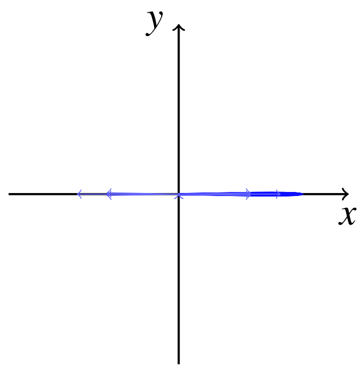
Rajasthan JET Chemistry Sample Paper-3

Duration: 40 Minutes **Maximum Marks: 160**

Instructions

- This paper contains **40** Multiple Choice Questions (Single Correct).
- Each correct answer carries **+4 marks**.
- Each incorrect answer carries: **−1 marks**.
- Use of mobile phones, smartwatches, calculators, or any electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited.

Q1. The angular probability density plot for a 2p orbital is represented as shown below:



What are the total number of nodes (radial + angular) in a 3d orbital?

(A) 0

(B) 1

(C) 2

(D) 3

Q2. For a reaction $2A + B \rightarrow$ Products, the rate law is found to be Rate $= k[A]^2[B]^1$. The overall order of this reaction and the units of the rate constant (concentration in mol L^{-1}, time in s) are respectively:

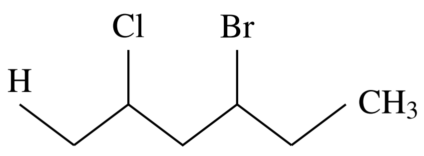
(A) 2, $L\ mol^{-1}\ s^{-1}$

(B) 3, $L^2\ mol^{-2}\ s^{-1}$

(C) 3, L mol^{-1} s^{-1}

(D) 2, mol L^{-1} s^{-1}

Q3. The correct IUPAC name of the compound depicted below is:



(A) 3-Bromo-2-chloropentane

(B) 3-Bromo-2-chloropent-1-ene

(C) 2-Chloro-3-bromopentane

(D) 1-Chloro-2-bromopentane

Q4. The number of oxygen atoms present in 4.9 g of sulphuric acid (H_2SO_4) is: (Given $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$)

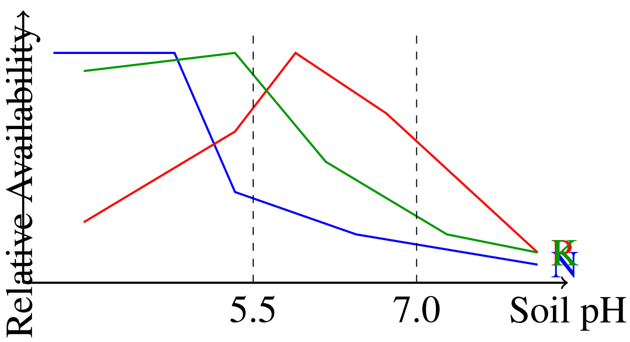
(A) 1.204×10^{23}

(B) 6.02×10^{22}

(C) 1.204×10^{22}

(D) 3.01×10^{23}

Q5. The diagram below shows the relationship between soil pH and the availability of three key plant nutrients.



The soil pH range in which ALL three nutrients (N, P, K) show high availability simultaneously is approximately:

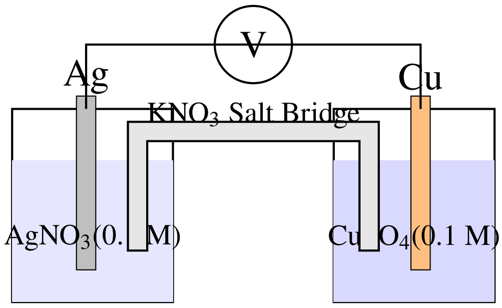
(A) 4.0–5.5

(B) 5.5–7.0

(C) 7.0–8.5

(D) Below 4.0

Q6. Consider the electrochemical cell represented below:



Given: $E^\circ_{Ag^+/Ag} = +0.80$ V and $E^\circ_{Cu^{2+}/Cu} = +0.34$ V, the standard cell potential E°_{cell} is:

(A) +0.46 V

(B) −0.46 V

(C) +1.14 V

(D) +0.12 V

Q7. According to VSEPR theory, the molecular geometry and the number of lone pairs on the central atom in ClF_3 are respectively:

(A) Trigonal bipyramidal, 2 lone pairs

(B) T-shaped, 2 lone pairs

(C) T-shaped, 1 lone pair

(D) See-saw, 1 lone pair

Q8. For the reaction $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g)$, the equilibrium constant $K_c = 4.0$ at a certain temperature. If we write the reaction as $\frac{1}{2}N_2(g) + \frac{3}{2}H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons NH_3(g)$, the value of K_c' for this modified equation will be:

(A) 2.0

(B) 4.0

(C) 8.0

(D) 16.0

Q9. A hydrocarbon with molecular formula C_5H_{10} decolourises bromine water in the dark but does not react with ammoniacal silver nitrate. The number of possible structural isomers (excluding stereoisomers) for such a hydrocarbon is:

(A) 3

(B) 4

(C) 5

(D) 6

Q10. Which of the following arrangements correctly represents the correct order of atomic radii for the given elements?

(A) Na $<$ Mg $<$ Al $<$ Si

(B) Li $>$ Na $>$ K $>$ Rb

(C) F $<$ Cl $<$ Br $<$ I

(D) Be $>$ B $>$ C $>$ N

Q11. For a liquid, the enthalpy of vaporization is 40.65 kJ mol^{-1} at its normal boiling point of 100°C. The entropy change (ΔS_{vap}) for the vaporization process is approximately:

(A) 109 J K^{-1} mol^{-1}

(B) 40.65 J K^{-1} mol^{-1}

(C) 406.5 J K^{-1} mol^{-1}

(D) 0.109 J K^{-1} mol^{-1}

Q12. Which of the following sequences correctly ranks the Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC) of soil colloids in increasing order?

(A) Kaolinite < Illite < Montmorillonite < Humus

(B) Humus < Montmorillonite < Illite < Kaolinite

(C) Illite < Kaolinite < Humus < Montmorillonite

(D) Montmorillonite < Kaolinite < Humus < Illite

Q13. In the reaction $2Fe^{3+}(aq) + Sn^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow 2Fe^{2+}(aq) + Sn^{4+}(aq)$, the species undergoing oxidation and reduction respectively are:

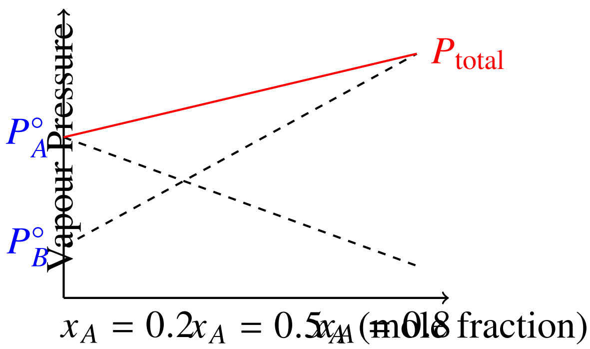
(A) Fe^{3+} is oxidised, Sn^{2+} is reduced

(B) Sn^{2+} is oxidised, Fe^{3+} is reduced

(C) Fe^{3+} is oxidised, Fe^{2+} is reduced

(D) Sn^{2+} is reduced, Fe^{3+} is oxidised

Q14. The vapour pressure–composition diagram for an ideal binary liquid mixture of A and B at a fixed temperature is shown.



