

## 2022 RI H2 Chemistry Prelim Paper 1 – Suggested Solutions

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**MCQ worked solutions****Q1 (Ans: C)**

Option **A** is incorrect.

$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Fe}(\text{SO}_4)_2$  has 5 ions per formula unit  $\Rightarrow$  total number of ions =  $5 \times 2 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$

$\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$  has 3 ions per formula unit  $\Rightarrow$  total number of ions =  $3 \times 4 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$

Option **B** is incorrect.

Number of  $\text{NO}_2$  molecules =  $\frac{46}{14 + (16 \times 2)} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$

Number of  $\text{N}_2$  molecules =  $\frac{14}{14 \times 2} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$

Option **C** is correct.

Number of electrons in 1 mol of  $\text{N}_2$  =  $(7 + 7) \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$

Number of electrons in 1 mol of  $\text{CO}$  =  $(6 + 8) \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$

Option **D** is incorrect.

Let  $V_m$  be the molar volume of gas. At the same temperature and pressure,

number of atoms in  $5 \text{ dm}^3$  of  $\text{O}_2$  =  $\frac{5}{V_m} \times 2 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$

number of atoms in  $10 \text{ dm}^3$  of  $\text{Ar}$  =  $\frac{10}{V_m} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$

**Q2 (Ans: C)**

Let  $a$  be the fraction of  $^{63}\text{Cu}$  and  $(1 - a)$  be the fraction of  $^{65}\text{Cu}$  in naturally occurring copper.

From the *Data Booklet*, the relative atomic mass of  $\text{Cu}$  is 63.5.

$$63.5 = 63a + 65(1 - a) \Rightarrow a = 0.75$$

Hence, in the sample of bronze,

$$\frac{\% \text{ composition of } ^{63}\text{Cu}}{\% \text{ composition of } ^{65}\text{Cu}} = \frac{d}{88 - d} = \frac{0.75}{0.25}$$

$$d = \underline{66}$$

## Q3 (Ans: A)

	$^{30}\text{Si}^{4+}$	$^{31}\text{P}^{3-}$	$^{32}\text{S}^{2-}$
Number of electrons	10	18	18
Number of neutrons	16	16	16
Number of protons	14	15	16

Statement 1 is correct. The ions have the same number of neutrons.

Statement 2 is incorrect. As the ions have different number of electrons, their electronic configurations are different.

Statement 3 is incorrect. The ionic radii increase in the order  $^{30}\text{Si}^{4+} < ^{32}\text{S}^{2-} < ^{31}\text{P}^{3-}$ .

The valence electrons of  $^{30}\text{Si}^{4+}$  are found in the  $n=2$  shell while the valence electrons of  $^{31}\text{P}^{3-}$  and  $^{32}\text{S}^{2-}$  are found in the  $n=3$  shell. Hence the ionic radius of  $^{30}\text{Si}^{4+}$  is smaller than that of  $^{31}\text{P}^{3-}$  and  $^{32}\text{S}^{2-}$ .

Since  $^{31}\text{P}^{3-}$  and  $^{32}\text{S}^{2-}$  are isoelectronic with the same electronic configuration, their valence electrons experience the same shielding effect. However, nuclear charge of  $^{31}\text{P}^{3-}$  is smaller than that of  $^{32}\text{S}^{2-}$ . Hence, the effective nuclear charge of  $^{31}\text{P}^{3-}$  is smaller than that of  $^{32}\text{S}^{2-}$ , and therefore  $^{31}\text{P}^{3-}$  has a larger ionic radius than  $^{32}\text{S}^{2-}$ .

## Q4 (Ans: A)

Angle of deflection  $\propto \frac{\text{charge}}{\text{mass}}$

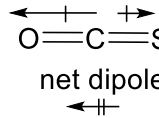

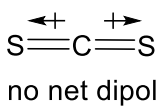
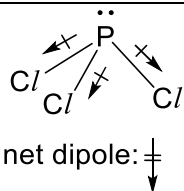

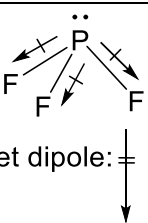

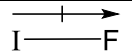
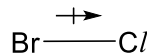
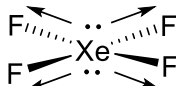
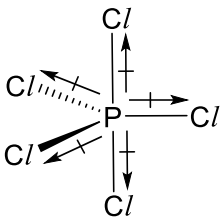
ions	$^7\text{Li}^{2-}$	$^{15}\text{O}^{2+}$	$^{15}\text{N}^{4-}$	$^{11}\text{C}^{3+}$
$\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{mass}}$	0.286	0.133	0.267	0.273

Q ( $^{11}\text{C}^{3+}$ ) should be a cation as it is attracted to the negatively charged plate, and its charge/mass ratio should be between that of the two anions P ( $^7\text{Li}^{2-}$ ) and R ( $^{15}\text{N}^{4-}$ ).

