# **Preparatory Problems**

Solutions to the tasks

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## **Solution to the Tasks**

#### Task 1. Dimerization of Acetic Acid

1.1) The reaction can be represented as  $2CH_3COOH \rightleftharpoons (CH_3COOH)_2$ .

If we begin with, say, 100.0 mol CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and 92.0% dimerizes, then 8.0 mol will be present at equilibrium. The 92.0 mol that react give rise to 46.0 mol dimers. The total number of moles present is therefore 54.0. Hence using the data at 298 K, the equilibrium constant,  $K_p$ , is given by

From equation  $\Delta G^o = -RT \ln K_p$ ,

At 298 K, 
$$\Delta G^o = -RT \ln K_p$$
  
= -(8.314 J K<sup>-1</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>)(298 K) ln (194)  
= -13.0 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>

At 318 K, 
$$\Delta G^o = -RT \ln K_p$$
  
= -(8.314 J K<sup>-1</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>)(318 K) ln (37.3)  
= -9.57 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>

Applying the equation  $\Delta G^o = \Delta H^o - T \Delta S^o$ :

The method for the calculation is to write the two equations

$$\Delta G^{o}(298 \text{ K}) = -13.0 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} = \Delta H^{o} - (298) \Delta S^{o}$$
  
 $\Delta G^{o}(318 \text{ K}) = -9.57 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} = \Delta H^{o} - (318) \Delta S^{o}$ 

and solve the equations simultaneously.

Then  $\Delta H^o = -64.1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  and  $\Delta S^o = -170 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ .

- 1.2) Applying the Le Chatelier's principle, an increase of pressure should
  - ✓ favor the dimerization.
  - Onot favor the dimerization.
- 1.3) The extent of dimerization
  - ✓ decreases with increasing the temperature.
  - increases with increasing the temperature.

#### Task 2. Solubility of Calcite

According to  $\Delta G^{o}_{sol} = -RT \ln K_{sp} = \Delta H^{o}_{sol} - T\Delta S^{o}_{sol}$ ,

we have  $\ln K_{sp} = -\Delta H^{o}_{sol}/(RT) + \Delta S^{o}_{sol}/R$ .

Assuming that  $\Delta H^{o}_{sol}$  and  $\Delta S^{o}_{sol}$  are temperature-independent,

$$\ln (K_{sp1}/K_{sp2}) = -\Delta H^{o}_{sol}/R (1/T_1-1/T_2)$$

$$\ln (9.50/2.30) = -\Delta H^{o}_{sol}/R (1/273 - 1/323)$$

Solving this equation to get  $\Delta H^{o}_{sol} = -21 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

#### Task 3. Expansion of Ideal Gas and Thermodynamics of Liquid Mixing

3.1) 
$$\Delta U = 0$$
,  $q = -w$ 

$$w = -(1.00 \text{ atm})(2.42 - 0.200 \text{ dm}^3)(101.325 \text{ J dm}^{-3} \text{ atm}^{-1})$$

$$= -225 J$$

$$q = 225 \,\mathrm{J}$$

$$\Delta S_{surr} = -225 \text{ J}/295.4 \text{ K} = -0.762 \text{ J K}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta S_{sys} = [(0.100 \text{ mol})(8.3145 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}) (295.4 \text{ K}) \ln(2.42 \text{ dm}^3/0.200 \text{ dm}^3)]/(295.4 \text{ K}) = 2.07 \text{ J K}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta S_{univ} = 2.07 + (-0.762) = 1.31 \text{ J K}^{-1}$$

3.2) 
$$\Delta H^{mix} = \Delta V^{mix} = 0$$

The other functions are given by these equations:

$$\Delta G^{mix} = RT \sum_{i} x_{i} \ln x_{i}$$
 and  $\Delta S^{mix} = -R \sum_{i} x_{i} \ln x_{i}$ .

The mole fraction of **A** is 3.00/(3.00+5.00) = 0.375.

The mole fraction of **B** is 1.000-0.375 = 0.625.

$$\Delta G^{mix} = (8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1})(298.0 \text{ K})\{0.375\ln(0.375) + 0.625\ln(0.625)\} = -1639 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta S^{mix} = -(8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1})\{0.375 \ln(0.375) + 0.625 \ln(0.625)\} = 5.50 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

#### Task 4. Vibrational Frequency of a Diatomic Molecule

4.1) To find the reduced mass of CX,  $\mu_{CX}$ :

$$E_{0} = \left(0 + \frac{1}{2}\right)hv = \frac{1}{2}hv$$

$$E_{1} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)hv = \frac{3}{2}hv$$

$$\Delta E = E_{1} - E_{2} = \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)hv = hv$$

$$\Delta E = hc\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = h\frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu}} \quad ; \quad v = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu}}$$

$$c\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu}}$$

$$k = 4\pi^{2}c^{2}\mu\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)^{2}$$

$$\mu = \frac{k}{4\pi^{2}c^{2}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)^{2}}$$

$$\mu = \frac{1.903 \times 10^{3}}{4(3.14)^{2}(2.9979 \times 10^{10}cm \cdot s^{-1})^{2}(2170.0 cm^{-1})^{2}}$$

$$\mu = 1.140 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg} = 6.866 \text{ amu}$$

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4.2) To find mass of the atom X,  $m_x$ :

$$\mu_{CX} = \frac{m_C m_X}{m_C + m_X}$$

$$\mu_{CX} (m_C + m_X) = m_C m_X$$

$$\mu_{CX} m_C + \mu_{CX} m_X = m_C m_X$$

$$m_C m_X - \mu_{CX} m_X = \mu_{CX} m_C$$

$$m_X = \frac{\mu_{CX} m_C}{m_C - \mu_{CX}}$$

$$m_X = \frac{6.866 \times 12.011}{12.011 - 6.866} = \frac{82.47}{5.145} = 16.03$$

Thus, atom X should be oxygen.

#### Task 5. Water-gas-shift Reaction

5.1) The mole fraction of H<sub>2</sub> in the reactor, 
$$X_{H_2} = \frac{n_{H_2}}{n_{H_2} + n_{CO_2} + n_{H_2O} + n_{CO}} = \frac{0.475}{1.0} = 0.475$$
.

