

GATE 2018 - Chemistry (CY)
General Aptitude and Technical Questions

General Aptitude

Q1. "When she fell down the _____, she received many _____ but little help." The words that best fill the blanks in the above sentence are **[1 Mark]**

- (A) stairs, stares
- (B) stairs, stairs
- (C) stares, stairs
- (D) stares, stares

Q2. "In spite of being warned repeatedly, he failed to correct his _____ behaviour." The word that best fills the blank in the above sentence is **[1 Mark]**

- (A) rational
- (B) reasonable
- (C) errant
- (D) good

Q3. For $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$, $\sin x$ and $\cos x$ are both decreasing functions in the interval _____. **[1 Mark]**

- (A) $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$
- (B) $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$
- (C) $(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2})$
- (D) $(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi)$

Q4. The area of an equilateral triangle is $\sqrt{3}$. What is the perimeter of the triangle? **[1 Mark]**

- (A) 2
- (B) 4
- (C) 6
- (D) 8

Q5. Arrange the following three-dimensional objects in the descending order of their volumes:

1. A cuboid with dimensions 10 cm, 8 cm and 6 cm
2. A cube of side 8 cm
3. A cylinder with base radius 7 cm and height 7 cm
4. A sphere of radius 7 cm

[1 Mark]

- (A) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv)
- (B) (ii), (i), (iv), (iii)
- (C) (iii), (ii), (i), (iv)
- (D) (iv), (iii), (ii), (i)

Q6. An automobile travels from city A to city B and returns to city A by the same route. The speed of the vehicle during the onward and return journeys were constant at 60 km/h and 90 km/h, respectively. What is the average speed in km/h for the entire journey? [2 Marks]

- (A) 72
- (B) 73
- (C) 74
- (D) 75

Q7. A set of 4 parallel lines intersect with another set of 5 parallel lines. How many parallelograms are formed? [2 Marks]

- (A) 20
- (B) 48
- (C) 60
- (D) 72

Q8. To pass a test, a candidate needs to answer at least 2 out of 3 questions correctly. A total of 6,30,000 candidates appeared for the test. Question A was correctly answered by 3,30,000 candidates. Question B was answered correctly by 2,50,000 candidates. Question C was answered correctly by 2,60,000 candidates. Both questions A and B were answered correctly by 1,00,000 candidates. Both questions B and C were answered correctly by 90,000 candidates. Both questions A and C were answered correctly by 80,000 candidates. If the number of students answering all questions correctly is the same as the number answering none, how many candidates failed to clear the test? [2 Marks]

- (A) 30,000

- (B) 2,70,000
- (C) 3,90,000
- (D) 4,20,000

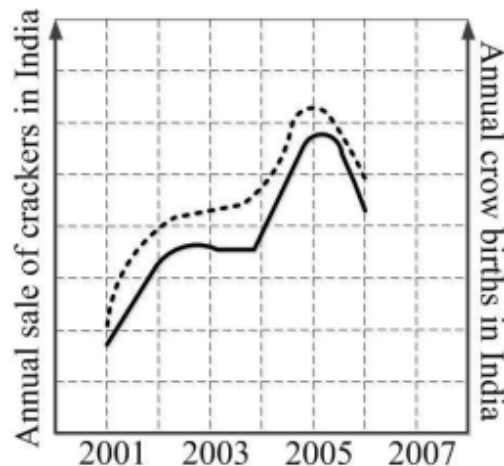
Q9. If $x^2 + x - 1 = 0$ what is the value of $x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4}$?

[2 Marks]

- (A) 1
- (B) 5
- (C) 7
- (D) 9

Q10. In a detailed study of annual crow births in India, it was found that there was relatively no growth during the period 2002 to 2004 and a sudden spike from 2004 to 2005. In another unrelated study, it was found that the revenue from cracker sales in India which remained fairly flat from 2002 to 2004, saw a sudden spike in 2005 before declining again in 2006. The solid line in the graph below refers to annual sale of crackers and the dashed line refers to the annual crow births in India. Choose the most appropriate inference from the above data.

[2 Marks]

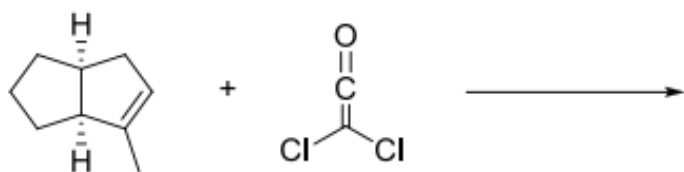


- (A) There is a strong correlation between crow birth and cracker sales.
- (B) Cracker usage increases crow birth rate.
- (C) If cracker sale declines, crow birth will decline.
- (D) Increased birth rate of crows will cause an increase in the sale of crackers.

