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QUESTIONS BOOKLET

TEST OF GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ON CHEMISTRY FOR APPLICANTS TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY – 2nd TERM/2016

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Read carefully the entire test.
- Each chosen question must be answered in the appropriate sheet of the answer booklet.
- Both question and answer booklets are required to be returned upon completion of the test.
- Any electronic device must be turned off during the test.

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE

- Choose only two (02) questions in each area to answer. At the end, you will have answered eight (08) QUESTIONS.
- WARNING: If you answer THREE (03) questions of the same area, it will be evaluated only the TWO (02) formers.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

- Choose one (01) question in each area and other two (02) questions from any area to answer. At the end, you will have answered six (06) QUESTIONS.

AREA OF KNOWLEGDE: ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY AREA 1

QUESTION 1A

An analyst prepared a 3.000 % (w/v) aqueous acetic acid (H₃CCOOH) solution and

titrated 50.00 mL of this solution using sodium hydroxide $0.1000 \text{ mol } L^{\text{-}1}$ standard

solution as titrant. During the process, the pH of the medium was monitored through a

pH meter with glass membrane electrode.

a) What was the pH value of the medium indicated in pH meter when the titration

reached the equivalence point?

b) What should be the pH of the turning point (titration end point) of an theoretical

indicator to provide a maximum error of +1.5% for the titration?

Important information: pKa $(H_3CCOOH) = 4.75$

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QUESTION 1B

Consider a solution containing 0.05 mol L^{-1} of Ag^{+} and 0.05 mol L^{-1} of Pb^{2+} , which was titrated with a potassium oxalate standard solution ($K_2C_2O_4$).

- **a)** Which cation will precipitate first? Explain presenting calculations to prove your answer, if necessary.
- **b)** Is it possible to precipitate these species selectively? Present all calculations that prove your answer.

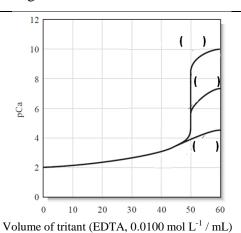
<u>Important</u>: To achieve an efficient separation it is necessary that the remaining concentration of the first cation precipitated does not exceed 0.1% of its analytical concentration when the precipitation of the second cation initiate.

Important information: $K_{sp} Ag_2(C_2O_4) = 3.5 \times 10^{-11}$ $K_{sp} Pb(C_2O_4) = 8.5 \times 10^{-9}$

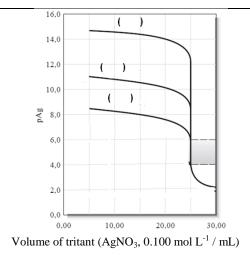
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QUESTION 1C

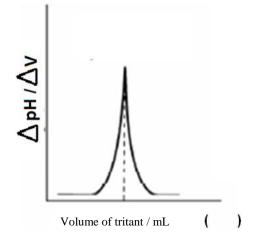
Figures below present titration curves using different methodologies. Complete the parenthesis "(.....)" in the graphics, using the options (letter) located at the right-side of each figure.



- (A) pH of titrated solution = 8.0
- (B) pOH of titrated solution = 8.0
- (C) pH of titrated solution = 10.0
- (D) pKa of acetic acid = 1.8×10^{-5}



- (E) AgCl ($K_{sp} = 1.8 \times 10^{-10}$)
- (F) AgBr ($K_{sp} = 5.2 \times 10^{-13}$)
- (G) AgI ($K_{sp} = 8.3 \times 10^{-17}$)



- (H) EDTA
- (I) HCl
- (J) NaOH
- (K) AgNO₃

AREA OF KNOWLEGDE: ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY AREA 1

List of Equations:

