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PRE BOARD EXAMINATION-II

Duration: 3 Hrs **Total Marks**: 70 Chemistry

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- After every answer, give a one-line space.
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Section A

- 1. [1] What is the correct order of reactivity of the following towards nucleophilic addition?
 - a) Methanal > Ethanal > Acetone
- b) Acetone > Ethanal > Methanal
- c) Methanal > Acetone > Ethanal
- d) Ethanal > Methanal > Acetone

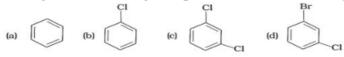
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2. Arrange the following compounds in the increasing order of their densities. [1]



a)
$$(a) < (b) < (c) < (d)$$

b)
$$(a) < (c) < (d) < (b)$$

c)
$$(d) < (c) < (b) < (a)$$

d) (b)
$$<$$
 (d) $<$ (c) $<$ (a)

Answer ∞

a) (a)
$$\leq$$
 (b) \leq (c) \leq (d)

(1)

3. Coordination number of Fe in $[Fe(C_2O_4)^3]^{3-}$ is : [1]

- a) 6
- b) 3

c) 4

d) 5

Answer ∞

(1)

- 4. Match the following amines with their correct characteristics or reactions:
- [1]

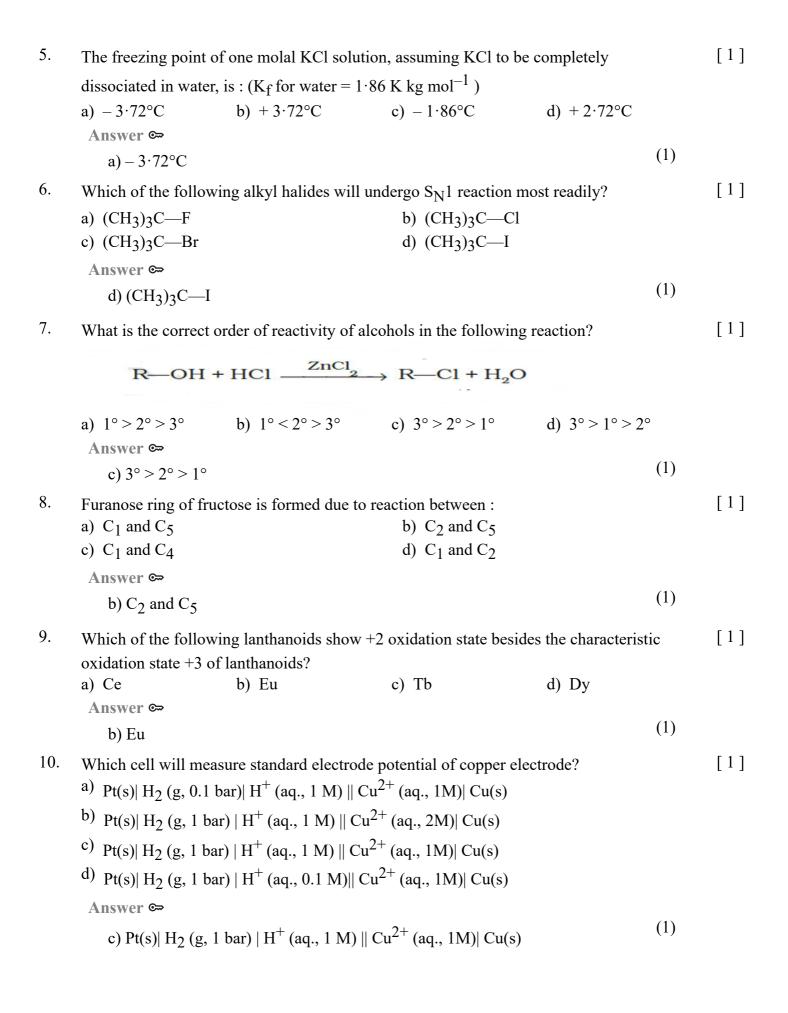
	Column A (Amines)		Column B (Characteristics/Reactions)	
1	Methylamine	A	Forms diazonium salts upon reaction with nitrous acid	
2	Aniline	В	Undergoes nucleophilic substitution with alkyl halides	
3	Ethylamine	C	Exhibits strong basicity in aqueous solution	
4	Benzenediazonium chloride	D	Undergoes electrophilic substitution at ortho/para positions	

a) 1-C 2-B 3-A 4-D b) 1-D 2-B 3-C 4-A c) 1-A 2-C 3-B 4-D d) 1-C 2-D 3-B 4-A

d) 1-C 2-D 3-B 4-A

Answer ∞

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11. What is the correct IUPAC name of the given compound? [1]