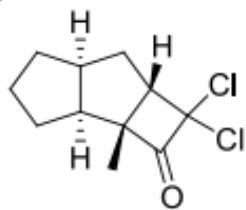
Technical Section

Q1. The major product formed in the following reaction is

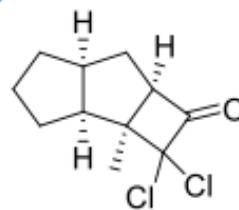
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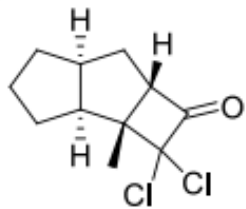
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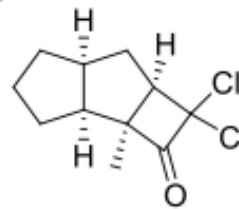
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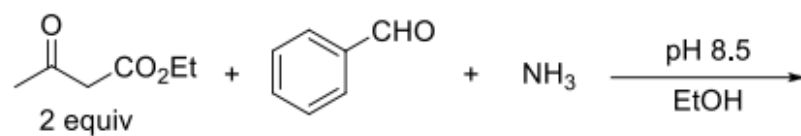


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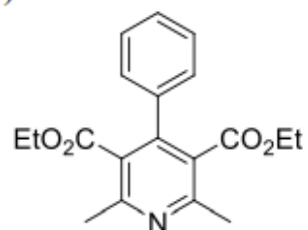


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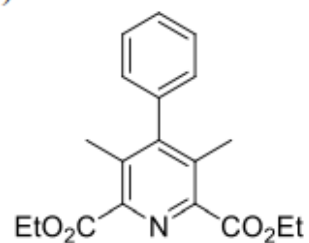
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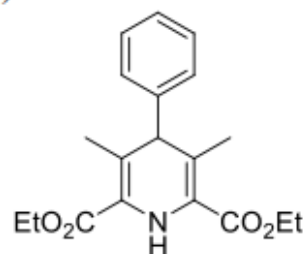
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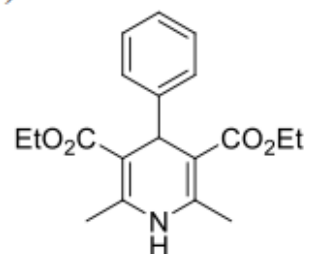
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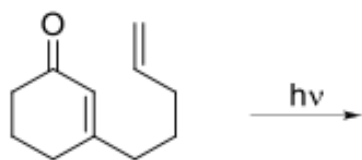
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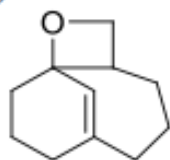
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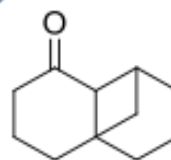
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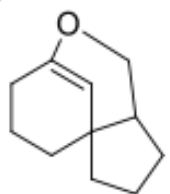
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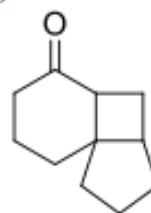
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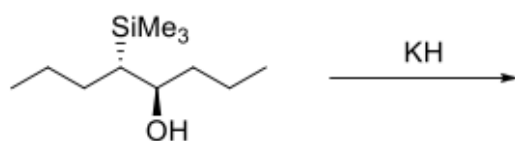


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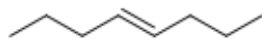


Q4. The major product of the following reaction is

[1 Mark]



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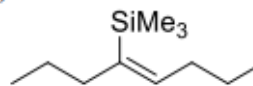
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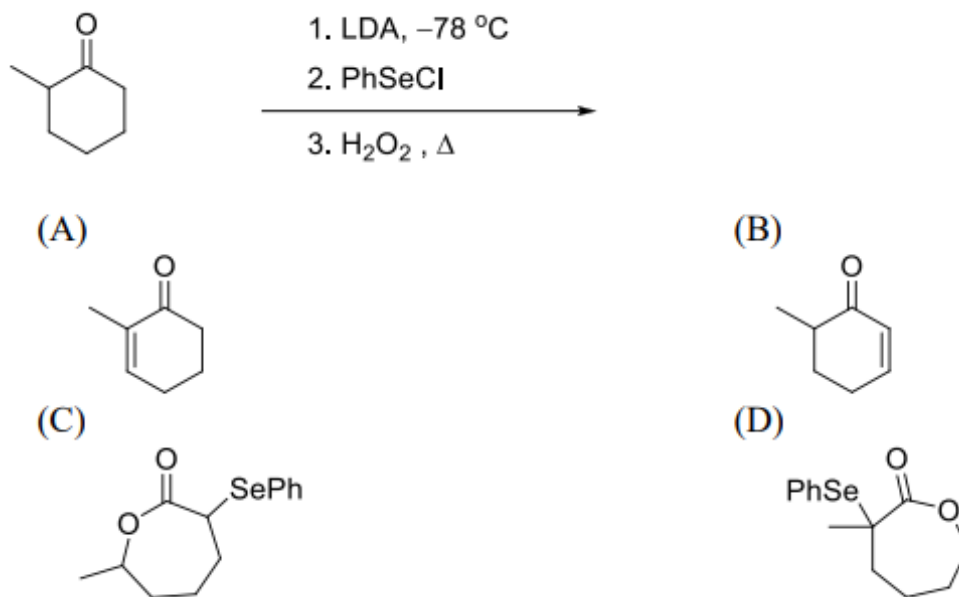