$K' = \frac{K}{\alpha_M \alpha_L}$	$\alpha_0 = \frac{1}{(1 + \beta_1[L] + \beta_2[L]^2 + + \beta_n[L]^n)}$
$\alpha_1 = \beta_1 \alpha_0[L]$	$\alpha_n = \beta_n \alpha_0 [L]^n$
$\alpha_{\scriptscriptstyle M} = [M]/c_{\scriptscriptstyle T}$	$\beta_n = \frac{[ML_n]}{[M][L]^n} = K_1 K_2 K_n$
$[H^+]^2 + K_a[H^+] - K_aC_a = 0$	$[H^+] = \sqrt{K_a C_a}$
$[H^+] = K_a \left(\frac{C_a}{C_b}\right)$	$pH = pK_a - \log\left(\frac{C_a}{C_b}\right)$
$K_w = K_a K_b = [H_3 O^+] O H^- = 1.0x 10^{-14}$	$S = \frac{K_{ps}}{[M]} \left(1 + \frac{[H^+]}{K_{a2}} + \frac{[H^+]^2}{K_{a1}K_{a2}} \right)$
$\log K = \frac{n(E_{cathode}^{0} - E_{anode}^{0})}{0.0592}$	$E = E^0 - \frac{0.0592}{n} \log \frac{[\text{Re } d]}{[Ox]}$

AREA OF KNOWLEGDE: INORGANIC CHEMISTRY AREA 2

QUESTION 2A

Do what you are asked in each item below.

- **a**) A mineral group has the general formula AB_2O_4 , wherein the species A and B represent metal ions. Considering that the mineral is the hausmannite (Mn_3O_4) , containing Mn^{2+} and Mn^{3+} ions, indicate the kind of coordination (tetrahedral or octahedral) for each cation. Justify your answer by presenting the energy diagrams and arguments of Crystal-Field Theory (CFT).
- **b**) Consider the coordenation compounds bellow:
- I. hexaamminecobalt(II) chloride
- II. hexaamminecobalt(III) chloride
- III. tetraaminecobalt(II) chloride

Arrange these complexes in ascending order of the ligand-field splitting parameter. Justify your answer.

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QUESTION 2B

Crystal-Field Theory (CFT) is a model which can be used to explain thermodynamic, structural, spectroscopic and magnetic properties. The figure below contains the variation of values of the lattice energies for the third-period metal dichlorides. Consider CFT arguments and explain why:

- a) VCl₂ is the compound with the greatest deviation of the line.
- **b**) CaCl₂, MnCl₂, and ZnCl₂ are the compounds with the smaller deviation of the line.
- **c)** ZnCl₂ is a white solid.

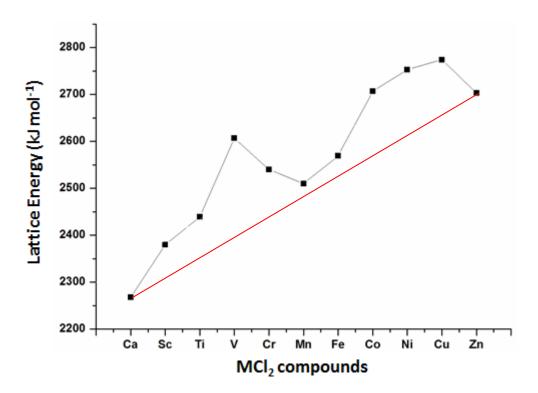
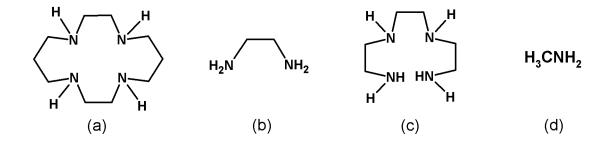


Figure 1. Values of the lattice energies for the third-period metal dichlorides. The line describes the theoretical behavior for the values of Lattice Energy.

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QUESTION 2C

Consider the structures of the following ligands:



- **a)** Arrange the ligands in ascending order with respect to the capacity to form complexes with high thermodynamic stability (higher value of formation constant).
- **b)** Indicate the ligands that favor the occurrence of the chelate effect.
- **c**) Considering that a metal ion with electronic configuration [Kr] 4d⁸ forms a complex with the ligand shown in (a), indicate how many chelate rings are formed and the number of atoms for each of these rings.
- **d)** Glycinate $(H_2NCH_2COO^-)$ is a bidentate ligand and forms octahedral complexes when reacts with Co^{3+} ion. Write the structures of all isomers which may be formed.

AREA OF KNOWLEGDE: ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

AREA 3

QUESTION 3A

The structure of *cis*-1,3-dimethylcyclohexane is presented below.

