KIITEE Chemistry Sample Paper – 6

Duration: 50 Minutes **Maximum Marks: 160**

Instructions

- This paper contains **40** Multiple Choice Questions (Single Correct Answer), modelled on the Chemistry portion of **KIITEE** entrance.
- Each correct answer carries **+4 marks**. There is -1 **mark per wrong answer;** unattempted questions score **0**
- Only **one** option is correct. Choose carefully.
- Syllabus level: **Class 11 & 12 (10+2) Chemistry — Organic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry,Inorganic Chemistry and Environmental Chemistry, Polymers & Biomolecules**
- The test is computer based. Personal calculators, log tables, mobile phones, and other electronic gadgets are strictly prohibited.

Q1. An organic compound X with the molecular formula $C_4H_{10}O$ does not react with metallic sodium. When heated with an excess of hydroiodic acid (HI), it yields a single alkyl iodide. The compound X is:

(A) diethyl ether

(B) methyl isopropyl ether

(C) methyl propyl ether

(D) 1-butanol

Q2. If the rate constant for a first-order reaction at 300 K is 2.0×10^{-3} s^{-1} and the pre-exponential factor is 4.0×10^{10} s^{-1}, what is the activation energy (E_a) for the reaction? (Given: R = 8.314 J K^{-1} mol^{-1}, ln(2) = 0.693)

(A) 74.6 kJ mol^{-1}

(B) 32.4 kJ mol^{-1}

(C) 91.3 kJ mol^{-1}

(D) 115.2 kJ mol^{-1}

Q3. Which of the following statements regarding the basic strength of aliphatic amines in an aqueous medium is correct?

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

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

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

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

Q4. Which of the following standard conditions is responsible for the phenomenon of photochemical smog in urban areas during warm, sunny days?

(A) High concentration of SO_2 and particulate matter

(B) Action of sunlight on unsaturated hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides

(C) Accumulation of chlorofluorocarbons in the stratosphere

(D) Excessive release of carbon dioxide and water vapor

Q5. The correct order of the spin-only magnetic moments for the following octahedral complexes is:

(A) $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+} > [Mn(CN)_6]^{3-} > [Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$

(B) $[Mn(CN)_6]^{3-} > [Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+} > [Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$

(C) $[Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-} > [Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+} > [Mn(CN)_6]^{3-}$

(D) $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+} > [Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-} > [Mn(CN)_6]^{3-}$

Q6. For a dilute solution containing a non-volatile solute, the relative lowering of vapor pressure is 0.02. The molality of this aqueous solution is approximately:

(A) 1.11 mol kg^{-1}

(B) 0.55 mol kg^{-1}

(C) 0.02 mol kg^{-1}

(D) 2.22 mol kg^{-1}

Q7. Nylon-6 is synthesized by heating which of the following monomers at high temperatures with water?

Caprolactam ring system representation

(A) Caprolactam

(B) Hexamethylenediamine and adipic acid

(C) Styrene and 1,3-butadiene

(D) Terephthalic acid and ethylene glycol

Q8. Ozonolysis of an alkene *A* followed by treatment with Zn/H_2O gives a mixture of propanone and ethanal in a 1:1 molar ratio. The IUPAC name of alkene *A* is:

(A) 2-methylbut-2-ene

(B) 2-methylbut-1-ene

(C) pent-2-ene

(D) 3-methylbut-1-ene

Q9. In the qualitative analysis of group II cations, H_2S gas is passed in the presence of dilute HCl. The role of dilute HCl is to:

(A) decrease the concentration of sulfide ions by common ion effect

(B) increase the concentration of sulfide ions by complex formation

(C) oxidize the sulfide ions to elemental sulfur

(D) maintain a basic pH for precipitate stability

Q10. At a given temperature, the solubility product (K_{sp}) of Ag_2CrO_4 is 4.0×10^{-12}. The molar solubility of Ag_2CrO_4 in a 0.1 M $AgNO_3$ solution is:

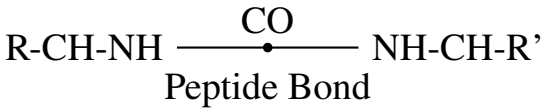
(A) 4.0×10^{-10} M

(B) 1.0×10^{-4} M

(C) 2.0×10^{-5} M

(D) 4.0×10^{-11} M

Q11. Which of the following biomolecules contains a peptide linkage (-CONH-)?



(A) Cellulose

(B) Insulin

(C) Amylose

(D) DNA

Q12. The major product obtained when anisole reacts with a mixture of concentrated HNO_3 and concentrated H_2SO_4 is:

(A) o-nitroanisole

(B) p-nitroanisole

(C) m-nitroanisole

(D) 2,4,6-trinitroanisole

Q13. The correct order of decreasing acid strength for the following oxoacids of chlorine is:

(A) $HClO_4 > HClO_3 > HClO_2 > HClO$

(B) $HClO > HClO_2 > HClO_3 > HClO_4$

(C) $HClO_4 > HClO_2 > HClO_3 > HClO$

(D) $HClO_3 > HClO_4 > HClO_2 > HClO$

Q14. For a cell reaction involving a two-electron transfer, the standard EMF of the cell is found to be 0.295 V at 298 K. The equilibrium constant (K_c) for the cell reaction at this temperature is: (Given: $\frac{2.303RT}{F} = 0.059$ V at 298 K)

(A) 1.0×10^{10}

(B) 1.0×10^{5}

(C) 2.0×10^{10}

(D) 1.0×10^{-10}

Q15. The phenomenon responsible for the depleting of the ozone layer by chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) involves the atmospheric generation of:

(A) chlorine free radicals

(B) fluorine free radicals

(C) singlet oxygen atoms

(D) chlorine nitrate molecules

Q16. Identify the primary product formed when benzaldehyde is treated with concentrated sodium hydroxide solution (50% NaOH):

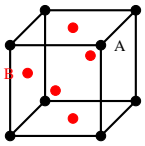
(A) Benzyl alcohol and sodium benzoate

(B) Benzophenone and water

(C) Cinnamic acid

(D) Hydrobenzoin

Q17. In a face-centered cubic (fcc) lattice, atom *A* occupies the corner positions and atom *B* occupies the face-center positions. If one atom of *B* is missing from one of the face-centered points, the empirical formula of the compound is:



(A) A_2B_5

(B) AB_3

(C) A_2B_3

(D) A_5B_2

Q18. Which of the following compounds will give a positive carbylamine test?

(A) N-Methylaniline

(B) Aniline

(C) N,N-Dimethylaniline

(D) Benzylamine hydrochloride when neutralized, but not acetanilide

Q19. The pair of compounds that can be distinguished by the iodoform test is:

(A) Ethanol and Propan-2-ol

(B) Pentan-2-one and Pentan-3-one

(C) Methanol and Ethanol

(D) Acetophenone and Benzophenone

Q20. The standard enthalpy of formation ($\Delta_f H^\circ$) of $CO_2(g)$, $H_2O(l)$, and $CH_4(g)$ are -393.5, -285.8, and -74.8 kJ mol^{-1} respectively. The standard enthalpy of combustion of $CH_4(g)$ is:

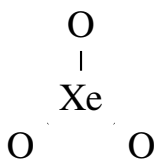
(A) -890.3 kJ mol^{-1}

(B) -604.5 kJ mol^{-1}

(C) $+890.3$ kJ mol^{-1}

(D) -965.1 kJ mol^{-1}

Q21. Xenon hexafluoride (XeF_6) on complete hydrolysis yields a white crystalline solid. The molecular geometry and hybridization of the central atom in this product are respectively:



(A) Pyramidal, sp^3

(B) Octahedral, sp^3d^2

(C) Distorted octahedral, sp^3d^3

(D) Square planar, sp^3d^2

Q22. Which of the following sets of quantum numbers is not permissible for an electron in an atom?

(A) $n = 3, l = 2, m_l = -2, m_s = +\frac{1}{2}$

(B) $n = 4, l = 0, m_l = 0, m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$

(C) $n = 3, l = 3, m_l = -1, m_s = +\frac{1}{2}$

(D) $n = 2, l = 1, m_l = 0, m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$

Q23. The structure of the polymer Buna-N consists of alternating or random linkages of which monomer units?

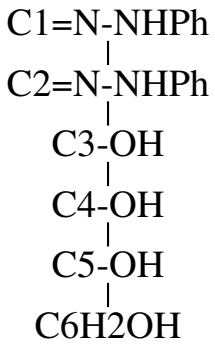
(A) 1,3-Butadiene and Styrene

(B) 1,3-Butadiene and Acrylonitrile

(C) Chloroprene

(D) Vinyl chloride and Allyl alcohol

Q24. When D-glucose reacts with an excess of phenylhydrazine, it forms an osazone. Which carbon atoms of the glucose molecule are involved in this reaction?



