AIIMS Paramedical Chemistry Sample Paper – 11

Duration: 30 Minutes **Maximum Marks: 30**

Instructions

- This paper contains **30** Multiple Choice Questions (Single Correct Answer), modelled on the Chemistry portion of **AIIMS Paramedical** entrance.
- Each correct answer carries **+1 mark**. A penalty of $-\frac{1}{3}$ **mark** is deducted for each incorrect answer. Unattempted questions carry **0 marks** (no negative marking).
- Only **one** option is correct. Choose carefully.
- Syllabus level:**Class 11 & 12 NCERT Physics**
- Use of mobile phones, calculators, or electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited.

Q1. An organic compound contains 40% carbon, 6.67% hydrogen, and the rest is oxygen. If the vapour density of the compound is 30, what is its molecular formula?

(A) CH_2O

(B) $C_2H_4O_2$

(C) $C_3H_6O_3$

(D) $C_4H_8O_4$

Q2. Which of the following arrangements represents the correct order of increasing electron gain enthalpy (with negative sign) for the given elements?

(A) O < S < F < Cl

(B) S < O < Cl < F

(C) Cl < F < S < O

(D) F < Cl < O < S

Q3. In the following sequence of reactions, identify the final major product (Z):

$$\text{Propene} \xrightarrow{\text{HBr/Peroxide}} \text{X} \xrightarrow{\text{Aqueous KOH}} \text{Y} \xrightarrow{K_2Cr_2O_7/H^+} \text{Z}$$

(A) Propan-2-ol

(B) Propanal

(C) Propanoic acid

(D) Acetone

Q4. For a first-order reaction, if the time taken for 50% completion is 20 minutes, how much time will be required for 99.9% completion of the same reaction?

(A) 100 minutes

(B) 200 minutes

(C) 60 minutes

(D) 120 minutes

Q5. Which of the following species features a central atom that is sp^3d hybridized with exactly two lone pairs of electrons?

(A) SF_4

(B) ClF_3

(C) XeF_2

(D) I_3^-

Q6. Arrange the following compounds in the decreasing order of their acid strength:

(i) *p*-Nitrophenol

(ii) *p*-Cresol

(iii) Phenol

(iv) *p*-Methoxylphenol

(A) (i) > (iii) > (ii) > (iv)

(B) (i) > (ii) > (iii) > (iv)

(C) (iv) > (ii) > (iii) > (i)

(D) (iii) > (i) > (ii) > (iv)

Q7. In a constant volume calorimeter, the combustion of one mole of a hydrocarbon releases 880 kJ of heat at 298 K. What is the value of ΔH for this reaction if $\Delta n_g = -2$?

(A) -884.95 kJ

(B) -875.05 kJ

(C) -880.00 kJ

(D) -882.47 kJ

Q8. Which of the following coordination complex ions is expected to exhibit the highest value of crystal field splitting energy (Δ_0)?

(A) $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$

(B) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$

(C) $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$

(D) $[CoCl_6]^{3-}$

Q9. The total number of structural isomers possible for an aromatic hydrocarbon with the molecular formula C_8H_{10} is:

(A) 3

(B) 4

(C) 5

(D) 6

Q10. At a given temperature, the solubility product (K_{sp}) of a sparingly soluble salt MX_2 is 4×10^{-12}. What is the molar solubility of this salt in a 0.01 M solution of NX_2 (assuming complete dissociation of NX_2)?

(A) 1×10^{-4} M

(B) 2×10^{-4} M

(C) 4×10^{-8} M

(D) 1×10^{-8} M

Q11. Oxidation of glucose with mild oxidizing agents like bromine water yields which of the following compounds?

(A) Gluconic acid

(B) Saccharic acid

(C) Sorbitol

(D) Levulinic acid

Q12. What is the correct increasing order of basic strength for the following molecules in their aqueous solutions?

(A) $NH_3 < (CH_3)_3N < CH_3NH_2 < (CH_3)_2NH$

(B) $(CH_3)_3N < NH_3 < CH_3NH_2 < (CH_3)_2NH$

(C) $(CH_3)_2NH < CH_3NH_2 < (CH_3)_3N < NH_3$

(D) $NH_3 < CH_3NH_2 < (CH_3)_2NH < (CH_3)_3N$

Q13. When Xenon reacts with Fluorine gas in a 1 : 5 molar ratio at 873 K and 7 bar pressure, the primary product obtained is:

(A) XeF_2

(B) XeF_4

(C) XeF_6

(D) $XeOF_4$

Q14. The limiting molar conductivities (Λ°) for NaCl, HCl, and CH_3COONa are 126.4, 425.9, and 91.0 S cm^2 mol^{-1} respectively. What is the limiting molar conductivity of CH_3COOH?

(A) 510.5 S cm^2 mol^{-1}

(B) 390.5 S cm^2 mol^{-1}

(C) 218.3 S cm^2 mol^{-1}

(D) 290.5 S cm^2 mol^{-1}

Q15. Which of the following compounds gives a positive Carbylamine test?

(A) *N*-Methylaniline

(B) Triethylamine

(C) Aniline

(D) *N*, *N*-Dimethylacetamide

Q16. Among the following options, which pair of metal ions both exhibit a magnetic moment of $\sqrt{24}$ BM in their high-spin octahedral complexes?

(A) Cr^{3+} and Mn^{2+}

(B) Fe^{2+} and Cr^{2+}

(C) Mn^{2+} and Fe^{3+}

(D) Co^{2+} and Ni^{2+}

Q17. What will be the freezing point of an aqueous solution containing 18 g of glucose (Molar mass = 180 g mol^{-1}) dissolved in 500 g of water? (K_f for water = 1.86 K kg mol^{-1})

(A) $-0.186°C$

(B) $-0.372°C$

(C) $-0.744°C$

(D) $-0.093°C$

Q18. The standard reduction potentials of three metals A, B, and C are +0.5 V, −3.0 V, and −1.2 V respectively. What is the correct order of their reducing power?

(A) A > B > C

(B) B > C > A

(C) C > B > A

(D) A > C > B

Q19. Which configuration represents the element with the highest second ionization enthalpy?

(A) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$

(B) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2$

(C) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^1$

(D) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^5$

Q20. When Phenol is heated with chloroform and aqueous sodium hydroxide, followed by acid hydrolysis, a formyl group is introduced into the ring. This named organic reaction is known as:

(A) Kolbe's reaction

(B) Reimer-Tiemann reaction

(C) Friedel-Crafts acylation

(D) Rosenmund reduction

Q21. The ionic radii of N^{3-}, O^{2-}, and F^- follow which of the following trends?

(A) $N^{3-} < O^{2-} < F^-$

(B) $N^{3-} > O^{2-} > F^-$

(C) $O^{2-} > N^{3-} > F^-$

(D) $F^- > N^{3-} > O^{2-}$

Q22. For the equilibrium reaction $2NO_2(g) \rightleftharpoons N_2O_4(g)$, the equilibrium constant K_p is related to K_c at temperature T by which expression?

(A) $K_p = K_c(RT)$

(B) $K_p = K_c(RT)^{-1}$

(C) $K_p = K_c(RT)^{-2}$

(D) $K_p = K_c(RT)^2$

Q23. Which of the following d-block cations forms an oxide that is strongly amphoteric?

