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B.Sc. Second year Semester I Examination – June / July 2018 CHE 2105 – Inorganic Chemistry - I

Answer both questions.

Time: 1 hour

Mass of electron $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$

Mass of proton $m_p = 1.672 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$

Mass of neutron $m_n = 1.675 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$

Avogadro number $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{-23} \text{ per mole}$

Universal gas constant $R = 8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$

Planck constant $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$

Speed of light $c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \,\mathrm{m \ s^{-1}}$

1 atomic mass unit (amu) 1 amu = 1.66×10^{-27} kg

 $1 \text{MeV} = 9.648 \times 10^7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

The use of a non-programmable calculator is permitted.

1). (a) Write down the primary and secondary reforming reactions with conditions in the production of hydrogen.

(b) What conditions of temperature and pressure would favour the formation of products in both the primary and the secondary stage in the production of hydrogen?

(c) Explain the following observations;

- (i) BeCl₂ is linear molecule whereas H₂O is bent.
- (ii) Bond angle in NH₃ is less than that in CH₄.
- (d) Write down the balanced chemical equations of Boron with conc. H₂SO₄ and N₂ at high temperature.
- (e) Draw the structures of F₂O and Cl₂O and give a reason why the bond angle in F₂O is different than in Cl₂O.
- (f) List three industrial processes which used transition metals or their compounds as catalyst. Name the catalyst in each case.

- (g) The mass defect for an isotope was found to be 0.1587 amu/atom. Calculate the binding energy in kJ/mol.
- (h) Complete the following nuclear reactions and identify X in each case;
 - (i) ${}^{235}_{92}U + {}^{1}_{0}n \rightarrow {}^{94}_{36}Kr + {}^{139}_{56} + 3X$
 - (ii) ${}^{59}_{27}\text{Co} + {}^{1}_{0}\text{n} \rightarrow {}^{56}_{25}\text{Mn} + \text{X}$

 $(10 \times 12 \text{ marks} = 120 \text{ marks})$

2). Answer either Part A or Part B

Part A

(a) Write down the reaction with conditions involving in the shift reaction to converts CO to CO₂ in the steam reforming process in the production of hydrogen. Above what temperature will the shift reaction begin to favour the reactants?

(the ΔH^o and ΔS^o values of the shift reactions are - 41.2 kJ mol⁻¹ and - 42.0 J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹ respectively.)

(26 marks)

- (b) Calculate the spin only magnetic moment, μ_s of the following species;
 - (i) $[Zn(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$
 - (ii) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$
 - (iii) $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$

(24 marks)

- (c) Explain the following observations;
 - (i) The conductivity measurements in aqueous solution of alkali metal ions are $Cs^+ > Rb^+ > K^+ > Na^+ > Li^+$
 - (ii) The solubility of the sulphates of alkaline earth elements in water decreases and the thermal decomposition of their carbonates increases down the group.

(30 marks)

Part B

- (a) Explain the following terms;
 - (i) Nuclear binding energy.
 - (ii) Half life.

(20 marks)

(b) Describe the term nuclear fission and state which isotopes can undergo nuclear fission. The following reaction in one of the processes which occurs during fission:

$$^{235}_{92}$$
U $\rightarrow ^{140}_{58}$ Ce $+^{94}_{40}$ Zr $+^{1}_{0}$ n $+6^{0}_{-1}$ e

Calculate how much energy is released for one mole $^{235}_{92}$ U . If one ton of TNT releases about 4 x 10⁹ J of energy, estimate how many grams of $^{235}_{92}$ U required to produce the energy which is equal to 20,000 tons of TNT produces. (one ton = 1000 kg)

(the masses are: U = 235.0439 amu, Ce = 139.9054 amu and Zr = 93.9063 amu).

(35 marks)

(c) 24 Na is an unstable isotope of sodium with a half-life of 15 hours. Calculate the radioactive decay constant. State any assumption/s you have made in this calculation.

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