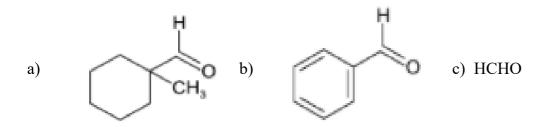
$$CH_3$$
 CH_3
 CH_3
 CH_2
 CH_3
 CH_3

- a) 2-carboxyl-2-methylpropanoic acid
- b) 2-ethyl-2-methylpropanoic acid
- c) 3-methylabutane carboxylic acid
- d) 2, 2-dimethylbutanoic acid

Answer ∞

d) 2, 2-dimethylbutanoic acid (1)

12. Which of the following aldehydes doesnot undergo Cannizzaro's reaction? [1]



d) CH₃CHO

Answer ∞

d)
$$CH_3CHO$$
 (1)

13. **Assertion (A)**: Boiling point of $(C_2H_5)_2NH$ is lower than that of n-C₄H₉NH₂. [1]

Reason (R): Hydrogen bonding is much more extensive in $n-C_4H_9NH_2$ as compared to $(C_2H_5)_2NH$.

- a) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).
- b) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of the Assertion (A)
- c) Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false.
- d) Assertion (A) is false, but Reason (R) is true.

Answer ∞

- a) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (1)
- (R) is the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).

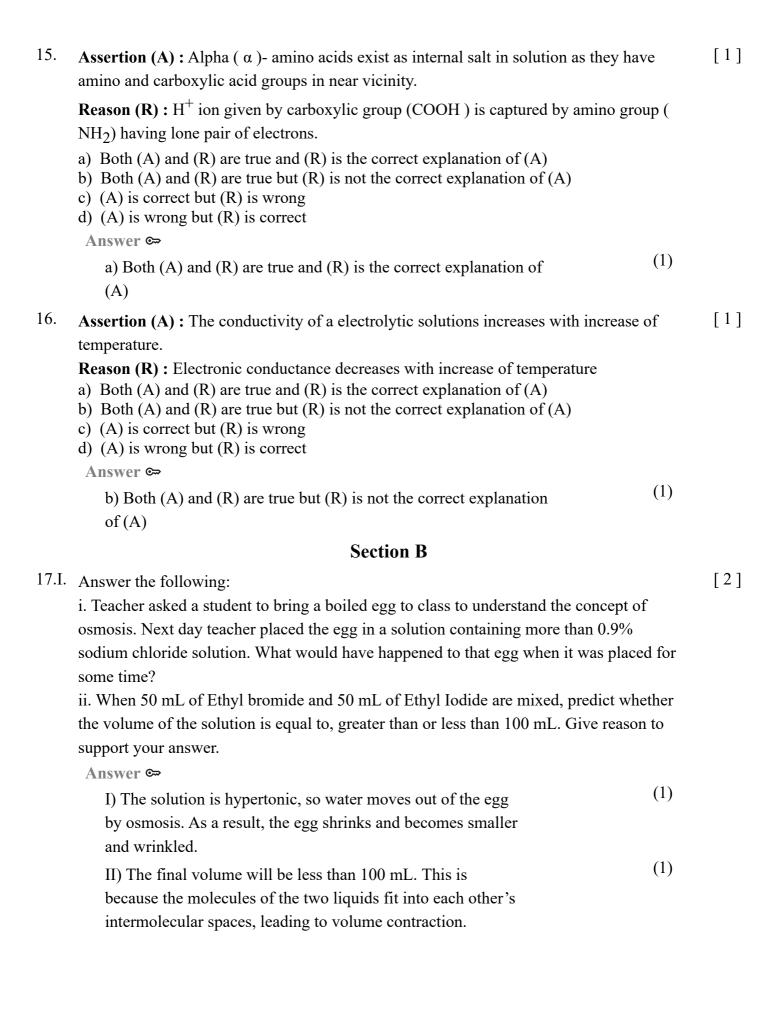
14. **Assertion (A):** Aquatic species are more comfortable in cold water than in warm water. [1]

Reason (R): Solubility of oxygen gas in water decreases with increase in temperature.

