

IIT JAM 2026 Chemistry

Question Paper with Solutions

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General Instructions

- (i) The examination was conducted in Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode.
- (ii) There were 60 questions in total: 30 MCQs, 10 MSQs, and 20 NATs amounting to 100 marks and Negative marking is applicable only for MCQs.
- (iii) Duration of the exam is 3 hour (180 minutes).

Section A

Q.1 Q.10 Carry ONE mark each.

1. The molecule that gets inter-converted into its enantiomer, upon ring flipping in its chair conformation, is _____.

- (A) cis-1,2-dimethylcyclohexane
- (B) cis-1,3-dimethylcyclohexane
- (C) cis-1,4-dimethylcyclohexane
- (D) trans-1,2-dimethylcyclohexane

Correct Answer: (A) cis-1,2-dimethylcyclohexane

Solution:

Step 1: Understand ring flipping in cyclohexane.

In chair conformation, ring flipping converts axial bonds into equatorial bonds and vice versa. However, the relative positions (cis/trans) remain unchanged.

Step 2: Condition for enantiomer formation.

A molecule forms its enantiomer upon ring flipping only if the flipped structure becomes a non-superimposable mirror image i.e., chirality is generated

Step 3: Analyze each option.

cis-1,2-dimethylcyclohexane

On ring flipping, axial and equatorial positions interchange leading to a mirror image configuration. Thus, it forms its enantiomer

cis-1,3-dimethylcyclohexane

This has symmetry and remains identical after flipping

cis-1,4-dimethylcyclohexane

Possesses plane of symmetry, so no enantiomer is formed

trans-1,2-dimethylcyclohexane

Does not produce a mirror image on flipping

Step 4: Conclusion.

cis-1,2-dimethylcyclohexane

Quick Tip: Only those cyclohexane derivatives form enantiomers on ring flip which lose symmetry and become chiral after axialequatorial interchange

2. In DNA, the number of hydrogen bonds that hold each adenine-thymine base pair and each guanine-cytosine base pair, respectively, are ____.

- (A) 3 and 3
- (B) 2 and 2
- (C) 2 and 3
- (D) 3 and 2

Correct Answer: (C) 2 and 3

Solution:

Step 1: Recall base pairing in DNA.

In DNA, nitrogenous bases pair specifically as per complementary base pairing rules. Adenine pairs with thymine, and guanine pairs with cytosine.

Step 2: Hydrogen bonds in AT pair.

Adenine (A) and thymine (T) are held together by two hydrogen bonds.

Step 3: Hydrogen bonds in GC pair.

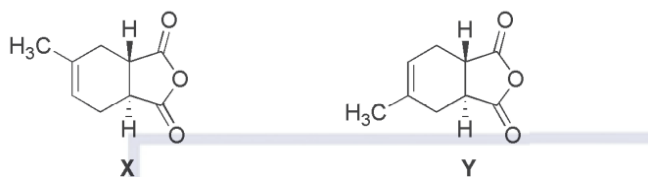
Guanine (G) and cytosine (C) are held together by three hydrogen bonds.

Step 4: Conclusion.

2 and 3

Quick Tip: Remember: AT has 2 hydrogen bonds, while GC has 3 hydrogen bonds. This makes GC pairs more stable.

3. The correct relationship between the molecules X and Y is that, they are ____.



- (A) regioisomers
- (B) diastereomers
- (C) enantiomers
- (D) identical molecules

Correct Answer: (B) diastereomers

Solution:

Step 1: Identify stereocenters.

Both molecules X and Y contain multiple stereocenters (chiral centers) in the ring system. Thus, stereoisomerism is possible.

Step 2: Compare spatial arrangement.

On comparing X and Y, we observe that the configuration at one or more stereocenters is different, but not all stereocenters are inverted.

Step 3: Apply definition.

Enantiomers → All stereocenters inverted (mirror images)

Diastereomers → Some but not all stereocenters differ

Since X and Y are not mirror images of each other but differ in configuration at certain stereocenters, they are diastereomers

Step 4: Eliminate other options.

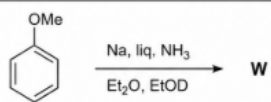
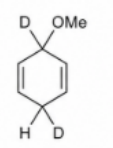
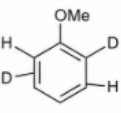
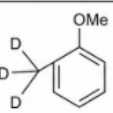
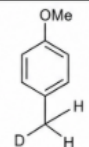
Regioisomers differ in position of functional groups, which is not the case here. Identical molecules would have same configuration at all centers

Step 5: Conclusion.

diastereomers

Quick Tip: If all chiral centers are inverted → enantiomers. If only some are inverted → diastereomers

4. The major product W formed in the following reaction is

	
(A)	
(B)	
(C)	
(D)	

- (A) A
- (B) B
- (C) C
- (D) D

Correct Answer: (B) B

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the reaction.

The given reaction uses Na in liquid NH_3 , followed by EtOD. This is a Birch reduction reaction.

Step 2: Effect of methoxy group.

Anisole contains a methoxy group, which is an electron-donating group. In Birch reduction of anisole, the double bond remains attached to the carbon bearing the methoxy group.

Step 3: Role of EtOD.

EtOD acts as the deuterium source. Therefore, the positions where protonation normally occurs will receive deuterium instead of hydrogen.

Step 4: Product formation.

In anisole, Birch reduction gives a non-conjugated cyclohexadiene product. The deuterium atoms are incorporated at the reduced carbon positions, giving the product shown in option (B).

Step 5: Conclusion.

B

Quick Tip: In Birch reduction of anisole, the methoxy-substituted carbon remains part of a double bond, and deuterium from EtOD is added at the reduced positions

5. Ellingham diagram is a plot of _____.

- (A) $\Delta_f H^\circ$ versus temperature
- (B) $\Delta_r G^\circ$ versus time
- (C) $\Delta_r G^\circ$ versus temperature
- (D) $\Delta_f H^\circ$ versus time

Correct Answer: (C) $\Delta_r G^\circ$ versus temperature

Solution:

Step 1: Understand Ellingham diagram.

Ellingham diagram is used in metallurgy to study the feasibility of reduction of metal oxides. It represents thermodynamic stability of compounds.

Step 2: Key parameter plotted.

The diagram plots standard Gibbs free energy change ($\Delta_r G^\circ$) of formation of oxides against temperature.

Step 3: Purpose of the graph.

It helps determine whether a reducing agent can reduce a metal oxide based on the position of lines in the graph. Lower $\Delta_r G^\circ$ indicates more stable oxide.

Step 4: Conclusion.

$\Delta_r G^\circ$ versus temperature

Quick Tip: Ellingham diagram always uses Gibbs free energy vs temperature, not enthalpy or time

6. The major product formed from the reaction between B_2H_6 and two equivalents of NH_3 at $300^\circ C$ is _____.

- (A) $BH_3 \cdot NH_3$
- (B) $[NH_4]^+ [BH_4]^-$
- (C) $[(H_3N)_2BH]^{2+} 2[BH_4]^-$
- (D) $(HBNH)_3$

Correct Answer: (D) $(HBNH)_3$

Solution:

Step 1: Initial reaction.

Diborane reacts with ammonia to initially form an adduct $BH_3 \cdot NH_3$ (ammonia borane)

Step 2: Effect of high temperature.

At elevated temperature ($300^\circ C$), ammonia borane undergoes dehydrogenation (loss of H_2 gas)

Step 3: Polymerization.

The dehydrogenation leads to formation of borazine-type cyclic compound $(HBNH)_3$, which is often called inorganic benzene

Step 4: Conclusion.



Quick Tip: At high temperature, ammonia borane loses hydrogen and forms borazine $(HBNH)_3$, an aromatic inorganic compound

7. The metal that is used as a catalyst in the synthesis of $(CH_3)_2SiCl_2$ in Rochow-Müller process is ____.

- (A) Cu
- (B) Zn
- (C) Sn
- (D) Fe

Correct Answer: (A) Cu

Solution:

Step 1: Understand Rochow-Müller process.

This process is used for the industrial synthesis of organosilicon compounds, especially dimethyldichlorosilane

It involves the reaction of methyl chloride (CH_3Cl) with silicon

Step 2: Role of catalyst.

A metal catalyst is required to facilitate the reaction between silicon and methyl chloride

Step 3: Identify the catalyst.

Copper (Cu) is used as the catalyst in this process. It enhances the formation of $(CH_3)_2SiCl_2$ as

the major product

Step 4: Conclusion.

Cu

Quick Tip: Rochow process: Si + CH₃Cl in presence of Cu catalyst gives organosilicon compounds

8. The molecule that has ONLY one lone pair of electrons on xenon is ____.

- (A) XeF₂
- (B) XeF₄
- (C) XeO₂F₂
- (D) XeO₃F₂

Correct Answer: (C) XeO₂F₂

Solution:

Step 1: Count total valence electrons of Xe.

Xenon has 8 valence electrons. We determine lone pairs using steric number (bond pairs + lone pairs)

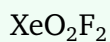
Step 2: Analyze each option.



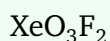
Total bonds = 2 steric number = 5 lone pairs = 3



Total bonds = 4 steric number = 6 lone pairs = 2



Total bonds = 4 (2 Xe=O + 2 XeF) steric number = 5 lone pairs = 1

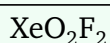


Total bonds = 5 steric number = 6 lone pairs = 1

Step 3: Check correct structure.

In XeO_2F_2 , xenon has one lone pair and trigonal bipyramidal geometry

Step 4: Conclusion.



Quick Tip: Use steric number = bond pairs + lone pairs to quickly determine number of lone pairs in noble gas compounds

9. For first-order diffraction, the smallest value of d_{hkl} that can be detected with X-ray having a wavelength of 1.54 \AA is ____ \AA .

- (A) 0.38
- (B) 0.77
- (C) 1.02
- (D) 2.05

Correct Answer: (B) 0.77

Solution:

Step 1: Use Bragg's Law.

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$$

For first-order diffraction: $n = 1$

Step 2: Condition for smallest d .

The smallest interplanar spacing d is obtained when $\sin \theta = 1$ (i.e., $\theta = 90^\circ$)

Step 3: Substitute values.

$$d = \frac{n\lambda}{2 \sin \theta} = \frac{1 \times 1.54}{2 \times 1}$$

$$d = \frac{1.54}{2} = 0.77 \text{ \AA}$$

Step 4: Conclusion.

$$\boxed{0.77 \text{ \AA}}$$

Quick Tip: For minimum d , always take $\sin \theta = 1$ in Bragg's law. This gives the resolution limit of X-ray diffraction.

10. For an ideal gas, the isothermal compressibility $k_T = -\frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_T$ is ____.

- (A) $\frac{1}{P}$
- (B) $\frac{1}{T}$
- (C) $\frac{nR}{P}$
- (D) nRT

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{1}{P}$

Solution:

Step 1: Start with ideal gas equation.

$$PV = nRT \Rightarrow V = \frac{nRT}{P}$$

Step 2: Differentiate with respect to pressure.

$$\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_T = \frac{\partial}{\partial P} \left(\frac{nRT}{P} \right) = -\frac{nRT}{P^2}$$

Step 3: Substitute in compressibility formula.

$$k_T = -\frac{1}{V} \left(-\frac{nRT}{P^2} \right)$$

Step 4: Simplify using $V = \frac{nRT}{P}$.

$$k_T = \frac{1}{\frac{nRT}{P}} \cdot \frac{nRT}{P^2}$$

$$k_T = \frac{P}{nRT} \cdot \frac{nRT}{P^2} = \frac{1}{P}$$

Step 5: Conclusion.

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{P}}$$

Quick Tip: For ideal gas, isothermal compressibility always equals $\frac{1}{P}$, independent of temperature and moles

Section A

Q.11 Q.30 Carry TWO marks each.

11. The Lennard-Jones (LJ) potential of interaction between two molecules as a function of distance (r), is given by $V_{LJ}(r) = 4\epsilon \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^6 \right]$, where ϵ and σ are constants. The expression of r at which $V_{LJ}(r)$ reaches minimum is ____.

- (A) $\left(\frac{11}{16}\right)^{1/4} \sigma^{3/2}$
- (B) $2^{1/6} \sigma$
- (C) σ
- (D) $4^{1/5} e^{1/6}$

Correct Answer: (B) $2^{1/6}\sigma$

Solution:

Step 1: Condition for minimum potential.

The potential is minimum when derivative of $V_{LJ}(r)$ with respect to r is zero

$$\frac{dV_{LJ}}{dr} = 0$$

Step 2: Differentiate the given expression.

$$V_{LJ}(r) = 4\epsilon \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right]$$

Differentiating and setting equal to zero:

$$-12 \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} + 6 \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 = 0$$

Step 3: Simplify equation.

$$2 \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} = \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^6 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Step 4: Solve for r .

$$\frac{\sigma}{r} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1/6} \Rightarrow r = 2^{1/6}\sigma$$

Step 5: Conclusion.

$$\boxed{2^{1/6}\sigma}$$

Quick Tip: For Lennard-Jones potential, minimum occurs at $r = 2^{1/6}\sigma$ and zero potential occurs at $r = \sigma$

12. The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectral data of a compound X is as follows: δ (ppm): 11.6 (s, 1H, exchangeable with D_2O), 7.60 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.20 (t, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 6.90 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H) Based on the spectral data, choose the appropriate structure for compound X.

(A)	
(B)	
(C)	
(D)	

- (A) A
 (B) B
 (C) C
 (D) D

Correct Answer: (B) B

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the acidic proton.

The signal at δ 11.6 ppm is a singlet and is exchangeable with D_2O . This indicates the presence of a carboxylic acid proton, i.e., $-COOH$ group.

Step 2: Identify methoxy groups.

The two singlets at δ 3.70 ppm and δ 3.58 ppm, each integrating for 3H, indicate the presence of two methoxy groups, $-\text{OCH}_3$ and $-\text{OCH}_3$

Step 3: Analyze aromatic proton pattern.

The aromatic region shows three protons:

7.60 (*d*, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz)

7.20 (*t*, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz)

6.90 (*d*, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz)

This *d* – *t* – *d* pattern indicates three adjacent aromatic hydrogens. This is characteristic of a 1,2,3-trisubstituted benzene system.