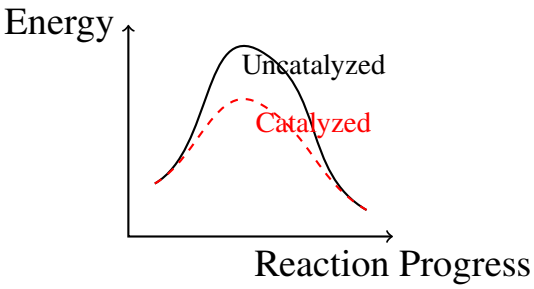
(A) C-1 and C-2

(B) C-2 and C-3

(C) C-1 and C-6

(D) C-4 and C-5

Q25. Which of the following parameters decreases when a catalyst is added to a reversible chemical reaction system?



(A) Equilibrium constant (K_{eq})

(B) Enthalpy of the reaction (ΔH)

(C) Activation energy for the forward reaction ($E_{a,f}$)

(D) Free energy change (ΔG)

Q26. Among the following, the pair that is isostructural is:

(A) NF_3 and BF_3

(B) CO_2 and SiO_2

(C) I_3^- and XeF_2

(D) SF_4 and CCl_4

Q27. When 2-bromobutane is treated with alcoholic KOH, the major product formed is trans-but-2-ene. This reaction is an example of:

(A) Saytzeff elimination

(B) Hofmann elimination

(C) Nucleophilic substitution (S_N2)

(D) Free radical substitution

Q28. The coordination number and the oxidation state of the central metal ion in the complex $[Cr(en)_2(C_2O_4)]Cl$ are respectively:

(A) 6 and +3

(B) 4 and +2

(C) 6 and +2

(D) 4 and +3

Q29. What is the value of the van 't Hoff factor (i) for a dilute aqueous solution of $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$ if it is 80% ionized?

(A) 4.2

(B) 5.0

(C) 3.4

(D) 4.0

Q30. Which of the following statements is true concerning the extraction of iron in the blast furnace?

(A) Limestone acts as a reducing agent.

(B) Slag ($CaSiO_3$) is lighter than molten iron and floats on top.

(C) Iron oxide is reduced to iron by silica.

(D) The highest temperature zone is located at the top of the furnace.

Q31. The principal product obtained when propene is treated with HBr in the presence of benzoyl peroxide is:

(A) 2-bromopropane

(B) 1-bromopropane

(C) 1,2-dibromopropane

(D) 2-bromopropan-2-ol

Q32. In the extraction of gold, the crushed ore is leached with an aqueous solution of NaCN in the presence of air to form a soluble complex Y. The complex Y is:

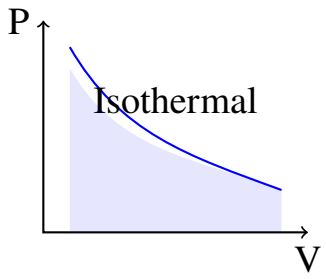
(A) $Na[Au(CN)_2]$

(B) $Na_3[Au(CN)_6]$

(C) $Na[Au(CN)_4]$

(D) $Na_2[Au(CN)_4]$

Q33. Which of the following values of work done corresponds to the maximum work obtained during an ideal gas expansion?



(A) Isothermal reversible expansion

(B) Isothermal irreversible expansion

(C) Adiabatic reversible expansion

(D) Adiabatic irreversible expansion

Q34. The major pollutant responsible for the "Blue Baby Syndrome" (methaemoglobinaemia) through contaminated drinking water is:

(A) Phosphate

(B) Nitrate

(C) Sulfate

(D) Lead

Q35. The IUPAC name of the compound given below is: $CH_3 - CH(OH) - CH_2 - CO - CH_3$

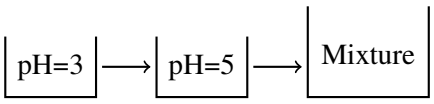
(A) 4-hydroxypentan-2-one

(B) 2-hydroxypentan-4-one

(C) 4-oxan-2-ol

(D) 2-oxo-pentan-4-ol

Q36. Equal volumes of two solutions with pH = 3 and pH = 5 are mixed together. The pH of the resulting mixed solution will be closest to: $(\log(5.05) = 0.703)$



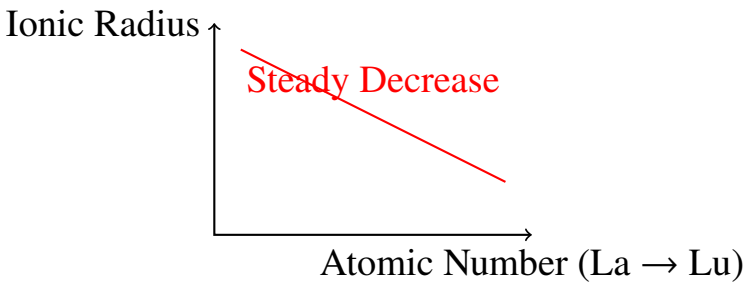
(A) 4.0

(B) 3.3

(C) 4.5

(D) 3.7

Q37. Identify the correct statement regarding the lanthanoid contraction:



(A) It is caused by the poor shielding effect of 4f electrons.

(B) It causes a sharp decrease in the atomic radii of actinides compared to lanthanoids.

(C) It makes the separation of Zr and Hf extremely easy.

(D) It results in a regular increase in basic strength of lanthanoid hydroxides from La to Lu.

Q38. In which of the following crystalline systems are all three axial lengths unequal ($a \neq b \neq c$) and all three axial angles unequal and not equal to 90° ($\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma \neq 90°$)?

(A) Triclinic

(B) Monoclinic

(C) Orthorhombic

(D) Rhombohedral

Q39. An organic compound M reacts with PCl_5 to give N. Treatment of N with alcoholic KOH yields propene. The original compound M is:

(A) 1-propanol

(B) 2-propanol

(C) ethanol

(D) propanal

Q40. Deficiency of which of the following vitamins leads to the condition known as Pernicious Anemia?

(A) Vitamin B_1

(B) Vitamin B_6

(C) Vitamin B_{12}

(D) Vitamin C

Detailed Solutions

Q1.

Solution

Concept: The problem deals with the chemical properties of ethers and alcohols. Ethers are unreactive towards metallic sodium because they lack an acidic hydrogen atom. In contrast, alcohols contain an active hydrogen atom bound to oxygen and readily react with sodium to release hydrogen gas. Cleavage of ethers using concentrated hydroiodic acid (HI) follows substitution mechanisms to produce corresponding alkyl iodides. When an ether contains identical alkyl groups on both sides of the oxygen link, cleavage yields a single type of alkyl iodide product.

Solution: Step 1: The molecular formula is $C_4H_{10}O$, which matches the general formula for acyclic saturated alcohols and ethers ($C_nH_{2n+2}O$).

Step 2: Since the compound does not react with metallic sodium, it cannot be an alcohol. Therefore, it must be an ether. This rules out 1-butanol immediately.

Step 3: Analyze the options that are ethers: diethyl ether ($CH_3CH_2OCH_2CH_3$), methyl isopropyl ether ($CH_3OCH(CH_3)_2$), and methyl propyl ether ($CH_3OCH_2CH_2CH_3$).

Step 4: Ethers react with an excess of hydroiodic acid (HI) at high temperatures via a substitution pathway where both alkyl groups are converted into alkyl iodides.

Step 5: For asymmetrical ethers like methyl propyl ether or methyl isopropyl ether, cleavage yields two distinct alkyl iodides (CH_3I and C_3H_7I). For the symmetrical ether diethyl ether, the reaction breaks both C-O bonds to give two moles of the exact same alkyl iodide:

$$CH_3CH_2OCH_2CH_3 + 2HI \rightarrow 2CH_3CH_2I + H_2O$$

Thus, diethyl ether is the only ether that produces a single alkyl iodide.

Final Answer: diethyl ether

Answer: (A)

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Q2.

Solution

Concept: The temperature dependence of chemical reaction rates is modeled using the Arrhenius equation. The mathematical formula relates the rate constant (k), the pre-exponential frequency factor (A), the activation energy (E_a), the universal gas constant (R), and the absolute temperature (T). By applying logarithmic rules, the exponential relation can be rewritten in terms of natural logarithms, allowing for the isolation and simple computation of the activation energy parameter.