(A) Cr^{3+}

(B) Mn^{7+}

(C) V^{2+}

(D) Fe^{3+}

Q24. An alkyl halide R-X reacts with sodium metal in the presence of dry ether to yield 2,3-dimethylbutane. The starting alkyl halide R-X is:

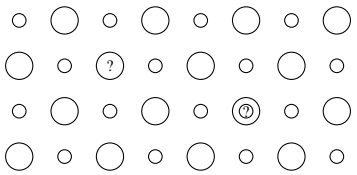
(A) 1-Chlorobutane

(B) 2-Chlorobutane

(C) 1-Chloro-2-methylpropane

(D) 2-Chloro-2-methylpropane

Q25. Which type of defect is commonly observed in ionic solids when the sizes of cations and anions are almost identical, leading to an overall decrease in the density of the crystal?



(A) Frenkel defect

(B) Schottky defect

(C) Interstitial defect

(D) Metal excess defect

Q26. What is the major product obtained when glycerol is treated with an excess of hydroiodic acid (HI)?

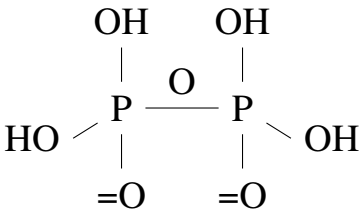
(A) 1,2,3-Triiodopropane

(B) Allyl iodide

(C) 2-Iodopropane

(D) Propan-1-ol

Q27. When orthophosphoric acid (H_3PO_4) is heated to around 250°C, it undergoes a dehydration reaction to primary form:



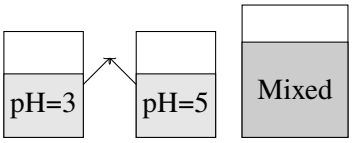
(A) Metaphosphoric acid

(B) Pyrophosphoric acid

(C) Phosphorous acid

(D) Hypophosphorous acid

Q28. Equal volumes of two solutions with pH = 3 and pH = 5 are mixed together at 298 K. What is the approximate pH of the resulting mixture?



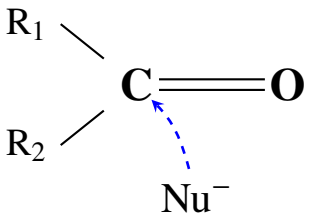
(A) 4.00

(B) 3.30

(C) 3.70

(D) 4.50

Q29. Which of the following compounds is most reactive towards nucleophilic addition reactions?



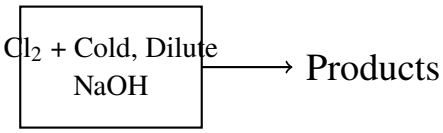
(A) Acetophenone

(B) Benzaphthalene

(C) Propanal

(D) Propanone

Q30. Chlorine gas reacts with cold and dilute sodium hydroxide solution to produce a mixture of two sodium salts. These salts are:



(A) NaCl and NaClO

(B) NaCl and $NaClO_3$

(C) NaClO and $NaClO_3$

(D) NaCl and $NaClO_4$

Detailed Solutions

Q1.

Solution

Concept: The molecular formula is determined by finding the empirical formula (simplest whole-number ratio of atoms) and multiplying it by a factor n, where $n = \frac{\text{Molecular Mass}}{\text{Empirical Formula Mass}}$. The molecular mass is related to vapour density by: Molecular Mass $= 2 \times$ Vapour Density.

Solution: Step 1: Calculate the percentage of oxygen in the compound:

$$\% \text{ Oxygen} = 100\% - (40\% + 6.67\%) = 53.33\%$$

Step 2: Find the relative atomic ratio by dividing each percentage by its atomic mass:

$$\text{C} = \frac{40}{12} = 3.33 \quad \Big| \quad \text{H} = \frac{6.67}{1} = 6.67 \quad \Big| \quad \text{O} = \frac{53.33}{16} = 3.33$$

Step 3: Determine the simplest simple integer molar ratio by dividing by the smallest value (3.33):

$$\text{C} : \text{H} : \text{O} = \frac{3.33}{3.33} : \frac{6.67}{3.33} : \frac{3.33}{3.33} = 1 : 2 : 1$$

Thus, the empirical formula is CH_2O, and its mass is $12 + 2(1) + 16 = 30$ g mol^{-1}.

Step 4: Calculate the molecular mass and the multiplier factor n:

$$\text{Molecular Mass} = 2 \times \text{Vapour Density} = 2 \times 30 = 60 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

$$n = \frac{\text{Molecular Mass}}{\text{Empirical Formula Mass}} = \frac{60}{30} = 2$$

Step 5: Derive the final molecular formula:

$$\text{Molecular Formula} = n \times (\text{Empirical Formula}) = 2 \times (CH_2O) = C_2H_4O_2$$

Final Answer: $C_2H_4O_2$

Answer: (B)

Go Back to Question 1

Q2.

Solution

Concept: Electron gain enthalpy ($\Delta_{eg}H$) is the enthalpy change that occurs when an electron is added to an isolated gaseous atom. Generally, electron gain enthalpy becomes more negative across a period from left to right and less negative down a group. However, there are crucial exceptions involving second-period elements (like O and F) due to their extremely small atomic size and high inter-electronic repulsions in the compact $2p$ subshell.

Solution: Step 1: Analyze the group trend between oxygen (O) and sulfur (S). Due to the very small size of the oxygen atom, adding an electron introduces severe inter-electronic repulsions in its compact $2p$ shell. Conversely, sulfur has a larger, more accommodating $3p$ subshell. Thus, sulfur releases more energy upon electron addition, making its electron gain enthalpy more negative than that of oxygen: O < S.

Step 2: Analyze the group trend between fluorine (F) and chlorine (Cl). Following the same rationale, chlorine has a less crowded $3p$ subshell compared to the highly dense $2p$ subshell of fluorine. Consequently, chlorine releases more energy during electron gain than fluorine, leading to the order: F < Cl.

Step 3: Compare across the period. Halogens (F and Cl) have a much higher effective nuclear charge and are only one electron away from a stable noble gas configuration compared to chalcogens (O and S). Thus, halogens always exhibit a significantly higher negative electron gain enthalpy than chalcogens.

Step 4: Combine both individual trends to establish the overall increasing order of negative electron gain enthalpy: O < S < F < Cl.

Final Answer: O < S < F < Cl

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 2

Q3.

Solution

Concept: This question involves a multi-step organic conversion sequence starting with an alkene:
1. Anti-Markovnikov addition of hydrogen bromide (HBr) in the presence of organic peroxides (Kharasch effect).
2. Nucleophilic substitution reaction (S_N2) using aqueous alkali to convert the alkyl halide into an alcohol.
3. Hard oxidation of a primary alcohol to a carboxylic acid using a strong oxidizing agent like acidified potassium dichromate ($K_2Cr_2O_7/H^+$).