- a) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true & Reason (R) is the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).
- b) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).
- c) Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false.
- d) Assertion (A) is false, but Reason (R) is true.

Answer ∞

a) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true & Reason (R) is the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).



17.II. Answer the following:

- [2] i. Outer hard shells of two eggs are removed. One of the eggs is placed in saturated
- solution of sodium chloride and the other egg is placed in pure water. What change will be observed in both the eggs and why?
- ii. What would be the value of van't Hoff factor for a dilute solution of K2SO4 in water. Assume that K_2SO_4 is completely ionised.

Answer ∞

(1) I) Egg in saturated NaCl solution shrinks (water moves out). Egg in pure water swells (water moves in). This happens due to osmosis.

$$K_2SO_4$$
 dissociates as: $K_2SO_4 \rightarrow 2 K^+ + SO_4^2$ (1)

Number of particles produced = 3

Van't Hoff factor (i) = 3

- 18. a) Imagine that you are studying the age of a dead biological sample in forensic lab. During the studies, you found that the sample decomposed by following first order kinetics. If 50% of the sample is decomposed in 120 minutes, how long will it take for 90% of the sample to decompose?
 - b) How does a catalyst affect the rate of reaction?

Answer ∞

(1) b) A catalyst increases the rate of reaction by providing an alternative pathway with lower activation energy, without being consumed in the reaction.

a)

For a first-order reaction:

If 50% decomposes in 120 min \rightarrow this is the half-life ($t_1/2$).

$$t_{1/2}=120~\mathrm{min}$$

For 90% decomposition, 10% remains:

$$k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{0.693}{120}$$

Time for 90% decomposition:

$$t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{100}{10}$$

$$t = \frac{2.303}{0.693/120} \log 10$$

$$t \approx 4 \times 120 = 480 \mathrm{\ min}$$

A

[2]

19. Complete the following reactions:

(i)
$$C_6H_5N_2Cl+CH_3CH_2OH \longrightarrow$$

(ii)
$$C_6H_5N_2Cl+H_3PO_2+H_2O \longrightarrow$$

Answer ∞

I)
$$C_6 H_5 N_2 Cl + CH_3 CH_2 OH \rightarrow C_6 H_5 OC_2 H_5 + N_2 + HCl$$
 (1)

[2]

[2]

[2]

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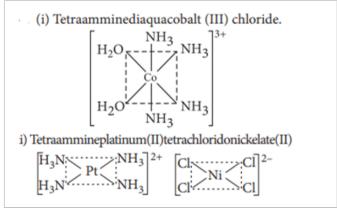
(Product: Ethoxybenzene / Phenetole)

II)
$$C_6H_5N_2Cl+H_3PO_2+H_2O\rightarrow C_6H_6+N_2+H3PO_3+HCl$$
 (1)

(Product: Benzene)

- 20. Write the name and draw the structures of each of the following complex compounds:
 - (i) [Co(NH₃)₄(H₂O)₂]Cl₃
 - (ii) [Pt(NH₃)₄][NiCl₄]

Answer ∞



I (1)

II (1)

21. Explain the following observations:

- (i) The boiling point of ethanol is higher than that of methoxymethane.
- (ii) Phenol is more acidic than ethanol.

Answer ∞

- (i) Due to presence of intermolecular H-bonding, associated molecules are formed, hence ethanol has high boiling point while methoxymethane does not have intermolecular H-bonding.
- (ii) Phenol on losing H+ ion forms phenoxide ion, and ethanol on losing H+ ion forms ethoxide ion. Phenoxide ion is more stable than ethoxide ion as phenoxide ion exists in resonance structure. Due to this phenol is more acidic than ethanol.

