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H2 Chemistry 9729

2019 JC2 Prelim Exam Paper 1 Worked Solutions

1 Answer: C

^{68}Ge has 32 protons and 36 neutrons.

When 'a proton changes into a neutron', ^{68}X contains 31 protons and **37 neutrons**.

X is gallium (Ga) which is in Group 13, i.e. has 3 valence electrons, only 1 of which is in the outer p orbitals.

Ga: $[\text{Ar}] 3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^1$

2 Answer: C

X: The biggest jump in IE is between 4th to 5th electron hence, X has 4 valence electrons and belongs to Group 14.

Y: The biggest jump in IE is between 6th to 7th electron hence, X has 6 valence electrons and belongs to Group 16.

Possible covalent compounds formed are CO_2 , CS_2 and SiO_2 .

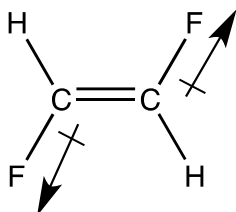
3 Answer: C

Notice that N^1 and N^3 only have two covalent bonds with carbon atoms. To fulfil octet, they need to gain one electron each from the central Mg atom to form N^- . Hence, N^1 and N^3 are involved in ionic bonding.

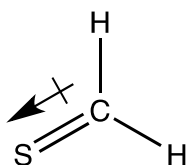
N^2 and N^4 have three covalent bonds with carbon atoms. They have one lone pair each, which interacts with the central Mg^{2+} ion via co-ordinate bonding.

4 Answer: D

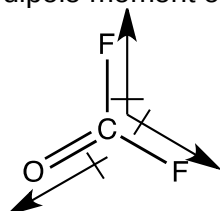
Dipole moments cancel out.



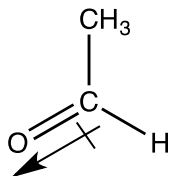
B: Dipole moment is smaller than that in D since S is less electronegative than O.



C: Dipole moment is smaller than that in D as the net dipole moment of C-F bonds reduces the dipole moment of C=O bond



D:



5 Answer: C

$$pV = nRT$$

$$pV = \frac{m}{M}RT$$

$$pM = \frac{m}{V}RT$$

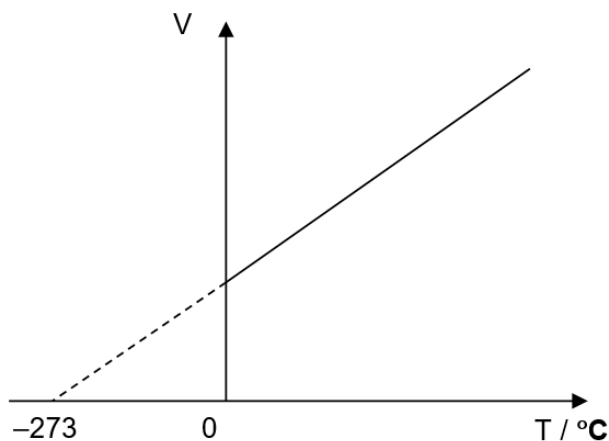
$$pM = \rho RT$$

p is directly proportional to ρ . The graph should be a straight line that passes through the origin. Hence, A is wrong

$$pV = nRT$$

p is directly proportional to T / K . The graph should be a straight line that passes through the origin. Hence, B is wrong.

V is also directly proportional to T / K .



Hence, C is correct

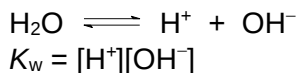
$$pV = nRT$$

$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{V}{nRT}$; $\frac{1}{p} \propto V$ at constant T . The graph should be a straight line that passes through the origin. Hence, D is wrong.

6 Answer: B

The solution is one which is able to maintain the pH at about 5, hence it is an acidic buffer. Only the mixture in option B can form an acidic buffer.

7 Answer: C



Since the stoichiometric coefficients of H^+ and OH^- ions are equal in the above equation, $[\text{H}^+] = [\text{OH}^-]$ at all temperatures. Hence, water is a neutral liquid at all temperatures. Option B is wrong.

When temperature of water increases, K_w also increases. This shows that the position of equilibrium has shifted to the right, i.e. the forward reaction is favoured, and more H^+ and OH^- ions are produced. Since the endothermic reaction is favoured when temperature increases, the dissociation of water (forward reaction) is an endothermic reaction. Option D is wrong.

The value of K_w does not provide any information about hydrogen bonding between water molecules. Option A is wrong.

8 Answer: C

A: Volatility of halogens (X_2) decreases: $\text{F}_2 > \text{Cl}_2 > \text{Br}_2 > \text{I}_2$

X_2 has simple molecular structure with weak id-id forces of attraction between molecules. Down the group, the number of electrons increases hence the electron cloud is bigger and more easily polarised resulting in stronger id-id forces of attraction. Thus, the boiling point increases down the group and the halogens become less volatile.