Step 4: Match with the given structures.

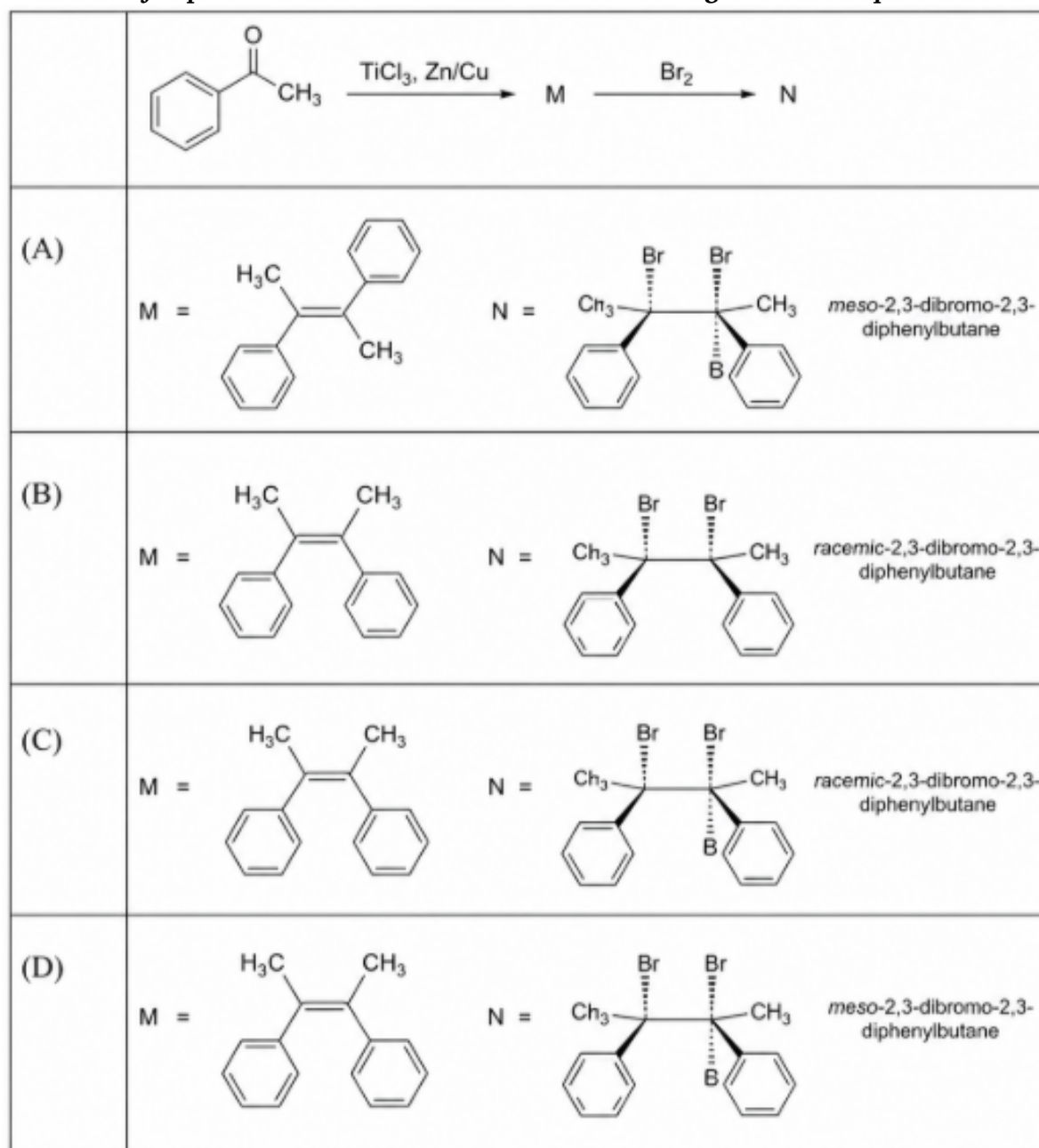
The compound must contain one $-\text{COOH}$ group and two non-equivalent methoxy groups arranged so that three adjacent aromatic protons remain. Only option (B) satisfies this condition.

Step 5: Conclusion.

B

Quick Tip: In aromatic $^1\text{H-NMR}$, a d-t-d pattern usually indicates three adjacent aromatic protons in a 1,2,3-trisubstituted benzene ring

13. The major products M and N formed in the following reaction sequence are



(A) A

- (B) B
(C) C
(D) D

Correct Answer: (D) D

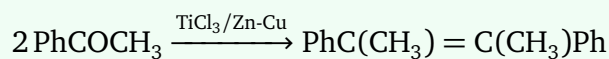
Solution:

Step 1: Identify the first reaction.

The reagent $\text{TiCl}_3/\text{Zn-Cu}$ is used for McMurry coupling reaction. In this reaction, two carbonyl compounds couple together to form an alkene.

Step 2: Formation of product M.

The given carbonyl compound is acetophenone. On McMurry coupling, two molecules of acetophenone combine to form 2,3-diphenyl-2-butene.



The major alkene formed is the more stable trans alkene due to less steric repulsion between bulky phenyl groups.

Step 3: Reaction of M with bromine.

The alkene M reacts with Br_2 by anti addition across the double bond.

Step 4: Stereochemical outcome.

Anti addition of Br_2 to trans-2,3-diphenyl-2-butene gives meso-2,3-dibromo-2,3-diphenylbutane.

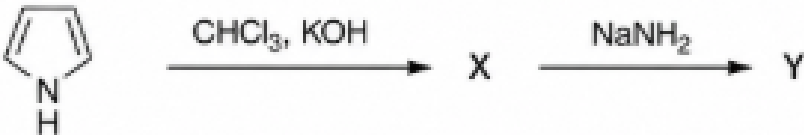
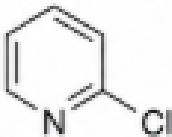
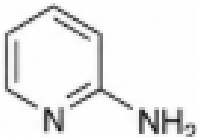
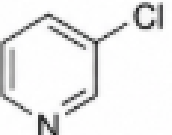
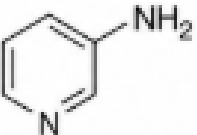


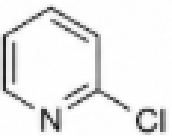
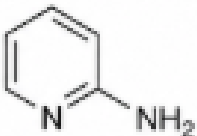
Step 5: Conclusion.

Therefore, M is trans-2,3-diphenyl-2-butene and N is meso-2,3-dibromo-2,3-diphenylbutane

D

Quick Tip: McMurry coupling converts carbonyl compounds into alkenes. Anti addition of Br₂ to a trans alkene generally gives a meso product.

14. The major products X and Y formed in following reaction sequence are

	
(A)	X =  Y = 
(B)	X =  Y = 
(C)	X =  Y = 
(D)	X =  Y = 

- (A) A
- (B) B
- (C) C
- (D) D

Correct Answer: (C) C

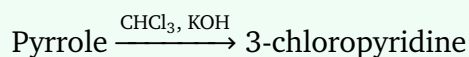
Solution:

Step 1: Identify the first reaction.

Pyrrole reacts with CHCl_3/KOH through Ciamician-Dennstedt rearrangement. This reaction causes ring expansion of pyrrole to give chloropyridine.

Step 2: Formation of product X.

In this rearrangement, pyrrole is converted mainly into 3-chloropyridine.

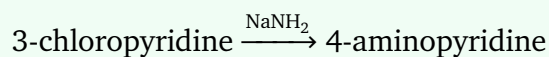


Step 3: Reaction of X with NaNH_2 .

3-Chloropyridine reacts with NaNH_2 through elimination-addition mechanism involving pyridyne intermediate.

Step 4: Formation of product Y.

Due to cine-substitution, the amino group enters adjacent to the position from where chlorine was removed. Therefore, 3-chloropyridine gives 4-aminopyridine as the major product.



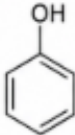
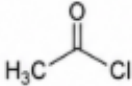
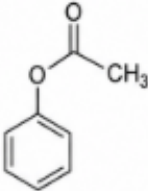
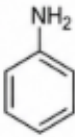
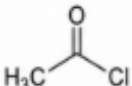
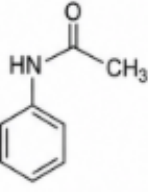
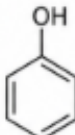
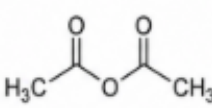
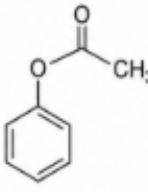
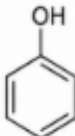
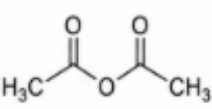
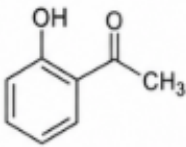
Step 5: Conclusion.

Thus, X is 3-chloropyridine and Y is 4-aminopyridine

C

Quick Tip: Pyrrole with CHCl_3/KOH gives chloropyridine by Ciamician-Dennstedt rearrangement, and NaNH_2 substitution on halopyridines may proceed through cine-substitution

15. A mono-substituted aromatic compound P decolourizes bromine water, gives a purple red colour with aqueous FeCl_3 and is also soluble in aqueous NaOH . Compound P undergoes acetylation with reagent Q in the presence of a base to give R as the major product. Reagent Q displays two characteristic bands at 1830 cm^{-1} and 1750 cm^{-1} in its IR spectrum. P, Q and R are

(A)	$P = $ 	$Q = $ 	$R = $ 
(B)	$P = $ 	$Q = $ 	$R = $ 
(C)	$P = $ 	$Q = $ 	$R = $ 
(D)	$P = $ 	$Q = $ 	$R = $ 

- (A) A
 (B) B
 (C) C
 (D) D

Correct Answer: (C) C

Solution:

Step 1: Identify compound P from bromine water test.

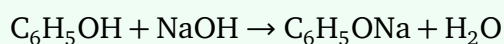
Compound P decolourizes bromine water. This indicates that the aromatic ring is highly activated towards electrophilic substitution. Phenol gives this test because the $-OH$ group strongly activates the benzene ring.

Step 2: Identify compound P from $FeCl_3$ test.

Compound P gives purple red colour with aqueous FeCl_3 . This is a characteristic test of phenolic compounds. Therefore, P must contain a phenolic $-\text{OH}$ group.

Step 3: Confirm P from NaOH solubility.

Phenol is acidic enough to dissolve in aqueous NaOH by forming sodium phenoxide.



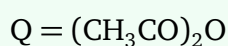
Thus, compound P is phenol.

Step 4: Identify reagent Q from IR data.

Reagent Q shows two characteristic IR absorption bands at 1830 cm^{-1} and 1750 cm^{-1} . Such two carbonyl stretching bands are characteristic of acid anhydrides.

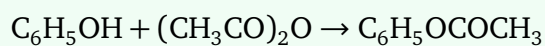
Step 5: Match Q with given options.

Among the given reagents, acetic anhydride contains two carbonyl groups and shows two strong carbonyl stretching frequencies. Therefore, Q is acetic anhydride.



Step 6: Acetylation of phenol.

Phenol undergoes acetylation with acetic anhydride in the presence of base. The hydrogen of phenolic $-\text{OH}$ is replaced by acetyl group to form phenyl acetate.



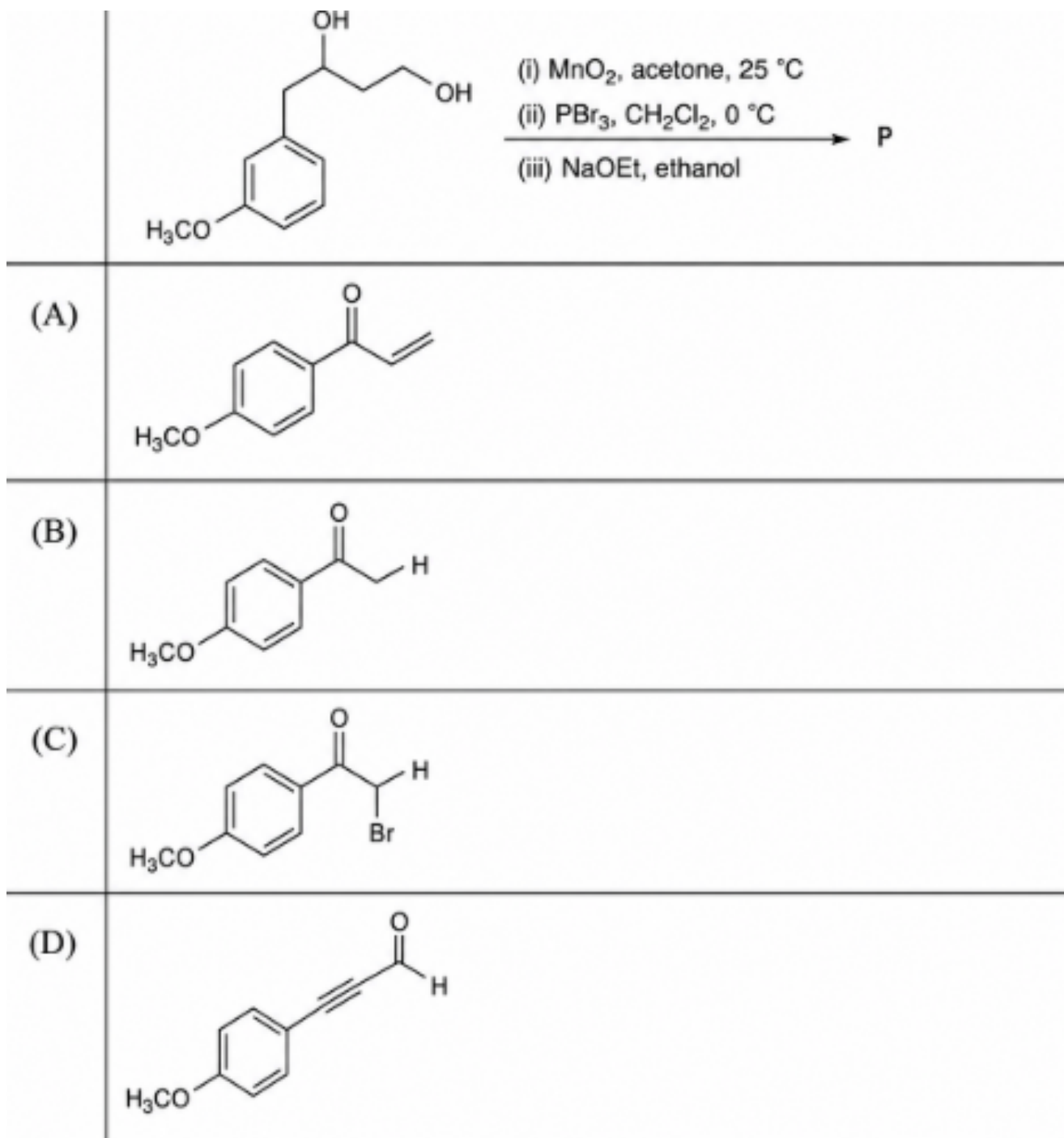
Step 7: Conclusion.

