

JEE Main Chemistry

Sample Paper – 11

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Instructions

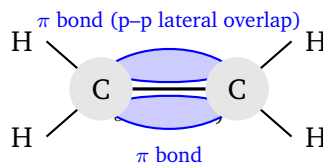
- This paper contains **30 questions** modelled on the Chemistry portion of **JEE Main** entrance examination.
- **Section A** (Q1–Q20): 20 Single Correct Multiple Choice Questions. **+4 marks** for correct answer; **–1 mark** for wrong answer; **0** for unattempted.
- **Section B** (Q21–Q30): 10 Numerical Value Questions. Attempt **any 5**. **+4 marks** for correct answer; **0 marks** for incorrect or unattempted.
- Syllabus: Class 11 & 12 NCERT Chemistry (JEE Main official syllabus).
- Personal calculators, log tables, and electronic gadgets are strictly prohibited. A simple on-screen virtual calculator is provided in the CBT interface.
- Rough sheets will be provided at the examination centre. Write your roll number on every sheet.

Section A — Single Correct MCQ (Q1–Q20) [+4 / –1]

- Q1.** For a **3p** orbital ($n = 3, l = 1$), how many radial nodes, angular nodes, and total nodes does it possess?
- (A) 1 radial node, 1 angular node, 2 total nodes
(B) 2 radial nodes, 1 angular node, 3 total nodes
(C) 0 radial nodes, 1 angular node, 1 total node
(D) 1 radial node, 0 angular nodes, 1 total node



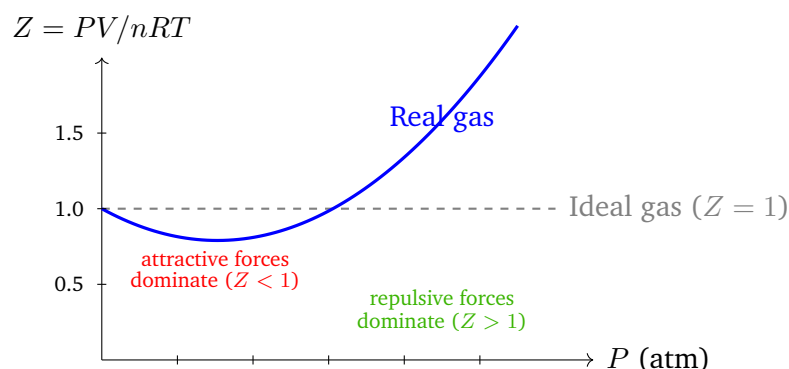
Q2. Ethylene (C_2H_4) contains a carbon–carbon double bond. The diagram below shows the orbital overlap in ethylene.



Which statement **correctly** describes the bonding in C_2H_4 ?

- (A) Each C is sp^3 hybridised; the $\text{C}=\text{C}$ bond consists of two σ bonds.
- (B) Each C is sp hybridised; the π bond results from head-on overlap of p orbitals.
- (C) Each C is sp^2 hybridised; the π bond results from lateral (sideways) overlap of unhybridised p orbitals perpendicular to the molecular plane.
- (D) Each C is sp^2 hybridised; the π bond is formed by end-on overlap of two sp^2 orbitals.

Q3. The graph below shows the compressibility factor Z ($= PV/nRT$) as a function of pressure P for a real gas at constant temperature.



Which statement **correctly** identifies the region where intermolecular attractive forces dominate?

- (A) The region where $Z > 1$ (above the ideal gas line).
- (B) The region where $Z = 1$ (along the ideal gas line).
- (C) The region at very high pressure where Z rises steeply.



(D) The region where $Z < 1$ (below the ideal gas line).

Q4. The standard enthalpy of neutralization of a strong acid with a strong base is -57.1 kJ/mol. The neutralization of acetic acid (CH_3COOH , a weak acid) with NaOH involves an additional step — the ionization of acetic acid — which is endothermic ($\Delta H_{\text{ionization}} = +2.1$ kJ/mol). What is the enthalpy of neutralization of acetic acid with NaOH ?

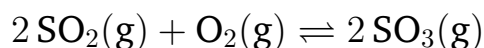
(A) -57.1 kJ/mol

(B) -55.0 kJ/mol

(C) -59.2 kJ/mol

(D) $+2.1$ kJ/mol

Q5. Consider the equilibrium:



If the volume of the container is **decreased** at constant temperature, which of the following correctly describes the effect on the equilibrium?

(A) Equilibrium shifts to the left because pressure increase always dis-favours the reaction.

(B) No shift occurs because the temperature is unchanged.

(C) Equilibrium shifts to the right, increasing the yield of SO_3 .

(D) Equilibrium shifts to the left, decreasing the yield of SO_3 .

Q6. A buffer solution is prepared by dissolving 0.1 mol of NH_3 and 0.1 mol of NH_4Cl in 1 L of water. Given that $pK_b(\text{NH}_3) = 4.74$, what is the pH of the buffer solution?

(A) 9.26

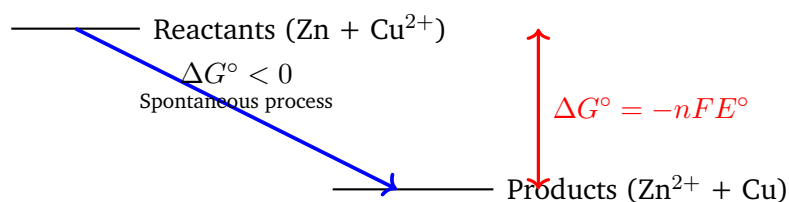
(B) 4.74

(C) 7.00

(D) 8.52



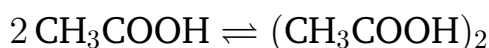
- Q7.** For the Daniell cell, $E_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} = 1.10\text{ V}$ and $n = 2$. The relationship between Gibbs free energy change and cell EMF is shown in the energy level diagram below.



Calculate ΔG° for the Daniell cell reaction. ($F = 96500\text{ C mol}^{-1}$)

- (A) $+212.3\text{ kJ/mol}$
 (B) -106.2 kJ/mol
 (C) $+106.2\text{ kJ/mol}$
 (D) -212.3 kJ/mol
- Q8.** For the reaction $A + B \rightarrow \text{products}$ with rate $= k[A]^m[B]^n$, a chemist wants to determine m (the order with respect to A) experimentally using the **isolation method**. Which of the following correctly describes this approach?
- (A) Vary concentrations of A and B simultaneously and measure the overall rate.
 (B) Keep B in a large excess so its concentration is effectively constant, then determine the apparent order with respect to A from the pseudo-order rate law.
 (C) Keep A in large excess and measure the rate as only [A] is varied.
 (D) Perform the reaction at very high temperature to make the order irrelevant.

