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## Section 2 Inorganic chemistry 2

 Practice questions| Question number | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 (a) | Variable oxidation state <br> For example, Fe(II) and Fe (III) <br> (Characteristic) colour (of complexes) <br> For example, $\mathrm{Cu}^{2+}(\mathrm{aq}) /\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{2+}$ is blue | 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 | Any correctly identified pair Allow two formulae showing complexes with different oxidation states even if oxidation state not given <br> Any correct ion with colour scores M3 and M4 <br> Must show (aq) or ligands OR identified coloured compound (e.g., $\mathrm{CoCO}_{3}$ ) |
| 1 (b) | Tetrahedral <br> $\left[\mathrm{CuCl}_{4}\right]^{2-} /\left[\mathrm{CoCl}_{4}\right]^{2-}$ <br> Square planar <br> $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{PtCl}_{2}$ <br> Linear <br> $\left[\mathrm{Ag}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]^{+}$ | 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 | Any correct complex (Note charges must be correct) <br> Any correct complex <br> Do not allow linear planar <br> $\left[\mathrm{AgCl}_{2}\right]^{-}$etc |
| 1 (c) (i) | $\left[\mathrm{Ca}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{2+}+\mathrm{EDTA}^{4-} \rightarrow[\text { CaEDTA }]^{2-}+6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | 1 | If equation does not show increase in number of moles of particles CE $=0 / 3$ for 7(c)(ii) If no equation, mark on |
| 1 (c) (ii) | 2 mol of reactants form 7 mol of products <br> Therefore disorder increases <br> Entropy increases / +ve entropy change / freeenergy change is negative | 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 | Allow more moles/species of products <br> Allow consequential to 7(c)(i) |

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline 1 (c) (iii) \& \begin{tabular}{l}
\[
\begin{aligned}
\& \text { Moles EDTA }=6.25 \times 0.0532 / 1000 \\
\& =\left(3.325 \times 10^{-4}\right)
\end{aligned}
\] \\
Moles of \(\mathrm{Ca}^{2+}\) in \(1 \mathrm{dm}^{3}=3.325 \times 10^{-4} \times 1000 / 150\) \(=\left(2.217 \times 10^{-3}\right)\) \\
Mass of \(\mathrm{Ca}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}=2.217 \times 10^{-3} \times 74.1\)
\[
=0.164 \mathrm{~g}
\]
\end{tabular} \& 1
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1 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Mark is for \(\mathrm{M} 1 \times 1000 / 150\) OR M1 \(\times 74.1\) \\
If ratio of \(\mathrm{Ca}^{2+}\) : EDTA is wrong or 1000 / 150 is wrong, CE and can score M1 only \\
This applies to the alternative \\
M1 \(\times 74.1 \times 1000 / 150\) \\
Answer expressed to 3 sig figs or better \\
Must give unit to score mark Allow 0.164 to 0.165
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 2 (a) \& \begin{tabular}{l}
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\begin{aligned}
\& 2 \mathrm{Fe}^{2+}+\mathrm{S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{8}{ }^{2-} \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{Fe}^{3+}+2 \mathrm{SO}_{4}{ }^{2-} \\
\& 2 \mathrm{Fe}^{3+}+2 \mathrm{I}^{-} \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{Fe}^{2+}+\mathrm{I}_{2}
\end{aligned}
\] \\
two negative ions repel / lead to reaction that is slow / lead to reaction that has high \(E_{a}\) \\
iron able to act because changes its oxidation state \\
With iron ions have alternative route / route with lower activation energy
\end{tabular} \& 1
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1 \& allow iron has variable oxidation state \\
\hline 2 (b) (i) \& \begin{tabular}{l}
\[
\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{3+} \rightarrow\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{5} \mathrm{OH}\right]^{2+}+\mathrm{H}^{+}
\] \\
\(\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}\) ion has higher charge (to size ratio) (than \(\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}\) ) \\
increases polarisation of co-ordinated water / attracts O releasing an \(\mathrm{H}^{+}\)ion / weakens \(\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}\) bond
\end{tabular} \& 1

1 \& can have $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ on LHS and $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}$on R do not penalise further hydrolysis equations allow high charge density <br>
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\end{tabular}