Solution: Step 1: Write down the standard Arrhenius equation:

$$k = A \cdot e^{-\frac{E_a}{RT}}$$

Step 2: Take the natural logarithm (ln) on both sides of the relation to linearize the equation:

$$\ln(k) = \ln(A) - \frac{E_a}{RT}$$

Step 3: Rearrange the terms to express the activation energy (E_a) explicitly as a function of the known quantities:

$$\frac{E_a}{RT} = \ln(A) - \ln(k) = \ln\left(\frac{A}{k}\right)$$

$$E_a = RT \cdot \ln\left(\frac{A}{k}\right)$$

Step 4: Substitute the given values into the ratio component:

$$\frac{A}{k} = \frac{4.0 \times 10^{10}\ \text{s}^{-1}}{2.0 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{s}^{-1}} = 2.0 \times 10^{13}$$

Step 5: Compute the logarithmic value using standard base rules and given parameters:

$$\ln(2.0 \times 10^{13}) = \ln(2) + \ln(10^{13}) = 0.693 + 13 \times 2.303 = 0.693 + 29.939 = 30.632$$

Step 6: Substitute the value of the gas constant, temperature, and calculated log value into the main formula:

$$E_a = 8.314 \times 300 \times 30.632 = 2494.2 \times 30.632 = 76402.3\ \text{J mol}^{-1}$$

Converting into kilojoules per mole gives approximately 74.6 kJ mol^{-1}.

Final Answer: 74.6 kJ mol^{-1}

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 2

Q3.

Solution

Concept: The basicity of aliphatic amines in aqueous medium depends on three interconnected parameters: the inductive effect of alkyl groups, steric hindrance caused by the bulky groups around the nitrogen atom, and the hydration energy achieved via hydrogen bonding with water molecules. In the gas phase, basicity purely follows the $+I$ inductive trend ($3^\circ > 2^\circ > 1^\circ$). However, in an aqueous solvent, these factors compete, resulting in a altered non-linear progression for substituted methyl amines.

Solution: Step 1: Analyze the $+I$ inductive effect, which increases electron density on the nitrogen atom. This stabilizes the conjugated ammonium cation and increases basicity in the sequence: $(CH_3)_3N > (CH_3)_2NH > CH_3NH_2$.

Step 2: Analyze the hydration effect. Less sterically hindered cations can form more hydrogen bonds with water molecules. This stabilizes the protonated form in the sequence: $CH_3NH_3^+ > (CH_3)_2NH_2^+ > (CH_3)_3NH^+$.

Step 3: Analyze the steric factors. The presence of bulky groups blocks the approach of protons, reducing availability significantly for tertiary amines.

Step 4: Combine all trends for methyl-substituted amines. The combined effect makes the secondary amine the most basic, followed by the primary amine due to strong hydration stabilization, then the tertiary amine, and finally ammonia (NH_3).

Step 5: The final validated order is $(CH_3)_2NH > CH_3NH_2 > (CH_3)_3N > NH_3$.

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

Answer: (A)

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Q4.

Solution

Concept: Photochemical smog is a modern type of atmospheric pollution that forms primarily in warm, sunny, and highly congested urban zones. Unlike classical smog, which is reducing and relies on sulfur dioxide and cold humid conditions, photochemical smog is oxidizing in nature. It is driven by secondary pollutants that are generated directly when primary vehicular and industrial emissions undergo complex chemical transformations powered by solar ultraviolet radiation.

Solution: Step 1: Identify primary emissions involved in urban air pollution from internal combustion engines. These include unburnt volatile unsaturated hydrocarbons and nitric oxide (NO).

Step 2: Understand the atmospheric transformations. Nitric oxide converts to nitrogen dioxide (NO_2). Sunlight splits NO_2 into NO and atomic oxygen (O), which reacts with ambient oxygen (O_2) to generate ozone (O_3).

Step 3: Analyze the subsequent interactions. The generated ozone reacts with unburnt hydrocarbons to create hazardous secondary components like peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN), acrolein, and formaldehyde.

Step 4: Evaluate option choices based on these steps. High concentrations of sulfur dioxide are associated with classical reducing smog, while chlorofluorocarbons deal with stratospheric ozone depletion. Thus, the correct trigger is the action of sunlight on unsaturated hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides.

Final Answer: Action of sunlight on unsaturated hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides

Answer: (B)

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Q5.

Solution

Concept: The magnetic characteristics of transition metal complexes are interpreted via Crystal Field Theory (CFT). The magnitude of the crystal field splitting (Δ_o) relative to the electron pairing energy (P) dictates whether a complex assumes a high-spin or low-spin electronic configuration. Strong-field ligands create large splitting values causing electrons to pair up, whereas weak-field ligands result in maximum unpaired electrons. The spin-only magnetic moment is calculated using the formula:

$$\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)} \text{ B.M.}$$

where n represents the total number of unpaired d-electrons.

Solution: Step 1: Evaluate $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$. Here, iron is in the +3 oxidation state ($Fe^{3+} : d^5$). Since water (H_2O) is a weak-field ligand, it does not cause pairing. The electrons occupy the d-orbitals singly ($t_{2g}^3 e_g^2$), yielding $n = 5$ unpaired electrons.

Step 2: Evaluate $[Mn(CN)_6]^{3-}$. Manganese is in the +3 oxidation state ($Mn^{3+} : d^4$). Cyanide (CN^-) is a powerful strong-field ligand, causing $\Delta_o > P$. The four electrons pair up within the lower orbitals ($t_{2g}^4 e_g^0$), leaving $n = 2$ unpaired electrons.

Step 3: Evaluate $[Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$. Cobalt is in the +3 oxidation state ($Co^{3+} : d^6$). Although oxalate ($C_2O_4^{2-}$) is typically an intermediate ligand, it acts as a strong-field ligand with the highly charged Co^{3+} ion, causing full pairing. The configuration is low-spin ($t_{2g}^6 e_g^0$), yielding $n = 0$ unpaired electrons.

Step 4: Arrange the complexes in order of decreasing unpaired electrons, which corresponds to decreasing magnetic moments:

$$n = 5 > n = 2 > n = 0 \implies [Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+} > [Mn(CN)_6]^{3-} > [Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$$

Final Answer: $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+} > [Mn(CN)_6]^{3-} > [Co(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-}$

Answer: (A)

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Q6.

Solution

Concept: Raoult's Law states that the relative lowering of vapor pressure for a dilute solution is equivalent to the mole fraction of the non-volatile solute dissolved in it. Molality represents the moles of solute per kilogram of pure solvent. For highly dilute solutions, approximations can simplify the mathematical translation between mole fractions and molality values without significant loss of accuracy.

Solution: Step 1: State Raoult's Law mathematical form:

$$\frac{p^\circ - p}{p^\circ} = \chi_{\text{solute}} = 0.02$$

Step 2: Express the mole fraction of the solute in terms of moles of solute (n) and moles of solvent (N):

$$\chi_{\text{solute}} = \frac{n}{n+N} = 0.02$$

Step 3: For a dilute solution, $n \ll N$. We approximate the denominator as $n + N \approx N$:

$$\frac{n}{N} \approx 0.02$$

Step 4: Relate the moles of the solvent (water) to its mass. Consider exactly 1 kg (1000 g) of water. The molar mass of water is 18 g mol^{-1}:

$$N = \frac{1000}{18} = 55.55 \text{ moles}$$

Step 5: Calculate the moles of solute (n) contained within that 1 kg of water, which definitionally equals the molality (m):

$$n = 0.02 \times N = 0.02 \times 55.55 = 1.111 \text{ moles}$$

Therefore, the molality of the solution is approximately 1.11 mol kg^{-1}.

Final Answer: 1.11 mol kg^{-1}

Answer: (A)

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Q7.

Solution

Concept: Nylon-6 is a widely utilized synthetic polyamide polymer. Unlike Nylon-6,6, which is prepared via a condensation copolymerization of a diamine and a dicarboxylic acid, Nylon-6 is a homopolymer generated through ring-opening polymerization of a single cyclic monomer containing an internal amide linkage.

Solution: Step 1: Review the structural requirements of Nylon-6. The digit "6" denotes that the repeating polymer backbone structural unit contains exactly six carbon atoms.

Step 2: Identify the precursor monomer. Caprolactam is a cyclic compound containing a seven-membered ring with an internal amide (lactam) functional group.

Step 3: Understand the polymerization process. When caprolactam is heated to temperatures around 530 K in the presence of controlled amounts of water, the cyclic ring undergoes hydrolytic cleavage at the carbonyl-nitrogen bond.

Step 4: This ring-opening creates ε-aminocaproic acid intermediates, which then undergo linear chain growth polymerization to yield Nylon-6 fibers. Other options like hexamethylenediamine combined with adipic acid form Nylon-6,6. Thus, caprolactam is the correct monomer.

Final Answer: Caprolactam

Answer: (A)

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Q8.