- Q9.** Acetic acid (CH_3COOH) dimerizes in benzene solvent:

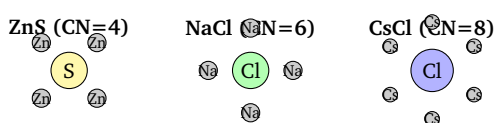


If the degree of association $\alpha = 0.80$, what is the van't Hoff factor (i) and what happens to the observed colligative properties?



- (A) $i = 1.8$; colligative properties are greater than expected.
- (B) $i = 1.0$; colligative properties are unchanged.
- (C) $i = 0.6$; colligative properties (e.g., osmotic pressure) are less than expected because $i < 1$.
- (D) $i = 0.8$; colligative properties are slightly less than expected.

Q10. The coordination number and crystal structure adopted by an ionic compound depend on the cation-to-anion radius ratio (r^+/r^-). The three common structures are illustrated below.



Which statement is **correct** regarding the NaCl crystal structure?

- (A) NaCl has octahedral coordination (CN = 6) with r^+/r^- in the range 0.414–0.732.
- (B) NaCl has tetrahedral coordination (CN = 4) with r^+/r^- in the range 0.225–0.414.
- (C) NaCl has cubic coordination (CN = 8) with r^+/r^- in the range 0.732–1.0.
- (D) NaCl has linear coordination (CN = 2) because Na^+ is much smaller than Cl^- .

Q11. In the Haber process for the industrial synthesis of ammonia ($\text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3$), finely divided iron (Fe) is used as a heterogeneous catalyst, with K_2O and Al_2O_3 as promoters. Which statement **correctly** explains the role of the Fe catalyst?

- (A) The catalyst increases the temperature of the reaction, providing enough energy to break the $\text{N}\equiv\text{N}$ bond directly.
- (B) The catalyst shifts the equilibrium position to the right, increasing the equilibrium constant K_c .



- (C) The catalyst provides nitrogen atoms from its surface, acting as a reactant that is regenerated at the end.
- (D) The Fe catalyst lowers the activation energy by adsorbing N_2 and H_2 on its surface, weakening the $\text{N}\equiv\text{N}$ triple bond and facilitating hydrogen addition to form NH_3 .

Q12. Hard water contains dissolved calcium and magnesium salts. Which of the following statements about water hardness is **correct**?

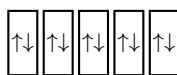
- (A) Permanent hardness is caused by $\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$ and $\text{Mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$ and can be removed by boiling.
- (B) Temporary hardness is caused by $\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$ and $\text{Mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$ and is removed by boiling.
- (C) Temporary hardness is caused by CaSO_4 and MgSO_4 and cannot be removed by boiling.
- (D) Both temporary and permanent hardness are removed by adding Na_2SO_4 (sodium sulphate).

Q13. Phosphine (PH_3) is the phosphorus analogue of ammonia (NH_3). Which of the following statements **correctly** compares the Lewis base character of PH_3 and NH_3 ?

- (A) PH_3 is a stronger Lewis base than NH_3 because P is larger and its lone pair is more available.
- (B) NH_3 and PH_3 have identical Lewis base strengths since both have one lone pair.
- (C) PH_3 is a weaker Lewis base than NH_3 because the lone pair on the larger P atom is less available due to the lower electronegativity of P and the more diffuse orbital character.
- (D) PH_3 is a stronger Lewis base than NH_3 because the P–H bond is weaker than the N–H bond.

Q14. The d-orbital filling diagrams for three metal ions are shown below.



$\text{Sc}^{3+} (d^0)$ empty d : no colour $\text{Zn}^{2+} (d^{10})$ full d : no colour $\text{Ti}^{3+} (d^1)$ – colouredpartial d : $d-d$ transitions

Which statement **correctly** explains why Sc^{3+} , Cu^+ , and Zn^{2+} form colourless aqueous solutions?

- (A) Sc^{3+} , Cu^+ , and Zn^{2+} form colourless solutions because they have empty or completely filled d -orbitals, making $d-d$ transitions impossible.
- (B) They are colourless because they do not dissolve in water and therefore form no solution.
- (C) They are colourless because they absorb light only in the infrared, not the visible range.
- (D) Sc^{3+} and Zn^{2+} are coloured but Cu^+ is not; the statement in the question is incorrect.

Q15. The Effective Atomic Number (EAN) or 18-electron rule predicts stability of metal complexes. For $[\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_6]$, chromium has atomic number $Z = 24$. Each CO donates **2 electrons** as a ligand. What is the EAN of Cr in $[\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_6]$ and which noble gas does it correspond to?

- (A) EAN = 30, corresponding to Zn.
- (B) EAN = 34, corresponding to Se.
- (C) EAN = 24 (no change), corresponding to no noble gas.
- (D) EAN = 36, corresponding to Kr; the complex satisfies the 18-electron rule.

Q16. Amines can react with acetic anhydride $[(\text{CH}_3\text{CO})_2\text{O}]$ in an acetylation reaction. Which statement **correctly** describes the reactivity of different classes of amines towards acetic anhydride?

- (A) Primary amines do not react with acetic anhydride because they are too weakly nucleophilic.

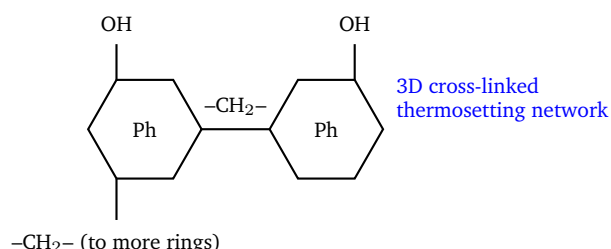


- (B) Tertiary amines do not react with acetic anhydride because they have no N–H bond available for the reaction.
- (C) All amines (primary, secondary, and tertiary) react equally well with acetic anhydride.
- (D) Secondary amines react with acetic anhydride but primary amines do not.

Q17. Phenyl magnesium bromide (PhMgBr), a Grignard reagent, reacts with formaldehyde (HCHO) followed by aqueous acid workup (H_3O^+). What is the **major organic product**?

- (A) PhCH_2OH (benzyl alcohol, a primary alcohol)
- (B) Ph_2CHOH (diphenylmethanol, a secondary alcohol)
- (C) PhCHO (benzaldehyde)
- (D) Ph_3COH (triphenylmethanol, a tertiary alcohol)

Q18. The polymer Bakelite is formed by a condensation polymerization reaction. The schematic below represents its cross-linked network.



Which statement **correctly** describes the formation and nature of Bakelite?