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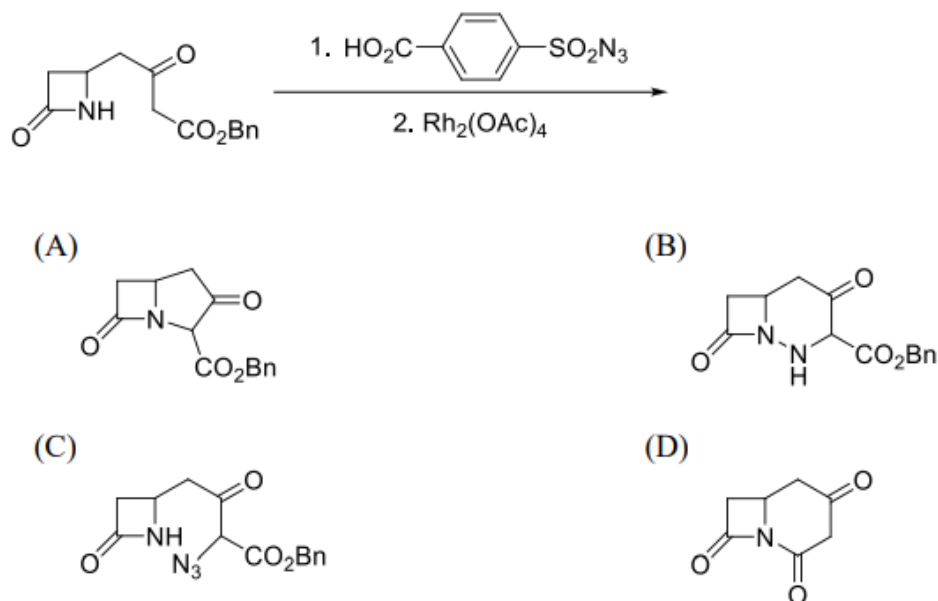
Q5. The major product formed in the following reaction sequence is

[1 Mark]



Q6. The major product formed in the following reaction sequence is

[1 Mark]



Q7. The spherical harmonic function, $Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$, with appropriate values of l and m , is an eigenfunction of $\hat{L}_x^2 + \hat{L}_y^2$ operator. The corresponding eigenvalue is [1 Mark]

- (A) $l(l+1)\hbar^2$
 (B) $(l(l+1) + m^2)\hbar^2$

- (C) $(l(l+1) - m^2) \hbar^2$
 (D) $m^2 \hbar^2$

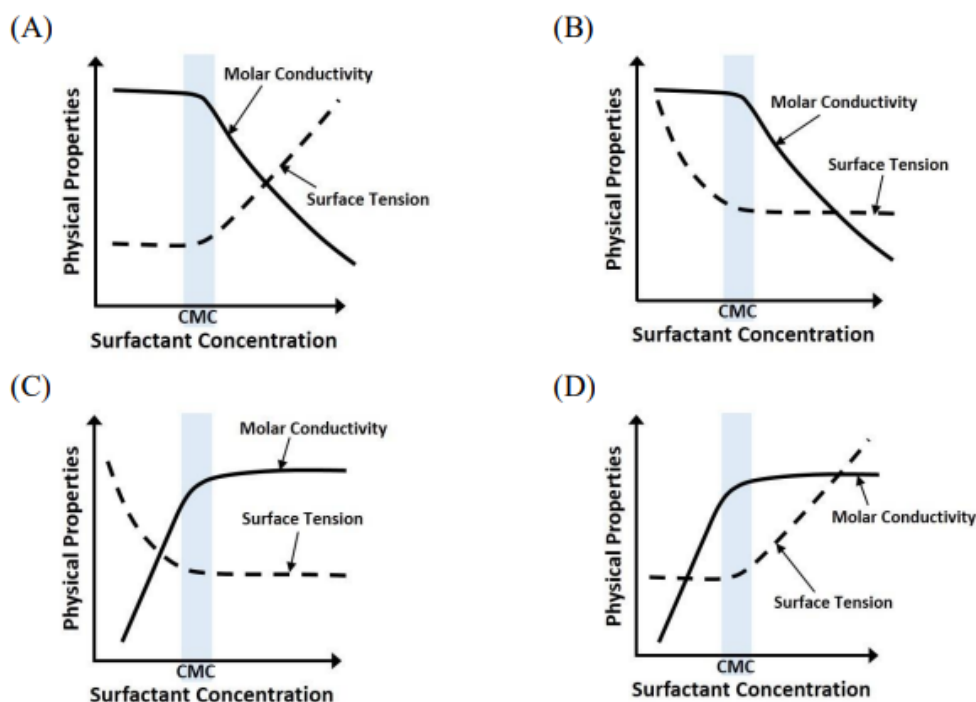
Q8. Consider the operators, $\hat{a}_+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{x} + i\hat{p}_x)$ and $\hat{a}_- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{x} - i\hat{p}_x)$, where \hat{x} and \hat{p}_x are the position and linear momentum operators, respectively. The commutator, $[\hat{a}_+, \hat{a}_-]$, is equal to [1 Mark]