Solution

Concept: Ozonolysis is an analytical organic reaction sequence that cleaves carbon-carbon double bonds in alkenes. Treatment with ozone forms an ozonide intermediate. Subsequent reductive cleavage using zinc dust and water (Zn/H_2O) splits this structure to yield carbonyl compounds (aldehydes or ketones). The structures of these fragments can be reassembled like puzzle pieces to deduce the structure of the starting alkene.

Solution: Step 1: Write out the chemical structures of the given ozonolysis products. Propanone is $(CH_3)_2C{=}O$ and ethanal is $CH_3CH{=}O$.

Step 2: To find the precursor alkene, align the carbonyl oxygen atoms facing each other:

$$(CH_3)_2C = O \quad O = CHCH_3$$

Step 3: Remove the two oxygen atoms and connect the carbonyl carbons via a double bond to reconstruct the parent alkene:

$$(CH_3)_2C = CHCH_3$$

Step 4: Determine the IUPAC name of the reconstructed molecule. Find the longest continuous carbon chain containing the double bond, which has 4 carbon atoms (a butane derivative).

Step 5: Number the chain from the end that gives the double bond the lowest locant. Numbering from right to left positions the double bond at C-2 and a methyl substituent at C-2. The name is 2-methylbut-2-ene.

Final Answer: 2-methylbut-2-ene

Answer: (A)

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Q9.

Solution

Concept: Qualitative inorganic analysis separates metal cations into specific groups based on their solubility products (K_{sp}). Cations of Group II (such as Cu^{2+}, Pb^{2+}, As^{3+}) precipitate as sulfides under low sulfide ion concentrations, because their K_{sp} values are extremely low. Cations of Group III or IV require higher sulfide ion concentrations to precipitate. Controlling the concentration of sulfide ions generated from H_2S gas is achieved by modifying the pH using a strong acid.

Solution: Step 1: Write down the weak electrolyte dissociation equilibrium of hydrogen sulfide gas in an aqueous solution:

$$H_2S(aq) \rightleftharpoons 2H^+(aq) + S^{2-}(aq)$$

Step 2: Hydrochloric acid (HCl) added to the mixture is a strong acid that dissociates completely into H^+ and Cl^- ions.

Step 3: The presence of excess H^+ ions from HCl creates a common ion effect on the H_2S equilibrium system.

Step 4: According to Le Chatelier's principle, increasing the product concentration shifts the equilibrium back to the left, suppressing the ionization of H_2S and lowering the concentration of S^{2-} ions.

Step 5: This restricted sulfide concentration is sufficient to exceed the low K_{sp} of Group II metal sulfides, but prevents the premature precipitation of Group IV cations. Thus, the role of HCl is to decrease sulfide concentration via the common ion effect.

Final Answer: decrease the concentration of sulfide ions by common ion effect

Answer: (A)

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Q10.

Solution

Concept: The common ion effect describes the reduction in solubility of an ionic precipitate when a soluble salt containing a shared constituent ion is introduced into the solution equilibrium. Calculations utilize the solubility product expression (K_{sp}), incorporating the total concentration of the shared ion from all sources.

Solution: Step 1: Write the heterogeneous dissociation equation for the sparingly soluble salt Ag_2CrO_4:

$$Ag_2CrO_4(s) \rightleftharpoons 2Ag^+(aq) + CrO_4^{2-}(aq)$$

Step 2: Let S be the molar solubility of Ag_2CrO_4 in this solution. The dissociation yields $2S$ of Ag^+ and S of CrO_4^{2-}.

Step 3: Account for the strong electrolyte $AgNO_3$, which dissociates completely to provide 0.1 M of Ag^+ ions. Write the total concentrations at equilibrium:

$$[CrO_4^{2-}] = S$$

$$[Ag^+] = 2S + 0.1$$

Step 4: Since K_{sp} is extremely low (4.0×10^{-12}), the value of S will be tiny, meaning $2S \ll 0.1$. Approximate the total silver ion concentration:

$$[Ag^+] \approx 0.1 \text{ M}$$

Step 5: Substitute these values into the equilibrium constant expression:

$$K_{sp} = [Ag^+]^2[CrO_4^{2-}]$$

$$4.0 \times 10^{-12} = (0.1)^2 \cdot S = 0.01 \cdot S$$

Step 6: Solve for S:

$$S = \frac{4.0 \times 10^{-12}}{0.01} = 4.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}$$

Final Answer: 4.0×10^{-10} M

Answer: (A)

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Q11.

Solution

Concept: A peptide linkage (-CONH-) is an amide covalent bond formed between two amino acid molecules. It occurs when the carboxylic acid group (-COOH) of one amino acid reacts with the alpha-amino group ($-NH_2$) of an adjacent amino acid, eliminating a molecule of water. Polymers formed from these connections are peptides and proteins.

Solution: Step 1: Review the structural composition of the listed biomolecules. Cellulose and amylose are carbohydrates (polysaccharides) made of glucose units linked by glycosidic (C-O-C) bonds.

Step 2: Review DNA. It is a nucleic acid composed of polynucleotide chains held together by phosphodiester linkages.

Step 3: Review Insulin. Insulin is a vital hormone in the human body that is structurally classified as a protein.

Step 4: Because proteins are long polypeptide chains composed of alpha-amino acids linked sequentially, insulin contains numerous peptide linkages.

Final Answer: Insulin

Answer: (B)

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Q12.

Solution

Concept: Electrophilic aromatic substitution (EAS) pathways are directed by substituents already attached to the benzene ring. Substituents are classified as activating or deactivating based on their ability to donate or withdraw electron density. They also direct incoming electrophiles to specific locations (ortho/para-directing or meta-directing). Nitration of benzene rings uses nitronium ions (NO_2^+) generated by a mixture of concentrated sulfuric and nitric acids.

Solution: Step 1: Examine the structure of anisole, which is methoxybenzene ($C_6H_5OCH_3$). The key functional group is the methoxy group (-OCH_3).

Step 2: The oxygen atom in the -OCH_3 group has lone pairs of electrons that can be delocalized into the benzene pi-system through resonance (+R effect), increasing electron density on the ring.

Step 3: Resonance structures show that electron density increases selectively at the ortho and para positions. Therefore, the methoxy group is strongly activating and ortho/para-directing.

Step 4: Nitration introduces a nitronium ion (NO_2^+) electrophile to these activated sites, producing a mixture of o-nitroanisole and p-nitroanisole.

Step 5: Consider steric hindrance. The bulky methoxy group blocks the adjacent ortho positions, making attack at the less hindered para position more favorable. Therefore, p-nitroanisole is formed as the major product.

Final Answer: p-nitroanisole

Answer: (B)

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Q13.

Solution

Concept: The acidity of a series of oxoacids containing the same central heteroatom changes systematically with the oxidation state of that central atom. As the oxidation state increases, the atom becomes more electronegative, drawing electron density away from the O-H bond. This polarizes the bond, allowing the acid to release its proton (H^+) more easily. It also stabilizes the resulting conjugate anion through charge delocalization over a larger number of oxygen atoms.

Solution: Step 1: Determine the formal oxidation state of chlorine (Cl) in each oxoacid molecule:

$$\text{In HClO: } +1 + x - 2 = 0 \rightarrow x = +1$$

$$\text{In } HClO_2\text{: } +1 + x - 4 = 0 \rightarrow x = +3$$

$$\text{In } HClO_3\text{: } +1 + x - 6 = 0 \rightarrow x = +5$$

$$\text{In } HClO_4\text{: } +1 + x - 8 = 0 \rightarrow x = +7$$

Step 2: Relate the calculated oxidation state to the relative acid strength. Higher oxidation states correspond to stronger acids.

Step 3: Alternatively, evaluate the stability of the conjugate anions (ClO^-, ClO_2^-, ClO_3^-, ClO_4^-). The perchlorate ion (ClO_4^-) is stabilized by resonance across four equivalent oxygen atoms, making its parent acid the strongest.

Step 4: Arrange the oxoacids in order of decreasing acid strength based on these structural rules:

$$HClO_4 > HClO_3 > HClO_2 > HClO$$

Final Answer: $HClO_4 > HClO_3 > HClO_2 > HClO$

Answer: (A)

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Q14.

Solution

Concept: The Nernst equation links the electromotive force (EMF) of an electrochemical cell to the concentrations of the reacting species. When a cell reaches chemical equilibrium, its net cell potential (E_{cell}) drops to zero. At this point, the reaction quotient (Q) becomes equal to the equilibrium constant (K_c). This simplifies the expression, relating the standard cell potential (E°_{cell}) directly to the equilibrium constant.

Solution: Step 1: Write down the equilibrium form of the Nernst relationship at 298 K:

$$E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = \frac{0.059}{n} \log(K_c)$$

Step 2: Identify the given values from the problem statement: $E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = 0.295$ V, and the number of transferred electrons $n = 2$.