B: Bond energy of X-X bond decreases down group 17

molecule	bond energy of X-X (kJ mol^{-1})
F_2	+ 158
Cl_2	+ 244
Br_2	+ 193
I_2	+ 151

C: Down group 17, $E^\ominus_{(\text{X}_2/\text{X}^-)}$ becomes less positive.

☐ $\Rightarrow$ increasing tendency for X^- to be oxidised to X_2

D: Thermal stability of hydrogen halides decreases down group 17 as the bond energy of H-X bond decreases down the group.

molecules	bond energy of H-X (kJ mol^{-1})
H-F	562
H-Cl	431
H-Br	366
H-I	299

9 Answer: A

There are 3 chlorine atoms in 1 molecule of trichloroisocyanuric acid.

$$\text{No. of moles of trichloroisocyanuric acid in the pool} = \frac{2.50 \times 10^6 \times 1.50 \times 10^{-3}}{232.5} = 16.1$$

$$\text{No. of moles of chlorine atoms} = 3 \times 16.1 = 48.38$$

$$\text{No. of chlorine atoms} = 48.38 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = \underline{\underline{2.91 \times 10^{25}}}$$

10 Answer: **B**

$$\text{No. of moles of H}_2\text{S} = \frac{720}{24000} = 0.03 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{No. of moles of HNO}_3 = \frac{40}{1000} \times 0.500 = 0.02 \text{ mol}$$

Mole ratio of $\text{H}_2\text{S} : \text{HNO}_3 = 3 : 2$

From the given half-equation,

1 mole of H_2S loses 2 moles of electrons $\rightarrow$ 3 moles of H_2S will lose 6 moles of electrons

2 moles of HNO_3 gain 6 moles of electrons $\rightarrow$ **1 mole of HNO_3 will gain 3 moles of electrons**

original oxidation state of N in HNO_3 :

$$(+1) + x + 3(-2) = 0$$

$$x = +5$$

Since the nitrogen atom in HNO_3 gains 3 electrons,

$$+5 - 3 = +2$$

new oxidation state of N = **+2** (N in NO has an oxidation state of +2)

11 Answer: **D**

$$Q' \text{ (heat taken in by water)} = 300 \times 4.2 \times T \text{ J}$$

$$Q \text{ (heat evolved by the reaction)} = \frac{m}{46.0} \times 1371 \times 1000 \text{ J}$$

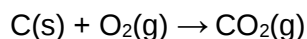
$$\% \text{ efficiency} = \frac{300 \times 4.2 \times T}{\frac{m}{46.0} \times 1371 \times 1000} \times 100\% = \frac{300 \times 4.2 \times T \times 46.0}{m \times 1371 \times 1000} \times 100\%$$

12 Answer: **A**

To calculate enthalpy change of formation of $\text{MgCO}_3(\text{s})$, use the following:

$$\Delta H_{\text{rxn}} = \Sigma \Delta H_f(\text{products}) - \Sigma \Delta H_f(\text{reactants})$$

The enthalpy of combustion of $\text{C}(\text{s})$ is the same as the enthalpy change of formation of $\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$.
Hence, option A is correct.



13 Answer: **A**

When a liquid boils, energy is needed to overcome the forces of attraction between liquid particles, hence ΔH is positive (i.e. endothermic).

When a liquid boils, the state changes from liquid to gaseous state, which is more disordered, hence ΔS is positive.

14 Answer: B

rate = $k[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCl}]$ (first order reaction)

When $[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCl}]$ is **doubled**, the **rate is doubled**.

Given that 20% of $0.02 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} (\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCl}$ has reacted in 5 min, $0.004 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ has reacted. Hence, for $0.04 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} (\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCl}$, $0.008 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ would have reacted as rate has doubled.
 $\% \text{ reacted} = (0.008/0.04) \times 100\% = \underline{\underline{20\%}}$

15 Answer: B

expt no.	initial $[\text{O}_2]$ / mol dm^{-3}	initial $[\text{NO}]$ / mol dm^{-3}	initial rate / $\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{ min}^{-1}$
1	2.0	1.0	8.0
2	1.0	1.0	s
3	1.0	t	16.0
4	0.5	0.5	u

Given: rate = $k[\text{O}_2][\text{NO}]^2$

Comparing expt 1 & 2, in which initial $[\text{NO}]$ is constant,
 When $[\text{O}_2]$ is halved, rate will be halved $\Rightarrow s = 8.0/2 = \underline{\underline{4.0}}$

Comparing expt 2 & 3, in which initial $[\text{O}_2]$ is constant,
 Since rate increases 4 times (from 4.0 to 16.0) and order of reaction w.r.t. NO is 2, $[\text{NO}]$ must have doubled (from 1.0 to 2.0) $\Rightarrow t = \underline{\underline{2.0}}$

