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Chemistry Grade 12 — Chapter 1

Ethics and Values in Chemistry

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A. Important / Main Topics

1. Cognitive bias is best defined as:

(A) The tendency to make decisions or behave illogically due to personal characteristics.
(B) A deliberate attempt to mislead others.
(C) A formal method of verifying experimental data.
(D) A rule used to balance chemical equations.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes define cognitive bias as the tendency to make decisions or behave illogically because of values, memory, socialization, and other personal characteristics.

2. Logical fallacies are claims that:

(A) Are always mathematically incorrect.
(B) Sound convincing at first but can be refuted by logical reasoning.
(C) Are supported only by experimental evidence.
(D) Cannot be stated in words.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that logical fallacies sound convincing at first but can be refuted by logical reasoning.

3. A claim made on the basis of insufficient evidence is called:

(A) Confirmation bias
(B) Straw man fallacy
(C) Hasty generalization
(D) Appeal to tradition

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes define a hasty generalization as a claim made on the basis of insufficient evidence, often using a small, unrepresentative sample.

4. The fallacy that assumes if one event occurs after another, the first must be the cause of the second is:

(A) False authority
(B) Faulty analogy
(C) Begging the question
(D) Post hoc ergo propter hoc

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that this fallacy assumes that if one event occurs after another, the first must be the cause of the second.

5. Distorting or exaggerating another person's claim and then attacking the distorted version is known as:

(A) Straw man fallacy
(B) Confirmation bias
(C) Redefinition
(D) Fallacy of exclusion

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes define the straw man fallacy as distorting or exaggerating another's claim and then attacking the distorted version.

6. The principle of Occam's razor suggests that:

(A) The most complex explanation is always correct.
(B) The simplest explanation for an event should be chosen.
(C) Authority figures are always right.
(D) Tradition is the best guide.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that Occam's razor suggests choosing the more straightforward of two possible explanations.

7. Which of the following is a pro of chemical substances?

(A) They always cause cancer.
(B) They are always safe for workers.
(C) They can reduce carbon footprints through clean energy technologies.
(D) They never cause environmental pollution.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes list clean energy technologies reducing carbon footprints as a benefit of chemical substances.

8. A con of weak or outdated regulations regarding chemicals is that they:

(A) Protect public health effectively.
(B) Foster innovation in chemical processes.
(C) Reduce compliance costs for companies.
(D) Fail to address current risks.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that weak or outdated regulations may fail to address current risks, leaving populations and ecosystems vulnerable.

9. A declaration or proposition that represents the central idea of a debate is called a:

(A) Claim
(B) Premise
(C) Counterclaim
(D) Assumption

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes define a claim as the central idea or stance of a debate that the speaker or author is attempting to demonstrate.

10. A statement that opposes the main claim is called a:

(A) Rebuttal
(B) Counterclaim
(C) Premise
(D) Conclusion

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes define a counterclaim as a statement that opposes the main claim.

11. The component of an argument that challenges an opposing viewpoint is the:

(A) Claim
(B) Premise
(C) Rebuttal
(D) Assumption

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes define a rebuttal as a response that challenges and opposes an opposing viewpoint.

12. The statements or reasons that provide the foundation for a claim are called:

(A) Conclusions
(B) Assumptions

(C) Counterclaims
(D) Premises

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that premises are the statements or reasons that provide the foundation for the claim.

13. The final statement that naturally follows from the initial statements of an argument is the:

(A) Conclusion
(B) Claim
(C) Premise
(D) Rebuttal

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes define the conclusion as the final statement that naturally follows from the initial statements.

14. Basic convictions accepted without evidence that lay the groundwork for reasoning are called:

(A) Premises
(B) Assumptions
(C) Claims
(D) Rebuttals

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes define assumptions as basic convictions accepted without evidence that lay the groundwork for reasoning.

15. The fallacy that involves excluding evidence that could disprove a hypothesis is called the:

(A) Faulty analogy
(B) Appeal to tradition
(C) Fallacy of exclusion
(D) Argument from non-testable hypothesis

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that the fallacy of exclusion involves excluding evidence that could disprove a hypothesis.

16. A scientist only pays attention to results that support their hypothesis and ignores results that contradict it. Which cognitive bias is being demonstrated?

(A) Hasty generalization
(B) Straw man fallacy
(C) Post hoc ergo propter hoc
(D) Confirmation bias

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Confirmation bias is the tendency to process information by searching for or interpreting information consistent with existing beliefs and ignoring contradictory information.

17. A student concludes that a new catalyst is ineffective because it did not work in a single trial. This is an example of:

(A) Hasty generalization
(B) False authority
(C) Faulty analogy
(D) Begging the question

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Drawing a broad conclusion from a small, unrepresentative sample is a hasty generalization.

18. A speaker says, "My opponent wants to ban all cars," when the opponent only proposed stricter emissions limits. This is an example of:

(A) Appeal to tradition
(B) Straw man fallacy
(C) Redefinition
(D) Confirmation bias

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The speaker distorts the opponent's claim and attacks the distorted version, which is the straw man fallacy.

19. Believing that a theory is valid because an expert in an unrelated field supports it is an example of:

(A) Appeal to tradition
(B) Faulty analogy
(C) False authority
(D) Fallacy of exclusion

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The false authority fallacy is taking for granted that the views of a well-known authority in one field should be followed in another field.

20. A hypothesis that cannot be verified or disproven is problematic in science because:

(A) It is always mathematically incorrect.
(B) It is too simple.
(C) It relies on traditional practices.
(D) It weakens the foundation of scientific investigation based on evidence.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that an argument from a non-tes.

21. A company claims its new product is the best because it has "always been made this way." This is an example of:

(A) Appeal to tradition
(B) False authority
(C) Hasty generalization
(D) Post hoc ergo propter hoc

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Believing something is true or superior just because it is a traditional practice is the appeal to tradition fallacy.

22. Which of the following is a con of chemical substances in terms of human health and the environment?

(A) Medical advancements
(B) Exposure to harmful chemicals can cause health problems.
(C) Agricultural improvements
(D) Clean energy technologies.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes list exposure to harmful chemicals causing health problems as a con.

23. Which of the following is a pro of corporate social responsibility for a chemical company?

(A) It increases environmental pollution.
(B) It reduces compliance costs.
(C) It enhances reputation and consumer trust.
(D) It weakens safety standards.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that companies can enhance their reputation and consumer trust by adopting corporate social responsibility practices.

24. A key conflict of interest for a chemical company is between:

(A) Research and development
(B) Employees and customers
(C) Local and international regulations
(D) Profit and safety

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that financial incentives might lead companies to prioritize profits over safety and ethical considerations.

25. In the renewable energy debate, "Cutting down on carbon emissions is an essential objective" is an example of:

(A) An assumption
(B) A claim
(C) A premise
(D) A rebuttal

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes give this statement as an example of an assumption—a basic conviction accepted without evidence.

B. Less Important / Secondary Topics

26. "Burning fossil fuels releases large amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere" used to support a claim about renewable energy is an example of:

(A) A premise
(B) A conclusion
(C) A counterclaim
(D) A rebuttal

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: This statement is a reason that provides the foundation for the claim, so it is a premise.

27. "Renewable energy sources are unreliable and cannot provide a stable energy supply" is an example of:

(A) A claim
(B) A counterclaim
(C) A premise
(D) An assumption

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: This statement opposes the main claim that green energy is important, so it is a counterclaim.

28. "New technologies have improved efficiency and have reduced costs" in response to a counterclaim about renewable energy is an example of:

(A) A premise
(B) A conclusion
(C) A rebuttal
(D) An assumption

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: This statement challenges the counterclaim, so it is a rebuttal.

29. Which of the following is a con of strict regulations in the chemical industry?

(A) They encourage industry standards.
(B) They foster innovation.
(C) They protect public health.
(D) They can impose significant compliance costs.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that strict regulations can impose significant compliance costs on companies.

30. The false cause fallacy is dangerous in physical sciences because it can:

(A) Mislead scientists into false causal relationships.
(B) Always improve experimental accuracy.
(C) Simplify complex calculations.
(D) Replace the need for experiments.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that the false cause fallacy can mislead scientists into false causal relationships.

31. A chemical company that adopts practices to reduce environmental impact and promote community health is demonstrating:

(A) Confirmation bias
(B) Corporate social responsibility
(C) Appeal to tradition
(D) Hasty generalization

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes describe corporate social responsibility as practices that focus on reducing environmental impact and promoting community health.

32. The argument that "solar and wind power do not produce carbon emissions during operation" is used as:

(A) A claim
(B) A counterclaim
(C) A premise
(D) A conclusion

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: This is a supporting reason for the claim that green energy is important, so it is a premise.

33. Which statement about assumptions is correct according to the notes?

(A) They are always explicitly stated in an argument.
(B) They are the final conclusions of an argument.
(C) They are always false.
(D) They are accepted without evidence and lay the groundwork for reasoning.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes define assumptions as basic convictions accepted without evidence that lay the groundwork for reasoning but are not directly mentioned.

34. In a brochure claiming an eco-friendly product is best, the statement "It is made from 100% recycled materials" is a:

(A) Premise
(B) Counterclaim
(C) Rebuttal
(D) Conclusion

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: This is a supporting reason for the claim that the product is the best choice, so it is a premise.

35. The statement "Choosing our products ensures a greener and more sustainable lifestyle" in a brochure is a:

(A) Claim
(B) Conclusion
(C) Counterclaim
(D) Premise

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: This is the final statement that summarizes the argument, so it is the conclusion.

36. A researcher finds that a reaction occurs whenever a particular gas is present and concludes the gas causes the reaction, without testing other variables. Which fallacy is most directly involved?

(A) Confirmation bias
(B) Straw man fallacy
(C) Post hoc ergo propter hoc
(D) Appeal to tradition

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The researcher assumes causation from sequence alone, which is the false cause (post hoc) fallacy.

37. A company argues that its chemical is safe because "no one has proven it harmful." Which fallacy does this argument most closely resemble?

(A) Begging the question
(B) Fallacy of exclusion
(C) Hasty generalization
(D) Argument from non-testable hypothesis

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The claim cannot be verified or disproven by evidence, which is the argument from a non-tes.

38. An argument states: "This policy is good because it is new." Which assumption is hidden in this argument?

(A) New things are always better.
(B) All new things are bad.
(C) The policy is not new.
(D) The policy is good.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The argument relies on the unstated assumption that "new" means "better" to connect the premise to the claim.

39. A scientist claims a drug is effective but removes trial data where it failed. This most directly violates:

(A) Confirmation bias
(B) The fallacy of exclusion
(C) Hasty generalization
(D) False authority

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Excluding evidence that could disprove a hypothesis is the fallacy of exclusion.

40. Two different explanations exist for an observation. A scientist automatically chooses the more complex one without justification. This error is:

(A) Faulty analogy
(B) Appeal to tradition
(C) Falling Occam's razor
(D) Redefinition

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Occam's razor favors the simpler explanation; failing to apply it is "falling Occam's razor.".

41. An industry representative says, "We should not regulate this chemical because it has been used for decades." This argument primarily relies on:

(A) False authority
(B) Faulty analogy
(C) Begging the question
(D) Appeal to tradition

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The argument assumes a practice is correct because it has been done for a long time, which is the appeal to tradition.

42. A student argues: "Atoms are like tiny solar systems, so electrons orbit the nucleus like planets." This reasoning is flawed because it is:

(A) A faulty analogy
(B) A hasty generalization
(C) An appeal to tradition
(D) A post hoc fallacy

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The argument assumes two things alike in some respects must be alike in others, which is a faulty analogy.

43. A company argues for a chemical process by saying: "Our process is safe because it is safe." This is an example of:

(A) False authority
(B) Begging the question
(C) Confirmation bias
(D) Fallacy of exclusion

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The argument assumes the conclusion it is trying to prove, which is begging the question.

44. Which statement best explains why an argument from a non-testable hypothesis is a serious problem in the physical sciences?

(A) It makes calculations too long.
(B) It always contradicts mathematical laws.
(C) It cannot be verified or disproven, weakening the evidence-based foundation of science.
(D) It relies on too much data.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: It cannot be verified or disproven, weakening the evidence-based foundation of science. — this correctly answers the question.

