

# NEST Chemistry Sample Paper – 8

Duration: 45 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 60

## Instructions

- This paper contains **20 Multiple Choice Questions (single correct answer)**, modelled on the Chemistry section of **NEST 2026**.
- Each correct answer carries **+3 marks**. There is a deduction of **–1 mark** for each incorrect answer; **no marks** are deducted for an unattempted question.
- Every question has exactly **four options**, of which only **one** is correct. Choose carefully.
- Personal calculators, log tables, mobile phones, and other electronic gadgets are strictly prohibited in the examination hall.
- A simple on-screen (virtual) calculator is provided in the computer-based test interface and may be used; blank sheets for rough work are supplied at the exam centre.

**Q1.** 250 mL of a 0.40 M  $NaCl$  solution is mixed with 150 mL of a 0.20 M  $NaCl$  solution. Assuming volumes are additive, the molarity of  $NaCl$  in the final solution is

- (A) 0.20 M
- (B) 0.40 M
- (C) 0.325 M
- (D) 0.60 M

**Q2.** For an electron in the  $4d$  orbital of a hydrogen-like atom, the number of radial nodes and angular nodes respectively are (radial nodes =  $n - l - 1$ ; angular nodes =  $l$ )

- (A) 1 and 2
- (B) 2 and 1



(C) 3 and 1

(D) 0 and 3

**Q3.** An element  $X$  is a third-period element. It forms an amphoteric oxide  $X_2O_3$ , its most common ion carries a +3 charge, and it is the most abundant metal in the Earth's crust. The element  $X$  is

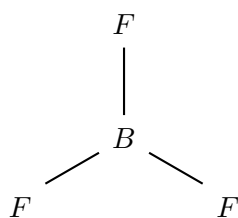
(A)  $Mg$

(B)  $Si$

(C)  $Na$

(D)  $Al$

**Q4.** The molecule  $BF_3$  has no lone pair on the central boron atom, as shown below. According to VSEPR theory, the molecular geometry of  $BF_3$  is



(A) bent

(B) trigonal planar

(C) tetrahedral

(D) linear

**Q5.** For a process,  $\Delta H$  is negative and  $\Delta S$  is positive. Using  $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$ , this process is

(A) spontaneous at all temperatures

(B) non-spontaneous at all temperatures

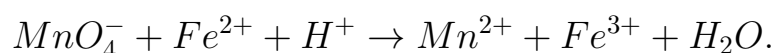
(C) spontaneous only at high temperature

(D) spontaneous only at low temperature



- Q6.** A strong base  $NaOH$  is dissolved in water to give a 0.01 M solution at 298 K. Taking  $K_w = 10^{-14}$ , the  $pH$  of this solution is
- (A) 2  
(B) 7  
(C) 12  
(D) 10

- Q7.** Consider the unbalanced reaction in acidic medium:



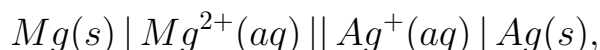
When this equation is balanced with the smallest whole-number coefficients, the coefficient of  $H^+$  is

- (A) 4  
(B) 5  
(C) 16  
(D) 8
- Q8.** The average translational kinetic energy of one mole of an ideal gas is given by  $\overline{KE} = \frac{3}{2}RT$ . If the absolute temperature of the gas is doubled, the average translational kinetic energy of the sample
- (A) remains unchanged  
(B) becomes twice the original value  
(C) becomes four times the original value  
(D) becomes half the original value
- Q9.** An ideal solution is prepared by mixing 2 mol of liquid  $A$  and 3 mol of liquid  $B$ . The pure-component vapour pressures at the given temperature are  $P_A^\circ = 120$  mm Hg and  $P_B^\circ = 80$  mm Hg. The total vapour pressure of the solution (Raoult's law) is
- (A) 96 mm Hg



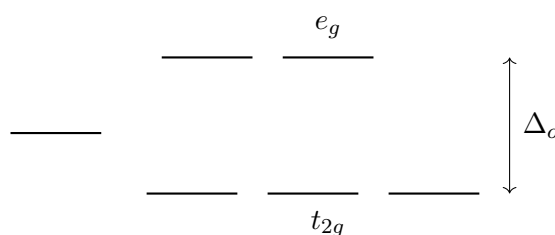
- (B) 100 mm Hg
- (C) 200 mm Hg
- (D) 104 mm Hg

**Q10.** For the galvanic cell represented as



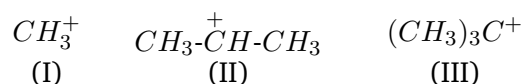
which statement is correct about the electrodes (by IUPAC convention)?