Alternatively,

$$\left(\frac{1.0}{1.0}\right)\left(\frac{t}{1.0}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{16.0}{4.0}\right)$$

$$t = 2.0$$

Comparing expt 3 & 4,

$$\left(\frac{0.5}{1.0}\right)\left(\frac{0.5}{2.0}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{u}{16.0}\right)$$

$$u = 0.5$$

16 Answer: D

1: The rate equation can be derived as follows:

Based on the slow step (rds): rate = $k [\text{OH}^+] [\text{I}^-]^2 [\text{H}^+]$ ——— (1)

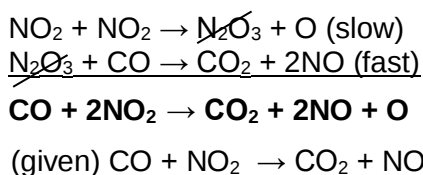
For the first step (fast step), $K_c = \frac{[\text{OH}^+]}{[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2][\text{H}^+]}$

$$[\text{OH}^+] = K_c [\text{H}_2\text{O}_2] [\text{H}^+] \text{ ——— (2)}$$

Substituting (2) into (1): rate = $k K_c [\text{H}_2\text{O}_2] [\text{H}^+] [\text{I}^-]^2 [\text{H}^+]$
rate = $k_1 [\text{H}_2\text{O}_2] [\text{H}^+]^2 [\text{I}^-]^2$

which is not consistent with the experimentally obtained rate equation.

2: The overall chemical equation obtained by summing up the 2 equations in the slow and fast steps is different from that given in the option.



3: Based on the slow step (rds), the rate equation should be: **rate = $k_3 [\text{H}_2]$** which is not consistent with the experimentally obtained rate equation.

17 Answer: **C**

$\Delta G^\ominus < 0$ at points 1, 2 and 3.

When K_c is more than 1, it implies that the position of equilibrium lies more towards the right. This means that the forward reaction is spontaneous. Therefore, consider points where $\Delta G^\ominus < 0$.

18 Answer: **C**

At t_1 : When NO_2 was removed, the position of equilibrium shifts right to produce more NO_2 , causing the amount and hence pressure of NO_2Cl to decrease.

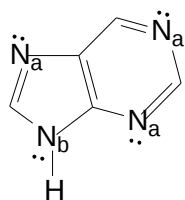
At t_2 : when the temperature was increased, the position of equilibrium shifts left to favour the endothermic reaction by absorbing more heat. This causes the pressure of NO_2Cl to increase.

At t_3 : when more NO_2Cl was added, it led to a sharp increase in pressure. The position of equilibrium then shifts right to counter act the change, leading to a decrease in the pressure of NO_2Cl .

19 Answer: **D**

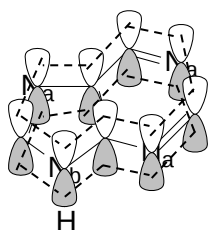
- Gas produced suggests H_2 gas. $\text{H}_2 + \text{Fe}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Fe} + 2\text{H}^+$ is not spontaneous as $E^\ominus_{\text{cell}} = -0.44 \text{ V} < 0$
- $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+} + 2\text{OH}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$
This is an acid-base reaction since the OH^- accepts the H^+ from the water ligand to form H_2O .
- $\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})$ ion has a low charge density and hence can only hydrolyse in water to a small extent. It can only undergo a simple precipitation reaction with Na_2CO_3 to form $\text{FeCO}_3(\text{s})$.

20 Answer: A

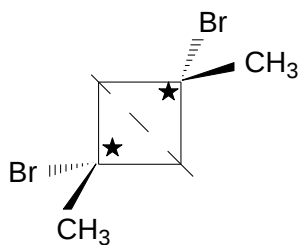


All the carbon atoms and nitrogen atoms labelled as N_a are sp^2 hybridised (3 electron regions).

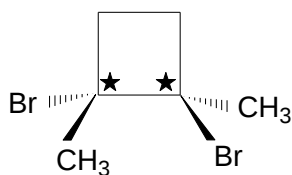
Although there are 4 electron regions around the nitrogen atom labelled as N_b , N_b is also sp^2 hybridised. This is because given that N_b is non-basic, its lone pair of electrons resides in the unhybridised p orbital and can be delocalised due to the overlapping of the p orbitals. Hence, the lone pair of electrons on N_b is not available to accept a H^+ .