Thus, 
$$P_{H_2} = X_{H_2} P_{total} = (0.475)(1.00 \text{ atm}) = 0.475 \text{ atm}.$$

And likewise,  $P_{CO_2} = 0.475$  atm and  $P_{H,O} = P_{CO} = 0.025$  atm

$$K = \frac{P_{H_2} P_{CO_2}}{P_{H_2O} P_{CO}} = \frac{(0.475)(0.475)}{(0.025)(0.025)} = 3.6 \times 10^2$$

Therefore,  $\Delta G^o = -RT \ln K = -(8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1})(273 \text{ K}) \ln(3.6 \times 10^2) = -13.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

5.2) The kinetics data given reflects the forward rate of the WGS reaction. The only rate law that is consistent with the given data is  $r_f = k_f P_{CO} P_{H,O}$ , and  $k_f = 4.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ atm}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

Thus,  $X = (4.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ atm}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1})(0.28 \text{ atm})(0.72 \text{ atm}) = 8.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ atm s}^{-1}$ .

5.3) 
$$k_b = k_f/K = (4.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ atm}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1})/(3.6 \times 10^2) = 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ atm}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}.$$

So during the normal course of the reaction,

$$r = r_f - r_b = k_f P_{CO} P_{H_2O} - k_b P_{CO_2} P_{H_2} = (4.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ atm}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1})(0.14 \text{ atm})(0.14 \text{ atm}) - (1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ atm}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1})$$
  
(0.36 atm)(0.36 atm) =  $8.44 \times 10^{-5}$  atm s<sup>-1</sup>.

5.4) 
$$\Delta G = \Delta G^o + RT \ln Q = (-13.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}) + (8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1})(273 \text{ K}) \ln \left( \frac{(0.36)(0.36)}{(0.14)(0.14)} \right) = -9.1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

5.5) The reaction  $CO_2H(ads) \rightarrow CO_2(ads) + H(ads)$  is first-order, whose rate can be expressed as rate =  $k[CO_2H] = k \theta S_0 = k' \theta$ , where  $S_0$  denotes the maximum number of adsorbed intermediates for this surface.

Thus,  $\theta$ = rate/k' =  $(1.0 \times 10^{11} \text{ molecules s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2})/(2.0 \times 10^{12} \text{ molecules s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}) = 0.050$ .

#### Task 6. Camphor in Benzene

$$X_{\text{ben}} = n_{\text{ben}}/(n_{\text{ben}} + n_{\text{cam}})$$

$$n_{ben} = (100 \text{ cm}^3)(0.877 \text{ g cm}^{-3})(1 \text{ mol}/78.1 \text{ g}) = 1.12 \text{ mol}$$

$$n_{cam} = (24.6 \text{ g})(1 \text{ mol}/152.2 \text{ g}) = 0.162 \text{ mol}$$

$$X_{\text{ben}} = (1.12 \text{ mol})/(1.12 \text{ mol} + 0.162 \text{ mol}) = 0.874$$

$$P_{\text{ben}} = (X_{\text{ben}})(P_{\text{ben}}^{\text{o}}) = (0.874)(100 \text{ torr}) = 87.4 \text{ torr}$$

$$mass_{ben} = (100 \text{ cm}^3)(0.877 \text{ g cm}^{-3})(1 \text{ kg}/1000 \text{ g}) = 0.0877 \text{ kg}$$

molality of camphor in solution =  $0.162 \text{ mol camphor}/0.0877 \text{ kg benzene} = 1.85 \text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ 

$$\Delta T = K_f \text{ m} = (5.12 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C kg mol}^{-1})(1.85 \text{ mol kg}^{-1}) = 9.46 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Since pure benzene freezes at 5.50 °C, the solution will freeze at -3.96 °C.

#### Task 7. Gas and Liquid

7.1) According to the graph, the volume becomes zero at T = -100 °C. This means that the absolute temperature should be calculated as  $T(K) = {}^{\circ}C + 100$  (not  $T(K) = {}^{\circ}C + 273.15$ ).

If 
$$V_1 = 15 \text{ cm}^3$$
,  $T_1 = -50 \,^{\circ}\text{C} + 100 = 50 \text{ K}$ , and  $T_2 = 100 \,^{\circ}\text{C} + 100 = 200 \text{ K}$ , then we have  $(15 \,^{\circ}\text{cm}^3/50 \,^{\circ}\text{K}) = (V_2/200 \,^{\circ}\text{K})$ .

Therefore, 
$$V_2 = (15 \text{ cm}^3)(200 \text{ K})/(50 \text{ K}) = 60 \text{ cm}^3$$
.

7.2) From Dalton's law, the total vapor pressure is the sum of the individual vapor pressures:

$$P_{total} = P_B + P_C \tag{1}$$

Using the Raoult's law, the total pressure may be obtained by substituting each P term with  $P_i^{\circ} \times X_i$ , where  $P_i^{\circ}$  is vapor pressure above pure liquid i and  $X_i$  is mole fraction of liquid i:

$$P_{total} = (P_B^O \times X_B) + (P_C^O \times X_C)$$
 (2)

We know from the question that there are 7 mol of liquid. We obtain the respective mole fractions X: the mole fraction of  $\mathbf{B}$  is 3/7 and the mole fraction of  $\mathbf{C}$  is 4/7.

Substituting values of  $X_i$  and  $P_i^{\circ}$  into equation (2) yields the total pressure  $P_{total}$  as follows

$$P_{total}$$
 = (100.1 kPa × 3/7) + (60.4 kPa × 4/7)  
= (42.9 kPa) + (34.5 kPa)  
So  $P_{total}$  = 77.4 kPa

7.3) From the definition of mole fraction X, we say

$$X_{vaporB} = \frac{\text{moles of B in the vapor}}{\text{total number of moles in the vapor phase}}$$

The number of moles  $n_i$  are directly proportional to the partial pressure  $P_i$  if we assume that each vapor behaves as an ideal gas (we assume here that T and V are constant). Accordingly, we say

$$X_{vaporB} = \frac{\text{pressure of B}}{\text{total pressure}}$$

Substituting numbers from question 7.2:

$$X_{vaporB} = \frac{42.9 \text{ kPa}}{77.4 \text{ kPa}} = 0.554$$

The mole fraction of **B** in the vapor is 0.554, so it contains 55.4% **B**. The remainder of the vapor must be **C**, so the vapor also contains (100-55.4)% = 44.6% of **C**.

Note that the liquid phase comprises 43% **B** and 57% **C**, but the vapor contains proportionately more of the volatile **B**. We should expect the vapor to be richer in the more volatile component.

