

Fig. 1. Rectangles formed in the figure

- a) 8
b) 9
- c) 10
d) 12

6) Forestland is a planet inhabited by different kinds of creatures. Among other creatures, it is populated by animals all of whom are ferocious. There are also creatures that have claws, and some that do not. All creatures that have claws are ferocious.

Based only on the information provided above, which one of the following options can be logically inferred with *certainty*? (GATE CY 2023)

- a) All creatures with claws are animals. c) Some non-ferocious creatures have claws.
b) Some creatures with claws are non-ferocious. d) Some ferocious creatures are creatures with claws.

7) Which one of the following options represents the given graph? (GATE CY 2023)

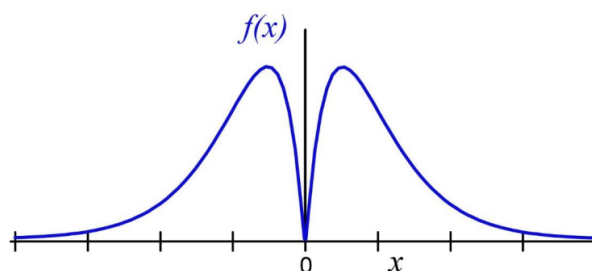


Fig. 2. Graph of $f(x)$ as given in the question

- a) $f(x) = x^2 - |x|$ c) $f(x) = |x^2 - x|$
b) $f(x) = -x^2 + |x|$ d) $f(x) = x^2 - x^x$

8) Which one of the following options can be inferred from the given passage alone?

When I was a kid, I was partial to stories that were about worlds and imaginary events. I would imagine that I could just get right out of space and be whisked to another planet.

[Excerpt from *The Truth about Stories* by T. King]

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- a) It is a child's description of what he or she likes. c) The child in the passage read stories about imaginary travel only in parts.
b) It is an adult's memory of what he or she liked as a child. d) It teaches us that stories are good for children.

9) Out of 1000 individuals in a town, 100 unidentified individuals are covid positive. Due to lack of adequate covid-testing kits, the health authorities of the town devised a strategy to identify these covid-positive individuals. The strategy is to:

- (i) Collect saliva samples from all 1000 individuals and randomly group them into sets of 5.
- (ii) Mix the samples within each set and test the mixed sample for covid.
- (iii) If the test done in (ii) gives a negative result, then declare all the 5 individuals to be covid negative.
- (iv) If the test done in (ii) gives a positive result, then all the 5 individuals are separately tested for covid.

Given this strategy, no more than _____ testing kits will be required to identify all the 100 covid positive individuals irrespective of how they are grouped. **(GATE CY 2023)**

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| a) 700 | c) 800 |
| b) 600 | d) 1000 |

10) A 100 cm * 32 cm rectangular sheet is folded 5 times. Each time the sheet is folded, the long edge aligns with its opposite side. Eventually, the folded sheet is a rectangle of dimensions 100 cm * 1 cm.

The total number of creases visible when the sheet is unfolded is _____. **(GATE CY 2023)**

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| a) 32 | c) 31 |
| b) 5 | d) 63 |

11) The major product formed in the following reaction is **(GATE CY 2023)**

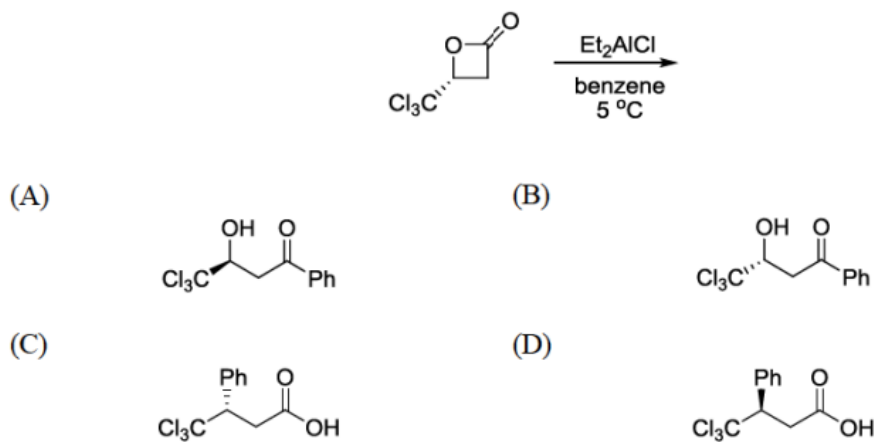


Fig. 3. Reaction for Q11

- 12) In the following reaction, the stereochemistry of the major product is predicted by the (GATE CY 2023)

