

**Class XII Session 2023-24**  
**Subject - Chemistry**  
**Sample Question Paper - 4**

**Time Allowed: 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks: 70**

**General Instructions:**

Read the following instructions carefully.

1. There are **33** questions in this question paper with internal choice.
2. SECTION A consists of 16 multiple-choice questions carrying 1 mark each.
3. SECTION B consists of 5 very short answer questions carrying 2 marks each.
4. SECTION C consists of 7 short answer questions carrying 3 marks each.
5. SECTION D consists of 2 case-based questions carrying 4 marks each.
6. SECTION E consists of 3 long answer questions carrying 5 marks each.
7. **All questions are compulsory.**
8. **Use of log tables and calculators is not allowed.**

**Section A**

1. Decomposition of benzene diazonium chloride by using  $\text{Cu}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{HCl}$  to form chlorobenzene is: [1]  

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| a) Wurtz – Fittig reaction | b) Friedel – Crafts reaction |
| c) Sandmeyer's reaction    | d) Finkelstein reaction      |
2. DNA fingerprinting means the [1]  

|   |  |
|---|--|
| a) sequencing the nucleotides in DNA                                      | b) sequencing the bases present in double helix                            |
| c) information regarding the unique sequence of bases on DNA for a person | d) information regarding the unique imprints on the fingertip for a person |
3. Which of the following reagents can be used to oxidise primary alcohols to aldehydes? [1]  

|  |   |
|--|---|
| a) All of these                        | b) $\text{CrO}_3$ in an anhydrous medium. |
| c) Heat in the presence of Cu at 573K. | d) Pyridinium chlorochromate.             |
4. The compound formed as a result of oxidation of ethyl benzene by  $\text{KMnO}_4$  is [1]  

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| a) Benzophenone | b) Acetophenone   |
| c) Benzoic acid | d) Benzyl alcohol |
5. The metabolism of hormones in human body is an example of [1]  

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a) Second order reaction       | b) First order reaction         |
| c) Pseudo first order reaction | d) Pseudo second order reaction |
6. Match the items given in column I with that in column II: [1]

| Column I                                  | Column II                           |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| (a) Osmotic Pressure.                     | (i) Cottrell's method.              |
| (b) Relative lowering of vapour pressure. | (ii) Rast's method.                 |
| (c) Elevation in boiling point.           | (iii) Ostwald and Walker's method.  |
| (d) Depression in freezing point.         | (iv) Berkeley and Hartley's method. |

a) (a) - (iv), (b) - (iii), (c) - (i), (d) - (ii).      b) (a) - (iv), (b) - (iii), (c) - (ii), (d) - (i).

c) (a) - (i), (b) - (ii), (c) - (iii), (d) - (iv).      d) (a) - (i), (b) - (iv), (c) - (ii), (d) - (iii).

7. Which reagent will you use for the following reaction? [1]



a)  $\text{Cl}_2$  gas in the presence of iron in dark      b)  $\text{NaCl} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$   
 c)  $\text{Cl}_2$  gas in dark      d)  $\text{Cl}_2/\text{UV}$  light

8. The catalyst used in Deacon's process is: [1]

a)  $\text{Cu}_2\text{Cl}_2$       b)  $\text{FeCl}_2$   
 c)  $\text{FeCl}_3$       d)  $\text{CuCl}_2$

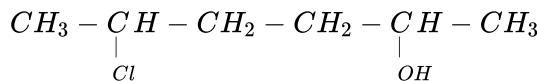
9. If the reaction  $2 \text{ A} + 3 \text{ D} \rightarrow$  product is first order in A and second order in D, then the rate law will have the form: rate = [1]

a)  $k[\text{A}][\text{D}]^2$       b)  $K[\text{A}][\text{D}]$   
 c)  $K[\text{A}]^2[\text{D}]^2$       d)  $K[\text{A}]^2[\text{D}]$