#### Task 8. Decomposition of Nitrous Oxide

8.1) Because the reaction is second order, therefore

$$\frac{1}{[N_2O]_t} - \frac{1}{0.108 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}} = (1.10 \times 10^{-3} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}) (1250 \text{ s})$$

$$[N_2O]_t = 0.0940 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

8.2) Using Arrhenius equation,

$$\ln \frac{k_2}{1.10 \times 10^{-3} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}} = -\frac{234 \times 10^3 \text{ J mol}^{-1}}{8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}} \left[ \frac{1}{873 \text{ K}} - \frac{1}{838 \text{ K}} \right]$$

$$k_2 = 4.23 \times 10^{-3} \,\mathrm{dm^3 \,mol^{-1} \,s^{-1}}$$

#### Task 9. Avogadro's Number

9.1) Let  $v = \alpha^3$ , the volume of the unit cell

The number of unit cell in volume V of the silicon sphere = (V/v)

If n is the number of silicon atoms in the unit cell, the number of silicon atoms in silicon

sphere = 
$$n(V/v)$$

The number of moles of Si in the sphere = (W/A)

The number of silicon atoms in sphere = moles  $x N_A$ .

i.e. 
$$(W/A).N_A = n(V/v)$$

$$N_A = n(V/v).(A/W)$$

9.2) For a face-centered unit cell, the number of atoms at the 8 corners of cell = 8; the number at the 6 faces = 6. Each corner has (1/8) of atom in unit cell and each face has (1/2) of atom. Thus total number of Si atoms in unit cell = 8x(1/8) + 6x(1/2) + 4 = 1 + 3 + 4 = 8.

$$n = 8$$

9.3) The volume v of the unit cell must be in unit of cm<sup>3</sup>.

$$1 \text{ pm} = 10^{-12} \text{ m} = 10^{-10} \text{ cm}$$

$$N_A = 6.022 \ 141 \ x \ 10^{23}$$

## Task 10. Buffer from Biological Acid: Lysine

**Acid Dissociation Constants** 

10.1)

$$H_3\dot{N}$$

No, the correct form is shown:

10.2)

Lysine

10.3) Given that  $H_3L^{2+}$ : the most acidic form

Monosodium lysine

 $H_2L^+$ : the first intermediate form

*HL*: the second intermediate form

L: the most basic form

$$C_{H_2L^{2+}} = [H_3L^{2+}] + [H_2L^+] + [HL] + [L^-] = 0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

total mol of  $H_3L^{2+} = (0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3})(0.1 \text{ dm}^3) = 0.01 \text{ mol}$ 

total mol of  $H_3L^{2+} = (\text{mol } H_3L^{2+}) + (\text{mol } H_2L^+) + (\text{mol } HL) + (\text{mol } L^-) = 0.01 \text{ mol}$ 

At pH = 9.5,  $[H^+] = 10^{-9.5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ 

At pH = 9.5, the equilibrium moles of all forms can be calculated as follow;

$$\text{mol } H_3L^{2+} = \text{total } \text{mol}_{H_3L^{2+}}(\frac{[\mathit{H}^+]^3}{[\mathit{H}^+]^3 + \mathit{K}_1[\mathit{H}^+]^2 + \mathit{K}_1\mathit{K}_2[\mathit{H}^+] + \mathit{K}_1\mathit{K}_2\mathit{K}_3}) = 1.14 \times 10^{-8} \ \textit{mol } (\textit{negligible})$$

$$mol\ H_2L^+ = total\ mol_{H_3L^{2+}}(\frac{\mathit{K}_1[\mathit{H}^+]^2}{[\mathit{H}^+]^3 + \mathit{K}_1[\mathit{H}^+]^2 + \mathit{K}_1\mathit{K}_2[\mathit{H}^+] + \mathit{K}_1\mathit{K}_2\mathit{K}_3}) = 2.497\ x\ 10^{-3}\ mol$$

$$mol\ HL = total\ mol_{H_3L^{2+}}(\frac{K_1K_2[H^+]}{[H^+]^3 + K_1[H^+]^2 + K_1K_2[H^+] + K_1K_2K_3}) = 6.88\ x\ 10^{-3}\ mol$$

$$\text{mol } L^{\text{-}} = \text{total mol}_{H_3L^2} + \big( \frac{K_1K_2K_3}{[H^+]^3 + K_1[H^+]^2 + K_1K_2[H^+] + K_1K_2K_3} \big) = 6.27 \text{ x } 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$$

Titration reaction to convert  $H_3L^{2+}$  to the desired forms;

$$H_3L^{2+} + OH^- \rightarrow H_2O + H_2L^+$$

$$H_2L^+ + OH^- \rightarrow H_2O + HL$$

$$HL + OH^{-} \rightarrow H_2O + L^{-}$$

mol of KOH required = 
$$(2.497 \times 10^{-3}) + 2(6.88 \times 10^{-3}) + 3(6.27 \times 10^{-4})$$
  
=  $1.814 \times 10^{-2}$  mol

cm<sup>3</sup> of KOH required = 
$$(\frac{1000 \text{ cm}^3}{0.5 \text{ mol}})(1.813 \text{ x } 10^{-2} \text{ mol}) = 36.28 \text{ cm}^3$$

10.4) In this case, K<sub>a1</sub> is carboxylic acid K<sub>a</sub>, K<sub>a2</sub> is ammonium K<sub>a</sub>, and K<sub>a3</sub> is substituent K<sub>a</sub>.

HL is the second intermediate form

$$[H^{+}] = \sqrt{\frac{K_{a2}K_{a3}[HL] + K_{a2}K_{w}}{K_{a2} + [HL]}}$$

Since  $K_{a2}$  and  $K_{a3}$  are small;

[HL] = 
$$\frac{(5.00 \ g)(\frac{1 \ mol}{146.19 \ g})}{0.100 \ dm^3}$$
 = 0.342 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>

$$[H^+] = \sqrt{\frac{[10^{-9.06}10^{-10.54}(0.342)] + [10^{-9.06}10^{-14})}{10^{-9.06} + 0.342}} = 1.59 \text{ x} 10^{-10} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

$$pH = 9.80$$

The alternative calculation is  $pH = (pK_{a2} + pK_{a3})/2 = (9.06 + 10.54)/2 = 9.80$ .