- (A) *Ag* is the anode where oxidation occurs
  - (B) Both electrodes undergo reduction
  - (C) *Mg* is the anode (oxidation) and *Ag* is the cathode (reduction)
  - (D) *Mg* is the cathode where reduction occurs
- Q11.** For the gas-phase reaction  $N_2 + 3H_2 \rightarrow 2NH_3$ , if the rate of disappearance of  $H_2$  is  $0.030 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , the rate of formation of  $NH_3$  is
- (A)  $0.030 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - (B)  $0.020 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - (C)  $0.045 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - (D)  $0.010 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Q12.** Among the following 3*d*-series ions, which one has the maximum number of unpaired electrons in its ground state?
- (A)  $Ti^{2+}$  ( $Z_{Ti} = 22$ )
  - (B)  $Ni^{2+}$  ( $Z_{Ni} = 28$ )
  - (C)  $Co^{2+}$  ( $Z_{Co} = 27$ )
  - (D)  $Mn^{2+}$  ( $Z_{Mn} = 25$ )
- Q13.** The crystal-field splitting of *d* orbitals in an octahedral field is shown below. Using the spectrochemical series, which of the following ligands produces the *largest* splitting  $\Delta_o$  (strongest field)?



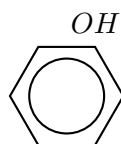
- (A)  $Cl^-$   
 (B)  $CN^-$   
 (C)  $H_2O$   
 (D)  $F^-$

**Q14.** Three carbocations are shown below. Using inductive and hyperconjugative effects, the correct order of their stability (most stable first) is



- (A) (I) > (II) > (III)  
 (B) (II) > (III) > (I)  
 (C) (III) > (II) > (I)  
 (D) (I) > (III) > (II)

**Q15.** In the electrophilic aromatic substitution of the compound shown below, the  $-OH$  group is an activating, ortho/para-directing substituent. The incoming electrophile  $E^+$  will preferentially attack at positions



- (A) ortho and para to the  $-OH$  group  
 (B) meta to the  $-OH$  group only  
 (C) only at the carbon bearing  $-OH$



(D) para to the  $-OH$  group only

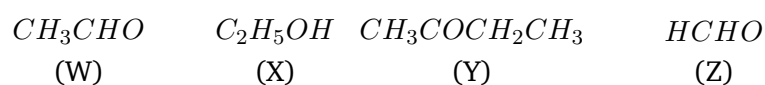
**Q16.** Haloarenes such as chlorobenzene are much less reactive towards nucleophilic substitution than haloalkanes. The principal reason is

- (A) the  $C-Cl$  bond in chlorobenzene is purely ionic
- (B) chlorine in chlorobenzene carries a full positive charge
- (C) benzene rings cannot accommodate any nucleophile
- (D) partial double-bond character (resonance) shortens and strengthens the  $C-Cl$  bond, and the ring carbon is  $sp^2$

**Q17.** Consider the four compounds: ethanol, water, phenol and acetic acid. The correct order of acidic strength (most acidic first) is

- (A) ethanol > water > phenol > acetic acid
- (B) acetic acid > phenol > water > ethanol
- (C) phenol > acetic acid > ethanol > water
- (D) water > ethanol > acetic acid > phenol

**Q18.** The iodoform test ( $I_2/NaOH$ ) is positive for compounds containing a  $CH_3CO-$  group or a  $CH_3CH(OH)-$  group. Among the compounds shown, which gives a positive iodoform test?



- (A) only (Z)
- (B) only (W)
- (C) (W), (X) and (Y)
- (D) only (Y)

**Q19.** Consider aniline ( $C_6H_5NH_2$ ), *p*-toluidine ( $p-CH_3-C_6H_4NH_2$ ) and *p*-nitroaniline ( $p-NO_2-C_6H_4NH_2$ ). The correct order of basicity (most basic first) is



- (A) *p*-nitroaniline > aniline > *p*-toluidine
- (B) aniline > *p*-toluidine > *p*-nitroaniline
- (C) *p*-nitroaniline > *p*-toluidine > aniline
- (D) *p*-toluidine > aniline > *p*-nitroaniline

**Q20.** Amino acids that the human body cannot synthesize and must obtain from the diet are called *essential* amino acids. Which of the following is an *essential* amino acid?