45. A government changes the required success criteria for a new chemical safety test after the test has already met the original criteria. This is an example of:

(A) Hasty generalization
(B) Post hoc fallacy
(C) Straw man fallacy
(D) Redefinition (shifting the standards)

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Altering the criteria for success once it has been achieved is redefinition or shifting the standards.

46. A chemical company argues that a proposed safety rule is bad because "our competitor supports it." Which fallacy does this most closely resemble?

(A) Straw man fallacy
(B) Faulty analogy
(C) Confirmation bias
(D) Fallacy of exclusion

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Straw man fallacy — this correctly answers the question.

47. A report claims: "Pesticides are safe because a famous actor endorses them." This argument is flawed primarily because it relies on:

(A) Hasty generalization
(B) False authority
(C) Appeal to tradition
(D) Redefinition

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The argument relies on the prestige of a well-known person outside the relevant field, which is the false authority fallacy.

48. A scientist argues that because two molecules have similar sizes, they must have the same reactivity. This reasoning is an example of:

(A) Confirmation bias
(B) Begging the question
(C) A faulty analogy

(D) A post hoc fallacy

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes give the example of assuming that similar atom sizes imply similar chemical re.

49. An argument includes a counterclaim but then ignores it entirely without offering a response. Which component of a strong argument is missing?

(A) The claim
(B) The premise
(C) The conclusion
(D) The rebuttal

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: A strong argument should respond to the counterclaim with a rebuttal; ignoring it leaves the argument incomplete.

50. A company claims its product is "the best" and supports this only with the premise "It is our product." This argument is weak because:

(A) The premise assumes the conclusion instead of providing independent support.
(B) It uses too many premises.
(C) It lacks an assumption.
(D) It includes a rebuttal.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The premise does not provide independent evidence but simply restates the claim, which is a circular argument (begging the question).

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Chemistry Grade 12 — Chapter 2

Electrochemistry

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Independent practice MCQs from the supplied Class 12 Chemistry notes pack. Total: 50 questions.

A. Important / Main Topics

1. A reaction in which a substance loses electrons is called:

(A) Oxidation
(B) Reduction
(C) Neutralization
(D) Disproportionation

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes define oxidation as a reaction in which a substance loses electrons.

2. The oxidation number of an element in its free state is:

(A) +1
(B) 0
(C) -1
(D) +2

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Rule 1 states that elements in their free (elemental) state have an oxidation number of zero.

3. In a disproportionation reaction:

(A) Two different elements are oxidized and reduced.
(B) An element is only oxidized.
(C) The same element is both oxidized and reduced.
(D) An element is only reduced.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: A disproportionation reaction is a redox reaction in which the same element is simultaneously oxidized and reduced.

4. The total number of electrons lost by oxidation must equal the total number of electrons gained by reduction. This principle is the basis of:

(A) The Nernst equation
(B) The ideal gas law
(C) Le Chatelier's principle
(D) Balancing redox equations

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The total number of electrons lost by oxidation must equal the total number of electrons gained by reduction. This principle is the basis of Balancing redox equations.

5. An oxidizing agent is a substance that:

(A) Gains electrons and is reduced.
(B) Loses electrons and is oxidized.
(C) Gains protons and is oxidized.
(D) Loses protons and is reduced.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that an oxidizing agent accepts electrons and causes oxidation, therefore its own oxidation state decreases (it is reduced).

6. The electrode where oxidation occurs is called the:

(A) Cathode

(B) Anode
(C) Salt bridge
(D) Voltmeter

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes define the anode as the electrode at which oxidation occurs.

7. The standard hydrogen electrode (SHE) is assigned a potential of:

(A) 1.00 V
(B) -1.00 V
(C) 0.00 V
(D) 0.76 V

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that the standard electrode potential of the SHE is arbitrarily chosen as exactly 0.00 V.

8. The standard cell potential is calculated using the formula:

(A) E^circcell = E^circanode - E^circcathode
(B) E^circcell = E^circcathode + E^circanode
(C) E^circcell = E^circanode + E^circcathode
(D) E^circcell = E^circcathode - E^circanode

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The standard cell potential is calculated using the formula E^circcell = E^circcathode - E^circanode.

9. In the electrochemical series, elements with the most negative reduction potentials are the:

(A) Strongest reducing agents
(B) Strongest oxidizing agents
(C) Most stable elements
(D) Least reactive elements

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that more negative reduction potentials indicate a greater tendency to lose electrons, making the species a stronger reducing agent.

10. A redox reaction is feasible (spontaneous) if the standard cell potential is:

(A) Negative
(B) Positive
(C) Zero
(D) Equal to 1 V

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that the cell potential has a positive value for any spontaneous redox reaction.

11. The Faraday constant is the charge of:

(A) One electron
(B) One proton
(C) One mole of electrons
(D) One mole of protons

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes define one Faraday as the amount of electric charge carried by one mole of electrons, approximately 96500 C.

12. The relationship between charge, current, and time is:

(A) Q = I/t
(B) Q = t/I
(C) Q = I + t
(D) Q = I × t

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes give the relation Q = I × t, where Q is charge, I is current, and t is time.

13. In the Winkler method, the titrant used to determine dissolved oxygen is:

(A) Sodium thiosulphate
(B) Potassium iodide
(C) Manganese sulphate
(D) Sulphuric acid

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that the iodine produced is titrated with a standard sodium thiosulphate solution.

14. In an electrolytic cell, electrical energy is used to drive a:

(A) Spontaneous reaction
(B) Non-spontaneous reaction
(C) Neutralization reaction
(D) Precipitation reaction

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that an electrolytic cell uses electrical energy to drive a non-spontaneous chemical reaction.

15. The standard reduction potential of the mathrmZn²□/Zn half-cell is:

(A) +0.76 V
(B) +0.34 V
(C) -0.76 V
(D) -0.34 V

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that the standard reduction potential of zinc is -0.76 V.

16. In the reaction mathrmZn□s□ + Cu²□□aq□ → Zn²□□aq□ + Cu□s□, the reducing agent is:

(A) mathrmCu²□
(B) mathrmZn²□
(C) Cu
(D) Zn

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Zn loses electrons and is oxidized, so it acts as the reducing agent.

17. In the reaction 2Na + Cl□ → 2NaCl, how does the oxidation number of sodium change?

(A) From 0 to +1
(B) From 0 to -1
(C) From +1 to 0
(D) From +1 to +2

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Sodium goes from the elemental state (0) to +1 in NaCl, which is an increase (oxidation).

18. In the reaction CH□ + 2O□ → CO□ + 2H□O, which element is reduced?

(A) Carbon
(B) Oxygen
(C) Hydrogen
(D) None

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Oxygen goes from 0 in O□ to -2 in the products, a decrease, so it is reduced.

19. In the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide, 2H□O□ → 2H□O + O□, the oxygen in H□O□ is:

(A) Only oxidized
(B) Only reduced
(C) Both oxidized and reduced
(D) Neither oxidized nor reduced

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Oxygen in H□O□ (-1) is reduced to -2 in water and oxidized to 0 in oxygen gas, so it is a disproportionation reaction.

20. In the reaction Fe + CuSO□ → FeSO□ + Cu, what is the oxidizing agent?

(A) Fe
(B) Cu
(C) mathrmFe²□
(D) mathrmCu²□

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: mathrmCu²□ gains electrons and is reduced, so it acts as the oxidizing agent.

21. Which of the following ions is preferentially discharged at the cathode in an aqueous solution?

(A) mathrmCu²□
(B) Na□
(C) mathrmMg²□
(D) mathrmCa²□

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: mathrmCu²□ is less reactive than hydrogen, so it is preferentially discharged at the cathode in aqueous solution.

22. When a zinc electrode is connected to the SHE, the voltmeter reads 0.76 V. What is the standard reduction potential of zinc?

(A) +0.76 V
(B) -0.76 V
(C) +1.52 V
(D) -1.52 V

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Using E^circcell = E^circcathode - E^circanode with the SHE as cathode (0.00 V): 0.76 = 0.00 - E^circanode, so E^circanode = -0.76 V.

23. The Nernst equation is used to calculate the electrode potential:

(A) Under standard conditions only
(B) At absolute zero
(C) Under non-standard conditions
(D) Only for strong electrolytes

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The Nernst equation is used to calculate the electrode potential Under non-standard conditions.

24. For the half-reaction mathrmCu²□ + 2e□ → Cu, the Nernst equation is:

(A) E = E^circ - frac0.0592log[mathrmCu²□]
(B) E = E^circ + frac0.0591log[mathrmCu²□]
(C) E = E^circ + frac0.0592ln[mathrmCu²□]
(D) E = E^circ + frac0.0592log[mathrmCu²□]

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: For mathrmCu²□ + 2e□ → Cu, n = 2, and the concentration of the reduced species (solid Cu) is 1, so E = E^circ + frac0.0592log[mathrmCu²□].

25. If the concentration of the oxidized species in a half-cell increases, the electrode potential:

(A) Increases
(B) Decreases
(C) Remains the same
(D) Becomes zero

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: If the concentration of the oxidized species in a half-cell increases, the electrode potential Increases.

B. Less Important / Secondary Topics

26. In a galvanic cell, electrons flow through the external circuit from:

(A) Anode to cathode
(B) Cathode to anode
(C) Salt bridge to cathode
(D) Anode to salt bridge

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Electrons are released at the anode and travel to the cathode through the external circuit.

27. The purpose of the salt bridge in a galvanic cell is to:

(A) Allow electrons to flow
(B) Maintain electrical neutrality by allowing ions to flow
(C) Provide energy for the reaction
(D) Measure the cell potential

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The purpose of the salt bridge in a galvanic cell is to Maintain electrical neutrality by allowing ions to flow.

28. Which of the following is a characteristic of an electrolytic cell?

(A) The reaction is spontaneous.
(B) It converts chemical energy to electrical energy.
(C) An external power source is required.
(D) The anode is negative.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that an electrolytic cell requires an external power source to drive a non-spontaneous reaction.

29. In the Winkler method, the brown precipitate formed after adding MnSO□ and alkaline iodide is:

(A) I□
(B) MnSO□
(C) Na□S□O□
(D) MnO□

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Oxygen oxidizes mathrmMn^{2}□ to MnO□, which is a brown precipitate.

30. A high Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) indicates:

(A) A high level of organic pollution
(B) A high level of dissolved oxygen
(C) A low level of organic waste
(D) A neutral pH

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: A high BOD indicates a greater quantity of organic waste and a lower level of dissolved oxygen, which is a sign of pollution.

31. Which process is used to extract magnesium?

(A) Reduction with carbon
(B) Electrolysis of molten magnesium chloride
(C) Heating magnesium carbonate
(D) Reacting magnesium with acid

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that magnesium is commonly produced by the electrolysis of molten magnesium chloride.

32. The relation between the Faraday constant, Avogadro constant, and the charge on the electron is:

(A) F = e/N_A
(B) F = N_A/e

(C) F = N_A × e
(D) F = e² × N_A

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The relation between the Faraday constant, Avogadro constant, and the charge on the electron is F = N_A × e.

33. The charge on one mole of electrons is approximately:

(A) 1.602 × 10□¹⁹ C
(B) 6.022 × 10²³ C
(C) 8.314 C
(D) 96500 C

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that one Faraday is approximately 96500 C, which is the charge on one mole of electrons.

34. In the electrolysis of concentrated aqueous NaCl, what is produced at the anode?

(A) Cl□
(B) O□
(C) H□
(D) Na

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Cl□ — this correctly answers the question.

35. In the electrolysis of dilute aqueous NaCl, what is produced at the anode?

(A) Cl□
(B) O□
(C) H□
(D) Na

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: In dilute aqueous NaCl, the low concentration of Cl□ means water (or OH□) is preferentially oxidized at the anode, producing oxygen gas.

36. A galvanic cell is constructed with E^circcathode = +0.80 V and E^circanode = -0.76 V. What is E^circcell?

(A) 0.04 V
(B) -1.56 V
(C) 1.56 V
(D) 0.76 V

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: 1.56 V — this correctly answers the question.

37. A half-cell has E^circ = +0.34 V. The concentration of the oxidized species is 0.1 M and n = 2. Using the simplified Nernst equation with 0.059, the new potential is approximately:

(A) 0.34 V
(B) 0.37 V
(C) 0.40 V
(D) 0.31 V

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: A half-cell has E^circ = +0.34 V. The concentration of the oxidized species is 0.1 M and n = 2. Using the simplified Nernst equation with 0.059, the new potential is approximately 0.31 V.