10.5) 
$$HL \rightleftharpoons L^- + H^+$$
  $K_{a\beta} = 10^{-10.54}$ 

$$HL + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2L^+ + OH^ K_{b2} = \frac{K_W}{K_{a2}} = \frac{10^{-14}}{10^{-9.06}} = 1.15 \times 10^{-5}$$

From question 10.4;  $[H^+] = 1.59 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ 

$$[OH^{-}] = \frac{K_W}{[H^{+}]} = \frac{10^{-14}}{1.59 \times 10^{-10}} = 6.29 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

At equilibrium;

[HL] = 
$$C_{HL}(\frac{K_1K_2[H^+]}{[H^+]^3 + K_1[H^+]^2 + K_1K_2[H^+] + K_1K_2K_3})$$

Where; C<sub>HL</sub>=0.342 M

$$[HL] = 0.250 M$$

$$K_{a3} = \frac{[L^-][H^+]}{[HL]}$$

⇒ [L<sup>-</sup>] = 
$$\frac{K_{a3}[HL]}{[H^+]}$$
 =  $\frac{10^{-10.54}(0.250)}{1.59x10^{-10}}$  = 0.0453 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>

$$K_{b2} = \frac{[H_2L^+][OH^-]}{[HL]}$$

→ 
$$[H_2L^+] = \frac{K_{b2}[HL]}{[OH^-]} = \frac{1.15 \times 10^{-5}(0.25)}{6.29 \times 10^{-5}} = 0.0457 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

$$H_2L^+ + H_2O \Longrightarrow H_3L^{2+} + OH^-$$

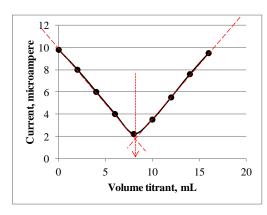
$$H_2L^+ + H_2O \Longrightarrow H_3L^{2+} + OH^- \qquad K_{b3} = \frac{K_W}{K_{a1}} = \frac{10^{-14}}{10^{-2.16}} = 1.45 \times 10^{-12}$$

$$K_{b3} = \frac{[H_3 L^{2+}][OH^-]}{[H_2 L^+]}$$

$$\Rightarrow [H_3L^{2+}] = \frac{K_{b3}[H_2L^+]}{[0H^-]} = \frac{1.45 \times 10^{-12}(0.0457)}{6.29 \times 10^{-5}} = 1.05 \times 10^{-9} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

## Task 11. Amperometric Titration: Titration of Pb<sup>2+</sup> with Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup>

11.1) By extrapolating the two straight lines, the titration end-point is located.



11.2) 
$$Pb^{2+}(aq) + Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) \rightleftharpoons PbCr_2O_7(s)$$

11.3) mol Pb = mol dichromate

$$0.0020 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ x } 8.0 \text{ cm}^3 = 20.0 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ x } C_{\text{lead}}$$

Therefore, [lead] = 
$$0.0020 \times 8.0 / 20.0 = 8.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

#### Task 12. Conductometric Titration

- 12.1) The conductivity value before turning point comes from the mobility of H<sup>+</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup> from HCl. After NaOH was added to the titration vessel, the H<sup>+</sup> reacted with OH<sup>-</sup> and the solution conductivity due to H<sup>+</sup> decreases. After the turning point, NaOH becomes excess in solution. The conductivity value increases with amount of added NaOH. The ion mobility of H<sup>+</sup> is higher than that of OH<sup>-</sup>, hence the slope of titration curve before and after turning point is different.
- 12.2) From titration curve, the turning point is the end point, and is at 108 seconds.

Flow rate of NaOH = 3 drops / sec.

Therefore, the volume of NaOH is  $108 \times 3 = 324 \text{ drops} = 324 \times 0.029 \text{ cm}^3 = 9.39 \text{ cm}^3$ The concentration of HCl =  $9.39 \times 0.100/25 = 0.037 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .

#### Task 13. Titration of Cu and Zn in Metal Alloy

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 13.1) & Cu_{(s)} + 4HNO_{3(aq)} & \stackrel{\textstyle \longleftarrow}{\longleftarrow} Cu^{2+} + 2NO_{3^{\text{-}}(aq)} + 2NO_{2(g)} + 2H_2O_{(l)} \\ & Zn + 2HCl & \stackrel{\textstyle \longleftarrow}{\longleftarrow} Zn^{2+} + H_{2(g)} & + 2Cl^{\text{-}} \end{array}$$

13.2) Total metal by EDTA titration = mol EDTA used =  $33.4 \times 0.1/1000 = 3.34 \times 10^{-3}$  mol Mol Cu by redox titration

$$2Cu^{2+} + 4I^{-} \rightleftharpoons CuI(s) + I_2$$

$$I_2 + 2S_2O_3^{2-} \rightleftharpoons 2I^- + S_4O_6^{2-}$$

mol Cu = mol thiosulfate used =  $29.35 \times 0.1/1000 = 2.935 \times 10^{-3}$  mol

grams  $Cu = 2.935 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol } \times 63.5 = 0.1864 \text{ grams in } 25.00 \text{ mL aliquot}$ 

Therefore, a 250 cm<sup>3</sup> sample solution will contain =  $0.1864 \times 250/25 = 1.864 \text{ gram}$ 

Thus % w/w Cu = 1.864/2.300 x 100 = 81.0 %

 $mol\ Zn = total\ metal - Cu = 3.34x10^{-3} - 2.935x10^{-3} =\ 4.05x10^{-4}\ mol$ 

grams  $Zn = 4.05 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol } \times 65.4 = 2.649 \times 10^{-2} \text{ grams in } 25.00 \text{ aliquot}$ 

Therefore, 250 cm<sup>3</sup> sample solution will contain =  $2.649 \times 10^{-2} \times 250/25 = 0.2649$  gram

Thus % w/w Zn = 0.2649/2.300 x 100 = 11.5 %

#### Task 14. Spectrophotometric Determination of Iron

14.1)

a) At 
$$C_L = 2.20 \text{ x } 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$
, [ML<sub>3</sub>] =  $6.25 \text{ x } 10^{-5}$   
 $A = \text{EbC}$ , therefore  $E = A/bC = 0.750/6.25 \text{ x } 10^{-5} = 12,000 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ 

b) 
$$M + 3L \rightleftharpoons ML_3$$

$$K_f = [ML_3] / [M] [L]^3$$
 (1) 
$$at C_L = 9.25 \times 10^{-5} M, [ML_3] = 0.360 / 12000$$
 
$$[ML_3] = 3.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$
 (2)

therefore, 
$$[M] = (3.25 \times 10^{-5}) - (3.0 \times 10^{-5})$$
$$[M] = 0.25 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \qquad (3)$$
$$[L] = (9.25 \times 10^{-5}) - 3 \times (3.0 \times 10^{-5})$$
$$[L] = 0.25 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \qquad (4)$$