- (A) $i\hbar$
 (B) $-i\hbar$
 (C) \hbar
 (D) $-\hbar$

Q9. The temperature derivative of electrochemical cell potential E at constant pressure, $(\frac{\partial E}{\partial T})_p$, is given by [1 Mark]

- (A) $-\frac{\Delta S}{nF}$
 (B) $\frac{\Delta S}{nF}$
 (C) $\frac{\Delta S}{nFT}$
 (D) $-\frac{\Delta S}{nFT}$

Q10. For an ionic micelle-forming surfactant near its critical micelle concentration (CMC), the dependence of molar conductivity and surface tension on surfactant concentration is best represented by [1 Mark]



Q11. According to Eyring transition state theory for a bimolecular reaction, the activated complex has [1 Mark]

- (A) no vibrational degrees of freedom.
- (B) vibrational degrees of freedom but they never participate in product formation.
- (C) one high frequency vibration that leads to product formation.
- (D) one low frequency vibration that leads to product formation.

Q12. Based on Wade's rule, the structure-type of $[B_5H_5]^{-1}$ is [1 Mark]

- (A) closo
- (B) nido
- (C) arachno
- (D) hypho

Q13. The coordination geometries around the copper ion of plastocyanin (a blue-copper protein) in oxidized and reduced form, respectively, are [1 Mark]

- (A) tetrahedral and square-planar
- (B) square-planar and tetrahedral
- (C) distorted tetrahedral for both
- (D) ideal tetrahedral for both

Q14. The water exchange rates for the complex ions follow the order [1 Mark]

- (A) $[V(H_2O)_6]^{2+} > [Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+} > [Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$
- (B) $[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+} > [Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+} > [V(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$
- (C) $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+} > [Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+} > [V(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$
- (D) $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+} > [V(H_2O)_6]^{2+} > [Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$

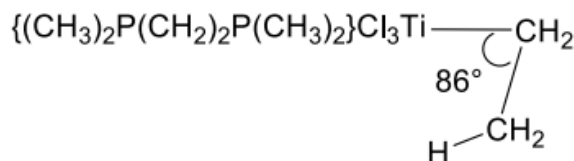
Q15. The lowest energy $d \rightarrow d$ transition of the complexes follow the order [1 Mark]

- (A) $[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+} < [Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Cr(CN)_6]^{3+}$
- (B) $[Cr(CN)_6]^{3+} < [Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$
- (C) $[Cr(CN)_6]^{3+} < [Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+} < [Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$
- (D) $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+} < [Cr(CN)_6]^{3+} < [Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$

Q16. The symmetry label of valence p orbitals of a metal ion in an octahedral ligand field is [1 Mark]

- (A) t_{1g}
- (B) t_{1u}
- (C) e_g + a_{1g}
- (D) t_{2g}

Q17. The bond angle (Ti-C-C) in the crystal structure of



is severely distorted due to

[1 Mark]

- (A) hydrogen-bonding interaction
- (B) agostic interaction
- (C) steric bulk of the phosphine ligand
- (D) higher formal charge on metal

Q18. The molar heat capacity of a substance is represented in the temperature range 298 K to 400 K by the empirical relation $C_{p,m} = 14 + bT \text{ J K}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$, where b is a constant. The molar enthalpy change when the substance is heated from 300 K to 350 K is 2 kJ mol^{-1} . The value of b is _____ $\text{J K}^{-2}\text{mol}^{-1}$. (Up to two decimal places) [1 Mark]

Q19. For low partial pressure of ozone (O_3), the adsorption of ozone on graphite surface is fully dissociative in nature, and follows Langmuir isotherm. Under these conditions, if the dependence of the surface coverage of graphite θ on partial pressure of ozone P_{O_3} is given by $\theta \propto (P_{\text{O}_3})^x$, the value of x is _____. (Up to two decimal places) [1 Mark]

Q20. For the radioactive isotope ^{131}I , the time required for 50% disintegration is 8 days. The time required for the 99.9% disintegration of 5.5 g of ^{131}I is _____ days. (Up to one decimal place) [1 Mark]

Q21. Two moles of an ideal gas X and two moles of an ideal gas Y, initially at the same temperature and pressure, are mixed under isothermal-isobaric condition. The entropy change on mixing is _____ J K^{-1} . (Up to one decimal place. Use $R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$) [1 Mark]