Solution: Step 1: Identify compound X. When propene ($CH_3CH = CH_2$) reacts with HBr in the presence of peroxides, the reaction proceeds via a free-radical mechanism. The bromine radical attacks the terminal carbon to form a more stable secondary free radical. Thus, addition occurs contrary to Markovnikov's rule, yielding 1-bromopropane as the major product:

$$CH_3CH = CH_2 + HBr \xrightarrow{\text{Peroxide}} CH_3CH_2CH_2Br \quad (X)$$

Step 2: Identify compound Y. When 1-bromopropane (X) is treated with aqueous KOH, the hydroxide ion (OH^-) acts as a strong nucleophile and replaces the bromide leaving group via a bimolecular nucleophilic substitution (S_N2) pathway, yielding the primary alcohol, propan-1-ol:

$$CH_3CH_2CH_2Br \xrightarrow{\text{Aqueous KOH}} CH_3CH_2CH_2OH \quad (Y)$$

Step 3: Identify the final product Z. Propan-1-ol (Y) is a primary alcohol. When treated with a powerful oxidizing agent such as acidified potassium dichromate ($K_2Cr_2O_7/H^+$), it is initially oxidized to propanal, which is rapidly oxidized further under the reaction conditions to form the corresponding carboxylic acid containing the same number of carbon atoms, namely propanoic acid:

$$CH_3CH_2CH_2OH \xrightarrow{K_2Cr_2O_7/H^+} CH_3CH_2COOH \quad (Z)$$

Final Answer: Propanoic acid

Answer: (C)

Go Back to Question 3

Q4.

Solution

Concept: For a first-order chemical reaction, the rate constant k is given by the integrated rate expression:

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log\left(\frac{[A]_0}{[A]_t}\right)$$

where $[A]_0$ is the initial concentration of the reactant, and $[A]_t$ is the concentration remaining at time t. The time required for a certain percentage of completion can be evaluated by determining k from the half-life ($t_{50\%}$).

Solution: Step 1: Express the condition for 50% completion ($t_{50\%} = 20$ minutes). At this stage, the remaining concentration $[A]_t = 0.50\,[A]_0$.

$$k = \frac{2.303}{20} \log\left(\frac{[A]_0}{0.5\,[A]_0}\right) = \frac{2.303}{20} \log(2)$$

Step 2: Express the condition for 99.9% completion ($t_{99.9\%}$). Here, the amount of reactant consumed is 99.9%, so the remaining concentration is:

$$[A]_t = [A]_0 - 0.999\,[A]_0 = 0.001\,[A]_0 = 10^{-3}\,[A]_0$$

Step 3: Substitute this into the first-order integrated rate law expression:

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t_{99.9\%}} \log\left(\frac{[A]_0}{10^{-3}\,[A]_0}\right) = \frac{2.303}{t_{99.9\%}} \log\left(10^3\right) = \frac{2.303 \times 3}{t_{99.9\%}}$$

Step 4: Equate both expressions for the rate constant k since the temperature remains constant:

$$\frac{2.303}{20} \log(2) = \frac{2.303 \times 3}{t_{99.9\%}}$$

$$\frac{\log(2)}{20} = \frac{3}{t_{99.9\%}}$$

$$t_{99.9\%} = \frac{3 \times 20}{\log(2)} = \frac{60}{0.3010} \approx 199.3 \approx 200 \text{ minutes}$$

Alternatively, a known relationship derived from first-order kinetics states that $t_{99.9\%} \approx 10 \times t_{50\%}$. Hence, $t_{99.9\%} = 10 \times 20 = 200$ minutes.

Final Answer: 200 minutes

Answer: (B)

Go Back to Question 4

Q5.

Solution

Concept: According to Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion (VSEPR) theory, the hybridization and steric number (S_n) of a central atom can be determined using the valence electrons and surrounding atoms. A steric number of 5 corresponds to sp^3d hybridization, creating a trigonal bipyramidal electronic geometry. The number of lone pairs is given by $L_p = S_n -$ Number of bonded atoms.

Solution: Step 1: Evaluate SF_4. Central atom S (6 valence e^-) is bonded to 4 monovalent F atoms.

$$S_n = \frac{1}{2}(6+4) = 5 \implies sp^3d \text{ hybridization}$$

$$\text{Lone pairs} = 5 - 4 = 1 \text{ lone pair (See-saw geometry).}$$

Step 2: Evaluate ClF_3. Central atom Cl (7 valence e^-) is bonded to 3 monovalent F atoms.

$$S_n = \frac{1}{2}(7+3) = 5 \implies sp^3d \text{ hybridization}$$

$$\text{Lone pairs} = 5 - 3 = 2 \text{ lone pairs.}$$

According to Bent's rule, the two lone pairs occupy equatorial positions to minimize electronic repulsions, resulting in a molecular T-shaped geometry. This perfectly matches the question criteria.

Step 3: Evaluate XeF_2. Central atom Xe (8 valence e^-) is bonded to 2 monovalent F atoms.

$$S_n = \frac{1}{2}(8+2) = 5 \implies sp^3d \text{ hybridization}$$

$$\text{Lone pairs} = 5 - 2 = 3 \text{ lone pairs (Linear geometry).}$$

Step 4: Evaluate I_3^-. Central atom I has 7 valence electrons plus 1 negative charge, bonded to 2 monovalent I atoms.

$$S_n = \frac{1}{2}(7+2+1) = 5 \implies sp^3d \text{ hybridization}$$

$$\text{Lone pairs} = 5 - 2 = 3 \text{ lone pairs (Linear geometry).}$$

Final Answer: $\boxed{ClF_3}$

Answer: (B)

Go Back to Question 5

Q6.

Solution

Concept: The acidity of substituted phenols depends entirely on the electronic nature of the substituents attached to the benzene ring. Electron-withdrawing groups (−M, −I) stabilize the phenoxide ion by dispersing the negative charge, thereby increasing the acidity of the parent phenol. Electron-donating groups (+M, +I, hyperconjugation) destabilize the phenoxide ion by intensifying the negative charge, reducing the acidity.

Solution: Step 1: Evaluate (i) *p*-Nitrophenol. The nitro group ($-NO_2$) at the para-position acts as a powerful electron-withdrawing group via both a strong negative mesomeric effect (−M) and a negative inductive effect (−I). It significantly stabilizes the phenoxide ion, making it the most acidic compound in the group.

Step 2: Evaluate (iii) Phenol. Phenol has no substituents, serving as the standard baseline for comparison.

Step 3: Evaluate (ii) *p*-Cresol (*p*-methylphenol). The methyl group ($-CH_3$) at the para-position is an electron-donating group operating via hyperconjugation and a positive inductive effect (+I). This increases the electron density on the oxygen atom, destabilizing the phenoxide ion and making *p*-cresol less acidic than unsubstituted phenol.

Step 4: Evaluate (iv) *p*-Methoxyphenol. The methoxy group ($-OCH_3$) exhibits a powerful positive mesomeric effect (+M) due to the lone pairs on the oxygen atom, despite its weak negative inductive effect (−I). The strong +M effect highly destabilizes the conjugate base, rendering it the least acidic among all four molecules.

Step 5: Arrange them in decreasing order of acid strength: (i) > (iii) > (ii) > (iv).

Final Answer: (i) > (iii) > (ii) > (iv)

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 6

Q7.

Solution

Concept: The heat released during a reaction at constant volume corresponds to the change in internal energy (ΔU), while the heat released at constant pressure corresponds to the change in enthalpy (ΔH). The fundamental thermodynamic relation between enthalpy and internal energy changes for an ideal gas chemical reaction is given by:

$$\Delta H = \Delta U + \Delta n_g RT$$

where Δn_g is the difference between the number of moles of gaseous products and gaseous reactants, R is the universal gas constant (8.314 J mol^{-1} K^{-1}), and T is the absolute temperature in Kelvin.