If $P^\circ_A = 300$ mm Hg and $P^\circ_B = 100$ mm Hg, the total vapour pressure above a mixture where $x_A = 0.4$ is:

(A) 180 mm Hg

(B) 200 mm Hg

(C) 220 mm Hg

(D) 240 mm Hg

Q15. The correct IUPAC name of $K_3[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]$ is:

(A) Potassium trioxalatoferrate(II)

(B) Potassium trioxalatoferrate(III)

(C) Tripotassium iron(III) oxalate

(D) Potassium tris(oxalato)iron(III)

Q16. The hybridisation state and the shape of $XeOF_4$ molecule are respectively:

(A) sp^3d, square pyramidal

(B) sp^3d^2, octahedral

(C) sp^3d^2, square pyramidal

(D) sp^3d, trigonal bipyramidal

Q17. For a first-order reaction, the half-life is 69.3 s. The time required for the concentration of the reactant to decrease from 0.8 M to 0.1 M is: (log 2 = 0.3010)

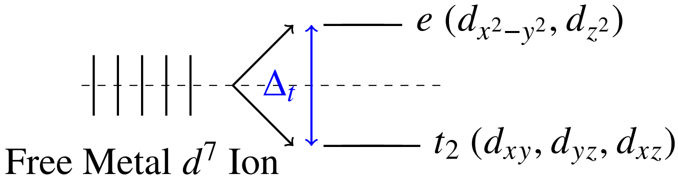
(A) 138.6 s

(B) 207.9 s

(C) 277.2 s

(D) 346.5 s

Q18. The crystal field splitting diagram for a tetrahedral complex is shown below:



For a tetrahedral d^7 complex with $\Delta_t < P$ (pairing energy), the number of unpaired electrons is:

(A) 1

(B) 3

(C) 5

(D) 7

Q19. An organic compound on analysis gave the following composition: C = 54.54%, H = 9.09%, O = 36.37%. The empirical formula of the compound is:

(A) C_2H_4O

(B) $C_3H_6O_2$

(C) $C_2H_4O_2$

(D) CH_2O

Q20. How many coulombs of electricity are required to deposit 5.4 g of aluminium (atomic mass = 27 g mol^{-1}) from molten Al_2O_3? (1 F = 96500 C)

(A) 28950 C

(B) 57900 C

(C) 96500 C

(D) 19300 C

Q21. A farmer observes that the soil on his field has pH 9.2 and is highly dispersed with poor water infiltration. Which of the following amendments would be MOST effective for reclaiming this soil?

(A) Addition of ammonium sulphate

(B) Addition of finely ground limestone

(C) Addition of gypsum followed by leaching

(D) Addition of potassium chloride

Q22. Which of the following compounds will be most acidic in nature?

(A) *o*-Cresol

(B) *m*-Nitrophenol

(C) *p*-Nitrophenol

(D) Phenol

Q23. A set of quantum numbers $n = 3$, $l = 2$, $m_l = -2$, $m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$ represents an electron in which orbital?

(A) 3p

(B) 3d

(C) 3s

(D) 4f

Q24. Calculate the pH of a buffer solution prepared by mixing 100 mL of 0.1 M NH_3 solution with 100 mL of 0.05 M NH_4Cl solution. (Given K_b for $NH_3 = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$, $\log 1.8 = 0.26$, $\log 2 = 0.30$)

(A) 4.74

(B) 9.26

(C) 9.56

(D) 8.96

Q25. The pair of compounds $[Cr(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$ and $[Cr(H_2O)_5Cl]Cl_2 \cdot H_2O$ exhibit which type of isomerism?

(A) Linkage isomerism

(B) Hydrate isomerism

(C) Coordination isomerism

(D) Ionization isomerism

Q26. The formal charge on the central nitrogen atom in the nitrate ion (NO_3^-) is:

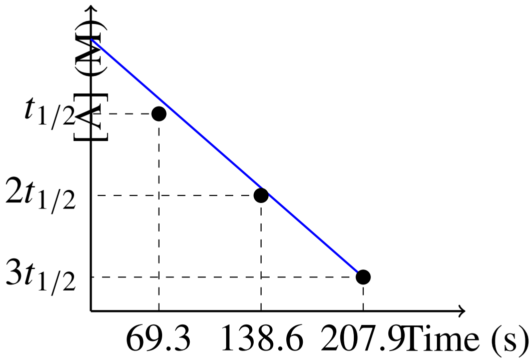
(A) 0

(B) +1

(C) -1

(D) +2

Q27. The concentration vs time graph for a reactant A in a chemical reaction is shown below:



For a first-order reaction, if $[A]_0 = 0.8$ M, and the concentration at $t = 69.3$ s is 0.4 M, the rate constant k is approximately: $(\log 2 = 0.3010)$

(A) 0.01 s^{-1}

(B) 0.02 s^{-1}

(C) 0.05 s^{-1}

(D) 0.10 s^{-1}

Q28. Which of the following statements regarding carbocations is INCORRECT?

(A) Carbocations are sp^2 hybridised and planar

(B) The stability order is $3° > 2° > 1° > CH_3^+$

(C) They are electron-rich species and act as nucleophiles

(D) They contain an empty p-orbital perpendicular to the plane

Q29. According to Molecular Orbital Theory, the bond order of O_2^{2-} ion is:

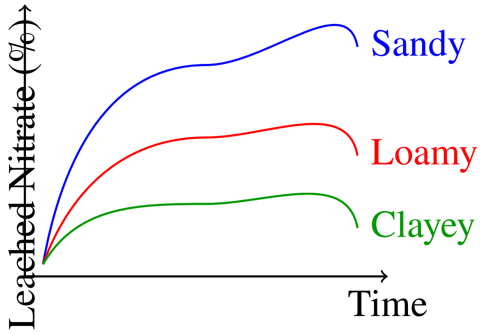
(A) 1.0

(B) 1.5

(C) 2.0

(D) 2.5

Q30. The diagram below illustrates the relative leaching losses of nitrate (NO_3^-) ions from three different soil textures under identical rainfall conditions.



The primary reason sandy soils lose nitrate faster than clayey soils is because sandy soils have:

(A) Higher microbial activity that converts more NH_4^+ to NO_3^-

(B) Lower water-holding capacity and lower anion exchange capacity

(C) Higher clay content that repels nitrate ions

(D) Higher organic matter that solubilises nitrates

Q31. Which of the following reagents can be used to distinguish between acetaldehyde and acetone?

(A) 2,4-DNP reagent

(B) Tollen's reagent

(C) Sodium bisulphite

(D) All of the above

Q32. The solubility product (K_{sp}) of Ag_2CrO_4 is 1.1×10^{-12}. The molar solubility of Ag_2CrO_4 in pure water is:

(A) 6.5×10^{-5} M

(B) 1.05×10^{-5} M

(C) 1.05×10^{-4} M

(D) 2.2×10^{-5} M

Q33. Which of the following molecules has a zero dipole moment?

(A) NH_3

(B) H_2O

(C) CCl_4

(D) $CHCl_3$

Q34. The activation energy of a reaction is E_a at temperature T. If the temperature is increased from T_1 to T_2 ($T_2 > T_1$), the rate constant k:

(A) Decreases because more molecules exceed the activation barrier

(B) Increases because the fraction of molecules with energy $> E_a$ increases

(C) Remains constant because E_a is independent of temperature

(D) Decreases because molecules move faster

Q35. When 2-methylbut-2-ene reacts with HBr in the absence of peroxides, the major product formed is:

(A) 2-Bromo-2-methylbutane

(B) 1-Bromo-2-methylbutane

(C) 2-Bromo-3-methylbutane

(D) 1-Bromo-3-methylbutane

Q36. The primary source of negative charge on kaolinite clay minerals at normal soil pH arises from:

(A) Isomorphous substitution of Si^{4+} by Al^{3+} in tetrahedral sheets

(B) Deprotonation of surface hydroxyl groups at edges

(C) Substitution of Al^{3+} by Mg^{2+} in octahedral sheets

(D) Permanent charge from interlayer cations

Q37. The oxidation number of sulphur in $Na_2S_4O_6$ (sodium tetrathionate) is:

(A) +2.5

(B) +4

(C) +5

(D) +6

Q38. In the nitration of chlorobenzene, the major product(s) formed is/are:

(A) Only o-nitrochlorobenzene

(B) o-nitrochlorobenzene and p-nitrochlorobenzene

(C) Only m-nitrochlorobenzene

(D) $o-$, $m-$, and p-nitrochlorobenzene in equal amounts

Q39. Which of the following aqueous solutions will have the highest osmotic pressure at the same temperature?

