GATE 2008 Multiple Choice Questions

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Q.1 – Q.20 Carry one mark each

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1.	The total number of is	omers of Co(en)	$_{2}Cl_{2}$ (en = ethylened	iamine) is	
	(a) 4	(b) 3	(c) 6	(d) 5	
					(GATE CY 2008)
2.	Metal-metal quadruple	e bonds are well	-known for the metal		
	(a) Ni		(c) Fe		
	(b) Co		(d) Re		
					(GATE CY 2008)
3.	The reaction of Al ₄ C ₃	with water lead	s to the formation of		
	(a) methane		(c) propene		
	(b) propyne		(d) propane		
					(GATE CY 2008)
4.	The correct statement	about C ₆₀ is			
	(a) C ₆₀ is soluble in	benzene			
	(b) C ₆₀ does not reac	t with <i>tert</i> -buty!	llithium		
	(c) C ₆₀ is made up or	f 10 five–memb	ered and 15 six-mem	bered rings	
	(d) Two adjacent five	e-membered rin	gs share a common e	dge	(GATE CY 2008)
5.	The lattice parameters	for a monoclini	c crystal are		
	(a) $a \neq b \neq c$; $\alpha = \gamma$	$y = 90^{\circ}$			
	(b) $a = b \neq c$; $\alpha \neq \beta$	$\neq \gamma$			
	(c) $a \neq b \neq c$; $\alpha \neq \beta$	$ \neq \gamma $			
	(d) $a = b = c$; $\alpha = \gamma$	$r = 90^{\circ}$			(GATE CY 2008)

6. The magnetic moment of $[Ru(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ corresponds to the presence of

- (a) four unpaired electrons
- (b) three unpaired electrons
- (c) two unpaired electrons
- (d) zero unpaired electrons

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7. The compound that is **NOT** aromatic is



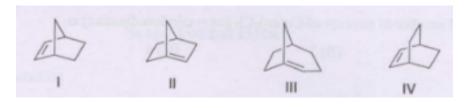






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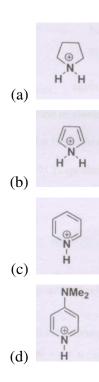
8. The order of stability for the following cyclic olefins is



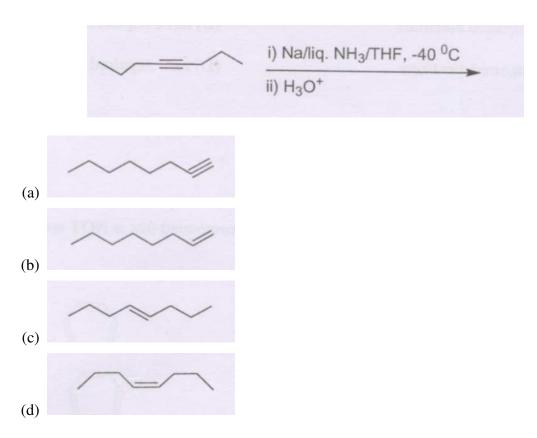
- (a) I < II < III < IV
- (b) I < III < IV < I
- $(c) \ \ II < III < I < IV$
- $(d) \ IV < II < I < III$

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9. The most acidic species is



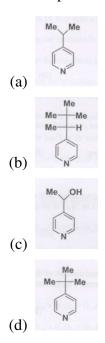
10. The major product of the following reaction is



11.	In the carbylamine reaction,	R-X is converted to R-Y	Via the intermediate Z.	R-X, R-Y and
	Z, respectively, are			

- (a) R-NH₂, R-NC, carbene
- (b) R-NH₂, R-NC, nitrene
- (c) R-NC, R-NH₂, carbene
- (d) R-OH, R-NC, nitrene

12. The compound that is **NOT** oxidized by KMnO₄ is



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13. Cyanogen bromide (CNBr) specifically hydrolyses the peptide bond formed by the C-side of

(a) methionine

(c) proline

(b) glycine

(d) serine

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14. The Hammett reaction constant ρ is based on

- (a) the rates of alkaline hydrolysis of substituted ethyl benzoates
- (b) the dissociation constants of substituted acetic acids
- (c) the dissociation constants of substituted benzoic acids
- (d) the dissociation constants of substituted phenols