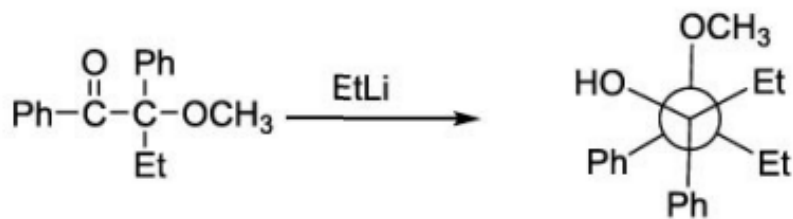


Fig. 4. Reaction for Q12

- a) Cram's model
b) Cram's chelation model
c) Felkin model
d) Felkin-Ahn model
- 13) The product(s) formed in the following reaction is (are) (GATE CY 2023)

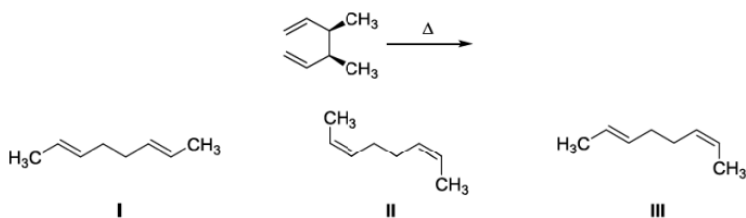


Fig. 5. Reaction for Q13

- a) I only
b) II only
c) III only
d) mixture of I and II

- 14) Among the following compounds, the number of compounds that DO NOT exhibit optical activity at room temperature is (GATE CY 2023)

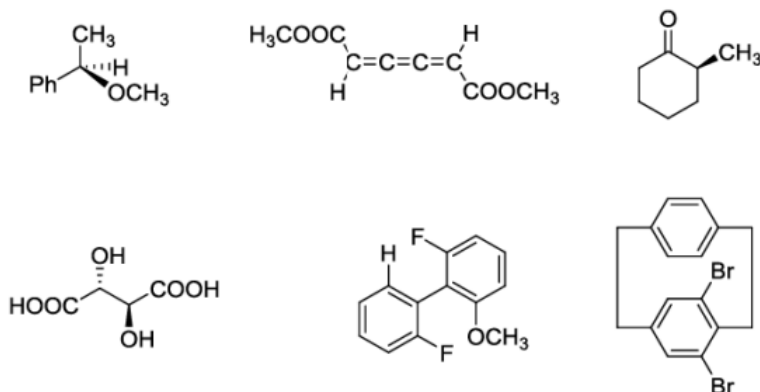


Fig. 6. Compounds for Q14

- 15) The number of following diene(s) that undergo Diels-Alder reaction with methyl acrylate is (GATE CY 2023)

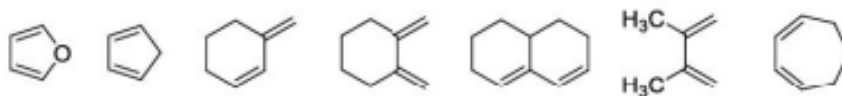


Fig. 7. Dienes for Q15

- 16) The number of ^1H NMR signals observed for the following compound is (GATE CY 2023)

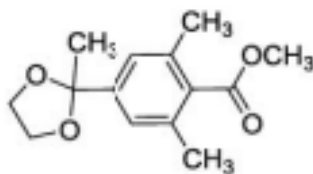


Fig. 8. Compound for Q16

- 17) The number of CO stretching bands in IR spectrum of trigonal bipyramidal *cis*-M(CO)₃L₂ is (GATE CY 2023)
(M = metal and L = monodentate ligand)
- 18) On heating a sample of 25 mg hydrated compound (molecular weight = 250 g/mol) in thermogravimetric analysis, 16 mg of dehydrated compound remains. The number of water molecules lost per molecule of hydrated compound is (GATE CY 2023)
(Molecular weight of water = 18 g/mol)
- 19) The total number of α and β particles emitted in the following radioactive decay is (GATE CY 2023)