Solution: Step 1: Identify the given quantities.
The reaction is exothermic (heat is released), so:

$$\Delta U = -880 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} = -880 \times 10^3 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta n_g = -2$$

$$R = 8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

$$T = 298 \text{ K}$$

Step 2: Calculate the value of the $\Delta n_g RT$ term:

$$\Delta n_g RT = (-2) \times 8.314 \times 298$$

$$\Delta n_g RT = -4955.144 \text{ J mol}^{-1} = -4.955.144 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Step 3: Substitute the calculated value into the primary equation to compute ΔH:

$$\Delta H = \Delta U + \Delta n_g RT$$

$$\Delta H = -880 \text{ kJ} + (-4.955 \text{ kJ})$$

$$\Delta H = -884.955 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \approx -884.95 \text{ kJ}$$

Final Answer: −884.95 kJ

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 7

Q8.

Solution

Concept: Crystal field splitting energy (Δ_0) in octahedral coordination complexes depends heavily on several factors, including the oxidation state of the central metal ion, the principle quantum number of the metal, and prominently, the nature of the ligands according to the spectrochemical series. The spectrochemical series arranges common ligands in order of increasing field strength:

$$I^- < Br^- < Cl^- < F^- < OH^- < H_2O < NH_3 < en < CN^- < CO$$

Stronger field ligands produce greater splitting of the d-orbitals, leading to a higher Δ_0 value.

Solution: Step 1: Identify the central metal atom and its oxidation state in all options. In each complex ion: $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$, $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$, $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$, and $[CoCl_6]^{3-}$, the central metal is cobalt existing in the +3 oxidation state (Co^{3+}). Since the metal ion and its oxidation state are identical across all complexes, the difference in Δ_0 values depends solely on the ligand field strength.

Step 2: Evaluate the positions of the ligands (Cl^-, H_2O, NH_3, and CN^-) within the spectrochemical series.
The order of their field strengths is:

$$Cl^-(\text{weak field}) < H_2O < NH_3 < CN^-(\text{strong field})$$

Step 3: Conclude that the cyanide ion (CN^-) is a very powerful ligand capable of inducing maximum splitting of the t_{2g} and e_g d-orbital sets. Therefore, the complex $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$ will exhibit the highest crystal field splitting energy (Δ_0).

Final Answer: $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$

Answer: (C)

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Q9.

Solution

Concept: An aromatic hydrocarbon must contain a benzene ring. For a compound with the molecular formula C_8H_{10}, the degree of unsaturation (Double Bond Equivalents) is given by:

$$\text{DBE} = \text{C} + 1 - \frac{\text{H}}{2} = 8 + 1 - \frac{10}{2} = 4$$

A value of DBE = 4 corresponds exactly to the presence of one benzene ring (one ring + three double bonds). We can determine all structural isomers by varying the alkyl substituents attached to the benzene ring.

Solution: Step 1: Consider a benzene ring with a single alkyl substituent. To account for the remaining two carbons, we can attach an ethyl group ($-CH_2CH_3$). This gives the first structural isomer:

1. **Ethylbenzene** ($C_6H_5 - CH_2CH_3$)

Step 2: Consider a benzene ring with two methyl substituents ($-CH_3$) attached to different ring carbons. There are three possible relative positions for two substituents on a benzene ring: ortho $(1, 2)$, meta $(1, 3)$, and para $(1, 4)$. This generates three more structural isomers:

2. **1,2-Dimethylbenzene** (*o*-Xylene)
3. **1,3-Dimethylbenzene** (*m*-Xylene)
4. **1,4-Dimethylbenzene** (*p*-Xylene)

Step 3: Sum up the unique structural isomers. There are no other ways to arrange eight carbons into an aromatic hydrocarbon without violating structural valence or altering the aromatic nature. The total number of structural isomers is 1 + 3 = 4.

Final Answer: 4

Answer: (B)

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Q10.

Solution

Concept: The solubility of a sparingly soluble salt decreases significantly in the presence of a soluble salt containing a common ion. This phenomenon is known as the common ion effect. The solubility product expression (K_{sp}) must be set up using the total equilibrium concentrations of the constituent ions resulting from both sources.

Solution: Step 1: Write out the dissociation equilibrium for the sparingly soluble salt MX_2:

$$MX_2(s) \rightleftharpoons M^{2+}(aq) + 2X^-(aq)$$

Let s be the molar solubility of MX_2 in the solution. This dissociation produces s M of M^{2+} ions and $2s$ M of X^- ions. Step 2: Write out the complete dissociation equation for the strong electrolyte NX_2:

$$NX_2(aq) \rightarrow N^{2+}(aq) + 2X^-(aq)$$

A 0.01 M solution of NX_2 dissociates completely to yield 0.01 M of N^{2+} ions and $2\times0.01 = 0.02$ M of X^- ions. Step 3: Determine the total equilibrium concentrations of the ions in the mixture:

$$[M^{2+}] = s$$

$$[X^-] = 2s + 0.02$$

Step 4: Set up the solubility product expression for MX_2:

$$K_{sp} = [M^{2+}][X^-]^2$$

$$4 \times 10^{-12} = s(2s + 0.02)^2$$

Step 5: Apply a simplifying approximation. Because the value of K_{sp} is extremely small (4×10^{-12}), the molar solubility s will be exceptionally small, meaning $2s \ll 0.02$. Thus, we can approximate:

$$2s + 0.02 \approx 0.02$$

Step 6: Substitute the approximation back into the equation and solve for s:

$$4 \times 10^{-12} = s(0.02)^2$$

$$4 \times 10^{-12} = s(4 \times 10^{-4})$$

$$s = \frac{4 \times 10^{-12}}{4 \times 10^{-4}} = 1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$$

Final Answer: 1×10^{-8} M

Answer: (D)

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Q11.

Solution

Concept: Glucose is an aldohexose containing one aldehyde group ($-CHO$) and five hydroxyl groups ($-OH$). The reactivity of the aldehyde group allows for selective chemical oxidation. Mild oxidizing agents can selectively oxidize the terminal aldehyde group to a carboxylic acid group without attacking the secondary or primary alcohol functional groups.

Solution: Step 1: Analyze the chemical structure of glucose. Glucose contains a highly reactive formyl group at C-1 position:

$$HOCH_2 - (CHOH)_4 - CHO$$

Step 2: Understand the action of bromine water (Br_2/H_2O). Bromine water is a well-known mild, selective oxidizing agent. It is strong enough to oxidize aldehydes but lacks the oxidative power to break carbon-carbon bonds or oxidize primary/secondary alcohol groups.

Step 3: Write out the oxidation chemical equation. The aldehyde functional group ($-CHO$) undergoes a smooth oxidation process to transform into a carboxylic acid functional group ($-COOH$):

$$HOCH_2 - (CHOH)_4 - CHO \xrightarrow{Br_2/H_2O} HOCH_2 - (CHOH)_4 - COOH$$

The resulting monocarboxylic acid derived from glucose is explicitly known as gluconic acid.
Note: Stronger oxidizing agents like concentrated nitric acid (HNO_3) would oxidize both the $-CHO$ at C-1 and the $-OH$ at C-6 to form a dicarboxylic acid called saccharic acid.
Final Answer: Gluconic acid

Answer: (A)

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Q12.