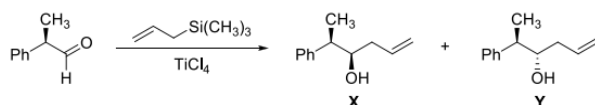
Q22. The energy of a hydrogen molecule in its ground state equilibrium configuration is -31.7 eV. Its dissociation energy is _____ eV. (Up to one decimal place) [1 Mark]

Q23. The total number of valence electrons in $W(\eta^3\text{-Cp})(\eta^5\text{-Cp})(CO)_2$ is _____. (Atomic number of W = 74) [1 Mark]

Q24. In the ^1H NMR spectrum of an organic compound recorded on a 300 MHz instrument, a proton resonates as a quartet at δ 4.20 ppm. The individual signals of the quartet appear at δ 4.17, 4.19, 4.21 and 4.23 ppm. The coupling constant J in Hz is _____. [1 Mark]

Q25. In the electron ionization (EI) mass spectra, methyl hexanoate, methyl heptanoate and methyl octanoate give the same base peak. The m/z value of the base peak is _____. [1 Mark]

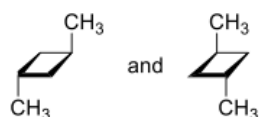
Q26. In the following reaction, [2 Marks]



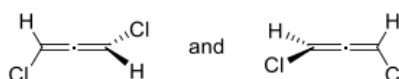
- (A) X is the major product and Y is the minor product
 (B) X is the only product
 (C) Y is the only product
 (D) X is the minor product and Y is the major product

Q27. The enantiomeric pair, among the following, is [2 Marks]

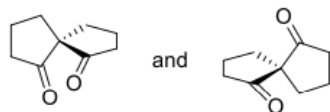
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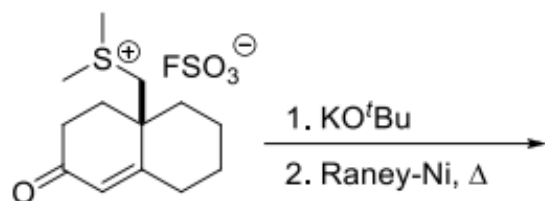
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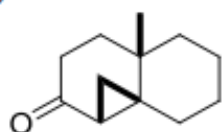
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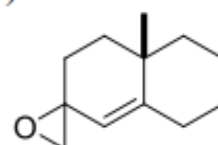
Q28. The major product formed in the following reaction sequence is [2 Marks]



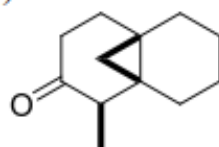
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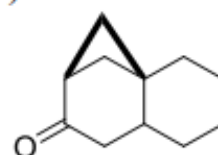
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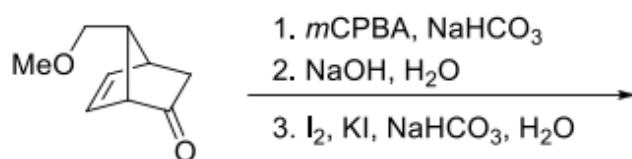


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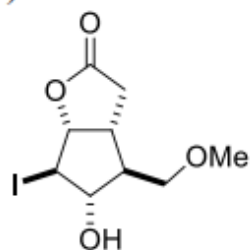


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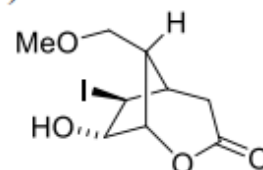
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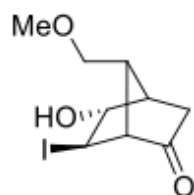
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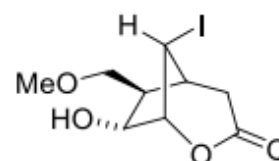
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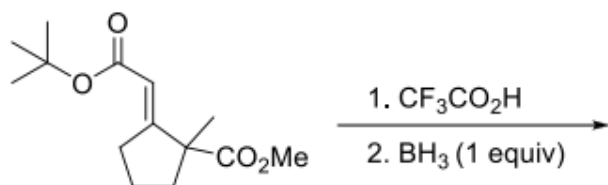


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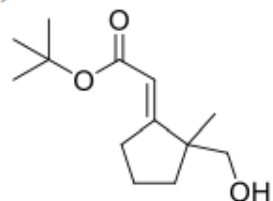


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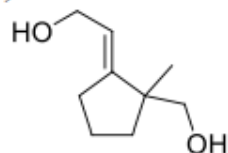
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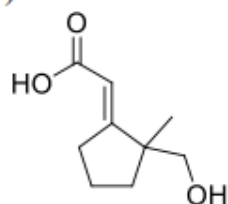
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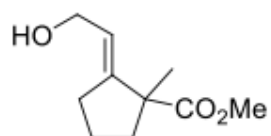
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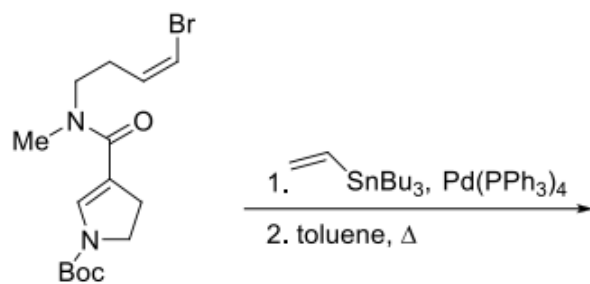