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15. The lifetime of a molecule in an excited electronic state is 10^{-10} s. The uncertainty in the energy (eV) approximately is

	(b) 3×10^6		(d) 10^{-14}		
				(GATE CY 200	8)
16.	For a one compone is	ent system, the ma	ximum number of phases th	at can coexist at equilibriu	m
	(a) 3		(c) 1		
	(b) 2		(d) 4	(GATE CY 200	8)
17.	At $T = 300 \text{ K}$, the	thermal energy (k	(a_BT) in cm ⁻¹ is approximate	ly	
	(a) 20000		(c) 5000		
	(b) 8000		(d) 200	(GATE CY 200	8)
18.	For the reaction 22	$X_3 \rightarrow 3X_2$, the rate	of formation of X_2 is		
	(a) $3\left(-\frac{d[X_3]}{dt}\right)$				
	(b) $\frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{d[X_3]}{dt} \right)$				
	(c) $\frac{1}{3} \left(-\frac{d[X_3]}{dt} \right)$				
	(d) $\frac{3}{2} \left(-\frac{d[X_3]}{dt} \right)$			(GATE CY 200	8)
19.	The highest occup	ied molecular orbi	tal of HF is		
	(a) bonding		(c) ionic		
	(b) antibonding		(d) nonbonding	(GATE CY 200	8)
20.			ric molecule N_2O in its cryst entations that can be adopt		
	(a) 4	(b) 3	(c) 2	(d) 1	
				(GATE CY 200	8)
	Q.21 to Q.75 Car	ry two marks eac	h		
21.	The spectroscopic $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ are	ground state syn	nbol and the total number	of electronic transitions	of
	(a) ${}^3T_{1g}$ and 2		(c) ${}^{1}T_{1g}$ and 3		
	(b) ${}^{3}A_{2g}$ and 3		(d) ${}^{3}A_{2g}$ and 2	(GATE CY 200	8)

(c) 0

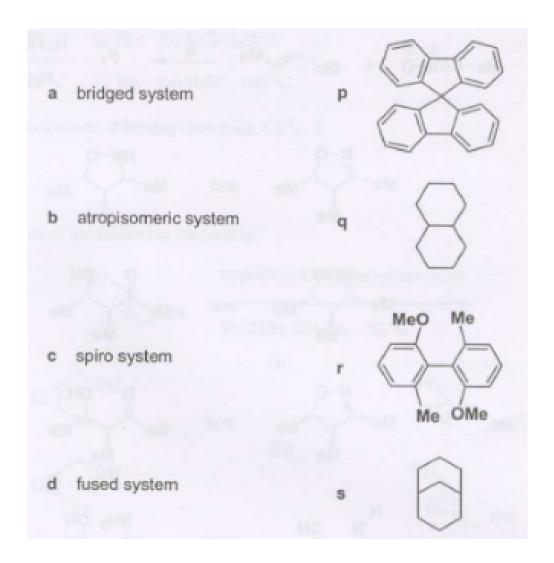
(a) 2×10^5

22.	The structures of the complexes $[Cu(NH_3)_4](ClO_4)_2$ and $[Cu(NH_3)_4](ClO_4)$ in solution respectively are
	(a) square planar and tetrahedral(b) octahedral and square pyramidal
	(c) octahedral and trigonal bipyramidal
	(d) tetrahedral and square planar (GATE CY 2008)
23.	In biological systems, the metal ions involved in electron transport are
	(a) Na^+ and K^+ (b) Zn^{2+} and Mg^{2+} (c) Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} (d) Cu^{2+} and Fe^{3+}
	(GATE CY 2008)
24.	In a homogeneous catalytic reaction, 1.0 M of a substrate and 1.0 μ M of a catalyst yields 1.0 mM of a product in 10 seconds. The turnover frequency (TOF) of the reaction (s ⁻¹) is
	(a) 10^2 (c) 10^{-3}
	(b) 10^1 (d) 10^3
	(GATE CY 2008)
25.	The expected magnetic moments of the first-row transition metal complexes and those of the lanthanide metal complexes are usually calculated using
	(a) μ_{so} equation (s.o. = spin only) for both lanthanide and transition metal complexes
	(b) μ_{so} equation for lanthanide metal complexes and μ equation for transition metal complexes
	(c) μ_{so} equation for transition metal complexes and μ equation for lanthanide metal complexes
	(d) $\mu_{\rm eff}$ equation for transition metal complexes and $\mu_{\rm so}$ equation for lanthanide metal complexes (GATE CY 2008)
26.	The Brønsted acidity of boron hydrides follows the order
	(a) $B_2H_6 > B_4H_{10} > B_5H_9 > B_{10}H_{14}$
	(b) $B_2H_6 = B_4H_{10} > B_5H_9 = B_{10}H_{14}$
	(c) $B_{10}H_{14} > B_5H_9 > B_4H_{10} > B_2H_6$
	(d) $B_5H_9 > B_4H_{10} > B_2H_6 > B_{10}H_{14}$
	(GATE CY 2008)
27.	NaCl is crystallised by slow evaporation of its aqueous solution at room temperature. The correct statement is

