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED

- The machine must be re-zeroed, if a new filter is chosen.
- ➤ The sample cuvettes must be at least two-thirds full.
- > The outside of the cuvette must be dry and clean.

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