10. When ethanal is heated with Fehlings solution, it gives a precipitate of: [1]

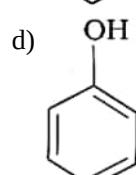
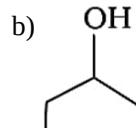
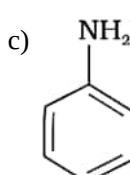
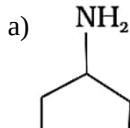
a)  $\text{Cu} + \text{Cu}_2\text{O} + \text{CuO}$       b)  $\text{CuO}$   
 c)  $\text{Cu}$       d)  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$

11. Give IUPAC name of the compound given below. [1]



a) 2 - Chloro - 5 - hydroxyhexane      b) 5 - Chlorohexan - 2 - ol  
 c) 2 - Hydroxy - 5 - chlorohexane      d) 2 - Chlorohexan - 5 - ol

12. Which of the following compounds is the weakest Brönsted base? [1]



13. **Assertion (A):** Valine is an essential amino acid. [1]

**Reason (R):** The lack of essential amino acids in the diet causes Kwashiorkor.

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

14. **Assertion (A):** Isobutanal does not give the iodoform test. [1]

**Reason (R):** It does not have alpha-hydrogen.

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

15. **Assertion (A):** Reaction of alcohol with  $\text{SOCl}_2$  is  $\text{S}_{\text{Ni}}$  reaction. [1]

**Reason (R):** In  $\text{S}_{\text{Ni}}$  reaction inversion of configuration occur.

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

16. **Assertion (A):** Ethanol is a weaker acid than phenol. [1]

**Reason (R):** Sodium ethoxide can not be prepared by the reaction of ethanol with aqueous  $\text{NaOH}$ .

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

### Section B

17. Write the formula of potassium trioxalato aluminate III. [2]

18. Complete and balance the following reaction : [2]



19. **Answer the following:** [2]

(i) For which type of reactions, order and molecularity have the same value? [1]

(ii) What is the order of radioactive decay? [1]

20. Visha took two aqueous solutions — one containing 7.5 g of urea (Molar mass = 60 g/mol) and the other containing 42.75 g of substance Z in 100 g of water, respectively. It was observed that both the solutions froze at the same temperature. Calculate the molar mass of Z. [2]

OR

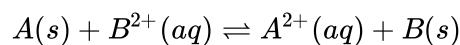
200 cm<sup>3</sup> of an aqueous solution of a protein contains 1.26 g of the protein. The osmotic pressure of such a solution at 300 K is found to be  $2.57 \times 10^{-3}$  bar. Calculate the molar mass of the protein.

21. What is meant by the acetal? Give an example. [2]

### Section C

22. i. Write two advantages of  $\text{H}_2 - \text{O}_2$  fuel cell over ordinary cell. [3]

ii. Equilibrium constant ( $K_c$ ) for the given cell reaction is 10. Calculate  $E_{\text{cell}}^\circ$ .



23. A first order reaction takes 20 minutes for 25% decomposition. Calculate the time when 75% of the reaction will be completed. [3]

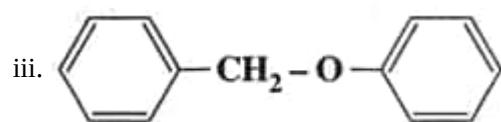
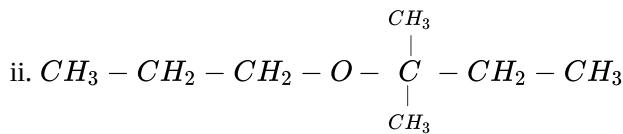
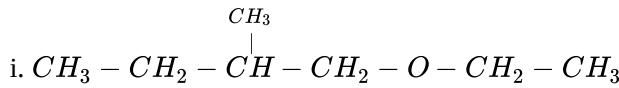
Given :  $\log 2 = 0.3010$ ,  $\log 3 = 0.4771$ ,

$\log 4 = 0.6021$

24. Why is the reactivity of all the three classes of alcohols with conc. HCl and  $ZnCl_2$  (Lucas reagent) different? [3]

OR

Give the major products that are formed by heating each of the following ethers with HI.