(A) 0.1 M Glucose

(B) 0.1 M NaCl

(C) 0.1 M $CaCl_2$

(D) 0.1 M Urea

Q40. During the process of denitrification in soil, nitrate (NO_3^-) is ultimately converted into:

(A) NH_3

(B) N_2

(C) NO_2^-

(D) N_2O

Detailed Solutions

Q1.

Solution

Concept: Nodes are regions in an atomic orbital where the probability of finding an electron is exactly zero. Total nodes in any orbital depend on the principal quantum number (n) and azimuthal quantum number (l). The total number of nodes is given by $n - 1$, where n is the principal quantum number.

Solution:

(a) For a $3d$ orbital, identify the principal quantum number $n = 3$.

(b) The azimuthal quantum number l for a d orbital equals 2.

(c) Total nodes in an orbital are given by the formula: Total nodes $= n - 1$.

(d) Substituting $n = 3$: Total nodes $= 3 - 1 = 2$.

(e) These 2 nodes are distributed as: Angular nodes $= l = 2$, Radial nodes $= n - l - 1 = 3 - 2 - 1 = 0$.

(f) Therefore, the 3d orbital has 0 radial nodes and 2 angular nodes, giving a total of 2 nodes.

Final Answer: 2

Answer: (C)

Go Back to Question 1

Q2.

Solution

Concept: The overall order of a reaction is the sum of the exponents of the concentration terms in the experimentally determined rate law. The units of the rate constant depend on the overall order of the reaction according to the formula: Units of $k = (\text{mol L}^{-1})^{1-n}\ \text{s}^{-1}$, where n is the overall order.

Solution:

(a) The given rate law is: Rate = $k[\text{A}]^2[\text{B}]^1$.

(b) The overall order of the reaction is the sum of the exponents: $2 + 1 = 3$.

(c) For an nth order reaction, the units of k are $(\text{mol L}^{-1})^{1-n}\ \text{s}^{-1}$.

(d) For $n = 3$: Units = $(\text{mol L}^{-1})^{1-3}\ \text{s}^{-1} = (\text{mol L}^{-1})^{-2}\ \text{s}^{-1}$.

(e) Simplifying: $(\text{mol L}^{-1})^{-2}\ \text{s}^{-1} = \text{L}^2\ \text{mol}^{-2}\ \text{s}^{-1}$.

(f) Thus, the correct answer is order 3 and units $\text{L}^2\ \text{mol}^{-2}\ \text{s}^{-1}$.

Final Answer: 3, $\text{L}^2\ \text{mol}^{-2}\ \text{s}^{-1}$

Answer: (B)

Go Back to Question 2

Q3.

Solution

Concept: IUPAC nomenclature for organic compounds follows a systematic approach: finding the longest carbon chain containing the principal functional group, numbering to give substituents the lowest possible locants, and arranging substituents alphabetically with appropriate locants.

Solution:

(a) First, count the longest continuous carbon chain. The structure shows a 5-carbon chain.

(b) Since the chain contains only single bonds, it is an alkane with the parent name "pentane".

(c) Identify the substituent groups: a chloro ($-Cl$) group at position 2, and a bromo ($-Br$) group at position 3.

(d) Number the chain from the end that gives the lowest locant to the first substituent encountered. Starting from the left: Cl at C-2, Br at C-3. Starting from CH_3 end: Br at C-3, Cl at C-4. So the lower locants are obtained by starting from the left.

(e) Substituents are arranged alphabetically: "bromo" precedes "chloro".

(f) The complete name is: 3-Bromo-2-chloropentane.

Final Answer: 3-Bromo-2-chloropentane

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 3

Q4.

Solution

Concept: The mole concept relates the mass of a substance to the number of constituent particles via the molar mass. The number of atoms of an element in a given mass of a compound can be calculated by first finding the moles of the compound and then multiplying by the number of atoms of that element per formula unit and Avogadro's number.

Solution:

(a) The molecular formula of sulphuric acid is H_2SO_4.

(b) Molar mass of $H_2SO_4 = 2(1) + 32 + 4(16) = 2 + 32 + 64 = 98$ g mol^{-1}.

(c) Moles of H_2SO_4 in 4.9 g: $\frac{4.9}{98} = 0.05$ moles.

(d) Each molecule of H_2SO_4 contains 4 atoms of oxygen.

(e) Total moles of oxygen atoms $= 0.05 \times 4 = 0.20$ moles.

(f) Number of oxygen atoms $= 0.20 \times N_A = 0.20 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 1.204 \times 10^{23}$.

Final Answer: 1.204×10^{23}

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 4

Q5.

Solution

Concept: Soil pH is a critical factor that controls the solubility and availability of plant nutrients. Each nutrient has a specific pH range where it remains in a soluble, plant-available form. Outside this range, nutrients may form insoluble compounds or get fixed by soil particles. The diagram shows the overlapping availability windows for N, P, and K.

Solution:

(a) Examine the plotted availability curves for nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K).

(b) N availability curve (blue) is high from pH 5.5 to 7.0, then declines sharply beyond pH 7.0.

(c) P availability curve (red) peaks in the slightly acidic to neutral range around pH 5.5–7.0, and declines in strongly acidic (<5.5) and alkaline (>7.5) conditions.

(d) K availability curve (green) is high across a broad range but starts declining beyond pH 7.0.

(e) The region where ALL three curves show high availability simultaneously corresponds to the pH range 5.5–7.0, as indicated by the dashed vertical lines.

Final Answer: 5.5–7.0

Answer: (B)

Go Back to Question 5

Q6.

Solution

Concept: The standard cell potential of a galvanic cell is the difference between the standard reduction potentials of the cathode (where reduction occurs) and the anode (where oxidation occurs). The species with the higher reduction potential undergoes reduction at the cathode, and the one with the lower reduction potential undergoes oxidation at the anode.

Solution:

(a) Identify the half-reactions: Ag is connected to the positive terminal (cathode), Cu is connected to the negative terminal (anode).

(b) The reduction potentials are: $E^\circ_{Ag^+/Ag} = +0.80$ V and $E^\circ_{Cu^{2+}/Cu} = +0.34$ V.

(c) Since $E^\circ_{Ag^+/Ag} > E^\circ_{Cu^{2+}/Cu}$, Ag^+ will be reduced at the cathode and Cu will be oxidised at the anode.

(d) Apply the cell potential formula: $E^\circ_{cell} = E^\circ_{cathode} - E^\circ_{anode}$.

(e) Substituting: $E^\circ_{cell} = (+0.80) - (+0.34) = +0.46$ V.

(f) The positive value confirms a spontaneous galvanic cell.

Final Answer: +0.46 V

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 6

Q7.

Solution

Concept: VSEPR theory predicts molecular geometry by minimising repulsion between electron pairs (bonding and lone pairs) around the central atom. The steric number determines the base arrangement, and lone pairs occupy positions that minimise lone pair–bonding pair repulsion.

Solution:

(a) Chlorine trifluoride (ClF_3): Central Cl atom belongs to Group 17 with 7 valence electrons.

(b) Chlorine forms 3 sigma bonds with 3 fluorine atoms, using 3 of its valence electrons.