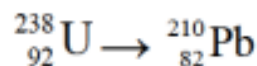


Fig. 9. Radioactive decay for Q19

- 20) An ideal gas occupies an unknown volume V liters (L) at a pressure of 12 atm. The gas is expanded isothermally against a constant external pressure of 2 atm so that its final volume becomes 31 L. The work involved for this expansion process is cal. (Round off to two decimal places) **(GATE CY 2023)**
(Gas constant $R = 0.082 \text{ L atm mol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ $2 \text{ cal mol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$)
- 21) The entropy change for the melting of x moles of ice (heat of fusion is 80 cal g^{-1}) at 273 K and 1 atm pressure is 28.80 cal K^{-1} . The value of x is . (Round off to two decimal places) **(GATE CY 2023)**
(Molecular weight of water = 18 g/mol)
- 22) Consider a two-state system at thermal equilibrium having energies 0 and $2kT$ for which the degeneracies are 1 and 2, respectively. The value of the partition function at the same absolute temperature T is . (Round off to two decimal places) **(GATE CY 2023)**
(k is the Boltzmann constant)
- 23) Consider a system of three identical and cistriglyceride non-interacting particles and three available nondegenerate single particle energy levels having energies 0, 0, and 2ϵ . The system is in contact with a heat bath of temperature T . A total energy of 2ϵ is shared by these three particles. The number of ways five particles can be distributed is . **(GATE CY 2023)**
- 24) In a 400 MHz ^1H NMR spectrometer, a proton resonates at 1560 Hz higher than that of tetramethylsilane. The chemical shift value of this proton is ppm. (Round off to one decimal place) **(GATE CY 2023)**
(Chemical shift of tetramethylsilane is fixed at zero ppm)
- 25) Gas phase bond length and dipole moment of a compound (MX) is 3 Å and 10.8 D, respectively. The ionic character in gas phase MX is **(GATE CY 2023)**
(1 D = $3.336 \times 10^{-30} \text{ C m}$)
- 26) The experimentally observed magnetic moment values, which match well with the spin-only values for the pair of argon ions is **(GATE CY 2023)**
 - a) Cr(III) and Cr(II)
 - b) Cr(III) and Cr(III)
 - c) Cr(III) and Dy(III)
 - d) La(III) and Tb(III)

- 27) Point group of naphthalene ($C_{10}H_8$) is **(GATE CY 2023)**

- a) D_{2h} c) D_2
 b) D_{2d} d) D_{10h}

28) The **INCORRECT** statement is (GATE CY 2023)

- a) Zero-point energy of a quantum mechanical harmonic oscillator of frequency ν is $h\nu/2$ c) The time-independent Schrödinger equation for L^2 operator has no exact solution
 b) Energy level of a quantum mechanical rigid rotor is inversely proportional to its moment of inertia d) Total angular momentum of an atomic system is equal to the sum of orbital angular momentum and spin angular momentum

29) For an ideal gas, the molecular partition function in the canonical ensemble, that is proportional to the system volume (V), is the (GATE CY 2023)

- a) vibrational partition function c) electronic partition function
 b) rotational partition function d) translational partition function

30) Assertion (A): The total angular momentum for light atoms (low atomic number) is obtained through Russell-Saunders coupling, wherein coupling is more of heavy nuclei through j-j coupling.