## Q5 (Ans: A)

Indium is a Group 13 element with 3 valence electrons. Hence, there should be a large jump between the third and fourth IE as the fourth electron is removed from an inner electronic shell. Hence, option **A** is correct.

## Q6 (Ans: B)

	G	H	Remarks
A	 net dipole: 	 no net dipole	G has a greater net dipole than H.
B	 net dipole: 	 net dipole: 	P-F bond is more polar than P-Cl bond. G has a <u>smaller</u> net dipole than H.
C			I-F bond is more polar than Br-Cl bond. G has a greater net dipole than H.
D	 no net dipole	 no net dipole	Both G and H do not have a net dipole.

## Q7 (Ans: B)

Statement 1 is correct. Since compounds M and N have the same electron cloud size, the strength of their intermolecular instantaneous dipole-induced dipole interactions is similar. However, the hydrogen bonds present between molecules of M are stronger than the permanent dipole-permanent dipole interactions between molecules of N. Hence, M would have a higher boiling point and lower volatility than N.

Statement 2 is correct. Compounds M and N are constitutional isomers as both have the same molecular formula  $C_5H_{10}O$  but different structural formula.

Statement 3 is incorrect. M has 16  $\sigma$  bonds whereas N has 15  $\sigma$  bonds. (Note: Remember to include the C-H and O-H  $\sigma$  bonds.)

## Q8 (Ans: B)

For ionic compounds, the extent of polarisation/distortion of the electron cloud of the anion and hence the degree of covalent character increases with:

- higher polarising power of the cation
- higher polarisability of the anion

Compared to  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$  has a smaller ionic radius and hence a higher charge density and polarising power.  $Mg^{2+}$  is able to distort the electron cloud of the anion to a greater extent.

Compared to  $O^{2-}$ ,  $S^{2-}$  has a larger and more polarisable electron cloud.

Hence, MgS has the greatest covalent character.

**Q9 (Ans: D)**

After mixing at constant temperature

Applying  $p_1V_1 = p_2V_2$  (since  $n$  and  $T$  are constant),

$$(20 \text{ kPa})(1 \text{ m}^3) = (p_{\text{He}})(3 \text{ m}^3)$$

$$p_{\text{He}} \text{ upon mixing} = 6.67 \text{ kPa}$$

$$(10 \text{ kPa})(2 \text{ m}^3) = (p_{\text{Ne}})(3 \text{ m}^3)$$

$$p_{\text{Ne}} \text{ upon mixing} = 6.67 \text{ kPa}$$

From the calculations,  
 $p_{\text{He}} = p_{\text{Ne}}$  upon mixing

$$\text{Total pressure upon mixing} = 6.67 + 6.67 = 13.3 \text{ kPa}$$

After decreasing temperature

- Total pressure will decrease below 13.3 kPa since  $p \propto T$  (at constant  $V$  and  $n$ )  
⇒ options **A** and **B** are incorrect.
- $p_{\text{He}}$  will still be equal to  $p_{\text{Ne}}$  as the number of moles of each gas remains the same  
⇒ option **C** is incorrect.

**Q10 (Ans: B)**

Element **D** is silicon as it has the highest melting point. Since the elements are consecutively arranged, **B** is sodium.

**Q11 (Ans: A)**

Option **A** is correct. The solubility of silver halides in aqueous ammonia decreases down the group (due to decreasing  $K_{\text{sp}}$  values). Since silver iodide is insoluble in aqueous ammonia, silver astatide is expected to be also insoluble in aqueous ammonia.

Option **B** is incorrect. The melting and boiling points of halogens increase down the group. Since iodine is a solid, astatine is expected to be also a solid at room temperature and pressure.

Option **C** is incorrect. H-X bond energy decreases down the group due to decreasing effectiveness of the valence orbital overlap. Hence the bond energy of HAt is expected to be smaller than that of HI.

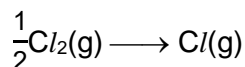
Option **D** is incorrect. Oxidising power of halogens decreases down the group. Hence, a halogen can oxidise a halide below (but not above) it. Bromine is expected to be able to oxidise sodium astatide to give astatine.