Section C 22. [3] An aqueous solution of NaOH was made and its molar mass from the measurement of osmotic pressure at 27° C was found to be 25 g mol⁻¹. Calculate the percentage dissociation of NaOH in this solution. [Atomic mass: Na = 23 u, O = 16 u, H = 1 u] Answer ∞ (0.5)True molar mass of NaOH = 23 + 16 + 1 = 40 g/mol (0.5) $i=\frac{Normal(true)molarmass}{observed\ molarmass}=\frac{40}{25}$ =1.6 **(1)** $i=1+(n-1)\alpha$ Here, =1.6, n=2. $1.6=1+(2-1)\alpha$ $1.6 = 1 + \alpha$ $\alpha = 0.6$ (1) % dissociation= $\alpha \times 100 = 0.6 \times 100 = 60\%$ 23. Calculate Λ°_{m} for acetic acid and its degree of dissociation (α) if its molar conductivity is 48.1 Ω^{-1} cm² mol⁻¹. Given that

[3]

$$\Lambda^{\circ}_{m}$$
 (HCI) = 426 Ω^{-1} cm² mol⁻¹

$$\Lambda^{\circ}_{m}(NaCl) = 126 \Omega^{-1} cm^{2} mol^{-1}$$

$$\Lambda^{\circ}_{m}$$
 (CH₃COONa) = 91 Ω^{-1} cm² mol⁻¹

Answer €

1)
$$\Lambda_{m(\text{HAc})}^{\circ} = \Lambda_{m(\text{HCl})}^{\circ} + \Lambda_{m(\text{NaAc})}^{\circ} - \Lambda_{m(\text{NaCl})}^{\circ}$$
 (0.5)