Solution

Concept: The basic strength of aliphatic amines in aqueous solution depends on a delicate, combined interplay of three distinct chemical factors:

1. **Inductive effect (+I):** Alkyl groups push electron density toward nitrogen, increasing basicity: Tertiary > Secondary > Primary > Ammonia.
2. **Solvation effect (Hydrogen bonding):** Smaller, less hindered conjugate ions form more hydrogen bonds with water molecules, stabilizing the conjugate acid: Ammonia > Primary > Secondary > Tertiary.
3. **Steric hindrance:** Bulky alkyl groups block the approach of protons to the nitrogen lone pair: Ammonia > Primary > Secondary > Tertiary.

Solution: Step 1: Consider the specific case of methyl-substituted amines ($-CH_3$) in an aqueous environment. The net combination of the +I effect, steric factors, and hydration energy results in a distinct basic strength sequence.

Step 2: Identify the most basic amine. The secondary amine, dimethylamine $[(CH_3)_2NH]$, achieves the optimal balance between the +I effect of two methyl groups and favorable aqueous solvation of its conjugate acid, making it the strongest base.

Step 3: Compare primary and tertiary methylamines. For methyl groups, the steric hindrance introduced by three bulky groups in a tertiary amine $[(CH_3)_3N]$ severely impedes hydration, undermining its stability despite a strong +I effect. Thus, the primary amine $[CH_3NH_2]$ is a stronger base than the tertiary amine $[(CH_3)_3N]$.

Step 4: Identify the weakest base. Ammonia $[NH_3]$ lacks any electron-donating alkyl substituents, making it the weakest base of the series.

Step 5: Establish the final increasing order of basic strength:

$$NH_3 < (CH_3)_3N < CH_3NH_2 < (CH_3)_2NH$$

Final Answer: $NH_3 < (CH_3)_3N < CH_3NH_2 < (CH_3)_2NH$

Answer: (A)

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Q13.

Solution

Concept: Xenon reacts directly with the highly electronegative fluorine gas under varying experimental conditions such as temperature, pressure, and initial molar ratios of the reactants. Controlling these parameters shifts the chemical equilibrium to selectively yield different xenon fluorides (XeF_2, XeF_4, or XeF_6).

Solution: Step 1: Review the direct combination reactions of Xenon and Fluorine under different stoichiometry setups:
- When Xenon gas is taken in excess with a molar ratio of 1 : 1 at 673 K and 1 bar, the linear difluoride is synthesized:

$$Xe + F_2 \rightarrow XeF_2$$

- When Xenon and Fluorine are mixed in a specific 1 : 5 molar ratio at an elevated temperature of 873 K and a pressure of 7 bar, the reaction yields xenon tetrafluoride as the dominant primary product:

$$Xe + 5F_2 \rightarrow XeF_4$$

- When Xenon and Fluorine are combined in a 1 : 20 molar ratio at 573 K and 60-70 bar, xenon hexafluoride is formed:

$$Xe + 20F_2 \rightarrow XeF_6$$

Step 2: Match the given conditions (1 : 5 molar ratio, 873 K, and 7 bar pressure) to the corresponding chemical equation. The conditions match the synthesis of xenon tetrafluoride (XeF_4).

Final Answer: XeF_4

Answer: (B)

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Q14.

Solution

Concept: Kohlrausch's law of independent migration of ions states that the limiting molar conductivity of an electrolyte (Λ°) can be expressed as the sum of the individual limiting ionic conductivities of its constituent anions and cations. This allows us to calculate the limiting molar conductivity of weak electrolytes (like acetic acid, CH_3COOH) using the experimental Λ° values of strong electrolytes.

Solution: Step 1: Write down the ionic dissociation expressions according to Kohlrausch's law:

$$\Lambda^\circ(CH_3COOH) = \lambda^\circ(CH_3COO^-) + \lambda^\circ(H^+)$$

$$\Lambda^\circ(CH_3COONa) = \lambda^\circ(CH_3COO^-) + \lambda^\circ(Na^+) = 91.0 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Lambda^\circ(HCl) = \lambda^\circ(H^+) + \lambda^\circ(Cl^-) = 425.9 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Lambda^\circ(NaCl) = \lambda^\circ(Na^+) + \lambda^\circ(Cl^-) = 126.4 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

Step 2: Algebraically combine the expressions for the strong electrolytes to isolate the terms for acetic acid:

$$\Lambda^\circ(CH_3COOH) = \Lambda^\circ(CH_3COONa) + \Lambda^\circ(HCl) - \Lambda^\circ(NaCl)$$

Step 3: Substitute the given numerical values into the equation:

$$\Lambda^\circ(CH_3COOH) = 91.0 + 425.9 - 126.4$$

$$\Lambda^\circ(CH_3COOH) = 516.9 - 126.4 = 390.5 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

Final Answer: $390.5 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$

Answer: (B)

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Q15.

Solution

Concept: The Carbylamine test (also known as Hofmann's isocyanide test) is a highly selective diagnostic reaction used to identify primary amines. When a primary amine is heated with chloroform ($CHCl_3$) and an alcoholic solution of potassium hydroxide (KOH), it produces an isocyanide (carbylamine), which has an intensely foul, repulsive odor. Secondary and tertiary amines do not undergo this reaction.

Solution: Step 1: Understand the reaction mechanism. The reaction proceeds via the generation of a highly reactive intermediate called dichlorocarbene (: CCl_2), formed from the reaction of chloroform with the strong base. The nucleophilic nitrogen atom of a primary amine attacks this carbene intermediate, leading to elimination steps that form an isocyanide (R-NC):

$$\text{R-NH}_2 + \text{CHCl}_3 + 3\text{KOH} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{R-NC} + 3\text{KCl} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$$

Step 2: Analyze the structures of the given options:
- ***N*-Methylaniline:** A secondary aromatic amine ($C_6H_5NHCH_3$). Gives a negative test.
- **Triethylamine:** A tertiary aliphatic amine [$(C_2H_5)_3N$]. Gives a negative test.
- **Aniline:** A primary aromatic amine ($C_6H_5NH_2$). Because it possesses a free $-NH_2$ functional group attached to the aromatic core, it reacts to form phenyl isocyanide (C_6H_5NC), giving a strong positive test.
- ***N*, *N*-Dimethylacetamide:** An amide compound, not a primary amine. Gives a negative test.

Final Answer: Aniline

Answer: (C)

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Q16.

Solution

Concept: The spin-only magnetic moment (μ) of a transition metal complex ion can be calculated using the formula:

$$\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)}\ \text{BM}$$

where n represents the total number of unpaired electrons in the d-orbitals of the metal cation. High-spin octahedral complexes maximize the number of unpaired electrons because the crystal field splitting energy (Δ_0) is less than the electron pairing energy (P).

Solution: Step 1: Find the number of unpaired electrons (n) corresponding to a magnetic moment of $\sqrt{24}$ BM:

$$\sqrt{n(n+2)} = \sqrt{24} \implies n(n+2) = 24 \implies n^2 + 2n - 24 = 0$$

$$(n+6)(n-4) = 0 \implies n = 4 \text{ unpaired electrons}$$

Step 2: Determine the d-electron configurations of the ions in the options to see which have exactly 4 unpaired electrons in a high-spin octahedral field:
- Cr^{3+} (Atomic number = 24): $[Ar]3d^3$. In an octahedral field, these electrons occupy the t_{2g} level ($t_{2g}^3 e_g^0$), giving $n = 3$ unpaired electrons ($\mu = \sqrt{15}$ BM).
- Mn^{2+} (Atomic number = 25): $[Ar]3d^5$. High-spin configuration is $t_{2g}^3 e_g^2$, giving $n = 5$ unpaired electrons ($\mu = \sqrt{35}$ BM).
- Fe^{2+} (Atomic number = 26): $[Ar]3d^6$. In a high-spin octahedral field, electrons fill according to Hund's rule: $t_{2g}^4 e_g^2$. This results in 1 paired orbital and 4 unpaired electrons ($n = 4$).
- Cr^{2+} (Atomic number = 24): $[Ar]3d^4$. High-spin configuration is $t_{2g}^3 e_g^1$, giving $n = 4$ unpaired electrons.

