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CHEMISTRY — HONOURS

Paper : DSCC-2

(Fundamentals of Chemistry - II)

Full Marks : 75

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer **question nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4** (compulsory) and **any four** questions from the rest (**question nos. 5 to 10**).

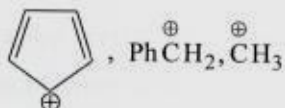
1. Answer **any ten** questions :

2×10

- If heavier gas molecules move more slowly than light gas molecules, why is the average kinetic energy independent of mass?
- Give name and formula of two interfering acid radicals.
- Define *meso* compound with an example.
- Draw the one-dimensional velocity distribution curves of the molecules of an ideal gas at two different temperatures and comment on the values of the area under each curve.
- What are two different kinds of stoichiometric defects in solids? Give one example in each case.
- Draw the structures of CH_3^+ and CH_5^+ ions, mentioning the state of hybridization of the carbon atom in each case.
- Find the numerical value of the compressibility factor of a gas that obeys the equation of state, $P(V-nb) = nRT$

The pressure and temperature are such that $\frac{V}{n} = 10b$.

- Explain the order of bond angles in NF_3 and PF_3 molecules.
- Write down the *meso* and one optically active isomer of 2, 3, 4-trihydroxyglutaric acid.
- Give physical arguments explaining why the critical pressure and temperature should increase with increasing van der Waals 'a' values.
- Explain the low dipole moment value ($\mu = 0.11 \text{ D}$) of CO molecule.
- What is the increasing order of stability of the following? Give explanation.



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2. Write a short note on :

(a) Collision between gas molecules (using the following points given below)

(i) Assumptions.

(ii) Frequency of binary collisions between two molecules of different gases (with derivation).

1+4

Or

(b) Intermolecular interactions (using the following points given below)

(i) Three different types of interactions and their temperature dependence with explanation.

(ii) Lennard-Jones 6-12 potential. Potential energy diagram showing Lennard-Jones parameters.

(1+1+1)+(1+1)

3. Write a short note on :

(a) Formal charge (using the following points given below)

(i) Definition and expression.

(ii) Lewis structures of CNO^- and OCN^- with assignment of formal charges on each atom.

(iii) Comparative stability between the ions.

$(\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2})+(1\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{2})+1$

Or

(b) Lattice energy (using the following points given below)

(i) Definition.

(ii) Born-Landé equation with derivation.

1+(1+3)

4. Write a short note on :

(a) Racemisation of organic compounds (using the following points given below)

(i) Definition of racemisation.

(ii) Example of racemisation via carbocation formation.

(iii) Example of racemisation via carbanion formation.

1+2+2

Or

(b) Halogenation of isobutane (using the following points given below)

(i) Product composition during chlorination and bromination of isobutane.

(ii) Explanation on the basis of reactivity-selectivity principle.

2+3

5. (a) The time required for a molecule to travel one metre is $1/C$ in 3D space. Calculate the average time required for the molecule to travel 1 metre, where C is the speed of gas molecules.

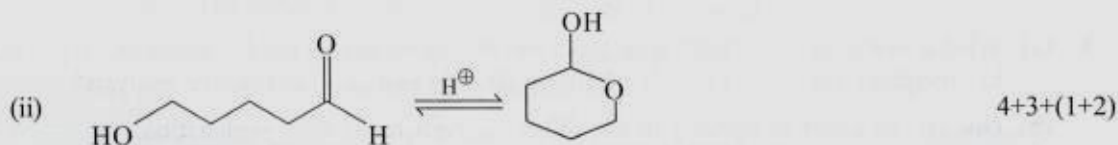
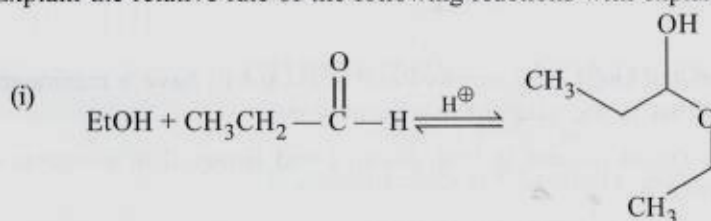
(b) The solubility product of CaF_2 is 4.9×10^{-11} . Calculate the solubility of CaF_2 in a solution of 0.1(M) $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$.