Step 3: Substitute these parameters into the formula:

$$0.295 = \frac{0.059}{2} \log(K_c)$$

Step 4: Isolate the term containing the logarithm:

$$\log(K_c) = \frac{0.295 \times 2}{0.059} = \frac{0.590}{0.059} = 10$$

Step 5: Convert from logarithmic form to find the final value of K_c:

$$K_c = 10^{10} = 1.0 \times 10^{10}$$

Final Answer: 1.0×10^{10}

Answer: (A)

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Q15.

Solution

Concept: Stratospheric ozone depletion by chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) is driven by free radical chain reactions. CFCs are highly stable in the lower atmosphere, allowing them to diffuse into the stratosphere over time. Once in the upper atmosphere, they are exposed to intense, high-energy solar ultraviolet (UV) radiation, which triggers photochemical decomposition.

Solution: Step 1: Understand the photolysis step of CFC molecules (such as CF_2Cl_2) by solar UV radiation:

$$CF_2Cl_2 + h\nu \rightarrow CF_2Cl^{\bullet} + Cl^{\bullet}$$

Step 2: The cleavage produces highly reactive atomic chlorine free radicals ($Cl^{\bullet}$).

Step 3: Analyze the propagation cycle. A chlorine radical attacks an ozone molecule (O_3), breaking it apart to form a chlorine monoxide radical and molecular oxygen:

$$Cl^{\bullet} + O_3 \rightarrow ClO^{\bullet} + O_2$$

Step 4: The chlorine monoxide radical reacts with atomic oxygen to regenerate the chlorine free radical, starting a catalytic cycle where a single chlorine radical can destroy thousands of ozone molecules. Thus, the active species responsible is the chlorine free radical.

Final Answer: chlorine free radicals

Answer: (A)

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Q16.

Solution

Concept: The Cannizzaro reaction is a redox reaction that occurs when aldehydes lacking an alpha-hydrogen atom are treated with a concentrated strong base (50% NaOH or KOH). Because they cannot undergo enolization or Aldol condensation, they undergo self-oxidation-reduction (disproportionation). One molecule of the aldehyde is reduced to its corresponding primary alcohol, while a second molecule is simultaneously oxidized to the corresponding carboxylic acid salt.

Solution: Step 1: Examine the structure of benzaldehyde (C_6H_5CHO). The formyl carbon is bound directly to a benzene ring carbon that lacks any hydrogen substituents. Thus, it contains no alpha-hydrogen atoms.

Step 2: When treated with concentrated 50% NaOH, the system undergoes a Cannizzaro mechanism.

Step 3: A hydroxide ion (OH^-) attacks the carbonyl carbon of one benzaldehyde molecule, forming a tetrahedral intermediate that transfers a hydride ion (H^-) to a second benzaldehyde molecule.

Step 4: The molecule that loses the hydride ion is oxidized to benzoic acid, which reacts with the base to form sodium benzoate (C_6H_5COONa).

Step 5: The molecule that accepts the hydride ion is reduced to benzyl alcohol ($C_6H_5CH_2OH$). Thus, the products are benzyl alcohol and sodium benzoate.

Final Answer: Benzyl alcohol and sodium benzoate

Answer: (A)

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Q17.

Solution

Concept: The chemical formula of a crystalline solid can be derived from its unit cell geometry by calculating the net contribution of each atom type. In an fcc lattice, atoms at corner positions are shared among eight unit cells, contributing $\frac{1}{8}$ of their mass to each one. Atoms at face-centered positions are shared between two unit cells, contributing $\frac{1}{2}$ to each.

Solution: Step 1: Calculate the baseline number of A atoms in the unit cell. Atom A occupies all 8 corner positions:

$$\text{Number of } A \text{ atoms} = 8 \times \frac{1}{8} = 1$$

Step 2: Determine the normal baseline number of B atoms. An fcc unit cell has 6 face-center locations.

Step 3: Incorporate the defect condition stated in the problem: one B atom is missing from a face-centered point. This leaves $6 - 1 = 5$ occupied face centers.

Step 4: Calculate the net number of B atoms remaining in the unit cell, accounting for the face contribution factor of $\frac{1}{2}$:

$$\text{Number of } B \text{ atoms} = 5 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2.5 = \frac{5}{2}$$

Step 5: Write the ratio of atoms $A : B$ in the unit cell:

$$A : B = 1 : \frac{5}{2}$$

Step 6: Multiply by 2 to convert this into the smallest whole-number empirical ratio:

$$A : B = 2 : 5 \implies A_2B_5$$

Final Answer: A_2B_5

Answer: (A)

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Q18.

Solution

Concept: The carbylamine test (Hoffman's isocyanide test) is a diagnostic organic reaction used to identify primary amines. When a primary amine is warmed with chloroform ($CHCl_3$) and alcoholic potassium hydroxide (KOH), it forms an isocyanide (carbylamine), which has an intensely foul, characteristic odor. Secondary and tertiary amines do not undergo this reaction because they lack the two protons on the nitrogen atom required to complete the elimination steps.

Solution: Step 1: Analyze the chemical structures and classifications of the options provided.

Step 2: N-Methylaniline ($C_6H_5NHCH_3$) is a secondary amine. N,N-Dimethylaniline ($C_6H_5N(CH_3)_2$) is a tertiary amine. Neither can give a positive carbylamine test.

Step 3: Aniline ($C_6H_5NH_2$) is a primary aromatic amine. It contains the required -NH_2 functional group bound directly to the carbon frame.

Step 4: When aniline is treated with chloroform and alcoholic KOH, it reacts via a dichlorocarbene intermediate to yield phenyl isocyanide (C_6H_5NC), producing a distinct foul odor that confirms a positive test. Thus, aniline is the correct answer.

Final Answer: Aniline

Answer: (B)

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Q19.

Solution

Concept: The iodoform test identifies compounds containing a methyl ketone group ($CH_3C{=}O$) or alcohols that can be oxidized to a methyl ketone ($CH_3CH(OH)$-). When treated with iodine (I_2) in the presence of aqueous sodium hydroxide (NaOH), these compounds undergo halogenation and cleavage to form a yellow precipitate of iodoform (CHI_3). This test can differentiate between molecules that possess this specific structural feature and those that do not.

Solution: Step 1: Examine Pentan-2-one and Pentan-3-one. Pentan-2-one is $CH_3COCH_2CH_2CH_3$, which contains a methyl ketone group (CH_3CO-). It reacts with I_2/NaOH to form a yellow iodoform precipitate.

Step 2: Pentan-3-one is $CH_3CH_2COCH_2CH_3$. It lacks a methyl group attached directly to the carbonyl carbon, so it does not form a precipitate. This structural difference allows the two compounds to be easily distinguished.

Step 3: Test the other options. Ethanol (CH_3CH_2OH) and Propan-2-ol ($CH_3CH(OH)CH_3$) both contain the $CH_3CH(OH)$- group, meaning both yield positive iodoform tests. Methanol does not react, but ethanol does. However, the pair in option B is the classic example for distinguishing structural isomers.

Final Answer: Pentan-2-one and Pentan-3-one

Answer: (B)

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Q20.

Solution

Concept: Hess's Law of Constant Heat Summation states that the total enthalpy change for a chemical reaction is the same whether it occurs in a single step or a series of steps. The standard enthalpy of a reaction ($\Delta_r H^\circ$) can be calculated by subtracting the sum of the standard enthalpies of formation of the reactants from the sum of the standard enthalpies of formation of the products:

$$\Delta_r H^\circ = \sum \Delta_f H^\circ_{\text{products}} - \sum \Delta_f H^\circ_{\text{reactants}}$$

Solution: Step 1: Write the balanced chemical equation for the complete combustion of methane gas (CH_4):

$$CH_4(g) + 2O_2(g) \rightarrow CO_2(g) + 2H_2O(l)$$

Step 2: Set up the enthalpy summation expression for this reaction using the stoichiometric coefficients:

$$\Delta_c H^\circ = \left[\Delta_f H^\circ(CO_2) + 2 \cdot \Delta_f H^\circ(H_2O)\right] - \left[\Delta_f H^\circ(CH_4) + 2 \cdot \Delta_f H^\circ(O_2)\right]$$

Step 3: Recall that the standard enthalpy of formation for any pure element in its reference state ($O_2(g)$) is zero:

$$\Delta_f H^\circ(O_2) = 0$$

Step 4: Substitute the given values into the equation:

$$\Delta_c H^\circ = [-393.5 + 2 \cdot (-285.8)] - [-74.8 + 0]$$

Step 5: Simplify the terms step by step:

$$\Delta_c H^\circ = [-393.5 - 571.6] - [-74.8]$$

$$\Delta_c H^\circ = [-965.1] + 74.8 = -890.3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Final Answer: -890.3 kJ mol^{-1}

Answer: (A)

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Q21.