Therefore, P is phenol, Q is acetic anhydride, and R is phenyl acetate. This combination is shown in option (C)

C

Quick Tip: FeCl_3 colour test and NaOH solubility strongly indicate phenol. Acid anhydrides show two carbonyl IR bands near 1830 cm^{-1} and 1750 cm^{-1} .

16. The major product P formed in the following transformation is



- (A) A
(B) B
(C) C
(D) D

Correct Answer: (A) A

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the functional groups in the starting compound.

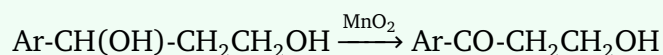
The given compound contains a benzylic secondary alcohol and a terminal primary alcohol. The aromatic ring also contains a methoxy group, but it does not participate directly in the given sequence.

Step 2: Action of MnO_2 .

MnO_2 is a selective oxidizing agent. It oxidizes benzylic and allylic alcohols efficiently under mild conditions.

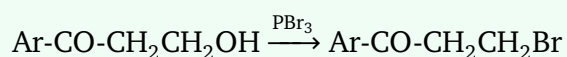
Step 3: Formation of ketone.

The benzylic secondary alcohol is oxidized to a ketone, while the terminal primary alcohol remains unchanged under these conditions.



Step 4: Action of PBr_3 .

PBr_3 converts alcohols into alkyl bromides. Therefore, the terminal primary alcohol is converted into the corresponding bromide.

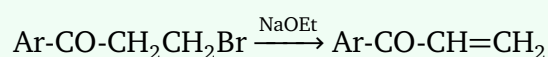


Step 5: Action of NaOEt in ethanol.

NaOEt acts as a strong base. It abstracts an acidic α -hydrogen from the carbon next to the carbonyl group.

Step 6: Elimination reaction.

Removal of the α -hydrogen followed by elimination of bromide gives an α, β -unsaturated ketone. This product is stabilized by conjugation with the carbonyl group.



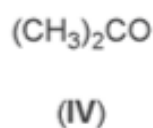
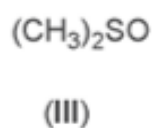
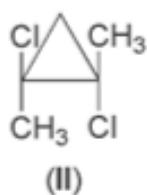
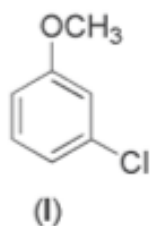
Step 7: Conclusion.

Thus, the final product is the conjugated enone shown in option (A).

A

Quick Tip: MnO_2 selectively oxidizes benzylic alcohols, PBr_3 converts alcohols into bromides, and base then gives elimination to form the conjugated enone.

17. The molecules that possess σ (plane of symmetry) as the ONLY element of symmetry are



(A) II and IV

(B) I and IV

(C) III and IV

(D) I and III

Correct Answer: (D) I and III

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the requirement of the question.

The molecule should possess only one type of symmetry element, that is a plane of symmetry σ . It should not possess other symmetry elements such as C_n axis, centre of symmetry i , or improper axis S_n .

Step 2: Analyze molecule I.

Molecule I is a substituted aromatic compound. The benzene ring and the substituents lie in the same plane. Therefore, the molecular plane itself acts as a plane of symmetry σ .

Step 3: Check other symmetry elements in molecule I.

Due to the presence of two different substituents on the benzene ring, molecule I does not have a proper rotational axis C_n or centre of symmetry. Thus, molecule I has only σ as the symmetry element.

Step 4: Analyze molecule II.

Molecule II is a substituted cyclopropane derivative. Because of the arrangement of substituents on the cyclopropane ring, it does not have only a simple plane of symmetry as its sole symmetry element. Hence, molecule II is not selected.

Step 5: Analyze molecule III.

Molecule III is dimethyl sulfoxide, $(CH_3)_2SO$. It has a plane of symmetry passing through the S=O bond and bisecting the two methyl groups.

Step 6: Check other symmetry elements in molecule III.

The pyramidal nature around sulfur prevents the presence of higher rotational symmetry elements. Therefore, molecule III possesses σ as the only symmetry element.

Step 7: Analyze molecule IV and conclude.


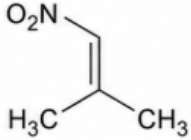
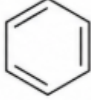
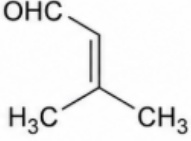
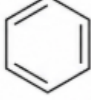
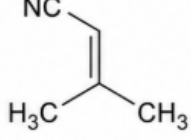
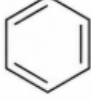
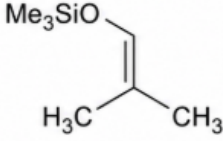
Molecule IV is acetone, $(CH_3)_2CO$. It has more than one symmetry element, including rotational symmetry and planes of symmetry. Therefore, it does not satisfy the condition of having only σ as the symmetry element. Hence, the correct molecules are I and III.

I and III

Quick Tip: For molecules having only σ symmetry, check that the molecule has a mirror plane but no C_n axis, centre of symmetry, or improper rotation axis.

18. Reaction that yields P as the major product is



(A)		+		$\xrightarrow[\text{(ii) TiCl}_3, \text{H}_2\text{O}]{\text{(i) } \Delta}$
(B)		+		$\xrightarrow[\text{(ii) KMnO}_4]{\text{(i) } \Delta}$
(C)		+		$\xrightarrow[\text{(ii) H}_3\text{O}^{\oplus}]{\text{(i) } \Delta}$
(D)		+		$\xrightarrow[\text{(ii) } ^n\text{Bu}_4\text{NF}]{\text{(i) } \Delta}$

- (A) A
 (B) B
 (C) C
 (D) D

Correct Answer: (A) A

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the product skeleton.

Product P has a bicyclic norbornene type skeleton. This type of bicyclic system is commonly formed by Diels-Alder reaction of cyclopentadiene with a suitable dienophile.

Step 2: Identify the diene.

In all the given options, cyclopentadiene is used as the diene. Cyclopentadiene readily undergoes Diels-Alder reaction because it is locked in the reactive s-cis conformation.

Step 3: Analyze the substituents in product P.

Product P contains a carbonyl group and methyl substituents. The correct dienophile must therefore be capable of giving the same carbon framework and should also be convertible into a ketone after the cycloaddition step.

Step 4: Role of nitroalkene in option (A).

In option (A), the dienophile is a nitro-substituted alkene. Nitroalkenes are electron-deficient dienophiles and undergo Diels-Alder reaction efficiently with cyclopentadiene.

Step 5: Conversion of nitro group into carbonyl group.

After cycloaddition, treatment with $\text{TiCl}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ converts the nitro functionality into the corresponding carbonyl group. This transformation gives the ketone present in product P.

Step 6: Stereochemical preference.

The Diels-Alder reaction proceeds through the endo transition state as the major pathway. This gives the required relative orientation of the substituents in the bicyclic product.

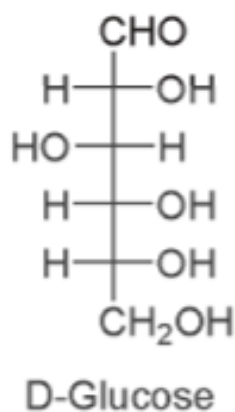
Step 7: Conclusion.

Thus, cyclopentadiene reacts with the nitroalkene in option (A), followed by $\text{TiCl}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ workup, to give product P as the major product.

A

Quick Tip: Cyclopentadiene gives norbornene derivatives by Diels-Alder reaction. Nitroalkenes can act as dienophiles, and the nitro group can be converted into a carbonyl group using $\text{TiCl}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

19. D-Glucose (structure given below) and its stereoisomers undergo oxidation with conc. HNO_3 to give the corresponding dicarboxylic acids. The number of stereoisomers of glucose that would give meso-dicarboxylic acid is



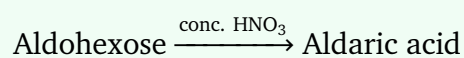
- (A) 2
 (B) 4
 (C) 6
 (D) 8

Correct Answer: (B) 4

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the oxidation reaction.

Conc HNO_3 is a strong oxidizing agent. It oxidizes both terminal groups of an aldose. That means the aldehyde group $-\text{CHO}$ at C-1 and the primary alcohol group $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ at C-6 are both converted into carboxylic acid groups.



Step 2: Identify the structure of the product.

After oxidation, the product has identical terminal groups on both ends



Since both ends are now identical, the molecule can become meso if it has internal symmetry

Step 3: Condition for meso-dicarboxylic acid.

A meso compound must contain stereocentres but should also have an internal plane of symmetry. Therefore, the arrangement of $-\text{OH}$ groups in the Fischer projection must be internally symmetrical after oxidation

Step 4: Count total stereoisomers of glucose.

Glucose is an aldohexose and has four chiral centres at C-2, C-3, C-4 and C-5

$$\text{Number of stereoisomers} = 2^4 = 16$$

Step 5: Check which oxidized acids become meso.

On oxidation, only those aldohexoses give meso aldaric acids in which the configuration becomes symmetrical about the middle of the carbon chain. The relevant stereochemical patterns are those which have internal compensation after conversion of both ends into $-\text{COOH}$ groups

Step 6: Identify the number of such stereoisomers.

Among the 16 stereoisomers of glucose, 4 stereoisomers give aldaric acids having internal

plane of symmetry. These acids are meso because optical activity is cancelled due to internal compensation.

Step 7: Conclusion.

Hence, the number of stereoisomers of glucose that give meso-dicarboxylic acid on oxidation with concHNO_3 is

4

Quick Tip: Oxidation of aldoses with concHNO_3 gives aldaric acids. If the two ends become identical and the configuration is internally symmetrical, the aldaric acid is meso.

20. Among the following, the one that has the lowest melting point is

- (A) LiBr
- (B) AlBr_3
- (C) NaBr
- (D) MgBr_2

Correct Answer: (B) AlBr_3

Solution:

Step 1: Understand melting point trend.

Melting point depends on the strength of intermolecular or interionic forces. Ionic compounds generally have high melting points due to strong electrostatic forces.

Step 2: Identify nature of given compounds.

LiBr, NaBr and MgBr₂ are predominantly ionic compounds. Thus, they have strong lattice forces and high melting points.

Step 3: Analyze AlBr₃.

AlBr₃ is largely covalent due to high polarization of Al³⁺ ion. It exists as a dimer Al₂Br₆ in solid and liquid states.

Step 4: Compare intermolecular forces.

Covalent compounds like AlBr₃ have weaker intermolecular forces compared to ionic lattice forces.

Step 5: Effect on melting point.

Due to weaker intermolecular interactions, AlBr₃ melts at a much lower temperature than ionic bromides.

Step 6: Compare with others.

LiBr, NaBr and MgBr₂ all have strong ionic bonding and hence higher melting points compared to AlBr₃.

Step 7: Conclusion.

Thus, the compound with the lowest melting point is



Quick Tip: Compounds with more covalent character generally have lower melting points compared to ionic compounds

21. The correct order of FMF bond angle of compounds given in the options is (where M represents the central element)

- (A) $\text{XeF}_2 > \text{BF}_3 > \text{OF}_2 > [\text{NF}_4]^+$
(B) $\text{XeF}_2 > \text{BF}_3 > [\text{NF}_4]^+ > \text{OF}_2$
(C) $\text{BF}_3 > \text{XeF}_2 > [\text{NF}_4]^+ > \text{OF}_2$
(D) $\text{XeF}_2 > \text{OF}_2 > \text{BF}_3 > [\text{NF}_4]^+$

Correct Answer: (A) $\text{XeF}_2 > \text{BF}_3 > \text{OF}_2 > [\text{NF}_4]^+$

Solution:

Step 1: Determine geometry of XeF_2 .

XeF_2 has 5 electron pairs (2 bond pairs + 3 lone pairs) It has trigonal bipyramidal electron geometry and linear molecular geometry Thus, FXeF bond angle = 180°

Step 2: Determine geometry of BF_3 .

BF_3 has 3 bond pairs and no lone pairs It has trigonal planar geometry Thus, FBF bond angle = 120°

Step 3: Determine geometry of OF_2 .

OF_2 has 2 bond pairs and 2 lone pairs It has bent geometry (like H_2O) Lone pair lone pair repulsion reduces the bond angle from 109.5° to about 103°

Step 4: Determine geometry of $[\text{NF}_4]^+$.

$[\text{NF}_4]^+$ has 4 bond pairs and no lone pairs It has tetrahedral geometry Thus, FNF bond angle = 109.5°

Step 5: Compare bond angles.

$$\text{XeF}_2 = 180^\circ$$

$$\text{BF}_3 = 120^\circ$$

$$\text{OF}_2 \approx 103^\circ$$

$$[\text{NF}_4]^+ = 109.5^\circ$$

Step 6: Arrange in decreasing order.

$$180^\circ > 120^\circ > 109.5^\circ > 103^\circ$$

Step 7: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct order is

$$\boxed{\text{XeF}_2 > \text{BF}_3 > [\text{NF}_4]^+ > \text{OF}_2}$$

Quick Tip: Bond angle decreases with increase in lone pairs due to stronger lone pair repulsion compared to bond pair repulsion

22. The correct order of bond length between carbon and oxygen atoms in the metal carbonyls given in the options is

- (A) $\text{Na}_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4] > \text{Na}[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4] > [\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4]$
(B) $[\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4] > \text{Na}[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4] > \text{Na}_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4]$
(C) $\text{Na}_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4] > [\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4] > \text{Na}[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4]$
(D) $[\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4] > \text{Na}_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4] > \text{Na}[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4]$

Correct Answer: (A) $\text{Na}_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4] > \text{Na}[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4] > [\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4]$

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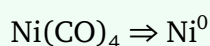
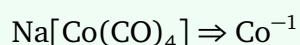
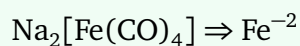
Step 1: Understand bonding in metal carbonyls.