	(b)	The crystals sho	ould have Frenkel defea	cts	
	(c)	The percentage tion and its rate	•	als will depend on the	concentration of the solu-
	(d)	The nature of de evaporation	efects will depend upon	n the concentration of	the solution and its rate of (GATE CY 2008)
28.	CaT:	O ₃ has a perovsk	kite crystal structure.	The coordination number	per of titanium in CaTiO ₃
	(a)	9		(c) 3	
	(b)	6		(d) 12	
					(GATE CY 2008)
29.		$1F_5$ were to be stume that Cl is not		its ¹⁹ F NMR spectrum	$\int \left(Ifor^{19}F = \frac{1}{2}\right)$ would be
	(a)	a doublet and a	triplet		
	(b)	a singlet			
	(c)	a doublet and a	singlet		
	(d)	two singlets			(GATE CY 2008)
30.	The	point group of N	SF ₃ is		
	(a)	D_{3d}	(b) C_{3h}	(c) D_{3h}	(d) $C_{3\nu}$
					(GATE CY 2008)
31.			with a small amount is formed. This comp		O°C, a non-stoichiometric
	(a)	an n-type semice	onductor containing or	nly Ni ¹⁺	
	(b)	an n-type semice	onductor containing N	i ¹⁺ and Ni ²⁺	
	(c)	a p-type semicor	nductor containing Ni ²	²⁺ and Ni ³⁺	
	(d)	a p-type semicor	nductor containing onl	ly Ni ³⁺	(GATE CY 2008)
	0				
32.	Whi	te phosphorus, P ₄	, belongs to the		
	(a)	closo system	(b) nido system	(c) arachno system	(d) hypho system
					(GATE CY 2008)

(a) The crystals will be non-stoichiometric

33.	Among the compounds Fe ₃ O ₄ , NiFe ₂ O ₄ and	Mn_3O_4	
	(a) NiFe ₂ O ₄ and Mn ₃ O ₄ are normal spinel	s	
	(b) Fe ₃ O ₄ and Mn ₃ O ₄ are normal spinels		
	(c) Fe ₃ O ₄ and Mn ₃ O ₄ are inverse spinels		
	(d) Fe ₃ O ₄ and NiFe ₂ O ₄ are inverse spinels		(GATE CY 2008)
34.	The number of M-M bonds in $Ir_4(CO)_{12}$ are		
	(a) four	(c) eight	
	(b) six	(d) zero	
			(GATE CY 2008)
35.	Schrock carbenes are		
	(a) triplets and nucleophilic	(c) singlets and nucleophil	ic
	(b) triplets and electrophilic	(d) singlets and electrophil	ic
			(GATE CY 2008)
36.	The INCORRECT statement about linear d	limethylpolysiloxane, [(CH ₃)	$[0.2 \text{SiO}]_n$, is
	(a) it is extremely hydrophilic		
	(b) it is prepared by a KOH catalysed ring-	-opening reaction of [Me ₂ SiO	O] ₄
	(c) it has a very low glass transition tempe	rature	
	(d) it can be reinforced to give silicon elast	tomers	(GATE CY 2008)
37.	Match the entries a–d with their correspondi	ing structures p–s	