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline 2 (b) (ii) \& \begin{tabular}{l}
\[
\mathrm{Cr}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}{ }^{2-}+14 \mathrm{H}^{+}+6 \mathrm{Fe}^{2+} \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{Cr}^{3+}+7 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}+6 \mathrm{Fe}^{3+}
\] \\
moles dichromate \(=23.6 \times 0.218 / 1000\) \(=5.14 \times 10^{-4}\) \\
moles iron \(=5.14 \times 10^{-4} \times 6=0.00309\) \\
mass iron \(=0.00309 \times 55.8=0.172\) \\
\(\%\) by mass of iron \(=0.172 \times 100 / 0.321=53.7 \%\)
\end{tabular} \& 1

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1 \& | OR 6 mol Fe(II) react with 1 mol dichromate |
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| If factor of 6 not used max $=3$ for M2, M4 and M5 |
| e.g., 1:1 gives ans= 8.93 to 8.98\% (scores 3) |
| M3 also scores M1 |
| Mark is for moles of iron 55.8 conseq |
| Allow use of 56 for iron |
| Answer must be to at least 3 sig figures allow 53.6 to 53.9 |
| Mark is for mass of iron $\times 100$ / 0.321 conseq | <br>

\hline 2 (c) \& | brown precipitate / solid |
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| bubbles (of gas) / effervescence/ fizz $\begin{aligned} & 2\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{3+}+3 \mathrm{CO}_{3}{ }^{2-} \rightarrow \\ & 2 \mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{3}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}+3 \mathrm{CO}_{2}+3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \end{aligned}$ | \& 1

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1 \& | Allow red-brown / orange solid Not red or yellow solid |
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| Allow gas evolved / given off Do not allow just gas or $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ or $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ gas |
| Allow $\begin{aligned} & 2\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{3+}+3 \mathrm{CO}_{3}^{2-} \rightarrow \\ & \quad 2 \mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}+3 \mathrm{CO}_{2}+9 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \end{aligned}$ |
| OR Use of $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ | <br>

\hline 3 (a) \& A catalyst in the same phase as the reactants \& 1 \& <br>
\hline 3 (b) (i) \& A reaction in which a product acts as a catalyst \& 1 \& Do not accept: self-catalysing. You could also have $\mathrm{Mn}^{3+}$ as a catalyst, since it is involved in the reaction and is regenerated. <br>
\hline 3 (b) (ii) \& $\mathrm{Mn}^{2+}$ \& 1 \& <br>

\hline 3 (c) (i) \& | $2 \mathrm{CO}+2 \mathrm{NO} \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{CO}_{2}+\mathrm{N}_{2}$ |
| :--- |
| The reducing agent is CO . | \& \[

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\begin{aligned}
& 1 \\
& 1
\end{aligned}
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\] \& Accept: $4 \mathrm{CO}+2 \mathrm{NO}_{2} \rightarrow 4 \mathrm{CO}_{2}+$ $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ <br>

\hline 3 (c) (ii) \& | Pt, Pd, or Rh |
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| Deposited on a ceramic honeycomb or a mesh or sponge which increases the surface area of the catalyst. | \& \[

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\begin{aligned}
& 1 \\
& 1 \\
& 1
\end{aligned}
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\] \& <br>

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| 4 (a) | These are examples of answers. There are other equations possible from the species given in the question. | 8 |  |
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| 4 (a) (i) | $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{2+}+6 \mathrm{NH}_{3} \rightarrow\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{6}{ }^{2+}+6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right.$ |  | Accept: the reverse equation. There is one mark for the two complex ions and one for the balancing. |
| 4 (a) (ii) | $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{2+}+4 \mathrm{Cl}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{CoCl}_{4}^{2-}+6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ |  | One mark for the two complex ions and one for the balanced equation. |
| 4 (a) (iii) | $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{2+}+3 \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{2-} \rightarrow\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}\right)_{3}\right]^{4-}+6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ |  | One mark for the two complex ions and one for the balanced equation. All substitutions are allowed except $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ by $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. |
| 4 (a) (iv) | $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}\right]^{2+}+\right.$ EDTA $^{4-} \rightarrow[\mathrm{Co}(\text { EDTA })]^{2-}+6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ |  | One mark for the two complex ions and one for the balanced equation. You could also have $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ or $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ substituted by $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{2-}$. <br> Accept $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ or $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$substituted by EDTA ${ }^{4-}$. |
| 4 (b) (i) | $\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{2+}$ | 4 |  |
| 4 (b) (ii) | $\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$ or $\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{4}$ |  | Accept: the simple hydroxide formula but it is actually the octahedral complex which is made. |
| 4 (b) (iii) | $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}$ is oxidised to $\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}$. |  | Accept: oxidised to or $\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}$ by oxygen in the air. |
| 5 (a) | $\mathrm{NaOH}(\mathrm{s})+(\mathrm{aq}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Na}^{+}(\mathrm{aq})+\mathrm{OH}^{-}(\mathrm{aq})$ | 2 | 1 mark for correct products, 1 mark for correct reactants |
| 5 (b) | Sodium hydroxide is a strong base because it is fully dissociated into ions in aqueous solution. | 1 |  |
| 5 (c) | No. <br> All solid sodium hydroxide is the same and cannot be more than fully dissociated, nor can solid sodium hydroxide be made more concentrated. | $1$ |  |
| 5 (d) | $\Delta H$ is negative. <br> The reaction is exothermic. | 1 |  |
| 5 (e) | If a little water is added to all the sodium hydroxide, the water will get very hot and could be dangerous. <br> If the solid is added to the whole litre of water the heat will be spread out over all the water which will therefore become less hot. | 1 |  |
| 5 (f) | $2.5 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ | 1 |  |
| 5 (g) | 890 | 1 |  |
| 5 (h) (i) | 742 g | 2 |  |