- (A) Leucine
- (B) Glycine
- (C) Alanine
- (D) Serine



## Detailed Solutions

Q1.

## Solution

**Concept — Mixing solutions of the same solute:** Total moles of solute are conserved; the final molarity is total moles divided by total volume.

**Step 1 — Moles from each part:**  $n_1 = 0.40 \times 0.250 = 0.100$  mol;  $n_2 = 0.20 \times 0.150 = 0.030$  mol. Total = 0.130 mol.

**Step 2 — Final volume and molarity:** Total volume =  $250 + 150 = 400$  mL = 0.400 L.  $M = \frac{0.130}{0.400} = 0.325$  M.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) 0.20 M is just the dilute stock value.
- (B) 0.40 M is just the concentrated stock value.
- (D) 0.60 M wrongly adds the two molarities.

**Final Answer:** 0.325 M  $\Rightarrow$   C

**Answer: (C)** [Go Back to Q1](#)

Q2.

## Solution

**Concept — Nodes in an orbital:** For an orbital with principal quantum number  $n$  and azimuthal quantum number  $l$ : radial nodes =  $n - l - 1$  and angular nodes =  $l$ .

**Step 1 — Identify  $n$  and  $l$ :** For a  $4d$  orbital,  $n = 4$  and  $l = 2$  (d sub-shell).

**Step 2 — Compute nodes:** Radial nodes =  $4 - 2 - 1 = 1$ ; angular nodes =  $l = 2$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (B) 2 and 1 swaps the two counts.
- (C) 3 and 1 uses  $l = 1$  (a p orbital).
- (D) 0 and 3 uses  $l = 3$  (an f orbital).

**Final Answer:** 1 radial and 2 angular nodes  $\Rightarrow$   A

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q2](#)



Q3.

**Solution**

**Concept — Identifying an element from periodic clues:** Combine the clues (period, oxide nature, common oxidation state, abundance) to pin down the element.

**Step 1 — Use the clues:** A third-period element forming an amphoteric  $X_2O_3$  with a +3 ion that is the most abundant metal in the crust points to aluminium ( $Al_2O_3$  is amphoteric;  $Al^{3+}$  is the common ion).

**Step 2 — Confirm:**  $Al$  ( $[Ne]3s^23p^1$ ) loses three electrons to give  $Al^{3+}$  and is indeed the most abundant metal in the Earth's crust.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A)  $Mg$  forms a basic oxide  $MgO$  and the +2 ion.
- (B)  $Si$  is a metalloid forming acidic  $SiO_2$  with a +4 state.
- (C)  $Na$  forms a strongly basic oxide and the +1 ion.

**Final Answer:**  $Al \Rightarrow$

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Q4.

**Solution**

**Concept — VSEPR geometry:** The steric number (bond pairs + lone pairs) fixes the electron geometry; with no lone pairs the molecular shape equals the electron geometry.

**Step 1 — Steric number of  $BF_3$ :** Boron has 3 bond pairs and 0 lone pairs, so steric number = 3.

**Step 2 — Shape:** Three bonding regions with no lone pair give a trigonal planar shape ( $sp^2$ , bond angles  $120^\circ$ ).

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) bent arises with steric number 3 but one lone pair (e.g.  $SO_2$ ).
- (C) tetrahedral is steric number 4 (e.g.  $CH_4$ ).
- (D) linear is steric number 2 (e.g.  $CO_2$ ).

**Final Answer:** trigonal planar  $\Rightarrow$

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Q5.

**Solution**

**Concept — Spontaneity and Gibbs energy:** A process is spontaneous when  $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S < 0$ .

**Step 1 — Substitute the signs:** With  $\Delta H < 0$  (negative) and  $\Delta S > 0$  (positive), the term  $-T\Delta S$  is also negative for all  $T > 0$ .

**Step 2 — Conclusion:**  $\Delta G = (\text{negative}) - (T)(\text{positive}) = \text{negative}$  at every temperature. So the process is spontaneous at all temperatures.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (B) describes  $\Delta H > 0$ ,  $\Delta S < 0$ .
- (C) describes  $\Delta H > 0$ ,  $\Delta S > 0$ .
- (D) describes  $\Delta H < 0$ ,  $\Delta S < 0$ .