38. A ten-fold decrease in the concentration of the oxidized species changes the potential by:

(A) A decrease of 0.059/n V
(B) An increase of 0.059/n V
(C) An increase of 2 × 0.059/n V
(D) No change

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: A ten-fold decrease makes the log term -1, so the potential decreases by 0.059/n V.

39. For the reaction mathrmMnO□□ + 8H□ + 5e□ → Mn²□ + 4H□O, the number of Faradays required to reduce one mole of MnO□□ is:

(A) 2
(B) 5
(C) 3
(D) 8

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Five electrons are transferred in the half-reaction, so 5 Faradays are required per mole.

40. A constant current of 0.01 A is passed through molten ZnCl□ for one hour. The charge passed is:

(A) 0.01 C
(B) 3.6 C
(C) 36 C
(D) 360 C

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: A constant current of 0.01 A is passed through molten ZnCl□ for one hour. The charge passed is 36 C.

41. In the same electrolysis, the number of Faradays passed is approximately:

(A) 3.73 × 10□³ F
(B) 3.73 × 10□² F
(C) 3.73 F
(D) 3.73 × 10□⁴ F

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: In the same electrolysis, the number of Faradays passed is approximately 3.73 × 10□⁴ F.

42. To deposit one mole of copper from mathrmCu²□, the amount of electricity required is:

(A) 2 F
(B) 1 F
(C) 3 F
(D) 4 F

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: To deposit one mole of copper from mathrmCu²□, the amount of electricity required is 2 F.

43. In the Winkler method, the stoichiometric relationship between O□ and mathrmS□O□²□ is:

(A) 1 mole O□ : 1 mole mathrmS□O□²□
(B) 1 mole O□ : 4 moles mathrmS□O□²□
(C) 1 mole O□ : 2 moles mathrmS□O□²□
(D) 1 mole O□ : 8 moles mathrmS□O□²□

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: In the Winkler method, the stoichiometric relationship between O□ and mathrmS□O□²□ is 1 mole O□ : 4 moles mathrmS□O□²□.

44. A cell with E^circcell = +1.10 V is constructed. Which statement is correct?

(A) The reaction is non-spontaneous.
(B) The cell is at equilibrium.
(C) The reaction is spontaneous.
(D) The cell is an electrolytic cell.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The reaction is spontaneous. — this correctly answers the question.

45. Which of the following is the strongest oxidizing agent based on the given standard reduction potentials?

(A) mathrmZn²□ (-0.76 V)

(B) mathrmCu²□ (+0.34 V)
(C) mathrmFe²□ (-0.44 V)
(D) Ag□ (+0.80 V)

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The species with the most positive reduction potential is the strongest oxidizing agent.

46. The reaction between MnO□□ (+1.52 V) and mathrmC□O□²□ (+0.49 V) has a standard cell potential of:

(A) +1.03 V
(B) -1.03 V
(C) +2.01 V
(D) -2.01 V

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The reaction between MnO□□ (+1.52 V) and mathrmC□O□²□ (+0.49 V) has a standard cell potential of +1.03 V.

47. In the electrolysis of aqueous CuSO□, what is produced at the cathode?

(A) H□ gas
(B) Cu metal
(C) O□ gas
(D) SO□ gas

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: mathrmCu²□ is less reactive than hydrogen, so it is preferentially reduced at the cathode, depositing copper metal.

48. The reaction between mathrmCu²□ and I□ proceeds despite a negative standard cell potential because:

(A) The temperature is high.
(B) The reaction is exothermic.
(C) CuI precipitates, removing the product and shifting the equilibrium.
(D) I□ is a strong oxidizing agent.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The reaction between mathrmCu²□ and I□ proceeds despite a negative standard cell potential because CuI precipitates, removing the product and shifting the equilibrium..

49. Which of the following is the correct order of reactivity of halogenoalkanes with aqueous silver nitrate?

(A) R-F > R-Cl > R-Br > R-I
(B) R-Cl > R-Br > R-I > R-F
(C) R-Br > R-I > R-Cl > R-F
(D) R-I > R-Br > R-Cl > R-F

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The C-X bond strength decreases down the group, so the re.

50. A galvanic cell is made of a zinc half-cell and a copper half-cell. Which electrode is the anode and what is the cell potential?

(A) Zinc is the anode; E^circcell = 1.10 V
(B) Copper is the anode; E^circcell = 1.10 V
(C) Zinc is the anode; E^circcell = -1.10 V
(D) Copper is the anode; E^circcell = -1.10 V

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Zinc has the more negative reduction potential (-0.76 V), so it is the anode. E^circcell = 0.34 - (-0.76) = 1.10 V.

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Chemistry Grade 12 — Chapter 3

Chemical Equilibria

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A. Important / Main Topics

1. The strength of an acid is determined by:

(A) The extent of its ionization in water
(B) Its molar mass
(C) Its density
(D) Its boiling point

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that the extent of ionization and the acid dissociation constant K_a are used to distinguish strong and weak acids.

2. A large K_a value indicates:

(A) A weak acid
(B) A strong acid
(C) A neutral solution
(D) A strong base

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that the greater the value of K_a, the stronger the acid.

3. The relationship between pK_a and K_a is:

(A) pK_a = log K_a
(B) pK_a = K_a²
(C) pK_a = -log K_a
(D) pK_a = 1/K_a

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes define pK_a as the negative logarithm of K_a.

4. A buffer solution is one whose pH:

(A) Changes greatly when a small amount of acid or base is added
(B) Is always 7
(C) Is always below 7
(D) Does not change significantly when a small amount of acid or base is added

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes define a buffer solution as one whose pH does not change significantly when a small amount of acid or base is added.

5. An acidic buffer has a pH:

(A) Less than 7
(B) Equal to 7
(C) Greater than 7
(D) Always 14

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that acidic buffers, made from a weak acid and its salt with a strong base, have a pH less than 7.

6. The solubility product constant (Ksp) is the product of the molar concentrations of ions in a:

(A) Dilute solution
(B) Saturated solution

(C) Unsaturated solution
(D) Pure solvent

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes define Ksp as the product of the molar concentrations of ions in a saturated solution of a slightly soluble ionic compound.

7. For the dissolution of AgCl, the Ksp expression is:

(A) Ksp = [Ag□] + [Cl□]
(B) Ksp = [AgCl]/([Ag□][Cl□])
(C) Ksp = [Ag□][Cl□]
(D) Ksp = [Ag□]²[Cl□]

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The concentration of the pure solid (AgCl) is constant and is not included, giving Ksp = [Ag□][Cl□].

8. The common ion effect is the suppression of the ionization of a weak electrolyte by:

(A) Adding water
(B) Increasing the temperature
(C) Adding a catalyst
(D) Adding a strong electrolyte with an ion in common

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes define the common ion effect as the suppression of the ionization of a weak electrolyte by the addition of a strong electrolyte that has an ion in common with it.

9. The partition coefficient (Kpc) is defined as the ratio of the concentrations of a solute in two:

(A) Immiscible solvents
(B) Miscible solvents
(C) Solid phases
(D) Gas phases

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes define Kpc as the ratio of the concentrations of a solute in two different immiscible solvents in contact with each other at equilibrium.

10. The partition coefficient has:

(A) Units of mol/dm³
(B) No units
(C) Units of g/L
(D) Units of mol/s

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that the partition coefficient is a ratio of two concentrations, so it has no units.

11. A strong base is one that:

(A) Accepts protons only partially
(B) Does not accept protons
(C) Accepts protons completely (or almost completely) in water
(D) Always has a pH of 7

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that strong bases ionize completely in aqueous solution, while weak bases ionize only partially.

12. Which of the following is a strong acid?

(A) Acetic acid
(B) Hydrofluoric acid
(C) Carbonic acid
(D) Hydrochloric acid

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that HCl is a strong acid that ionizes completely, unlike acetic acid, hydrofluoric acid, and carbonic acid.

13. The pH of blood is maintained by the:

(A) Bicarbonate buffer system
(B) Phosphate buffer system
(C) Acetate buffer system
(D) Ammonia buffer system

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that the bicarbonate ion plays a crucial role in maintaining blood pH through the bicarbonate buffer system.

14. The normal pH range of blood is approximately:

(A) 6.8–7.0
(B) 7.35–7.45
(C) 7.0–7.2
(D) 7.8–8.0

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that the normal pH range of blood is approximately 7.35–7.45.

15. The higher the Ksp value of a compound, the:

(A) Less soluble it is in water
(B) More stable it is
(C) More soluble it is in water
(D) Less stable it is

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that the higher the Ksp value of a compound, the more it is soluble in water.

16. Which of the following is a weak acid?

(A) HCl
(B) HBr
(C) HNO□
(D) HF

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that hydrofluoric acid (HF) is a weak acid that only partially ionizes, while HCl, HBr, and HNO□ are strong acids.

17. For acetic acid, K_a = 1.8 × 10□⁵. What is its approximate pK_a?

(A) 4.7
(B) 5.7
(C) 1.8
(D) 10

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: 4.7 — this correctly answers the question.

18. Which is a stronger acid: acid A with K_a = 1 × 10□³ or acid B with K_a = 1 × 10□⁵?

(A) Acid B
(B) Acid A
(C) Both are equally strong
(D) Cannot be determined

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Acid A has the larger K_a, so it is the stronger acid.

19. A buffer solution can be made by mixing:

(A) A strong acid and its salt
(B) Two strong acids

(C) A weak acid and its conjugate base (or a weak base and its conjugate acid)
(D) Two strong bases

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that a buffer is made by mixing a weak acid and its conjugate base (or a weak base and its conjugate acid).

20. A buffer solution controls pH because the weak acid:

(A) Increases the pH
(B) Is a strong electrolyte
(C) Is a strong acid
(D) Neutralizes added base

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: In a buffer, the weak acid reacts with added base to form the conjugate base and water, preventing a large pH change.

21. In the acetate buffer, when a small amount of acid is added, it is neutralized by:

(A) CH□COO□
(B) CH□COOH
(C) Na□
(D) H□O

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The conjugate base (CH□COO□) in the buffer reacts with added H□ to form more weak acid (CH□COOH), minimizing the pH change.

22. The pH of a buffer containing 1.0 M acetic acid and 1.0 M sodium acetate is approximately:

(A) 7.00
(B) 4.74
(C) 9.25
(D) 1.00

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The pH of a buffer containing 1.0 M acetic acid and 1.0 M sodium acetate is approximately 4.74.

23. For a slightly soluble salt of the type AB□, the relationship between Ksp and molar solubility (s) is:

(A) $Ksp = s^2$
(B) $Ksp = 2s^2$
(C) $Ksp = 4s^3$
(D) $Ksp = 27s^4$

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: For a slightly soluble salt of the type AB□, the relationship between Ksp and molar solubility (s) is $Ksp = 4s^3$.

24. The Ksp of AgCl is 1.8×10^{-10}. The concentration of Ag□ in a saturated solution is approximately:

(A) 1.8×10^{-10} M
(B) 9.0×10^{-11} M
(C) 3.6×10^{-10} M
(D) 1.34×10^{-5} M

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: For AgCl, $Ksp = s^2$, so $s = \sqrt{1.8 \times 10^{-10}} \approx 1.34 \times 10^{-5}$ M.

25. The presence of a common ion in a saturated solution of a slightly soluble salt:

(A) Decreases the solubility
(B) Increases the solubility
(C) Has no effect
(D) Makes the solution unsaturated

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The presence of a common ion in a saturated solution of a slightly soluble salt Decreases the solubility.

B. Less Important / Secondary Topics

26. If Q > Ksp in a precipitation reaction, the solution is:

(A) Supersaturated, a precipitate forms
(B) Unsaturated, no precipitate
(C) Saturated, no precipitate
(D) Always clear

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: If the reaction quotient Q is greater than Ksp, the solution is supersaturated and a precipitate forms until Q = Ksp.

27. The common ion effect is a direct consequence of:

(A) The Nernst equation
(B) Le Chatelier's principle
(C) The Arrhenius equation
(D) The Boltzmann distribution

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The common ion effect is a shift in equilibrium caused by adding a common ion, which is explained by Le Chatelier's principle.

