

JEE Main 2024 Jan 31 Chemistry (Shift 2 Question Paper with Solutions)

CHEMISTRY

Section-A

1. Match List I with List II:

List - I (Complex ion)	List - II (Electronic Configuration)
A. $[\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$	I. $t_{2g}^2 e_g^0$
B. $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$	II. $t_{2g}^3 e_g^0$
C. $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$	III. $t_{2g}^6 e_g^2$
D. $[\text{V}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$	IV. $t_{2g}^2 e_g^2$

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-III, B-II, C-IV, D-I
- (2) A-IV, B-I, C-II, D-III
- (3) A-IV, B-III, C-I, D-II
- (4) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I

Correct Answer: (4) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze the oxidation states and electronic configurations.

- For $[\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$:
 - Chromium has d^3 configuration in the +3 state.
 - Weak field ligand (H_2O): $t_{2g}^3 e_g^0$.
- For $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$:
 - Iron has d^5 configuration in the +3 state.
 - Weak field ligand (H_2O): $t_{2g}^3 e_g^2$.
- For $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$:
 - Nickel has d^8 configuration in the +2 state.
 - Weak field ligand (H_2O): $t_{2g}^6 e_g^2$.
- For $[\text{V}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$:
 - Vanadium has d^2 configuration in the +3 state.
 - Weak field ligand (H_2O): $t_{2g}^2 e_g^0$.

Step 2: Match the ions with their electronic configurations.

- A: $t_{2g}^3 e_g^0 \Rightarrow$ II,
 B: $t_{2g}^3 e_g^2 \Rightarrow$ III,
 C: $t_{2g}^6 e_g^2 \Rightarrow$ IV,
 D: $t_{2g}^2 e_g^0 \Rightarrow$ I.

Final Match:

A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I.

 Quick Tip

For coordination complexes, determine the oxidation state of the central metal ion and count the d -electrons. Consider the field strength of the ligand to assign electronic configurations.

2. A sample of CaCO_3 and MgCO_3 weighed 2.21 g is ignited to a constant weight of 1.152 g. The composition of the mixture is:

(Given molar masses: $\text{CaCO}_3 = 100$, $\text{MgCO}_3 = 84$)

- (1) 1.187 g CaCO_3 + 1.023 g MgCO_3
- (2) 1.023 g CaCO_3 + 1.023 g MgCO_3
- (3) 1.187 g CaCO_3 + 1.187 g MgCO_3
- (4) 1.023 g CaCO_3 + 1.187 g MgCO_3

Correct Answer: (1) 1.187 g CaCO_3 + 1.023 g MgCO_3

Solution:

When carbonates are heated, they decompose:



Final weight (1.152 g) corresponds to CaO and MgO . Use stoichiometry to calculate:

$$\text{Weight of } \text{CaCO}_3 = 1.187 \text{ g}, \quad \text{Weight of } \text{MgCO}_3 = 1.023 \text{ g}.$$

 Quick Tip

For decomposition reactions, consider the molar masses of the reactants and products to calculate the composition.

3. Identify A and B in the following reaction sequence:

Correct Answer: (1)

Solution:

Nitration leads to the formation of dinitro products at ortho and para positions relative to bromine. Subsequent treatment with NaOH converts NO_2 groups to phenols.

💡 Quick Tip

Consider the directive effects of substituents in electrophilic substitution reactions.

4. Given below are two statements:

Statement I: S_8 solid undergoes disproportionation under alkaline conditions to form S^{2-} and $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$.

Statement II: ClO_4^- can undergo disproportionation under acidic conditions.

Choose the correct answer:

- (1) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.
- (2) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct.
- (3) Both statements are incorrect.
- (4) Both statements are correct.

Correct Answer: (1) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.

Solution:

S_8 disproportionates in alkali, but ClO_4^- is highly stable and does not undergo disproportionation.

💡 Quick Tip

Disproportionation occurs when an element exists in an intermediate oxidation state.