**Q12 (Ans: A)**

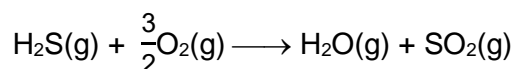
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta H_r^\ominus &= \sum n \Delta H_c^\ominus (\text{reactants}) - \sum m \Delta H_c^\ominus (\text{products}) \\ &= -3268 + 3(-286) - (-3754) = \underline{-372 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}} \end{aligned}$$

**Q13 (Ans: D)**

Option **A** is incorrect. The standard enthalpy change of atomisation of chlorine is the energy absorbed when 1 mole of gaseous Cl atoms is formed from  $\text{Cl}_2(\text{g})$  under standard conditions. The correct equation should be



Option **B** is incorrect. The standard enthalpy change of combustion of a substance is the energy released when 1 mole of the substance is completely burnt in excess oxygen under standard conditions. The correct equation should be



Note:  $\text{H}_2$  cannot be the end product of a combustion reaction as it can be combusted to give  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Option **C** is incorrect. The standard enthalpy change of formation of a substance is the energy change when 1 mole of the pure substance in a specified state is formed from its constituent elements in their standard states under standard conditions. The correct equation should be



Note: The elements, hydrogen and oxygen, do not exist in the monoatomic form under standard conditions (i.e. 1 bar and 298 K).

Option **D** is correct. The standard enthalpy change of solution of a substance is the energy change when 1 mole of the substance (ionic compound) is completely dissolved in a solvent to form an infinitely dilute solution (containing aqueous ions) under standard conditions.

**Q14 (Ans: D)**

Comparing the first and third experiments,

When  $[\text{R}] \times 3$  while keeping  $[\text{S}]$  constant, initial rate  $\times 3 \Rightarrow \text{rate} \propto [\text{R}]$ .

Hence, order of reaction with respect to R is 1.

Comparing the first and second experiments,

When  $[\text{R}] \times 2$  and  $[\text{S}] \times 2$ , initial rate  $\times 8$ .

Since the order of reaction with respect to R is 1, rate  $\propto [\text{S}]^2$ .

Hence, order of reaction with respect to S is 2.

The rate equation is: rate =  $k[\text{R}][\text{S}]^2$

Using data from the first experiment,

$$k = 5.10 \times 10^{-4} \div (0.015 \times 0.010^2) = \underline{340} \text{ mol}^{-2} \text{ dm}^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

## Q15 (Ans: C)

Statement 1	Correct. As there are no addition of any reactant or product to the system, the mole ratio of $\text{NH}_3 : \text{CO}_2$ should always stay the same at 2 : 1 (following the stoichiometric ratio of the balanced equation). Since $p \propto n$ , $P_{\text{NH}_3} : P_{\text{CO}_2}$ is also 2 : 1 at $t_2$ .
Statement 2	Incorrect. Since the temperature at $t_1$ is higher than that at $t_2$ , the rate of the forward (and backward) reaction at $t_1$ is greater than that at $t_2$ . (Recall that at higher temperatures, a greater proportion of the reactant molecules have energy greater than or equal to the activation energy for reaction. Hence, the frequency of effective collisions increases resulting in an increase in rate of reaction.)
Statement 3	Incorrect. By Le Chatelier's Principle, a decrease in temperature will favour the backward exothermic reaction and a decrease in volume (or increase in total pressure) will favour the backward reaction which reduces the number of gas particles.  Hence at $t_2$ , the degree of decomposition of $\text{NH}_2\text{COONH}_4$ is smaller than that at $t_1$ .
Statement 4	Correct. Decreasing the volume of the vessel will cause the total pressure (and partial pressures of $\text{NH}_3$ and $\text{CO}_2$ ) to increase. By Le Chatelier's Principle, the equilibrium position will shift left to reduce the number of gas particles and the partial pressures of $\text{NH}_3$ and $\text{CO}_2$ will decrease.  Since the equilibrium constant ( $K_p = (P_{\text{NH}_3})^2(P_{\text{CO}_2})$ ) remains unchanged (as temperature is constant) and the $P_{\text{NH}_3} : P_{\text{CO}_2}$ stays the same at 2 : 1, the equilibrium partial pressures of $\text{NH}_3$ and $\text{CO}_2$ at $t_2$ will be the same as that at $t_1$ .

## Q16 (Ans: C)

$\text{SO}_3$  and  $\text{SO}_2$  are found in both reactions 1 and 2. For the forward reaction of reaction 2 to proceed,  $\text{SO}_3$  must first be formed from reaction 1.

Since the mole ratio of  $\text{SO}_3$  and  $\text{SO}_2$  is 1 : 1 in reaction 1, let  $x$  atm be the initial partial pressures of  $\text{SO}_3$  and  $\text{SO}_2$  for reaction 2.