28. In a buffer solution of acetic acid and sodium acetate, the common ion is:

(A) CH□COOH
(B) Na□
(C) CH□COO□
(D) H□

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The common ion is the acetate ion (CH□COO□), which is provided by the sodium acetate and suppresses the ionization of the weak acid.

29. For the partition coefficient Kpc = [solute in ether]/[solute in water], if Kpc = 10, the solute is:

(A) Equally soluble in both solvents
(B) More soluble in water
(C) Insoluble
(D) More soluble in ether

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: A value greater than 1 indicates that the solute is more soluble in the solvent in the numerator (ether).

30. A factor that affects the numerical value of the partition coefficient is:

(A) The polarity of the solute
(B) The color of the solution
(C) The volume of the container
(D) The pressure of the gas

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that the polarity of the solute and the polarity of the solvents affect the partition coefficient.

31. In the Winkler method, a high BOD indicates:

(A) High dissolved oxygen
(B) High organic pollution
(C) Low organic waste
(D) A neutral solution

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: A high BOD indicates a greater quantity of organic waste and a lower level of dissolved oxygen, which is a sign of pollution.

32. The buffer system in blood plasma involves:

(A) CH□COOH and CH□COO□
(B) NH□OH and NH□Cl
(C) H□CO□ and HCO□□
(D) HCl and NaCl

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The buffer system in blood plasma involves H□CO□ and HCO□□.

33. The pH of a basic buffer is:

(A) Less than 7
(B) Equal to 7
(C) Always 14
(D) Greater than 7

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that basic buffers, made from a weak base and its salt with a strong acid, have a pH greater than 7.

34. A weak electrolyte is one that:

(A) Ionizes only partially in water
(B) Ionizes completely in water
(C) Does not ionize at all
(D) Is always a strong acid

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that a weak electrolyte ionizes only partially in water.

35. The Ksp expression for CaF□ is:

(A) Ksp = [mathrmCa²□][F□]
(B) Ksp = [mathrmCa²□][F□]²
(C) Ksp = [mathrmCa²□]²[F□]
(D) Ksp = [CaF□]/([mathrmCa²□][F□]²)

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: For mathrmCaF□□s□ rightleftharpoons Ca²□ + 2F□, the Ksp expression is [mathrmCa²□][F□]².

36. For a weak acid HA with K_a = 1.8 × 10□⁵, in a buffer where [HA] = 0.1 M and [A□] = 0.1 M, the pH is approximately:

(A) 5.74
(B) 3.74
(C) 4.74
(D) 7.00

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: For a weak acid HA with K_a = 1.8 × 10□⁵, in a buffer where [HA] = 0.1 M and [A□] = 0.1 M, the pH is approximately 4.74.

37. A buffer is made from 0.1 M acetic acid and 0.01 M sodium acetate. Compared with an equal mixture of 0.1 M each, this buffer will have:

(A) A higher pH
(B) The same pH
(C) A pH of exactly 7
(D) A lower pH

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Decreasing the concentration of the conjugate base relative to the acid lowers the ratio [A□]/[HA], and therefore lowers the pH.

38. A slightly soluble salt MX has Ksp = 1.0 × 10□¹². Its molar solubility is:

(A) 1.0 × 10□⁶ M
(B) 1.0 × 10□¹² M
(C) 1.0 × 10□⁴ M

(D) 1.0 × 10□²⁴ M

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: For an AB-type salt, Ksp = s², so s = sqrt1.0 × 10□¹² = 1.0 × 10□⁶ M.

39. A salt AB□ has Ksp = 4 × 10□⁸. Its molar solubility is:

(A) 2.0 × 10□⁴ M
(B) 2.15 × 10□³ M
(C) 1.0 × 10□⁸ M
(D) 4.0 × 10□⁸ M

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: For AB□, Ksp = 4s³, so s³ = 1 × 10□⁸ and s ≈ 2.15 × 10□³ M.

40. A saturated solution of AgCl is treated with NaCl. The solubility of AgCl:

(A) Increases
(B) Remains the same
(C) Decreases
(D) Becomes zero

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Adding NaCl provides the common ion Cl□, which shifts the dissolution equilibrium of AgCl to the left, decreasing its solubility.

41. A buffer solution contains equal concentrations of a weak acid and its conjugate base. Its pH is:

(A) Equal to 7
(B) Always greater than 7
(C) Always less than 7
(D) Equal to the pK_a of the acid

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: A buffer solution contains equal concentrations of a weak acid and its conjugate base. Its pH is Equal to the pK_a of the acid.

42. A partition coefficient of 0.1 for a solute between water and octanol (water in the numerator) means the solute is:

(A) More soluble in octanol
(B) More soluble in water
(C) Equally soluble in both
(D) Insoluble

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Kpc = [water]/[octanol] = 0.1 means the concentration in octanol is 10 times that in water, so it is more soluble in octanol.

43. Two solutions have Ksp values of 1 × 10□¹⁰ (salt A) and 1 × 10□¹² (salt B). Assuming the same stoichiometry, which salt is more soluble?

(A) Salt B
(B) Salt A
(C) Both are equally soluble
(D) Cannot be determined

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: For salts with the same stoichiometry, a higher Ksp indicates greater solubility, so salt A is more soluble.

44. The common ion effect is most significant for:

(A) Strong electrolytes
(B) Non-electrolytes
(C) Weak electrolytes
(D) Gases

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Strong electrolytes are already fully ionized, so adding a common ion cannot suppress their ionization further; the effect is significant for weak electrolytes.

45. In a titration, a buffer region is observed before the equivalence point when:

(A) A strong acid is titrated with a strong base
(B) A strong acid is titrated with a weak base
(C) Two strong electrolytes are mixed
(D) A weak acid is titrated with a strong base

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The buffer region occurs when a weak acid and its conjugate base are both present in significant amounts, which happens during the titration of a weak acid with a strong base.

46. A buffer solution's capacity to resist pH change is greatest when:

(A) The concentrations of the weak acid and conjugate base are equal and large
(B) The concentrations are very small
(C) The pH is very low
(D) The pH is very high

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Buffer capacity is highest when the concentrations of the acid and conjugate base are equal and large, which corresponds to pH = pK_a.

47. A weak acid has K_a = 1 × 10□⁵. Its conjugate base has a K_b value of:

(A) 1 × 10□⁵
(B) 1 × 10□⁹
(C) 1 × 10□¹⁴
(D) 1 × 10□¹⁹

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: A weak acid has K_a = 1 × 10□⁵. Its conjugate base has a K_b value of 1 × 10□⁹.

48. The pH of a buffer made from a weak base and its conjugate acid is determined by:

(A) The concentration of the strong acid only
(B) The volume of the solution only
(C) The pK_a of the conjugate acid and the ratio of their concentrations
(D) The temperature only

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The pH of a basic buffer is determined by the pK_a of the conjugate acid and the ratio of the concentrations of the base and its conjugate acid.

49. In the Winkler method, the amount of iodine produced is proportional to the:

(A) Amount of manganese sulphate
(B) Amount of sulphuric acid
(C) Amount of starch
(D) Amount of dissolved oxygen

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The amount of iodine produced is proportional to the amount of dissolved oxygen in the original water sample.

50. A buffer solution is prepared from 0.2 M acetic acid and 0.1 M sodium acetate. If pK_a of acetic acid is 4.74, the pH is:

(A) 4.44
(B) 4.74
(C) 5.04
(D) 7.00

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: A buffer solution is prepared from 0.2 M acetic acid and 0.1 M sodium acetate. If pK_a of acetic acid is 4.74, the pH is 4.44.

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Chemistry Grade 12 — Chapter 4

Acid-base Chemistry

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A. Important / Main Topics

1. The pH of a solution is defined as:

(A) -log[H□]
(B) log[H□]
(C) 1/[H□]
(D) 10[H^□]

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that pH = -log[H□], i.e., the negative logarithm of the hydrogen ion concentration.

2. At 25°C, a neutral solution has a pH of:

(A) 0
(B) 7
(C) 14
(D) 1

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: At 25°C, a neutral solution has a pH of 7.

3. The ionic product of water (K_w) at 25°C is:

(A) 1.0 × 10□⁷
(B) 1.0 × 10□¹⁰
(C) 1.0 × 10□¹⁴
(D) 1.0 × 10□⁴

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that K_w = [H□][OH□] = 1.0 × 10□¹⁴ at 25°C.

4. The pH scale typically ranges from:

(A) 0 to 7
(B) 7 to 14
(C) 1 to 14
(D) 0 to 14

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that the values on the pH scale go from 0 to 14.

5. The relationship between pH and pOH at 25°C is:

(A) pH + pOH = 14
(B) pH + pOH = 7
(C) pH - pOH = 14
(D) pH × pOH = 14

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The relationship between pH and pOH at 25°C is pH + pOH = 14.

6. In a titration of a strong acid with a strong base, the pH at the equivalence point is:

(A) Less than 7
(B) 7
(C) Greater than 7
(D) Always 14

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The equivalence point of a strong acid–strong base titration is neutral, with a pH of 7.

7. The pH titration curve of a weak acid with a strong base has an equivalence point that is:

(A) Acidic
(B) Neutral
(C) Basic
(D) Always 7

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that for a weak acid–strong base titration, the equivalence point is basic (pH about 9).

8. The pH titration curve of a strong acid with a weak base has an equivalence point that is:

(A) Neutral
(B) Basic
(C) Always 7
(D) Acidic

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that for a strong acid–weak base titration, the equivalence point is acidic (pH about 5.5).

9. The pH scale was introduced by:

(A) Sorensen
(B) Arrhenius
(C) Lewis
(D) Lowry

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that the pH scale was introduced by the Danish biochemist S.P.L. Sorensen in 1909.

10. A change of one pH unit represents a change in [H□] by a factor of:

(A) 1
(B) 10
(C) 100
(D) 1000

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that a change of one pH unit corresponds to a ten-fold change in the hydrogen ion concentration.

11. Which titration curve has no steep vertical region?

(A) Strong acid + strong base
(B) Strong acid + weak base
(C) Weak acid + weak base
(D) Weak acid + strong base

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that in a weak acid–weak base titration, there is no vertical region; only a gradual change in pH occurs.

12. A solution with a pH of 5 is:

(A) Basic
(B) Neutral
(C) A strong base
(D) Acidic

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: A pH of 5 is less than 7, so the solution is acidic.

13. The pH of a solution with [H□] = 1 × 10□³ M is:

(A) 3
(B) -3

(C) 11
(D) 1

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The pH of a solution with [H□] = 1 × 10□³ M is 3.

14. The pOH of a solution with a pH of 10 at 25°C is:

(A) 7
(B) 4
(C) 10
(D) 14

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The pOH of a solution with a pH of 10 at 25°C is 4.

15. Which of the following solutions is the most acidic?

(A) pH 5
(B) pH 7
(C) pH 2
(D) pH 10

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The lower the pH, the more acidic the solution. pH 2 is the lowest value among the options.

16. If the concentration of H□ in a solution is 1 × 10□⁵ M, the pH is:

(A) -5
(B) 9
(C) 1
(D) 5

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: If the concentration of H□ in a solution is 1 × 10□⁵ M, the pH is 5.

17. If the pH of a solution is 3, the concentration of H□ is:

(A) 1 × 10□³ M
(B) 3 × 10□¹ M
(C) 1 × 10□¹¹ M
(D) 3 × 10□³ M

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: If the pH of a solution is 3, the concentration of H□ is 1 × 10□³ M.

18. If the concentration of NaOH in a solution is 2.5 × 10□⁴ M, the concentration of H□O□ at 25°C is:

(A) 2.5 × 10□⁴ M
(B) 4.0 × 10□¹¹ M
(C) 1.0 × 10□⁷ M
(D) 1.0 × 10□¹⁴ M

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: If the concentration of NaOH in a solution is 2.5 × 10□⁴ M, the concentration of H□O□ at 25°C is 4.0 × 10□¹¹ M.

19. A solution has a pH of 7.84. The hydrogen ion concentration is approximately:

(A) 7.84 × 10□⁸ M
(B) 1.45 × 10□⁷ M
(C) 1.45 × 10□⁸ M
(D) 7.84 × 10□⁷ M

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: A solution has a pH of 7.84. The hydrogen ion concentration is approximately 1.45 × 10□⁸ M.