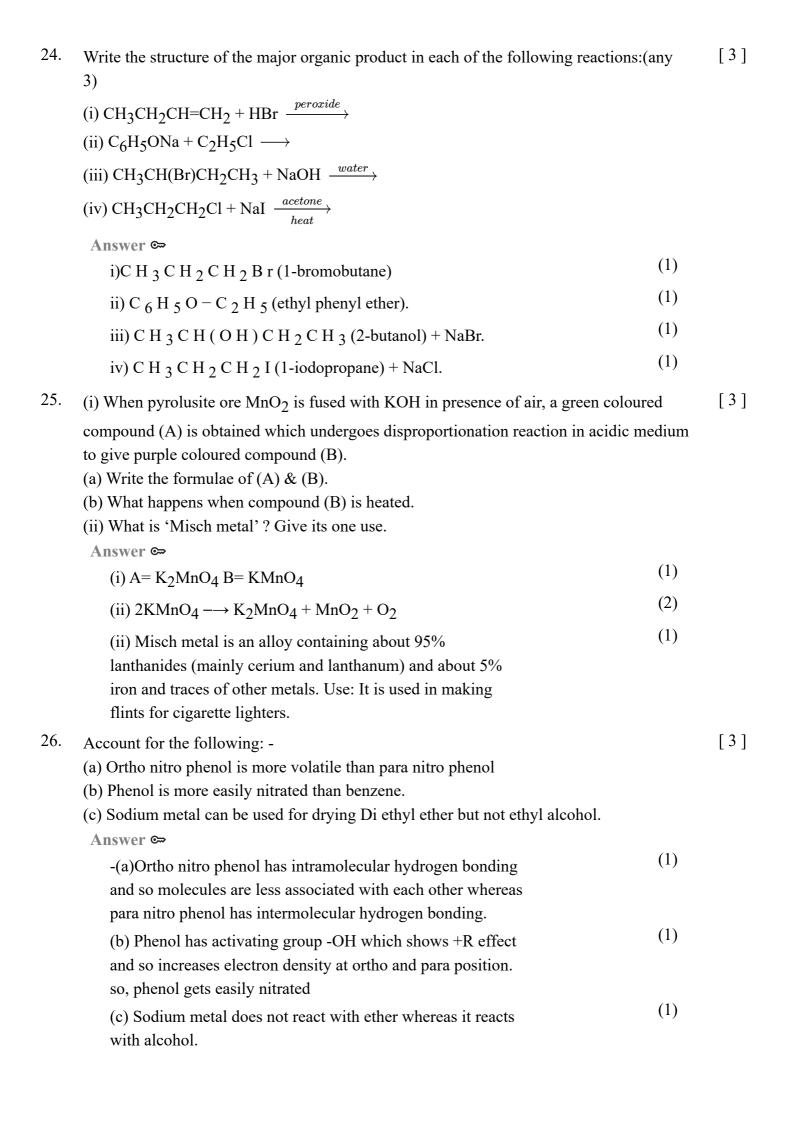
$$2) = (426 + 91 - 126) \tag{0.5}$$

$$3) = 391 \text{Scm}^2 \text{ mol}^1 \tag{0.5}$$

$$4) \alpha = \frac{\Lambda_m}{\Lambda_m^{\circ}}$$

$$5) = \frac{48.1}{391} \tag{0.5}$$

$$6) = 0.123 \tag{0.5}$$



Answer ∞

(i) Protonation of alkene to form carbocation by electrophilic attack of $H_3\mathrm{O}^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$

$$H_2O + H^+ \longrightarrow H_3O^+$$
 $H \longrightarrow H$
 $C = C + H - O - H \longrightarrow -C - C + H_2 O$

(ii) Nucleophilic attack of water on carbocation

(iii) Deprotonation to form an alcohol

i (1)

$$ii$$
 (1)

iii (1)

- 28. Account for the following:
 - (i) Name an oxo anion having oxidation number of metal (3d series) equal to its group number.
 - (ii) In the series Sc (Z = 21) to Zn (Z = 30), the enthalpy of atomisation of zinc is the lowest.
 - (iii) Most of the transition metals and their compounds act as good catalysts.

Answer ∞

$$(i)$$
Sc (1)

(ii)because in the formation of metallic bonds, no electrons from 3d-orbitals are involved in case of zinc, while in all other metals of the 3d series, electrons from the d-orbitals are always involved in the formation of metallic bonds.

(iii)The catalytic activity of transition metal ions is due to following two reasons: Variable oxidation states & Large surface area.

Section D

29. A galvanic cell is constructed using Zn/Zn²⁺ and Cu/Cu²⁺ half-cells at 25°C.

$$Zn(s)+Cu^{2+}(aq)\rightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq)+Cu(s)$$

The standard electrode potentials are:

$$E_{
m Zn^{2+}/Zn}^{\circ} = -0.76 \ {
m V}, \qquad E_{
m Cu^{2+}/Cu}^{\circ} = +0.34 \ {
m V}$$

29.a. What is the value of n (number of electrons transferred) in the Zn–Cu galvanic cell?

[1]

(1)

[3]

[3]

29.b. Write the cell expression for the galvanic cell involving Zn/Zn^{2+} and Cu/Cu^{2+} . [1]

Answer ∞

$$Z_{n(s)}|Z_{n}^{2+}(aq)||C_{u}^{2+}(aq)|C_{u(s)}$$
 (1)

29.c. Calculate the standard Gibbs free energy change (ΔG°) for the Zn–Cu cell. [2]

Given E° cell =1.10 V, n=2, F=96485 C mol⁻¹

Answer ∞

$$\Delta G \circ = -nFE \circ = -2 \times 96485 \times 1.10 \tag{1}$$

=
$$-212,267 \text{ J mol}-1\approx-212 \text{ kJ mol}-1$$
 (1)

29.d. Calculate the cell potential at 25°C using the Nernst equation.

