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MID-SEM TEST, SEMESTER II (2015-16)

CHEM F241: Inorganic Chemistry II

Closed Book

Time: 90 min

Marks: 60

Date: 15th March, 2016

Instructions: There has a total six questions in all. Attempt all the questions. Start answering each question on a fresh page and answer all parts in a question together

1. (a) Differentiate a paramagnetic nucleus with a ferromagnetic one with example.
(b) The magnetic moments of $[\text{Fe}(\text{1,10-Phen})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$ (1,10-Phen = 1,10-phenanthroline) complex at high temperature (above 175K) show large magnetic susceptibility whereas at low temperature (below 175K) show small magnetic susceptibility — explain it with illustration.

$3 + 4 = 7\text{M}$

2. (a) Show the bonding picture of $[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$ based on VBT model (atomic no. of Cr = 24; mag. moment of the complex = 3.80 BM).

- (b) The structure of Fe_3O_4 belongs to inverse spinel — justify it based on CFT model. (c) Experiment shows that H_2O stabilizes Co(II) and forms $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ only, whereas NH_3 stabilizes Co(III) and forms $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$ — explain it

$3 + 3 + 3 = 9\text{M}$

3. (a) For the following reaction, $\text{M} + \text{nL} = \text{ML}_n$, show that $\beta_n = K_1 \times K_2 \times \dots \times K_n$ where β_n = overall stability constant and K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n are respective stepwise stability constants ($n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ etc).

- (b) Mention the type of isomerism of the following complexes, $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{Br}]\text{SO}_4$ and $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{SO}_4]\text{Br}$. Write down any one chemical test which will distinguish these.

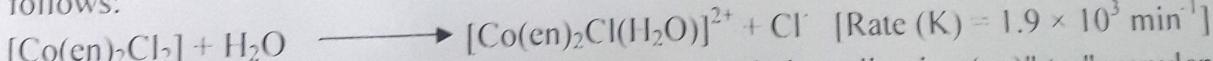
- (c) In the following complex, $[\text{Co}(\text{CN})_5\text{X}]^3-$, X = thiocyanate, state the mode of coordination of thiocyanate with explanation.

- (d) Metal ions having d^0, d^1 and d^2 , in general only results eight coordination complexes — justify it in the light of CFT model.

- (e) The complex, $[\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^+$ undergoes tetragonal distortion. Will it be tetragonal elongation or tetragonal compression? Explain it with respect to your answer.

$3 + 3 + 2 + 3 + 3 = 14\text{M}$

4. (a) Rate of acid hydrolysis of trans-[Co(en)₂Cl₂]⁺ at 25 °C and pH = 1 in aqueous solution is as follows:

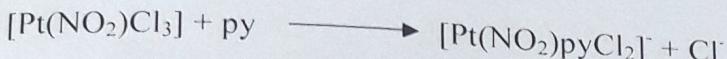


- (i) What do you think if you vary the ligand from "ethylene diamine (en)" to "propylene diamine ($\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{NH}_2$)" and meso-butylene diamine (meso- $\text{NH}_2\text{-CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{-CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{-NH}_2$) the rate of the reaction will vary or not? Justify your answer.

- (ii) Identify what kind of Nucleophilic Substitution (S_N) reaction is possible for this acid hydrolysis reaction and show the outline mechanism of the reaction.

- (b) Using the concept of trans effect draw an outline for the synthesis of trans-[Pt(C₂H₄)(NH₃)Cl₂] from $[\text{PtCl}_4]^{2-}$

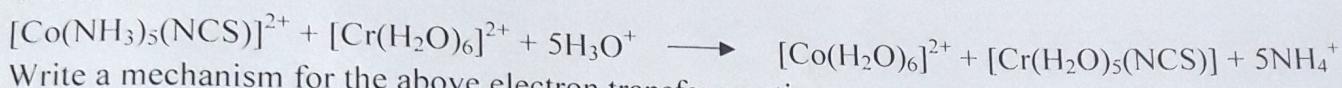
- (c) Predict the geometry of the complex which result from the following reaction:



$$(1 + 2 + 1 + 2) + 2 + 2 = 10\text{M}$$

5. (a) Arrange the following metal ions (increasing order) according to the water exchange capability by dissociation and justify your answer: Mg^{2+} , Be^{2+} and Pt^{2+}

(b) The following redox reaction proceeds rapidly ($K = 1.5 \times 10^6 \text{ min}^{-1}$) by an electron transfer mechanism.

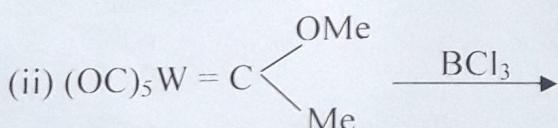
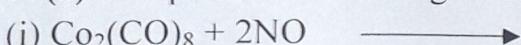


(c) What is ligand's hapticity? Justify the statement with an example "ligands with more extended π systems exhibit a greater number of binding modes".

(d) Using 18-electron rule calculate total number of electrons for a complex, $(\eta^6 - \text{C}_6\text{H}_6)_2\text{Fe}$ and identify the stability of the complex. (NB: Fe is a first row transition element and at. no. 26)

$$(1 + 2) + 2 + (1 + 2) + 2 = 10\text{M}$$

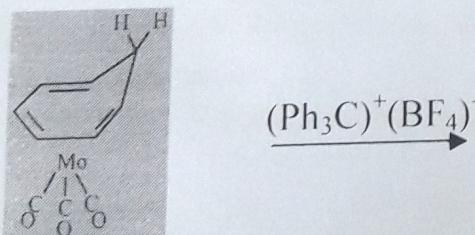
6. (a) Complete the following reaction



In the above question no (ii), describe the nature of metal-carbon bonding

(b) Describe with an example the nucleophilic nature of a Schrock carbene.

(c) Complete the following reaction



$$(2 + 2 + 2) + 2 + 2 = 10\text{M}$$