## CHM102A: Problem Set 1

- 1. Identify the species present in aqueous solution of potash alum upon dissociation.
- **2.** Predict the type(s) of isomerism shown by the following complexes. Also draw the structures or formula of the possible isomers.

(a) CrCl<sub>3</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O

(b)  $[Co(NH_3)_4(NO_2)Cl]Cl$ 

(c)  $[Pt(NH_3)(py)(Cl)(Br)]$  (py = pyridine)

(d)  $[Co(en)_3]Cl_3$  (en = ethylenediamine)

(e) [Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>][PtCl<sub>6</sub>]

(f) [Rh(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(CO)(NCS)<sub>2</sub>]

- (g)  $[Cr(NH_3)_6][Cr(SCN)_6]$
- **3.** Draw the possible coordination modes of glycine to a metal ion?
- **4.** Suggest a simple analytical test to distinguish between the hydrate isomers of CrCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O Three possible hydrate isomers are [CrCl<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>4</sub>]Cl.2H<sub>2</sub>O, [CrCl(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>5</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O, [Cr(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>]Cl<sub>3</sub>.
- **5.** Draw the geometrical isomers of  $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$  and  $[Co(dien)_2]^{3+}$  and appropriately designate them.
- **6.** Draw the possible stereoisomers for MA<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>. Which one of these have enantiomer.
- **7.** Apply the concept of crystal field theory to a set of *p*-orbitals for a specific interaction along *Z*-axis. Draw the splitting diagram with labelling and energy values.
- **8.** Consider the coordination complexes (a) NaFeCl<sub>4</sub> and (b)  $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$ , and answer the following questions. Atomic number of Fe = 26.
  - (a) Show the crystal field splitting diagram with appropriate labelling and filling up of the electrons in these orbitals.
  - (b) Calculate the Crystal Field Stabilization Energy (CFSE) for both the compounds (you may ignore the pairing energy).
  - (c) Calculate the spin only magnetic moments for both the complexes.

- 9. Which of the following complexes will have larger crystal field splitting ( $\Delta$ ) in the given series? Give exact explanation for your choice.
  - (i)  $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$ ,  $[Ir(en)_3]^{3+}$ ,  $[Rh(en)_3]^{3+}$
  - $(ii) \ [Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}, \ [Cr(H_2O)_6]^{2+}, [Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}, [Cr(CN)_6]^{3-}$
  - (iii)  $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ ,  $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ ,  $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$
  - (iv)  $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ ,  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ ,  $[FeCl_4]^{2-}$
- 10. The complexes  $[NiCl_2(PPh_3)_2]$  and  $[PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2]$  are paramagnetic and diamagnetic respectively. Predict their structures from this observation.