(c) The remaining $7 - 3 = 4$ electrons form 2 lone pairs on the central chlorine atom.

(d) Steric number = 3 (bonding pairs) + 2 (lone pairs) = 5.

(e) For steric number 5, the base geometry is trigonal bipyramidal.

(f) With 2 lone pairs occupying equatorial positions (to minimise 90° repulsions), the molecular shape becomes T-shaped.

Final Answer: T-shaped, 2 lone pairs

Answer: (B)

Go Back to Question 7

Q8.

Solution

Concept: When the coefficients of a balanced chemical equation are multiplied or divided by a factor, the equilibrium constant for the new equation becomes the original equilibrium constant raised to the power of that factor. This follows from the law of mass action where the exponent of each concentration term corresponds to its stoichiometric coefficient.

Solution:

(a) The original reaction: $N_2 + 3H_2 \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3$, with $K_c = \frac{[NH_3]^2}{[N_2][H_2]^3} = 4.0$.

(b) The modified reaction: $\frac{1}{2}N_2 + \frac{3}{2}H_2 \rightleftharpoons NH_3$.

(c) This is obtained by dividing the original equation by 2.

(d) For the modified equation: $K_c' = \frac{[NH_3]}{[N_2]^{1/2}[H_2]^{3/2}}$.

(e) Comparing with K_c: $K_c' = \sqrt{K_c} = \sqrt{4.0} = 2.0$.

(f) Thus, $K_c' = 2.0$.

Final Answer: 2.0

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 8

Q9.

Solution

Concept: Alkene isomers of C_5H_{10} contain one degree of unsaturation (one double bond or one ring). Decolourising bromine water in the dark confirms the presence of a carbon-carbon double bond. The negative reaction with ammoniacal silver nitrate rules out terminal alkynes.

Solution:

(a) C_5H_{10} satisfies the general formula C_nH_{2n}, indicating either a cycloalkane or an alkene.

(b) Since the hydrocarbon decolourises bromine water in the dark, it must be an alkene (addition across C=C).

(c) It does not react with ammoniacal silver nitrate, confirming it is not a terminal alkyne.

(d) Draw all possible alkene structural isomers of C_5H_{10}:

- Pent-1-ene: $CH_2 = CH - CH_2 - CH_2 - CH_3$
- Pent-2-ene: $CH_3 - CH = CH - CH_2 - CH_3$
- 2-Methylbut-1-ene: $CH_2 = C(CH_3) - CH_2 - CH_3$
- 3-Methylbut-1-ene: $CH_2 = CH - CH(CH_3) - CH_3$
- 2-Methylbut-2-ene: $CH_3 - C(CH_3) = CH - CH_3$

(e) This gives 5 structural isomers that satisfy the given conditions.

Final Answer: 5

Answer: (C)

Go Back to Question 9

Q10.

Solution

Concept: Atomic radius is the distance from the nucleus to the outermost electron shell. It increases down a group due to the addition of new electron shells and decreases across a period due to increasing effective nuclear charge pulling the electron cloud inward.

Solution:

(a) Option A: Na > Mg > Al > Si is the correct trend across a period (atomic radius decreases left to right). The given order Na < Mg < Al < Si is INCORRECT.

(b) Option B: Down Group 1, atomic radius increases: Li < Na < K < Rb. The given order Li > Na > K > Rb is INCORRECT.

(c) Option C: Down Group 17, atomic radius increases: F < Cl < Br < I. This is CORRECT.

(d) Option D: Across Period 2: Be > B > C > N is actually correct (radius decreases). But the option states Be > B > C > N, which... let me check. Be (111 pm), B (84 pm), C (76 pm), N (71 pm) - so Be > B > C > N IS correct. But wait, this isn't the CORRECT order question–the question asks which arrangement is correct.

(e) Option C lists F < Cl < Br < I, which is correct as atomic radii increase down the group.

Final Answer: F < Cl < Br < I

Answer: (C)

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Q11.

Solution

Concept: At the phase transition temperature, the Gibbs free energy change is zero ($\Delta G = 0$). The entropy change for vaporisation can be calculated using the equation $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$; with $\Delta G = 0$, we get $\Delta S_{vap} = \frac{\Delta H_{vap}}{T_{vap}}$.

Solution:

(a) At the normal boiling point, liquid and vapour are at equilibrium, so $\Delta G_{vap} = 0$.

(b) Using the Gibbs–Helmholtz equation: $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S = 0$.

(c) Rearranging: $\Delta S_{vap} = \frac{\Delta H_{vap}}{T_{vap}}$.

(d) Given: $\Delta H_{vap} = 40.65$ kJ mol^{-1} = 40650 J mol^{-1}.

(e) Boiling point $T_{vap} = 100°C = 373$ K.

(f) Substituting: $\Delta S_{vap} = \frac{40650}{373} \approx 109$ J K^{-1} mol^{-1}.

Final Answer: 109 J K^{-1} mol^{-1}

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 11

Q12.

Solution

Concept: Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC) is the total capacity of a soil to hold exchangeable cations. It depends on the type and amount of clay minerals and organic matter. Different clay minerals have different CEC values due to their structure, surface area, and charge characteristics.

Solution:

(a) Typical CEC ranges (in $cmol_c\ kg^{-1}$):

- Kaolinite (1:1 clay): 3–15 (lowest)
- Illite (2:1 non-expanding clay): 20–40
- Montmorillonite (2:1 expanding clay): 80–150
- Humus (organic colloid): 150–300 (highest)

(b) The correct increasing order is: Kaolinite < Illite < Montmorillonite < Humus.

(c) Option A states exactly this order: Kaolinite < Illite < Montmorillonite < Humus.

(d) This ordering reflects the increasing specific surface area and charge density from kaolinite through to organic humus.

Final Answer: Kaolinite < Illite < Montmorillonite < Humus

Answer: (A)

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Q13.

Solution

Concept: Oxidation is the loss of electrons (increase in oxidation number), and reduction is the gain of electrons (decrease in oxidation number). In a redox reaction, the species that gets oxidised acts as the reducing agent, and the species that gets reduced acts as the oxidising agent.
Solution:

(a) Write the reaction: $2Fe^{3+}(aq) + Sn^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow 2Fe^{2+}(aq) + Sn^{4+}(aq)$.

(b) Determine oxidation states:

- Fe: Changes from +3 (in Fe^{3+}) to +2 (in Fe^{2+}) — decrease of 1 each.
- Sn: Changes from +2 (in Sn^{2+}) to +4 (in Sn^{4+}) — increase of 2.

(c) Sn^{2+} loses 2 electrons (oxidation number increases from +2 to +4), so Sn^{2+} is oxidised.

(d) Fe^{3+} gains 1 electron each (oxidation number decreases from +3 to +2), so Fe^{3+} is reduced.

(e) Sn^{2+} acts as the reducing agent, Fe^{3+} acts as the oxidising agent.

Final Answer: Sn^{2+} is oxidised, Fe^{3+} is reduced

Answer: (B)

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Q14.

Solution

Concept: For an ideal binary liquid mixture, Raoult's Law states that the partial vapour pressure of each component is proportional to its mole fraction in the liquid phase. The total vapour pressure is the sum of the partial pressures, giving a linear relationship.
Solution:

(a) Raoult's Law: $P_A = x_A P_A^\circ$ and $P_B = x_B P_B^\circ$, where $x_A + x_B = 1$.

(b) Given: $x_A = 0.4$, so $x_B = 1 - 0.4 = 0.6$.

(c) Given vapour pressures of pure components: $P_A^\circ = 300$ mm Hg, $P_B^\circ = 100$ mm Hg.

(d) Calculate partial pressure of A: $P_A = 0.4 \times 300 = 120$ mm Hg.

(e) Calculate partial pressure of B: $P_B = 0.6 \times 100 = 60$ mm Hg.