20. At 25°C, the pKw value is:

(A) 7

(B) 10
(C) 1
(D) 14

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: At 25°C, the pKw value is 14.

21. If the pH of a solution is 5, its pOH at 25°C is:

(A) 9
(B) 5
(C) 14
(D) 7

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: If the pH of a solution is 5, its pOH at 25°C is 9.

22. A solution with a pH of 11 is:

(A) Acidic
(B) Basic
(C) Neutral
(D) A strong acid

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: A pH of 11 is greater than 7, so the solution is basic.

23. Which of the following indicators is suitable for a strong acid–strong base titration?

(A) An indicator with a pH range of 3–5
(B) An indicator with a pH range of 9–11
(C) An indicator with a pH range of 6–8
(D) An indicator with a pH range of 12–14

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The equivalence point is at pH 7, so an indicator that changes colour near pH 7 (range 6–8) is sui.

24. The equivalence point of a titration is the point where:

(A) The indicator changes colour
(B) The pH is always 7
(C) The titration begins
(D) Moles of acid equal moles of base

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The equivalence point is the theoretical point where neutralization is complete.

25. In the titration of a weak acid with a strong base, the pH at the equivalence point is greater than 7 because:

(A) The conjugate base of the weak acid hydrolyzes to produce OH□
(B) The strong base is in excess
(C) The acid is fully ionized
(D) Water is neutral

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: At the equivalence point, the solution contains the conjugate base of the weak acid, which reacts with water to produce OH□, making the solution basic.

B. Less Important / Secondary Topics

26. Why is the equivalence point of a strong acid–weak base titration acidic?

(A) Because the conjugate acid of the weak base hydrolyzes to produce H□
(B) Because the acid is fully ionized
(C) Because the base is in excess
(D) Because water is neutral

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: At the equivalence point, the solution contains the conjugate acid of the weak base, which donates protons to water, making the solution acidic.

27. A weak acid–weak base titration cannot be used with an indicator because:

(A) The pH change is too sudden
(B) There is no sharp vertical region, making the endpoint difficult to detect
(C) The reaction is too fast
(D) The reaction is too exothermic

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that a weak acid–weak base titration has no steep vertical region; the pH changes gradually, so the endpoint is difficult to detect with an indicator.

28. If the [OH□] of a solution is 1.0 × 10□³ M, the pOH is:

(A) 11
(B) 7
(C) 3
(D) 14

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: If the [OH□] of a solution is 1.0 × 10□³ M, the pOH is 3.

29. Which solution has the highest pH?

(A) 0.1 M HCl
(B) Pure water
(C) 0.1 M acetic acid
(D) 0.1 M NaOH

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: NaOH is a strong base, giving the highest pH among the options.

30. The pH of a 0.001 M HCl solution is:

(A) 3
(B) -3
(C) 11
(D) 1

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: HCl is a strong acid, so [H□] = 10□³ M, and pH = 3.

31. Which of the following statements about the pH scale is correct?

(A) A pH of 0 means the solution is neutral.
(B) A pH of 7 means the solution is neutral.
(C) A pH of 14 means the solution is extremely acidic.
(D) A pH of 1 is more basic than a pH of 2.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: A pH of 7 is neutral at 25°C. A pH of 0 is extremely acidic, and a pH of 14 is extremely basic.

32. The relationship between pH, pOH, and pK_w at 25°C is:

(A) pH - pOH = 14
(B) pH × pOH = 14
(C) pH + pOH = pK_w = 14
(D) pH = pOH

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The relationship between pH, pOH, and pK_w at 25°C is pH + pOH = pK_w = 14.

33. Which of the following is a strong base?

(A) Ammonia
(B) Water

(C) Acetic acid
(D) Sodium hydroxide

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Sodium hydroxide (NaOH) is a strong base that dissociates completely in water.

34. The concentration of OH□ in a solution with a pH of 3 at 25°C is:

(A) 1.0 × 10□¹¹ M
(B) 1.0 × 10□³ M
(C) 1.0 × 10□⁷ M
(D) 1.0 × 10□¹⁴ M

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The concentration of OH□ in a solution with a pH of 3 at 25°C is 1.0 × 10□¹¹ M.

35. The pH of a solution with [H□] = 1 × 10□⁷ M is:

(A) 14
(B) 7
(C) 1
(D) 0

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The pH of a solution with [H□] = 1 × 10□⁷ M is 7.

36. A 0.01 M solution of a weak acid has a pH of 4. The K_a of the acid is approximately:

(A) 1 × 10□⁴
(B) 1 × 10□⁸
(C) 1 × 10□⁶
(D) 1 × 10□²

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: pH = 4 Rightarrow [H□] = 10□⁴ M. For a weak acid, K_a ≈ [H□]²/[HA] = (10□⁴)²/0.01 = 10□⁸/10□² = 10□⁶.

37. A buffer solution is prepared from 0.1 M acetic acid and 0.2 M sodium acetate. If pK_a of acetic acid is 4.74, the pH is:

(A) 4.44
(B) 4.74
(C) 7.00
(D) 5.04

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: A buffer solution is prepared from 0.1 M acetic acid and 0.2 M sodium acetate. If pK_a of acetic acid is 4.74, the pH is 5.04.

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(D) 7.00

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: A buffer solution is prepared from 0.2 M acetic acid and 0.1 M sodium acetate. If pK_a of acetic acid is 4.74, the pH is 4.44.

39. Two solutions have pH values of 2 and 5. The ratio of their hydrogen ion concentrations, [H□]pH □ : [H□]pH □, is:

(A) 1 : 3
(B) 1000 : 1
(C) 3 : 1
(D) 1 : 1000

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Two solutions have pH values of 2 and 5. The ratio of their hydrogen ion concentrations, [H□]pH □ : [H□]pH □, is 1000 : 1.

40. In a titration of a weak acid with a strong base, the pH at the equivalence point is about 9. This is because:

(A) The strong base is in excess
(B) The acid is fully ionized
(C) The conjugate base of the weak acid hydrolyzes to produce OH□
(D) Water is neutral

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The conjugate base of the weak acid reacts with water to produce OH□, making the solution basic at the equivalence point.

41. A titration curve with a long, steep vertical region centred at pH 7 corresponds to:

(A) Strong acid + weak base
(B) Weak acid + strong base
(C) Weak acid + weak base
(D) Strong acid + strong base

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: A titration curve with a long, steep vertical region centred at pH 7 corresponds to Strong acid + strong base.

42. A buffer solution is prepared from a weak acid and its conjugate base. If the pH of the buffer is 5 and the pK_a of the acid is 5, the ratio [A□]/[HA] is:

(A) 1
(B) 10
(C) 0.1
(D) 100

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: pH = pK_a + log([A□]/[HA]), so 5 = 5 + log(ratio), giving log(ratio) = 0, so the ratio is 1.

43. The pH of a solution with [H□] = 2 × 10□³ M is approximately:

(A) 3.00
(B) 2.70
(C) 3.30
(D) 2.00

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The pH of a solution with [H□] = 2 × 10□³ M is approximately 2.70.

44. A solution has a pOH of 4. The concentration of H□ at 25°C is:

(A) 1 × 10□⁴ M
(B) 1 × 10□⁷ M
(C) 1 × 10□¹⁰ M
(D) 1 × 10□¹⁴ M

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: pOH = 4 means [OH□] = 10□⁴ M. Using K_w, [H□] = 10□¹⁴/10□⁴ = 10□¹⁰ M.

45. The pH of a solution with [H□] = 1 × 10□⁸ M at 25°C is:

(A) 6
(B) 7
(C) 14
(D) 8

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: pH = -log(1 × 10□⁸) = 8. The solution is basic.

46. A buffer solution containing a weak acid and its conjugate base is made such that the concentration of the conjugate base is 10 times that of the acid. If the pK_a of the acid is 4, the pH of the buffer is:

(A) 5
(B) 4
(C) 3
(D) 7

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: A buffer solution containing a weak acid and its conjugate base is made such that the concentration of the conjugate base is 10 times that of the acid. If the pK_a of the acid is 4, the pH of the buffer is 5.

47. A solution has a pH of 6. The hydrogen ion concentration is:

(A) 6 × 10□¹ M
(B) 1 × 10□⁶ M
(C) 1 × 10□⁸ M
(D) 6 × 10□⁶ M

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: A solution has a pH of 6. The hydrogen ion concentration is 1 × 10□⁶ M.

48. Which of the following is true about the equivalence point in a titration?

(A) It always occurs at pH 7.
(B) It is the point where the indicator changes colour.
(C) It is the point where moles of acid equal moles of base.
(D) It is the point where the titration begins.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The equivalence point is the theoretical point where neutralization is complete; the pH depends on the acid and base strengths.

49. The pH of a 0.1 M solution of a strong acid is:

(A) 2
(B) 7
(C) 13
(D) 1

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: A strong acid dissociates completely, so [H□] = 0.1 M = 10□¹ M, and pH = 1.

50. The pH of a 0.01 M solution of a strong base is approximately:

(A) 12
(B) 2
(C) 7
(D) 14

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: A strong base dissociates completely, so [OH□] = 0.01 M = 10□² M, pOH = 2, and pH = 14 - 2 = 12.

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Chemistry Grade 12 — Chapter 5

Group 2 Elements

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A. Important / Main Topics

1. Group 2 elements are called:

(A) Alkaline earth metals
(B) Alkali metals
(C) Halogens
(D) Noble gases

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that the elements in Group 2 are called alkaline earth metals because their oxides and hydroxides are water-soluble (alkaline) and their oxides are found in the earth's crust.

2. The general electronic configuration of Group 2 elements is:

(A) ns^1
(B) ns^2
(C) ns^2np^1
(D) ns^2np^6

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that Group 2 elements have two electrons in their outermost shell, with the general configuration ns^2.

3. The oxidation state shown by alkaline earth metals is:

(A) -2
(B) +1, +2
(C) +2
(D) -1, -2

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Group 2 elements lose their two outermost electrons to become ions with a +2 charge.

4. Ionization energy is the energy required to:

(A) Add an electron to an atom
(B) Break a chemical bond
(C) Melt a solid
(D) Remove one mole of electrons from an isolated gaseous atom

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes define ionization energy as the minimum energy required to remove one mole of electrons from an isolated gaseous atom or ion.

5. Down Group 2, the first ionization energy:

(A) Decreases
(B) Increases
(C) Remains the same
(D) First increases then decreases

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Ionization energy decreases down the group because the outer electrons are further from the nucleus and are more shielded.

6. Down Group 2, the atomic radius:

(A) Decreases

(B) Increases
(C) Remains the same
(D) Is unpredictable

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Down Group 2, the atomic radius Increases.

7. Down Group 2, the chemical reactivity of the elements:

(A) Decreases
(B) Remains the same
(C) Increases
(D) Is unpredictable

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Down Group 2, the chemical reactivity of the elements Increases.

8. Down Group 2, the melting point of the elements:

(A) Increases
(B) Remains the same
(C) First increases then decreases
(D) Decreases

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Melting point decreases down the group because the metallic bond strength decreases as the atomic radius increases.

9. Which Group 2 element is stored in oil to prevent it from reacting with air?

(A) Barium
(B) Magnesium
(C) Calcium
(D) Strontium

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that barium is so reactive that it must be stored under oil to keep it out of contact with air.

10. Which Group 2 element does not react with water?

(A) Magnesium
(B) Beryllium
(C) Calcium
(D) Barium

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that beryllium does not react with water because of the protective layer of BeO on its surface.

11. The flame colour of calcium compounds is:

(A) Scarlet/red
(B) Apple-green
(C) Brick-red
(D) Blue

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that calcium compounds give a brick-red colour in a flame test.

12. The flame colour of barium compounds is:

(A) Brick-red
(B) Scarlet/red
(C) Blue
(D) Apple-green

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that barium compounds give an apple-green colour in a flame test.

13. Thermal decomposition is the breakdown of a compound by:

(A) Applying heat
(B) Adding water
(C) Adding a catalyst
(D) Adding an acid

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes define thermal decomposition as the breakdown of a compound into two or more substances by the application of heat.

14. Group 2 carbonates decompose to form:

(A) Metal hydroxide and carbon dioxide
(B) Metal oxide and carbon dioxide
(C) Metal and carbon dioxide
(D) Metal oxide and oxygen

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that Group 2 carbonates decompose to form the metal oxide and give off carbon dioxide gas.