25. Explain the mechanism of nucleophilic addition to a carbonyl group and give one example of such addition reactions. [3]

26. Calculate the emf of the following cell at  $25^\circ C$ . [3]



[Given,  $E^\ominus_{cell} = +0.46$  V and  $\log 10^n = n$ ]

27. How will you effect the following conversions? [3]

i. Chlorobenzene to p-nitrophenol.

ii. Bromobenzene to biphenyl.

iii. Propene to propan-1-ol

28. Write the Nernst equation and calculate emf of the following cell at 298 K: [3]



Given :  $E^\ominus_{Cr^{3+}/Cr} = -0.75$  V

$E^\ominus_{Fe^{2+}/Fe} = -0.45$  V

( $\log 10 = 1$ )

#### Section D

29. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:** [4]

The d-block of the periodic table contains the elements of the groups 3 to 12 and are known as transition elements. In general, the electronic configuration of these elements is  $(n-1)d^{1-10} ns^{1-2}$ . The d-orbitals of the penultimate energy level in their atoms receive electrons giving rise to the three rows of the transition metals i.e. 3d, 4d and 5d series. However, Zn, Cd and Hg are not regarded as transition elements. Transition elements exhibit certain characteristic properties like variable oxidation states, complex formation, formation of coloured ions, alloys, catalytic activity etc. Transition metals are hard (except Zn, Cd and Hg) and have a high melting point.

(i) Why are Zn, Cd and Hg non-transition elements?

OR

Why are melting points of transition metals high?

(ii) Which transition metal of 3d series does not show variable oxidation state?

(iii) Why do transition metals and their compounds show catalytic activity?

30. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[4]

The solutions which boil at a constant temperature like a pure liquid and possess the same composition in liquid, as well as vapour state are called azeotropes. The components of azeotropes cannot be separated by fractional distillation. Only non-ideal solutions form azeotropes. Solutions with negative deviation form maximum boiling azeotrope and the solutions with positive deviation form minimum boiling azeotrope. The boiling point of azeotrope is never equal to the boiling points of any of the components of the azeotrope.

- (i) The azeotropic solutions of two miscible liquids show what type of deviation from Raoult's law?
- (ii) The azeotropic mixture of water & HCl boils at  $108.5^{\circ}C$ . What type of deviation is shown by the solution? Does this solution behave as ideal or non-ideal?
- (iii) Do ideal solutions form azeotropes?

**OR**

Out of pure liquid and azeotrope showing positive deviation, Which one has a higher boiling point?

**Section E**

31. **Attempt any five of the following:**

[5]

- (i) How do you explain the presence of all six carbon atoms in glucose in a straight chain? [1]
- (ii) What is the structural feature characterising reducing sugars? [1]
- (iii) Write the name of the component of starch which is water-soluble. [1]
- (iv) What is the difference between a glycosidic linkage and a peptide linkage? [1]
- (v) Define native state in reference to proteins. [1]
- (vi) Name the linkage connecting monosaccharide units in polysaccharides. [1]
- (vii) Which vitamin is linked with anti-sterility? [1]

32. Explain with two examples each of the following: Coordination entity, ligand coordination number, coordination polyhedron, homoleptic and heteroleptic. [5]

**OR**

Explain with two examples each of the following: coordination entity, ligand, coordination number, coordination polyhedron, homoleptic and heteroleptic.

33. i. Write the structures of main products when benzene diazonium chloride reacts with the following reagents: [5]

- a.  $H_3PO_2 + Hp$
- b.  $CuCN/KCN$
- c.  $H_2O$

ii. Arrange the following in the increasing order of their basic character in an aqueous solution:  $C_2H_5NH_2$ ,  $(C_2H_5)_2NH$ ,  $(C_2H_5)_3N$ . Give justification.