Reason (R): The spin-orbit interaction is weak in light atoms (low atomic number) because they have weak electric fields. (GATE CY 2023)

- a) A and R are true, and R is the correct reason for A c) A is true but R is false
 b) A and R are true, but R is NOT the correct reason for A d) A is false but R is true

31) The correct molecular representation of $W(Cp)_2(CO)_2$ is (GATE CY 2023)

- (A) $[W(\eta^1-Cp)(\eta^3-Cp)(CO)_2]$
 (B) $[W(\eta^1-Cp)(\eta^5-Cp)(CO)_2]$
 (C) $[W(\eta^3-Cp)(\eta^5-Cp)(CO)_2]$
 (D) $[W(\eta^5-Cp)_2(CO)_2]$

32) Match the metalloproteins with their respective functions. (GATE CY 2023)

P	Ferritin	I	Electron transfer
Q	Rubredoxin	II	Acid-base catalysis
R	Cobalamin	III	Metal storage
S	Carbonic anhydrase	IV	Methyl transfer

- (A) P - III; Q - II; R - I; S - IV (C) P - IV; Q - I; R - III; S - II
 (B) P - III; Q - I; R - IV; S - II (D) P - IV; Q - II; R - I; S - III

33) Suppose the wave function of a one dimensional system is

$$\psi = \sin(kx) \exp(3ikx).$$

In an experiment measuring the momentum of the system, one of the expected outcomes is **(GATE CY 2023)**

- a) 0 b) $\hbar k$ c) $2\hbar k$ d) $3\hbar k$

34) For the Lindemann-Hinshelwood mechanism of gas phase unimolecular reactions, the true statement(s) is(are) **(GATE CY 2023)**

- a) Only molecules with three or more atoms can follow the Lindemann-Hinshelwood mechanism c) The overall reaction is of second order at low pressure
b) Lindemann-Hinshelwood mechanism involves bimolecular elementary steps d) The overall reaction is of second order at high pressure

35) The calculated magnetic moment of $[\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_3]^{2-}$ is —BM. (rounded off to two decimal places) **(GATE CY 2023)**

(Given: atomic number of Ce is 58)

36) The major product formed in the following reaction is **(GATE CY 2023)**

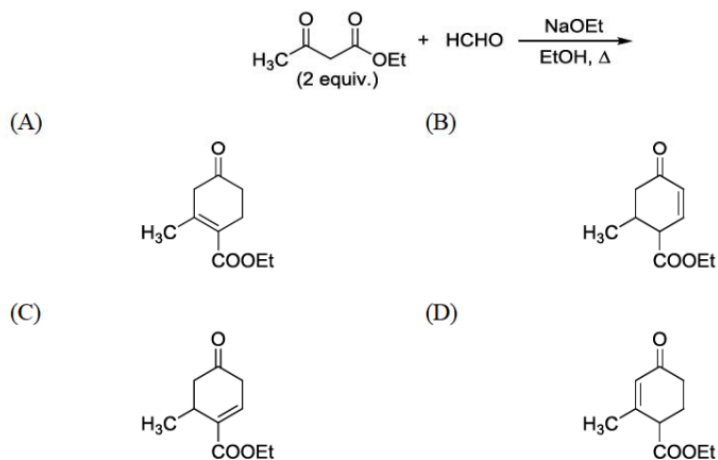


Fig. 10. Reaction for Q36

37) The major product formed in the following reaction is **(GATE CY 2023)**

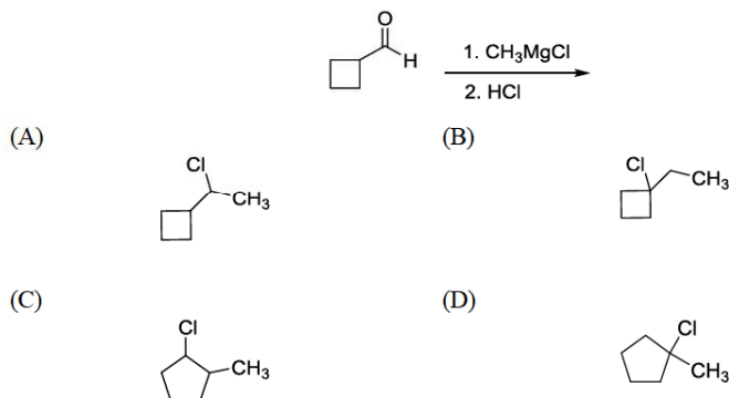


Fig. 11. Reaction for Q37

38) In the following reaction sequence, the products *P* and *Q* are (GATE CY 2023)