15. The thermal stability of Group 2 carbonates:

(A) Decreases down the group
(B) Remains constant
(C) Increases down the group
(D) Is unpredictable

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that the thermal stability of Group 2 carbonates increases down the group.

16. Why does the ionization energy of Group 2 elements decrease down the group?

(A) Because the number of protons decreases
(B) Because the number of neutrons decreases
(C) Because the density increases
(D) Because the atomic size increases and shielding effect increases

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Because the atomic size increases and shielding effect increases — this correctly answers the question.

17. Why does the melting point of Group 2 elements decrease down the group?

(A) Because the strength of the metallic bond decreases
(B) Because the atomic mass increases
(C) Because the density increases
(D) Because the number of valence electrons decreases

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The melting point is a measure of the strength of the metallic bond; as the atomic radius increases, the bond strength decreases.

18. Why is beryllium oxide (BeO) amphoteric?

(A) Because it is a strong acid
(B) Because it can form the [Be(OH)□]²□ complex
(C) Because it is a strong base
(D) Because it does not react with acids

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: BeO is amphoteric because it reacts with both acids and bases, forming the [Be(OH)□]²□ complex in basic solution.

19. What is the product of the reaction between magnesium and steam?

(A) Magnesium hydroxide and hydrogen
(B) Magnesium oxide and oxygen
(C) Magnesium oxide and hydrogen
(D) Magnesium hydroxide and oxygen

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Magnesium reacts with steam to form magnesium oxide and hydrogen gas.

20. What is the product of the reaction between calcium and cold water?

(A) Calcium oxide and hydrogen
(B) Calcium hydroxide and oxygen
(C) Calcium oxide and oxygen
(D) Calcium hydroxide and hydrogen

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Calcium reacts with cold water to form calcium hydroxide and hydrogen gas.

21. Which Group 2 metal is the most reactive with water?

(A) Barium
(B) Magnesium
(C) Calcium
(D) Strontium

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Barium — this correctly answers the question.

22. Which of the following is an exception to the general density trend of Group 2 elements?

(A) Magnesium and calcium
(B) Beryllium and magnesium
(C) Calcium and strontium
(D) Strontium and barium

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that the density generally increases down the group, although there is a slight decrease from Be to Mg.

23. Why do Group 1 metals have lower ionization energies than Group 2 metals in the same period?

(A) Because they have a smaller atomic radius and higher effective nuclear charge
(B) Because they have more protons in the nucleus
(C) Because they have a larger atomic radius and lower effective nuclear charge
(D) Because they have more neutrons in the nucleus

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Group 1 metals have a larger atomic radius and lower effective nuclear charge, so their valence electron is less tightly held.

24. Why are Group 1 metals more reactive than Group 2 metals?

(A) They have more valence electrons
(B) They have higher atomic masses
(C) They have higher densities
(D) They have lower ionization energies

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Group 1 metals have lower ionization energies, so they lose their valence electron more easily, making them more reactive.

25. What is the use of slaked lime in agriculture?

(A) To increase the pH of acidic soils
(B) To decrease the pH of basic soils
(C) To provide nutrients to plants
(D) To kill pests

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that slaked lime (calcium hydroxide) is used in agriculture to increase the pH of acidic soils.

B. Less Important / Secondary Topics

26. Why is barium sulphate used in medicine?

(A) It is insoluble and opaque to X-rays
(B) It is a strong acid
(C) It is a source of barium ions
(D) It is a good reducing agent

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Barium sulphate is used as an X-ray contrast medium because it is insoluble and safe, and it is opaque to X-rays.

27. Which Group 2 compound is used to make plaster of Paris?

(A) Calcium carbonate
(B) Calcium sulphate
(C) Calcium hydroxide
(D) Magnesium hydroxide

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Calcium sulphate (CaSO□) is used to make plaster of Paris.

28. Why is magnesium metal used in flares and fireworks?

(A) It is a strong base
(B) It is insoluble in water
(C) It burns with a brilliant white light
(D) It is a good reducing agent

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Magnesium burns with a brilliant white light, which is why it is used in flares and fireworks.

29. Which Group 2 carbonate decomposes at the lowest temperature?

(A) Barium carbonate
(B) Strontium carbonate
(C) Calcium carbonate
(D) Magnesium carbonate

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Magnesium carbonate has the smallest cation and the highest polarizing power, so it decomposes at the lowest temperature (540°C).

30. What is the reason for the increase in thermal stability of Group 2 carbonates down the group?

(A) Decrease in cation polarizing power
(B) Increase in cation polarizing power
(C) Increase in anion size
(D) Decrease in lattice energy

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: As the cation gets larger, its polarizing power decreases, so it causes less distortion of the anion, making the compound more s.

31. Which of the following Group 2 elements forms the most stable complexes?

(A) Barium
(B) Beryllium
(C) Calcium
(D) Magnesium

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Beryllium, with its small size and high charge density, has the greatest tendency to form complexes.

32. What is the coordination number of beryllium in [Be(H□O)□]²□?

(A) 2
(B) 6
(C) 4
(D) 8

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: In [Be(H□O)□]²□, the beryllium ion is surrounded by four water molecules, giving a coordination number of 4.

33. What is the coordination number of magnesium in [Mg(H□O)□]²□?

(A) 2
(B) 4
(C) 8
(D) 6

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: In [Mg(H□O)□]²□, magnesium is coordinated to six water molecules.

34. Why are Group 2 metals not found in their free state in nature?

(A) They are too reactive
(B) They are too dense
(C) They are too heavy
(D) They are radioactive

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Group 2 metals are highly reactive, so they readily form compounds and are not found in their free elemental state.

35. Which process is used to convert metal carbonates to metal oxides during extraction?

(A) Electrolysis
(B) Roasting
(C) Reduction
(D) Distillation

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Roasting is the process of heating a carbonate ore to convert it to an oxide.

36. Which of the following shows the correct order of first ionization energy for Group 2 elements?

(A) Ba > Sr > Ca > Mg > Be
(B) Mg > Be > Ca > Sr > Ba
(C) Be > Mg > Ca > Sr > Ba
(D) Ca > Mg > Be > Sr > Ba

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Ionization energy decreases down the group, so the correct order is Be > Mg > Ca > Sr > Ba.

37. Why does the atomic radius increase from magnesium to calcium?

(A) Calcium has fewer protons than magnesium.
(B) Calcium has more neutrons than magnesium.
(C) Calcium is less reactive than magnesium.
(D) Calcium has one more electron shell than magnesium.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Calcium's valence electrons are in the fourth shell (n=4), while magnesium's are in the third shell (n=3), placing them further from the nucleus and increasing the atomic radius.

38. Which of the following is the strongest reducing agent among the Group 2 metals?

(A) Barium
(B) Beryllium
(C) Magnesium

(D) Calcium

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Barium is the most easily oxidized (lowest ionization energy), making it the strongest reducing agent among the Group 2 metals.

39. A Group 2 metal M reacts with oxygen to form MO and with water to form M(OH)□. Based on the trends in Group 2, which metal is most likely to be the most vigorous in both reactions?

(A) Be
(B) Ba
(C) Mg
(D) Ca

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Ba — this correctly answers the question.

40. Which Group 2 oxide is covalent in character?

(A) MgO
(B) CaO
(C) BeO
(D) BaO

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that BeO is covalent in character due to the small size and high polarizing power of the mathrmBe²□ ion.

41. Which of the following is a correct statement about the thermal stability of Group 2 carbonates?

(A) BaCO□ < SrCO□ < CaCO□ < MgCO□
(B) CaCO□ < MgCO□ < SrCO□ < BaCO□
(C) SrCO□ < CaCO□ < MgCO□ < BaCO□
(D) MgCO□ < CaCO□ < SrCO□ < BaCO□

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Thermal stability increases down the group, so the least s.

42. What is the decomposition temperature of calcium carbonate according to the table in the notes?

(A) 900°C
(B) 540°C
(C) 1280°C
(D) 1360°C

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: 900°C — this correctly answers the question.

43. Why does barium carbonate have a more positive enthalpy change of decomposition than magnesium carbonate?

(A) Barium carbonate is less thermally stable.
(B) Barium carbonate is more thermally stable.
(C) Barium carbonate has a smaller cation.
(D) Barium carbonate has a larger anion.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: A more positive enthalpy change means more energy is required for decomposition, indicating greater thermal stability.

44. Which of the following statements about Group 2 elements is correct?

(A) They are more reactive than Group 1 elements because they have lower ionization energies.
(B) They have the same reactivity as Group 1 elements.
(C) They are less reactive than Group 1 elements because they have higher ionization energies.
(D) They are unreactive.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Group 2 elements have higher ionization energies than Group 1 elements, so they are less reactive.

45. Which of the following reactions will occur based on the activity series?

(A) Cu + ZnSO□ → CuSO□ + Zn
(B) Ag + CuSO□ → Ag□SO□ + Cu
(C) Au + ZnSO□ → Au□(SO□)□ + Zn
(D) Zn + CuSO□ → ZnSO□ + Cu

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Zinc is higher than copper in the activity series (more negative reduction potential), so it can displace copper from copper sulphate.

46. Which Group 2 element is used in X-ray contrast media?

(A) Barium
(B) Magnesium
(C) Calcium
(D) Beryllium

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Barium sulphate is used in medicine as an X-ray contrast medium.

47. Why is beryllium chloride the least ionic among the Group 2 chlorides?

(A) Beryllium is the most reactive.
(B) The mathrmBe²□ ion is very small and has high polarizing power, giving the chloride covalent character.
(C) Beryllium has the largest atomic radius.
(D) Beryllium chloride is insoluble in water.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The mathrmBe²□ ion is very small and has high polarizing power, giving the chloride covalent character. — this correctly answers the question.

48. Which of the following is a correct statement about the solubility of Group 2 sulphates?

(A) The solubility increases down the group.
(B) The solubility is the same for all Group 2 sulphates.
(C) The solubility decreases down the group.
(D) The solubility is independent of the cation size.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The notes state that the solubility of Group 2 sulphates decreases down the group (Mg > Ca > Sr > Ba).

49. Which of the following is a correct statement about the extraction of Group 2 metals?

(A) They are extracted by reduction with carbon.
(B) They are found free in nature.
(C) They are extracted by simple distillation.
(D) They are extracted by electrolysis of their molten chlorides or oxides.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that pure samples of most alkaline earth metals can be obtained by electrolysis of the chlorides or oxides.

50. A sample of Group 2 metal M is added to water and fizzes gently. Based on the trend in reactivity, which metal is most likely to be M?

(A) Magnesium
(B) Barium
(C) Calcium
(D) Beryllium

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Magnesium does not react with cold water but reacts with steam, and among the options, calcium reacts more readily with cold water while barium reacts even more vigorously. If the sample fizzes gently with water, it is more likely to be calcium, but the best fit among the options for a gentle reaction is magnesium reacting with

steam. However, the question states "water," so calcium is the most likely among the options that react with cold water. The correct answer is C (Magnesium) if the question refers to a gentle reaction with steam, but since the options include calcium, the best answer is B (Calcium) for a gentle reaction with water. Given the ambiguity, the intended answer is C.

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Chemistry Grade 12 — Chapter 6

The Transition Metals

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A. Important / Main Topics

1. A transition element is defined as an element that:

(A) Has an incomplete d subshell in its most stable ionic state
(B) Has a completely filled d subshell
(C) Belongs to Group 1 or 2
(D) Has only s electrons in its valence shell

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes define transition elements as those which have incomplete d subshells in their most s.

2. The electronic configuration of chromium is:

(A) $[Ar]3d^4 4s^2$
(B) $[Ar]3d^5 4s^1$
(C) $[Ar]3d^6 4s^0$
(D) $[Ar]3d^3 4s^3$

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Chromium is an exception to the Aufbau principle; its configuration is $[Ar]3d^5 4s^1$ due to the extra stability of a half-filled d subshell.

3. The electronic configuration of copper is:

(A) $[Ar]3d^9 4s^2$
(B) $[Ar]3d^{10} 4s^2$
(C) $[Ar]3d^{10} 4s^1$
(D) $[Ar]3d^8 4s^2$

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Copper is an exception to the Aufbau principle; its configuration is $[Ar]3d^{10} 4s^1$ due to the extra stability of a fully-filled d subshell.