[2]

Also given E° cell=1.10 V and $\log(0.10) = -1$

Answer **☞**

1)
$$E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \left(\frac{[\text{Zn}^{2+}]}{[\text{Cu}^{2+}]} \right)$$
 (0.5)

2)
$$E_{\text{cell}} = 1.10 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \left(\frac{0.10}{1.0} \right) = 1.10 - 0.02955 \log(0.10)$$
 (0.5)

3)
$$E_{\text{cell}} = 1.10 - 0.02955(-1)$$
 (0.5)

4)
$$E_{\text{cell}} = 1.13 \text{ V}$$
 (0.5)

- 30. Valence bond theory considers the bonding between the metal ion and the ligands as purely covalent. On the other hand, crystal field theory considers the metal-ligand bond to be ionic, arising from electrostatic interaction between the metal ion and the ligands. In coordination compounds, the interaction between the ligand and the metal ion causes the five d-orbitals to split up. This is called crystal field splitting, and the energy difference between the two sets of energy levels is called crystal field splitting energy (Δ_0). The actual configuration of complexes depends on the relative values of Δ_0 and P (pairing energy). If $\Delta_0 < P$, then complex will be high spin. If $\Delta_0 > P$, then complex will be low spin.
 - 30.a. What is the nature of the bond between the metal ion and ligands as per valence bond theory?

Answer ∞

30.b. What is meant by crystal field splitting?

[1]

Answer ∞

The splitting of the five degenerate d-orbitals of a metal ion into two sets of orbitals of different energies due to the interaction with ligands is called crystal field splitting.

30.c. How does the magnitude of \triangle_0 decide the actual configuration of d orbitals in a [2] coordination entity? Answer ∞ **(1)** If Δ_0 < Pairing energy (P) \rightarrow electrons prefer to occupy higher energy orbitals → high-spin complex. (1) If $\Delta_0 > \text{Pairing energy (P)} \rightarrow \text{electrons get paired in lower}$ energy orbitals \rightarrow low-spin complex. (OR) [2] 30.d. Distinguish between valence bond theory and crystal field theory with respect to bonding. Answer ∞ (1) the metal-ligand bond as covalent, formed by overlap of ligand orbitals with vacant orbitals of the central metal ion. (1) the metal-ligand bond as ionic, arising from electrostatic interaction between negatively charged ligands and the central metal ion.

(1)

31.I. (i) Identify the compounds A, B and C in the following reaction.

$$CH_{3}CHO \xrightarrow{\text{(i) } CH_{3}MgBr}_{\text{(ii) } H_{2}O} \rightarrow \text{(A)} \xrightarrow{H_{2}SO_{4}, \Delta} \xrightarrow{\text{Hydroboration oxidation}}_{\text{(B)}} \xrightarrow{\text{oxidation}} \text{(C)}$$

- (ii) Draw structures for the derivatives The 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone of benzaldehyde
- (iii) Why pK_a of F-CH₂COOH is lower than that of Cl-CH₂COOH?

Answer ∞

Stronger –I effect of fluorine makes F-CH2COOH to be stronger acid than Cl–CH2COOH and has less Pka.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_{3}\text{CHO} \xrightarrow{\text{(i) CH}_{3}\text{MgBr}} \text{CH}_{3} \xrightarrow{\text{CH}} \text{CH} \xrightarrow{\text{OH}} \xrightarrow{\text{H}_{2}\text{SO}_{4}, \, \Delta} \text{CH}_{3} \xrightarrow{\text{C}} \text{C} \text{ECH}_{2} \\ \text{Ethanal} & \text{CH}_{3} \xrightarrow{\text{Propan-2-ol}} & \text{Propene} \\ \text{(A)} & \text{(i) BH}_{3} \\ \text{CH}_{3} \xrightarrow{\text{C}} \text{CH}_{2} \xrightarrow{\text{CH}_{2}\text{OH}} \xrightarrow{\text{(ii) H}_{2}\text{O}_{2}/\text{OH}^{\circ}} \\ \text{Propan-1-ol} & \text{(Hydroboration Oxidation)} \end{array}$$

A (1)

 $\mathsf{B} \tag{1}$

C (1)

$$\begin{array}{c} NO_2 \\ \hline \\ CH = N - NH \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} A \\ \hline \\ NO_2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
(ii)

- 31.II. (a) Write the reactions involved in the following:
 - (i) Clemenson reduction
 - (ii) Tollen's test
 - (b) Give reason
 - (i) Aldehydes are more reactive than ketones for nucleophilic addition reactions.