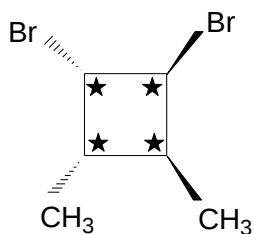
21 Answer: C



Option 1: has a plane of symmetry



Option 2: has no plane of symmetry, thus is optically active



Option 3: has no plane of symmetry, thus is optically active

22 Answer: D

The correct reagents should be:

Option 1: NaOH in ethanol

Option 2: NaCN in ethanol

Option 3: no reaction due to partial double bond character in the C–Cl bond

23 Answer: C

$-\text{NO}_2$ and $-\text{COCH}_3$ groups are 3-directing, which explains why option A is wrong.
Option B is wrong as C–F bond is too strong for nucleophilic substitution to take place.
Option D is wrong as free-radical substitution (FRS) at a sp^2 hybridised C does not occur readily / FRS cannot be easily controlled (i.e. a mixture of products is obtained)

24 Answer: A

NaBH_4 can reduced ketone to 2° alcohol but it not able to reduce carboxylic acid, alkenes or nitrobenzene

25 Answer: D

Since there is no reaction with Fehling's solution, **Z** is not an aliphatic aldehyde. Hence, option **B** is wrong.

1 mole of **Z** reacts with 2 moles of Na metal, hence there are two groups that can react (carboxylic acid, phenol or alcohol)

When $\text{PCl}_5(\text{s})$ is added to **Z**, it reacts with carboxylic acid in option **D** to form acyl chloride, which further reacts with the phenol group to form a sweet smelling ester.

26 Answer: B

Q hydrolyses readily in water to produce a strongly acidic solution of $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ and **HCl**. Hence, the resulting solution formed has the lowest pH.

P, **R** and **S** are weak acids which ionise partially in water.

The presence of electronegative atoms (**Cl** and **Br**) on **R** and **S** exerts an electron-withdrawing effect on $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^-$ and $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^-$ respectively, which disperses the negative charge and stabilises the anion.

Since **Cl** is more electronegative than **Br**, it exerts a stronger electron-withdrawing effect on $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^-$ and hence stabilises the anion more. $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ is more acidic than $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$. Hence, the resulting solution from **R** has a lower pH than **S**.

$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ contains an electron-donating alkyl group, which intensifies the negative charge of the anion. Thus, dissociation of $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ to give H^+ ions is least favourable. The resulting solution from **P** has the highest pH.

27 Answer: D

1: The empirical formula is $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{15}\text{ON}$. When the compound in option 1 is hydrolysed, it gives $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, which has the empirical formula $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}$.

2: The empirical formula is $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{ON}$. When the compound in option 2 is hydrolysed, it gives $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, which has the empirical formula $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}$.

3: The empirical formula is $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{15}\text{ON}$. When the compound in option 3 is hydrolysed, it gives $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCO}_2\text{H}$, which has the empirical formula $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}$.

28 Answer: C

1. The α -amino group should have a pK_a value of 9.0 because it is closer to the $-\text{COOH}$ group which is electron-withdrawing in nature.
2. Equal amounts of $\text{H}_3\text{N}^+\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{H})(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{NH}_3^+$ and $\text{H}_3\text{N}^+\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2^-)(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{NH}_3^+$ are present at point **A**.
3. At point **C**, $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}(\text{CO}_2^-)(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{NH}_3^+$ is present, which is a zwitterion with no net charge.
4. At point **B**, $\text{H}_3\text{N}^+\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2^-)(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{NH}_3^+$ is present which has a net positive charge, hence will migrate to cathode(-).

29 Answer: A

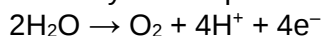
1. When calculating the oxidation state (O.S), consider the bonds around the atom of concern.
C bonded to O in quinone has 3 bonds: $\text{C}=\text{O}$ and two $\text{C}-\text{C}$. Since O.S of O in $\text{C}=\text{O}$ is -2 , C is $+2$.
Similarly, C bonded to O in quinol has 3 bonds: $\text{C}-\text{O}$ and two $\text{C}-\text{C}$. O.S of O in $\text{C}-\text{O}$ is -1 , hence O.S of C is $+1$.
2. $E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = +1.52 - (+0.70) = +0.82 \text{ V} > 0$
3. $E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = +0.70 - (+0.17) = +0.53 \text{ V} > 0$ (reaction is spontaneous)

30 Answer: A

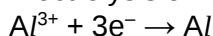
$Q = \text{current} \times \text{time} = n_e F$

current $\propto n_e$ since time and F are a constant

Electrolysis of aqueous sulfuric acid at the anode:



Electrolysis of molten aluminium oxide at the cathode:



$$\frac{n_{\text{O}_2}}{n_{\text{Al}}} = \frac{0.01}{0.01}$$

$$\frac{n_{\text{electrons transferred for O}_2}}{n_{\text{electrons transferred for Al}}} = \frac{4}{3} = \frac{\text{current used in electrolysis 1}}{\text{current used in electrolysis 2}}$$

$$\frac{4}{3} = \frac{I}{\text{current used in electrolysis 2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{current used in electrolysis 2} = \frac{3}{4} I.$$