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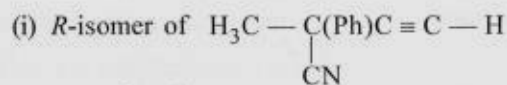
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(c) Explain the relative rate of the following reactions with explanation :



6. (a) Using VSEPR theory, predict the shapes of I_3^- and I_3^+ . Indicate the state of hybridization of the central atom in each case.
- (b) What is known as principle of microscopic reversibility? Give one example of a reaction where the principle of microscopic reversibility is obeyed with plausible mechanism.
- (c) What will be the ratio of final to initial wall collision frequency of an ideal gas if pressure is halved at constant gas density? (2+2)+(1+2)+3

7. (a) Draw the following as directed :



(ii) *threo*-3-Aminobutan-2-ol

(iii) *Z*-Isomer of 1-chloropropane

(iv) (2*S*, 3*R*)-2-Bromo-3-chlorobutane.

- (b) The behaviour of two gases *A* and *B* can be approximated by van der Waals equation. The critical constants of these gases are given below :

Gas	P_C/atm	$\bar{V}_C/\text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}$	T_C/K
<i>A</i>	81.5	81.0	324.7
<i>B</i>	2.26	57.76	5.21

Explain :

- (i) Which gas has greater intermolecular force of attraction?
- (ii) Which gas behaves more ideally at 1 atm pressure and 298K temperature?

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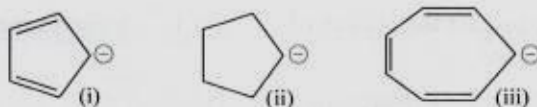
- (c) Compare the thermal stability of BeCO_3 , MgCO_3 and CaCO_3 with explanation.

(1+1+1+1)+(1+2)+(1+2)

8. (a) At what temperature does the slope of Z versus P curve (at $p = 0$) have a maximum value for the van der Waals gas? What is the value of maximum slope?
 (b) Mention the name of the cation present in both Group I and Group II in inorganic qualitative analysis. Give reason behind it.
 (c) Draw the diastereoisomers of 1-bromo-1,2-dichloroethene and designate them as E/Z isomers.

(2+2)+(1+2)+(1½+1½)

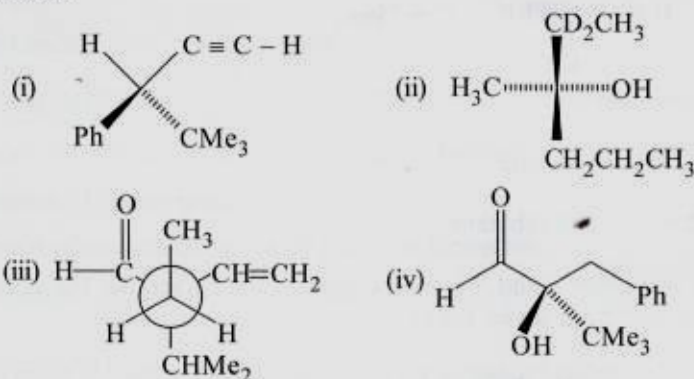
9. (a) What is common ion effect? Why NaCl and NaOH cannot be used in place of NH_4Cl and NH_4OH to precipitate the basic radicals of Group III A in inorganic qualitative analysis?
 (b) Discuss the order of stability of the following carbanions with explanation.



- (c) Starting with Maxwell's distribution of kinetic energy in three dimension, derive an expression for the fraction of the total number of gas molecules having energy equal to or greater than a given value (say ϵ').

(1+1½+1½)+(1+1+1)+3

10. (a) Assign R/S descriptors for the chiral centre of the following compounds mentioning the priority of ligands attached.



- (b) A gas obeys the equation of state :

$$PV = RT \left(1 + \frac{b}{V} \right)$$

- (i) Would it be possible to liquefy the gas?
 (ii) Would it have a critical temperature?

Explain your answer.

- (c) In PF_5 molecule, axial P-F bonds are longer than equatorial P-F bonds. Justify.

(1+1+1+1)+(1½+1½)+3