Hence 
$$K_f = (3.0x\ 10^{\text{-5}})\,/\,(0.25\ x\ 10^{\text{-5}})\,(0.25\ x\ 10^{\text{-5}})^3$$
 
$$K_f = 7.68\ x\ 10^{17}\ dm^3\ mol^{\text{-3}}$$

14.2) mole of C : mole of H : mole of N = 
$$80/12 : 4.44/1 : 15.56/14$$
  
=  $6.67 : 4.44 : 1.11$   
=  $6 : 4 : 1$ 

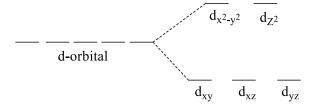
therefore, the empirical formula of L is C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N

The empirical molar mass =  $(6 \times 12) + (4 \times 1) + (1 \times 14) = 90$ 

molar mass/empirical molar mass = 180/2

Therefore, the molecular formula of L is  $C_{12}H_8N_2$ .

## 14.3) d-orbital splitting diagram for ML<sub>3</sub>



Octahedral field

## Possible isomers of $Fe^{2+}$ complexes

## ML:

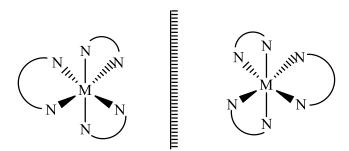
$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 & OH_2 \\
 & N_{III} & OH_2 \\
 & N & OH_2
\end{array}$$

$$OH_2 OH_2$$

#### $ML_2$ :

$$\begin{array}{c|c} OH_2 \\ N_{III} & N_{III} \\ N & N_{III} & N_{III} \\ OH_2 & OH_2 \end{array}$$

## $ML_3$ :



 $\Delta_o$  of ML < ML<sub>2</sub> < ML<sub>3</sub>  $\because$  H<sub>2</sub>O is a weaker field ligand as compared with bipyridine.

14.4)

$$A = EbC$$
, therefore  $C = A/Eb = 0.550/12000 = 4.58 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ 

The concentration of dialyzable iron is

$$4.58 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \times 50.00/5.00 = 4.58 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

$$4.58 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \times 55.845 \text{ g mol}^{-1} \times 1000 \text{ mg g}^{-1} = 25.58 \text{ mg dm}^{-3}$$

14.5)

From 14.4), the concentration of dialyzable iron is 25.58 mg dm<sup>-3</sup> which is also equal to the concentration of iron inside the dialysis bag.

The total volume is  $12.50 \text{ cm}^3$  (inside the dialysis bag) +  $20.00 \text{ cm}^3$  (outside the bag) =  $32.50 \text{ cm}^3$ .

Therefore, the total amount of digestible iron is

$$(25.58 \text{ mg dm}^{-3} \text{ x } 32.50 \text{ cm}^3) / (1000 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ dm}^{-3}) = 0.8314 \text{ mg}$$

For the supplement of 0.4215 g, the iron content is 0.8314 mg

For the supplement of 1.0000 g, the iron content is  $0.8314 \text{ mg} \times 1.0000 \text{ g} / 0.4215 \text{ g}$ 

$$= 1.972 \text{ mg}$$

### Task 15. Basic Electrochemistry

15.1)

Anode: 
$$Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O \Longrightarrow MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^-$$

Cathode: 
$$: 5Ce^{4+} + 5e^{-} \longrightarrow 5Ce^{3+}$$

Net: 
$$Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O + 5Ce^{4+} \longrightarrow MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5Ce^{3+}$$

$$E^{o}_{cell} = E^{o}_{cathode} - E^{o}_{anode}$$

$$E^{o}_{cell} = 1.70 - 1.507 = 0.193V$$

$$E^{o}_{cell} = \frac{0.05916}{n} log K$$

$$0.193 = \frac{0.05916}{5} log K$$

$$K = 2.05 \times 10^{16}$$

15.2)

$$5 \ mg \ Ce^{4+} \left(\frac{1 \ g}{1000 \ mg}\right) \left(\frac{1 \ mol \ Ce^{4+}}{140.12 \ g \ Ce^{4+}}\right) \left(\frac{5 \ mol \ e^{-}}{5 \ mol \ Ce^{4+}}\right) \left(\frac{96,485 \ C}{1 \ mol \ e^{-}}\right) = 3.44 \ C$$

*15.3*)

$$E_{cell} = E^{o}_{cell} - \frac{0.05916}{n} logQ$$

Where Q is a reaction quotient.

$$E_{cell} = E^{o}_{cell} - \frac{0.05916}{n} log[\frac{[MnO_{4}^{-}][H^{+}]^{8}[Ce^{3+}]^{5}}{[Mn^{2+}][Ce^{4+}]^{5}}]$$

$$E_{cell} = 0.193 - \frac{0.05916}{5} log \left[ \frac{[0.001][.001]^8[0.01]^5}{[0.002][0.01]^5} \right]$$

$$E_{cell} = 0.481V$$

#### Task 16. Calculation of Concentration

16.1) mol Cu in CuCl<sub>2</sub> 1.345 g = 1.345 g/  $(63.55 + 2(35.45) \text{ g mol}^{-1}) = 0.0100 \text{ mol Cu}$  mol Cu in 50.00 cm<sup>3</sup> of CuSO<sub>4</sub> 31.9 g dm<sup>-3</sup>

 $= (50 \text{ cm}^3 / 1000 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ dm}^{-3}) \text{ x } (31.9 \text{ g dm}^{-3} / 159.62 \text{ g mol}^{-1}) = 0.00999 \text{ mol Cu}$  Therefore, the total mol Cu is 0.0100 + 0.00999 = 0.01999 = 0.02 mol 500 cm<sup>3</sup> contains 0.02 mol Cu, therefore the concentration is 0.04 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>.

16.2) The concentration of Cu in 100.0 cm<sup>3</sup>

$$= (25.00 \text{ cm}^3 / 100.0 \text{ cm}^3) \times 0.04 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} = 0.01 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ or } 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

pH = 8.0, implying that  $[OH^{-}] = 10^{-6} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ 

$$[Cu^{2+}][OH^{\text{-}}]^2 = (10^{\text{-}2}) \; (10^{\text{-}6})^2 = 10^{\text{-}14} \; \text{which is greater than the } K_{SP(Cu(OH)_2)}, \, i.e., \, 4.8 \; x \; 10^{\text{-}20}$$

Therefore, the precipitate of Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub> is formed.