**OR**

Account for the following:

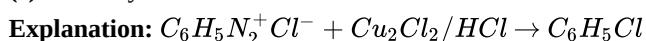
- i. Diazonium salts of aromatic amines are more stable than those of aliphatic amines.
- ii. Amines are more basic than alcohols of comparable molecular masses.

# Solution

## Section A

1.

(c) Sandmeyer's reaction



Mixing the solution of the freshly prepared diazonium salt with cuprous chloride or cuprous bromide results in the replacement of the diazonium group by  $-Cl$  or  $-Br$ . This is called Sandmeyer's reaction.

2.

(c) information regarding the unique sequence of bases on DNA for a person

**Explanation:** A sequence of bases on DNA is unique for a person and information regarding this is called DNA fingerprinting. It is same for every cell and cannot be altered by any known treatment.

3. (a) All of these

**Explanation: Oxidation of alcohols to aldehydes is partial oxidation;** aldehydes are further oxidized to carboxylic acids.

Conditions required for making aldehydes are heat and distillation.

In aldehyde formation, the temperature of the reaction should be kept above the boiling point of the aldehyde and below the boiling point of the alcohol.

These include:

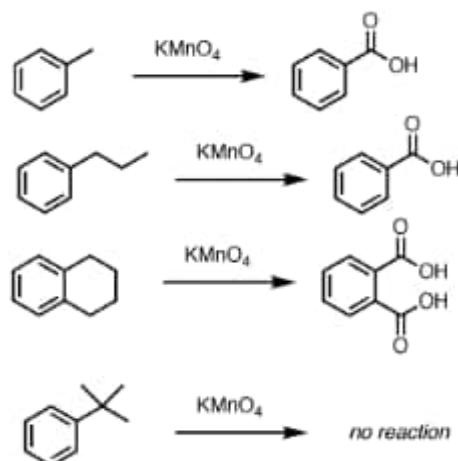
- Chromium-based reagents, such as Collins reagent ( $CrO_3 \cdot Py_2$ )
- PDC or PCC.
- Heat in the presence of Cu at 573K.

4.

(c) Benzoic acid

**Explanation:**

Alkylbenzenes having at least one alpha hydrogen when reacts with  $KMnO_4$  then, alkyl group oxidises to  $COOH$  group.



5.

(c) Pseudo first order reaction

**Explanation:** It is a pseudo-first-order reaction. Pseudo means false. It appears to be a second-order reaction but actually, it is a first-order reaction.

6. (a) (a) - (iv), (b) - (iii), (c) - (i), (d) - (ii).

**Explanation:** (a) - (iv), (b) - (iii), (c) - (i), (d) - (ii).

7.

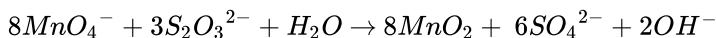
(d)  $Cl_2/UV$  light

**Explanation:** Production of alkyl chlorides from alkanes can be carried out by chlorination under the presence of UV light.



17.  $K_3[Al(C_2O_4)_3]$

18. In neutral and slight alkaline medium  $MnO_4^-$  will reduce to  $MnO_2$  and thiosulphate is oxidised almost quantitatively to sulphate.



19. Answer the following:

- Elementary reactions have the same value of order and molecularity because the elementary reaction proceeds in a single step.
- First order.

20.  $\Delta T_f = \text{molality} \times K_f$

Since  $\Delta T_f$  is same for both solutions,

i.e.  $\Delta T_{f_1} = \Delta T_{f_2}$  (given)

molality<sub>(urea)</sub>  $\times K_f = \text{molality}_{(x)} \times K_f$

$$\frac{\frac{7}{60} \times 1000}{100} = \frac{\frac{42}{M_w(x)} \times 1000}{100}$$
$$M_w = \frac{42 \times 60}{7} = 360 \text{ gm}$$

Hence, molar mass of Z = 360gm.