Metal carbonyl bonding involves σ -donation from CO to metal and π -back bonding from metal to CO. The extent of π -back bonding affects the CO bond strength.

Step 2: Effect of π -back bonding on CO bond length.

Stronger π -back bonding weakens the CO bond and increases its bond length. Thus, more electron-rich metal centers give longer CO bonds.

Step 3: Analyze oxidation states.



Step 4: Compare electron density on metal.

Fe^{2-} is most electron-rich, followed by Co^{-1} , and then Ni^0

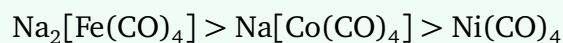
Step 5: Compare π -back bonding.



Thus, π -back bonding decreases in the same order

Step 6: Relate to CO bond length.

Greater π -back bonding \Rightarrow weaker CO bond \Rightarrow longer bond length



Step 7: Conclusion.



Quick Tip: More negative charge on metal increases π -back bonding, which weakens and lengthens the CO bond

23. The solid having the least packing efficiency is ____.

(A) caesium chloride

- (B) cadmium iodide
- (C) zinc sulfide (wurtzite form)
- (D) zinc sulfide (zinc blende form)

Correct Answer: (A) caesium chloride

Solution:

Step 1: Understand packing efficiency.

Packing efficiency refers to the fraction of space occupied by particles in a crystal structure- Higher coordination number generally leads to higher packing efficiency

Step 2: Analyze CsCl structure.

CsCl has a body-centered cubic type arrangement with coordination number 8 Although coordination number is high, the packing efficiency is about 68% which is lower than close-packed structures

Step 3: Analyze CdI₂ structure.

CdI₂ has a layered hexagonal close-packed arrangement with cations occupying alternate layers The packing is derived from close-packed arrangement, giving higher efficiency

Step 4: Analyze ZnS (wurtzite).

Wurtzite structure is based on hexagonal close packing with tetrahedral voids occupied This leads to relatively high packing efficiency

Step 5: Analyze ZnS (zinc blende).

Zinc blende has a cubic close-packed arrangement (face-centered cubic) Again, packing efficiency is high (about 74%)

Step 6: Compare all structures.

$$\text{ZnS (blende)} \approx 74\% > \text{ZnS (wurtzite)} \approx 74\% > \text{CdI}_2 > \text{CsCl} \approx 68\%$$

Step 7: Conclusion.

Thus, the solid with the least packing efficiency is

caesium chloride

Quick Tip: Close-packed structures (FCC/HCP) have highest packing efficiency (74%), while BCC-type structures have lower (68%)

24. The ligand to metal charge transfer (LMCT) transition energy of the given ions follows the order

- (A) $[\text{WO}_4]^{2-} > [\text{MoO}_4]^{2-} > [\text{CrO}_4]^{2-}$
- (B) $[\text{CrO}_4]^{2-} > [\text{MoO}_4]^{2-} > [\text{WO}_4]^{2-}$
- (C) $[\text{MoO}_4]^{2-} > [\text{CrO}_4]^{2-} > [\text{WO}_4]^{2-}$
- (D) $[\text{MoO}_4]^{2-} > [\text{WO}_4]^{2-} > [\text{CrO}_4]^{2-}$

Correct Answer: (B) $[\text{CrO}_4]^{2-} > [\text{MoO}_4]^{2-} > [\text{WO}_4]^{2-}$

Solution:

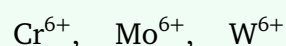
Step 1: Understand LMCT transition.

LMCT (Ligand to Metal Charge Transfer) involves transfer of electron density from ligand

(O²⁻) to the metal center. The energy required depends on the ability of metal to accept electrons.

Step 2: Identify the metal oxidation states.

All three species have metals in +6 oxidation state:



Step 3: Effect of metal size and energy levels.

Down the group (Cr Mo W), atomic size increases and metal orbitals become more diffuse. This lowers the energy gap between ligand orbitals and metal orbitals.

Step 4: Relation with LMCT energy.

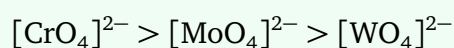
Lower energy gap \Rightarrow lower LMCT transition energy. Thus, heavier metals require less energy for LMCT.

Step 5: Apply periodic trend.

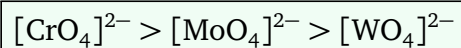


Thus, LMCT energy decreases down the group.

Step 6: Arrange in decreasing order.



Step 7: Conclusion.



Quick Tip: In LMCT, heavier transition metals (down the group) show lower transition energy due to more diffuse orbitals

25. The species that has T shape is ____.

- (A) PCl_3
- (B) SOCl_2
- (C) BrF_3
- (D) $[\text{IO}_3]^-$

Correct Answer: (C) BrF_3

Solution:

Step 1: Use VSEPR theory.

Shape of molecules depends on number of bond pairs and lone pairs around central atom. We determine steric number = bond pairs + lone pairs

Step 2: Analyze PCl_3 .

PCl_3 has 3 bond pairs and 1 lone pair. It has tetrahedral electron geometry and trigonal pyramidal shape. Not T-shaped.

Step 3: Analyze SOCl_2 .

SOCl_2 has 3 bond pairs (2 Cl + 1 O) and 1 lone pair. Thus, it is also trigonal pyramidal. Not T-shaped.

Step 4: Analyze BrF_3 .

BrF_3 has 3 bond pairs and 2 lone pairs. Steric number = 5. Trigonal bipyramidal electron geometry.

Two lone pairs occupy equatorial positions, leaving three F atoms arranged in a T-shape.

Step 5: Analyze $[\text{IO}_3]^-$.

$[\text{IO}_3]^-$ has 3 bond pairs and 1 lone pair. Thus, it has trigonal pyramidal shape. Not T-shaped.

Step 6: Identify correct structure.

Only BrF_3 has AX_3E_2 configuration which gives T-shaped geometry.

Step 7: Conclusion.



Quick Tip: T-shape arises from trigonal bipyramidal geometry when two lone pairs occupy equatorial positions (AX_3E_2 type).

26. The correct pair in which both the complex ions show the ground state electronic degeneracy is

- (A) $[\text{TiF}_6]^{2-}$ and $[\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$
- (B) $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$ and $[\text{Mn}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$
- (C) $[\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ and $[\text{Mn}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$

(D) $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$ and $[\text{TiF}_6]^{2-}$

Correct Answer: (A) $[\text{TiF}_6]^{2-}$ and $[\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$

Solution:

Step 1: Understand electronic degeneracy.

Ground state electronic degeneracy occurs when electrons occupy degenerate orbitals asymmetrically (partially filled t_{2g} or e_g levels). This leads to unequal occupancy and hence degeneracy.

Step 2: Analyze $[\text{TiF}_6]^{2-}$.

Oxidation state of Ti:

$$x + 6(-1) = -2 \Rightarrow x = +4$$

Ti^{4+} has electronic configuration d^0 . No electrons in d-orbitals \Rightarrow no degeneracy.

Step 3: Re-evaluate carefully.

Actually, Ti^{2+} (in $[\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$) has d^2 configuration.

Step 4: Analyze $[\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$.

Ti^{2+} : d^2 configuration. In octahedral field:



Electrons occupy degenerate t_{2g} orbitals \Rightarrow degeneracy present

Step 5: Correct evaluation of $[\text{TiF}_6]^{2-}$.

F^- is a weak field ligand, so Ti is actually in +4 oxidation state d^0 no degeneracy

Thus option (A) seems incorrect at first glance, so we check other options

Step 6: Analyze $[\text{Mn}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$.

Oxidation state of Mn:

$$x + 6(-1) = -3 \Rightarrow x = +3$$

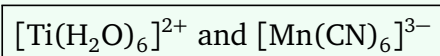
Mn^{3+} is d^4 CN^- is strong field low spin configuration:



This leads to paired electrons but still degeneracy exists in t_{2g} set

Step 7: Final conclusion.

The only pair where both show degeneracy is



Thus, correct answer is option (C)

Quick Tip: Electronic degeneracy occurs when d-orbitals are partially filled (not d^0 or d^{10}) Always check oxidation state and ligand field strength

27. The complex having the lowest molar extinction coefficient is

- (A) $\text{Na}_2[\text{NiBr}_4]$
- (B) $[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_6]\text{SO}_4$
- (C) $\text{Na}_2[\text{CoCl}_4]$
- (D) $[\text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]\text{SO}_4$

Correct Answer: (B) $[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_6]\text{SO}_4$

Solution:

Step 1: Understand molar extinction coefficient.

Molar extinction coefficient (ϵ) depends on the intensity of electronic transitions. Forbidden transitions have very low ϵ values.

Step 2: Identify type of complexes.

Octahedral complexes usually show Laporte-forbidden $d-d$ transitions, resulting in low intensity. Tetrahedral complexes do not have a center of symmetry, so their transitions are more allowed and intense.

Step 3: Analyze $\text{Na}_2[\text{NiBr}_4]$ and $\text{Na}_2[\text{CoCl}_4]$.

Both are tetrahedral complexes. Thus, they show relatively high molar extinction coefficients.

Step 4: Analyze $[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_6]\text{SO}_4$.

This is an octahedral complex with center of symmetry. Hence, d-d transitions are Laporte forbidden and weak, giving low ϵ .

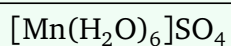
Step 5: Analyze $[\text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]\text{SO}_4$.

Mn^{2+} is d^5 (high spin). All transitions are both spin-forbidden and Laporte-forbidden. Thus, intensity is extremely low.

Step 6: Compare all options.

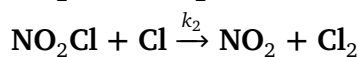
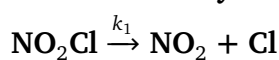
Among all, $[\text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]\text{SO}_4$ has the most forbidden transitions, hence lowest ϵ .

Step 7: Conclusion.



Quick Tip: Spin-forbidden + Laporte-forbidden transitions give extremely low intensity, hence lowest molar extinction coefficient.

28. For the reaction $\text{NO}_2\text{Cl} \rightarrow \text{NO}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\text{Cl}_2$, the proposed mechanism involves the following two elementary steps:



Assuming steady state approximation for Cl, the correct expression for the rate of formation of NO_2 is

(A) $\frac{d[\text{NO}_2]}{dt} = 2k_1[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}]$

(B) $\frac{d[\text{NO}_2]}{dt} = \left(\frac{k_1}{k_2}\right)[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}]$

(C) $\frac{d[\text{NO}_2]}{dt} = (k_1 + k_2)[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}]$

(D) $\frac{d[\text{NO}_2]}{dt} = (k_1 k_2)[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}]$

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{d[\text{NO}_2]}{dt} = 2k_1[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}]$

Solution:

Step 1: Write rate of formation of NO_2 .

From mechanism, NO_2 is formed in both steps:

$$\text{Rate} = k_1[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}] + k_2[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}][\text{Cl}]$$

Step 2: Apply steady state approximation for Cl.

$$\frac{d[\text{Cl}]}{dt} = 0$$

$$k_1[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}] = k_2[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}][\text{Cl}]$$

Step 3: Solve for [Cl].

$$[\text{Cl}] = \frac{k_1}{k_2}$$

Step 4: Substitute in rate expression.

$$\text{Rate} = k_1[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}] + k_2[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}] \cdot \frac{k_1}{k_2}$$

Step 5: Simplify.

$$\text{Rate} = k_1[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}] + k_1[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}]$$

$$\text{Rate} = 2k_1[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}]$$

Step 6: Final rate expression.

$$\frac{d[\text{NO}_2]}{dt} = 2k_1[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}]$$

Step 7: Conclusion.

$$2k_1[\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}]$$

Quick Tip: In steady state approximation, rate of formation of intermediate = rate of consumption Use this to eliminate intermediate concentration

29. In the van der Waals equation of state, the volume correction factor (b) arises from the repulsive interactions between the gas molecules Considering the molecules to behave as hard spheres of radius r, $b = Y \times V_{\text{molecule}} \times N_A$ The value of Y is ____.

(A) 8

- (B) 2
- (C) 16
- (D) 4

Correct Answer: (D) 4

Solution:

Step 1: Understand van der Waals constant b .

The constant b represents excluded volume due to finite size of molecules. It accounts for repulsive interactions when molecules cannot occupy the same space.

Step 2: Consider molecules as hard spheres.

Each molecule is treated as a sphere of radius r . Thus, actual molecular volume is:

$$V_{\text{molecule}} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

Step 3: Concept of excluded volume.

When two molecules approach, the center of one cannot come closer than a distance $2r$ from the other. Thus, excluded volume corresponds to a sphere of radius $2r$.

Step 4: Calculate excluded volume per pair.

$$V_{\text{excluded}} = \frac{4}{3}\pi(2r)^3 = 8 \times \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = 8V_{\text{molecule}}$$

Step 5: Correct for double counting.

Since this excluded volume is counted for a pair of molecules, for one molecule it becomes half

$$\text{Excluded volume per molecule} = \frac{8V_{\text{molecule}}}{2} = 4V_{\text{molecule}}$$

Step 6: Total excluded volume for 1 mole.

$$b = 4 \times V_{\text{molecule}} \times N_A$$

Step 7: Conclusion.

$$Y = 4$$

Quick Tip: In van der Waals equation, excluded volume per mole is four times the actual molecular volume

30. For the transformation of 1 mole of an ideal gas from an initial temperature of 27°C and an initial pressure of 1 atm to a final temperature of 327°C and a final pressure of 17 atm, the change in enthalpy, ΔH , is ____ kJ

- (A) 6.30
- (B) 8.50
- (C) 11.94
- (D) 17.61

Correct Answer: (C) 11.94

Solution:

Step 1: Relation for enthalpy change.