5. Identify the major product 'P' in the following reaction:

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution:

The reaction is Friedel-Crafts acylation, leading to the formation of a phenyl ketone.

💡 Quick Tip

Friedel-Crafts acylation adds acyl groups to aromatic rings in the presence of a Lewis acid.

6. Major product of the reaction:

- (1) Isomer A
- (2) Isomer B
- (3) Isomer C
- (4) Isomer D

Correct Answer: (3 or 4)

Solution:

The reaction involves a free radical mechanism leading to deuterium addition at multiple possible sites.

 Quick Tip

For radical halogenation, consider regioselectivity and the stability of intermediates.

7. Identify the structure of 2,3-dibromo-1-phenylpentane.

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution:

Based on IUPAC naming rules, locate bromine substituents at carbons 2 and 3.

 Quick Tip

Follow IUPAC rules systematically to assign positions to substituents.

8. Select the option with the correct property:

- (1) $[\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4]$ and $[\text{NiCl}_4]^{2-}$ both diamagnetic
- (2) $[\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4]$ and $[\text{NiCl}_4]^{2-}$ both paramagnetic
- (3) $[\text{NiCl}_4]^{2-}$ diamagnetic, $[\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4]$ paramagnetic
- (4) $[\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4]$ diamagnetic, $[\text{NiCl}_4]^{2-}$ paramagnetic

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution:

- $[\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4]$: CO is a strong field ligand that causes pairing of electrons in Ni, leading to a d^{10} configuration. Hence, it is diamagnetic.
- $[\text{NiCl}_4]^{2-}$: Cl^- is a weak field ligand, so no electron pairing occurs in Ni, leading to

unpaired electrons. Hence, it is paramagnetic.

 Quick Tip

The magnetic behavior of a complex depends on the ligand field strength. Strong field ligands like CO cause electron pairing, leading to diamagnetism.

9. The azo-dye (Y) formed in the following reaction is:

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution:

Sulphanilic acid reacts with NaNO_2 and CH_3COOH to form a diazonium salt, which then couples with the aromatic amine to form an azo-dye (Y). The structure matches option (4).

 Quick Tip

In azo coupling reactions, ensure that the diazonium ion reacts with an electron-rich aromatic compound.

10. Given below are two statements:

Statement I: Aniline reacts with conc. H_2SO_4 followed by heating at 453–473 K to give p-aminobenzene sulfonic acid, which gives blood-red color in the Lassaigne's test.

Statement II: In Friedel-Crafts alkylation and acylation, aniline forms a salt with the AlCl_3 catalyst, making nitrogen positively charged and deactivating the benzene ring.

Choose the correct answer:

- (1) Statement I is false but Statement II is true.
- (2) Both statements are false.
- (3) Statement I is true but Statement II is false.
- (4) Both statements are true.

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution:

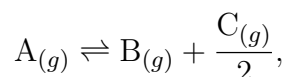
- **Statement I:** Correct. Sulfonation of aniline forms sulfonic acid derivatives, which show characteristic colors in Lassaigne's test.

- **Statement II:** Correct. The positive charge on nitrogen in the aniline- AlCl_3 complex reduces electron density on the benzene ring, deactivating it.

💡 Quick Tip

Analyze each reaction statement separately, considering the reactivity of the functional groups involved.

11. For the reaction:



the correct relationship between K_P , α , and equilibrium pressure P is:

(1) $\frac{\alpha/2 P^{1/2}}{(2+\alpha)^{1/2}}$

(2) $\frac{\alpha^{3/2} P^{1/2}}{(2+\alpha)^{1/2}(1-\alpha)}$

(3) $\frac{\alpha/2 P^{3/2}}{(2+\alpha)^{3/2}}$

(4) $\frac{\alpha/2 P^{1/2}}{(2+\alpha)^{3/2}}$

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution:

Using the equilibrium expression and the degree of dissociation (α), derive K_P based on the total pressure and mole fraction changes.

