

Q1. (a) Vanadium(V) oxide is used as a heterogeneous catalyst in the Contact Process.

Explain what is meant by the terms *heterogeneous* and *catalyst* and state, in general terms, how a catalyst works.

State the essential feature of vanadium chemistry which enables vanadium(V) oxide to function as a catalyst and, by means of equations, suggest how it might be involved in the Contact Process.

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(b) The following method was used to determine the percentage by mass of vanadium in a sample of ammonium vanadate(V).

A solution was made up by dissolving 0.160 g of ammonium vanadate(V) in dilute sulphuric acid. The ammonium vanadate(V) formed VO_2^+ ions in this solution. When an excess of zinc was added to this solution, the VO_2^+ ions were reduced to V^{2+} ions and the zinc was oxidised to Zn^{2+} ions.

After the unreacted zinc had been removed, the solution was titrated against a $0.0200 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ solution of potassium manganate(VII). In the titration, 38.5 cm^3 of potassium manganate(VII) solution were required to oxidise all vanadium(II) ions to vanadium(V) ions.

Using half-equations, construct an overall equation for the reduction of VO_2^+ to V^{2+} by zinc in acidic solution.

Calculate the percentage by mass of vanadium in the sample of ammonium vanadate(V).

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(Total 15 marks)

Q2. (a) The ion $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ can act as a bidentate ligand.

(i) Explain the meaning of the term *bidentate ligand*.

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- (ii) Sketch the structure of the octahedral complex ion formed by Fe^{3+} ions which contains $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ as the only ligand. Include the overall charge on the complex ion.

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- (b) Explain the meaning of the term *chelate effect*.

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- (c) The chloride ion can act as a monodentate ligand.

- (i) Deduce the formula of the linear complex formed when an excess of concentrated hydrochloric acid is added to silver chloride.

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- (ii) Explain why metal(II) ions do not usually form octahedral complexes when chloride ions are the only ligands.

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- (d) The concentration of $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ ions can be determined by titration in acidic solution using a standard solution of potassium manganate(VII). At room temperature, the reaction proceeds very slowly at first but becomes faster after some of the manganate(VII) ions have reacted.

- (i) Suggest why this reaction is very slow at first.

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- (ii) This is an example of an autocatalytic reaction. State the meaning of the term *autocatalytic* and identify the catalyst.

Meaning of the term autocatalytic

Catalyst

- (iii) Suggest how this catalyst might be involved in the reaction.

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(Total 14 marks)

- Q3.** (a) “The strength of adsorption onto the active sites on the surface of a heterogeneous catalyst helps to determine the activity of the catalyst.”

Explain how heterogeneous catalysts work, give **one** example of a reaction catalysed in this way and discuss why different catalysts have different activities.

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- (b) Outline a plan of an experiment to determine the percentage of iron present as iron(III) in a solution containing $\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{aq})$ and $\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})$ ions. You are provided with zinc, a standard solution of potassium dichromate(VI) and dilute sulphuric acid. Zinc can reduce $\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{aq})$ to $\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})$.

Write equations for all the reactions that occur. Explain how you would use the zinc and how you would calculate the final answer.

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(Total 15 marks)

Q4.

Summarised directions for recording responses to multiple completion questions			
A (i), (ii) and (iii) only	B (i) and (iii) only	C (ii) and (iv) only	D (iv) alone

Which of the following statements about a catalyst is / are true?

- (i) It speeds up the forward reaction and slows down the reverse action.
- (ii) It increases the proportion of molecules with higher energies.
- (iii) A homogeneous catalyst usually acts in the solid state.
- (iv) It does not alter the value of the equilibrium constant.

(Total 1 mark)

Q5.

- (a) The reaction between aqueous persulphate ions, $S_2O_8^{2-}(aq)$, and iodide ions, $I^-(aq)$, is catalysed by $Fe^{2+}(aq)$ ions. Suggest why this reaction has a high activation energy.
Write equations to explain the catalytic action of $Fe^{2+}(aq)$ ions.
Suggest why $V^{3+}(aq)$ ions will also act as a catalyst for this reaction but $Mg^{2+}(aq)$ ions will not.

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- (b) Outline a mechanism for the reaction between benzene and ethanoyl chloride and explain why $AlCl_3$ acts as a Lewis acid catalyst for this reaction. Predict, with an explanation in each case, the suitability of $FeCl_3$ and of NH_4Cl to act as a catalyst for this reaction.

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(Total 15 marks)