- (a) a s, b r, c q, d p
- (b) a p, b s, c q, d r
- (c) a q, b p, c s, d r
- (d) a s, b r, c p, d q

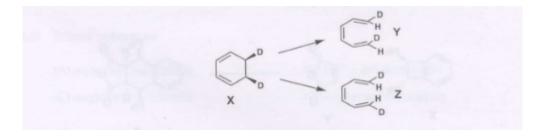
38. The reaction between X and Y to give Z proceeds via

- (a) 4π -conrotatory opening of X followed by *endo* Diels-Alder cycloaddition
- (b) 4π -disrotatory opening of X followed by *endo* Diels-Alder cycloaddition
- (c) 4π -conrotatory opening of X followed by *exo* Diels–Alder cycloaddition
- (d) 4π -disrotatory opening of X followed by *exo* Diels-Alder cycloaddition

39. The major products P_1 and P_2 , respectively, in the following reaction sequence are

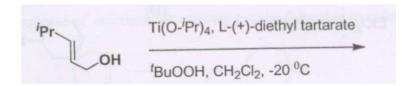
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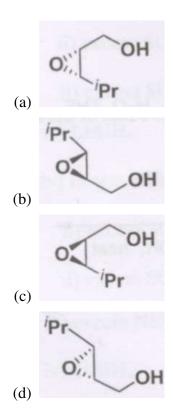
40. The products Y and Z are formed, respectively, from X via



- (a) $h\nu$, conrotatory opening and Δ , disrotatory opening
- (b) $h\nu$, disrotatory opening and Δ , conrotatory opening
- (c) Δ , conrotatory opening and hv, disrotatory opening
- (d) Δ , disrotatory opening and $h\nu$, conrotatory opening

- 41. *o*-Bromophenol is readily prepared from phenol using the following conditions:
 - (a) i) (CH₃CO)₂O; ii) Br₂; iii) HCl–H₂O, Δ
 - (b) i) H₂SO₄, 100°C; ii) Br₂; iii) H₃O⁺, 100°C
 - (c) N-Bromosuccinimide, dibenzoyl peroxide, CCl₄, Δ
 - (d) $Br_2/FeBr_3$ (GATE CY 2008)
- 42. The major product of the following reaction is





- 43. The photochemical reaction of 2-methylpropane with F₂ gives 2-fluoro-2-methylpropane and 1-fluoro-2-methylpropane in 14:86 ratio. The corresponding ratio of the bromo products in the above reaction using Br₂ is most likely to be:
 - (a) 14:86
 - (b) 50:50

- (c) 1:9
- (d) 99:1

44. The major product P of the following reaction is

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45. The reagent \mathbf{X} in the following reaction is

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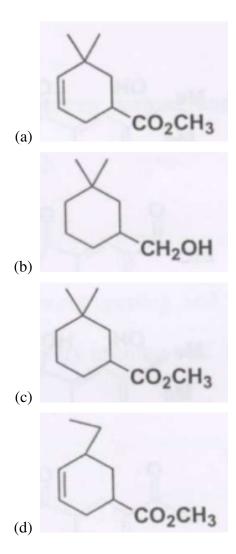
(a) HO₂CN=NCO₂H

- (b) EtO₂CHC=CH-CO₂Et
- (c) EtO₂CN=NCO₂Et

46. The major product of the following reactions is

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47. The major product of the following reaction is



48. In the following compound, the hydroxy group that is most readily methylated with CH_2N_2 is

(a) p

(c) r

(b) q

(d) s

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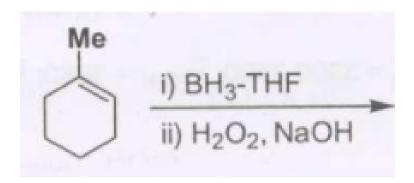
49. The most appropriate sequence of reactions for carrying out the following transformation is

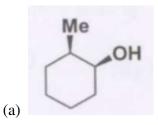


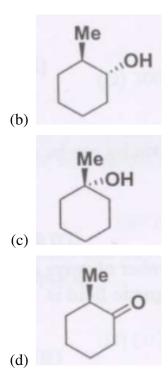
- (a) i) O₃/H₂O₂; ii) excess SOCl₂/pyridine; iii) excess NH₃; iv) LiAlH₄
- (b) i) O₃/Me₂S; ii) excess SOCl₂/pyridine; iii) LiAlH₄; iv) excess NH₃
- (c) i) O₃/H₂O₂; ii) excess SOCl₂/pyridine; iii) LiAlH₄; iv) excess NH₃
- (d) i) O₃/Me₂S; ii) excess SOCl₂/pyridine; iii) excess NH₃; iv) LiAlH₄