- (A) Bakelite is a linear addition polymer of phenol formed under UV irradiation.
- (B) Bakelite is a thermoplastic polymer that can be re-melted and re-shaped.
- (C) Bakelite is formed by condensation polymerization of phenol and formaldehyde, forming a thermosetting 3D cross-linked structure via methylene ($-\text{CH}_2-$) bridges between phenol rings.



(D) Bakelite is formed from aniline and formaldehyde by electrophilic substitution.

Q19. Vitamins are classified as either fat-soluble or water-soluble based on their chemical nature and the medium in which they dissolve. Which of the following vitamins is **water-soluble**?

- (A) Vitamin A (retinol)
- (B) Vitamin D (calciferol)
- (C) Vitamin E (tocopherol)
- (D) Vitamin C (ascorbic acid)

Q20. Reducing sugars are those that can reduce Tollens' reagent (Ag^+) or Fehling's solution (Cu^{2+}). The key structural feature is the presence of a **free anomeric** $-\text{OH}$ group. Which of the following is **NOT** a reducing sugar?

- (A) Maltose (glucose–glucose, α -1,4-glycoside with a free anomeric $-\text{OH}$)
- (B) Sucrose (glucose–fructose linked at both anomeric carbons, no free anomeric $-\text{OH}$)
- (C) Lactose (galactose–glucose, β -1,4-glycoside with a free anomeric $-\text{OH}$)
- (D) Glucose (free aldehyde group in open-chain form acts as a reducing agent)

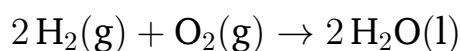


Section B — Numerical Value Questions (Q21–Q30) [Attempt Any 5]

- Q21.** Count the total number of sigma (σ) bonds in one molecule of ethylene (C_2H_4). Consider all C–C and C–H bonds formed by head-on orbital overlap.

(Enter the exact numerical value as your answer.)

- Q22.** 4 g of H_2 gas (molar mass = 2 g/mol) reacts completely with excess O_2 according to:



What mass of water (in grams) is produced? (Molar mass of H_2O = 18 g/mol)

(Enter the exact numerical value as your answer.)

- Q23.** A liquid mixture is prepared by mixing **equal moles** of benzene ($M = 78$ g/mol) and toluene ($M = 92$ g/mol). What is the mole fraction of benzene expressed as a percentage (%)?

(Enter the exact numerical value as your answer.)

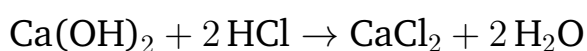
- Q24.** Calculate the degree of unsaturation (DoU, also called index of hydrogen deficiency) for acetic acid (CH_3COOH), whose molecular formula is $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2$.

$$\text{DoU} = \frac{2C + 2 - H}{2}$$

where C = number of carbon atoms and H = number of hydrogen atoms (oxygen does not affect DoU).

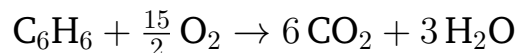
(Enter the exact numerical value as your answer.)

- Q25.** How many moles of HCl are required to completely neutralize 2 mol of $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$? The balanced equation is:



(Enter the exact numerical value as your answer.)

- Q26.** How many moles of CO_2 are produced from the complete combustion of 2 mol of benzene (C_6H_6)? The balanced equation is:



(Enter the exact numerical value as your answer.)

- Q27.** A first-order reaction has a rate constant $k = 0.0231 \text{ min}^{-1}$. Calculate the half-life ($t_{1/2}$) of the reaction in minutes. (Use $\ln 2 = 0.693$)

(Enter the exact numerical value as your answer.)

- Q28.** What is the oxidation state of manganese (Mn) in potassium permanganate (KMnO_4)? (Oxidation state of $\text{K} = +1$, $\text{O} = -2$; the compound is neutral.)

(Enter the exact numerical value as your answer.)

- Q29.** For the reaction $\text{CO(g)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(g)} \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_2\text{(g)} + \text{H}_2\text{(g)}$, $\Delta n = 0$. If $K_c = 2$ at a given temperature, what is the value of K_p at the same temperature? (Use the relation $K_p = K_c(RT)^{\Delta n}$.)

(Enter the exact numerical value as your answer.)

- Q30.** Two gases in a sealed container have partial pressures of 3 atm (N_2) and 5 atm (O_2). Using Dalton's law of partial pressures, what is the total pressure (in atm) of the gas mixture?

(Enter the exact numerical value as your answer.)



Detailed Solutions

Q1.

Solution

Concept — Nodes in Atomic Orbitals: For any orbital with principal quantum number n and azimuthal quantum number l :

- Number of **radial nodes** $= n - l - 1$
- Number of **angular nodes** $= l$
- **Total nodes** $= n - 1$

Step 1 — Identify quantum numbers for 3p: For the 3p orbital: $n = 3$, $l = 1$.

Step 2 — Calculate nodes:

$$\text{Radial nodes} = n - l - 1 = 3 - 1 - 1 = 1$$

$$\text{Angular nodes} = l = 1$$

$$\text{Total nodes} = n - 1 = 3 - 1 = 2 \quad \checkmark \text{ (also } = 1 + 1 = 2)$$

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (2 radial, 1 angular, 3 total): Would require $n = 4$ ($n - l - 1 = 4 - 1 - 1 = 2$), not $n = 3$.
- Option C (0 radial, 1 angular): This describes a 2p orbital where $n = 2$, $l = 1$: $n - l - 1 = 2 - 1 - 1 = 0$.
- Option D (1 radial, 0 angular): Zero angular nodes would mean $l = 0$, which is an s -orbital, not a p -orbital.

Final Answer: 3p orbital has 1 radial node, 1 angular node, 2 total nodes $\Rightarrow$ Option A

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q#1](#)



Q2.

Solution

Concept — Hybridization and Bonding in Ethylene (VB Theory): In C_2H_4 , each carbon atom undergoes sp^2 hybridization, forming three sp^2 hybrid orbitals and leaving one unhybridised $2p_z$ orbital perpendicular to the molecular plane.

Step 1 — sp^2 hybridization: Three sp^2 hybrid orbitals on each C form:

- One σ bond between the two carbon atoms (sp^2 – sp^2 head-on overlap).
- Two σ bonds with hydrogen atoms (sp^2 – $1s$ head-on overlap).

Step 2 — π bond formation: The unhybridised $2p_z$ orbital on each carbon overlaps *laterally* (sideways) above and below the molecular plane, forming one π bond. This π bond is weaker than a σ bond and is responsible for the restricted rotation about the $\text{C}=\text{C}$ double bond.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (sp^3 , two σ bonds): sp^3 hybridization gives four σ bonds and no π bond; this is the bonding in ethane (C_2H_6), not ethylene.
- Option B (sp hybridized, head-on p overlap): sp hybridization is found in acetylene (C_2H_2), which has two π bonds; head-on p overlap gives a σ bond, not a π bond.
- Option D (sp^2 , π from sp^2 end-on overlap): The π bond arises from *unhybridised* p orbitals overlapping sideways, not from sp^2 orbitals overlapping end-on.