OR

The various quantities known to us are as follows osmotic pressure of solution  $\Pi = 2.57 \times 10^{-3}$  bar.

$$V = 200 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.200 \text{ litre}$$

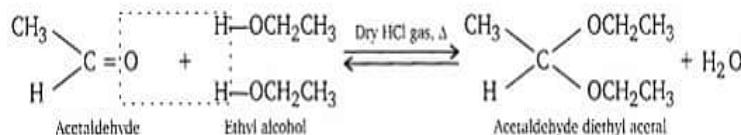
$$T = 300 \text{ K}$$

$$R = 0.083 \text{ L bar mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

Substituting these values in equation (2.42) we get

$$M_2 = \frac{1.26 \text{ g} \times 0.083 \text{ L bar K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \times 300 \text{ K}}{2.57 \times 10^{-3} \text{ bar} \times 0.200 \text{ L}} = 61.022 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

21. Gem-dialkoxy alkanes in which the two alkoxy groups are present on the terminal carbon atom are called acetals. These are produced by the action of an aldehyde with two equivalents of a monohydric alcohol in presence of dry HCl gas.



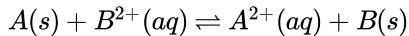
These are easily hydrolysed by dilute mineral acids to regenerate the original aldehydes. Therefore, these are used for the protection of aldehyde group in organic synthesis.

### Section C

22. i. Advantages of fuel cells:

- Fuel cells are highly efficient. These cells produce electricity with an efficiency of about 70% compared to the thermal plants whose efficiency is about 40%.
- Because of the continuous supply of fuels, these cells never become dead. These cells are usually operated at a temperature of 70-140°C and give a potential of about 0.9V.
- Fuel cells do not cause any pollution, unlike thermal plant which burns fossil fuels like coal gas, oil, etc.

ii. The reaction



By using the Nernst equation

$$E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{cell}}^\circ - \frac{0.059}{n} \log \frac{[A^{2+}]}{[B^{2+}]}$$

At equilibrium,  $E_{\text{cell}} = 0$ ,

$$E_{\text{cell}}^\circ = \frac{0.059}{n} \log K_C$$

$K_C = 10$  and  $n = 2$  (Given)

$$E_{\text{cell}}^\circ = \frac{0.059}{2} \log 10$$

$$E_{\text{cell}}^\circ = \frac{0.059}{2} = 0.0295$$

23. For a first order reaction,  $k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{a}{a-x}$

where,  $k$  = Rate constant

$a$  = Initial concentration

(a - x) = concentration after time 't',

When a first order reaction is 25% completed in 20 min.

$a = 100$ ,  $a - x = 100 - 25 = 75$ ,  $t = 20$  min.

$$\therefore k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{a}{a-x} = \frac{2.303}{20} \log \frac{100}{75}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{20} [\log 4 - \log 3] = 0.0143 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

For 75% completion of reaction.

$a = 100$ ,  $a - x = 100 - 75 = 25$ ,  $k = 0.0143 \text{ min}^{-1}$

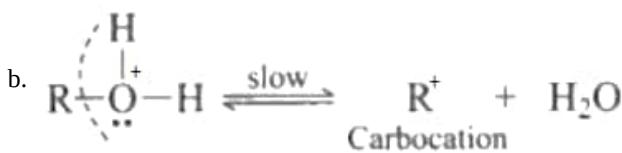
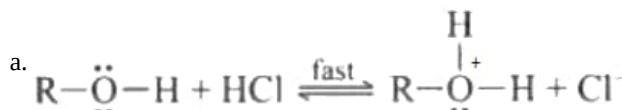
For 75% completion of reaction.