	$2\text{SO}_3(\text{g})$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$2\text{SO}_2(\text{g})$	+	$\text{O}_2(\text{g})$
initial pressure / atm	$x$		$x$		0
change in pressure / atm	$-2(0.0275)$		$+2(0.0275)$		$+0.0275$
eqm pressure / atm	$x - 2(0.0275)$		$x + 2(0.0275)$		0.0275

Since total pressure at equilibrium is 0.836 atm,

$$P_{\text{SO}_3} + P_{\text{SO}_2} + P_{\text{O}_2} = 0.836 \text{ atm}$$

$$x - 2(0.0275) + x + 2(0.0275) + 0.0275 = 0.836$$

$$x = 0.40425$$

$$P_{\text{SO}_3} = 0.40425 - 2(0.0275) = 0.34925 \text{ atm}$$

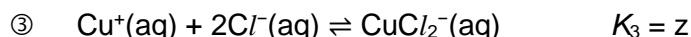
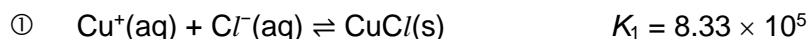
$$P_{\text{SO}_2} = 0.40425 + 2(0.0275) = 0.45925 \text{ atm}$$

$$K_2 = \frac{(P_{\text{SO}_2})^2(P_{\text{O}_2})}{(P_{\text{SO}_3})^2} = \frac{(0.45925)^2(0.0275)}{(0.34925)^2} = \underline{0.0476 \text{ atm}}$$

## Q17 (Ans: D)

Option A	<p>Incorrect. The correct pH of the buffer solution is:</p> $\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \lg \frac{[\text{lactate}]}{[\text{lactic acid}]} = -\lg(1.4 \times 10^{-4}) + \lg \frac{0.5}{1.5} = 3.38$
Option B	<p>Incorrect. Upon dilution with some water, the pH of the buffer solution should remain the same as the amount of lactic acid and sodium lactate in the buffer solution remains unchanged (although their concentrations decrease).</p> $\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \lg \frac{[\text{lactate}]}{[\text{lactic acid}]} = \text{p}K_a + \lg \frac{n(\text{lactate}) / V_{\text{buffer}}}{n(\text{lactic acid}) / V_{\text{buffer}}} = \text{p}K_a + \lg \frac{n(\text{lactate})}{n(\text{lactic acid})}$ <p><i>(If the buffer solution is infinitely diluted with water, the <math>[H^+]</math> in the buffer solution tends towards that of pure water (i.e. <math>10^{-7} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}</math>) and pH increases and approaches 7.)</i></p> <p>Hence, pH of the buffer solution will not decrease upon dilution with water.</p>
Option C	<p>Incorrect. For a given volume, a more diluted buffer solution will have a lower buffering capacity due to smaller amount of the lactic acid and lactate ions to remove any added <math>\text{OH}^-</math> and <math>\text{H}^+</math> ions respectively.</p>
Option D	<p>Correct. Since the buffer solution has a greater amount of lactic acid (weak acid) than the lactate ions (conjugate base), the buffer solution is more effective in buffering the effect of addition of small amounts of base than acid.</p>

## Q18 (Ans: B)



$$\textcircled{3} = \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}$$

$$K_3 = \frac{[\text{CuCl}_2^-]}{[\text{Cu}^+][\text{Cl}^-]^2} = \frac{1}{[\text{Cu}^+][\text{Cl}^-]} \times \frac{[\text{CuCl}_2^-]}{[\text{Cl}^-]} = K_1 \times K_2 = 86632 \text{ mol}^{-2} \text{ dm}^6$$

Hence,  $z = 8.66 \times 10^4$

Solubility product,  $K_{\text{sp}}$ , of  $\text{CuCl}(\text{s}) = [\text{Cu}^+][\text{Cl}^-] = \frac{1}{K_1} = \frac{1}{(8.33 \times 10^5)} = 1.20 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$

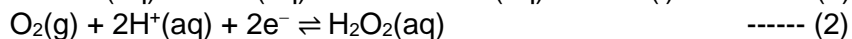
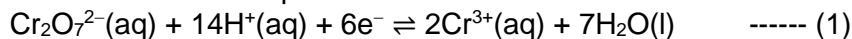
**Q19 (Ans: A)**

From the *Data Booklet*:  $E^\ominus(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{Cr}^{3+}) = +1.33 \text{ V}$  and  $E^\ominus(\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2) = +0.68 \text{ V}$

For this electrochemical cell,  $E_{\text{cell}} = E(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{Cr}^{3+}) - E(\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2)$ .