Final Answer: Each C is sp^2 hybridised; π bond from lateral p–p overlap $\Rightarrow$ Option C

Answer: (C) [Go Back to Q#2](#)

Q3.

Solution

Concept — Compressibility Factor and Real Gas Behaviour: The compressibility factor $Z = PV/nRT$ measures the deviation of a real gas from ideal behaviour. For an ideal gas, $Z = 1$ at all pressures.

Step 1 — Region where $Z < 1$: At low to moderate pressures, intermolecular **attractive forces** reduce the effective pressure (and volume) compared to an ideal gas. This causes $PV < nRT$, so $Z < 1$. The gas is more compressed than predicted



by ideal gas law.

Step 2 — Region where $Z > 1$: At very high pressures, the finite volume of molecules (repulsive forces) dominates. Molecules resist compression; $PV > nRT$, so $Z > 1$. This is called the repulsive (excluded volume) regime.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A ($Z > 1$): This region is dominated by *repulsive* forces, not attractive forces.
- Option B ($Z = 1$): This is the ideal gas line; a real gas behaves ideally here only momentarily (at a specific pressure called the Boyle temperature).
- Option C (steep rise at high P): The steep rise occurs due to repulsive/excluded volume effects, not attractive interactions.

Final Answer: Attractive forces dominate in the region where $Z < 1 \Rightarrow$ Option D

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Q4.

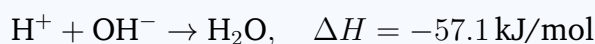
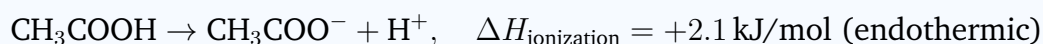
Solution

Concept — Enthalpy of Neutralization of Weak Acid: The standard enthalpy of neutralization of any strong acid with a strong base (e.g., $\text{HCl} + \text{NaOH}$) is -57.1 kJ/mol , corresponding entirely to the reaction:



When a *weak* acid is used, it must first ionize (an endothermic step) before the H^+ can neutralize OH^- .

Step 1 — Set up the energy cycle:



Step 2 — Calculate net $\Delta H_{\text{neutralization}}$:

$$\Delta H_{\text{neutralization}} = \Delta H_{\text{ionization}} + (-57.1) = +2.1 + (-57.1) = -55.0 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

Since the ionization step is endothermic, it *reduces* the net heat released.

Why other options are wrong:



- Option A (-57.1 kJ/mol): This applies to strong acid–strong base neutralization only; it ignores the endothermic ionization energy of the weak acid.
- Option C (-59.2 kJ/mol): This would arise if the ionization were *exothermic* (-2.1), which is incorrect.
- Option D ($+2.1 \text{ kJ/mol}$): This is only the ionization enthalpy, not the overall neutralization enthalpy.

Final Answer: $\Delta H_{\text{neutralization}}(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{NaOH}) = -55.0 \text{ kJ/mol} \Rightarrow$
 -55.0 kJ/mol

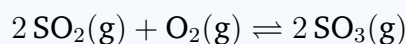
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Q5.

Solution

Concept — Le Chatelier's Principle and Pressure Changes: For a gaseous equilibrium, decreasing the volume increases the total pressure. By Le Chatelier's principle, the system responds to oppose this change by shifting equilibrium towards the side with *fewer* moles of gas.

Step 1 — Count moles of gas on each side:



$$\Delta n_{\text{gas}} = 2 - (2 + 1) = -1$$

The products side has **fewer** moles of gas (2 moles SO_3) than the reactants side (3 moles total: 2 SO_2 + 1 O_2).

Step 2 — Predict the shift: Decreasing volume $\Rightarrow$ increasing pressure $\Rightarrow$ equilibrium shifts towards the side with fewer moles of gas $\Rightarrow$ **shifts right**, towards SO_3 . This increases the yield of SO_3 .

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (shifts left): Incorrect; pressure increase shifts toward fewer gas moles (right side), not more (left side).
- Option B (no shift): Temperature changes do not shift equilibrium in this context; pressure change does.
- Option D (shifts left, less SO_3): The left side has more gas moles; increased pressure disfavors the side with more gas.

Final Answer: Equilibrium shifts to the right; yield of SO_3 increases $\Rightarrow$ **Option C**



Answer: (C) [Go Back to Q#5](#)

Q6.

Solution

Concept — Henderson–Hasselbalch Equation for Basic Buffer: For an $\text{NH}_3/\text{NH}_4^+$ buffer, the relevant equation is:

$$\text{pOH} = \text{p}K_b + \log \frac{[\text{NH}_4^+]}{[\text{NH}_3]}$$

Then $\text{pH} = 14 - \text{pOH}$.

Step 1 — Identify concentrations: $[\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}] = [\text{NH}_3] = 0.1 \text{ mol/L}$ in 1 L, so the ratio $[\text{NH}_4^+]/[\text{NH}_3] = 1$.

Step 2 — Calculate pOH:

$$\text{pOH} = \text{p}K_b + \log(1) = 4.74 + 0 = 4.74$$

Step 3 — Calculate pH:

$$\text{pH} = 14 - \text{pOH} = 14 - 4.74 = 9.26$$

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (4.74): This is the pOH (or $\text{p}K_b$), not the pH; the buffer is basic ($\text{pH} > 7$).
- Option C (7.00): This is the pH of pure water; an ammonia buffer is always basic, not neutral.
- Option D (8.52): This would correspond to $\text{p}K_b = 5.48$ and $\text{pOH} = 5.48$; neither matches the given $\text{p}K_b = 4.74$.

Final Answer: $\text{pH} = 9.26 \Rightarrow \boxed{9.26}$

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q#6](#)



Q7.

Solution

Concept — Relationship between ΔG° and E°_{cell} : The Gibbs free energy change for an electrochemical cell reaction is related to the cell EMF by:

$$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ_{\text{cell}}$$

A negative ΔG° confirms the spontaneity of the cell reaction.

Step 1 — Identify values:

- $n = 2$ (2 electrons transferred in the Daniell cell reaction)
- $F = 96500 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
- $E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = 1.10 \text{ V}$

Step 2 — Calculate ΔG° :

$$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ = -2 \times 96500 \times 1.10 = -212300 \text{ J/mol} = -212.3 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (+212.3 kJ/mol): The positive sign would indicate a non-spontaneous reaction; the Daniell cell is spontaneous so $\Delta G^\circ < 0$.
- Option B (−106.2 kJ/mol): This corresponds to $n = 1$; the Daniell cell transfers $n = 2$ electrons.
- Option C (+106.2 kJ/mol): Wrong sign and wrong n .