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- 50. The number of optically active stereoisomers possible for 1,3-cyclohexanediol in its chair conformation is
 - (a) 4
 - (b) 3
 - (c) 2
 - (d) 1 (GATE CY 2008)
- 51. The major product of the following reactions is







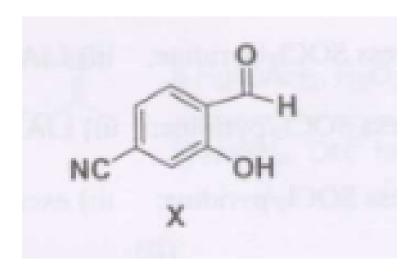
52. In the following reaction,

The absolute configurations of the chiral centres in X and Y are

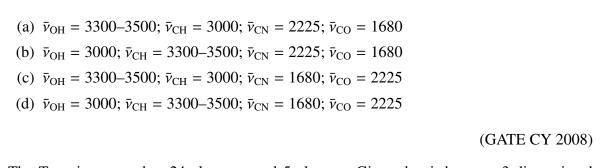
- (a) 2S, 3R and 2R, 3R
- (b) 2R, 3R and 2R, 3S
- (c) 2S, 3S and 2R, 3R
- (d) 2S, 3R and 2S, 3R

(GATE CY 2008)

53. The IR stretching frequencies (cm $^{-1}$) for the compound X are as follows: 3300–3500 (s, br); 3000 (m); 2225 (s); 1680 (s).



The correct assignment of the absorption bands is:



54. The T_d point group has 24 elements and 5 classes. Given that it has two 3-dimensional irreducible representations, the number of one-dimensional irreducible representations is

(a) 1 (c) 2 (b) 6 (d) 3 (GATE CY 2008)

55. The total number of ways in which two nonidentical spin $\frac{1}{2}$ particles can be oriented relative to a constant magnetic field is

(a) 1 (c) 3 (b) 2 (d) 4 (GATE CY 2008)

56. Approximately one hydrogen atom per cubic meter is present in interstellar space. Assuming that the H-atom has a diameter of 10^{-10} m, the mean free path (m) approximately is

(a) 10^{10} (b) 10^{19} (c) 10^{24} (d) 10^{14}

(GATE CY 2008)

57. The wavefunction of a diatomic molecule has the form $\psi = 0.89 \, \varphi_{\text{covalent}} + 0.45 \, \varphi_{\text{ionic}}$. The chance that both electrons of the bond will be found on the same atom in 100 inspections of the molecule approximately is

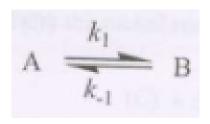
(a)	79
(b)	20

(c) 45

(d) 60

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58. For the reaction given below, the relaxation time is 10^{-4} s. Given that 10% of A remains at equilibrium, the value of k_1 (s⁻¹) is



(a) 9×10^5

(b) 10^5

(c) 10^6

(d) 9×10^6

(GATE CY 2008)

59. The minimum number of electrons needed to form a chemical bond between two atoms is

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

(GATE CY 2008)