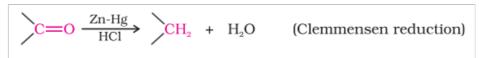
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- (ii) The alpha hydrogen of aldehydes and ketones is acidic in nature.
- (iii)Carboxylic acids do not give reactions of carbonyl group.



i (1)

(i) Tollens' test: On warming an aldehyde with freshly prepared ammoniacal silver nitrate solution (Tollens' reagent), a bright silver mirror is produced due to the formation of silver metal. The aldehydes are oxidised to corresponding carboxylate anion. The reaction occurs in alkaline medium.

$$RCHO + 2[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+ + 3 \overline{O}H \longrightarrow RCOO + 2Ag + 2H_2O + 4NH_3$$

ii (1)

Answer ∞

- (b) Reasons (i) Aldehydes are more reactive than ketones because the carbonyl carbon in aldehydes is less hindered (fewer alkyl groups) and more electrophilic, making it easier for nucleophiles to attack.
- (ii) The alpha hydrogen of aldehydes and ketones is acidic because the carbanion formed after deprotonation is stabilized by resonance with the adjacent carbonyl group.
- (iii) Carboxylic acids do not give reactions of the carbonyl group because the carbonyl carbon is less electrophilic due to resonance with the –OH group, which delocalizes the positive character on carbon.

(1)

(1)

32.I. Explain the following:

- (i) Starch and cellulose both contain glucose units as monomers yet they are structurally different.
- (ii) Pentaacetate of glucose does not react with hydroxyl amine.
- (iii) Write chemical reactions to show that open structure of D-glucose contains the following
- (a) Straight chain
- (b) 5 alcohol groups
- (c) Aldehyde as carbonyl group

Answer ∞

- a) The basic structural difference between starch as cellulose is of linkage between the glucose units. In starch there is D glycosidic linkage. Both the components of starch, amylose and amylopectin are polymers of D glycose. On the other hand, cellulose is a linear polymer of β D-glucose in which C1 of one glucose unit is connected to C4 of the other through β D- glycosidic linkage.
- b) As glucose forms a six membered ring in which CHO group combines with OH group at C5, pentaacetate of glucose does not react with hydroxyl amine due to absence of free CHO group.

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CHO
(CHOH)<sub>4</sub>
CH<sub>2</sub>OH
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a (1) b (1)

c (1)

(1)

(1)

(1)

(1)

- 32.II. I. Identify and give any one point of difference between the carbohydrate present in cane sugar and carbohydrate present in milk.
 - II. Glucose is an aldohexose and a monosaccharide. Which oxidising agent should be used to bring about oxidation of only the aldehydic group present in glucose?
 - III. A doctor advises sunlight exposure and vitamin D-rich diet. What deficiency is being treated?
 - IV. Name the two major molecular shapes formed due to the folding of secondary structure of proteins.
 - V. Ashish's gums bleed frequently. The doctor's prescription mentioned that Ashish is suffering from scurvy. Help him to identify two food sources to help him recover faster.

Answer ∞

- I. Carbohydrate present in cane sugar is sucrose which is a disaccharide composed of glucose and fructose while the carbohydrate present in milk is lactose which is a disaccharide composed of glucose and galactose
- II. Glucose is an aldohexose and a monosaccharide.

 Bromine water is a mild oxidising agent which can be used to bring about oxidation of only the aldehydic group present in glucose.
- III. The deficiency being treated is Vitamin D deficiency, which can lead to rickets (in children) or osteomalacia (in adults).
- IV. The two major molecular shapes formed due to the folding of secondary structure of proteins are alpha helix and beta pleated sheets
- V. Ashish is suffering from scurvy, which occurs due to deficiency of Vitamin C The sources of food are Citrus fruits, amla and green leafy vegetables

33.I. A) Answer the following questions:

[5]

(1)

- (i)The rate of a reaction triples when the temperature changes from 298 K to 318 K. Calculate the energy of activation of the reaction assuming that it does not change with temperature. (Given $R = 8.314 \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$, $\log 3 = 0.4771$)
- (ii) For the reaction $A + B \rightarrow C$, you find that the rate = $k[A]^2$. Calculate order of the reaction and what does this imply about the mechanism of the reaction?