$a = 100$ ,  $a - x = 100 - 75 = 25$ ,  $k = 0.0143 \text{ min}^{-1}$

$$t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{a}{a-x} = \frac{2.303}{0.0143} \log \frac{100}{25}$$

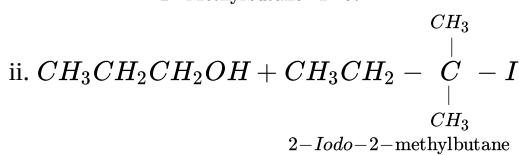
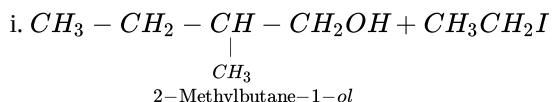
$$= \frac{2.303}{0.0143} \log 4 = 96.968$$

24. The alcohol combines with HCl to form protonated alcohol. The positive charge on oxygen weakens the C - O bond leading to its cleavage.

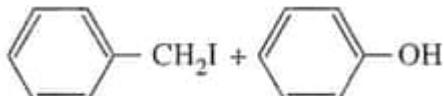


The rate-determining step in the above mechanism is (b), which is a slow step reaction. The stability of carbocation will determine the reactivity of the reaction. since the order of stability of carbocation is primary < secondary < tertiary. Higher the stability of carbonium ion faster the reaction of the alcohol with the nucleophile  $\text{Cl}^-$ . Hence the order of formation of an alkyl halide in the above reaction is primary < secondary < tertiary.

OR



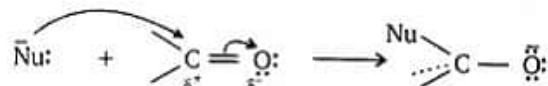
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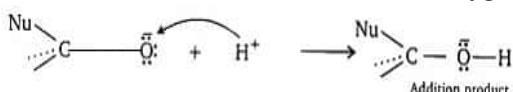
Benzyl iodide

25. **Step I:** A nucleophile attacks the electrophilic carbon atom of the polar carbonyl group from a direction approximately

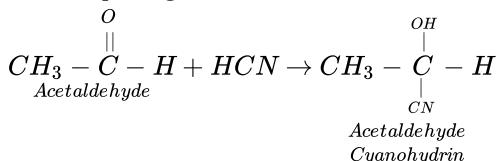
perpendicular to the plane of  $\text{sp}^2$  hybridised orbitals of carbonyl carbon. The hybridisation of carbon changes from  $\text{sp}^2$  to  $\text{sp}^3$  in this process and a tetrahedral alkoxide intermediate is produced.



**Step II:** This intermediate captures a proton from the reaction medium to give the electrically neutral product. The net result is addition of  $\text{Nu}^-$  and  $\text{H}^+$  across the carbon-oxygen double bond is shown in the figure.



An example is given below:



26. The given cell is,  $\text{Ag(s)} | \text{Ag}^+(10^{-3}\text{M}) \parallel \text{Cu}^{2+}(10^{-1}\text{M}) | \text{Cu(s)}$

**At anode**  $\text{Ag(s)} \rightarrow \text{Ag}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{e}^- \times 2$

**At cathode**,  $\text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cu(s)}$

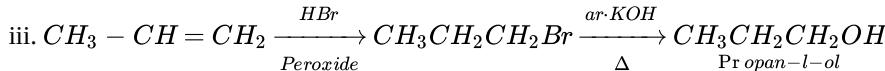
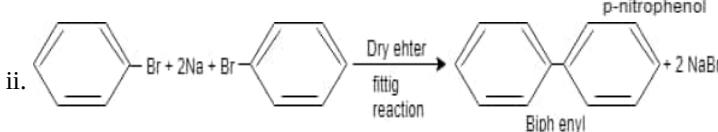
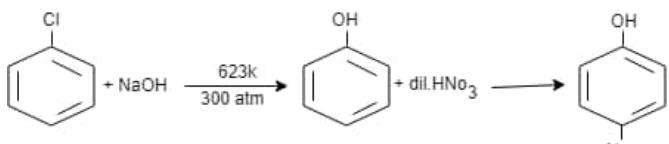
**Overall reaction;**  $2\text{Ag(s)} + \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow 2\text{Ag}^+ + \text{Cu(s)}$