**Final Answer:** spontaneous at all temperatures  $\Rightarrow$

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q5](#)

Q6.

**Solution**

**Concept — pH of a strong base:** A strong base dissociates fully, so  $[OH^-]$  equals its molarity; then  $pOH = -\log[OH^-]$  and  $pH = 14 - pOH$ .

**Step 1 — Find  $pOH$ :**  $[OH^-] = 0.01 = 10^{-2}$  M, so  $pOH = -\log(10^{-2}) = 2$ .

**Step 2 — Find  $pH$ :**  $pH = 14 - pOH = 14 - 2 = 12$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) 2 is the  $pOH$ , not the  $pH$ .
- (B) 7 is neutral water.
- (D) 10 would correspond to  $pOH = 4$  ( $10^{-4}$  M base).

**Final Answer:**  $pH = 12 \Rightarrow$

**Answer: (C)** [Go Back to Q6](#)



Q7.

**Solution**

**Concept — Balancing redox in acidic medium:** Balance the electron transfer between the oxidant and reductant, then balance O with  $H_2O$  and H with  $H^+$ .

**Step 1 — Electron balance:**  $Mn$  goes  $+7 \rightarrow +2$  (gain  $5e^-$ );  $Fe$  goes  $+2 \rightarrow +3$  (lose  $1e^-$ ). So 1  $MnO_4^-$  reacts with 5  $Fe^{2+}$ .

**Step 2 — Balanced equation:**



The coefficient of  $H^+$  is 8.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) 4 is the coefficient of  $H_2O$ , not  $H^+$ .
- (B) 5 is the coefficient of  $Fe$ .
- (C) 16 doubles the correct value.

**Final Answer:** coefficient of  $H^+$  is 8  $\Rightarrow$  **D**

**Answer: (D)** [Go Back to Q7](#)

Q8.

**Solution**

**Concept — Kinetic energy and temperature:** The average translational kinetic energy of a gas depends only on absolute temperature:  $\overline{KE} = \frac{3}{2}RT$  per mole. It is directly proportional to  $T$ .

**Step 1 — Proportionality:** Since  $\overline{KE} \propto T$ , doubling  $T$  doubles  $\overline{KE}$ .

**Step 2 — Result:** New kinetic energy =  $\frac{3}{2}R(2T) = 2 \times \frac{3}{2}RT$ , i.e. twice the original.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) it cannot stay constant when  $T$  changes.
- (C) four times would require  $\overline{KE} \propto T^2$ , which is wrong.
- (D) half would require lowering  $T$ , not doubling it.

**Final Answer:** becomes twice the original  $\Rightarrow$  **B**

**Answer: (B)** [Go Back to Q8](#)



Q9.

**Solution**

**Concept — Raoult's law for ideal solutions:** Total vapour pressure =  $x_A P_A^\circ + x_B P_B^\circ$ , where the  $x$  are mole fractions.

**Step 1 — Mole fractions:**  $x_A = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4$ ;  $x_B = \frac{3}{5} = 0.6$ .

**Step 2 — Total pressure:**  $P = 0.4 \times 120 + 0.6 \times 80 = 48 + 48 = 96$  mm Hg.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (B) 100 mm Hg is the simple average of the two pure values.
- (C) 200 mm Hg adds the two pure vapour pressures.
- (D) 104 mm Hg swaps the mole fractions.

**Final Answer:** 96 mm Hg  $\Rightarrow$

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q9](#)

Q10.

**Solution**

**Concept — Cell notation convention:** By IUPAC convention the species on the left of the cell diagram is the anode (oxidation) and the species on the right is the cathode (reduction).

**Step 1 — Read the diagram:**  $Mg(s) | Mg^{2+}$  is written on the left, so  $Mg$  is oxidized:  $Mg \rightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2e^-$  (anode).

**Step 2 — Right electrode:**  $Ag^+ | Ag$  is on the right, so  $Ag^+$  is reduced:  $Ag^+ + e^- \rightarrow Ag$  (cathode).

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) reverses the roles;  $Ag$  is the cathode, not the anode.
- (B) a cell has one oxidation and one reduction, not two reductions.
- (D)  $Mg$  is oxidized, not reduced.

**Final Answer:**  $Mg$  anode,  $Ag$  cathode  $\Rightarrow$

**Answer: (C)** [Go Back to Q10](#)



Q11.