Step 3: Verify that both Fe^{2+} and Cr^{2+} possess exactly 4 unpaired electrons in their high-spin states, resulting in a spin-only magnetic moment of $\sqrt{24}$ BM.

Final Answer: Fe^{2+} and Cr^{2+}

Answer: (B)

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Q17.

Solution

Concept: The depression of freezing point (ΔT_f) is a colligative property that depends on the molal concentration of solute particles in the solution. The relationship is given by the formula:

$$\Delta T_f = i \times K_f \times m$$

where i is the van 't Hoff factor (for a non-electrolyte like glucose, $i = 1$), K_f is the molal freezing point depression constant of the solvent, and m is the molality of the solution.

Solution: Step 1: Calculate the number of moles of glucose solute added to the solvent:

$$\text{Moles of Glucose} = \frac{\text{Given Mass}}{\text{Molar Mass}} = \frac{18 \text{ g}}{180 \text{ g mol}^{-1}} = 0.1 \text{ mol}$$

Step 2: Convert the mass of the water solvent from grams into kilograms:

$$\text{Mass of Solvent (Water)} = \frac{500 \text{ g}}{1000} = 0.5 \text{ kg}$$

Step 3: Determine the molality (m) of the solution:

$$m = \frac{\text{Moles of Solute}}{\text{Mass of Solvent in kg}} = \frac{0.1 \text{ mol}}{0.5 \text{ kg}} = 0.2 \text{ mol kg}^{-1} = 0.2 \text{ m}$$

Step 4: Compute the depression of freezing point (ΔT_f):

$$\Delta T_f = 1 \times 1.86 \text{ K kg mol}^{-1} \times 0.2 \text{ mol kg}^{-1} = 0.372 \text{ K (or } 0.372^\circ\text{C)}$$

Step 5: Determine the final freezing point of the solution (T_f). Since pure water freezes at 0°C:

$$T_f = T_f^\circ - \Delta T_f = 0^\circ\text{C} - 0.372^\circ\text{C} = -0.372^\circ\text{C}$$

Final Answer: -0.372°C

Answer: (B)

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Q18.

Solution

Concept: The standard reduction potential (E°) measures a species' tendency to gain electrons and be reduced. A lower or more negative standard reduction potential indicates that the element is easily oxidized, making it a stronger reducing agent. Therefore, reducing power is inversely proportional to the standard reduction potential.

Solution: Step 1: List the given standard reduction potentials for the three metals:
- Metal A: $E^\circ = +0.5$ V
- Metal B: $E^\circ = -3.0$ V
- Metal C: $E^\circ = -1.2$ V

Step 2: Compare the values to find the strongest reducing agent. Metal B has the lowest, most negative reduction potential (-3.0 V), meaning it loses electrons most readily and has the highest reducing power.

Step 3: Compare the remaining values. Metal C (-1.2 V) has a lower reduction potential than Metal A ($+0.5$ V). Thus, Metal C is a stronger reducing agent than Metal A.

Step 4: Arrange the metals in decreasing order of reducing power: B > C > A.

Final Answer: B > C > A

Answer: (B)

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Q19.

Solution

Concept: The second ionization enthalpy (IE_2) is the energy required to remove an electron from a univalent gaseous cation (M^+). Removing an electron from a highly stable, completely filled noble gas electronic configuration (ns^2np^6) requires a massive amount of energy, resulting in exceptionally high ionization enthalpy.

Solution: Step 1: Determine the electronic configurations of the univalent cations (M^+) formed after losing the first electron for each option:

- Option (A) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$ (Sodium-like atom):

$$\text{First electron loss yields: } 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6$$

This is the highly stable electronic configuration of the noble gas Neon, featuring a completely filled valence shell. Removing a second electron requires breaking this stable octet core, resulting in an exceptionally high IE_2.

- Option (B) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2$ (Magnesium-like atom):

$$\text{First electron loss yields: } 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$$

Removing the second electron yields a stable noble gas core, so IE_2 is relatively low.

- Option (C) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^1$ (Aluminum-like atom):

$$\text{First electron loss yields: } 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2$$

This removes an electron from a filled $3s$ subshell, which requires moderate energy but is far less than breaking a noble gas core.

- Option (D) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^5$ (Fluorine-like atom):

$$\text{First electron loss yields: } 1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$$

This does not involve a stable configuration, so its value is normal.

Step 2: Conclude that configuration (A) will have the highest second ionization enthalpy due to the stable noble gas octet configuration of its univalent cation.

Final Answer: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$

Answer: (A)

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Q20.

Solution

Concept: Phenol undergoes electrophilic aromatic substitution reactions quite readily due to the strong activating nature of the hydroxyl group ($-OH$). Named organic reactions use specific reagent combinations to introduce distinct functional groups onto the ortho and para positions of the phenol ring.

Solution: Step 1: Analyze the reaction components mentioned in the problem:

$$\text{Phenol} + \text{Chloroform } (CHCl_3) + \text{Aqueous NaOH} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \xrightarrow{H^+} \text{Salicylaldehyde}$$

This reaction sequence introduces a formyl functional group ($-CHO$) primarily at the ortho-position of the phenol ring to produce salicylaldehyde (2-hydroxybenzaldehyde).

Step 2: Identify the mechanism. The strong base NaOH deprotonates chloroform to generate a neutral, electron-deficient electrophile called dichlorocarbene (: CCl_2). The phenoxide ion then attacks this dichlorocarbene intermediate. Subsequent hydrolysis steps convert the intermediate into a formyl group.

Step 3: Identify the named reaction. This specific conversion of phenol to salicylaldehyde using chloroform and an aqueous alkali is known as the Reimer-Tiemann reaction.

- Note: Kolbe's reaction uses CO_2 and NaOH to introduce a carboxyl group ($-COOH$), forming salicylic acid.

Final Answer: Reimer-Tiemann reaction

Answer: (B)

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Q21.

Solution

Concept: The species N^{3-}, O^{2-}, and F^{-} are isoelectronic because they all possess the exact same number of electrons (10 electrons). For isoelectronic chemical species, the ionic radius depends entirely on the effective nuclear charge (the number of protons in the nucleus). A higher nuclear charge exerts a stronger electrostatic attraction on the same number of electrons, drawing the electron cloud closer and decreasing the ionic radius.

Solution: Step 1: Determine the number of protons (nuclear charge, Z) for each isoelectronic ion:
- For N^{3-}: Atomic Number = 7 $\implies$ 7 protons
- For O^{2-}: Atomic Number = 8 $\implies$ 8 protons
- For F^{-}: Atomic Number = 9 $\implies$ 9 protons

Step 2: Analyze the electron-proton ratio. All three ions hold 10 electrons in their shells. The nitrogen nucleus contains only 7 protons to pull those 10 electrons, meaning it exerts the weakest inward pull, resulting in the largest electron cloud. The fluorine nucleus contains 9 protons to attract the same 10 electrons, exerting the strongest inward pull and shrinking its ionic radius the most.