#### Task 17. Small Molecule Activation by Frustrated Lewis Pairs

17.1)

$$C_6F_5Br = \frac{1. \text{ n-BuLi}}{2. \text{ 1/3 BCI}_3} = \frac{1/3 \text{ B}(C_6F_5)_3}{1/3 \text{ B}(C_6F_5)_3}$$

17.2)

$$PH(t-Bu)_2 + B(C_6F_5)_3 \longrightarrow (t-Bu)_2HP \longrightarrow BF(C_6F_5)_2$$

17.3)

$$(t-\operatorname{Bu})_2\operatorname{HP} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{F}} \operatorname{BF}(\operatorname{C}_6\operatorname{F}_5)_2 \xrightarrow{\operatorname{Me}_2\operatorname{SiFCI}} \operatorname{\operatorname{Me}_2\operatorname{SiFCI}} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{F}} \operatorname{\operatorname{F}} \operatorname{\operatorname{BH}}(\operatorname{C}_6\operatorname{F}_5)_2$$

17.4)

$$B(C_6F_5)_3 + P(t-Bu)_3 \xrightarrow{H_2} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \bigoplus \\ HP(t-Bu)_3 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \bigoplus \\ HB(C_6F_5)_3 \end{array} \right]$$

17.5)

$$B(C_{6}F_{5})_{3} + P(t-Bu)_{3} \xrightarrow{HD} \begin{bmatrix} \bigoplus \\ DP(t-Bu)_{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bigoplus \\ HB(C_{6}F_{5})_{3} \end{bmatrix} \\ + \begin{bmatrix} \bigoplus \\ HP(t-Bu)_{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bigoplus \\ DB(C_{6}F_{5})_{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

17.6)

$$B(C_6F_5)_3 + P(t-Bu)_3 = (C_6F_5)_3B P(t-Bu)_3$$

17.7)

$$(C_6F_5)_3B$$
 $P(t-Bu)_3$ 
 $NO$ 
 $(C_6F_5)_3B$ 
 $N$ 
 $P(t-Bu)_3$ 

17.8)

$$B(C_6F_5)_3 + P(t-Bu)_3 \xrightarrow{CO_2} (C_6F_5)_3 B \xrightarrow{\bigcirc} C_{\bullet} P(t-Bu)_3$$

#### Task 18. Silver Iodide

18.1) 0

The reduction of Ag<sup>+</sup> to Ag<sup>0</sup> causes the change of color.

18.2) AgF > AgCl > AgBr > AgI

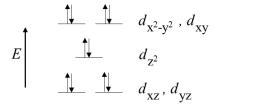
The stronger interaction between  $Ag^+$  and  $I^-$  as well as the low hydration energy of  $I^-$  result in the poor solubility of AgI. The smaller size of other halide ions led to poorer interaction with  $Ag^+$ ; hence, higher solubility.

$$18.3$$
)  $-0.028$  V

For (a), 
$$\Delta G^{\circ}_{a} = -nFE^{\circ}$$
  
For (a),  $\Delta G^{\circ}_{a} = -(-1)(96,500)(0.80) = -77,200 \text{ J (mol Ag)}^{-1}$   
 $\Delta G^{\circ} = -RT \ln K$   
For (c),  $\Delta G^{\circ}_{c} = -(8.314)(298)(\ln 10^{14}) = -79,867 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$   
The reduction half reaction of  $[AgI_{3}]^{2-}$ :  
(d)  $[AgI_{3}]^{2-}(aq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow Ag(s) + 3I^{-}(aq)$   
Eqn (d) = (a) – (c)

Therefore, 
$$\Delta G^{o}_{d} = \Delta G^{o}_{a} - \Delta G^{o}_{c} = -77,200 - (-79,867) = 2,667 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$$
  
 $E^{o} = -\Delta G^{o}_{d}/(nF) = -(2,667)/(96,500) = -0.028 \text{ V}$ 

18.4) For trigonal planar,



The ligands lie in the xy plane, then the  $d_{\rm x^2-y^2}$  and  $d_{\rm xy}$  orbitals that have their electron density concentrated in this plane will have the highest energy. The  $d_{\rm xz}$  and  $d_{\rm yz}$  orbitals have their electron density out of this xy plane, so their energies are the lowest. The  $d_{\rm z^2}$  orbital has its electron density mostly out of the xy plane, but there is a ring of electron density in the xy plane, so the  $d_{\rm z^2}$  orbital will have energy higher than the  $d_{\rm xz}$  and  $d_{\rm yz}$  orbitals but still lower than the  $d_{\rm x^2-y^2}$  and  $d_{\rm xy}$  orbitals. In addition, the number of d-electrons for silver in [AgI<sub>3</sub>]  $^{2-}$  is 10. Therefore, all d-orbitals should be filled.

#### Task 19. Perovskite Structure

19.1) Number of  $Ca^{2+}$  ions: 8 corners x 1/8 ion  $Ca^{2+}$ /corner = 1

Number of  $O^{2-}$  ions: 6 cube faces x 1/2  $O^{2-}$  ion/cube face = 3

Number of  $Ti^{4+}$  ions: one  $Ti^{4+}$  ion in the cube center = 1

Therefore, the empirical formula is CaTiO<sub>3</sub>.

- 19.2) (1) octahedral hole (4 per unit cell), (2) tetrahedral hole (8 per unit cell)
- 19.3) Octahedral hole

#### Task 20. Quantum Numbers and Atomic Orbitals

- 20.1) (i) l = n is not allowed. For a certain value of n, l can be any value from 0 to n-1 (i.e., less than n).
- (ii)  $m_l = -2$  is not possible for l = 1, because the magnitude of the  $m_l$  must not be greater than *l*. (For a certain value of l,  $m_l = l$ ,  $l-1, \ldots, -l$ .)
  - (iii) l = -1 is not possible. l cannot have a negative value.
- 20.2) (i) 6*d* 
  - (ii) 4*f*
  - (iii) 6*p*
- 20.3) (i) five
  - (ii) seven
  - (iii) one

#### Task 21. Radioactivity of Iodine and Nuclear Equations

21.1)

(i) After 2 half-lives, the remaining concentration of I-131 will be as follows:

[I-131] 
$$0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \longrightarrow 0.05 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \longrightarrow 0.025 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

(ii) After 40 days which is equal to 5 half-lives, the remaining concentration of I-131 will be as follows:

[I-131]

$$0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \longrightarrow 0.05 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \longrightarrow 0.025 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \longrightarrow 0.0125 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \longrightarrow$$

- 21.2) (i)  ${}^{14}_{6}\text{C}$  (ii)  ${}^{0}_{+1}e$  or  $\beta^{+}$  (iii)  ${}^{55}_{25}\text{Mn}$  (iv)  ${}^{238}_{92}\text{U}$

- $(v)_{0}^{1}n$   $(vi)_{47}^{110}Ag$   $(vii)_{39}^{96}Y$
- (viii)  ${}_{2}^{4}$ He or  $\alpha$

### Task 22. Structure and Chemistry of Sodium Chloride

- 22.1) (i) 6 and 6
  - (ii) 4
  - (iii) 2.21 g cm<sup>-3</sup>

Density = m/V

$$V = a^3 = (560 \text{ pm})^3 = 1.76 \text{ x } 10^{-22} \text{ cm}^3$$

$$mass = (4 \text{ x } 58.5 \text{ g})/(6.022 \text{ x } 10^{23}) = 3.89 \text{ x } 10^{-22} \text{ g}$$

Density =  $3.89 \times 10^{-22} \text{ g} / 1.76 \times 10^{-22} \text{ cm}^3 = 2.21 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ 

- 22.2) (i) n = 3, l = 0
  - (ii) Na is larger than Cl, but Cl<sup>-</sup> is larger than Na<sup>+</sup>.
  - (iii) : .......:
  - (iv) -787 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>

 $\Delta H_{\text{overall}} = -411 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} = \Delta H_{\text{sublimation}} \text{ for Na} + IE_1 \text{ for Na} + \frac{1}{2} \text{(Cl-Cl dissociation)} +$ 

Electron affinity of Cl + lattice energy

 $-411 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} = 107 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} (224) \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} + 496 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} - 349 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} + \text{lattice energy}$ 

lattice energy =  $-787 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ 

- 22.3) (i)  $Br_2(l) + Cl^-(aq) \rightarrow \text{no reaction}$ 
  - (ii)  $Cl^{-}(aq) + Ag^{+}(aq) \rightarrow AgCl(s)$
  - (iii) Yellow

## Task 23. Natural Chelator from Shrimp Shell

23.1) The preferred binding sites are indicated in the circles as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{HO} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \end{array}$$

23.2)

 $Pb^{2+}$  is a soft metal ion so it prefers to form bond with sulfur. This helps PMCS adsorb  $Pb^{2+}$  better.

23.3) *meso*-tetra(*p*-carboxyphenyl)porphyrin can form ester bond with chitosan as shown in the proposed structure below:

## Or amide bonds are formed as below:

23.4) One of the structures in question 23.3 was chosen to bond with  $Fe^{2+}$  as the proposed structure below.

The two vacant axial sites are bonding with water molecules.

Assuming that the crystal fields are equivalent along the x, y, and z axes, the splitting diagram of  $Fe^{2+}$  d orbitals is shown below:

$$\frac{d_{x^2-y^2}}{d_{xy}} \frac{\overline{d_{z^2}}}{\overline{d_{xz}}}$$

Octahedral field

## Task 24. Compound Identification and Related Chemistry

#### 24.1) $\mathbf{MCl}_3$ and $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{Al}$

Theoretically, the maximum amount of the product is obtained when the mole fraction of M and  $Cl_2$  are in the correct stoichiometric ratio. Based on the experiments,  $M:Cl_2 = 0.4:0.6$  or 2/3 is the stoichiometric ratio needed to form  $M_xCl_y$ . Thus, the equation is as follows:

$$2 \mathbf{M} + 3 \mathbf{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 2 \mathbf{MCl}_3$$
.

 $\therefore$  the chemical formula of  $\mathbf{M}_{x}\mathbf{Cl}_{y} = \mathbf{MCl}_{3}$ 

Since 0.4 mole of M generates 0.4 mole of MCl<sub>3</sub>, the molar mass of MCl<sub>3</sub> and atomic mass of M can be derived:

Molar mass of  $MCl_3 = 53.3 \text{ g}/0.40 \text{ mol} = 133 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ 

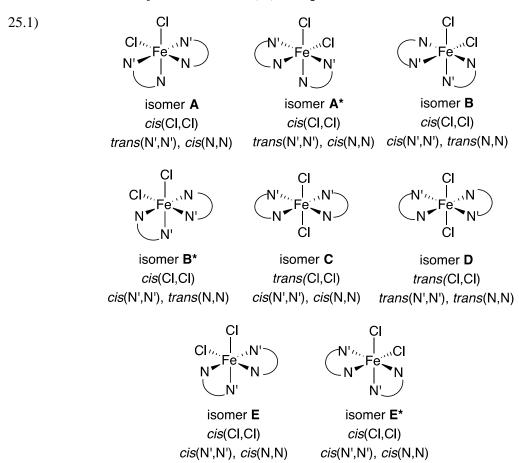
Atomic mass of  $\mathbf{M} = 133 - (3 \times \text{atomic mass Cl}) = 133.3 - (3 \times 35.45) = 26.9 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ 

$$\therefore \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{1}$$

24.2) (i) 
$$AlCl_3 + 3 H_2O \rightarrow Al(OH)_3 + 3 HCl$$

(ii) 
$$2 \text{ AlCl}_3 + 3 \text{ H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 + 6 \text{ HCl}$$

Task 25. Isomerism of Octahedral Fe(II) Complexes



#### 25.2) isomers **A**, **A**\*, **B**, **B**\*, **E**, and **E**\*

## Task 26. Stoichiometry and Structure Determination

## 26.1) $C_9H_{10}O_3$

Solution: % by weight C: H: O = 65.0: 6.10: 28.9

% by mol C : H : O =  $\frac{65.0}{12.0}$  :  $\frac{6.10}{1.01}$  :  $\frac{28.9}{16.0}$ 

= 5.42 : 6.04 : 1.81

 $\therefore$  empirical formula C : H : O = 9 : 10 : 3

## 26.2)

$$H_3CO$$
 $CH_3$ 

## 26.3)

$$X =$$

$$H_3C$$

$$OH HO$$

$$OCH_3 H_3CO$$

$$OCH_3 H_3CO$$

$$Z = H_3C$$
 $CH_3$ 
 $CU$ 
 $OCH_3$ 
 $H_3CO$ 

## Task 27. Atropine

## 27.1)

NCH<sub>3</sub>
NCH<sub>3</sub>
NCH<sub>3</sub>
H
OH

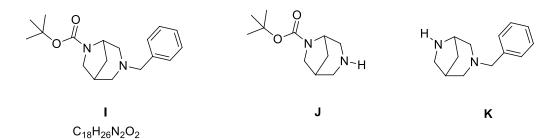
A
B
tropinone (
$$C_8H_{13}NO$$
)
tropine ( $C_8H_{15}NO$ )