60. The ground state electronic energy (Hartree) of a helium atom, neglecting the inter-electron repulsion, is

- (a) -1.0
- (b) -0.5
- (c) -2.0
- (d) -4.0

61.	A particle is confined to a one-dimensional box of length 1 mm. If the length is changed by 10^{-9} m, the % change in the ground state energy is
	(a) 2×10^4
	(b) 2×10^7
	(c) 2×10^2
	(d) 0
	(GATE CY 2008)
62.	A certain molecule can be treated as having only a doubly degenerate state lying at $360\mathrm{cm^{-1}}$ above the nondegenerate ground state. The approximate temperature (K) at which 15% of the molecules will be in the upper state is
	(a) 500
	(b) 150
	(c) 200
	(d) 300
	(GATE CY 2008)
63.	A box of volume V contains one mole of an ideal gas. The probability that all N particles will be found occupying one half of the volume leaving the other half empty is
	(a) 1/2
	(b) 2/N
	(c) $(1/2)^N$
	(d) $(1/2)^{6N}$
	(GATE CY 2008)
64.	According to the Debye-Hückel limiting law, the mean activity coefficient of 5×10^{-4} mol kg ⁻¹ aqueous solution of CaCl ₂ at 25°C is (the Debye-Hückel constant 'A' can be taken to be 0.509)
	(a) 0.63
	(b) 0.72
	(c) 0.80
	(d) 0.91
	(GATE CY 2008)
65.	The operation of the commutator $\left(x, \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)\right)$ on a function $f(x)$ is equal to

- (a) 0
- (b) f(x)
- (c) -f(x)
- (d) $x \frac{df}{dx}$

- 66. If a gas obeys the equation of state P(V nb) = nRT, the ratio $(C_P C_V)/(C_P C_V)_{ideal}$ is
 - (a) > 1
 - (b) < 1
 - (c) 1
 - (d) (1 b)

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- 67. Physisorbed particles undergo desorption at 27°C with an activation energy of 16.628 kJ mol⁻¹. Assuming first-order process and a frequency factor of 10¹² Hz, the average residence time (in seconds) of the particles on the surface is
 - (a) 8×10^{-10}
 - (b) 8×10^{-11}
 - (c) 2×10^{-9}
 - (d) 1×10^{-12}

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- 68. The rotational constants for CO in the ground and the first excited vibrational states are 1.9 and 1.6 cm⁻¹, respectively. The % change in the internuclear distance due to vibrational excitation is
 - (a) 9
 - (b) 30
 - (c) 16
 - (d) 0

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69. The mechanism of enzyme (E) catalysed reaction of a substrate (S) to yield product (P) is:

$$E + S = \frac{k_1}{k_{-1}} [E S] = \frac{k_2}{k_{-2}} E + P ; \frac{-d[S]}{dt} = \frac{k_1 k_2 [S] - k_{-1} k_{-2} [P]}{k_1 [S] + k_{-2} [P] + k_{-1} + k_2} [E]_0$$

If a small amount of S is converted to P, the maximum rate for the reaction will be observed for:

- (a) $(k_1 + k_2) \gg k_1[S]_0$
- (b) $(k_1 + k_2) \ll k_1[S]_0$
- (c) $(k_2 + k_{-1}) = (k_1 + k_1)$
- (d) $k_2 \ll k_1$

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- 70. The lowest energy state of the $(1s)^2(2s)^1(3s)^1$ configuration of Be is
 - (a) ${}^{1}S_{0}$
 - (b) ${}^{1}D_{2}$
 - (c) 3S_1
 - (d) ${}^{3}P_{1}$

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Common Data Questions

Common Data for Questions 71, 72 and 73: An electron accelerated through a potential difference of φ volts impinges on a nickel surface, whose (100) planes have a spacing $d = 351.8 \times 10^{-12}$ m (351.8pm).

- 71. The de-Broglie wavelength of the electron is $\lambda/\text{pm} = (a/\varphi)^{1/2}$. The value of 'a' in volts is:
 - (a) 1.5×10^{-18}
 - (b) 1.5×10^6
 - (c) 6.63×10^5
 - (d) 2.5×10^{18}

(GATE CY 2008)

- 72. The condition for observing diffraction from the nickel surface is:
 - (a) $\lambda \gg 2d$
 - (b) $\lambda \leq 2d$
 - (c) $\lambda \leq d$
 - (d) $\lambda \ge d$

- 73. The minimum value of φ (V) for the electron to diffract from the (100) planes is:
 - (a) 3000
 - (b) 300
 - (c) 30
 - (d) 3

Common Data for Questions 74 and 75: An iron complex $[FeL_3]^{2+}$ (L = neutral monodentate ligand) catalyses the oxidation of $(CH_3)_2S$ by perbenzoic acid.