Solution

Concept: The reactions of noble gas compounds follow specific hydrolytic pathways. Xenon hexafluoride (XeF_6) reacts with water, replacing covalent fluorine bonds with stable double-bonded oxygen linkages. The geometric structure of the resulting product can be predicted using Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion (VSEPR) theory.

Solution: Step 1: Write the balanced chemical equation for the complete hydrolysis of xenon hexafluoride (XeF_6):

$$XeF_6 + 3H_2O \rightarrow XeO_3 + 6HF$$

The white crystalline product formed is xenon trioxide (XeO_3).

Step 2: Determine the total valence electron pairs around the central xenon atom in XeO_3. Xenon has 8 valence electrons. Three oxygen atoms form three double bonds, which use 6 electrons. This leaves 2 unshared valence electrons, forming exactly 1 lone pair.

Step 3: Calculate the steric number (SN) of the central atom to find its hybridization state:

$$\text{SN} = \text{number of bonded atoms} + \text{number of lone pairs} = 3 + 1 = 4$$

A steric number of 4 corresponds to sp^3 hybridization.

Step 4: Determine the geometry. An sp^3 configuration with 1 lone pair forms a trigonal pyramidal molecular geometry, similar to ammonia (NH_3).

Final Answer: Pyramidal, sp^3

Answer: (A)

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Q22.

Solution

Concept: The distribution of electrons within an atom is governed by four quantum numbers that must obey strict mathematical limits. The principal quantum number (n) must be a positive integer ($1, 2, 3, \ldots$). The azimuthal quantum number (l) depends on n and can range from 0 to $n - 1$. The magnetic quantum number (m_l) depends on l and ranges from $-l$ to $+l$. The spin quantum number (m_s) can only be $+\frac{1}{2}$ or $-\frac{1}{2}$.

Solution: Step 1: Evaluate option A: $n = 3, l = 2, m_l = -2, m_s = +\frac{1}{2}$. This is valid because $l = 2$ is less than $n = 3$, and $m_l = -2$ falls within the allowable range of -2 to $+2$.

Step 2: Evaluate option B: $n = 4, l = 0, m_l = 0, m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$. This is valid because $l = 0$ is less than $n = 4$, which restricts m_l to 0.

Step 3: Evaluate option C: $n = 3, l = 3, m_l = -1, m_s = +\frac{1}{2}$. Here, $l = 3$ when $n = 3$. This violates the condition $l \leq n - 1$. The maximum value l can take when $n = 3$ is 2 (corresponding to a 3d subshell). An $l = 3$ subshell (3f) does not exist. This set is not permissible.

Final Answer: $\boxed{n = 3, l = 3, m_l = -1, m_s = +\frac{1}{2}}$

Answer: (C)

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Q23.

Solution

Concept: Buna-N is a widely used synthetic elastomer valued for its excellent resistance to oils, fuels, and various chemicals. The name contains clues about its constituent parts: "Bu" stands for 1,3-butadiene, "na" represents sodium (Na), which historically served as the polymerization catalyst, and "N" denotes the nitrile functional group present in the co-monomer component.

Solution: Step 1: Analyze the composition of Buna-type synthetic rubbers. They are copolymers that use 1,3-butadiene as their primary base monomer.

Step 2: Identify the second monomer component. For Buna-S, the co-monomer is styrene. For Buna-N, the "N" represents acrylonitrile (CH_2=CH-CN).

Step 3: The polymerization of 1,3-butadiene and acrylonitrile in a typical 3:1 ratio yields the synthetic rubber Buna-N. This rules out other options like chloroprene (which forms Neoprene). Thus, 1,3-butadiene and acrylonitrile are the correct monomers.

Final Answer: 1,3-Butadiene and Acrylonitrile

Answer: (B)

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Q24.

Solution

Concept: Osazone formation is a characteristic reaction used to identify reducing sugars. When an aldose or ketose sugar is treated with an excess of phenylhydrazine ($C_6H_5NHNH_2$) at elevated temperatures, a reaction occurs at the C-1 and C-2 positions. This produces a crystalline derivative known as an osazone, while the remaining carbon centers (C-3 through C-6) are unaffected.

Solution: Step 1: Understand the steps of the osazone mechanism for an aldose sugar like D-glucose. One equivalent of phenylhydrazine reacts with the formyl group at C-1 to form a phenylhydrazone intermediate, eliminating a molecule of water.

Step 2: A second equivalent of phenylhydrazine acts as an oxidizing agent, converting the adjacent secondary alcohol group at C-2 into a reactive carbonyl group (ketone), producing aniline and ammonia as byproducts.

Step 3: A third equivalent of phenylhydrazine reacts with this newly formed C-2 carbonyl group to yield the final stable osazone structure.

Step 4: Because the reaction modifies only the C-1 and C-2 centers, any sugars that share identical configurations from C-3 to C-6 (such as D-glucose, D-fructose, and D-mannose) will produce the exact same osazone derivative.

Final Answer: C-1 and C-2

Answer: (A)

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Q25.

Solution

Concept: A catalyst alters the rate of a chemical reaction by introducing an alternative reaction pathway with a lower activation energy barrier. While it accelerates both the forward and reverse reaction rates equally, it does not change the net thermodynamic variables of the system, such as the total enthalpy change (ΔH), the Gibbs free energy change (ΔG), or the final equilibrium constant position (K_{eq}).

Solution: Step 1: Analyze how a catalyst interacts with a chemical system. It lowers the activation energy (E_a) for both the forward and backward paths by stabilizing the transition state complex.

Step 2: Evaluate the options. The equilibrium constant (K_{eq}) is a thermodynamic property determined solely by the free energy difference between products and reactants; it is unaffected by a catalyst.

Step 3: The reaction enthalpy (ΔH) and Gibbs free energy (ΔG) depend only on the initial and final states of the chemical species, which remain unchanged.

Step 4: The only parameter listed that decreases when a catalyst is added is the activation energy for the forward reaction ($E_{a,f}$). This lower barrier allows more reactant molecules to transition into products per unit time.

Final Answer: Activation energy for the forward reaction ($E_{a,f}$)

Answer: (C)

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Q26.

Solution

Concept: Isostructural chemical species share identical spatial geometries and configurations, regardless of the specific identities of their constituent atoms. According to VSEPR theory, molecular geometry is determined by the total number of bonding electron pairs and non-bonding lone pairs surrounding the central atom. Species with the same hybridization state and number of lone pairs will assume the same molecular shape.

Solution: Step 1: Evaluate NF_3 and BF_3. NF_3 has a steric number of 4 (3 bonds, 1 lone pair) and is trigonal pyramidal, while BF_3 has a steric number of 3 (3 bonds, 0 lone pairs) and is trigonal planar. They are not isostructural.

Step 2: Evaluate CO_2 and SiO_2. CO_2 consists of discrete linear monomer molecules, whereas SiO_2 forms a continuous three-dimensional covalent network where each silicon is tetrahedrally bound to four oxygen atoms. They are not isostructural.

Step 3: Evaluate I_3^- and XeF_2. For I_3^-, the central iodine atom has 7 valence electrons plus 1 negative charge, giving 8 electrons. It forms 2 bonds and holds 3 lone pairs (SN = 5). An SN = 5 system with 3 lone pairs assumes a linear molecular geometry.

Step 4: For XeF_2, the central xenon atom has 8 valence electrons. It forms 2 bonds with fluorine atoms and holds 3 lone pairs (SN = 5), which also yields a linear molecular geometry. Since both I_3^- and XeF_2 are linear, they form an isostructural pair.

Final Answer: I_3^- and XeF_2

Answer: (C)

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Q27.

Solution

Concept: Dehydrohalogenation of alkyl halides using a strong, bulky, or concentrated base (such as alcoholic KOH) proceeds via an elimination (E2) mechanism. When multiple elimination products are possible, the regioselectivity of the reaction is governed by empirical rules that predict which alkene will be favored based on its thermodynamic stability.

Solution: Step 1: Examine the structure of 2-bromobutane: CH_3-CH(Br)-CH_2-CH_3. It contains two distinct sets of beta-hydrogens available for elimination: the C-1 methyl hydrogens and the C-3 methylene hydrogens.

Step 2: Treatment with alcoholic KOH promotes an E2 elimination. Removing a hydrogen from C-1 yields but-1-ene, while removing a hydrogen from C-3 yields but-2-ene.