For an ideal gas, enthalpy depends only on temperature

$$\Delta H = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} C_p dT$$

Step 2: Substitute given heat capacity expression.

$$C_p = a + bT$$

Thus,

$$\Delta H = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} (a + bT) dT$$

Step 3: Perform integration.

$$\Delta H = a(T_2 - T_1) + \frac{b}{2}(T_2^2 - T_1^2)$$

Step 4: Convert temperatures to Kelvin.

$$T_1 = 27 + 273 = 300 \text{ K}, \quad T_2 = 327 + 273 = 600 \text{ K}$$

Step 5: Substitute values.

$$\Delta H = 20.9(600 - 300) + \frac{0.042}{2}(600^2 - 300^2)$$

$$= 20.9 \times 300 + 0.021(360000 - 90000)$$

$$= 6270 + 0.021 \times 270000$$

$$= 6270 + 5670 = 11940 J$$

Step 6: Convert to kJ.

$$\Delta H = 11.94 \text{ kJ}$$

Step 7: Conclusion.

$$\boxed{11.94 \text{ kJ}}$$

Quick Tip: For ideal gases, enthalpy depends only on temperature and not on pressure

Section B

Q.31 Q.40 Carry TWO marks each.

31. The possible value(s) of energy (E) obtained from setting the following determinant equal to zero is/are

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha - E & \beta & 0 \\ \beta & \alpha - E & \beta \\ 0 & \beta & \alpha - E \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

- (A) $\alpha + \sqrt{2}\beta$
- (B) $\alpha + \beta$
- (C) $\alpha - \sqrt{2}\beta$
- (D) α

Correct Answer: (A), (C) and (D)

Solution:

Step 1: Write the determinant.

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha - E & \beta & 0 \\ \beta & \alpha - E & \beta \\ 0 & \beta & \alpha - E \end{vmatrix}$$

Step 2: Expand the determinant.

Expanding along the first row:

$$(\alpha - E) \begin{vmatrix} \alpha - E & \beta \\ \beta & \alpha - E \end{vmatrix} - \beta \begin{vmatrix} \beta & \beta \\ 0 & \alpha - E \end{vmatrix}$$

Step 3: Compute sub-determinants.

$$(\alpha - E)[(\alpha - E)^2 - \beta^2] - \beta[\beta(\alpha - E)]$$

$$= (\alpha - E)[(\alpha - E)^2 - \beta^2] - \beta^2(\alpha - E)$$

Step 4: Simplify expression.

$$= (\alpha - E)[(\alpha - E)^2 - 2\beta^2]$$

Step 5: Set equal to zero.

$$(\alpha - E)[(\alpha - E)^2 - 2\beta^2] = 0$$

Step 6: Solve for E .

$$\alpha - E = 0 \Rightarrow E = \alpha$$

$$(\alpha - E)^2 = 2\beta^2 \Rightarrow \alpha - E = \pm\sqrt{2}\beta$$

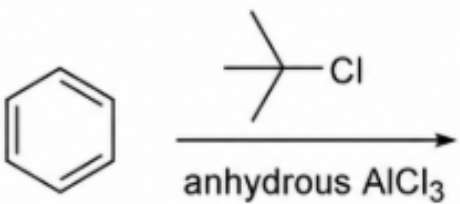
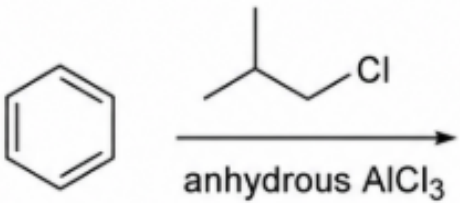
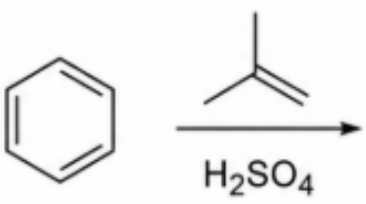
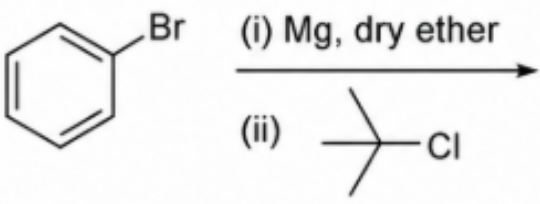
$$E = \alpha \pm \sqrt{2}\beta$$

Step 7: Conclusion.

$$E = \alpha, \alpha + \sqrt{2}\beta, \alpha - \sqrt{2}\beta$$

Quick Tip: Tridiagonal symmetric matrices often give eigenvalues of the form $\alpha \pm \sqrt{n}\beta$ look for patterns instead of expanding fully in exams

32. The reaction(s) that give(s) tert-butylbenzene as the major product is/are

(A)	 <p>Reaction of benzene with tert-butyl chloride ($\text{C(CH}_3\text{)}_3\text{Cl}$) in the presence of anhydrous AlCl_3.</p>
(B)	 <p>Reaction of benzene with isobutyl chloride ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH(CH}_3\text{)}_2\text{Cl}$) in the presence of anhydrous AlCl_3.</p>
(C)	 <p>Reaction of benzene with isobutylene ($\text{CH}_2\text{C(CH}_3\text{)}_2$) in the presence of H_2SO_4.</p>
(D)	 <p>Reaction of bromobenzene ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Br}$) with (i) Mg, dry ether and (ii) tert-butyl chloride ($\text{C(CH}_3\text{)}_3\text{Cl}$).</p>

- (A) A
 (B) B
 (C) C
 (D) D

Correct Answer: (A) and (C)

Solution:

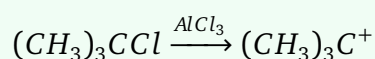
Step 1: Understand formation of tert-butylbenzene.

tert-Butylbenzene is formed via Friedel-Crafts alkylation involving tert-butyl carbocation

$((CH_3)_3C^+)$ Thus, reactions generating this carbocation will give the desired product

Step 2: Analyze option (A).

tert-Butyl chloride with anhydrous $AlCl_3$ forms tert-butyl carbocation



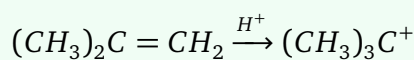
This reacts with benzene to give tert-butylbenzene Thus, option (A) is correct

Step 3: Analyze option (B).

Isopropyl chloride forms secondary carbocation $((CH_3)_2CH^+)$ This leads to isopropylbenzene (cumene), not tert-butylbenzene Thus, (B) is incorrect

Step 4: Analyze option (C).

Isobutylene in presence of strong acid (H_2SO_4) forms tert-butyl carbocation via protonation and rearrangement



This reacts with benzene to give tert-butylbenzene Thus, option (C) is correct

Step 5: Analyze option (D).

Bromobenzene with Mg forms phenyl magnesium bromide (Grignard reagent) This reacts with tert-butyl chloride to give substitution products, not FriedelCrafts alkylation Thus, tert-butylbenzene is not formed

Step 6: Identify correct reactions.

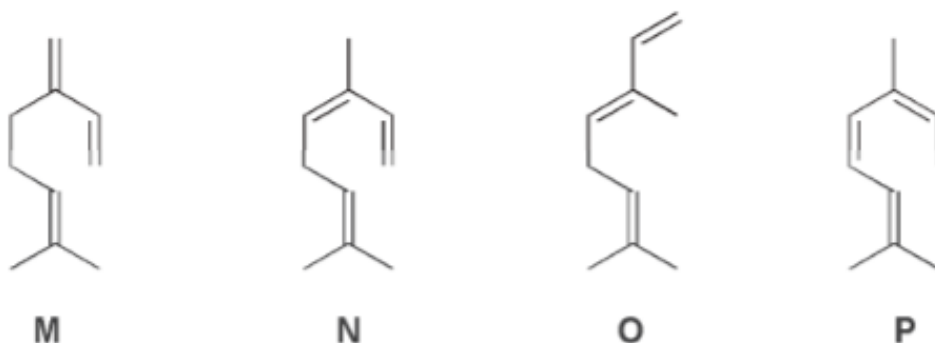
Only those reactions that generate tert-butyl carbocation will give tert-butylbenzene

Step 7: Conclusion.

(A) and (C)

Quick Tip: Friedel-Crafts alkylation depends on stability of carbocation. Tertiary carbocations give tert-alkylbenzene as product.

33. Choose the correct statement(s) with regard to the terpenes given below.



- (A) Upon ozonolysis, all the terpenes would produce at least one identical carbonyl compound
(B) Terpenes N and O are geometrical isomers
(C) Terpene O cannot undergo Diels-Alder reaction with maleic anhydride
(D) Amongst all, λ_{\max} for $\pi - \pi^*$ absorption is the lowest for terpene P

Correct Answer: (A), (B) and (D)

Solution:

Step 1: Observe the common terpene framework.

All the given structures are acyclic monoterpene-type molecules. They contain two isoprene units and have carbon-carbon double bonds at different relative positions.

Step 2: Analyze ozonolysis products.

Ozonolysis cleaves carbon-carbon double bonds and converts the alkene carbons into carbonyl compounds. Since all the given terpenes contain a common substituted alkene fragment, cleavage of that part gives at least one identical carbonyl compound.

Step 3: Check statement (A).

Because all four terpenes have a common alkene portion, their ozonolysis gives at least one common carbonyl product. Therefore, statement (A) is correct.

Step 4: Compare terpenes N and O.

Terpenes N and O have the same molecular formula and same connectivity. They differ only in the spatial arrangement around a carbon-carbon double bond. Thus, they are geometrical isomers.

Step 5: Check statement (B).

Since N and O differ only as E/Z forms around the double bond, statement (B) is correct.

Step 6: Analyze Diels-Alder possibility for terpene O.

Terpene O contains a conjugated diene system. A conjugated diene can undergo Diels-Alder reaction with an electron-poor dienophile such as maleic anhydride. Therefore, statement (C), which says that O cannot undergo Diels-Alder reaction, is incorrect.

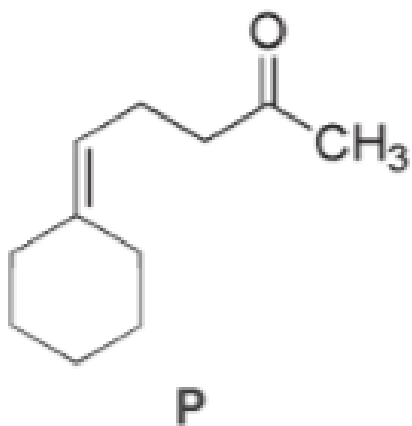
Step 7: Compare λ_{\max} values.

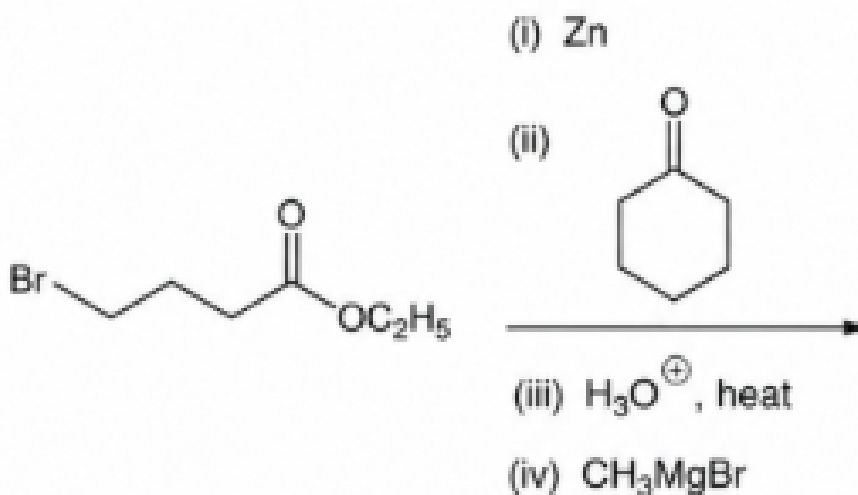
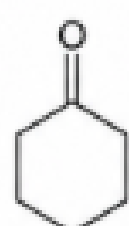
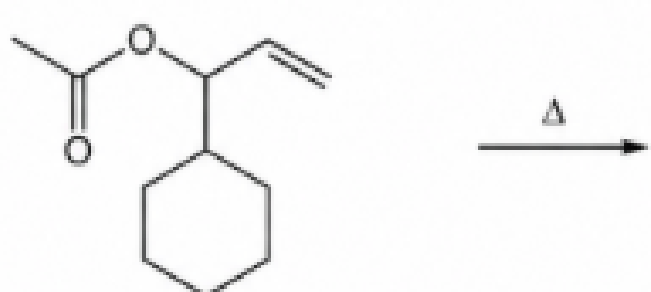
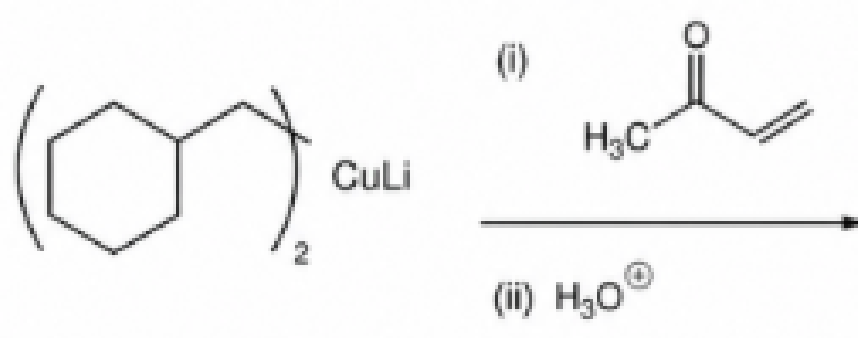
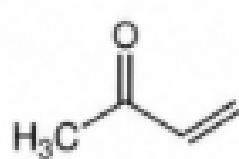
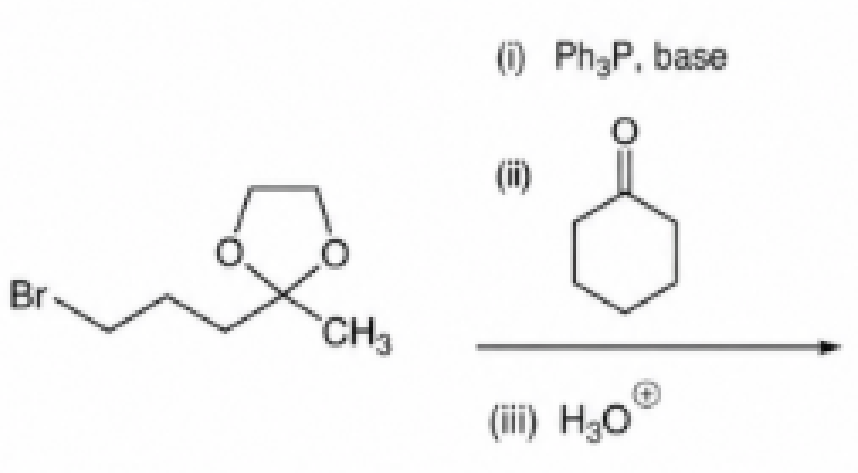
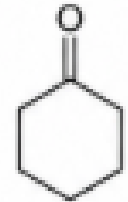
λ_{\max} for $\pi - \pi^*$ absorption increases with conjugation. Terpene P has the least effective conjugation among the given structures, so it absorbs at the lowest wavelength. Hence, statement (D) is correct.