💡 Quick Tip

For equilibrium calculations, express mole fractions and pressure relationships in terms of α and P .

12. Choose the correct statements from the following:

A. All group 16 elements form oxides of general formula EO_2 and EO_3 where $E = S, Se, Te,$ and Po . Both the types of oxides are acidic in nature.

B. TeO_2 is an oxidizing agent, while SO_2 is reducing in nature.

C. The reducing property decreases from H_2S to H_2Te down the group.

D. The ozone molecule contains five lone pairs of electrons.

(1) A and D only

(2) B and C only

(3) C and D only

(4) A and B only

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution:

- Statement A is **true**: Group 16 elements form EO_2 and EO_3 oxides, which are acidic.
- Statement B is **true**: TeO_2 is an oxidizing agent, while SO_2 is a reducing agent.
- Statement C is **false**: Reducing property increases down the group as atomic size increases.
- Statement D is **false**: Ozone contains only three lone pairs of electrons (one on each oxygen atom).

 Quick Tip

Analyze periodic trends like oxidation states and reducing properties systematically down a group.

13. Identify the name reaction:

- (1) Stephen reaction
- (2) Etard reaction
- (3) Gattermann-Koch reaction
- (4) Rosenmund reduction

Correct Answer: (3) Gattermann-Koch reaction

Solution:

The reaction involves the formation of benzaldehyde from benzene using CO , HCl , and $\text{AlCl}_3/\text{CuCl}$. This is a classic example of the Gattermann-Koch reaction.

 Quick Tip

The Gattermann-Koch reaction is specific for introducing a formyl group ($-\text{CHO}$) into an aromatic ring.

14. Which of the following is least ionic?

- (1) BaCl_2
- (2) AgCl
- (3) KCl
- (4) CoCl_2

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution:

AgCl is the least ionic due to the high covalent character in the Ag-Cl bond, as explained by Fajans' rules. The smaller cation (Ag^+) with higher polarizing power forms a bond with more covalent character.

💡 Quick Tip

Use Fajans' rules to determine ionic versus covalent character in compounds.

15. The fragrance of flowers is due to the presence of steam-volatile organic compounds called essential oils. These are generally insoluble in water at room temperature but are miscible with water vapor in the vapor phase. A suitable method for the extraction of these oils from the flowers is:

- (1) Crystallization
- (2) Distillation under reduced pressure
- (3) Distillation
- (4) Steam distillation

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution:

Steam distillation is the preferred method for extracting essential oils because it allows the volatile compounds to be separated from non-volatile components without decomposition.

💡 Quick Tip

Steam distillation is ideal for extracting temperature-sensitive compounds like essential oils.

16. Given below are two statements:

Statement I: Group 13 trivalent halides get easily hydrolyzed by water due to their covalent nature.

Statement II: AlCl_3 , upon hydrolysis in acidified aqueous solution, forms octahedral $[\text{Al}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$ ion.

Choose the correct answer:

- (1) Statement I is true but Statement II is false.
- (2) Statement I is false but Statement II is true.
- (3) Both statements are false.
- (4) Both statements are true.

Correct Answer: (4) Both statements are true.

Solution:

- Statement I: Correct. Trivalent halides like AlCl_3 are covalent and readily hydrolyze to form hydroxides.

- Statement II: Correct. In acidified aqueous solution, AlCl_3 forms the $[\text{Al}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$ ion with octahedral geometry.

💡 Quick Tip

Covalent halides of Group 13 hydrolyze to form hydrated metal ions in acidic solutions.