Now, applying Nernst equation,  $E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{cell}}^0 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \frac{[\text{Ag}^{2+}]}{[\text{Cu}^{2+}]} = 0.46 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \frac{(10^{-3})^2}{10^{-1}} = 0.46 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log 10^{-5}$

Therefore,  $E_{\text{cell}} = 0.608 \text{ V}$

27. Steps involved in the following conversions are as under:

i.



$$28. E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{cell}}^0 - \frac{0.059}{6} \log \frac{[\text{Cr}^{3+}]^2}{[\text{Fe}^{2+}]^3}$$

$$E_{\text{cell}}^0 = -0.45 - (-0.75)$$

$$= 0.30 \text{ V}$$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = 0.3 - \frac{0.059}{6} \log \frac{(0-1)^2}{(0.01)^3}$$

$$= 0.3 - .00985 \log \frac{(10^{-1})^2}{(10^{-2})^3}$$

$$= 0.3 - .00985 \times 4 \log 10$$

$$= 0.3 - 0.0394$$

$$= 0.2606 \text{ V}$$

#### Section D

29. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

The d-block of the periodic table contains the elements of the groups 3 to 12 and are known as transition elements. In general, the electronic configuration of these elements is  $(n-1)\text{d}^{1-10} \text{ ns}^{1-2}$ . The d-orbitals of the penultimate energy level in their atoms receive electrons giving rise to the three rows of the transition metals i.e. 3d, 4d and 5d series. However, Zn, Cd and Hg are not regarded as transition elements. Transition elements exhibit certain characteristic properties like variable oxidation stables, complex formation, formation of coloured ions, alloys, catalytic activity etc. Transition metals are hard (except Zn, Cd and Hg) and have a high melting point.

(i) It is because neither they nor their ions have incompletely filled d-orbitals.

OR

It is due to strong interatomic forces of attraction due to presence of unpaired electrons.

(ii) Scandium (Sc) and Zinc (Zn).

(iii) It is because they show variable oxidation state, can form intermediate complexes and have large surface area for adsorption of gases.

30. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

The solutions which boil at a constant temperature like a pure liquid and possess the same composition in liquid, as well as vapour state are called azeotropes. The components of azeotropes cannot be separated by fractional distillation. Only non-ideal solutions



coordination sphere is called the coordination number of the central metal atom. It is also referred to as its ligancy.

For example; there are six chloride ions attached to Pt in the coordinate sphere. Therefore, the coordination number of Pt is 6.

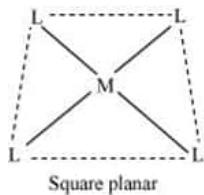
a. In the complex,  $K_2[PtCl_6]$

b. Similarly, in the complex  $[Ni(NH_3)_4]Cl_2$ , the coordination number of the central atom (Ni) is 4.

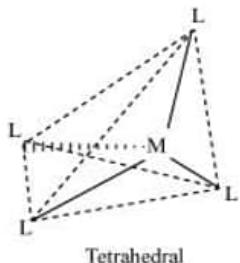
iv. Coordination polyhedron:

Coordination polyhedrons about the central atom can be defined as the spatial arrangement of the ligands that are directly attached to the central metal ion in the coordination sphere. For example:

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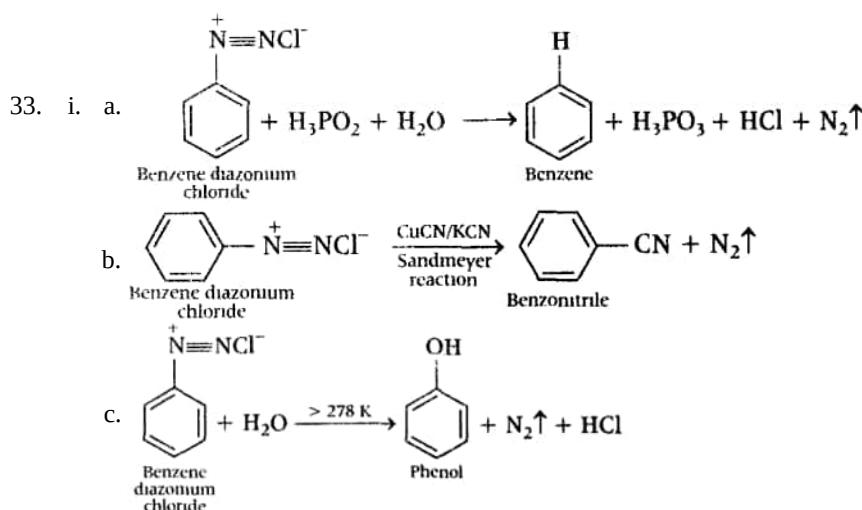