## 27.2)

C D E F G tropic acid 
$$(C_9H_{10}O_3)$$

## 27.3)

## 27.4)



## Task 28. Synthesis of Building Blocks for Fluorescent Markers

Compounds **A-I** are shown below:

CHO

CHO

CI

CI

M-CPBA

CH<sub>2</sub>CI<sub>2</sub>

reflux

CH<sub>2</sub>CI

reflux

CI

NNANO<sub>2</sub>

AN HCI, 
$$0 \degree C$$

CI

CI

T) NaNO<sub>2</sub>

AN HCI,  $0 \degree C$ 

CI

COOH

aq. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

reflux

Reflux

G

H

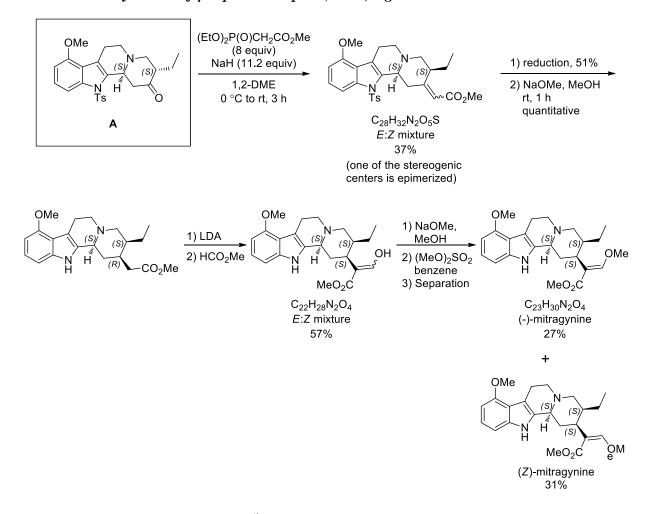
I

## Task 29. Synthesis towards Anatoxin-a

#### Task 30. Total Synthesis of Illudin C

The structures of **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**:

Task 31. Total Synthesis of  $\mu$ -Opioid Receptor (MOR) Agonists

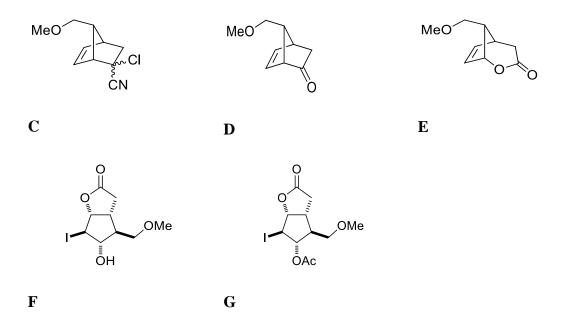


## Task 32. Pericyclic Reaction

## 32.1)

## 32.2)

## (i) Structures of compounds C-G



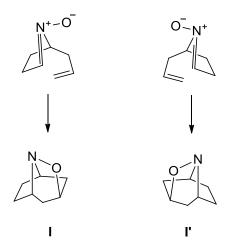
Either position on compound **1** is correct.

#### (iii) Two.

Reaction between 1 and 2 will give a pair of enantiomers which are inseparable.

(Note: the two enantiomers can be resolved but this process is not mentioned in the context.) The subsequent processes, although generated a few new chiral centers, employed achiral reagent and the newly formed stereocenters were controlled by the existing stereochemistry. Therefore, stereochemical information was carried over from compound C to compound 3.

(ii) Racemic mixture of  $\mathbf{H}$  will give product  $\mathbf{I}$  which has a plane of symmetry. Therefore, reduction of  $\mathbf{I}$  (only a stereoisomer) will give only 1 possible product  $\mathbf{J}$ .

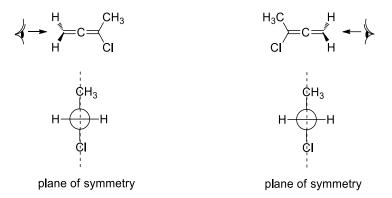


**Note:** Compound I has a plane of symmetry, thus its mirror image (compound I') is identical (meso-compound).

#### Task 33. Stereoisomers without Stereocenter

Hint: Student is encouraged to use chemistry model to figure out the plane of symmetry and the  $C_2$ -symmetry in each molecule.

#### 33.1) (i) From the possible enantiomeric pair,



The molecule has a plane of symmetry, therefore, the structure is achiral.

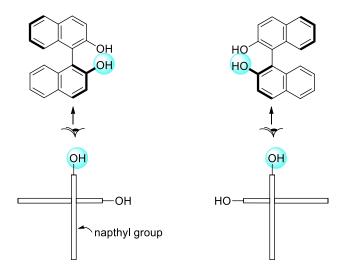
#### (ii) From the possible enantiomeric pair,

There is no plane of symmetry in these two molecules. Therefore, these two mirror image structures are non-superimposable. The structure is chiral.

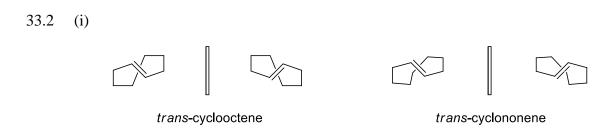
#### (iii) From the structure of cumulene,

This molecule is flat. As a result, there is a plane of symmetry in this molecule. Consequently, its mirror image is achiral.

(iv) From the possible enantiomeric pair,



There is no plane of symmetry in these two molecules. Therefore, these two mirror image structures are non-superimposable. The structure is chiral.



Enantiomers of *trans*-cyclooctene and *trans*-cyclononene are shown above. The two different structures are mirror images of each other and they are non-superimposable.

(ii) The enantiomers of both cycloalkanes are configurational isomers. The enantiomers can be interconverted *via* the ring flipping, similar to that of the chair cyclohexane. The *trans* double bond adds a considerable degree of rigidity to the ring. Since the *trans*-cyclononene has more carbon atoms so it is more flexible and can undergo the configuration inter-conversion more readily.