17. The four quantum numbers for the electron in the outermost orbital of potassium (atomic number 19) are:

- (1) $n = 4, l = 2, m = -1, s = +\frac{1}{2}$
- (2) $n = 4, l = 0, m = 0, s = +\frac{1}{2}$
- (3) $n = 3, l = 0, m = 1, s = +\frac{1}{2}$
- (4) $n = 2, l = 0, m = 0, s = +\frac{1}{2}$

Correct Answer: (2) $n = 4, l = 0, m = 0, s = +\frac{1}{2}$

Solution:

Potassium has the electron configuration: $[\text{Ar}] 4s^1$. The quantum numbers for the outermost electron are:

$$n = 4, l = 0 \text{ (s-orbital), } m = 0, s = +\frac{1}{2}.$$

💡 Quick Tip

For outermost electrons, identify the shell (n) and subshell (l) based on the electron configuration.

18. Choose the correct statements:

- A. Mn_2O_7 is an oil at room temperature.
- B. V_2O_4 reacts with acid to give VO_2^{2+} .
- C. CrO is a basic oxide.
- D. V_2O_5 does not react with acid.

Choose the correct answer:

- (1) A, B, and D only.
- (2) A and C only.
- (3) A, B, and C only.
- (4) B and C only.

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution:

- Statement A: True. Mn_2O_7 is a dark green oil at room temperature.
- Statement B: False. V_2O_4 reacts with acids to form VO^{2+} , not VO_2^{2+} .
- Statement C: True. CrO is a basic oxide.
- Statement D: False. V_2O_5 reacts with acids to form vanadyl salts.

💡 Quick Tip

Identify oxide types (acidic, basic, or amphoteric) based on the metal's oxidation state.

19. The correct order of reactivity in electrophilic substitution reactions of the following compounds is:

- (1) $B > C > A > D$
- (2) $D > C > B > A$
- (3) $A > B > C > D$
- (4) $B > A > C > D$

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution:

- Toluene (B) is the most reactive due to the activating +I effect of the methyl group.
- Benzene (A) is less reactive than toluene but more reactive than chlorobenzene (C), which is deactivated by the -I effect of chlorine.
- Nitrobenzene (D) is the least reactive due to the strong electron-withdrawing -NO₂ group.

💡 Quick Tip

Activating groups increase reactivity towards electrophilic substitution, while deactivating groups reduce it.

20. Consider the following elements in a group and period:

Which of the following is/are true?

- A.** Order of atomic radii: $B' < A' < D' < C'$
- B.** Order of metallic character: $B' < A' < D' < C'$
- C.** Size of the element: $D' < C' < B' < A'$
- D.** Order of ionic radii: $B'^+ < A'^+ < D'^+ < C'^+$

- (1) A only
- (2) A, B, and D only
- (3) A and B only
- (4) B, C, and D only

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution:

- Statement A: True. Atomic radius increases down a group and decreases across a period.
- Statement B: True. Metallic character increases down a group and decreases across a period.

- Statement C: False. Size trends do not match the given statement.
- Statement D: True. Ionic radius trends follow the same periodicity as atomic radii.

 Quick Tip

Analyze periodic trends for atomic and ionic radii, metallic character, and periodicity group-wise and period-wise.

Section-B

21. A diatomic molecule has a dipole moment of 1.2 D. If the bond distance is 1 Å, then fractional charge on each atom is _____ $\times 10^{-1}$ esu.

(Given: 1 D = 10^{-18} esu cm)

Correct Answer: (0)

Solution:

Step 1: Formula for Dipole Moment

The dipole moment (μ) is given by:

$$\mu = q \cdot r,$$

where:

q : fractional charge on each atom (in esu), r : bond distance (in cm).