- 74. The formation of the organic product in the above reaction can be monitored by:
 - (a) gas chromatography
 - (b) cyclic voltammetry
 - (c) electron spin resonance
 - (d) fluorescence spectroscopy

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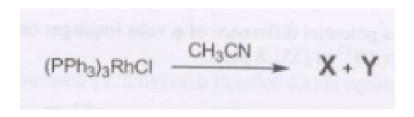
- 75. The oxidation state of the metal ion in the catalyst can be detected by:
 - (a) atomic absorption spectroscopy
 - (b) Mössbauer spectroscopy
 - (c) HPLC
 - (d) gas chromatography

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1 Linked Answer Questions: Q.76 to Q.85 carry two marks each

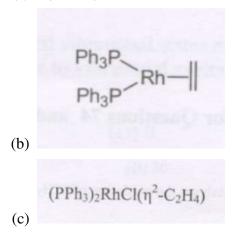
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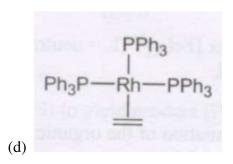
In the reaction.



76. Compound X is

- 77. $Rh(PPh_3)_3Cl$ reacts very fast with a gaseous mixture of H_2 and C_2H_4 to immediately give Z. The structure of Z is
 - (a) H₃C-CH₃





Linked Answer Questions 78 and 79

The reaction of PCl₃ with methanol in the presence of triethylamine affords compound X. EI mass spectrum of X shows a parent ion peak at m/z = 124. Microanalysis of X shows that it contains C, H, O and P. The ¹H NMR spectrum of X shows a doublet at 4.0 ppm. The separation between the two lines of the doublet is approximately 15 Hz $(Jfor^1H and^{31}P = \frac{1}{2})$.

- 78. Compound X is:
 - (a) $(CH_3O)_2P$
 - (b) $(CH_3O)_2PO$
 - (c) $(CH_3O)_2P(O)OH$
 - (d) $(CH_3O)_2PH$

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79. Upon heating, compound X is converted to Y, which has the same molecular formula as that of X. The ¹H NMR spectrum of Y shows two doublets centered at 3.0 ppm (separation of two lines = 20 Hz) and 4.0 ppm (separation of two lines = 15 Hz) respectively.

Compound Y is:

- (a) $(CH_3O)_2P(O)(OH)$
- (b) $(CH_3O)_2P$
- (c) $(CH_3O)(CH_3)P(O)$
- (d) $(CH_3O)(CH_3)P(OH)$

Linked Answer Questions 80 and 81

For butyrophenone (PhCOCH₂CH₂CH₃),

80. The most probable fragmentation observed in the electron impact ionization (EI) mass spectrometry is

(a)
$$Ph$$
 + $H_2C=CH_2$ (b) Ph + $H_2C=CH_2$ (c) Ph + Ph +

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81. Photoirradiation leads to the following set of products.

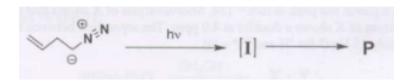
(a)
$$Ph + H_2C CH_3$$

(b) $Ph + H_3C - CH_3$

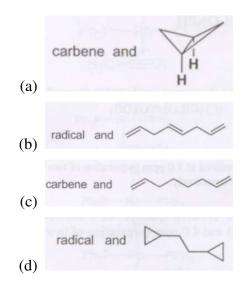
(c) $Ph + H_3C - CH_3$

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Linked Answer Questions 82 and 83: In the following reaction,



82. the reactive intermediate I and the product P are



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- 83. The product P shows 'm' and 'n' number of signals in ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra, respectively. The values of 'm' and 'n' are
 - (a) m = 3 and n = 2
 - (b) m = 2 and n = 3
 - (c) m= 2 and n = 2
 - (d) m = 4 and n = 3 (GATE CY 2008)

Linked Answer Questions 84 and 85:

The infrared spectrum of a diatomic molecule exhibits transitions at 2144, 4262 and 6354 cm ⁻¹ corresponding to excitations from the ground state to the first, second, and third vibration states respectively.

- 84. The fundamental transition (cm⁻¹) of the diatomic molecule is at
 - (a) 2157
- (b) 2170
- (c) 2183
- (d) 2196

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85. The anharmonicity constant (cm⁻¹) of the diatomic molecule is

(a) 0.018 (c) 0.006 (b) 0.012 (d) 0.003

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