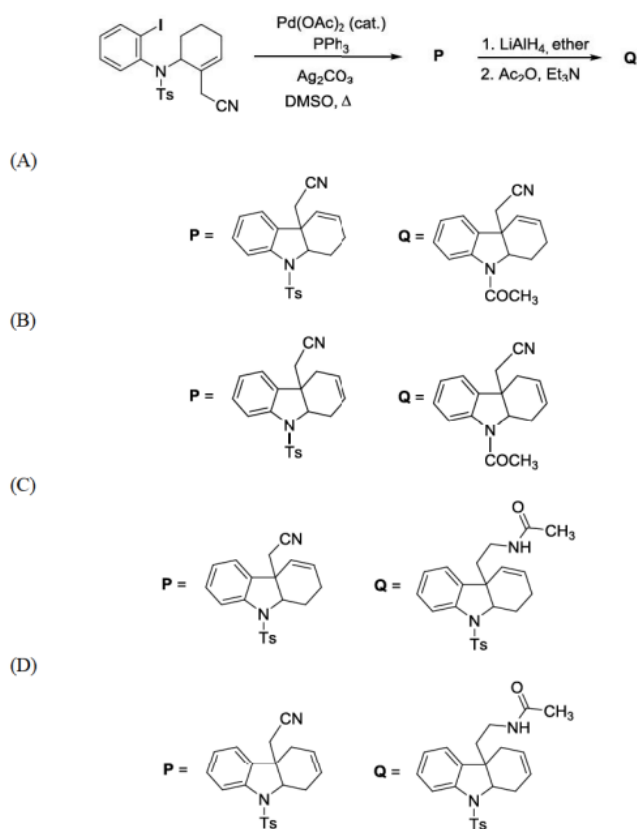


Fig. 12. Reaction sequence for Q38

39) The major product formed in the following reaction is (GATE CY 2023)

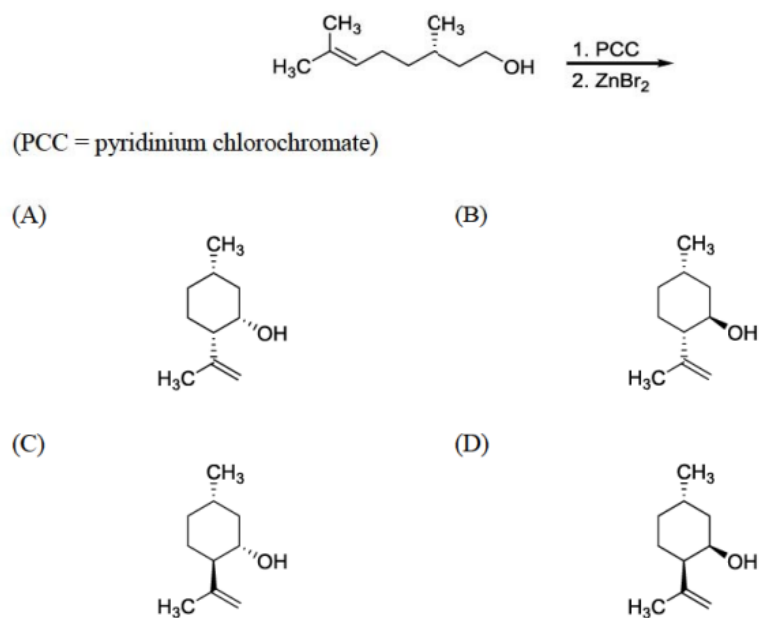


Fig. 13. Reaction for Q39

40) In the ^1H NMR spectrum, multiplicity of the signal (**bold and underlined** H atom) in the following species is

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| (I) $\underline{\text{H}}\text{Ni}(\text{OPeEt}_3)_4]^+$
(II) $\text{Ph}_2\text{Si}(\text{Me})\underline{\text{H}}$
(III) PH_3 | (IV) $(\text{Cp}^*)_2\text{Zr}\underline{\text{H}}_2$ (Cp^* = pentamethylcyclopentadienyl) |
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- a) I- pentet, II- quartet, III- doublet and IV- singlet
 b) I- pentet, II- singlet, III- singlet and IV- doublet
 c) I- triplet, II- triplet, III- doublet and IV- doublet
 d) I- singlet, II- quartet, III- singlet and IV- singlet

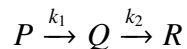
41) The major product obtained by the treatment of $(\hat{\text{I}}^{\cdot 5}\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{Ni}$ with Na/Hg in ethanol is