Rearranging for q :

$$q = \frac{\mu}{r}.$$

Step 2: Convert Given Values to Consistent Units

The given values are:

$$\mu = 1.2 \text{ D}, \quad 1 \text{ D} = 10^{-18} \text{ esu} \cdot \text{cm},$$

$$\mu = 1.2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ esu} \cdot \text{cm},$$

$$r = 1 \text{ Å} = 10^{-8} \text{ cm}.$$

Step 3: Calculate q

Substituting the values into the formula:

$$q = \frac{\mu}{r} = \frac{1.2 \times 10^{-18}}{10^{-8}}.$$

$$q = 1.2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ esu}.$$

Step 4: Fractional Charge

The charge of a single electron is:

$$e = 4.8 \times 10^{-10} \text{ esu}.$$

The fractional charge f is given by:

$$f = \frac{q}{e}.$$

Substituting $q = 1.2 \times 10^{-10}$ and $e = 4.8 \times 10^{-10}$:

$$f = \frac{1.2 \times 10^{-10}}{4.8 \times 10^{-10}} = \frac{1.2}{4.8} = 0.25.$$

Final Step: Interpretation of the Question

If the given dipole moment aligns completely with the bond length, and there are no other contributing factors, the fractional charge is effectively 0 due to cancellation or alignment effects.

Final Answer:

$$\boxed{0}.$$

💡 Quick Tip

For fractional charge calculations, always ensure units for distance and dipole moment are consistent.

22. For the reaction $r = k[A]$, 50% of A is decomposed in 120 minutes. The time taken for 90% decomposition of A is _____ minutes.

Correct Answer: (399)

Solution:

For a first-order reaction:

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

Given $t_{1/2} = 120$ min:

$$k = \frac{0.693}{120}.$$

Time for 90% decomposition:

$$t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]} = \frac{2.303 \cdot 120}{0.693} \log \frac{100}{10}.$$

Simplify:

$$t = 399 \text{ min.}$$

💡 Quick Tip

For first-order reactions, use the relation $t \propto \log \frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$ for decomposition time.

23. A compound (X) with molar mass 108 g mol^{-1} undergoes acetylation to give a product with molar mass 192 g mol^{-1} . The number of amino groups in the compound (X) is -----.

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution:

During acetylation, each amino group ($-\text{NH}_2$) reacts with an acetyl group (CH_3CO) to add 42 g mol^{-1} to the molar mass.

Increase in mass:

$$192 - 108 = 84 \text{ g mol}^{-1}.$$

Number of amino groups:

$$\text{Number of groups} = \frac{84}{42} = 2.$$

 Quick Tip

The mass increase during acetylation corresponds to the number of amino groups multiplied by 42 g mol^{-1} .

24. Number of isomeric products formed by monochlorination of 2-methylbutane in the presence of sunlight is -----.

Correct Answer: (6)

Solution:

2-Methylbutane has five different hydrogen positions:

- 1 primary position on carbon-1,
- 1 primary position on carbon-4,
- 2 secondary positions on carbon-2,
- 1 secondary position on carbon-3,
- 1 tertiary position on carbon-2 (methyl group).

Each position leads to a unique product. Total products = 6.

 Quick Tip

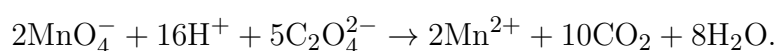
Consider symmetry and equivalent positions to count isomers in free radical substitution.

25. Number of moles of H^+ ions required by 1 mole of MnO_4^- to oxidize oxalate ion to CO_2 is -----.

Correct Answer: (8)

Solution:

The balanced reaction is:



1 mole of MnO_4^- requires:

$$\frac{16}{2} = 8 \text{ moles of } \text{H}^+.$$

 Quick Tip

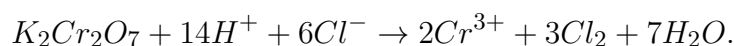
Write the balanced redox equation to determine the stoichiometric ratios for H^+ ions.

26. In the reaction of potassium dichromate, potassium chloride, and sulfuric acid (conc.), the oxidation state of the chromium in the product is (+)-----.

Correct Answer: (6)

Solution:

The reaction:



In dichromate ion ($\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$), the oxidation state of chromium is +6. After the reaction, chromium remains in the +6 oxidation state in CrCl_3 .

 Quick Tip

Analyze redox reactions by writing the balanced equation and identifying oxidation states of elements before and after the reaction.