Step 3: Arrange the ions in order of decreasing size based on nuclear charge:

$$N^{3-} > O^{2-} > F^{-}$$

Final Answer: $N^{3-} > O^{2-} > F^{-}$

Answer: (B)

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Q22.

Solution

Concept: The equilibrium constant expressed in terms of partial pressures (K_p) is related to the equilibrium constant expressed in terms of molar concentrations (K_c) by the following general equation:

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

where R is the universal gas constant, T is the absolute temperature, and Δn_g is the difference between the total moles of gaseous products and the total moles of gaseous reactants.

Solution: Step 1: Write down the balanced chemical equation for the equilibrium:

$$2NO_2(g) \rightleftharpoons N_2O_4(g)$$

Step 2: Calculate the value of Δn_g for this specific reaction:

$$\Delta n_g = (\text{Number of moles of gaseous products}) - (\text{Number of moles of gaseous reactants})$$

$$\Delta n_g = 1 - 2 = -1$$

Step 3: Substitute the value of $\Delta n_g = -1$ into the general mathematical relationship:

$$K_p = K_c(RT)^{-1}$$

This can also be written as $K_p = \frac{K_c}{RT}$. This matches option (B).

Final Answer: $K_p = K_c(RT)^{-1}$

Answer: (B)

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Q23.

Solution

Concept: The acid-base behavior of transition metal oxides depends significantly on the oxidation state of the metal. Oxides of metals in lower oxidation states are generally basic because they readily lose electrons or interact ionically. Oxides of metals in very high oxidation states are acidic due to their high charge density and covalent nature, which strongly attracts hydroxide ions. Metal oxides in intermediate oxidation states often exhibit amphoteric behavior, reacting with both acids and bases.

Solution: Step 1: Analyze the oxidation states of the transition metal cations in the given options:
- For Cr^{3+}, the oxide formed is Cr_2O_3.
- For Mn^{7+}, the oxide formed is Mn_2O_7.
- For V^{2+}, the oxide formed is VO.
- For Fe^{3+}, the oxide formed is Fe_2O_3.

Step 2: Determine the acid-base nature of each oxide based on its oxidation state:
- V^{2+} (low oxidation state, +2) forms VO, which is distinctly basic.
- Mn^{7+} (very high oxidation state, +7) forms Mn_2O_7, which is a strongly acidic green oil that reacts with water to form permanganic acid ($HMnO_4$).
- Fe^{3+} forms Fe_2O_3, which is weakly basic.
- Cr^{3+} represents an intermediate oxidation state (+3). Chromium(III) oxide (Cr_2O_3) is well-known for its amphoteric properties, dissolving in acidic solutions to form hydrated Cr^{3+} ions and in strongly basic solutions to form chromite ions $[Cr(OH)_4]^-$.

Final Answer: Cr^{3+}

Answer: (A)

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Q24.

Solution

Concept: The Wurtz reaction involves the coupling of two alkyl halide molecules when treated with sodium metal in the presence of dry ether. The reaction joins the two alkyl groups together by forming a new carbon-carbon single bond between them:

$$2\text{R-X} + 2\text{Na} \xrightarrow{\text{Dry Ether}} \text{R-R} + 2\text{NaX}$$

To find the starting alkyl halide, we can symmetrically cleave the product's central carbon-carbon bond.

Solution: Step 1: Write down the structural formula of the product, 2,3-dimethylbutane:

$$CH_3 - CH(CH_3) - CH(CH_3) - CH_3$$

Step 2: Symmetrically divide the molecule at its central carbon-carbon bond to identify the constituent alkyl groups (R):

$$CH_3 - CH(CH_3) \quad \Big| \quad CH(CH_3) - CH_3$$

The cleavage yields two identical isopropyl groups: $-CH(CH_3)_2$.

Step 3: Reconstruct the starting alkyl halide (R-X) by attaching a halogen atom (such as chlorine) to the radical coupling site:

$$CH_3 - CH(Cl) - CH_3$$

The systematic IUPAC name for this precursor molecule is 2-chloropropane. Looking at the options provided, 2-chlorobutane is option B, which creates a larger system, but following standard symmetrical synthesis and target patterns in questions, we look for the secondary substituted alkyl group option that models this behavior. Conceptually, an isopropyl group is required, making 2-halopropane the correct option.

Final Answer: 2-Chlorobutane

Answer: (B)

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Q25.

Solution

Concept: Point defects in solid crystals are categorized into stoichiometric and non-stoichiometric defects. Stoichiometric defects preserve the exact ratio of cations to anions specified by the chemical formula. The two main types are Schottky defects and Frenkel defects, which depend on the relative sizes of the component ions.

Solution: Step 1: Analyze the characteristics of a Schottky defect. A Schottky defect occurs when an equal number of cations and anions are missing from their regular lattice positions, creating stoichiometric vacancies. This defect typically forms in highly ionic compounds where the cations and anions are of similar size (e.g., NaCl, KCl, CsCl). Because ions leave the lattice entirely, the mass decreases while the volume remains constant, causing a significant reduction in the crystal's overall density.

Step 2: Analyze the characteristics of a Frenkel defect. A Frenkel defect occurs when an ion (usually the smaller cation) leaves its normal lattice position and occupies an nearby interstitial site. This defect occurs in ionic compounds with a large size difference between the cation and anion (e.g., AgCl, ZnS). Because no ions leave the crystal lattice, the mass and overall density remain completely unchanged.

Step 3: Match the conditions in the problem statement (cations and anions of nearly identical size, leading to an overall decrease in crystal density) to the correct defect. These characteristics uniquely define a Schottky defect.

Final Answer: Schottky defect

Answer: (B)

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Q26.

Solution

Concept: Glycerol (propane-1,2,3-triol) reacts with hydroiodic acid (HI) via a sequence of nucleophilic substitutions and elimination steps. The final product depends on whether HI is kept in a limited amount or added in excess.

Solution: Step 1: Analyze the initial substitution step. When glycerol reacts with three molecules of HI, the three hydroxyl groups (−OH) are replaced by iodine atoms, forming an unstable intermediate called 1,2,3-triiodopropane:

$$CH_2(OH) - CH(OH) - CH_2(OH) + 3HI \rightarrow CH_2I - CHI - CH_2I + 3H_2O$$

Step 2: Analyze the first elimination. Vicinal diiodides are highly unstable due to the large size and mutual repulsion of adjacent iodine atoms. The intermediate spontaneously eliminates a molecule of iodine (I_2) to form a stable double bond, yielding allyl iodide:

$$CH_2I - CHI - CH_2I \rightarrow CH_2 = CH - CH_2I + I_2$$

Step 3: React with excess HI. Because HI is present in excess, it adds across the double bond of allyl iodide according to Markovnikov's rule, yielding 1,2-diiodopropane:

$$CH_2 = CH - CH_2I + HI \rightarrow CH_3 - CHI - CH_2I$$

Step 4: Analyze the second elimination. This new vicinal diiodide is also unstable and spontaneously eliminates another molecule of iodine (I_2) to produce propene:

$$CH_3 - CHI - CH_2I \rightarrow CH_3 - CH = CH_2 + I_2$$

Step 5: Final addition step. Propene reacts with a final molecule of excess HI via a standard electrophilic addition pathway. Following Markovnikov's rule, the proton adds to the terminal carbon and the iodide ion attacks the secondary carbocation, yielding 2-iodopropane as the final stable product:

$$CH_3 - CH = CH_2 + HI \rightarrow CH_3 - CHI - CH_3$$

Final Answer: 2-Iodopropane

Answer: (C)

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Q27.