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| a) $(\hat{\text{I}}^{\cdot 5}\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)(\hat{\text{I}}^{\cdot 3}\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Ni}$
b) $(\hat{\text{I}}^{\cdot 3}\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{Ni}$ | c) $(\hat{\text{I}}^{\cdot 5}\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)(\hat{\text{I}}^{\cdot 3}\text{-C}_5\text{H}_7)\text{Ni}$
d) $(\hat{\text{I}}^{\cdot 3}\text{-C}_5\text{H}_7)_2\text{Ni}$ |
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42) The number of shared corners of the constituent SiO_4 units in orthosilicate, pyrosilicate, cyclic silicate and sheet silicate, respectively, are

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| a) 0, 1, 2 and 3
b) 2, 3, 0 and 1 | c) 0, 3, 1 and 2
d) 1, 2, 3 and 0 |
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43) Concentration of Q in a consecutive reaction



is given by

$$[Q] = \frac{k_1[P]_0}{k_2 - k_1} [e^{-k_1 t} - e^{-k_2 t}],$$

where $[P]_0$ is the initial concentration of P.

If the value of $k_2 = 25 \text{ s}^{-1}$, the value of k_1 that leads to the longest waiting time for Q to reach its maximum is

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| a) $k_1 = 20 \text{ s}^{-1}$ | c) $k_1 = 30 \text{ s}^{-1}$ |
| b) $k_1 = 25 \text{ s}^{-1}$ | d) $k_1 = 35 \text{ s}^{-1}$ |

44) The wavefunction for Be^{2+} in a certain state is given by

$$\psi = N e^{-\frac{r}{a_0}},$$

where N is the normalization constant, r is the distance of electron from the nucleus and a_0 is the Bohr radius. The most probable distance of the electron from the nucleus in this state is

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| a) $4a_0$ | c) $8a_0$ |
| b) $\frac{a_0}{4}$ | d) $\frac{a_0}{8}$ |

45) Match the following

Column I

- (P) Associated Legendre polynomials
 (Q) Hermite polynomials
 (R) Associated Laguerre polynomials
 (S) Trigonometric functions

Column II

- (I) Harmonic oscillator
 (II) Particle in a box model
 (III) Angular part of H atom
 (IV) Radial part of H atom

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| a) $P \rightarrow \text{III}, Q \rightarrow \text{I}, R \rightarrow \text{IV}, S \rightarrow \text{II}$ | c) $P \rightarrow \text{IV}, Q \rightarrow \text{I}, R \rightarrow \text{III}, S \rightarrow \text{II}$ |
| b) $P \rightarrow \text{III}, Q \rightarrow \text{IV}, R \rightarrow \text{II}, S \rightarrow \text{I}$ | d) $P \rightarrow \text{II}, Q \rightarrow \text{III}, R \rightarrow \text{IV}, S \rightarrow \text{I}$ |

46) In the scheme below,

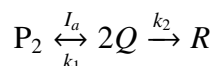


Fig. 14. Reaction scheme showing conversion of P_2 to $2Q$ and then to R .

I_a represents the intensity of the light absorbed. Assuming that the quantum yield of the first step is one, the steady state concentration of Q is given by

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| a) $\sqrt{\frac{I_a}{k_1 + k_2}}$ | c) $\frac{I_a}{k_1 + k_2}$ |
| b) $\sqrt{\frac{I_a[P_2]}{k_1 + k_2}}$ | d) $\frac{I_a[P_2]}{k_1 + k_2}$ |

- 47) Consider the following two parallel irreversible first order reactions at temperature T, (GATE CY 2023)

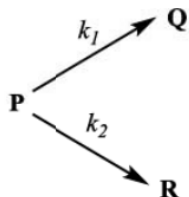
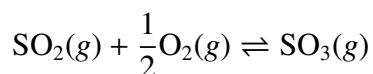


Fig. 15. Reaction scheme for Q47

where k_1 and k_2 are the rate constants and their values are $5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}$ and $15 \times 10^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}$, respectively, at temperature T. If the initial concentration of the reactant P is 4 mol L^{-1} , then the concentration of product R after 10 min of reaction is _____ mol L^{-1} . (Round off to two decimal places)

(Assume only P is present at the beginning of the reaction.)