Given:

- Rate triples when $T_1=298\,\mathrm{K}
 ightarrow T_2=318\,\mathrm{K}$
- R = 8.314 J/mol·K
- $\log 3 = 0.4771$

Use the Arrhenius equation in logarithmic form:

$$\ln rac{k_2}{k_1} = rac{E_a}{R} \left(rac{1}{T_1} - rac{1}{T_2}
ight)$$
 $\ln 3 = rac{E_a}{8.314} \left(rac{1}{298} - rac{1}{318}
ight)$
 $1.0986 = rac{E_a}{8.314} \left(rac{318 - 298}{298 \cdot 318}
ight)$
 $1.0986 = rac{E_a}{8.314} \cdot rac{20}{94764}$
 $E_a = rac{1.0986 imes 8.314 imes 94764}{20}$
 $E_a pprox 43200 \, ext{J/mol} pprox 43.2 \, ext{kJ/mol}$

formula (1)

substitute (1)

ans (1)

Answer ∞

Given rate law: (1)

Rate= $k[A]^2$

Order of reaction: 2 (since exponent of [A] is 2)

Implication for mechanism: The reaction likely involves two molecules of A in the rate-determining step, indicating a bimolecular elementary step.

Experime	Initial con-	Initial con- centration	Initial Rate (mol
nt	centration of	of	L-1 min-1)
number	[A] (mol L-1)	[B] (mol L-1)	
1	0:15	0.15	9.6 × 10 ⁻²
2	0.30	0.15	3.84×10^{-1}
3	0.15	0.30	1.92×10^{-1}
4	0.30	0.30	7.68×10^{-1}

Calculate the following:

- (a) The overall order of the reaction
- (b)The rate law equation
- (c)The value of rate constant
- (ii) In a graph ln [reactant] was plotted vs. time, it gave a straight line, predict the order of the reaction also give the expression of its half-life and rate constant.

$$ln[A]_t = -kt + ln[A]_0$$

k=-slope

$$\mathbf{k} \!\!=\! \begin{array}{cc} \frac{1}{t} & \!\!-\!\! \ln \begin{array}{c} \underline{[A]_0} \\ \underline{[A]} \end{array}$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k} \tag{0.5}$$

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Let the rate of equation be:
Rate = K[A]^x[B]^y
In experiment 1
Rate = K[0.15]^x [0.15]^y = 9.6 \times 10^{-2} ...(1)
In experiment 2
Rate = K[0.30]^x [0.15]^y = 3.84 \times 10^{-1} ...(2)
In experiment 3
Rate = K[0.15]^x [0.30]^y = 1.92 \times 10^{-1} ...(3)
In experiment 4
Rate = K[0.30]^x [0.30]^y = 7.68 \times 10^{-1} ...(4)
Dividing eq. (2) by eq. (1)
\frac{3.84 \times 10^{-1}}{9.6 \times 10^{-2}} = \frac{K[0.30]^x[0.15]^y}{K[0.15]^x[0.15]^y}
4= [2]<sup>x</sup>
x = 2
Thus, the order of reaction with respect to [A] is 2.
Dividing eq. (3) by eq. (1),
\frac{1.92\times 10^{-1}}{9.6\times 10^{-2}} = \frac{K[0.15]^x[0.30]^y}{K[0.15]^x[0.15]^y}
2 = [2]^y
y = 1
Thus, the order of reaction with respect to [B] is 1.
    i. The overall order of reaction is 2 + 1 = 3
                                                                                                                                                                                  (1)
   I
    ii. The rate law equation
       Rate = K[A]^2 [B]^1
   iii. Rate constant (K)
       From eq. (1),
       Rate = K[0.15]^2 [0.15]^1
       = 9.6 \times 10^{-2}
       K = \frac{9.6 \times 10^{-2}}{}
              [0.15]^2[0.15]^1
       = 28.44 mol<sup>-2</sup> L<sup>2</sup> min<sup>-1</sup>
Thus, the value of the rate constant is 28.44 \text{ mol}^{-2} L^2 \text{ min}^{-1}.
                                                                                                                                                                                  (1)
   II
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III

(1)