Hence, an increase in  $E(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{Cr}^{3+})$  or a decrease in  $E(\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2)$  will lead to an increase in  $E_{\text{cell}}$ .

The reduction half-equations of the two half-cells are shown below.



For option **A**, addition of water to  $\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  half-cell favours the side with more aqueous species so position of equilibrium of (2) shifts left and decreases  $E(\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2)$ . Thus,  $E_{\text{cell}}$  increases.

For option **B**,  $E_{\text{cell}}^\ominus$  for the reaction between  $\text{I}^-$  and  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} = +1.33 - 0.54 = +0.79 \text{ V}$

Hence the reaction is spontaneous and the addition of  $\text{KI}(\text{s})$  to the  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{Cr}^{3+}$  half-cell decreases  $[\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}]$  so that position of equilibrium of (1) shifts left and decreases  $E(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{Cr}^{3+})$ . Thus,  $E_{\text{cell}}$  decreases. (Note:  $\text{KI}(\text{s})$  is soluble in water and dissolves to form  $\text{K}^+(\text{aq})$  and  $\text{I}^-(\text{aq})$ .)

For option **C**, 1 atm of  $\text{O}_2$  has a higher pressure than 1 bar of  $\text{O}_2$ . The increase in  $P_{\text{O}_2}$  shifts position of equilibrium of (2) to the right and increases  $E(\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2)$ . Thus,  $E_{\text{cell}}$  decreases.

For option **D**, using  $[\text{Cr}^{3+}]$  of  $2.0 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  increases  $[\text{Cr}^{3+}]$  so that position of equilibrium of (1) shifts left and decreases  $E(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{Cr}^{3+})$ . Thus,  $E_{\text{cell}}$  decreases.

**Q20 (Ans: B)**

At **E4**, reduction of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  occurs:  $\text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \longrightarrow \text{Cu}$

$$n_{\text{e}^-} = 2 \times n_{\text{Cu}} = 2 \times 0.635 / 63.5 = 0.02 \text{ mol}$$

Since  $Q = n_{\text{e}^-} \times F = I \times t$ ,

$$t = (n_{\text{e}^-} \times F) / I = (0.02 \times 96500) / 5 = 386 \text{ s} = 6.43 \text{ min} \Rightarrow \text{Option A is incorrect}$$

As  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  is reduced to  $\text{Cu}$  at **E4**,  $[\text{Cu}^{2+}]$  decreases and the colour intensity of the solution in cell 2 decreases  $\Rightarrow$  Option **D** is incorrect.

At **E2**,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is reduced to  $\text{H}_2$ :  $2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \longrightarrow \text{H}_2 + 2\text{OH}^-$

Since  $\text{OH}^-$  is produced and the electrolyte contains  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ , a white precipitate of  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  is formed around **E2**  $\Rightarrow$  Option **B** is correct.

At **E1** and **E3**,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is oxidised to  $\text{O}_2$  and effervescence is observed. At **E2**,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is reduced to  $\text{H}_2$  and effervescence is also observed  $\Rightarrow$  Option **C** is incorrect.



## Q21 (Ans: D)

half-cell of V species	$\text{VO}_2^+/\text{VO}^{2+}$	$\text{VO}^{2+}/\text{V}^{3+}$	$\text{V}^{3+}/\text{V}^{2+}$	$\text{V}^{2+}/\text{V}$
$E^\ominus/\text{V}$	+1.00	+0.34	-0.26	-1.20

Since the metal is oxidised,  $E^\ominus_{\text{cell}} = E^\ominus(\text{species containing V}) - E^\ominus(\text{M}^{n+}/\text{M})$

To be thermodynamically feasible,  $E^\ominus_{\text{cell}} > 0$ . Hence,  $E^\ominus(\text{M}^{n+}/\text{M})$  need to be less positive or more negative than  $E^\ominus(\text{species containing V})$ .

As the resultant solution is violet, the final vanadium-containing species is  $\text{V}^{2+}$ .

Thus,  $E^\ominus(\text{M}^{n+}/\text{M})$  must be more negative than -0.26 V but less negative than -1.20 so that the metal will not further reduce  $\text{V}^{2+}$  to V.

half-cell of $\text{M}^{n+}/\text{M}$	$\text{Mg}^{2+}/\text{Mg}$	$\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}$	$\text{Sn}^{2+}/\text{Sn}$	$\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Zn}$
$E^\ominus/\text{V}$	-2.38	+0.80	-0.14	-0.76

Since  $E^\ominus(\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Zn})$  is more negative than -0.26 V but less negative than -1.20 V, Zn reduces  $\text{VO}_2^+$  to  $\text{VO}^{2+}$  then to  $\text{V}^{3+}$  and finally to  $\text{V}^{2+} \Rightarrow$  option **D** is correct.