- **a)** Represent the possible chain conformers and show explicitly all bonds between the ring carbon atoms and H atoms, as well as the bonds between the ring carbon atoms and the methyl group carbons. Explain in details the relative stability of these conformers and indicate their distribution at the conformational equilibrium.
- **b**) Does *cis*-1,3-dimethylcyclohexane has one or more stereogenic centers? In positive case, indicate the stereogenic center(s) of the molecule, as well as the configuration of the stereogenic center(s).
- c) Is cis-1,3-dimethylcyclohexane optically active? Explain your answer.

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AREA 3

QUESTION 3B

Two possible conditions for acid-base reactions are presented below. The solvent used for the reactions are indicated above the arrows.

a)
$$CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2-C\equiv C-H$$
 + $NaNH_2$ $\xrightarrow{NH_3 \text{ (liquid)}}$ b) $CH_3CH_2CH_2-C\equiv C-H$ + $NaNH_2$ \xrightarrow{OH}

Write an equation, using the curved-arrow notation, for the forward and reverse acidbase reactions that will take place when each of the above compounds (solutions) are mixed. Indicate the equilibrium for both reactions. Indicate the valence electrons of all atoms involved in the acid-base reactions. If the atom is charged, indicate its respective charge.

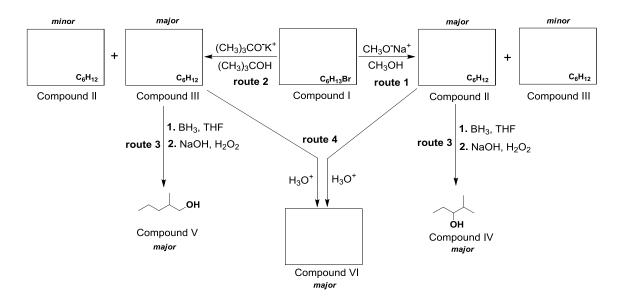
To answer this question, use the table presented below, that contains the pK_a values for some compounds or the approximate pK_a values value for a few classes of compounds.

Acid	NH ₃	NH ₄ ⁺	H ₂ O	H_3O^+	R-OH ₂ ⁺	R–OH	R–C≡CH
pK _a	38	9.2	15.7	-1.74	-2	16	25

QUESTION 3C

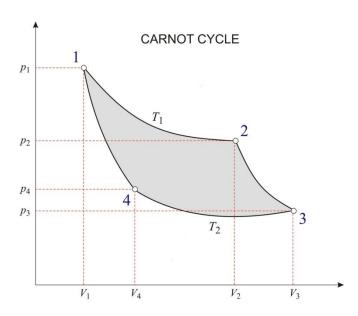
When the compound **I** is treated with sodium methoxide (CH₃O Na⁺) in methanol, a mixture of compounds is obtained (**II** and **III**), being **II** the major compound. When the same compound **I** is treated with potassium *tert*-butoxide [(CH₃)₃CO K⁺] in *tert*-butanol, the same mixture of compounds (**II** and **III**) is obtained, but **III** is now the major compound. When compounds **II** and **III** are treated in the same conditions (*route* 3), alcohols **IV** and **V** are obtained, respectively. However, when both compounds (**II** and **III**) are treated in conditions of *route* 4, they provide the same compound **VI**. Based on this information answer the following questions:

- a) Give the structures of compounds I, II, III and VI.
- b) Explain the difference in proportion to formation of the compounds I and II in the routes 1 and 2.
- **c**) Explain why in the route 4, in contrary of route 3, there is the formation of just one product (compound **VI**).



QUESTION 4A

2 mol of monoatomic ideal gas is carried through a Carnot cycle, operating between the temperatures $T_1 = 227$ °C and $T_2 = 27$ °C. If $V_1 = 5$ dm³ and $V_2 = 10$ dm³, calculate the thermodynamic quantities \mathbf{q} , \mathbf{w} and $\Delta \mathbf{U}$ in each step. In addition, calculate the Carnot efficiency and draw the diagram of the cycle using T and H as variables.