**Solution**

**Concept — Rate in terms of stoichiometry:** For  $N_2 + 3H_2 \rightarrow 2NH_3$ , the unique rate is  $-\frac{d[N_2]}{dt} = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = +\frac{1}{2} \frac{d[NH_3]}{dt}$ .

**Step 1 — Relate  $H_2$  and  $NH_3$ :**  $-\frac{1}{3} \frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = +\frac{1}{2} \frac{d[NH_3]}{dt}$ , so  $\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt} = \frac{2}{3} \left( -\frac{d[H_2]}{dt} \right)$ .

**Step 2 — Substitute:**  $\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt} = \frac{2}{3} \times 0.030 = 0.020 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) 0.030 ignores the stoichiometric factor.
- (C) 0.045 uses the factor  $\frac{3}{2}$  inverted.
- (D) 0.010 uses a factor of  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

**Final Answer:**  $0.020 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{B}}$

**Answer: (B)** [Go Back to Q11](#)

Q12.

**Solution**

**Concept — Counting unpaired electrons:** Write the  $3d$  configuration of each ion (remove  $4s$  first, then  $3d$ ) and apply Hund's rule.

**Step 1 — Configurations:**  $Ti^{2+} = 3d^2$  (2 unpaired);  $Ni^{2+} = 3d^8$  (2 unpaired);  $Co^{2+} = 3d^7$  (3 unpaired);  $Mn^{2+} = 3d^5$  (5 unpaired, all singly occupied).

**Step 2 — Maximum:**  $Mn^{2+}$  ( $3d^5$ ) has the maximum, 5 unpaired electrons.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A)  $Ti^{2+}$  has only 2 unpaired.
- (B)  $Ni^{2+}$  has only 2 unpaired.
- (C)  $Co^{2+}$  has 3 unpaired, fewer than  $Mn^{2+}$ .

**Final Answer:**  $Mn^{2+}$  (5 unpaired)  $\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{D}}$

**Answer: (D)** [Go Back to Q12](#)



Q13.

**Solution**

**Concept — Spectrochemical series:** Ligands are ordered by the field strength (size of  $\Delta_o$ ) they produce. A partial order is  $I^- < Br^- < Cl^- < F^- < H_2O < NH_3 < CN^- < CO$ .

**Step 1 — Compare the options:** Among  $Cl^-$ ,  $CN^-$ ,  $H_2O$  and  $F^-$ , the strongest-field ligand is  $CN^-$  (it lies far to the right of the series).

**Step 2 — Conclusion:**  $CN^-$  produces the largest splitting  $\Delta_o$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A)  $Cl^-$  is a weak-field ligand (small  $\Delta_o$ ).
- (C)  $H_2O$  is intermediate, weaker than  $CN^-$ .
- (D)  $F^-$  is a weak-field ligand.

**Final Answer:**  $CN^- \Rightarrow$

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Q14.

**Solution**

**Concept — Carbocation stability:** Stability increases with the number of alkyl groups attached to the positive carbon, owing to electron-donating  $+I$  effects and hyperconjugation: tertiary  $>$  secondary  $>$  primary  $>$  methyl.

**Step 1 — Classify the cations:** (I)  $CH_3^+$  is the methyl cation; (II) is secondary (2 alkyl groups); (III) is tertiary (3 alkyl groups).

**Step 2 — Order:** (III) tertiary  $>$  (II) secondary  $>$  (I) methyl.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) reverses the trend, placing methyl most stable.
- (B) puts tertiary above secondary but misplaces them relative to methyl ordering.
- (D) wrongly places methyl above secondary.

**Final Answer:** (III)  $>$  (II)  $>$  (I)  $\Rightarrow$

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Q15.

**Solution**

**Concept — Directing effect in EAS:**  $-OH$  is a strong activating group that donates electron density by resonance, building up negative charge at the ortho and para positions, so the electrophile attacks there.

**Step 1 — Identify the directing nature:**  $-OH$  is ortho/para-directing and activating (ring-activating lone pair on oxygen).

**Step 2 — Site of attack:**  $E^+$  adds at the ortho and para positions relative to  $-OH$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (B) meta direction is characteristic of deactivating groups (e.g.  $-NO_2$ ).
- (C) the substituted carbon (ipso) is not the usual site.
- (D) para alone is incomplete; ortho is also favoured.

**Final Answer:** ortho and para to  $-OH \Rightarrow$

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Q16.