## Q22 (Ans: C)

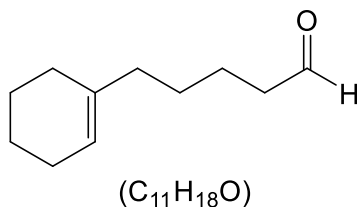
Statement 1 is incorrect. Since **S2** consists of  $[\text{CrY}_6]^{3+}$  and absorbs orange-red light strongly,  $[\text{CrY}_6]^{3+}(\text{aq})$  cannot be orange in colour as the colour observed is complement of the colour absorbed.

Statement 2 is correct. In **S3**,  $[\text{X}]_{\text{initial}}$  and  $[\text{Y}]_{\text{initial}}$  are reduced by half compared to **S1** and **S2**. The concentration of  $[\text{CrY}_6]^{3+}$  formed is greater than  $[\text{CrX}_6]^{3+}$ , as can be seen by the absorbance peak of  $[\text{CrY}_6]^{3+}$  being reduced to a smaller extent in **S3**. Hence, **Y** forms the complex with  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  more readily and **Y** forms stronger bond with  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ .

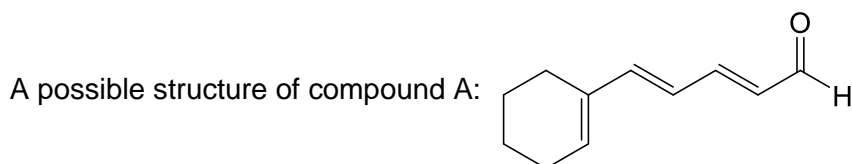
Statement 3 is correct. Compared to  $[\text{CrY}_6]^{3+}$ , the absorbance peak of  $[\text{CrX}_6]^{3+}$  is at a shorter wavelength with higher energy. Hence, d-orbital splitting is larger in  $[\text{CrX}_6]^{3+}$ .

## Q23 (Ans: C)

An example of a 11 carbon-containing compound with an aldehyde group, a cyclohexene ring and a straight chain is shown below.



Since compound A (C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O) has 4 fewer H atoms than the above structure, compound A must have two more C=C bonds  $\Rightarrow$  total of 2 + 2 = 4 double bonds.

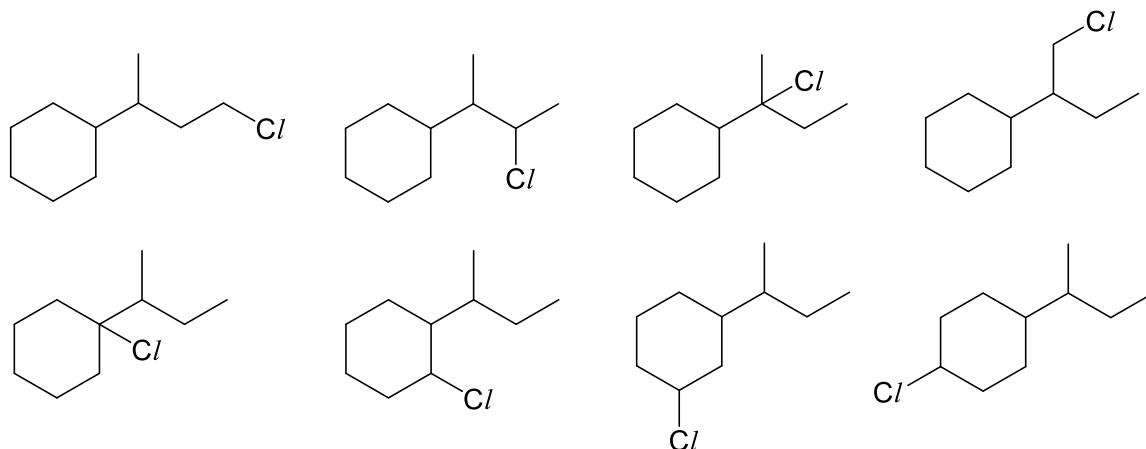


With 4 double bonds in the structure, there should be 4  $\pi$  bonds.