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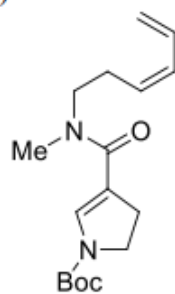


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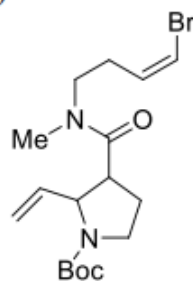
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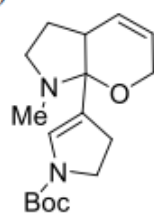
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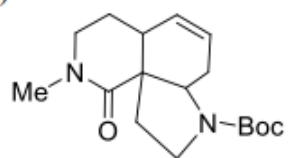
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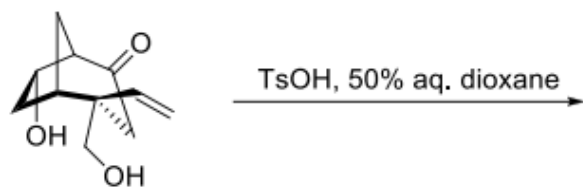


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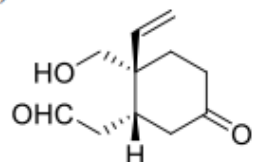


Q32. The major product formed in the following retro-aldol reaction is

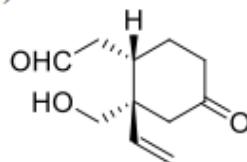
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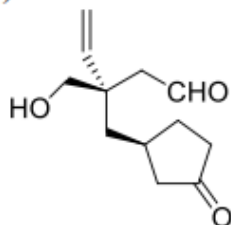
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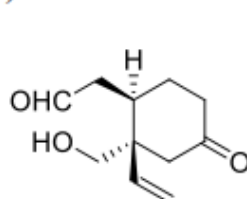
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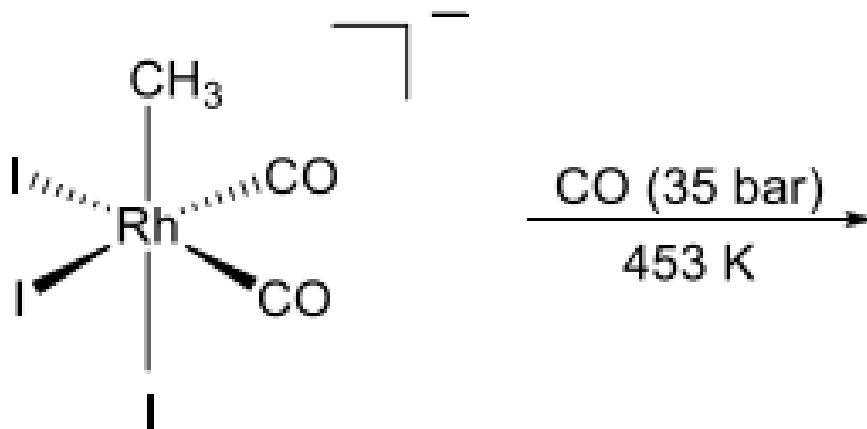


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Q33. The elimination product of the following reaction is

[2 Marks]



(A) I_2

(B) CH_3I

(C) CH_3COI

(D) I_3^-

Q34. A one-dimensional anharmonic oscillator is treated by perturbation theory. The harmonic oscillator is used as the unperturbed system and the perturbation is $\frac{1}{6}\gamma x^3$ (γ is a constant). Using

only the first order correction, the total ground state energy of the anharmonic oscillator is [2 Marks]

- (A) $\frac{1}{2}\hbar\left(\frac{k}{\mu}\right)^{1/2}$
- (B) $\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\gamma}{6}\right)\hbar\left(\frac{k}{\mu}\right)^{1/2}$
- (C) $\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\gamma}{3}\right)\hbar\left(\frac{k}{\mu}\right)^{1/2}$
- (D) $\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\gamma}{12}\right)\hbar\left(\frac{k}{\mu}\right)^{1/2}$

Q35. The O₂ coordinated to metal ion centres in oxy-myoglobin and oxy-hemocyanin exists, respectively, as [2 Marks]

- (A) superoxide and peroxide
- (B) superoxide and superoxide
- (C) peroxide and peroxide
- (D) superoxide and oxygen