Final Answer: $\Delta G^\circ = -212.3 \text{ kJ/mol} \Rightarrow \boxed{-212.3 \text{ kJ/mol}}$

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q#7](#)

Q8.

Solution

Concept — Isolation Method in Chemical Kinetics: The isolation method (also called the pseudo-order method) is used to determine the individual orders (m and n) in a rate law $\text{rate} = k[A]^m[B]^n$. By making one reactant present in a very large excess, its concentration remains essentially constant throughout the reaction.

Step 1 — Procedure to find order with respect to A: Keep $[B]$ in large excess ($[B] \gg [A]$). Then $[B] \approx [B]_0 = \text{constant}$ throughout the reaction. The rate law



simplifies to:

$$\text{rate} = k'[A]^m, \quad \text{where } k' = k[B]_0^n$$

This is a **pseudo- m th order** reaction. By plotting appropriate graphs (e.g., $\ln[A]$ vs time for $m = 1$), the value of m is determined.

Step 2 — Finding n : Repeat the experiment with $[A]$ in large excess to determine the order n with respect to B in the same manner.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (vary both simultaneously): Varying both A and B simultaneously makes it impossible to isolate the individual orders.
- Option C (keep A in excess, vary only A): If A is in excess, its concentration is approximately constant and we cannot determine the order with respect to A; we would instead isolate the order with respect to B.
- Option D (high temperature): Temperature affects the rate constant k but does not eliminate the dependence on reactant concentrations.

Final Answer: Keep B in large excess; determine pseudo-order with respect to A
 $\Rightarrow$ Option B

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q#8](#)

Q9.

Solution

Concept — Association and van't Hoff Factor: When solute molecules associate in solution, the number of solute particles decreases, leading to a van't Hoff factor $i < 1$. This reduces all colligative properties below the expected values for non-associating solutes.

Step 1 — Dimerization equilibrium: Let α = degree of association. Initially 1 mol of CH_3COOH is present. At equilibrium:

- Moles of monomer remaining = $1 - \alpha$
- Moles of dimer formed = $\alpha/2$
- Total moles = $(1 - \alpha) + \alpha/2 = 1 - \alpha/2$

Step 2 — Calculate i :

$$i = \frac{\text{total moles at equilibrium}}{\text{initial moles}} = \frac{1 - \alpha/2}{1} = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}$$



With $\alpha = 0.80$:

$$i = 1 - \frac{0.80}{2} = 1 - 0.40 = 0.60$$

Step 3 — Effect on colligative properties: Since $i = 0.6 < 1$, all colligative properties (osmotic pressure, boiling point elevation, freezing point depression) are **less** than expected for a non-associating solute.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A ($i = 1.8$): $i > 1$ occurs for dissociation (ionization), not association (dimerization).
- Option B ($i = 1.0$): $i = 1$ implies no association; with $\alpha = 0.80$, significant dimerization occurs.
- Option D ($i = 0.8$): This would correspond to $\alpha = 0.4$ (since $i = 1 - 0.4/2 = 0.8$), not $\alpha = 0.80$.

Final Answer: $i = 0.6 < 1$; colligative properties are less than expected $\Rightarrow$

Option C

Answer: (C) [Go Back to Q#9](#)

Q10.

Solution

Concept — Radius Ratio Rules for Crystal Structures: The coordination number and crystal structure of ionic compounds are governed by the radius ratio r^+/r^- (cation radius / anion radius):

r^+/r^- range	Coordination Number	Structure
< 0.225	3	triangular/planar
0.225–0.414	4	tetrahedral (ZnS)
0.414–0.732	6	octahedral (NaCl)
> 0.732	8	cubic (CsCl)

Step 1 — NaCl structure: In NaCl, $r(\text{Na}^+) = 102 \text{ pm}$ and $r(\text{Cl}^-) = 181 \text{ pm}$, giving $r^+/r^- = 0.564$. This falls in the range 0.414–0.732, corresponding to **octahedral coordination** with CN = 6. Each Na^+ is surrounded by 6 Cl^- ions, and each Cl^- is surrounded by 6 Na^+ ions.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (CN = 4, tetrahedral): This describes the ZnS (zinc blende) structure for r^+/r^- in range 0.225–0.414.



- Option C (CN = 8, cubic): This describes CsCl structure for $r^+/r^- > 0.732$.
- Option D (CN = 2, linear): This is not a standard crystal structure; Na^+ and Cl^- have a similar ionic radius ratio that clearly places them in the octahedral range.

Final Answer: NaCl has CN = 6 (octahedral) with r^+/r^- in range 0.414–0.732
 $\Rightarrow$ Option A

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q#10](#)

Q11.

Solution

Concept — Heterogeneous Catalysis and Activation Energy: Heterogeneous catalysts lower the activation energy (E_a) of a reaction by providing an alternative reaction pathway. They do *not* shift the equilibrium position or change K_c .

Step 1 — Mechanism of Fe catalyst in the Haber process:

- N_2 and H_2 molecules **adsorb** onto the Fe surface (chemisorption).
- Adsorption **weakens** the $\text{N}\equiv\text{N}$ triple bond (bond order 3, very stable), making it easier to break.
- H atoms also adsorb and react with N atoms step-wise to form NH , NH_2 , and finally NH_3 .
- NH_3 desorbs from the surface, freeing the catalyst.

Step 2 — Role of promoters: K_2O increases the electron density on Fe (increases adsorption of N_2); Al_2O_3 keeps the Fe particles finely dispersed (prevents sintering), increasing surface area.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (catalyst increases temperature): Catalysts do not increase the temperature; they lower the activation energy by providing an alternative pathway.
- Option B (shifts equilibrium, increases K_c): A catalyst never changes the equilibrium constant K_c ; it only helps the system reach equilibrium faster.
- Option C (catalyst provides N atoms): Fe is a true catalyst — it is not consumed in the reaction. N_2 provides the nitrogen atoms, not Fe.

Final Answer: Fe catalyst lowers E_a by adsorbing and weakening $\text{N}\equiv\text{N}$ bond $\Rightarrow$
Option D

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q#11](#)



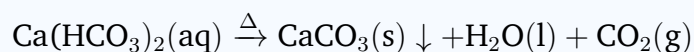
Q12.