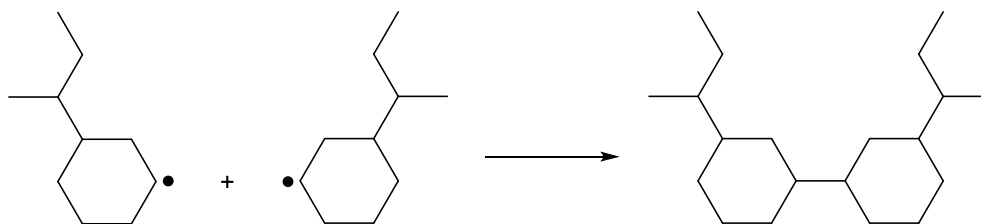
## Q24 (Ans: D)

Statement 1 is correct. The initiation step involves the homolytic fission of the  $Cl-Cl$  bond. The propagation steps can involve the homolytic fission of  $C-H$  and  $Cl-Cl$  bonds.

Statement 2 is correct. Ignoring stereoisomers, the eight possible mono-chlorinated products are as follows.



Statement 3 is correct. In the termination step, two alkyl radicals ( $\bullet C_{10}H_{19}$ ) can react together to form the product ( $C_{20}H_{38}$ ) in small quantities. Example:



## Q25 (Ans: C)

Cars are fitted with catalytic converters to remove three main pollutants ( $CO$ ,  $NO_x$  and unburnt hydrocarbons) from exhaust gases. The harmful gases are converted into  $CO_2$ ,  $N_2$  and  $H_2O$ .

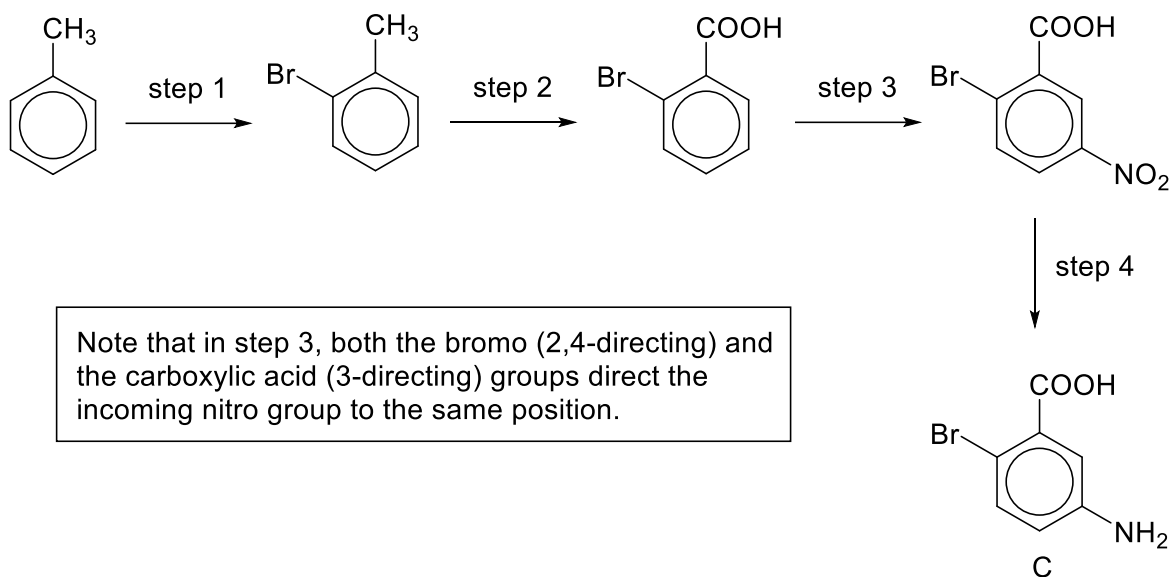
The following reactions occur in the catalytic converter. Each reaction is a redox reaction.

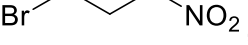
Reaction	Remarks
$2CO(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2CO_2(g)$	Reaction 1 is correct. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>CO</math> is oxidised.</li> <li><math>O_2</math> is reduced.</li> </ul>
$2NO(g) + 2CO(g) \longrightarrow 2CO_2(g) + N_2(g)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>CO</math> is oxidised.</li> <li><math>NO</math> is reduced.</li> </ul>
$NO_2(g) + 2CO(g) \longrightarrow 2CO_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}N_2(g)$	Reaction 2 is correct. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>CO</math> is oxidised.</li> <li><math>NO_2</math> is reduced.</li> </ul>
$C_xH_y(g) + (x + \frac{y}{4})O_2(g) \longrightarrow xCO_2(g) + \frac{y}{2}H_2O(g)$	Reaction 3 is correct. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>C_xH_y</math> is oxidised.</li> <li><math>O_2</math> is reduced.</li> </ul>

Reaction 4 is incorrect as both hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide needs to be oxidised. Hence, they do not react together in the catalytic converter.