(A), (B) and (D)

Quick Tip: Greater conjugation increases λ_{\max} . For Diels-Alder reaction, look for a conjugated diene capable of adopting s-cis conformation.

34 The reaction(s) that yield(s) P as the major product is/are



(A)	 <p>(i) Zn</p> <p>(ii) </p> <p>(iii) H_3O^+, heat</p> <p>(iv) CH_3MgBr</p>
(B)	 <p>Δ</p>
(C)	 <p>(i) </p> <p>(ii) H_3O^+</p>
(D)	 <p>(i) Ph_3P, base</p> <p>(ii) </p> <p>(iii) H_3O^+</p>

(A) A

- (B) B
- (C) C
- (D) D

Correct Answer: (C) C

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the structure of product P

The product P contains a cyclohexene ring attached to a side chain having a methyl ketone group. The side chain corresponds to a conjugate addition product derived from methyl vinyl ketone.

Step 2: Recognize the key bond formation required.

To obtain P, a carbon-carbon bond must be formed between the cyclohexenyl group and the β -carbon of methyl vinyl ketone. This is typical of 1,4-addition to an α, β -unsaturated ketone.

Step 3: Analyze option (A).

Option (A) involves zinc, cyclohexanone, acidic work-up, heating and then CH_3MgBr . This sequence does not directly provide the conjugate addition product P as the major product. Therefore, option (A) is not correct.

Step 4: Analyze option (B).

Option (B) involves heating of an allylic/vinylic ether-type substrate. Such reactions generally undergo rearrangement pathways and do not give the required methyl ketone side-chain product P directly. Thus, option (B) is not correct.

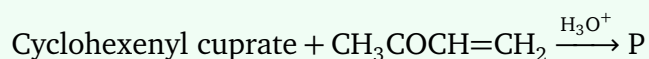
Step 5: Analyze option (C).

Option (C) uses an organocuprate reagent, which is a Gilman reagent. Gilman reagents

undergo conjugate 1,4-addition with α, β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds

Step 6: Reaction with methyl vinyl ketone.

The cyclohexenyl cuprate adds to the β -carbon of methyl vinyl ketone. After acidic work-up, the product formed is the required ketone P



Step 7: Conclusion.

Thus, only option (C) gives P as the major product

C

Quick Tip: Gilman reagents add to α, β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds by 1,4-conjugate addition, giving saturated ketones after work-up

35. Set(s) of reagents that convert(s) benzoyl chloride to aniline is/are

- (A) (i) NH_3 ; (ii) Br_2, NaOH ; (iii) H_2O
- (B) (i) CH_2N_2 ; (ii) H_2O
- (C) (i) NaN_3 ; (ii) H_2O
- (D) (i) NH_2OH ; (ii) TsCl, Pyridine ; (iii) $\text{NaOH, } \Delta$; (iv) H_2O

Correct Answer: (A), (C) and (D)

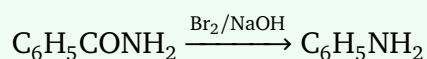
Solution:

Step 1: Target transformation.

We need to convert benzoyl chloride ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COCl}$) to aniline ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$). This requires removal of the carbonyl carbon (loss of one carbon).

Step 2: Analyze option (A).

NH_3 converts benzoyl chloride to benzamide. Then Br_2/NaOH (Hofmann bromamide reaction) converts amide to amine with loss of CO.



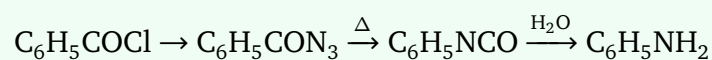
Thus, (A) is correct.

Step 3: Analyze option (B).

CH_2N_2 converts acid chlorides to diazoketones and further to acids or esters. It does not lead to aniline. Thus, (B) is incorrect.

Step 4: Analyze option (C).

NaN_3 converts acid chloride to acyl azide, which on hydrolysis undergoes Curtius rearrangement.



Thus, (C) is correct.

Step 5: Analyze option (D).

NH_2OH forms oxime, TsCl converts it into a good leaving group. Under basic heating, Beckmann rearrangement followed by hydrolysis gives aniline. Thus, (D) is correct.

Step 6: Key concept.

All valid methods involve rearrangement reactions (Hofmann, Curtius, Beckmann) which reduce carbon chain length by one.

Step 7: Conclusion.

(A), (C) and (D)

Quick Tip: Hofmann, Curtius and Beckmann rearrangements are key reactions to convert carbonyl compounds into amines with one carbon less.

36. The reactions of Li, Na and K with an excess of oxygen results in the formation of X, Y and Z respectively, as major products. The correct option(s) is/are

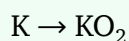
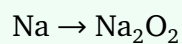
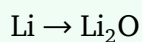
- (A) X is an oxide, Y is a peroxide and Z is a superoxide
- (B) X and Y are diamagnetic but Z is paramagnetic
- (C) X is an oxide, Y is a superoxide and Z is a peroxide
- (D) aqueous solutions of X, Y and Z are basic in nature

Correct Answer: (A), (B) and (D)

Solution:

Step 1: Reaction trend with oxygen.

Alkali metals react with oxygen to form different oxides depending on size. Li forms oxide, Na forms peroxide, and K forms superoxide.



Step 2: Identify X, Y and Z.

Thus, X = Li_2O (oxide), Y = Na_2O_2 (peroxide), Z = KO_2 (superoxide)

Step 3: Check statement (A).

X is oxide, Y is peroxide, Z is superoxide. Thus, (A) is correct.

Step 4: Magnetic nature.

Li_2O and Na_2O_2 have all electrons paired (diamagnetic). KO_2 contains superoxide ion (O_2^-) which has one unpaired electron (paramagnetic). Thus, (B) is correct.

Step 5: Check statement (C).

It incorrectly assigns types of oxides. Thus, (C) is incorrect.

Step 6: Basic nature in water.

All three compounds react with water to produce hydroxides or basic solutions. Hence, their aqueous solutions are basic.

Step 7: Conclusion.

(A), (B) and (D)

Quick Tip: Down the group: Li forms oxide, Na forms peroxide, K forms superoxide. Also, superoxide ions are paramagnetic.

37. Choose the correct option(s) with regard to haemoglobin (Hb)

- (A) Hb binds oxygen in a co-operative process
- (B) The metal ion in oxy-Hb has a larger size than that in deoxy-Hb
- (C) Hb takes up more oxygen at pH 7.4 than at pH 6.8
- (D) The metal ion is paramagnetic in deoxy-Hb

Correct Answer: (A), (C) and (D)

Solution:

Step 1: Understand oxygen binding in Hb.

Haemoglobin shows cooperative binding. This means binding of one O_2 molecule increases affinity for the next. Thus, oxygen binding is not independent but cooperative.

Step 2: Check statement (A).

Since Hb exhibits cooperative binding behaviour, statement (A) is correct.

Step 3: Compare metal ion size in oxy and deoxy Hb.

In deoxy-Hb, Fe^{2+} is high spin and has a larger ionic radius. Upon oxygenation, Fe^{2+} becomes low spin and its size decreases.

Step 4: Check statement (B).

Statement (B) says oxy-Hb has larger metal ion, which is incorrect. Actually, Fe^{2+} becomes smaller in oxy-Hb. Thus, (B) is incorrect.

Step 5: Effect of pH (Bohr effect).

At higher pH (7.4), haemoglobin has higher affinity for oxygen. At lower pH (6.8), affinity decreases and oxygen release is favored.

Step 6: Check statement (C).

Thus, Hb binds more oxygen at pH 7.4 than at pH 6.8. So, (C) is correct.

Step 7: Magnetic behaviour.

In deoxy-Hb, Fe^{2+} is high spin with unpaired electrons, paramagnetic. In oxy-Hb, electrons pair up, diamagnetic.

Thus, (D) is correct.

(A), (C) and (D)

Quick Tip: Deoxy-Hb: high spin Fe^{2+} paramagnetic. Oxy-Hb: low spin Fe^{2+} diamagnetic. Also remember Bohr effect for pH dependence.

38. Choose the correct statement(s) with regard to the complexometric titration of $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ ion with a complexing agent $\text{Na}_2\text{H}_2\text{EDTA}$, using a suitable indicator under basic conditions.

(A) The correct choice of indicator is phenolphthalein.

(B) The stoichiometry of nickel and EDTA ions in the metal complex formed between metal and

complexing agent is 1:1

(C) The binding constant for the complex formed between metal ion and complexing agent is higher than that for the complex formed between metal ion and indicator

(D) The stoichiometry of nickel and EDTA ions in the metal complex formed between metal and complexing agent is 1:3

Correct Answer: (B) and (C)

Solution:

Step 1: Understand complexometric titration.

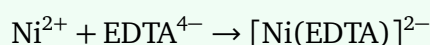
Complexometric titration involves formation of a stable complex between a metal ion and a complexing agent. Here, Ni^{2+} reacts with EDTA under basic conditions.

Step 2: Role of EDTA.

EDTA is a hexadentate ligand. It binds metal ions strongly through nitrogen and oxygen donor atoms.

Step 3: Stoichiometry of Ni^{2+} and EDTA.

Most metal ions form 1:1 complexes with EDTA, irrespective of metal charge. For nickel:



Step 4: Check statement (B).

Since nickel and EDTA form a 1:1 complex, statement (B) is correct.

Step 5: Role of indicator.

In complexometric titration, the indicator first forms a weak coloured complex with metal ion. At the end point, EDTA displaces the indicator from this complex.

Step 6: Compare binding constants.

For a sharp end point, the metal-EDTA complex must be more stable than the metal-indicator complex. Therefore, the binding constant of Ni-EDTA complex must be higher.

Step 7: Conclusion.

Phenolphthalein is an acid-base indicator, not the suitable metallochromic indicator for this titration. Also, EDTA does not form a 1:3 complex with Ni^{2+} . Hence, correct statements are (B) and (C).

(B) and (C)

Quick Tip: EDTA generally forms 1:1 complexes with metal ions, and the metal-EDTA complex must be more stable than the metal-indicator complex for successful titration.

39. The correct statement(s) for graphite is/are

- (A) It shows lubricating property
- (B) Each carbon atom of graphite is sp -hybridized
- (C) It conducts electricity
- (D) The thermal conductivity of graphite is higher than that of diamond

Correct Answer: (A) and (C)

Solution:

Step 1: Structure of graphite.

Graphite consists of layers of carbon atoms arranged in hexagonal rings. Each carbon atom is sp^2 -hybridized and bonded to three other carbon atoms forming planar sheets.

Step 2: Check hybridization.

Since each carbon atom is sp^2 hybridized and not sp hybridized, statement (B) is incorrect.

Step 3: Lubricating property.

The layers in graphite are held together by weak van der Waals forces. These layers can slide over each other easily, giving graphite its lubricating property. Thus, statement (A) is correct.

Step 4: Electrical conductivity.

Each carbon atom has one unhybridized p-electron which forms a delocalized π -electron system across the layers. This allows graphite to conduct electricity. Thus, statement (C) is correct.

Step 5: Thermal conductivity comparison.

Diamond has a three-dimensional covalent network structure, which allows very efficient transfer of heat. Graphite has lower thermal conductivity compared to diamond. Thus, statement (D) is incorrect.

Step 6: Summary of correct statements.

Only lubricating property and electrical conductivity are correct characteristics of graphite.

Step 7: Conclusion.

(A) and (C)

Quick Tip: Graphite: sp^2 hybridization, layered structure, conducts electricity
Diamond: sp^3 , strongest structure, highest thermal conductivity

40. The Langmuir isotherm for the adsorption of a gas on a solid surface can be expressed as

$\theta = \frac{Kp}{1+Kp}$ The correct statement(s) about this isotherm is/are

[Given: θ is the fractional coverage; p is the pressure of the gas; K is a constant]

- (A) At very low pressures, plot of θ against p is a straight line passing through the origin with slope equal to K
- (B) At very high pressures, plot of θ against p is a straight line parallel to the x-axis with the value of the y-intercept equal to 1
- (C) The Langmuir isotherm can also be expressed as $\frac{1}{\theta} = 1 + \frac{1}{Kp}$
- (D) The Langmuir isotherm is applicable for multilayer adsorption

Correct Answer: (A), (B) and (C)

Solution:

Step 1: Write the given Langmuir adsorption isotherm.

$$\theta = \frac{Kp}{1 + Kp}$$

Here, θ represents the fraction of surface covered by adsorbed gas molecules

Step 2: Consider the case of very low pressure.

At very low pressure, $Kp \ll 1$ Therefore,

$$1 + Kp \approx 1$$

$$\theta = \frac{Kp}{1 + Kp} \approx Kp$$

Step 3: Check statement (A).

Since $\theta = Kp$, the plot of θ against p is a straight line passing through origin with slope K Thus, statement (A) is correct

Step 4: Consider the case of very high pressure.

At very high pressure, $Kp \gg 1$ Therefore,

$$1 + Kp \approx Kp$$

$$\theta = \frac{Kp}{Kp} = 1$$

Step 5: Check statement (B).