**Solution**

**Concept — Low reactivity of haloarenes:** In chlorobenzene, the lone pair on chlorine delocalizes into the ring, giving the  $C-Cl$  bond partial double-bond character. This shortens and strengthens the bond, and the ring carbon is  $sp^2$  (more electronegative), so the bond is harder to break.

**Step 1 — Resonance:** Resonance structures place a partial double bond between C and Cl, so the bond is stronger than a normal single  $C-Cl$  bond.

**Step 2 — Consequence:** Nucleophilic substitution is difficult under ordinary conditions; it needs harsh conditions (high temperature/pressure) or activating electron-withdrawing groups.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) the bond is covalent, not ionic.
- (B) chlorine does not bear a full positive charge.
- (C) nucleophiles can react, just not easily; the ring does not exclude them.

**Final Answer:** partial double-bond character strengthens  $C-Cl \Rightarrow$



**Answer: (D)** [Go Back to Q16](#)

Q17.

### Solution

**Concept — Relative acidity:** Acidity depends on the stability of the conjugate base. Carboxylate (resonance over two equivalent oxygens) > phenoxide (resonance into ring) > hydroxide from water > alkoxide from alcohol.

**Step 1 — Rank conjugate-base stability:** Acetic acid gives the most stabilized anion (carboxylate); phenol gives the resonance-stabilized phenoxide; water is more acidic than ethanol because the  $-C_2H_5$  group is electron-donating and destabilizes the alkoxide.

**Step 2 — Order:** acetic acid > phenol > water > ethanol.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) reverses the trend, placing ethanol most acidic.
- (C) wrongly places phenol above acetic acid.
- (D) places water and ethanol above the carboxylic acid.

**Final Answer:** acetic acid > phenol > water > ethanol  $\Rightarrow$  **B**

**Answer: (B)** [Go Back to Q17](#)

Q18.

### Solution

**Concept — Iodoform test:** A positive iodoform test is given by compounds containing a  $CH_3CO-$  (methyl ketone) group or a  $CH_3CH(OH)-$  group that can be oxidized to it (also acetaldehyde and ethanol).

**Step 1 — Examine each compound:** (W)  $CH_3CHO$  has the  $CH_3CO-$  unit (positive); (X)  $C_2H_5OH$  is  $CH_3CH(OH)-$  (oxidized to acetaldehyde, positive); (Y)  $CH_3COCH_2CH_3$  is a methyl ketone  $CH_3CO-$  (positive).

**Step 2 — The exception:** (Z)  $HCHO$  has no  $CH_3CO-$  or  $CH_3CH(OH)-$  group, so it is negative.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) only (Z) is exactly the compound that fails the test.
- (B) (W) alone ignores (X) and (Y), which also pass.



- (D) (Y) alone ignores (W) and (X).

**Final Answer:** (W), (X) and (Y) give positive iodoform  $\Rightarrow$

**Answer:**  [Go Back to Q18](#)

Q19.

### Solution

**Concept — Basicity of substituted anilines:** A ring electron-donating group ( $-CH_3$ ) raises the electron density on nitrogen and increases basicity; an electron-withdrawing group ( $-NO_2$ ) lowers it and decreases basicity.

**Step 1 — Compare substituents:** *p*-toluidine ( $-CH_3$ ,  $+I/ +R$ ) is more basic than aniline; *p*-nitroaniline ( $-NO_2$ , strong  $-R/ -I$ ) is least basic.

**Step 2 — Order:** *p*-toluidine > aniline > *p*-nitroaniline.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) and (C) wrongly place the nitro compound most basic.
- (B) puts aniline above *p*-toluidine, ignoring the donating  $-CH_3$ .

**Final Answer:** *p*-toluidine > aniline > *p*-nitroaniline  $\Rightarrow$

**Answer:**  [Go Back to Q19](#)

Q20.

### Solution

**Concept — Essential vs non-essential amino acids:** Essential amino acids cannot be synthesized by the human body and must come from the diet; non-essential ones can be made by the body.

**Step 1 — Classify the options:** Leucine is an essential amino acid. Glycine, alanine and serine are all non-essential (the body can synthesize them).

**Step 2 — Conclusion:** Among the four, leucine is the essential amino acid.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (B) Glycine is non-essential.
- (C) Alanine is non-essential.
- (D) Serine is non-essential.

**Final Answer:** Leucine  $\Rightarrow$



Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q20](#)



## Answer Key

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