Q36. Spectroscopic ground state term symbols of cobalt ions in [Co(H₂O)₆]²⁺ and [CoCl₄]²⁻, respectively, are [2 Marks]

- (A) ²T_{1g} and ⁴A₂
- (B) ⁴T_{1g} and ⁴A₂
- (C) ⁴T_{2g} and ⁴T₁
- (D) ²T₁ and ⁴A₁

Q37. Generally, the coordination number and the nature of the electronic absorption band (*f* → *f* transition) of lanthanide(III) ion in their complexes are, respectively, [2 Marks]

- (A) greater than 6 and sharp
- (B) 6 and broad
- (C) less than 6 and sharp
- (D) greater than 6 and broad

Q38. Second-order rate constant for the reaction between [Co(NH₃)₅X]ⁿ⁺ (n = 3 for X = NH₃ and H₂O; n = 2 for X = Cl⁻) and [Cr(H₂O)₆]²⁺ at room temperature varies with the X as [2 Marks]

- (A) NH₃ > H₂O > Cl⁻

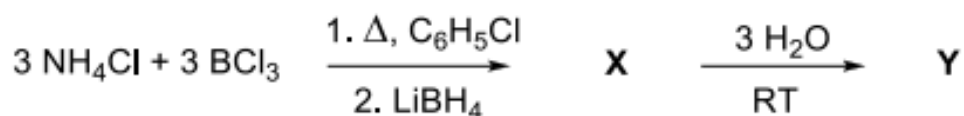
(B) $\text{Cl}^- \text{ : } \text{H}_2\text{O} \text{ : } \text{NH}_3$

(C) $\text{NH}_3 \text{ : } \text{Cl}^- \text{ : } \text{H}_2\text{O}$

(D) $\text{H}_2\text{O} \text{ : } \text{NH}_3 \text{ : } \text{Cl}^-$

Q39. For the following reaction sequence,

[2 Marks]



X and Y, respectively, are

(A) $\{\text{HB}(\text{NH})\}_3$ and $\{\text{H}(\text{OH})\text{B}(\text{NH}_2)\}_3$

(B) $\{\text{HB}(\text{NH})\}_3$ and $\{\text{HB}(\text{NH}_2\text{OH})\}_3$

(C) $[\text{NH}_4][\text{H}_2(\text{BH}_2)_3]$ and $\{\text{H}(\text{OH})(\text{NH}_2\text{OH})\}_3$

(D) $[\text{NH}_4][\text{H}_2(\text{BH}_2)_3]$ and $\{\text{HB}(\text{NH}_2\text{OH})\}_3$

Q40. For an inverse spinel, AB_2O_4 , the A and B, respectively, can be

[2 Marks]

(A) Ni(II) and Ga(III)

(B) Zn(II) and Fe(III)

(C) Fe(II) and Cr(III)

(D) Mn(II) and Mn(III)

Q41. The reaction of PCl_3 with PhLi in 1:3 molar ratio yields X as one of the products, which on further treatment with CH_3I gives Y. The reaction of Y with $n\text{-BuLi}$ gives product Z. The products X, Y and Z, respectively, are

[2 Marks]

(A) $[\text{PPh}_4]\text{Cl}$, $[\text{Ph}_2\text{P}=\text{CH}_2]$ and $\text{Ph}_2\text{P}(n\text{-Bu})$

(B) PPh_3 , $[\text{Ph}_3\text{P}][\text{I}(\text{CH}_3)]$ and $\text{Ph}_2\text{P}(n\text{-Bu})_3$

(C) PPh_3 , $[\text{Ph}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_3)]\text{I}$ and $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}=\text{CH}_2$

(D) $[\text{PPh}_4]\text{Cl}$, $[\text{Ph}_3\text{P}=\text{CH}_2]$ and $[\text{Ph}_3\text{P}(n\text{-Bu})]\text{Li}$

Q42. The reaction of equimolar quantities of $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ and OH^- gives a complex species X which on further reaction with MnO_2 gives species Y. X and Y, respectively, are

[2 Marks]

(A) $[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5(\text{OH})]^-$ and $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9$

(B) $[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4]^{2-}$ and $\text{Mn}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$

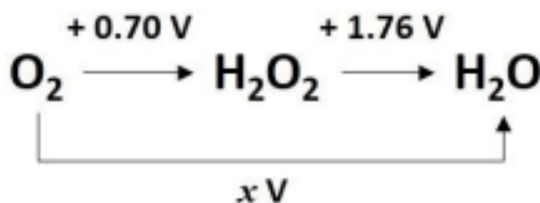
(C) $[\text{HFe}(\text{CO})_4]^-$ and Fe_2O_3

(D) $[\text{HFe}(\text{CO})_4]^-$ and $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$

Q43. The rate constant of a first order reaction, $\text{X} \rightarrow \text{Y}$, is $1.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 300 K. Given that the activation energy of the reaction is 28 kJ mol^{-1} and assuming Arrhenius behavior for the temperature dependence, the total time required to obtain 90% of Y at 350 K is ____ s. (Up to one decimal place. Use $R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$.) [2 Marks]