Solution

Concept — Types of Water Hardness: Hard water contains dissolved salts of calcium and magnesium. The two types of hardness differ in the anion present:

Type	Salts	Removal
Temporary	$\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$, $\text{Mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$	Boiling or Clark's process (lime)
Permanent	CaSO_4 , MgSO_4 , CaCl_2 , MgCl_2	Ion exchange, washing soda (Na_2CO_3), zeolite

Step 1 — Why boiling removes temporary hardness: On boiling, the soluble bicarbonates decompose:



The insoluble CaCO_3 precipitates and is removed. This is also why kettles develop limescale in hard water areas.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A: Permanent hardness (not temporary) is caused by sulphates and chlorides; these are NOT removed by boiling.
- Option C: CaSO_4 and MgSO_4 cause *permanent* hardness, not temporary.
- Option D: Na_2SO_4 (sodium sulphate) does not soften water; Na_2CO_3 (washing soda) does, by precipitating Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} as their carbonates.

Final Answer: Temporary hardness ($\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$, $\text{Mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$) is removed by boiling $\Rightarrow$ Option B

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q#12](#)

Q13.

Solution

Concept — Lewis Base Strength of PH_3 vs NH_3 : Both NH_3 and PH_3 have a lone pair on the central atom that can be donated to a Lewis acid. However, the availability of that lone pair differs significantly.

Step 1 — Factors affecting Lewis base strength:

- **Electronegativity:** N is more electronegative ($\chi = 3.04$) than P ($\chi = 2.19$). Higher electronegativity means N holds its lone pair more tightly, reducing



donation... but the lone pair is concentrated in a small, more directional orbital, making it *more available* for donation to small Lewis acids (like H^+).

- **Orbital size:** P uses 3p orbitals (larger, more diffuse) for its lone pair. The larger, more diffuse orbital overlaps poorly with Lewis acid orbitals $\Rightarrow$ weaker Lewis base.
- **Net effect:** NH_3 is a significantly *stronger* Lewis base than PH_3 towards most Lewis acids (e.g., BF_3 , H^+).

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (PH_3 stronger): Incorrect; the larger, more diffuse lone pair on P overlaps *less* effectively with Lewis acid orbitals, making PH_3 a weaker Lewis base.
- Option B (equal strength): NH_3 and PH_3 have very different basicities; NH_3 has $K_b \approx 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ in water, while PH_3 is essentially non-basic in water.
- Option D (weaker P-H bond = stronger Lewis base): Lewis base strength depends on lone pair availability, not bond strength; these are different properties.

Final Answer: PH_3 is a weaker Lewis base than NH_3 due to more diffuse lone pair on larger P atom $\Rightarrow$ Option C

Answer: (C) [Go Back to Q#13](#)

Q14.

Solution

Concept — Colour and d -orbital Occupancy in Transition Metal Ions: Transition metal ions are coloured because electrons in partially filled d -orbitals can undergo $d-d$ electronic transitions by absorbing visible light. For $d-d$ transitions to occur, the d -orbitals must be *partially filled* — i.e., neither completely empty nor completely filled.

Step 1 — Electronic configurations:

- Sc^{3+} : $[\text{Ar}]3d^0$ (empty d -orbitals $\Rightarrow$ no $d-d$ transitions $\Rightarrow$ colourless)
- Cu^+ : $[\text{Ar}]3d^{10}$ (completely filled d -orbitals $\Rightarrow$ no $d-d$ transitions $\Rightarrow$ colourless)
- Zn^{2+} : $[\text{Ar}]3d^{10}$ (completely filled d -orbitals $\Rightarrow$ no $d-d$ transitions $\Rightarrow$ colourless)
- Ti^{3+} : $[\text{Ar}]3d^1$ (partially filled, 1 electron $\Rightarrow$ $d-d$ transitions possible $\Rightarrow$ purple/violet colour)



Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (they don't dissolve): Sc^{3+} , Cu^{+} , and Zn^{2+} do dissolve in water; their colourlessness is due to electronic structure, not insolubility.
- Option C (IR absorption): These ions absorb at UV frequencies (if at all), but the reason for colourlessness is the inability to perform $d-d$ transitions in the visible range.
- Option D (Sc^{3+} and Zn^{2+} coloured): All three ions listed are colourless for the reason given in Option A.

Final Answer: Colourless because of empty (d^0) or filled (d^{10}) d -orbitals, making $d-d$ transitions impossible $\Rightarrow$ Option A

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q#14](#)

Q15.

Solution

Concept — EAN (18-Electron) Rule for Metal Complexes: The Effective Atomic Number (EAN) rule states that stable metal complexes tend to have 18 electrons around the metal centre (analogous to the noble gas configuration). Each CO ligand donates **2 electrons** as a σ -donor (and also back-accepts π electrons from metal, making it a strong field ligand).

Step 1 — Calculate EAN for $[\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_6]$:

- Cr has atomic number $Z = 24$; in OS = 0, it has 24 electrons.
- Electrons from 6 CO ligands: $6 \times 2 = 12$ electrons.
- $\text{EAN} = 24 + 12 = 36$

Step 2 — Noble gas identity: $\text{EAN} = 36$ corresponds to krypton (Kr, $Z = 36$). The complex satisfies the 18-electron rule:

$$24 (\text{Cr electrons}) + 12 (\text{CO donation}) = 36 = \text{Kr configuration}$$

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A ($\text{EAN} = 30$): This would correspond to Zn ($Z = 30$). The calculation $24 + 12 = 36$, not 30.
- Option B ($\text{EAN} = 34$): $Z = 34$ corresponds to Se. This would require only 10 electrons from ligands (5×2), i.e., 5 CO ligands.



- Option C (EAN = 24, no change): This ignores the electron donation from CO ligands entirely.

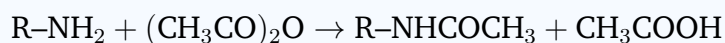
Final Answer: EAN of Cr in $[\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_6] = 36$ (Kr); 18-electron rule satisfied $\Rightarrow$ Option D

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q#15](#)

Q16.

Solution

Concept — Acetylation of Amines with Acetic Anhydride: The reaction of amines with acetic anhydride $[(\text{CH}_3\text{CO})_2\text{O}]$ is an acylation reaction that replaces an N–H hydrogen with an acetyl group $(-\text{COCH}_3)$:



Step 1 — Classify reactivity by amine type:

- **Primary amines** (R-NH_2): Have two N–H bonds; react with acetic anhydride to give monosubstituted acetamides.
- **Secondary amines** (R_2NH): Have one N–H bond; also react to give disubstituted acetamides.
- **Tertiary amines** (R_3N): Have *no* N–H bond; the nitrogen is fully substituted. **Cannot react** with acetic anhydride because there is no N–H hydrogen to be replaced.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (primary amines don't react): Primary amines are nucleophilic and react readily with acetic anhydride via the N–H bond.
- Option C (all react equally): Tertiary amines do not react; primary and secondary amines do, but may differ in rate.
- Option D (secondary yes, primary no): Both primary and secondary amines react; the distinguishing factor is the presence of at least one N–H bond.

