

5.5 ANSWERS TO EXERCISES

5.5 Exercise 1

1.
 - a) deprotonation

$$\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{OH})_2(\text{s}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$$
 - b) deprotonation

$$\text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{OH})_2(\text{s}) + 2\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq})$$
 - c) deprotonation

$$\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{3+}(\text{aq}) + 3\text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{OH})_3(\text{s}) + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$$

$$\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{OH})_3(\text{s}) + 3\text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Cr}(\text{OH})_6^{3-}(\text{aq}) + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$$
 - d) deprotonation

$$\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{OH})_2(\text{s}) + 2\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq})$$
 Ligand exchange

$$[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{OH})_2](\text{s}) + 4\text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons [\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + 2\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$$
 - e) ligand exchange

$$[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 4\text{Cl}^-(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons [\text{CoCl}_4]^{2-}(\text{aq}) + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$$
 ligand exchange

$$[\text{CoCl}_4]^{2-}(\text{aq}) + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons [\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 4\text{Cl}^-(\text{aq})$$
 - f) deprotonation

$$2[\text{Al}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}(\text{aq}) + 3\text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow 2[\text{Al}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{OH})_3](\text{s}) + 3\text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$$
 - g) precipitation

$$[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{CoCO}_3(\text{s}) + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$$
 - h) acid-base

$$2\text{CrO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$$

2. Fe has a greater charge density than Fe
 So the electrons in the O-H bonds in the complex ion $\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{3+}$ are pulled more strongly towards the central metal ion than in $\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{2+}$
 which means the O-H bonds are more likely to dissociate to form H^+ in $\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{3+}$
 So $\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{3+}$ is more acidic and has a lower pH

3. The reaction involves breaking six O-H bonds and making six O-H bonds
 so ΔH is close to 0
 the reaction involves an increase in the number of species in aqueous solution
 from 2 to 7
 so there is a large increase in entropy
 so ΔG is negative and the reaction is thermodynamically favoured