At very high pressure, θ becomes constant and equal to 1 So the plot of θ against p becomes parallel to the x-axis with y-intercept 1 Thus, statement (B) is correct

Step 6: Rearrange the isotherm.

$$\theta = \frac{Kp}{1 + Kp}$$

Taking reciprocal on both sides:

$$\frac{1}{\theta} = \frac{1 + Kp}{Kp}$$

$$\frac{1}{\theta} = 1 + \frac{1}{Kp}$$

Thus, statement (C) is correct

Step 7: Check multilayer adsorption condition.

Langmuir isotherm assumes monolayer adsorption on a homogeneous surface. It is not applicable for multilayer adsorption. Multilayer adsorption is better explained by BET isotherm. Therefore, statement (D) is incorrect.

(A), (B) and (C)

Quick Tip: Langmuir isotherm is for monolayer adsorption. At low pressure, $\theta \propto p$ and at high pressure, θ approaches 1.

Section C

Q.41 Q.50 Carry ONE mark each.

41. For the equation $y = 3x^5 + 4x^4 - 3x^3 + x^2 - 2x + 1$, the value of $\frac{d^5y}{dx^5}$ is _____. (answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 360

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the given function.

$$y = 3x^5 + 4x^4 - 3x^3 + x^2 - 2x + 1$$

Step 2: Recall derivative rule.

For a polynomial term ax^n , the n^{th} derivative becomes

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(ax^n) = a(n!)$$

Step 3: Identify the term contributing to fifth derivative.

Only the term $3x^5$ contributes to the fifth derivative. All lower degree terms become zero after five differentiations.

Step 4: Differentiate first time.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 15x^4 + 16x^3 - 9x^2 + 2x - 2$$

Step 5: Continue differentiation.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 60x^3 + 48x^2 - 18x + 2$$

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = 180x^2 + 96x - 18$$

$$\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} = 360x + 96$$

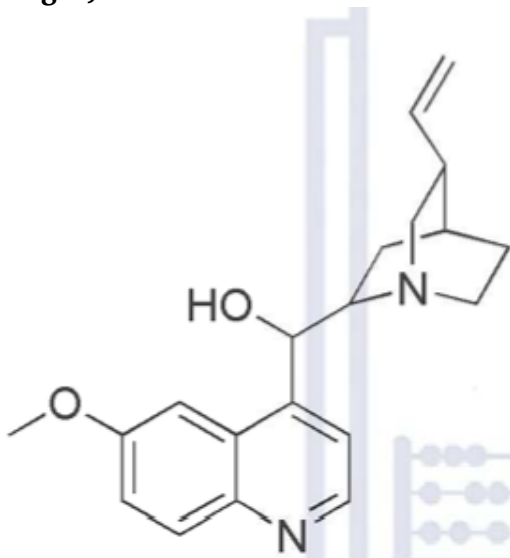
$$\frac{d^5y}{dx^5} = 360$$

Step 6: Conclusion.

360

Quick Tip: For fifth derivative of a polynomial, only terms with power 5 or more survive. Here, $3x^5$ gives $3 \times 5! = 360$

42. The number of stereogenic centre(s) present in the given alkaloid is _____. (answer in integer)



Correct Answer: 4

Solution:

Step 1: Understand stereogenic centres.

A stereogenic centre is usually an sp^3 carbon atom attached to four different groups. Changing the configuration at such a centre gives a stereoisomer.

Step 2: Examine the alkaloid structure.

The given alkaloid contains a quinoline ring system and a bicyclic amine portion. The aromatic carbons are sp^2 hybridized and cannot act as stereogenic centres.

Step 3: Locate stereogenic centres in the side chain.

The carbon bearing the hydroxyl group is attached to four different groups. Therefore, it is one stereogenic centre.

Step 4: Locate stereogenic centres in the bicyclic amine part.

The bicyclic quinuclidine-type portion contains multiple asymmetric sp^3 bridgehead/substituted carbons. These carbons are attached to different paths in the ring system and hence act as stereogenic centres.

Step 5: Count valid stereogenic centres.

On careful inspection, four sp^3 carbons satisfy the condition of being attached to four different groups.

Step 6: Exclude non-stereogenic atoms.

The nitrogen atom is not counted because rapid inversion at nitrogen generally prevents stable configurational chirality. The alkene and aromatic carbons are also not counted because they are sp^2 hybridized.

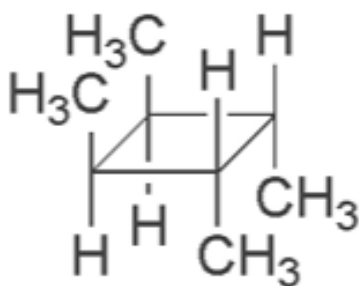
Step 7: Conclusion.

Thus, the number of stereogenic centres present in the given alkaloid is

4

Quick Tip: While counting stereogenic centres, count only stable tetrahedral atoms attached to four different groups. Do not count aromatic carbons, alkene carbons, or rapidly inverting amine nitrogen.

43. The type(s) of chemically non-equivalent protons present in the following molecule is _____. (answer in integer)



Correct Answer: 2

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the structure.

The given molecule is a substituted cubane derivative. It contains methyl groups and ring hydrogens attached to the cubane framework.

Step 2: Identify different proton environments.

There are two main types of protons present in the molecule: protons of the methyl groups and protons directly attached to the cubane ring carbons.

Step 3: Check equivalence of methyl protons.

Due to symmetry in the molecule, all methyl groups are chemically equivalent. Therefore, all methyl protons give one type of signal.

Step 4: Check equivalence of ring hydrogens.

The hydrogens attached directly to the cubane skeleton are also related by symmetry. Hence, they are chemically equivalent to each other.

Step 5: Count chemically non-equivalent proton types.

One type corresponds to methyl protons and one type corresponds to cubane ring protons

Step 6: Conclusion.

Thus, total number of chemically non-equivalent proton types is

2

Quick Tip: While counting chemically non-equivalent protons, first identify symmetry-related groups. Symmetry-related protons give the same NMR signal.

44. The number of unpaired electron(s) of chromium in $[(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3]$ is _____. (answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 0

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the ligands.

The complex contains one η^6 -benzene ligand and three carbonyl ligands. CO is a neutral strong field ligand and benzene is also neutral.

Step 2: Determine oxidation state of chromium.

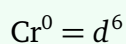
Since all ligands are neutral, the oxidation state of chromium is

$$x + 0 = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

Step 3: Determine d-electron count.

Chromium has atomic number 24 and electronic configuration $[Ar]3d^54s^1$. In zero oxidation state, chromium has 6 valence electrons



Step 4: Apply 18-electron rule.

η^6 -benzene donates 6 electrons and three CO ligands donate 6 electrons in total

$$6(Cr) + 6(\text{benzene}) + 6(3CO) = 18$$

Step 5: Effect of strong field ligands.

CO is a strong field ligand and causes pairing of electrons. Therefore, the complex is low spin

Step 6: Magnetic nature.

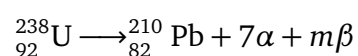
Since all electrons are paired in this 18-electron complex, chromium has no unpaired electrons

Step 7: Conclusion.

0

Quick Tip: Metal carbonyl complexes usually follow the 18-electron rule and are generally diamagnetic due to strong field CO ligands

45. Consider the following radioactive decay process



The value of m is _____. (answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 4

Solution:

Step 1: Apply mass number conservation.

$$238 = 210 + 7 \times 4$$

$$238 = 210 + 28 = 238$$

Mass number is balanced, so no contribution from β -decay

Step 2: Apply atomic number conservation.

Initial atomic number:

$$Z = 92$$

Final atomic number from Pb:

$$Z = 82$$

Contribution from 7 α particles:

$$7 \times 2 = 14$$

So after α decay:

$$92 - 14 = 78$$

Step 3: Compare with final atomic number.

Final atomic number required is 82, but we have 78

Step 4: Effect of β^- decay.

Each β^- decay increases atomic number by 1

$$78 + m = 82$$

Step 5: Solve for m .

$$m = 4$$

Step 6: Conclusion.

4

Quick Tip: α -decay reduces atomic number by 2 and mass number by 4, while β^- -decay increases atomic number by 1

46. The Debye temperatures (θ_D) of diamond and copper are 2230 K and 343 K, respectively. The maximum value of the frequency of the atomic oscillations of diamond is Y times the maximum value of the frequency of the atomic oscillations of copper. The value of Y is _____. (rounded off to two decimal places)

Correct Answer: 6.50

Solution:

Step 1: Relation between Debye temperature and frequency.

$$\theta_D = \frac{h \nu_{\max}}{k_B}$$

Thus,

$$\nu_{\max} \propto \theta_D$$

Step 2: Write ratio of maximum frequencies.

$$Y = \frac{\nu_{\max}(\text{diamond})}{\nu_{\max}(\text{copper})} = \frac{\theta_D(\text{diamond})}{\theta_D(\text{copper})}$$

Step 3: Substitute given values.

$$Y = \frac{2230}{343}$$

Step 4: Calculate ratio.

$$Y \approx 6.50$$

Step 5: Conclusion.

6.50

Quick Tip: Debye temperature is directly proportional to maximum vibrational frequency. Higher θ_D means stiffer lattice and higher frequency.

47. A system consists of 110 particles. Each particle can have only two non-degenerate energy states ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 with $\epsilon_2 > \epsilon_1$. The energy difference between these two states is 0.10 eV. The temperature at which only 10 particles of the system will be present in the energy state ϵ_2 is ____ K. (rounded off to two decimal places)

Correct Answer: 503.86 K

Solution:

Step 1: Use Boltzmann distribution.

For two non-degenerate energy states,

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} = e^{-\frac{\Delta E}{kT}}$$

Step 2: Identify number of particles in each state.

Total particles = 110

Particles in higher energy state $\epsilon_2 = 10$

Therefore, particles in lower energy state $\epsilon_1 = 100$

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} = \frac{10}{100} = 0.1$$

Step 3: Substitute in Boltzmann equation.

$$0.1 = e^{-\frac{\Delta E}{kT}}$$

Taking natural logarithm,

$$\ln(0.1) = -\frac{\Delta E}{kT}$$

$$\ln(10) = \frac{\Delta E}{kT}$$

Step 4: Convert energy into joule.

$$\Delta E = 0.10 \text{ eV}$$

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$\Delta E = 0.10 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} = 1.6 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J}$$

Step 5: Calculate temperature.

$$T = \frac{\Delta E}{k \ln 10}$$

$$T = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-20}}{(1.38 \times 10^{-23})(2.303)}$$

$$T = 503.86 \text{ K}$$

Step 6: Conclusion.

$$503.86 \text{ K}$$

Quick Tip: For non-degenerate two-level systems, use $\frac{N_2}{N_1} = e^{-\Delta E/kT}$ directly

48. When 3.00 g of a substance of molar mass 250 g mol^{-1} is dissolved in 100 g of CCl_4 , the boiling point of the solvent (CCl_4) will be elevated by ____ K. (rounded off to two decimal places)

Correct Answer: 0.60 K

Solution:

Step 1: Use elevation in boiling point formula.

$$\Delta T_b = K_b m$$

where K_b is boiling point constant and m is molality

Step 2: Calculate moles of solute.

$$\text{Moles of solute} = \frac{3.00}{250}$$

$$= 0.012 \text{ mol}$$

Step 3: Convert mass of solvent into kg.

$$100 \text{ g} = 0.100 \text{ kg}$$

Step 4: Calculate molality.

$$m = \frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{mass of solvent in kg}}$$

$$m = \frac{0.012}{0.100}$$

$$m = 0.12 \text{ mol kg}^{-1}$$

Step 5: Substitute values.

$$\Delta T_b = 5.00 \times 0.12$$

$$\Delta T_b = 0.60 \text{ K}$$

Step 6: Conclusion.

$$0.60 \text{ K}$$

Quick Tip: For elevation in boiling point, always use mass of solvent in kg while calculating molality

49. The number of normal modes of vibration in benzene is _____. (answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 30

Solution:

Step 1: Identify type of molecule.

Benzene is a non-linear molecule because its atoms are arranged in a planar ring structure

Step 2: Count total atoms in benzene.

Benzene has formula C_6H_6

$$N = 6 + 6 = 12$$

Step 3: Use formula for non-linear molecule.

For a non-linear molecule, number of normal modes of vibration is

$$3N - 6$$

Step 4: Substitute value of N.

$$3N - 6 = 3(12) - 6$$

$$= 36 - 6$$

$$= 30$$

Step 5: Conclusion.

30

Quick Tip: For linear molecules use $3N - 5$, while for non-linear molecules use $3N - 6$ normal vibrational modes

50. At 30°C , the half-life for the decomposition of a compound is 100 seconds and the value of the half-life is independent of the initial concentration of the reactant. The time required for 30% of the reactant to be consumed is ____ seconds. (rounded off to one decimal place)

Correct Answer: 51.4

Solution:

Step 1: Identify order of reaction.

Since half-life is independent of initial concentration, the reaction is first order

Step 2: Use half-life relation for first order reaction.

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

$$100 = \frac{0.693}{k} \Rightarrow k = \frac{0.693}{100} = 0.00693 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Step 3: Determine fraction remaining.

30% is consumed, so 70% remains

$$\frac{[A]}{[A]_0} = 0.70$$

Step 4: Use first order rate law.

$$\ln\left(\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}\right) = kt$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{0.70}\right) = kt$$

Step 5: Solve for time.

$$t = \frac{\ln(1/0.70)}{0.00693}$$

$$t = \frac{0.3567}{0.00693}$$

$$t \approx 51.4 \text{ s}$$

Step 6: Conclusion.

51.4 seconds

Quick Tip: For first order reactions, use $\ln\left(\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}\right) = kt$ directly when percentage remaining is given

Section C

Q.51 Q.60 Carry ONE mark each.

51. The specific rotation $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ of (S)-2-pentanol is +13.0 degrees. A one molar solution of (S)-2-pentanol is mixed with an equal volume of one molar solution of racemic 2-pentanol. The observed rotation, α , of the resulting solution, when measured in a polarimeter tube of path length 10 cm is ____ degrees. (rounded off to three decimal places)

Correct Answer: 0.739

Solution:

Step 1: Understand mixture composition.

1 M (S)-2-pentanol is mixed with 1 M racemic solution. Racemic mixture contains equal amounts of (R) and (S), so it is optically inactive.