(f) Total vapour pressure: $P_{\text{total}} = P_A + P_B = 120 + 60 = 180$ mm Hg.

Final Answer: 180 mm Hg

Answer: (A)

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Q15.

Solution

Concept: IUPAC nomenclature of coordination compounds names the anion first (if outer sphere), then the cation. Within the coordination sphere, ligands are named alphabetically, followed by the metal name. For anionic complexes, the metal name ends in "-ate" and the oxidation state is indicated by Roman numerals.

Solution:

(a) The formula is $K_3[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]$. The potassium ions are in the outer sphere.

(b) Identify the complex anion: $[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$.

(c) The ligand is oxalato ($C_2O_4^{2-}$), a bidentate ligand. The prefix "tris" or "tri" indicates 3 such ligands.

(d) Determine the oxidation state of Fe: $x + 3(-2) = -3$, so $x = +3$.

(e) For anionic complexes, the metal name ends in "-ate": iron $\longrightarrow$ ferrate.

(f) The full name is: Potassium trioxalatoferrate(III).

Final Answer: Potassium trioxalatoferrate(III)

Answer: (B)

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Q16.

Solution

Concept: The hybridisation of a central atom in a molecule or ion can be determined by the steric number (number of sigma bonds + number of lone pairs on the central atom). The molecular shape is then predicted from the arrangement of bonding pairs and lone pairs using VSEPR theory.
Solution:

(a) $XeOF_4$: Xenon is the central atom with 8 valence electrons.

(b) Xenon forms 1 double bond with oxygen (using 2 electrons for the sigma bond + pi bond) and 4 single bonds with fluorine atoms (using 4 electrons).

(c) This accounts for 6 bonding electrons, leaving $8 - 6 = 2$ electrons as 1 lone pair.

(d) Total groups around Xe: 5 sigma bonds (4 F–Xe + 1 O–Xe sigma) + 1 lone pair = 6.

(e) Steric number 6 gives sp^3d^2 hybridisation.

(f) With 5 bonding pairs and 1 lone pair, the geometry derived from octahedral base is square pyramidal (lone pair occupies one axial position).

Final Answer: sp^3d^2, square pyramidal

Answer: (C)

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Q17.

Solution

Concept: For a first-order reaction, the half-life is constant and related to the rate constant by $t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k} = \frac{0.693}{k}$. The time required for the concentration to decrease from $[A]_0$ to $[A]_t$ is given by $t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]_t}$.
Solution:

(a) Given half-life $t_{1/2} = 69.3$ s.

(b) Find the rate constant: $k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{69.3} = 0.01\ s^{-1}$.

(c) Integrated first-order rate equation: $t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]_t}$.

(d) Given: $[A]_0 = 0.8$ M and $[A]_t = 0.1$ M.

(e) Ratio $\frac{[A]_0}{[A]_t} = \frac{0.8}{0.1} = 8$, so $\log 8 = \log(2^3) = 3\log 2 = 3 \times 0.3010 = 0.9030$.

(f) Substituting: $t = \frac{2.303}{0.01} \times 0.9030 = 230.3 \times 0.9030 \approx 207.9$ s.

Final Answer: 207.9 s

Answer: (B)

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Q18.

Solution

Concept: In tetrahedral crystal fields, the d-orbital splitting is inverted compared to octahedral complexes: the e set ($d_{x^2-y^2}, d_{z^2}$) is higher in energy and the t_2 set (d_{xy}, d_{yz}, d_{xz}) is lower. The splitting energy Δ_t is approximately $4/9$ of Δ_o. When $\Delta_t < P$ (pairing energy), weak-field (high-spin) configuration is favoured.

Solution:

(a) Given: d^7 ion, tetrahedral geometry, $\Delta_t < P$ (weak field condition).

(b) In tetrahedral splitting: e level is at $+0.4\Delta_t$ and t_2 level is at $-0.6\Delta_t$ relative to the barycentre.

(c) Since $\Delta_t < P$, Hund's rule is followed: electrons fill all orbitals singly before pairing.

(d) The t_2 set (3 orbitals) can accommodate 3 unpaired electrons, and the e set (2 orbitals) can accommodate 2 more.

(e) For d^7: Fill t_2 with 3 electrons (all unpaired, t_2^3), then e with 2 electrons (all unpaired, e^2), then pair in t_2 with 2 more ($t_2^5e^2$).

(f) Number of unpaired electrons: 3 from t_2 + 2 from e = 5 unpaired electrons.

Final Answer: 3

Answer: (B)

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Q19.

Solution

Concept: The empirical formula represents the simplest whole-number ratio of atoms of each element in a compound. It is determined from the percentage composition by converting the percentages to moles, dividing by the smallest mole value, and rounding to the nearest whole numbers.

Solution:

(a) Assume 100 g of the compound: C = 54.54 g, H = 9.09 g, O = 36.37 g.

(b) Calculate moles of each element:

- Moles of C = $\frac{54.54}{12} = 4.545$
- Moles of H = $\frac{9.09}{1} = 9.09$
- Moles of O = $\frac{36.37}{16} = 2.273$

(c) Divide each by the smallest value (2.273):

- C: $4.545/2.273 = 2.0$
- H: $9.09/2.273 = 4.0$
- O: $2.273/2.273 = 1.0$

(d) The ratio C:H:O = 2:4:1.

(e) Empirical formula: C_2H_4O.

Final Answer: C_2H_4O

Answer: (A)

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Q20.

Solution

Concept: Faraday's laws of electrolysis establish the relationship between the quantity of electricity passed and the amount of substance liberated at an electrode. The charge required to deposit a given mass is calculated using $Q = \frac{m}{M} \times n \times F$, where m is the mass deposited, M is the molar mass, n is the number of electrons transferred per ion, and F is the Faraday constant.

Solution:

(a) The reduction half-reaction for aluminium from molten Al_2O_3 is: $Al^{3+} + 3e^- \rightarrow Al$.

(b) This shows that 3 moles of electrons are required to deposit 1 mole of Al atoms.

(c) Moles of Al to be deposited = $\frac{5.4}{27} = 0.2$ moles.

(d) Moles of electrons required = $0.2 \times 3 = 0.6$ moles.

(e) Charge required: $Q = 0.6 \times F = 0.6 \times 96500 = 57900$ C.

Final Answer: 57900 C

Answer: (B)

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Q21.

Solution

Concept: Sodic soils (high pH, high sodium content) have poor structure because sodium ions disperse soil colloids, destroying aggregation. Reclamation involves replacing exchangeable sodium with calcium ions, followed by leaching out the displaced sodium salts.

Solution:

(a) The soil pH of 9.2 is strongly alkaline, and the dispersed condition with poor infiltration indicates a sodic (alkaline) soil.

(b) Sodic soils have a high Exchangeable Sodium Percentage (ESP).

(c) Reclamation requires adding a soluble calcium source to displace Na^+ from the exchange complex.

(d) Gypsum ($CaSO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$) is moderately soluble and supplies Ca^{2+} ions.

(e) The displaced Na^+ forms Na_2SO_4, which is highly soluble and can be leached below the root zone with irrigation.

(f) Limestone ($CaCO_3$) is too insoluble at high pH to be effective.

(g) Ammonium sulphate will acidify the soil but does not directly supply Ca^{2+} for rapid reclamation.

Final Answer: Addition of gypsum followed by leaching

Answer: (C)

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Q22.

Solution

Concept: The acidity of phenols is determined by the stability of the conjugate base (phenoxide ion) after deprotonation. Electron-withdrawing groups ($-NO_2$, $-CN$, $-Cl$) stabilise the phenoxide ion by resonance and inductive effects, increasing acidity. Electron-donating groups ($-CH_3$, $-OCH_3$) destabilise the phenoxide ion, decreasing acidity.