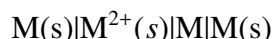
- 48) Consider the following equilibrium (GATE CY 2023)



At 298 K, the standard molar Gibbs energies of formation, ΔG_f° , of $\text{SO}_2(\text{g})$ and $\text{SO}_3(\text{g})$ are -300 and -371 kJ mol^{-1} , respectively. The value of the equilibrium constant, K_p , at this temperature is _____ $\times 10^{10}$. (Round off to the nearest integer)

(Gas constant $R = 8.31 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$)

- 49) Consider the electrochemical cell



where 'M' is a metal. At 298 K, the standard reduction potentials are

$$E_{\text{M}^{2+}(\text{aq})/\text{M}(\text{s})}^\circ = -0.12 \text{ V}, \quad E_{\text{M}_{(\text{s})}^{2+}/\text{M}(\text{s})}^\circ = -0.36 \text{ V}$$

and the temperature coefficient is

$$\left(\frac{\partial E_{\text{cell}}^\circ}{\partial T} \right)_P = 1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ V K}^{-1}.$$

At this temperature the standard enthalpy change for the overall cell reaction, $\Delta_r H^\circ$, is _____ kJ mol^{-1} . (Round off to two decimal places)

(Faraday constant $F = 96500 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$)

- 50) The normal boiling point of a compound (X) is 350 K (heat of vaporization, $\Delta_{\text{vap}} H_v = 30 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$). The pressure required to boil 'X' at 300 K is _____ Torr. (Round off to two decimal places)
- (Ignore the temperature variation of $\Delta_{\text{vap}} H_v$; Gas constant $R = 8.31 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ and $1 \text{ atm} = 760 \text{ Torr}$)

- 51) For a bimolecular gas phase reaction $P + Q \rightarrow R$, the pre-exponential factor is $1 \times 10^{13} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. The standard entropy of activation at 25°C is _____ $\text{J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$. (Round off to two decimal points)

(The standard concentration $c^\circ = 1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$; Planck constant $h = 6.62 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$; Boltzmann constant $k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$; Gas constant $R = 8.31 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$)

- 52) The correct statement(s) regarding myoglobin (Mb) and haemoglobin (Hb) is(are)
- a) At low partial pressure of O_2 (e.g., 5 kPa), the O_2 affinity of Hb lowers upon lowering the pH
 - b) Binding of the first O_2 molecule to Hb results in lower affinity for the binding of second O_2 molecule
 - c) Metal center in deoxy-Mb is low-spin
 - d) One end of O_2 binds to the metal center in oxy-Mb and the other end of the bound O_2 is H-bonded with imidazole-NH of a distal histidine

- 53) The correct statement(s) regarding $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$ is(are)

- a) It reacts with Na to give $\text{Na}[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4]$
- b) It contains three bridging carbonyls
- c) It can be prepared by reductive carbonylation of $\text{Co}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- d) Two isomers exist in hexane solution

- 54) The compound(s) having $[\text{Xe}]4f^1$ configuration is(are)
(Given the atomic numbers Ce:58, Lu:71, Pr:59 and Nd:60)

- a) $\text{Na}_3[\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_6]$
- b) $\text{Na}_3[\text{LuCl}_6]$
- c) PrO_2
- d) $\text{Nd}(\text{NR}_2)_3$ ($\text{R} = \text{SiMe}_3$)

- 55) The correct statement(s) for XeF_2 is(are)

- a) Its bonding is best explained by classical 2-centered-2-electron bonds
- b) Its bonding is best explained by a non-classical 3-centered-4-electron bond
- c) It contains nine lone pairs of electrons
- d) Its point group is D_{oxh}

- 56) For the non-dissociative adsorption of a gas on solid,
(i) the Freundlich isotherm is given by $b = kp^\theta$ where θ is surface coverage, p is pressure, k and n are empirical constants; and
(ii) the BET isotherm is given by

$$\frac{p}{p_0 - p} = \frac{1}{cp} + \frac{c-1}{c} \left(\frac{p}{p_0} \right)$$

where p^* and c are empirical constants, and $p < p^*$.