Final Answer: Tertiary amines have no N–H bond and do not react with acetic anhydride $\Rightarrow$ Option B

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q#16](#)



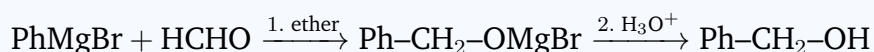
Q17.

Solution

Concept — Grignard Reagent Reaction with Carbonyl Compounds: A Grignard reagent ($R-MgBr$) is a powerful nucleophile. The carbon of the $C-Mg$ bond attacks the electrophilic carbonyl carbon (δ^+). The type of carbonyl compound determines the class of alcohol produced:

- $HCHO$ (formaldehyde) $\rightarrow$ **primary alcohol**
- $RCHO$ (other aldehyde) $\rightarrow$ **secondary alcohol**
- R_2CO (ketone) $\rightarrow$ **tertiary alcohol**

Step 1 — Reaction of $PhMgBr$ with $HCHO$:



The intermediate alkoxide ($Ph-CH_2-OMgBr$) is hydrolyzed by acid to give **benzyl alcohol** ($PhCH_2OH$), which is a primary alcohol (the new $C-C$ bond forms one carbon chain beyond the phenyl group, and the resulting OH -bearing carbon bears two H atoms).

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Ph_2CHOH , secondary): This would require $PhMgBr$ reacting with $PhCHO$ (benzaldehyde), not $HCHO$.
- Option C ($PhCHO$, benzaldehyde): Grignard reagents are nucleophiles; they add to the carbonyl, they do not produce aldehydes as products.
- Option D (Ph_3COH , tertiary): This would require $PhMgBr$ reacting with Ph_2CO (benzophenone), not $HCHO$.

Final Answer: $PhMgBr + HCHO \xrightarrow{H_3O^+} PhCH_2OH$ (benzyl alcohol, primary) $\Rightarrow$ PhCH₂OH

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q#17](#)



Q18.

Solution**Concept — Bakelite: Condensation Polymerization of Phenol and Formaldehyde:**

Bakelite is one of the earliest synthetic polymers (developed by Leo Baekeland, 1907). It is formed by a step-growth (condensation) polymerization between phenol ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}$) and formaldehyde (HCHO) in the presence of an acid or base catalyst.

Step 1 — Reaction mechanism:

- The reaction is electrophilic aromatic substitution: HCHO reacts at the ortho and para positions of phenol.
- Methylene ($-\text{CH}_2-$) bridges form between phenol rings, creating a 3D cross-linked network.
- The cross-linking proceeds through both ortho and para positions, giving a highly branched 3D structure.

Step 2 — Thermosetting nature: The 3D cross-linked network structure makes Bakelite a **thermosetting polymer**. Once formed, it cannot be re-melted or reshaped (unlike thermoplastics). It has high heat resistance and mechanical strength.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (linear addition polymer, UV): Bakelite is a condensation (not addition) polymer; it is 3D cross-linked, not linear; and UV is not used.
- Option B (thermoplastic): Thermoplastics can be re-melted; Bakelite is thermosetting and permanently hardened.
- Option D (aniline + formaldehyde): Bakelite uses phenol, not aniline. (Aniline + formaldehyde gives a different condensation product.)

Final Answer: Bakelite = condensation polymer of phenol + HCHO ; thermosetting 3D cross-linked $\Rightarrow$ Option C

Answer: (C)[Go Back to Q#18](#)

Q19.

Solution**Concept — Classification of Vitamins (Fat-Soluble vs Water-Soluble):**

Category	Vitamins	Key feature
Fat-soluble	A, D, E, K	Stored in body fat/liver; excess can cause toxicity
Water-soluble	B-complex (B_1 , B_2 , B_6 , B_{12}), C	Excreted in urine; daily intake needed

Step 1 — Analyse the options:

- Vitamin A (retinol): **fat-soluble**; needed for vision and immune function.
- Vitamin D (calciferol): **fat-soluble**; regulates calcium absorption; synthesized in skin by sunlight.
- Vitamin E (tocopherol): **fat-soluble**; antioxidant; stored in adipose tissue.
- Vitamin C (ascorbic acid): **water-soluble**; antioxidant; essential for collagen synthesis; deficiency causes scurvy.

Why other options are wrong:

- Options A, B, C (Vitamins A, D, E): All are fat-soluble vitamins (the mnemonic “ADEK” helps remember fat-soluble vitamins), stored in body fat.

Final Answer: Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) is water-soluble $\Rightarrow$ Option D (Vitamin C)

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q#19](#)

Q20.

Solution

Concept — Reducing and Non-Reducing Sugars: A reducing sugar has a **free anomeric –OH group** (in the hemiacetal or hemiketal form) that can be oxidized. In sucrose, both anomeric –OH groups (from glucose C-1 and from fructose C-2) are involved in the glycosidic linkage, leaving no free anomeric –OH.

Step 1 — Examine each sugar:

- **Maltose** (glucose–glucose, α -1,4-glycoside): C-1 of one glucose is linked, but C-1 of the *other* glucose is **free** $\Rightarrow$ reducing sugar.
- **Sucrose** (glucose–fructose): C-1 of glucose is linked to C-2 of fructose (both anomeric carbons engaged) $\Rightarrow$ **NO free anomeric –OH** $\Rightarrow$ **non-reducing**



sugar.

- **Lactose** (galactose–glucose, β -1,4-glycoside): C-4 of glucose is linked; C-1 of glucose is **free** $\Rightarrow$ reducing sugar.
- **Glucose**: Has a free aldehyde group ($-\text{CHO}$) in open-chain form $\Rightarrow$ reducing sugar.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (maltose): Maltose has a free anomeric $-\text{OH}$ and IS a reducing sugar; not the answer.
- Option C (lactose): Lactose also has a free anomeric $-\text{OH}$ and IS a reducing sugar; not the answer.
- Option D (glucose): Glucose is the classic reducing sugar; not the answer.

Final Answer: Sucrose is **NOT** a reducing sugar (both anomeric OH groups are locked in the glycosidic bond) $\Rightarrow$ Option B (Sucrose)

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q#20](#)

Q21.

Solution

Concept — Counting Sigma Bonds in Ethylene: In ethylene (C_2H_4), the $\text{C}=\text{C}$ double bond consists of one σ bond and one π bond. All single bonds ($\text{C}-\text{H}$ and $\text{C}-\text{C}$ σ) are σ bonds. Only the π bond is not a σ bond.