Solution:

(a) Compare the structures and substituent effects:

- Phenol: no substituent, $pK_a \approx 10.0$.
- o-Cresol (o-methylphenol): $-CH_3$ is electron-donating (+I effect), destabilises the phenoxide ion, making it LESS acidic than phenol.
- m-Nitrophenol: $-NO_2$ at meta position exerts strong $-I$ (inductive) effect but limited resonance effect on the phenoxide.
- p-Nitrophenol: $-NO_2$ at para position exerts both strong $-I$ and $-M$ (resonance) effects. The resonance delocalisation of the phenoxide negative charge into the nitro group occurs through the conjugated ring.

(b) The para position allows direct resonance stabilisation of the phenoxide ion, making p-nitrophenol the most acidic.

(c) Acidity order: p-Nitrophenol > m-Nitrophenol > Phenol > o-Cresol.

Final Answer: p-Nitrophenol

Answer: (C)

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Q23.

Solution

Concept: Quantum numbers uniquely identify an electron in an atom. The principal quantum number n identifies the shell, l identifies the subshell ($0 = s$, $1 = p$, $2 = d$, $3 = f$), m_l gives the orbital orientation within the subshell, and m_s gives the spin.

Solution:

(a) Given: $n = 3$, $l = 2$, $m_l = -2$, $m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$.

(b) The principal quantum number $n = 3$ indicates the third energy level (M shell).

(c) The azimuthal quantum number $l = 2$ corresponds to the d subshell.

(d) Therefore, the electron is in the $3d$ subshell.

(e) The magnetic quantum number $m_l = -2$ specifies one of the five $3d$ orbitals ($m_l = -2, -1, 0, +1, +2$).

(f) The spin quantum number $m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$ indicates the electron is the β spin electron in that orbital.

Final Answer: 3d

Answer: (B)

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Q24.

Solution

Concept: A basic buffer consists of a weak base and its conjugate acid (salt). The pH of a basic buffer is calculated using the Henderson–Hasselbalch equation in the form: $\text{pOH} = \text{p}K_b + \log \frac{[\text{Salt}]}{[\text{Base}]}$, and $\text{pH} = 14 - \text{pOH}$.

Solution:

(a) Given: $K_b(\text{NH}_3) = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$, so $\text{p}K_b = -\log(1.8 \times 10^{-5}) = 5 - \log 1.8 = 5 - 0.26 = 4.74$.

(b) After mixing equal volumes, the concentrations are halved:

- $[\text{NH}_3] = \frac{0.1 \times 100}{200} = 0.05$ M
- $[\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}] = \frac{0.05 \times 100}{200} = 0.025$ M

(c) Apply Henderson–Hasselbalch equation for basic buffer: $\text{pOH} = \text{p}K_b + \log \frac{[\text{NH}_4^+]}{[\text{NH}_3]}$.

(d) Substituting: $\text{pOH} = 4.74 + \log \frac{0.025}{0.05} = 4.74 + \log(0.5) = 4.74 - 0.30 = 4.44$.

(e) $\text{pH} = 14 - \text{pOH} = 14 - 4.44 = 9.56$.

Final Answer: 9.56

Answer: (C)

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Q25.

Solution

Concept: Hydrate isomerism (also called solvate isomerism in general) occurs when water molecules can occupy positions either as coordinated ligands within the coordination sphere or as water of crystallisation in the outer sphere. These isomers have different properties and different numbers of ions released in solution.

Solution:

(a) Examine the two compounds: $[Cr(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$ and $[Cr(H_2O)_5Cl]Cl_2 \cdot H_2O$.

(b) Both have the same overall formula: $CrCl_3 \cdot 6H_2O$.

(c) In the first compound, all 6 water molecules are coordinated to Cr as ligands.

(d) In the second compound, 5 water molecules are coordinated ligands, and 1 water molecule is present as water of crystallisation (outside the coordination sphere).

(e) This exchange between coordinated water and crystal water is the defining characteristic of hydrate (solvate) isomerism.

(f) When dissolved, the first compound gives 4 ions ($[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+} + 3Cl^-$), while the second gives 3 ions ($[Cr(H_2O)_5Cl]^{2+} + 2Cl^-$), confirming they are distinct isomers.

Final Answer: Hydrate isomerism

Answer: (B)

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Q26.

Solution

Concept: Formal charge is a bookkeeping tool that helps determine the most stable Lewis structure. It is calculated as: Formal charge = Valence electrons − Non-bonding electrons − $\frac{1}{2}$(Bonding electrons). The best resonance structure minimises formal charges on all atoms.

Solution:

(a) Draw the Lewis structure of NO_3^-. The most stable resonance structure has the central N atom singly bonded to two O atoms and doubly bonded to one O atom, with the negative charge residing on one of the singly bonded O atoms.

(b) In this structure, the central nitrogen has:

- Valence electrons of N = 5
- Non-bonding electrons on N = 0 (no lone pair)
- Bonding electrons around N = 8 (3 sigma bonds × 2 + 1 pi bond contribution)

(c) Apply the formula: Formal charge $= 5 - 0 - \frac{1}{2}(8) = 5 - 4 = +1$.

(d) Alternatively, from the average of resonance structures, N has 4 bonds and the nitrogen formally has a +1 charge shared across resonance forms.

(e) The actual charge distribution: N^{+1}, two singly bonded O^{-1} each, one doubly bonded O^0, giving a net charge of $+1 - 1 - 1 + 0 = -1$ for the ion.

Final Answer: +1

Answer: (B)

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Q27.

Solution

Concept: For a first-order reaction, the half-life is constant and independent of the initial concentration. The half-life is related to the rate constant by $t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$. The graph shows that at $t = 69.3$ s, the concentration has dropped to exactly half the initial value, confirming the first-order nature.

Solution:

(a) From the graph, at $t = 69.3$ s, the concentration is 0.4 M, which is exactly half of $[A]_0 = 0.8$ M.

(b) Therefore, the half-life $t_{1/2} = 69.3$ s.

(c) For a first-order reaction: $t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k} = \frac{0.693}{k}$.

(d) Rearranging: $k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{69.3}$.

(e) Calculating: $k = \frac{0.693}{69.3} = 0.01\ s^{-1}$.

(f) Verification: At $t = 138.6$ s (2×69.3), concentration should be 0.2 M (one-fourth of initial), which matches the graph value of approximately 0.2 M.

Final Answer: $0.01\ s^{-1}$

Answer: (A)

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Q28.

Solution

Concept: Carbocations are positively charged carbon intermediates with 6 valence electrons (sextet). They are sp^2 hybridised with trigonal planar geometry and an empty p-orbital. They are electron-deficient species and act as electrophiles (not nucleophiles).

Solution:

(a) Statement A: "Carbocations are sp^2 hybridised and planar" – TRUE. The three sigma bonds use sp^2 hybrid orbitals at 120° angles, and the vacant p-orbital is perpendicular to the plane.

(b) Statement B: "Stability order is $3° > 2° > 1° > CH_3^+$" – TRUE. More alkyl groups stabilise the positive charge via hyperconjugation and inductive effects.

(c) Statement C: "They are electron-rich species and act as nucleophiles" – FALSE. Carbocations have only 6 electrons (deficient sextet) making them electron-poor species. They seek electrons and act as electrophiles, not nucleophiles.

(d) Statement D: "They contain an empty p-orbital perpendicular to the plane" – TRUE. The empty p-orbital is responsible for their electrophilic character.

Final Answer: They are electron-rich species and act as nucleophiles

Answer: (C)

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Q29.