Q44. The molar conductivity of a 0.01 M weak acid (HX) at 298 K, measured in a conductivity cell with cell constant of 0.4 cm^{-1} , is $64.4 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$. The limiting molar conductivities at infinite dilution of H^+ and X^- at 298 K are 350 and $410 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$, respectively. Ignoring activity coefficients, the pKa of HX at 298 K is _____. (Up to two decimal places) [2 Marks]

Q45. The Latimer diagram of oxygen is given below. The value of x is ____ V. (Up to two decimal places) [2 Marks]



Q46. At temperature T, the canonical partition function of a harmonic oscillator with fundamental frequency (μ) is given by [2 Marks]

$$q_{\text{vib}}(T) = \frac{e^{-h\mu/2k_B T}}{1 - e^{-h\mu/k_B T}}$$

For $\frac{h\mu}{k_B T} = 3$, the probability of finding the harmonic oscillator in its ground vibrational state is _____. (Up to two decimal places)

Q47. The enthalpy of vaporization of a liquid at its boiling point ($T_b = 200 \text{ K}$) is 15.3 kJ mol^{-1} . If the molar volumes of the liquid and the vapour at 200 K are 110 and $12000 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ respectively, then the slope $\frac{dP}{dT}$ of the liquid-vapour boundary is ____ kPa K^{-1} . (Up to two decimal places. Note: $1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ J m}^{-3}$) [2 Marks]

Q48. In a molecule XY, let ψ_x and ψ_y denote normalized atomic orbitals of atoms X and Y, respectively. A normalized molecular orbital of XY is given by $\psi_+ = 0.56(\psi_x + \psi_y)$. The value of the overlap integral of ψ_x and ψ_y is _____. (Up to two decimal places) [2 Marks]

Q49. The absorption maxima of two dyes X and Y are 520 and 460 nm, respectively. The absorbance data of these dyes measured in a 1 cm path length cell are given in the table below. [2 Marks]

Dye solution	Absorbance at 460 nm	Absorbance at 520 nm
X (9 mM)	0.144	0.765
Y (12 mM)	0.912	0.168
Mixture of X and Y	0.700	0.680

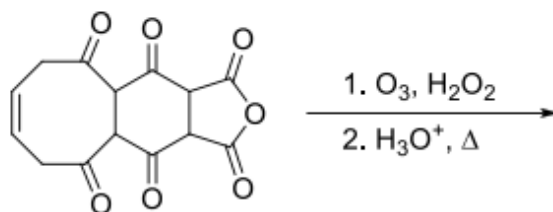
The concentration of Y in the mixture is ____ mM. (Up to two decimal places)

Q50. The π electrons in benzene can be modelled as particles in a ring that follow Pauli's exclusion principle. Given that the radius of benzene is 1.4 Å, the longest wavelength of light that is absorbed during an electronic transition in benzene is ____ nm. (Up to one decimal place. Use $m_e = 9.1 \times 10^{-31}$ kg, $h = 6.6 \times 10^{-34}$ J s, $c = 3.0 \times 10^8$ m s $^{-1}$) [2 Marks]

Q51. The spacing between the two adjacent lines of the microwave spectrum of H 35 Cl is 6.35×10^{11} Hz. Given that the bond length of D 35 Cl is 5% greater than that of H 35 Cl, the corresponding spacing for D 35 Cl is ____ $\times 10^{11}$ Hz. (Up to two decimal places) [2 Marks]

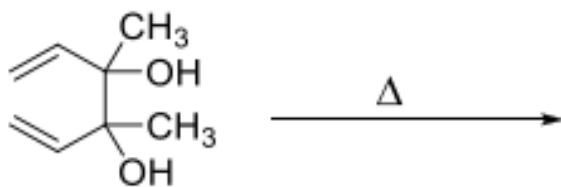
Q52. For a diatomic vibrating rotor, in vibrational level $v = 3$ and rotational level J, the sum of the rotational and vibrational energies is 11493.6 cm $^{-1}$. Its equilibrium oscillation frequency is 2998.3 cm $^{-1}$, anharmonicity constant is 0.0124 and rotational constant under rigid rotor approximation is 9.716 cm $^{-1}$. The value of J is _____. (Up to nearest integer) [2 Marks]

Q53. Number of carbonyl groups present in the final product of the following reaction sequence is _____. [2 Marks]



Q54. A tetrapeptide, made up of natural amino acids, has alanine as the N-terminal residue which is coupled to a chiral amino acid. Upon complete hydrolysis, the tetrapeptide gives glycine, alanine, phenylalanine and leucine. The number of possible sequences of the tetrapeptide is _____. [2 Marks]

Q55. The strongest band observed in the IR spectrum of the final product of the following reaction appears, approximately, at ____ $\times 100$ cm $^{-1}$. (Up to one decimal place) [2 Marks]



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