4. When transition metals form cations, electrons are removed first from the:

(A) 3d orbital
(B) 4p orbital
(C) 3p orbital
(D) 4s orbital

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that when forming cations, electrons are always removed from the higher energy sub-shell, i.e., 4s in the first row of d-block elements.

5. Which of the following is a typical physical property of transition metals?

(A) Good conductor of electricity
(B) Low melting point
(C) Low density
(D) Poor conductor of heat

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Transition metals are good conductors of electricity because they have free electrons.

6. Which of the following transition metals is known for being strongly ferromagnetic?

(A) Copper
(B) Iron

(C) Zinc
(D) Scandium

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Iron, cobalt, and nickel are ferromagnetic; they are strongly attracted to a magnet and can become permanent magnets.

7. Why can transition metals form alloys?

(A) Because they have different atomic sizes
(B) Because they have high melting points
(C) Because they have similar atomic sizes
(D) Because they are poor conductors

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Transition metals have similar atomic sizes, allowing them to substitute for one another in the metallic lattice, which is the basis for alloy formation.

8. The common oxidation state for the first-row d-block elements is:

(A) +1
(B) +3
(C) +4
(D) +2

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The common oxidation state for the first-row d-block elements is +2, obtained by the loss of the two 4s electrons.

9. Which process uses iron as a catalyst?

(A) Haber process
(B) Contact process
(C) Ostwald process
(D) Solvay process

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The Haber process for the synthesis of ammonia uses iron as a catalyst.

10. A ligand is a species that:

(A) Accepts an electron pair
(B) Donates an electron pair
(C) Is a central metal ion
(D) Is a type of catalyst

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: A ligand is a Lewis base that donates a lone pair of electrons to a central metal ion to form a coordinate covalent bond.

11. Which of the following is a monodentate ligand?

(A) 1,2-diaminoethane
(B) EDTA
(C) Water
(D) Ethanedioate

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Water (H□O) is a monodentate ligand because it can form only one coordinate covalent bond.

12. The coordination number of copper in [Cu(H□O)□]²□ is:

(A) 2
(B) 4
(C) 8
(D) 6

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: In [Cu(H□O)□]²□, the copper ion is bonded to six water molecules, giving a coordination number of 6.

13. What is the geometry of the [CuCl□]²□ complex?

(A) Tetrahedral
(B) Linear
(C) Square planar
(D) Octahedral

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The [CuCl□]²□ complex is tetrahedral because four chloride ligands surround the copper ion.

14. The colour of transition metal complexes is due to:

(A) The metal ion only
(B) d-d electronic transitions
(C) The ligands only
(D) The solvent

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The colour is due to d-d electronic transitions, which depend on the splitting of the d orbitals.

15. Which of the following complexes is colorless?

(A) [Cu(H□O)□]²□
(B) [Ti(H□O)□]³□
(C) [Zn(H□O)□]²□
(D) [Ni(H□O)□]²□

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: [Zn(H□O)□]²□ is colorless because mathrmZn²□ has a completely filled 3d subshell ($3d^{10}$), so no d-d transitions are possible.

16. Which one of the following species has a d^{10} sub-shell?

(A) mathrmCu²□
(B) Mn
(C) Cr
(D) mathrmZn²□

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: mathrmZn²□ has the electron configuration [Ar]$3d^{10}$, so its d subshell is completely filled.

17. Which of the following is an incorrect statement about transition metals when compared with Group 1 and Group 2 metals?

(A) They are more reactive.
(B) They form coloured compounds.
(C) They show variable oxidation states.
(D) They have high melting points.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Transition metals are generally less reactive than Group 1 and Group 2 metals.

18. Which property of transition metals is responsible for their catalytic behaviour?

(A) They form coloured complexes.
(B) They have variable oxidation states.
(C) They have high melting points.
(D) They have high density.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: They have variable oxidation states. — this correctly answers the question.

19. The highest oxidation state shown by first-row transition metals is shown by:

(A) Copper
(B) Nickel
(C) Manganese
(D) Cobalt

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Manganese has the electron configuration [Ar]3d⁵4s² and can show a maximum oxidation state of +7 (e.g., in KMnO□).

20. The weakest field ligand among the following is:

(A) CN□
(B) NH□
(C) OH□
(D) H□O

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Based on the spectrochemical series, the field strength order is CN□ > NH□ > H□O > OH□. Among the given options, H□O is the weakest field ligand.

21. Why is the hexaaquacopper(II) ion blue in colour?

(A) The d-d electronic transition absorbs all wavelengths except blue.
(B) The d-d electronic transition absorbs blue wavelength of visible spectrum.
(C) The d-d electronic transition transmits all wavelengths of white light except blue.
(D) The d-d electronic transition absorbs red wavelength and transmits the remaining light.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The [Cu(H□O)□]²□ ion absorbs orange light and transmits the remaining light, which appears blue. The absorption is due to a d-d transition.

22. What is the IUPAC name of the complex [Cu(NH□)□]²□?

(A) Copper diammine(II) ion
(B) Diamminecopper(II) ion
(C) Diamminecuprate(II) ion
(D) Copper(II) diammine ion

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The ligands are two ammonia molecules (ammine), and the metal is copper in the +2 oxidation state. The name is diamminecopper(II) ion.

23. What is the oxidation state of iron in K□[Fe(CN)□]?

(A) +1
(B) +3
(C) +2
(D) +4

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The complex ion is [Fe(CN)□]⁴□. Six cyanide ligands contribute -6. The overall charge is -4, so the iron must be +2.

24. What is the IUPAC name of [Ni(CO)□]?

(A) Nickel tetracarbonyl(0)
(B) Tetracarbonylnickelate(0)
(C) Nickel(0) tetracarbonyl
(D) Tetracarbonylnickel(0)

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The ligands are four carbonyl groups, and the metal is nickel in the 0 oxidation state. The name is tetracarbonylnickel(0).

25. What is the charge on the complex ion [CoCl□(NH□)□]□?

(A) +1
(B) +2
(C) +3
(D) -1

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The cobalt ion is in the +3 oxidation state. Two chloride ligands contribute -2, and four ammonia ligands are neutral (0). Total charge = (+3) + (-2) + (0) = +1.

B. Less Important / Secondary Topics

26. What is the oxidation state of copper in [CuCl□]²□?

(A) +2
(B) +1
(C) +3
(D) +4

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The complex ion has a charge of -2. Four chloride ligands contribute -4. Therefore, the copper ion must be +2.

27. Which of the following is a good leaving group in ester formation?

(A) OH□
(B) Cl□
(C) NH□□
(D) CH□□

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The chloride ion (Cl□) is a good leaving group.

28. What type of reaction is the formation of an ester from an acyl chloride and an alcohol?

(A) Electrophilic substitution
(B) Electrophilic addition
(C) Nucleophilic acyl substitution
(D) Free radical substitution

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The reaction is a nucleophilic acyl substitution.

29. Which of the following is a positive consequence of the high density of transition metals?

(A) They are poor conductors.
(B) They are gases at room temperature.
(C) They have low melting points.
(D) They are useful in construction.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: They are useful in construction. — this correctly answers the question.

30. The [CuCl□]²□ complex is tetrahedral rather than octahedral because:

(A) Chloride is a large ligand and six cannot fit around the small copper ion.
(B) Copper is a small ion.
(C) Chloride is a strong-field ligand.
(D) The complex has a d^{10} configuration.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that with chloride ligands, copper(II) forms a tetrahedral complex because chloride is a big ligand and six chloride ligands cannot surround a small copper(II) ion.

31. Which of the following is an application of transition metal complexes in medicine?

(A) EDTA as a food preservative
(B) Cis-platin as an anticancer drug
(C) Chlorophyll as a blood-clotting agent
(D) Sodium chloride as a contrast medium

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that cis-platin is used as an anticancer drug because it inhibits cell division.

32. What is the relationship between the strength of the ligand field and the splitting of d orbitals?

(A) Stronger field causes a smaller splitting.
(B) There is no relationship.
(C) Stronger field causes a larger splitting.
(D) Splitting is independent of the ligand.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Stronger field causes a larger splitting. — this correctly answers the question.

33. In an octahedral complex, which set of d orbitals is higher in energy?

(A) t□g
(B) Both are equal
(C) It depends on the metal
(D) e_g

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The e_g set is higher in energy in an octahedral complex.

34. What is the name of the lower energy set of d orbitals in a tetrahedral complex?

(A) t□
(B) e_g
(C) t□g
(D) e

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: In a tetrahedral complex, the lower energy set is the t□ set.

35. Which of the following statements about the splitting in tetrahedral complexes is correct?

(A) Δ_t > Δ_o
(B) Δ_t < Δ_o
(C) Δ_t = Δ_o
(D) There is no splitting in tetrahedral complexes.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The splitting energy in tetrahedral complexes (Δ_t) is generally smaller than that in octahedral complexes (Δ_o).

36. The reduction potential for mathrmCr²□ being reduced to chromium metal is -0.91 V and that for mathrmCr³□ being reduced to mathrmCr²□ is -0.41 V. Predict whether chromium(II) will disproportionate to chromium(III) and chromium metal.

(A) No, it will not disproportionate.
(B) It will only oxidize.
(C) Yes, it will disproportionate.
(D) It will only reduce.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The disproportionation reaction is 3mathrmCr²□ → 2mathrmCr³□ + Cr. The cell potential is positive (+0.50 V), so the reaction is feasible.

37. Which of the following is the correct electronic configuration for mathrmCu²□?

(A) [Ar]3d¹⁰
(B) [Ar]3d⁸4s¹
(C) [Ar]3d⁸4s²
(D) [Ar]3d⁹

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Neutral Cu is [Ar]3d¹⁰4s¹. When it forms mathrmCu²□, it loses two electrons (one from 4s and one from 3d), giving [Ar]3d⁹.

38. The species that can act as a ligand in a transition metal complex is:

(A) C□H□(OH)□
(B) CH□
(C) C□H□

(D) Na

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: C□H□(OH)□ has lone pairs on oxygen atoms that can be donated to a metal ion, so it can act as a ligand.

39. The coordination number of nickel in the complex [Ni(en)□(OH□)□]²□ is:

(A) 2
(B) 6
(C) 4
(D) 8

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The ligand "en" (1,2-diaminoethane) is bidentate, so two en ligands contribute 4 coordinate bonds. Two water molecules contribute 2 more. Total coordination number = 4 + 2 = 6.

40. The highest oxidation state shown by first-row transition metals is shown by:

(A) Copper
(B) Nickel
(C) Manganese
(D) Cobalt

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Manganese has 7 valence electrons and can show a maximum oxidation state of +7.

41. Which of the following is a correct statement about the relative stability of +2 and +3 oxidation states across the first row?

(A) The stability of +2 relative to +3 decreases with atomic number.
(B) The stability of +2 and +3 is the same for all elements.
(C) The stability of +3 increases with atomic number.
(D) The stability of +2 relative to +3 increases with atomic number.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The stability of the +2 oxidation state compared to the +3 oxidation state increases with atomic number from left to right across the first row of the d-block.

42. Which of the following statements about the catalytic activity of transition metals is correct?

(A) They can exist in more than one stable oxidation state and have vacant d orbitals.
(B) They are only used as homogeneous catalysts.
(C) They are only used as heterogeneous catalysts.
(D) They have full d orbitals.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that the two properties responsible for catalytic.

43. In the complex [Fe(CN)□]³□, the iron ion has the electronic configuration:

(A) [Ar]$3d^6$
(B) [Ar]$3d^5$
(C) [Ar]$3d^6 4s^1$
(D) [Ar]$3d^4 4s^2$

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: In [Fe(CN)□]³□, the iron is in the +3 oxidation state. Neutral Fe is [Ar]$3d^6 4s^2$. Removing three electrons gives [Ar]$3d^5$.

44. Which of the following is an example of a complex with a square planar geometry?

(A) [CuCl□]²□
(B) [Ni(H□O)□]²□
(C) [Pt(NH□)□Cl□]
(D) [Ag(NH□)□]□

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: [Pt(NH□)□Cl□] is a square planar complex.

45. What is the bond angle in a linear complex?

(A) 90^circ
(B) 109.5^circ
(C) 120^circ
(D) 180^circ

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The bond angle in a linear complex is 180^circ.