Solution

Concept: According to Molecular Orbital Theory, bond order is calculated as (Number of bonding electrons − Number of antibonding electrons)/2. For homonuclear diatomic molecules and ions of second-period elements, the MO energy ordering is $\sigma_{1s} < \sigma^*_{1s} < \sigma_{2s} < \sigma^*_{2s} < \sigma_{2p_z} < \pi_{2p_x} = \pi_{2p_y} < \pi^*_{2p_x} = \pi^*_{2p_y} < \sigma^*_{2p_z}$.

Solution:

(a) O_2^{2-} ion has a total of $8 + 8 + 2 = 18$ electrons (16 from two O atoms + 2 from the 2- charge).

(b) The MO electronic configuration for O_2^{2-} is: $\sigma^2_{1s}\sigma^{*}_{1s}{}^2\sigma^2_{2s}\sigma^{*}_{2s}{}^2\sigma^2_{2p_z}\pi^2_{2p_x}\pi^2_{2p_y}\pi^{*}_{2p_x}{}^2\pi^{*}_{2p_y}{}^2$

(c) Count bonding electrons: $2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 10$ (from $\sigma_{1s}, \sigma_{2s}, \sigma_{2p_z}, \pi_{2p_x}, \pi_{2p_y}$).

(d) Count antibonding electrons: $2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 8$ (from $\sigma^*_{1s}, \sigma^*_{2s}, \pi^*_{2p_x}, \pi^*_{2p_y}$).

(e) Bond order $= \frac{10-8}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1.0$.

(f) Note: The σ_{1s} and σ^*_{1s} electrons are core electrons and effectively cancel out, giving the same result.

Final Answer: 1.0

Answer: (A)

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Q30.

Solution

Concept: Nitrate (NO_3^-) ions are highly mobile in soil because they are negatively charged and most soil colloids also carry negative charges. Therefore, nitrate is repelled by soil particles and moves freely with soil water. The extent of leaching depends on the soil's physical properties, particularly texture, water-holding capacity, and percolation rate.

Solution:

(a) Sandy soils have large particles with large pore spaces, resulting in:

- High permeability and rapid water percolation
- Low water-holding capacity
- Low surface area for any weak anion retention

(b) Clayey soils have small particles with small pores, giving:

- Slow water movement
- High water-holding capacity
- Some anion exchange capacity (especially in variable-charge clays at low pH)

(c) The graph shows sandy soil loses the most nitrate, followed by loamy, with clayey soil losing the least.

(d) The primary reason: sandy soils have lower water-holding capacity and very low anion exchange capacity, so water (and dissolved nitrate) passes through quickly without being retained.

Final Answer: Lower water-holding capacity and lower anion exchange capacity

Answer: (B)

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Q31.

Solution

Concept: Aldehydes and ketones can be distinguished by their differential reactivity towards mild oxidising agents. Aldehydes are easily oxidised to carboxylic acids, while ketones are resistant to oxidation under mild conditions. Tollen's reagent specifically tests for aldehydes.

Solution:

(a) Analyse each reagent:

- 2,4-DNP (2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine): Reacts with BOTH aldehydes and ketones to form yellow-orange precipitates. Cannot distinguish between them.
- Tollen's reagent (ammoniacal silver nitrate): Oxidises aldehydes to carboxylic acids, producing a silver mirror on the test tube. Ketones do NOT give this test.
- Sodium bisulphite: Reacts with BOTH aldehydes and ketones to form bisulphite addition products (though ketones react more slowly). Cannot reliably distinguish.

(b) Tollen's reagent gives a positive test (silver mirror) with acetaldehyde but no reaction with acetone.

(c) Therefore, only Tollen's reagent can distinguish between acetaldehyde and acetone.

Final Answer: Tollen's reagent

Answer: (B)

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Q32.

Solution

Concept: Solubility product (K_{sp}) is the equilibrium constant for the dissolution of a sparingly soluble salt. For a salt of the type A_xB_y, the relationship between K_{sp} and molar solubility s is $K_{sp} = (xs)^x \times (ys)^y$, accounting for the stoichiometric coefficients.

Solution:

(a) Dissolution of Ag_2CrO_4: $Ag_2CrO_4(s) \rightleftharpoons 2Ag^+(aq) + CrO_4^{2-}(aq)$.

(b) Let s be the molar solubility. Then $[Ag^+] = 2s$ and $[CrO_4^{2-}] = s$.

(c) $K_{sp} = [Ag^+]^2[CrO_4^{2-}] = (2s)^2 \times (s) = 4s^3$.

(d) Given $K_{sp} = 1.1 \times 10^{-12}$: $4s^3 = 1.1 \times 10^{-12}$.

(e) $s^3 = \frac{1.1\times10^{-12}}{4} = 2.75 \times 10^{-13}$.

(f) $s = \sqrt[3]{2.75 \times 10^{-13}} = \sqrt[3]{27.5 \times 10^{-14}} \approx 3.0 \times 10^{-5}$ . . . Let me calculate more carefully: $s^3 = 2.75 \times 10^{-13}$; $s = (2.75)^{1/3} \times 10^{-13/3} = 1.4 \times 10^{-4.33} \approx 6.5 \times 10^{-5}$ M.

(g) More precisely: $\sqrt[3]{2.75} \approx 1.40$ and $\sqrt[3]{10^{-13}} = 10^{-13/3} = 10^{-4.333} \approx 4.64 \times 10^{-5}$, so $s \approx 1.40 \times 4.64 \times 10^{-5} \approx 6.5 \times 10^{-5}$ M.

Final Answer: 6.5×10^{-5} M

Answer: (A)

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Q33.

Solution

Concept: The dipole moment of a molecule depends on both the polarity of individual bonds and the molecular geometry. A molecule has a net zero dipole moment if the vector sum of all bond dipoles cancels out due to symmetric molecular geometry. Symmetrical molecules like tetrahedral CCl_4 have $\mu = 0$.

Solution:

(a) NH_3: Trigonal pyramidal geometry with a lone pair on N. The N–H bond dipoles do not cancel due to the asymmetric shape, giving $\mu \neq 0$ (1.47 D).

(b) H_2O: Bent (V-shaped) geometry with 2 lone pairs. The O–H bond dipoles add vectorially, giving $\mu \neq 0$ (1.85 D).

(c) CCl_4: Perfectly symmetrical tetrahedral geometry. All four C–Cl bond dipoles are equal in magnitude and oriented at 109.5° such that their vector sum is exactly zero, giving $\mu = 0$.

(d) $CHCl_3$: Tetrahedral geometry but with different substituents (H vs Cl), so the bond dipoles do not cancel, giving $\mu \neq 0$ (1.04 D).

Final Answer: CCl_4

Answer: (C)

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Q34.

Solution

Concept: The Arrhenius equation $k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$ describes how the rate constant depends on temperature. As temperature increases, the fraction of molecules possessing kinetic energy greater than the activation energy (E_a) increases exponentially, leading to a higher rate constant and faster reaction rate.

Solution:

(a) The Arrhenius equation: $k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$, where A is the pre-exponential factor, E_a is the activation energy, R is the gas constant, and T is absolute temperature.

(b) The fraction of molecules with energy greater than E_a is given by $e^{-E_a/RT}$.

(c) As temperature T increases, the exponent $-E_a/RT$ becomes less negative (closer to zero).

(d) This means $e^{-E_a/RT}$ increases, so a larger fraction of molecules can overcome the activation barrier.

(e) Therefore, the rate constant k increases with increasing temperature.

(f) This is the fundamental reason why reaction rates increase with temperature.

Final Answer: Increases because the fraction of molecules with energy $> E_a$ increases

Answer: (B)

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Q35.

Solution

Concept: According to Markovnikov's rule, when an unsymmetrical alkene reacts with a hydrogen halide (HX) in the absence of peroxides, the hydrogen atom adds to the carbon with more hydrogen atoms (less substituted), and the halogen adds to the carbon with fewer hydrogen atoms (more substituted). This follows from the stability of the intermediate carbocation.