v. Homoleptic complexes: These are those complexes in which the metal ion is bound to only one kind of a donor group. For eg:

$[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ ,  $[PtCl_4]^{2-}$ , etc.

vi. Heteroleptic complexes: Heteroleptic complexes are those complexes where the central metal ion is bound to more than one type of a donor group.

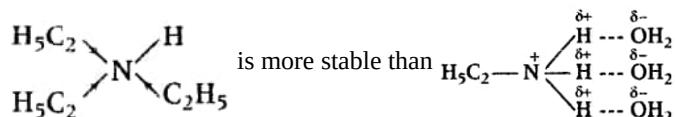
For e.g.:  $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^{+}$ ,  $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]^{2+}$



ii. The relative basic strength of  $C_2H_5NH_2$ ,  $(C_2H_5)_2NH$  and  $(C_2H_5)_3N$  depends upon the stabilisation of their corresponding conjugate acids (formed as a result of accepting a proton from water by a number of factors such as B-bonding, steric

hindrance of the alkyl groups and +I-effect of the alkyl groups. All these factors are favourable for 2° amines, therefore,  $((C_2H_5)_2NH$  is a stronger base than  $C_2H_5NH_2$  and  $((C_2H_5)_3N$ . Since  $C_2H_5$  group is large, it exerts some steric hindrance to H-bond.

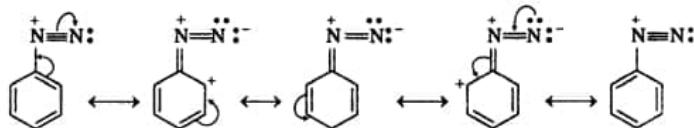
Therefore, stabilisation of the conjugate acid derived from  $(C_2H_5)_3N$  is due to mainly by +I-effect which is greater than the stabilisation of the conjugate acid derived from  $C_2H_5NH_2$  by H-bonding.



Thus,  $(C_2H_5)_3N$  is more basic than  $C_2H_5NH_2$ . Hence, the overall basic strength of the three amines increases in the order:  $C_2H_5NH_2 < (C_2H_5)_3N < (C_2H_5)_2NH$ .

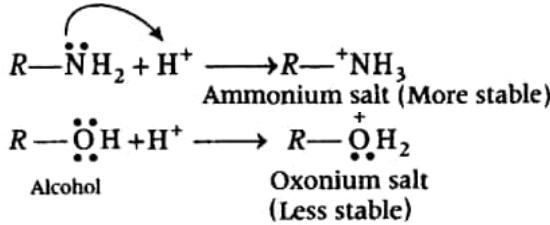
OR

i. The diazonium salts of aromatic amines are more stable than those of aliphatic amines due to dispersal of the positive charge on the benzene ring as shown below.



ii. Amines are more basic than alcohols of comparable masses because

- N-atom being less electronegative can easily donate its lone pair of electrons to a proton than more electronegative O-atom which hold electrons more tightly than N. Hence, amines are more basic than alcohols.
- When an amine accepts a proton, the ammonium salt is formed and when alcohol accepts a proton oxonium salt is formed.



- Since N being less electronegative can accommodate the positive charge better than the more electronegative O-atom, therefore, ammonium salts are more stable than oxonium salts. As a result, amines are more basic than alcohols.