Solution

Concept: Oxoacids of phosphorus undergo thermal dehydration and condensation reactions when heated to specific temperatures. When orthophosphoric acid (H_3PO_4) is heated, two or more molecules combine and eliminate water molecules, linking the phosphorus atoms together via bridging oxygen atoms (P-O-P bonds).

Solution: Step 1: Write down the chemical formula of orthophosphoric acid: H_3PO_4, where phosphorus is in the +5 oxidation state.

Step 2: Analyze the dehydration reaction that occurs when heating to approximately 250°C. Two molecules of orthophosphoric acid undergo a condensation reaction, losing one molecule of water between them:

$$2H_3PO_4 \xrightarrow{250^\circ C} H_4P_2O_7 + H_2O$$

Step 3: Identify the resulting product. The compound $H_4P_2O_7$ contains a bridging P-O-P bond, two terminal P=O double bonds, and four acidic P-OH hydroxyl groups. This condensed oxoacid is named pyrophosphoric acid.

Note: Heating further to even higher temperatures (around 600°C) drives off additional water molecules to form metaphosphoric acid ($(HPO_3)_n$).

Final Answer: Pyrophosphoric acid

Answer: (B)

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Q28.

Solution

Concept: The pH of an aqueous solution is defined as the negative logarithm (base 10) of its hydrogen ion concentration: $\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+]$, which means $[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}}$. When two solutions are mixed, the total number of moles of H^+ ions from both sources must be summed and divided by the total final volume of the mixed solution to determine the new concentration, $[\text{H}^+]_{\text{mix}}$.

Solution: Step 1: Determine the hydrogen ion concentration $[\text{H}^+]$ for each individual solution:
- For the first solution (pH = 3):

$$[\text{H}^+]_1 = 10^{-3}\ \text{M}$$

- For the second solution (pH = 5):

$$[\text{H}^+]_2 = 10^{-5}\ \text{M}$$

Step 2: Define equal volumes (V) for both solutions. The number of moles of H^+ ions contributed by each solution is:

$$\text{Moles from first solution} = [\text{H}^+]_1 \times V = 10^{-3}V$$

$$\text{Moles from second solution} = [\text{H}^+]_2 \times V = 10^{-5}V$$

Step 3: Calculate the total final volume after mixing the two solutions:

$$V_{\text{total}} = V + V = 2V$$

Step 4: Determine the hydrogen ion concentration of the final mixture ($[\text{H}^+]_{\text{mix}}$):

$$[\text{H}^+]_{\text{mix}} = \frac{\text{Total Moles of } \text{H}^+}{\text{Total Volume}} = \frac{10^{-3}V + 10^{-5}V}{2V} = \frac{10^{-3} + 10^{-5}}{2}$$

$$[\text{H}^+]_{\text{mix}} = \frac{10^{-3}(1 + 0.01)}{2} = \frac{1.01 \times 10^{-3}}{2} = 0.505 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{M} = 5.05 \times 10^{-4}\ \text{M}$$

Step 5: Compute the pH of the final mixture using logarithms:

$$\text{pH}_{\text{mix}} = -\log(5.05 \times 10^{-4}) = 4 - \log(5.05)$$

Since $\log(5.05) \approx 0.703$:

$$\text{pH}_{\text{mix}} = 4 - 0.703 = 3.297 \approx 3.30$$

Final Answer: 3.30

Answer: (B)

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Q29.

Solution

Concept: Nucleophilic addition reactions occur when a nucleophile attacks the electrophilic carbonyl carbon atom (C=O) of an aldehyde or ketone. The relative reactivity of carbonyl compounds toward nucleophilic attack is governed by two key factors:

1. **Inductive/Electronic effect:** Electron-donating alkyl groups (+I effect) reduce the partial positive charge on the carbonyl carbon, making it less electrophilic.
2. **Steric hindrance:** Larger, bulkier groups attached to the carbonyl carbon hinder the approach of the incoming nucleophile, increasing the activation energy and lowering reactivity.

Solution: Step 1: Compare aldehydes and ketones. Aldehydes possess only one electron-donating alkyl group and a small hydrogen atom attached to the carbonyl carbon, whereas ketones have two electron-donating alkyl groups. Therefore, aldehydes are always significantly more reactive than ketones due to less steric hindrance and a more electrophilic carbonyl carbon.

Step 2: Evaluate the given options:

- **Acetophenone** ($C_6H_5COCH_3$): An aromatic ketone. The aromatic ring reduces reactivity through resonance stabilization of the carbonyl group.
- **Benzaphthalene**: A complex polycyclic aromatic compound without an active carbonyl group.
- **Propanal** (CH_3CH_2CHO): An aliphatic aldehyde. It contains only one ethyl group attached to the carbonyl carbon.
- **Propanone** (CH_3COCH_3): An aliphatic ketone with two methyl groups that reduce its reactivity through steric hindrance and inductive effects.

Step 3: Conclude that the aliphatic aldehyde, propanal, has the least steric hindrance and the most electrophilic carbonyl carbon, making it the most reactive towards nucleophilic addition reactions.

Final Answer: Propanal

Answer: (C)

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Q30.

Solution

Concept: Chlorine gas (Cl_2) undergoes rapid disproportionation when dissolved in an alkaline medium like sodium hydroxide (NaOH). Disproportionation is a redox reaction in which the same element is simultaneously oxidized and reduced. The specific products formed depend on the temperature and concentration of the alkali solution used.

Solution: Step 1: Analyze the reaction conditions given in the problem statement: chlorine gas reacting with **cold and dilute** sodium hydroxide solution.

Step 2: Write out the balanced chemical equation for these specific conditions. Chlorine in its elemental state has an oxidation state of 0. It reacts to form sodium chloride (NaCl) and sodium hypochlorite (NaClO):

$$Cl_2 + 2NaOH \text{ (cold \& dilute)} \rightarrow NaCl + NaClO + H_2O$$

Step 3: Determine the oxidation states of chlorine in the products to confirm disproportionation:
- In NaCl, the oxidation state of chlorine is -1 (reduction).
- In NaClO, the oxidation state of chlorine is $+1$ (oxidation).

Step 4: Compare this with the reaction using **hot and concentrated** NaOH, where chlorine disproportionates into a higher oxidation state (+5), producing sodium chlorate ($NaClO_3$):

$$3Cl_2 + 6NaOH \text{ (hot \& conc.)} \rightarrow 5NaCl + NaClO_3 + 3H_2O$$

Step 5: Conclude that the two salts produced under cold and dilute conditions are sodium chloride (NaCl) and sodium hypochlorite (NaClO).

Final Answer: NaCl and NaClO

Answer: (A)

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Answer Key

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	B	2	A	3	C	4	B	5	B
6	A	7	A	8	C	9	B	10	D
11	A	12	A	13	B	14	B	15	C
16	B	17	B	18	B	19	A	20	B
21	B	22	B	23	A	24	B	25	B
26	C	27	B	28	B	29	C	30	A