Solution:

(a) Structure of 2-methylbut-2-ene: $CH_3 - C(CH_3) = CH - CH_3$.

(b) In the absence of peroxides, the reaction proceeds via an ionic mechanism with protonation of the double bond to form the most stable carbocation.

(c) Protonation can occur at either carbon of the double bond:

- Protonation at C-2 (more substituted): Forms a tertiary carbocation at C-3: $CH_3 - C(CH_3)^+ - CH_2 - CH_3$.
- Protonation at C-3: Forms a secondary carbocation at C-2: $CH_3 - C(CH_3) - CH^+ - CH_3$.

(d) The tertiary carbocation (more stable) is preferentially formed.

(e) Br^- then attacks this tertiary carbocation at C-3, forming 2-bromo-2-methylbutane: $CH_3 - C(CH_3)Br - CH_2 - CH_3$.

(f) Wait, let me re-check. 2-methylbut-2-ene is $CH_3 - C(CH_3) = CH - CH_3$.

(g) Protonation at C-3: $CH_3 - C(CH_3)^+ - CH_2 - CH_3$ — tertiary carbocation at C-2.

(h) Br^- attack gives: $CH_3 - C(CH_3)Br - CH_2 - CH_3$ = 2-bromo-2-methylbutane.

Final Answer: 2-Bromo-2-methylbutane

Answer: (A)

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Q36.

Solution

Concept: Soil clay minerals develop electrical charges from two main sources: permanent (structural) charge from isomorphous substitution within the crystal lattice, and pH-dependent (variable) charge from protonation/deprotonation of surface hydroxyl groups. Kaolinite exhibits primarily pH-dependent charge due to its structure.

Solution:

(a) Kaolinite is a 1:1 type clay mineral with a structure consisting of alternating silica tetrahedral sheets and alumina octahedral sheets.

(b) In kaolinite, isomorphous substitution is minimal because the 1:1 structure has very little substitution of Si^{4+} by Al^{3+} or Al^{3+} by Mg^{2+}.

(c) The primary source of charge in kaolinite is the deprotonation of exposed hydroxyl ($-OH$) groups at the edges and surfaces of the crystal.

(d) At normal soil pH, these surface hydroxyl groups lose H^+ ions, creating negatively charged $-O^-$ sites.

(e) This is pH-dependent charge because as pH increases, more $-OH$ groups deprotonate, and as pH decreases, they protonate.

(f) The low CEC of kaolinite (3–15 $cmol_c\ kg^{-1}$) reflects this limited, edge-dependent charge origin.

Final Answer: Deprotonation of surface hydroxyl groups at edges

Answer: (B)

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Q37.

Solution

Concept: Sodium tetrathionate ($Na_2S_4O_6$) is a polythionate with a chain of four sulphur atoms. The two terminal sulphur atoms have different bonding environments than the two central sulphur atoms. Their oxidation states must be calculated considering the structure: Na^+ $O_3S - S - S - SO_3$ Na^+.

Solution:

(a) The structure of tetrathionate ion is: $^-O_3S - S - S - SO_3^-$.

(b) The two terminal S atoms (S_1 and S_4) are bonded to three O atoms (with double bonds to two O and single bond to one O) and to a central S atom.

(c) Each terminal S: Bonded to 3 O atoms (each O contributes −2), plus the S–S bond. For SO_3^- group: $x + 3(-2) = -1$, so $x = +5$.

(d) The two central S atoms (S_2 and S_3) are bonded only to each other and to the terminal S atoms.

(e) For central S atoms: They are in zero oxidation state as they are bonded only to other S atoms (same electronegativity).

(f) Average oxidation state of S: $[2(+5) + 2(0)]/4 = 10/4 = +2.5$.

(g) In notation: S_2 and S_3 = 0, S_1 and S_4 = +5, average = +2.5.

Final Answer: +2.5

Answer: (A)

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Q38.

Solution

Concept: Chlorobenzene undergoes electrophilic aromatic substitution. The chlorine atom is an ortho/para-directing group because it donates electron density to the ring through resonance (despite being inductively electron-withdrawing). The resonance effect dominates, activating the ortho and para positions.

Solution:

(a) Chlorobenzene: The −Cl substituent is attached to the benzene ring.

(b) Chlorine has two opposing electronic effects:

- $-I$ effect (inductive): Withdraws electron density through sigma bonds.
- $+R$ effect (resonance): Donates electron density through pi system via lone pair conjugation.

(c) The resonance effect dominates, making chlorine an ortho/para director.

(d) In nitration (HNO_3 + H_2SO_4), the nitronium ion (NO_2^+) attacks the ring at ortho and para positions relative to the −Cl group.

(e) The ortho product is somewhat sterically hindered by the Cl atom, so the para product is usually the major product.

(f) Both ortho- and para-nitrochlorobenzene are formed as major products. The meta product is formed only in trace amounts.

Final Answer: o-nitrochlorobenzene and p-nitrochlorobenzene

Answer: (B)

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Q39.

Solution

Concept: Osmotic pressure (Π) is a colligative property that depends on the total concentration of solute particles, not their chemical identity. For electrolytic solutions, the van't Hoff factor (i) accounts for the dissociation of the solute into ions. The osmotic pressure is given by $\Pi = iCRT$, where C is the molar concentration.

Solution:

(a) All solutions have the same molar concentration (0.1 M), so the osmotic pressure depends on the van't Hoff factor i.

(b) For each solute:

- Glucose: Non-electrolyte, $i = 1$. Particles: 0.1 M.
- Urea: Non-electrolyte, $i = 1$. Particles: 0.1 M.
- NaCl: Strong electrolyte, dissociates into 2 ions: $i \approx 2$. Particles: $0.1 \times 2 = 0.2$ M.
- $CaCl_2$: Strong electrolyte, dissociates into 3 ions: $i \approx 3$. Particles: $0.1 \times 3 = 0.3$ M.

(c) $\Pi \propto iC$, so higher i gives higher osmotic pressure.

(d) $CaCl_2$ has the highest van't Hoff factor ($i \approx 3$), so 0.1 M $CaCl_2$ produces the highest osmotic pressure.

Final Answer: 0.1 M $CaCl_2$

Answer: (C)

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Q40.

Solution

Concept: Denitrification is a microbial process carried out by anaerobic bacteria (e.g., Pseudomonas, Bacillus) under oxygen-deficient soil conditions. Nitrate (NO_3^-) is used as an alternative electron acceptor and is progressively reduced through a series of intermediates to gaseous nitrogen compounds.

Solution:

(a) Denitrification is the stepwise reduction of nitrate to gaseous forms of nitrogen.

(b) The sequence of reduction steps is: $NO_3^- \rightarrow NO_2^- \rightarrow NO \rightarrow N_2O \rightarrow N_2$.

(c) Each step is catalysed by specific enzymes: nitrate reductase, nitrite reductase, nitric oxide reductase, and nitrous oxide reductase.

(d) The final product of complete denitrification is dinitrogen gas (N_2), which is the ultimate end product.

(e) Under incomplete denitrification conditions, N_2O (nitrous oxide) may accumulate as an intermediate.

(f) However, the question asks for the "ultimately converted" product, which is N_2.

(g) Denitrification represents a major loss pathway for soil nitrogen, returning approximately 60–70% of fixed N to the atmosphere as N_2.

Final Answer: N_2

Answer: (B)

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Answer Key

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	C	2	B	3	A	4	A	5	B
6	A	7	B	8	A	9	C	10	C
11	A	12	A	13	B	14	A	15	B
16	C	17	B	18	B	19	A	20	B
21	C	22	C	23	B	24	C	25	B
26	B	27	A	28	C	29	A	30	B
31	B	32	A	33	C	34	B	35	A
36	B	37	A	38	B	39	C	40	B