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 Practice questions| 5 (h) (ii) | The reaction may not go to completion some of the solution could leak away before the reaction is complete. | 1 1 |  |
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| 5 (j) | It is ionically rather than covalently bonded. | 1 |  |
| 6 (a) | An electron pair on the ligand <br> Is donated from the ligand to the central metal ion | 1 1 |  |
| 6 (b) | Blue precipitate <br> Dissolves to give a dark blue solution $\begin{aligned} & {\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{2+}+2 \mathrm{NH}_{3} \rightarrow \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{4}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}+2 \mathrm{NH}_{4}^{+}} \\ & \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{4}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}+4 \mathrm{NH}_{3} \rightarrow\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{4}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\right]^{2+} \\ & +2 \mathrm{OH}^{-}+2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \end{aligned}$ | 1 |  |
| 6 (c) | $\begin{aligned} & {\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{4}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\right]^{2+}+2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NH}_{2}} \\ & \quad \rightarrow\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NH}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\right]^{2+}+4 \mathrm{NH}_{3} \end{aligned}$ | 1 |  |
| 6 (d) | $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}$ bonds formed have similar enthalpy / energy to $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}$ bonds broken <br> And the same number of bonds broken and made | 1 1 |  |
| 6 (e) | 3 particles form 5 particles / disorder increases because more particles are formed / entropy change is positive <br> Therefore, the free-energy change is negative | 1 1 | M2 can only be awarded if M1 is correct |
| 7 (a) | $\mathbf{Q}$ is calcium or magnesium <br> Bromide <br> $R$ is aluminium <br> Chloride <br> S is iron(III) <br> Sulfate | 1 1 1 1 | Mark this question independently |
| 7 (b) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Ba}^{2+}+\mathrm{SO}_{4}{ }^{2-} \rightarrow \mathrm{BaSO}_{4} \\ & {\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{3+}+3 \mathrm{OH}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{3}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}+3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}} \\ & 2\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{3+}+3 \mathrm{CO}_{3}{ }^{2-} \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{3}(\mathrm{OH})_{3} \\ & +3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}+3 \mathrm{CO}_{2} \\ & {\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{3+}+4 \mathrm{Cl}^{-} \rightarrow\left[\mathrm{FeCl}_{4}\right]^{-}+6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}} \end{aligned}$ | 1 1 1 |  |


| 8 (a) | A transition metal is an element that forms at least one ion with a partially full d-shell of electrons. | 1 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 (b) | Scandium is a d-block element because its highest energy electron is in a d-shell. <br> However it is not a transition metal as scandium only forms $\mathrm{Sc}^{3+}$ ions in which the d-shell is empty | 1 <br> 1 |  |
| 9 (a) | A complex ion is a metal ion surrounded by ligands. <br> A ligand is an ion or molecule with a lone pair of electrons that it can donate to form a co-ordinate bond | 1 <br> 1 |  |
| 9 (b) (i) | $1 s^{2} 2 s^{2} 2 p^{6} 3 s^{2} 3 p^{6} 3 d^{10} 4 s^{1}$ | 1 |  |
| 9 (b) (ii) | $1 s^{2} 2 s^{2} 2 p^{6} 3 s^{2} 3 p^{6} 3 d^{9}$ | 1 |  |
| 9 (c) (i) |  | 1 |  |
| 9 (c) (ii) | Octahedral | 1 |  |