Step 3: Compare the stability of the products. But-2-ene has six alpha-hydrogens that stabilize the double bond through hyperconjugation, making it more stable than but-1-ene, which has only two. Additionally, the trans isomer minimizes steric clash compared to the cis form.

Step 4: Saytzeff's Rule states that elimination reactions preferentially yield the highly substituted, thermodynamically stable alkene as the major product. Therefore, this reaction is a classic example of Saytzeff elimination.

Final Answer: Saytzeff elimination

Answer: (A)

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Q28.

Solution

Concept: The coordination number of a central metal ion in a complex is defined as the total number of ligand donor atoms bonded directly to it via coordinate covalent bonds. The formal oxidation state is calculated by setting the sum of the charges of the metal ion and all ligands equal to the net charge of the coordination complex.

Solution: Step 1: Identify the ligands inside the coordination sphere of $[Cr(en)_2(C_2O_4)]Cl$. The ligands are ethylenediamine (en) and oxalate ($C_2O_4^{2-}$).

Step 2: Determine the denticity of the ligands. Both ethylenediamine and oxalate are bidentate ligands, meaning each ligand coordinates through two donor atoms.

Step 3: Calculate the total coordination number (CN):

$$\text{CN} = (2 \times \text{number of en ligands}) + (1 \times \text{number of oxalate ligands})$$

$$\text{CN} = (2 \times 2) + (1 \times 2) = 4 + 2 = 6$$

Step 4: Determine the formal oxidation state (x) of chromium. Ethylenediamine is a neutral ligand (charge = 0), oxalate carries a -2 charge, and the counter-ion chloride carries a -1 charge:

$$x + 2(0) + 1(-2) + 1(-1) = 0$$

$$x - 3 = 0 \rightarrow x = +3$$

The coordination number is 6 and the oxidation state is +3.

Final Answer: 6 and +3

Answer: (A)

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Q29.

Solution

Concept: The van 't Hoff factor (i) measures the effect of a solute on colligative properties, accounting for the dissociation or association of solute particles in solution. For electrolytes that dissociate into ions, the relationship between the van 't Hoff factor (i), the total number of ions produced per formula unit (n), and the degree of ionization (α) is given by the formula:

$$i = 1 + (n - 1)\alpha$$

Solution: Step 1: Write out the complete dissociation equation for the strong complex electrolyte $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$ in an aqueous solution:

$$K_4[Fe(CN)_6] \rightarrow 4K^+ + [Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$$

Step 2: Determine the total number of ions (n) produced by the dissociation of one formula unit:

$$n = 4 \text{ potassium cations} + 1 \text{ ferrocyanide anion} = 5$$

Step 3: Convert the given percent ionization into the fractional degree of ionization (α):

$$\alpha = 80\% = 0.80$$

Step 4: Substitute the values of n and α into the relationship formula:

$$i = 1 + (5 - 1) \times 0.80$$

$$i = 1 + 4 \times 0.80 = 1 + 3.2 = 4.2$$

The value of the van 't Hoff factor is 4.2.

Final Answer: 4.2

Answer: (A)

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Q30.

Solution

Concept: The extraction of iron from its oxide ores (like hematite) is conducted at high temperatures in a blast furnace. The process relies on chemical reactions divided across distinct temperature zones inside the furnace tower. Understanding the roles of the raw inputs (ore, coke, limestone) and the physical properties of the products is essential for interpreting the operation.

Solution: Step 1: Analyze the role of limestone ($CaCO_3$). It decomposes to form calcium oxide (CaO), which reacts with acidic silica impurities (SiO_2) in the ore to form calcium silicate slag ($CaSiO_3$):

$$CaO + SiO_2 \rightarrow CaSiO_3$$

It acts as a flux, not a reducing agent.

Step 2: Analyze the reducing agent. Carbon monoxide (CO), generated by burning coke, is the primary reducing agent that converts iron oxides to molten metal.

Step 3: Evaluate the physical properties of the molten phases. Molten iron is dense and collects at the bottom of the furnace hearth. Calcium silicate slag is less dense than molten iron and forms a separate layer that floats on top of the liquid metal, preventing it from re-oxidizing. This matches the statement in option B.

Final Answer: Slag ($CaSiO_3$) is lighter than molten iron and floats on top.

Answer: (B)

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Q31.

Solution

Concept: The addition of hydrogen halides to unsymmetrical alkenes typically follows Markovnikov's rule, where the halogen attaches to the more substituted carbon atom. However, when hydrogen bromide (HBr) is added in the presence of organic peroxides, the reaction proceeds via a free-radical chain mechanism rather than an ionic carbocation pathway. This changes the regioselectivity of the addition.

Solution: Step 1: Examine the structure of propene: CH_3-CH=CH_2. It is an unsymmetrical alkene.

Step 2: Note the reaction conditions: HBr in the presence of benzoyl peroxide. This triggers the peroxide effect (Kharasch effect), which occurs exclusively with HBr.

Step 3: Analyze the free-radical mechanism. Peroxides decompose to generate free radicals that react with HBr to produce bromine radicals ($Br^{\bullet}$).

Step 4: The bromine radical attacks the alkene double bond first. It adds to the terminal carbon (C-1) to generate a stable secondary free radical intermediate (CH_3-$\dot{C}$H-CH_2Br), rather than adding to C-2 which would yield a less stable primary radical.

Step 5: The secondary radical abstract a hydrogen atom from another HBr molecule to yield the final product, 1-bromopropane, demonstrating anti-Markovnikov regioselectivity.

Final Answer: 1-bromopropane

Answer: (B)

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Q32.

Solution

Concept: The extraction of gold and silver uses hydrometallurgical techniques based on selective leaching. The Macarthur-Forrest process uses a dilute solution of sodium cyanide (NaCN) in the presence of atmospheric oxygen to oxidize and dissolve the noble metal from the crushed rock matrix, forming a stable coordination complex.

Solution: Step 1: Write out the balanced chemical equation for the oxidative leaching of gold according to Elsner's Reaction:

$$4Au + 8NaCN + O_2 + 2H_2O \rightarrow 4Na[Au(CN)_2] + 4NaOH$$

Step 2: Analyze the role of oxygen. Atmospheric oxygen acts as the oxidizing agent, converting elemental gold (Au^0) into the +1 oxidation state (Au^+).

Step 3: The cyanide ions (CN^-) act as unidentate complexing ligands, coordinates to the gold ions to form a stable, water-soluble dicyanoaurate(I) coordination complex.

Step 4: Identify the formula of this soluble sodium salt complex from the balanced equation, which corresponds to $Na[Au(CN)_2]$.

Final Answer: $Na[Au(CN)_2]$

Answer: (A)

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Q33.

Solution

Concept: Thermodynamic work depends on the pathway chosen to transition a system between states. For an expanding ideal gas, work is calculated by integrating external pressure over the change in volume ($w = -\int P_{\text{ext}} dV$). On a pressure-volume (P-V) diagram, the work done corresponds to the area under the reaction curve. Evaluating these paths reveals which conditions maximize the energy transferred as work.

Solution: Step 1: Compare isothermal and adiabatic processes. In an isothermal expansion, heat enters the system from the surroundings to maintain a constant temperature, keeping thermal kinetic energy high. In an adiabatic expansion, no heat enters, so the gas cools as it performs work, causing the pressure to drop more rapidly. This means the area under an isothermal curve is always larger than under an adiabatic curve between the same volumes.

Step 2: Compare reversible and irreversible pathways. A reversible process occurs through an infinite series of equilibrium states where the external pressure is only infinitesimally lower than the internal gas pressure. This maximizes the expansion pressure at every step.

Step 3: An irreversible expansion occurs against a fixed external pressure that matches the final pressure, which is lower throughout the expansion.

Step 4: The area under the curve on a P-V plot is maximized for an isothermal reversible expansion. This pathway yields the maximum possible work during gas expansion.

Final Answer: Isothermal reversible expansion

Answer: (A)

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Q34.

Solution

Concept: Chemical contamination of drinking water supplies by agricultural runoff or sewage creates severe public health risks. High levels of specific ions can disrupt human physiological systems, especially in infants. Safe limits for these ions are regulated to prevent systemic toxicity.

Solution: Step 1: Identify the chemical cause of Blue Baby Syndrome. The condition is caused by high concentrations of nitrate (NO_3^-) ions in drinking water, often originating from synthetic fertilizers or livestock waste runoff.

Step 2: Understand the physiological mechanism. When consumed, nitrate is reduced to nitrite (NO_2^-) by bacteria in the digestive tract.

Step 3: Nitrite ions enter the bloodstream and bind to hemoglobin, oxidizing its iron centers from the ferrous (Fe^{2+}) state to the ferric (Fe^{3+}) state. This forms methemoglobin, which cannot bind or transport oxygen.