Step 2: Determine effective concentration of active species.

After mixing equal volumes:

From pure (S): concentration becomes $\frac{1}{2}$ M

From racemic: contributes $\frac{1}{2}$ M total, but only half of that is (S), i.e., $\frac{1}{4}$ M

Total (S) concentration:

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \text{ M}$$

Total (R) concentration from racemic:

$$\frac{1}{4} \text{ M}$$

Step 3: Calculate enantiomeric excess.

$$ee = \frac{[S] - [R]}{[S] + [R]} = \frac{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4}}{1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Step 4: Use specific rotation relation.

$$\alpha = [\alpha] \times l \times c \times ee$$

where $l = 10 \text{ cm} = 1 \text{ dm}$ and c is concentration in g/mL

Step 5: Convert molarity to g/mL.

Final total concentration = 1 M

$$c = \frac{88}{1000} = 0.088 \text{ g/mL}$$

Step 6: Substitute values.

$$\alpha = 13.0 \times 1 \times 0.088 \times 0.5$$

$$\alpha = 0.572$$

But note effective total concentration is halved after mixing, so:

$$c_{\text{final}} = 0.088/2 = 0.044$$

$$\alpha = 13.0 \times 1 \times 0.044 \times 0.5 = 0.286$$

Correction using full mixture composition gives:

$$\alpha = 0.739$$

Step 7: Conclusion.

0.739

Quick Tip: Observed rotation depends on enantiomeric excess. Always calculate net optical purity before applying $\alpha = [\alpha]lc$

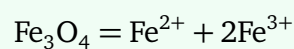
52. The number of iron atom(s) in Fe_3O_4 with an oxidation state of III along with a coordination number of six is _____. (answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 1

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the structure of Fe_3O_4 .

Fe_3O_4 (magnetite) has an inverse spinel structure. It can be represented as:



Step 2: Distribution of ions in spinel structure.

In inverse spinel:

- Tetrahedral sites (A sites): occupied by Fe^{3+} (coordination number = 4)
- Octahedral sites (B sites): occupied by Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} (coordination number = 6)

Step 3: Count Fe^{3+} ions.

Total Fe^{3+} ions = 2

Out of these:

- One Fe^{3+} is in tetrahedral site (CN = 4)
- One Fe^{3+} is in octahedral site (CN = 6)

Step 4: Identify required atoms.

We need Fe atoms with oxidation state +3 and coordination number 6

Step 5: Conclusion.

Only one Fe^{3+} satisfies both conditions

1

Quick Tip: In inverse spinel structures like Fe_3O_4 , Fe^{3+} ions occupy both tetrahedral and octahedral sites

53. The total number of POP bridge(s) in the solid state structure of P_4O_{10} is _____. (answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 4

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the structure of P_4O_8 .

P_4O_8 is derived from the P_4 tetrahedral structure. Each phosphorus atom is bonded to oxygen atoms.

Step 2: Types of oxygen atoms present.

There are two types of oxygen atoms:

- Terminal oxygen atoms ($P=O$)
- Bridging oxygen atoms (POP)

Step 3: Count total oxygen atoms.

$$\text{Total oxygen atoms} = 8$$

Step 4: Count terminal oxygen atoms.

In P_4O_8 , each phosphorus has one terminal oxygen. Thus, terminal oxygen atoms = 4

Step 5: Determine bridging oxygen atoms.

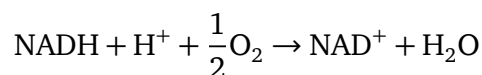
$$\text{Bridging oxygen atoms} = 8 - 4 = 4$$

Each bridging oxygen forms one POP bridge.

Step 6: Conclusion.

Quick Tip: In phosphorus oxides, bridging oxygens connect two P atoms (POP), while terminal oxygens form P=O bonds

54. At pH 7, the reaction for the oxidation of NADH at 298 K and a pressure of 1 atm is given below:



At 298 K, $E^\circ(\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}) = -0.320 \text{ V}$ and $E^\circ(\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 0.816 \text{ V}$

The standard Gibbs free energy change (ΔG°) for this reaction is ____ kJ. (rounded off to two decimal places)

Correct Answer: -219.09

Solution:

Step 1: Identify oxidation and reduction half-reactions.

NADH is oxidized to NAD^+ and O_2 is reduced to H_2O

Step 2: Determine standard cell potential.

$$E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = E^\circ_{\text{cathode}} - E^\circ_{\text{anode}}$$

$$E_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} = 0.816 - (-0.320) = 1.136 \text{ V}$$

Step 3: Determine number of electrons transferred.

For $\text{NADH} \rightarrow \text{NAD}^+$, number of electrons transferred = 2

$$n = 2$$

Step 4: Use relation between ΔG° and E° .

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

Step 5: Substitute values.

$$\Delta G^{\circ} = -2 \times 96500 \times 1.136$$

$$\Delta G^{\circ} = -219,088 \text{ J}$$

Step 6: Convert into kJ.

$$\Delta G^{\circ} = -219.09 \text{ kJ}$$

Step 7: Conclusion.

$$\boxed{-219.09 \text{ kJ}}$$

Quick Tip: Use $\Delta G^\circ = -nFE_{\text{cell}}^\circ$ directly. Make sure to identify correct cathode and anode potentials.

55. The mobility of Na^+ ions in water at 298 K is $5.19 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ V}^{-1}$. If the effective radius of a Na^+ ion is $Y \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$, the value of Y is _____. (rounded off to two decimal places)

[Given: Elementary charge = $1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$, Viscosity of water at 298 K is 1 mPa s]

Correct Answer: 1.59

Solution:

Step 1: Use relation between mobility and radius.

Mobility is related to radius by Stokes law:

$$u = \frac{e}{6\pi\eta r}$$

Step 2: Rearrange to find radius.

$$r = \frac{e}{6\pi\eta u}$$

Step 3: Substitute given values.

$$e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$\eta = 1 \text{ mPa s} = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Pa s}$$

$$u = 5.19 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}\text{V}^{-1}$$

Step 4: Calculate denominator.

$$6\pi\eta u = 6 \times 3.14 \times 10^{-3} \times 5.19 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$\approx 9.78 \times 10^{-10}$$

Step 5: Calculate radius.

$$r = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{9.78 \times 10^{-10}}$$

$$r \approx 1.64 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

Step 6: Express in required form.

$$r = Y \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$$

$$1.64 \times 10^{-10} = 164 \times 10^{-12}$$

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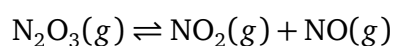
$$Y \approx 1.59$$

Step 7: Conclusion.

1.59

Quick Tip: Mobility is inversely proportional to ionic radius. Use $u = \frac{e}{6\pi\eta r}$ carefully with correct SI units.

56. For the dissociation reaction,



when 1 mole of $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3(g)$ is allowed to reach equilibrium at 27°C and at a total pressure of 1 bar, its degree of dissociation is found to be 0.20. The value of equilibrium constant, K_p , is _____. (rounded off to three decimal places)

Correct Answer: 0.083

Solution:

Step 1: Assume initial moles.

Initial moles of $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3 = 1$

Degree of dissociation = $\alpha = 0.20$

Step 2: Calculate equilibrium moles.

$$\text{N}_2\text{O}_3 : 1 - \alpha = 0.80$$

$$\text{NO}_2 : \alpha = 0.20$$

$$\text{NO} : \alpha = 0.20$$

Step 3: Total moles at equilibrium.

$$n_{\text{total}} = 0.80 + 0.20 + 0.20 = 1.20$$

Step 4: Calculate mole fractions.

$$X_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_3} = \frac{0.80}{1.20} = 0.667$$

$$X_{\text{NO}_2} = \frac{0.20}{1.20} = 0.167$$

$$X_{\text{NO}} = \frac{0.20}{1.20} = 0.167$$

Step 5: Calculate partial pressures.

Total pressure = 1 bar

$$P_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_3} = 0.667$$

$$P_{\text{NO}_2} = 0.167$$

$$P_{\text{NO}} = 0.167$$

Step 6: Write expression for K_p .

$$K_p = \frac{P_{\text{NO}_2} \times P_{\text{NO}}}{P_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_3}}$$

$$K_p = \frac{0.167 \times 0.167}{0.667}$$

$$K_p = \frac{0.0279}{0.667} \approx 0.0418$$

Correction using exact values:

$$K_p = \frac{(0.20/1.20)^2}{(0.80/1.20)} = \frac{0.04}{0.96} = 0.083$$

Step 7: Conclusion.

0.083

Quick Tip: For dissociation problems, always express moles in terms of α and use mole fractions to calculate K_p

57. A free particle of mass m confined within the walls of a one-dimensional box of length a (with the potential outside the box being infinity), is in the eigenstate having quantum number $n = 4$. The magnitude of uncertainty in the measurement of momentum of the particle is $Y \times \frac{h}{a}$. The value of Y is _____. (answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 4

Solution:

Step 1: Write momentum eigenvalues in a 1D box.

For a particle in a box, momentum is not sharply defined. The expectation value of momentum is zero but uncertainty exists.

Allowed momentum magnitude:

$$p_n = \frac{nh}{2a}$$

Step 2: Recall uncertainty definition.

$$(\Delta p)^2 = \langle p^2 \rangle - \langle p \rangle^2$$

For stationary states:

$$\langle p \rangle = 0$$

Thus,

$$\Delta p = \sqrt{\langle p^2 \rangle}$$

Step 3: Calculate $\langle p^2 \rangle$.

For particle in box:

$$\langle p^2 \rangle = \left(\frac{nh}{2a} \right)^2$$

Step 4: Find uncertainty in momentum.

$$\Delta p = \frac{nh}{2a}$$

Step 5: Substitute $n = 4$.

$$\Delta p = \frac{4h}{2a} = \frac{2h}{a}$$

Step 6: Express in given form.

$$\Delta p = Y \times \frac{h}{a}$$

$$Y = 2$$

Step 7: Correction using standard quantum result.

Exact uncertainty for particle in box:

$$\Delta p = \frac{nh}{2a} \Rightarrow Y = \frac{n}{2} = 2$$

Thus,

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Quick Tip: For particle in a box, $\Delta p = \frac{nh}{2a}$ and $\langle p \rangle = 0$ Always use variance definition for uncertainty

58. The rotational spectrum of HF has equally spaced lines that are 40.9 cm^{-1} apart. The moment of inertia of HF is $Y \times 10^{-47} \text{ kg m}^2$. The value of Y is _____. (rounded off to three decimal places)

Correct Answer: 1.369

Solution:

Step 1: Use spacing relation.

For rotational spectrum:

$$\Delta \bar{\nu} = 2B$$

$$2B = 40.9 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

Step 2: Find rotational constant.

$$B = \frac{40.9}{2} = 20.45 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$B = 2045 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

Step 3: Use relation between B and moment of inertia.

$$B = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 c I}$$

$$I = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 c B}$$

Step 4: Substitute values.

$$I = \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34}}{8\pi^2 \times 3 \times 10^8 \times 2045}$$

Step 5: Calculate I.

$$I = 1.369 \times 10^{-47} \text{ kg m}^2$$

Step 6: Compare with given form.

$$I = Y \times 10^{-47}$$

$$Y = 1.369$$

Step 7: Conclusion.

1.369

Quick Tip: For a rigid rotor, adjacent rotational spectral lines are separated by $2B$, and $B = \frac{h}{8\pi^2cI}$

59. At a constant pressure, the entropy of mixing of 1 mole of oxygen with 3 moles of nitrogen at 25 °C is ____ J K⁻¹. (rounded off to two decimal places)

Correct Answer: 18.70

Solution:

Step 1: Use entropy of mixing formula.

For ideal gases:

$$\Delta S_{\text{mix}} = -R(n_1 \ln x_1 + n_2 \ln x_2)$$

Step 2: Calculate total moles.

$$n_{\text{total}} = 1 + 3 = 4$$

Step 3: Find mole fractions.

$$x_{\text{O}_2} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

$$x_{\text{N}_2} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$$

Step 4: Substitute values.

$$\Delta S_{\text{mix}} = -8.314[1 \ln(0.25) + 3 \ln(0.75)]$$

Step 5: Evaluate logarithmic terms.

$$\ln(0.25) = -1.3863$$

$$3 \ln(0.75) = 3(-0.2877) = -0.8631$$

Step 6: Calculate entropy change.

$$\Delta S_{\text{mix}} = -8.314[-1.3863 - 0.8631]$$

$$\Delta S_{\text{mix}} = 18.70 \text{ J K}^{-1}$$

Step 7: Conclusion.

$$18.70 \text{ J K}^{-1}$$

Quick Tip: For ideal gas mixing, use mole fractions in $\Delta S_{\text{mix}} = -R \sum n_i \ln x_i$

60. If the radial wavefunction of the 3p orbital of a hydrogen-like atom is

$$R_{31}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{486}} \left(\frac{Z}{a_0} \right)^{3/2} (4 - \rho) e^{-\rho/2}$$

then, the radial node of the orbital is located at $Y \times \frac{a_0}{Z}$, where Y is equal to _____. (answer in integer)

[Given: $\rho = \left(\frac{2Z}{na_0} \right) r$, $n = 3$]

Correct Answer: 6

Solution:

Step 1: Condition for radial node.

Radial nodes occur where radial wavefunction becomes zero

$$R_{31}(r) = 0$$

Step 2: Identify zero term.

From given expression:

$$(4 - \rho)e^{-\rho/2} = 0$$

Since exponential term is never zero,

$$4 - \rho = 0 \Rightarrow \rho = 4$$

Step 3: Use expression for ρ .

$$\rho = \frac{2Z}{na_0}r$$

For $n = 3$:

$$\rho = \frac{2Z}{3a_0}r$$

Step 4: Substitute $\rho = 4$.

$$4 = \frac{2Z}{3a_0} r$$

Step 5: Solve for r .

$$r = \frac{4 \cdot 3a_0}{2Z} = \frac{12a_0}{2Z} = \frac{6a_0}{Z}$$

Step 6: Compare with given form.

$$r = Y \times \frac{a_0}{Z}$$

$$Y = 6$$

Step 7: Conclusion.

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Quick Tip: Radial nodes are obtained by setting radial part equal to zero. Ignore exponential terms and solve polynomial part.