Step 1 — Identify all bonds in C_2H_4 : Structure: $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$

- C_1-C_2 : 1 σ bond (part of the $\text{C}=\text{C}$ double bond)
- C_1-H (first H): 1 σ bond
- C_1-H (second H): 1 σ bond
- C_2-H (third H): 1 σ bond
- C_2-H (fourth H): 1 σ bond

Step 2 — Count total σ bonds:

$$\text{Total } \sigma \text{ bonds} = 1 (\text{C}-\text{C}) + 4 (\text{C}-\text{H}) = 5$$

Note: The $\text{C}=\text{C}$ also has 1 π bond, which is *not* counted as a σ bond.

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Answer: (5) [Go Back to Q#21](#)

Q22.

Solution

Concept — Stoichiometry: Mass of H_2O from H_2 Combustion: Using molar ratios from the balanced equation to convert mass of reactant to mass of product.

Step 1 — Find moles of H_2 :

$$n(\text{H}_2) = \frac{4 \text{ g}}{2 \text{ g/mol}} = 2 \text{ mol}$$

Step 2 — Apply stoichiometry: From $2 \text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$: mole ratio $\text{H}_2 : \text{H}_2\text{O} = 2 : 2 = 1 : 1$.

$$n(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 2 \text{ mol}$$

Step 3 — Convert to mass:

$$m(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 2 \text{ mol} \times 18 \text{ g/mol} = 36 \text{ g}$$

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Q23.

Solution

Concept — Mole Fraction: The mole fraction of a component is the ratio of its moles to the total moles in the mixture.

Step 1 — Set up with equal moles: Let n = moles of each component. Then:

$$\chi(\text{benzene}) = \frac{n}{n+n} = \frac{n}{2n} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.50$$

Step 2 — Convert to percentage:

$$\chi(\text{benzene}) \times 100 = 0.50 \times 100 = 50\%$$

Note: The molar masses of benzene (78 g/mol) and toluene (92 g/mol) are irrelevant.



evant here because the question specifies *equal moles* (not equal masses).

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Answer: (50) [Go Back to Q#23](#)

Q24.

Solution

Concept — Degree of Unsaturation (Index of Hydrogen Deficiency): The DoU formula for a compound with only C, H, and O is:

$$\text{DoU} = \frac{2C + 2 - H}{2}$$

Oxygen does not appear in this formula; nitrogen adds +1 per N atom; halogens count as H.

Step 1 — Identify molecular formula: Acetic acid: $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} \equiv \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2$. So $C = 2$, $H = 4$.

Step 2 — Calculate DoU:

$$\text{DoU} = \frac{2 \times 2 + 2 - 4}{2} = \frac{4 + 2 - 4}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

This corresponds to the one C=O double bond (the carbonyl in $-\text{COOH}$). There are no rings in acetic acid.

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Answer: (1) [Go Back to Q#24](#)

Q25.

Solution

Concept — Stoichiometry of Neutralization: From the balanced equation $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{CaCl}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, the mole ratio of $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ to HCl is 1 : 2.

Step 1 — Apply mole ratio:

$$n(\text{HCl}) = 2 \times n(\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2) = 2 \times 2 \text{ mol} = 4 \text{ mol}$$

$\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ is a dibasic base (furnishes 2 OH^- per formula unit), so it requires 2 mol



of HCl per mol of Ca(OH)_2 .

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Answer: (4) [Go Back to Q#25](#)

Q26.

Solution

Concept — Stoichiometry of Benzene Combustion: From $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6 + \frac{15}{2} \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 6 \text{CO}_2 + 3 \text{H}_2\text{O}$, 1 mol of benzene produces 6 mol of CO_2 .

Step 1 — Calculate moles of CO_2 :

$$n(\text{CO}_2) = 2 \text{ mol benzene} \times 6 \frac{\text{mol CO}_2}{\text{mol benzene}} = 12 \text{ mol CO}_2$$

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Answer: (12) [Go Back to Q#26](#)

Q27.

Solution

Concept — Half-Life of a First-Order Reaction: For a first-order reaction:

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k} = \frac{0.693}{k}$$

Step 1 — Substitute values:

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{0.0231 \text{ min}^{-1}} = \frac{0.693}{0.0231} = 30 \text{ min}$$

Verification: $0.0231 \times 30 = 0.693 = \ln 2 \checkmark$

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Q28.

Solution

Concept — Oxidation State Calculation in KMnO_4 : In any neutral compound, the sum of all oxidation states equals zero.

Step 1 — Set up the equation: Let OS of Mn = x . K is +1; each O is -2; there are 4 oxygen atoms.

$$\begin{aligned} (+1) + x + 4(-2) &= 0 \\ 1 + x - 8 &= 0 \implies x = +7 \end{aligned}$$

Step 2 — Verify: $(+1) + (+7) + 4(-2) = +1 + 7 - 8 = 0 \checkmark$

KMnO_4 (potassium permanganate) is a strong oxidizing agent; Mn in its highest common oxidation state of +7 explains its strong oxidizing power (it is reduced to Mn^{2+} in acid, Mn^{4+} in neutral, or Mn^{6+} in alkaline medium).

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Answer: (7) [Go Back to Q#28](#)

Q29.

Solution

Concept — Relationship between K_p and K_c : The general relation is:

$$K_p = K_c(RT)^{\Delta n}$$

where Δn is the change in moles of gaseous species (products – reactants).

Step 1 — Determine Δn : For $\text{CO(g)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(g)} \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_2\text{(g)} + \text{H}_2\text{(g)}$:

$$\Delta n = (1 + 1) - (1 + 1) = 2 - 2 = 0$$

Step 2 — Calculate K_p :

$$K_p = K_c(RT)^0 = K_c \times 1 = K_c = 2$$

When $\Delta n = 0$, $K_p = K_c$ regardless of temperature (since $(RT)^0 = 1$ for any T).

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Answer: (2) [Go Back to Q#29](#)

Q30.

Solution

Concept — Dalton's Law of Partial Pressures: For a mixture of non-reacting ideal gases in a closed container, the total pressure is the sum of the partial pressures of each component gas:

$$P_{\text{total}} = P_{\text{N}_2} + P_{\text{O}_2}$$

Step 1 — Apply Dalton's law:

$$P_{\text{total}} = 3 \text{ atm} + 5 \text{ atm} = 8 \text{ atm}$$

Each gas exerts pressure independently, as if it were the only gas in the container.

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Answer Key

Section A (MCQ):

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	A	2	C	3	D	4	B	5	C
6	A	7	D	8	B	9	C	10	A
11	D	12	B	13	C	14	A	15	D
16	B	17	A	18	C	19	D	20	B

Section B (Numerical Value):

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
21	5	22	36						
23	50	24	1						
25	4	26	12						
27	30	28	7						
29	2	30	8						