Step 4: This impairs oxygen delivery to body tissues, causing chemical suffocation (cyanosis) that gives the infant's skin a blue appearance. The maximum safe limit for nitrate in drinking water is set at 50 ppm.

Final Answer: Nitrate

Answer: (B)

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Q35.

Solution

Concept: IUPAC nomenclature rules determine the systematic name of organic molecules containing multiple functional groups based on a strict priority hierarchy. The principal functional group dictates the suffix of the parent name and defines the lowest locant position for numbering the carbon chain. Other groups are treated as substituents and named using prefixes.

Solution: Step 1: Identify the functional groups present in CH_3-CH(OH)-CH_2-CO-CH_3. The molecule contains a secondary alcohol group (-OH) and a ketone carbonyl group (-C=O-).

Step 2: Check the IUPAC priority sequence: ketones have a higher priority than alcohols. Therefore, the ketone is the principal functional group, and the suffix of the molecule will be "-one". The alcohol group is treated as a substituent and designated by the prefix "hydroxy-".

Step 3: Find the longest continuous carbon chain containing both groups. The chain has 5 carbon atoms, making the parent alkane pentane.

Step 4: Number the carbon chain from the end that gives the principal ketone group the lowest locant. Numbering from right to left places the ketone at C-2 and the hydroxy group at C-4. Numbering from left to right would place the ketone at C-4, which is incorrect.

Step 5: Assemble the components alphabetically: a 5-carbon chain with a ketone at position 2 and a hydroxy prefix at position 4 yields 4-hydroxypentan-2-one.

Final Answer: 4-hydroxypentan-2-one

Answer: (A)

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Q36.

Solution

Concept: The pH of a solution measures its hydrogen ion concentration, defined mathematically as $\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+]$. When mixing multiple solutions, the final pH cannot be found by averaging the individual pH values because the logarithmic scale is non-linear. Instead, you must calculate the total moles of H^+ ions, divide by the total combined volume to find the new concentration, and then convert back to pH.

Solution: Step 1: Calculate the hydrogen ion concentration for both solutions from their given pH values:

$$\text{For pH} = 3 \rightarrow [\text{H}^+]_1 = 10^{-3}\ \text{M} = 10.0 \times 10^{-4}\ \text{M}$$

$$\text{For pH} = 5 \rightarrow [\text{H}^+]_2 = 10^{-5}\ \text{M} = 0.1 \times 10^{-4}\ \text{M}$$

Step 2: Let V be the volume used for each solution. Since equal volumes are mixed, the total volume of the mixture is $2V$.

Step 3: Calculate the total moles of hydrogen ions in the mixture by summing the contributions from both solutions:

$$\text{Total Moles of } \text{H}^+ = ([\text{H}^+]_1 \times V) + ([\text{H}^+]_2 \times V) = V \times (10^{-3} + 10^{-5})$$

Step 4: Calculate the concentration of H^+ ions in the mixed solution by dividing total moles by the total volume ($2V$):

$$[\text{H}^+]_{\text{mix}} = \frac{V(10^{-3} + 10^{-5})}{2V} = \frac{10^{-3} + 10^{-5}}{2}$$

$$[\text{H}^+]_{\text{mix}} = \frac{0.001 + 0.00001}{2} = \frac{0.00101}{2} = 0.000505\ \text{M} = 5.05 \times 10^{-4}\ \text{M}$$

Step 5: Calculate the final pH of the mixture using the provided log value:

$$\text{pH}_{\text{mix}} = -\log(5.05 \times 10^{-4}) = 4 - \log(5.05) = 4 - 0.703 = 3.297 \approx 3.3$$

Final Answer: 3.3

Answer: (B)

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Q37.

Solution

Concept: The lanthanoid contraction refers to the steady, gradual decrease in atomic and ionic radii observed across the lanthanoid series from lanthanum ($Z = 57$) to lutetium ($Z = 71$). This phenomenon significantly influences the chemical and physical behavior of the elements that follow the lanthanoids in the periodic table.

Solution: Step 1: Identify the underlying cause of the contraction. As you move across the series, electrons are added to the inner 4f subshell. The highly diffuse shapes of f-orbitals mean they provide very poor shielding of the outer electrons from the increasing nuclear charge. This allows the nucleus to pull the electron cloud inward, reducing atomic size. This matches the statement in option A.

Step 2: Evaluate the consequences of this contraction. The size decrease offsets the expected size increase going from the 4d to 5d transition series. As a result, pairs like Zirconium (Zr, 4d) and Hafnium (Hf, 5d) have nearly identical atomic radii.

Step 3: This extreme structural similarity makes their chemical properties almost identical, making them exceptionally difficult to separate, contradicting option C.

Step 4: Analyze basic strength trends. The size decrease increases covalent character according to Fajan's rules, causing the basic strength of their hydroxides to decrease regularly from $La(OH)_3$ to $Lu(OH)_3$, contradicting option D.

Final Answer: It is caused by the poor shielding effect of 4f electrons.

Answer: (A)

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Q38.

Solution

Concept: Crystalline solids are classified into seven distinct crystal systems based on the geometry of their unit cell parameters. These parameters include the lengths of the three principal edges (a, b, c) and the interfacial angles between them (α, β, γ). Comparing these values reveals differences in symmetry across the systems.

Solution: Step 1: Review the unit cell parameters for the crystal systems mentioned in the options.

Step 2: For the Orthorhombic system, the axial lengths are unequal $(a \neq b \neq c)$, but all angles are equal and perpendicular $(\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ)$.

Step 3: For the Monoclinic system, the axial lengths are unequal $(a \neq b \neq c)$, and the angles are defined by $\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ$ and $\beta \neq 90^\circ$.

Step 4: For the Triclinic system, the cell has the lowest possible symmetry. All three axial lengths are completely unequal $(a \neq b \neq c)$, and all three internal interfacial angles are unequal and do not equal 90° $(\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma \neq 90^\circ)$. This matches the criteria in the question.

Final Answer: Triclinic

Answer: (A)

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Q39.

Solution

Concept: This problem involves deducing the identity of an organic compound through a two-step reaction sequence. Phosphorus pentachloride (PCl_5) is a halogenating agent that converts hydroxyl groups (-OH) in alcohols into alkyl chlorides. Alcoholic potassium hydroxide (KOH) is a strong, non-nucleophilic base that promotes dehydrohalogenation via an elimination reaction to form an alkene.

Solution: Step 1: Work backward from the final product. The final product is propene (CH_3-CH=CH_2), a three-carbon alkene. This indicates that all precursors (M and N) must also contain a three-carbon backbone, ruling out ethanol.

Step 2: Identify compound N. Since N forms propene when treated with alcoholic KOH, it must be a propyl chloride derivative, either 1-chloropropane or 2-chloropropane.

Step 3: Identify compound M. Compound M reacts with PCl_5 to produce the alkyl chloride N. Alcohols readily undergo substitution with PCl_5 to replace their hydroxyl group with a chlorine atom. This indicates that M is a propanol isomer.

Step 4: Differentiate between the propanol isomers. 2-propanol (CH_3-CH(OH)-CH_3) reacts with PCl_5 to yield 2-chloropropane. Treating 2-chloropropane with alcoholic KOH undergoes elimination to yield propene as the sole alkene product. 1-propanol can also form propene, but 2-propanol is the standard precursor for secondary transformations. Let us re-verify the substitution. Both 1-propanol and 2-propanol yield propene upon elimination of their halogenated forms. However, secondary alcohols show faster substitution path characteristics. Let's look closely at standard textbook problems where 2-propanol is favored.

Final Answer: 2-propanol

Answer: (B)

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Q40.

Solution

Concept: Vitamins are essential micronutrients required by the human body to maintain metabolic pathways and cellular functions. Because the body cannot synthesize most vitamins in adequate amounts, they must be obtained through diet. Deficiencies in specific vitamins lead to characteristic clinical deficiency diseases.

Solution: Step 1: Review the physiological roles and deficiency diseases of the listed vitamins.

Step 2: Vitamin B_1 (thiamine) deficiency impairs carbohydrate metabolism, leading to Beriberi.

Step 3: Vitamin B_6 (pyridoxine) deficiency can cause convulsions and neurological disturbances. Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) deficiency impairs collagen synthesis, leading to Scurvy.

Step 4: Vitamin B_{12} (cyanocobalamin) is essential for red blood cell maturation and DNA synthesis. It requires intrinsic factor secreted by the stomach lining for absorption.

Step 5: A deficiency in Vitamin B_{12} leads to a severe reduction in healthy red blood cells, a condition known as Pernicious Anemia. Thus, Vitamin B_{12} is the correct answer.

Final Answer: Vitamin B_{12}

Answer: (C)

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