The correct statement(s) is(are)

- a) At low surface coverage, the Langmuir isotherm reduces to the Freundlich isotherm with $n = 1$
- b) At high surface coverage, the Langmuir isotherm reduces to the Freundlich isotherm with $n = \infty$
- c) At very low pressure ($p \ll p^*$), the BET isotherm reduces to the Langmuir isotherm

- isotherm
 d) At very high pressure ($p \sim p^*$), the BET isotherm reduces to the Freundlich isotherm

- 57) Two different enzyme catalysis reactions I and II have identical Y-intercepts for the Lineweaver-Burke (equation given below) plots. The slope for reaction I is twice than that of reaction II.

If the initial concentrations of enzymes in I and II are same, the correct statement(s) is(are)

$$\frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{v_{\max}} + \frac{K_m}{v_{\max}} \frac{1}{[S]}$$

where v and v_{\max} are rate and maximum rate; K_m is Michaelis-Menten constant, and $[S]$ is substrate concentration.

- a) Reactions I and II have same turn over number
 b) Michaelis-Menten constants for reactions I and II are identical
 c) Michaelis-Menten constant for reaction I is twice than that of reaction II
 d) The rates of the elementary steps for reactions I and II are identical
- 58) The enthalpy change for the exothermic reaction between BeI_2 and HgF_2 is — kJ mol^{-1} (rounded off to the nearest integer)
 (Given: Bond dissociation energy (in kJ mol^{-1}) for Be-F = 632, Be-I = 289, Hg-F = 268 and Hg-I = 145)
- 59) Number of carbon atoms connected to the metal center in $[\text{W}(\text{C}_6)(\text{CO})_5]$ is — (rounded off to the nearest integer)
 (Given: atomic number of W is 74)
- 60) Two-component solid-liquid system of naphthalene-benzene forms a simple eutectic mixture. Assuming that naphthalene-benzene forms an ideal solution, the mole fraction of naphthalene in benzene at 300 K and 1 bar is — (rounded off to two decimal places)
 (Given: Freezing point (T_f^0) and enthalpy of fusion (ΔH_f^0) of naphthalene are 353 K and $19.28 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, respectively and gas constant (R) = $8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$)
- 61) The intrinsic viscosity of a sample of polystyrene in toluene is $84 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ g}^{-1}$ at 30°C . It follows Mark-Houwink equation with empirical constant values of $K = 1.05 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ g}^{-1}$ and $a = 0.75$. The molecular weight of the polymer is — $\times 10^3 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ (rounded off to the nearest integer)
- 62) According to Debye-Huckel limiting law, the mean molal activity coefficient for $0.87 \text{ g K}_2\text{SO}_4$ (molar mass = 174 g mol^{-1}) in 1 kg of water at 25°C is — (rounded off to two decimal places)

- 63) A solution is prepared by dissolving 128 g of naphthalene (C_{10}H_8) in 780 g of benzene (C_6H_6). The vapor pressure of pure benzene is 12.6 kPa at 25 °C. Assuming that naphthalene in benzene is an ideal solution, the partial vapor pressure of benzene is ———kPa (rounded off to two decimal places)
- 64) For the galvanic cell: $\text{H}_2 (\text{g}) \text{ — HCl (aq) — Cl}_2 (\text{g})$
the standard electromotive force (E^0) value is given by

$$E^0 = 1.73 - (1.25 \times 10^{-3})T + (1.00 \times 10^{-6})T^2$$

where E^0 is in Volts and T is in Kelvin.

For the cell reaction, the standard enthalpy change ($\Delta_r H^0$) at 300 K is ——— kJ mol⁻¹ (rounded off to the nearest integer)

(Given: Faraday constant, $F = 96500 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$)

- 65) A solution of three non-interacting compounds P, Q, and R is taken in a cuvette of 1 cm path length. Their concentrations are $[\text{P}] = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$, $[\text{Q}] = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$, $[\text{R}] = 3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ and the molar extinction coefficients at 300 nm are $\epsilon_P = 1 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $\epsilon_Q = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $\epsilon_R = 3 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The % transmittance at 300 nm is ——— (rounded off to two decimal places)

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