AREA OF KNOWLEGDE: PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY AREA 4

QUESTION 4B

Construct the phase diagram for a compound A (*i.e.* one component system) from the following data: (*i*) compound A exists in two solid forms, S_1 and S_2 , where the densities of both the solid forms are greater than that of liquid phase, (*ii*) the melting temperature of A is 20.2 °C under its own vapor pressure of 5.0 mmHg, (*iii*) phases S_1 and S_2 and liquid are at equilibrium at 1000 atm and 70.2 °C, (*iv*) the transition temperature of solid phases increases with the increase of pressure, (*v*) the boiling temperature of liquid is 140 °C (at 1 atm), and (*vi*) if the solid form S_1 is heated slowly under its own vapor pressure it is converted to S_2 at 15 °C.

AREA OF KNOWLEGDE: PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY AREA 4

QUESTION 4C

The specific heat capacity of methane $CH_4(g)$ can be expressed by the equation:

$$C_p = 3.422 + 17.845 \times 10^{\text{-3}} \; T - 41.65 \times 10^{\text{-7}} \; T^2 \; (\text{cal} \; ^{\text{o}}\text{C}^{\text{-1}} \; \text{mol}^{\text{-1}}).$$

Calculate the entropy variation of 2 mol of gas when submitted to heating from 300 to 600 K at (a) constant pressure and (b) constant volume.

Form

R = 0.082057 atm L mol⁻¹ K⁻¹ = 8.3143 J mol⁻¹ K⁻¹ = 1.98717 cal K⁻¹ mol⁻¹ = 2.0769 kPa m³ kg⁻¹ K⁻¹ $N_A = 6.02252 \times 10^{23}$ particles mol⁻¹

1 Pa = 1 N m⁻¹ =
$$10^{-5}$$
 bar = $(1 \times 10^{-5} / 1.01325)$ atm 1 atm = 760 mmHg 1 atm L = 101.325 Joule

$$\begin{split} Z &= pV_{\rm m}/RT & pV_{\rm m} = RT & (p + {\rm a}/V_{\rm m}^2) \left(V_{\rm m} - {\rm b}\right) = RT \\ pV_{\rm m} &= RT[1 + {\rm B}(T)/V_{\rm m} + {\rm C}(T)/V_{\rm m}^2 + {\rm D}(T)/V_{\rm m}^3 + \dots] \\ dU &= \delta Q + \delta W & H = U + pV & dQ_{\rm rev} = C_{\rm p}dT \\ C_{\rm V} &= (\partial U/\partial T)_{\rm V} & C_{\rm P} &= (\partial H/\partial T)_{\rm P} & C_{\rm P,m} - C_{\rm V,m} = R \\ pV^{\gamma} &= {\rm cte} & T_2 &= T_1(V_1/V_2)^{nR/C_{\rm V}} \\ \alpha &= (1/V)(\partial V/\partial T)_{\rm P} & \kappa_{\rm T} &= -(1/V)(\partial V/\partial P)_{\rm T} \\ {\rm d}S &= \delta Q_{\rm rev}/T \end{split}$$

$$G=H-TS$$
 $A=U-TS$ $dG=Vdp-SdT$

$$dH = Vdp + TdS \qquad \qquad \Delta_{transition} S = \frac{\Delta_{transition} H}{T_{transition}}$$

$$\Delta S = nR \ln \left(\frac{V_f}{V_i} \right) = C_v \ln \left(\frac{T_f}{T_i} \right) = C_p \ln \left(\frac{T_f}{T_i} \right)$$
 For solid and liquids

$$\int d \ln P = \frac{\Delta H}{R} \frac{1}{T^2} dT$$

If f is a function of x and y, then:

$$df = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_{y} dx + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_{x} dy$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{P}{P'}\right) = -\frac{\Delta_{transition}H_{m}^{\Theta}}{RT} + \frac{\Delta_{transition}S_{m}^{\Theta}}{T} \qquad ou \qquad \ln\left(\frac{P}{P'}\right) = -\frac{\Delta_{transition}H_{m}^{\Theta}}{RT} + \frac{\Delta_{transition}H_{m}^{\Theta}}{RT'}$$

Gibbs Phase rule: F = C - P + 2 F, freedom, C, components, P, phases.