## Q26 (Ans: D)

The sequence of reactions that would give the highest yield of compound C is given below.



Option **A** is incorrect. The major product, , formed in step 3 does not lead to the eventual formation of C.

Option **B** is incorrect. In step 4, the amino (2,4-directing) and the carboxylic acid (3-directing) groups do not direct the incoming bromo group to the same position.

Option **C** is incorrect. In step 2, the methyl (2,4-directing) and the bromo (2,4-directing) groups do not direct the incoming nitro group to the same position.

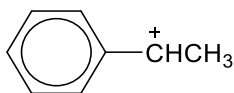
## Q27 (Ans: B)

To oxidise the aldehyde group ( $-\text{CHO}$ ) in J to carboxylic acid group ( $-\text{COOH}$ ) in K (without oxidative cleavage of the  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  bond), only  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$  with  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  and heating can be used. If J is heated with  $\text{KMnO}_4$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , the  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  bond will undergo oxidative cleavage, in addition to the oxidation of the  $-\text{CHO}$  to  $-\text{COOH}$ .

For the reduction of both alkene ( $\text{C}=\text{C}$ ) and aldehyde ( $-\text{CHO}$ ) groups in J to  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$  and primary alcohol ( $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ) groups respectively in L, only  $\text{H}_2$  with Ni and heating can be used. If  $\text{NaBH}_4$  is used, only  $-\text{CHO}$  will be reduced to  $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  and the  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  bond will remain unreacted.

## Q28 (Ans: B)

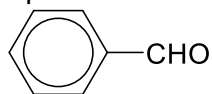
(1-Bromoethyl)benzene reacts with methylamine via nucleophilic substitution. As the rate of the reaction is independent of the concentration of the nucleophile,  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$ , the reaction proceeds via  $\text{S}_\text{N}1$  mechanism. The following carbocation will be formed when the  $\text{C}-\text{Br}$  bond breaks in the rate-determining step:



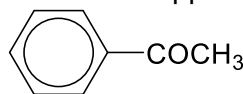
## Q29 (Ans: A)

Option **A** is correct. When heated with NaOH,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_3^+$  will undergo acid-base reaction to form  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  gas which will turn damp red litmus paper blue. For  $(\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2)_4\text{N}^+$ , there is no acid-base reaction with NaOH, and no gas will be evolved.

Option **B** is incorrect. Fehling's solution forms brick-red ppt of  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$  only with aliphatic aldehyde.

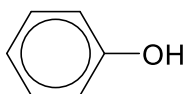


is an aromatic aldehyde and

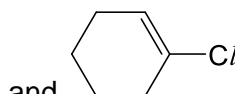
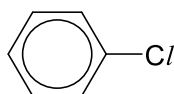


is a ketone. Hence, both compounds

will not form brick-red ppt.



Option **C** is incorrect. Both and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  do not react with aqueous  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  to form  $\text{CO}_2$  gas. (Note: Aqueous  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  reacts only with carboxylic acid functional group.)



Option **D** is incorrect. In both and , the lone pair of electrons in the p orbital of the chlorine is able to delocalise into the benzene ring and  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  bond respectively. As there is partial double bond character in the  $\text{C}-\text{Cl}$  bond, the bond is strengthened and will not be easily broken to form chloride ions when heated with ethanolic  $\text{AgNO}_3$ . Hence, no  $\text{AgCl}$  (white ppt) will be observed for both compounds.

## Q30 (Ans: D)

In options **B** and **C**, the compounds contain the  $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{OH}$  group which will give a yellow ppt with hot alkaline aqueous  $\text{I}_2 \Rightarrow$  Options **B** and **C** are incorrect.

(Note: In option **D**, the  $-\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)\text{COCH}_3$  group is an amide which will not form a yellow ppt with hot alkaline aqueous  $\text{I}_2$ .)

Option **A** is incorrect. The  $-\text{CN}$  group will be reduced by  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  in dry ether to form a primary amine ( $-\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ ). The product contains the  $-\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  and  $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OH}$  groups which will react with ethanoyl chloride to form an amide and ester respectively, and hence the product will react with ethanoyl chloride in a 1:2 ratio.

Option **D** is correct. The  $-\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)\text{COCH}_3$  group will be reduced by  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  in dry ether to form a tertiary amine ( $-\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ) which does not react with ethanoyl chloride. Since only  $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OH}$  group will react with ethanoyl chloride, the product will react with ethanoyl chloride in a 1:1 ratio.