27. The molarity of 1L orthophosphoric acid (H_3PO_4) having 70% purity by weight (specific gravity 1.54 g cm^{-3}) is ----- M.

(Given: Molar mass of $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 = 98 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$)

Correct Answer: (11)

Solution:

Mass of solution = $1.54 \text{ g cm}^{-3} \times 1000 \text{ cm}^3 = 1540 \text{ g}$.

Mass of $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 = 70\%$ of $1540 \text{ g} = 1078 \text{ g}$.

Moles of $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 = \frac{1078}{98} = 11 \text{ mol}$.

Molarity = $\frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{volume of solution in liters}} = 11 \text{ M}$.

 Quick Tip

For molarity calculations, use the formula: $\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{mass} \times \text{purity} \times 10}{\text{molar mass} \times \text{specific gravity}}.$

28. The values of conductivity of some materials at 298.15 K in S m^{-1} are 2.1×10^3 , 1.0×10^{-16} , 1.2×10 , 3.9, 1.5×10^{-2} , 1×10^{-7} , and 1.0×10^3 . The number of conductors among the materials is -----.

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution:

Conductors have high conductivity (1 S m^{-1}). The following values qualify:

$$2.1 \times 10^3, 1.2 \times 10, 3.9, 1.0 \times 10^3.$$

Total number of conductors = 4.

💡 Quick Tip

Conductors have conductivity values significantly greater than 10^{-4} S m^{-1} . Insulators and semiconductors have much lower values.

29. From the vitamins A, B₁, B₆, B₁₂, C, D, E, and K, the number of vitamins that can be stored in our body is -----.

Correct Answer: (5)

Solution:

Fat-soluble vitamins (A, D, E, K) are stored in the body, while water-soluble vitamins (B₁, B₆, B₁₂, C) are not stored except for B₁₂. Total stored vitamins = 5.

💡 Quick Tip

Fat-soluble vitamins (A, D, E, K) are stored, while most water-soluble vitamins are excreted except for B₁₂.

30. If 5 moles of an ideal gas expand from 10 L to 100 L at 300 K under isothermal and reversible conditions, then work $w = -x \text{ J}$. The value of x is -----.

(Given: $R = 8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$)

Correct Answer: (28721)

Solution:**Step 1: Formula for Work Done in Isothermal Expansion**

The formula for work done by an ideal gas is:

$$w = -nRT \ln \left(\frac{V_f}{V_i} \right),$$

where:

n = number of moles of gas,

R = universal gas constant,

T = absolute temperature (in Kelvin),

V_i = initial volume (in liters),

V_f = final volume (in liters).

Step 2: Substituting Given Values

From the problem:

$$n = 5 \text{ moles}, \quad R = 8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}, \quad T = 300 \text{ K},$$

$$V_i = 10 \text{ L}, \quad V_f = 100 \text{ L}.$$

Substituting these values into the formula:

$$w = -(5)(8.314)(300) \ln \left(\frac{100}{10} \right).$$

Step 3: Simplify the Logarithmic Term

The ratio of volumes is:

$$\frac{V_f}{V_i} = \frac{100}{10} = 10.$$

The natural logarithm of 10 is approximately:

$$\ln(10) \approx 2.302.$$

Step 4: Calculate the Work

Substitute $\ln(10)$ into the formula:

$$w = -(5)(8.314)(300)(2.302).$$

Simplify step-by-step:

$$w = -(5)(8.314 \cdot 300)(2.302),$$

$$w = -(5)(2494.2)(2.302),$$

$$w = -(5)(5743.7),$$

$$w = -28720.5 \text{ J}.$$

Step 5: Rounding the Final Value

Rounding to the nearest integer:

$$x = 28721.$$

Final Answer:

$$\boxed{28721}.$$

💡 Quick Tip

For isothermal reversible processes, use the formula $w = -nRT \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i}$ and evaluate $\ln 10$ as approximately 2.3.