46. Which of the following is a common geometry for coordination number 4?

(A) Tetrahedral
(B) Octahedral
(C) Linear
(D) Trigonal bipyramidal

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Tetrahedral is a common geometry for coordination number 4, along with square planar.

47. What is the geometry of the [Ni(H□O)□]²□ complex?

(A) Linear
(B) Octahedral
(C) Tetrahedral
(D) Square planar

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: [Ni(H□O)□]²□ is an octahedral complex.

48. Which of the following is a correct statement about the E/Z system?

(A) It is used for alkanes.
(B) It is used for alkynes.
(C) It is used for alkenes with different groups on each carbon.
(D) It is used for benzene.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The E/Z system is used for alkenes with different groups on each carbon.

49. What is the relationship between the stability of cis and trans isomers?

(A) Cis isomers are generally more stable than trans isomers.
(B) Both isomers have the same stability.
(C) Stability depends only on the molecular weight.
(D) Trans isomers are generally more stable than cis isomers due to less steric hindrance.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Trans isomers are generally more stable than cis isomers due to less steric hindrance. — this correctly answers the question.

50. Which of the following is a correct statement about optical isomerism?

(A) It involves non-superimposable mirror images.
(B) It is a type of structural isomerism.
(C) It arises due to restricted rotation around a double bond.
(D) It is shown by alkanes.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: It involves non-superimposable mirror images. — this correctly answers the question.

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Chemistry Grade 12 — Chapter 7

Organic Chemistry

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A. Important / Main Topics

1. Geometric isomerism is shown by:

(A) Alkenes
(B) Alkanes
(C) Alkynes
(D) Benzene

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that geometric isomerism is shown by alkenes due to restricted rotation of the double bond.

2. What is the approximate energy required to break the pi bond in ethene?

(A) 12 kJ/mol
(B) 264 kJ/mol
(C) 120 kJ/mol
(D) 500 kJ/mol

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that breaking the pi bond in ethene requires approximately 264 kJ/mol of energy.

3. Which of the following compounds can show cis-trans isomerism?

(A) Propene
(B) 1-butene
(C) 2-butene
(D) 1-pentene

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: 2-butene has two different groups on each double-bond carbon, so it can show cis-trans isomerism.

4. What is the main reason alkanes do not show geometric isomerism?

(A) They have a double bond.
(B) They have a pi bond.
(C) They are highly reactive.
(D) They have free rotation around single bonds.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Alkanes have single bonds that allow free rotation, so they cannot have fixed spatial arrangements of groups.

5. In the cis isomer, the identical groups are:

(A) On the same side of the double bond.
(B) On opposite sides of the double bond.
(C) Always on the same carbon atom.
(D) Not present.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: In a cis isomer, identical groups are on the same side of the double bond.

6. The energy barrier to rotation around a carbon-carbon single bond is approximately:

(A) 264 kJ/mol
(B) 12 kJ/mol
(C) 500 kJ/mol

(D) 1000 kJ/mol

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that the energy barrier for rotation around a single bond in ethane is about 12 kJ/mol.

7. What type of bond is formed by the side-to-side overlap of p orbitals?

(A) Sigma bond
(B) Ionic bond
(C) Pi bond
(D) Hydrogen bond

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: A pi bond is formed by the side-to-side overlap of unhybridized p orbitals.

8. Which of the following cannot show geometric isomerism?

(A) 2-pentene
(B) 2-hexene
(C) 3-hexene
(D) 1-hexene

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: 1-hexene has two hydrogen atoms on the terminal carbon, so it cannot show geometric isomerism.

9. Optical isomerism is a type of:

(A) Stereoisomerism
(B) Chain isomerism
(C) Position isomerism
(D) Functional group isomerism

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Optical isomerism is a type of stereoisomerism.

10. What is the term for a mixture of equal amounts of two enantiomers?

(A) Meso compound
(B) Racemic mixture
(C) Chiral mixture
(D) Enantiomeric mixture

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Racemic mixture — this correctly answers the question.

11. A molecule that is not superimposable on its mirror image is called:

(A) Achiral
(B) Meso
(C) Chiral
(D) Racemic

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: A molecule that is not superimposable on its mirror image is chiral.

12. Plane-polarized light vibrates in:

(A) All directions
(B) No plane
(C) A circular path
(D) A single plane

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Plane-polarized light vibrates in A single plane.

13. The clock-wise rotating isomers are designated as:

(A) d or +
(B) l or -
(C) R

(D) S

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Clockwise rotating isomers are designated as d or +.

14. Chiral molecules are those having carbon atoms bonded to:

(A) Two identical groups
(B) Four different groups
(C) Three identical groups
(D) Four identical groups

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Chiral molecules are those having carbon atoms bonded to Four different groups.

15. Which of the following is an example of a chiral molecule?

(A) Methane
(B) Ethane
(C) 2-butanol
(D) Benzene

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: 2-butanol — this correctly answers the question.

16. Which of the following molecules can show geometric isomerism?

(A) Ethene
(B) Propene
(C) But-1-ene
(D) But-2-ene

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: But-2-ene — this correctly answers the question.

17. The energy barrier to rotation around a carbon-carbon double bond is approximately:

(A) 264 kJ/mol
(B) 12 kJ/mol
(C) 500 kJ/mol
(D) 1000 kJ/mol

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The energy barrier is approximately 264 kJ/mol.

18. In a trans isomer, the identical groups are:

(A) On the same side of the double bond.
(B) On opposite sides of the double bond.
(C) On the same carbon atom.
(D) Not present.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: In a trans isomer, identical groups are on opposite sides.

19. What is the hybridization of the carbon atoms in a double bond?

(A) sp
(B) sp^3
(C) sp^2
(D) sp^3d

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The carbon atoms in a double bond are sp^2 hybridized.

20. Which of the following statements is true about geometric isomerism?

(A) It is shown by all alkenes.
(B) It is shown by alkanes.
(C) It is not a type of stereoisomerism.

(D) It is shown by alkenes with two different groups on each double-bond carbon.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: It is shown by alkenes with two different groups on each double-bond carbon. — this correctly answers the question.

21. What is the relationship between the stability of cis and trans isomers?

(A) Trans isomers are generally more stable than cis isomers due to less steric hindrance.
(B) Cis isomers are generally more stable than trans isomers.
(C) Both isomers have the same stability.
(D) Stability depends only on the molecular weight.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Trans isomers are generally more stable than cis isomers due to less steric hindrance. — this correctly answers the question.

22. Which of the following compounds can and cannot show cis-trans isomerism and why? (i) 1-chloroprop-1-ene, (ii) 3-chloroprop-1-ene, (iii) hex-2-ene.

(A) (i) Yes, (ii) Yes, (iii) Yes.
(B) (i) Yes, (ii) No, (iii) Yes.
(C) (i) No, (ii) No, (iii) Yes.
(D) (i) No, (ii) Yes, (iii) No.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: (i) 1-chloroprop-1-ene can show cis-trans isomerism; (ii) 3-chloroprop-1-ene cannot; (iii) hex-2-ene can.

23. What is the relationship between the two enantiomers of a chiral molecule?

(A) They are structural isomers.
(B) They are geometric isomers.
(C) They are non-superimposable mirror images.
(D) They are identical in every way.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Enantiomers are non-superimposable mirror images.

24. Which of the following statements about a racemic mixture is correct?

(A) It is optically active.
(B) It consists of only one enantiomer.
(C) It has a net rotation of polarized light.
(D) It consists of equal amounts of two enantiomers.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: It consists of equal amounts of two enantiomers. — this correctly answers the question.

25. What is the specific rotation of a racemic mixture?

(A) Zero.
(B) Always positive.
(C) Always negative.
(D) It depends on the concentration.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: A racemic mixture has a specific rotation of zero because the rotations of the two enantiomers cancel out.

B. Less Important / Secondary Topics

26. The drug thalidomide is an example of a molecule that:

(A) Has two enantiomers with different biological activities.
(B) Has only one enantiomer.
(C) Is not chiral.
(D) Is a racemic mixture with no side effects.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Thalidomide has two enantiomers with different biological activities.

27. Which of the following is NOT a requirement for a molecule to show optical isomerism?

(A) A chiral center.
(B) A double bond.
(C) Non-superimposable mirror images.
(D) Four different groups attached to a carbon atom.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: A double bond is not required for optical isomerism.

28. What is the term for the process of separating a racemic mixture into its two enantiomers?

(A) Racemization
(B) Hybridization
(C) Resolution
(D) Isomerization

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The separation of a racemic mixture into its enantiomers is called resolution.

29. Which of the following is a meso compound?

(A) A compound with no chiral centers.
(B) A compound that is always optically active.
(C) A compound that is a racemic mixture.
(D) A compound with a plane of symmetry and chiral centers.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: A meso compound has chiral centers but also has a plane of symmetry, making it optically inactive.

30. Which of the following is a correct statement about the stability of geometric isomers?

(A) Trans isomers are generally more stable than cis isomers due to less steric hindrance.
(B) Cis isomers are always more stable than trans isomers.
(C) Both isomers have exactly the same stability.
(D) Stability depends only on the number of carbon atoms.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Trans isomers are generally more stable than cis isomers due to less steric hindrance. — this correctly answers the question.

31. Which of the following molecules can show geometric isomerism?

(A) CH□=CH-CH□
(B) CH□-CH=CH-CH□
(C) CH□-CH□-CH=CH□
(D) CH□=CH-CH□-CH□

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: CH□-CH=CH-CH□ (2-butene) can show geometric isomerism.

32. Which of the following compounds is optically active?

(A) Meso-tartaric acid
(B) Racemic mixture of lactic acid
(C) Pure (R)-lactic acid
(D) Pure (S)-lactic acid

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Pure (R)-lactic acid is optically active.

33. What is the relationship between the two enantiomers of a chiral molecule?

(A) They are structural isomers.
(B) They are geometric isomers.
(C) They are identical in every way.

(D) They are non-superimposable mirror images.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Enantiomers are non-superimposable mirror images.

34. Which of the following statements about a racemic mixture is correct?

(A) It consists of equal amounts of two enantiomers.
(B) It is optically active.
(C) It consists of only one enantiomer.
(D) It has a net rotation of polarized light.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: It consists of equal amounts of two enantiomers. — this correctly answers the question.

35. What is the specific rotation of a racemic mixture?

(A) Always positive.
(B) Zero.
(C) Always negative.
(D) It depends on the concentration.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Zero. — this correctly answers the question.

36. Which of the following statements is true about the reactivity of optical isomers?

(A) They have different physical properties.
(B) They have different chemical properties.
(C) They rotate the plane of polarized light in opposite directions.
(D) They have different molecular formulas.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: They rotate the plane of polarized light in opposite directions. — this correctly answers the question.

37. Which of the following pairs of enantiomers have different smells?

(A) (+)-asparagine and (-)-asparagine
(B) (+)-ibuprofen and (-)-ibuprofen
(C) (+)-thalidomide and (-)-thalidomide
(D) (+)-limonene and (-)-limonene

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: (+)-limonene and (-)-limonene — this correctly answers the question.

38. What is the term for the study of the absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion of a drug?

(A) Pharmacokinetics
(B) Pharmacodynamics
(C) Pharmacology
(D) Toxicology

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Pharmacokinetics is the study of ADME.

39. Which of the following is a chiral molecule?

(A) Methane
(B) 2-butanol
(C) Ethane
(D) Benzene

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: 2-butanol — this correctly answers the question.

40. Which enantiomer of thalidomide is teratogenic?

(A) (+)-thalidomide
(B) Both
(C) (-)-thalidomide

(D) Neither

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The (-)-enantiomer of thalidomide is teratogenic.

41. Why is it important to separate enantiomers in drug manufacturing?

(A) Because they have different physical properties.
(B) Because they have different molecular formulas.
(C) Because they have different colors.
(D) Because they can have different biological activities.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Enantiomers can have different biological activities.

42. Which of the following is a method for separating enantiomers?

(A) Chiral chromatography
(B) Distillation
(C) Filtration
(D) Evaporation

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Chiral chromatography is used to separate enantiomers.

43. What is the term for the interconversion of enantiomers in the body?

(A) Resolution
(B) Racemization
(C) Hybridization
(D) Isomerization

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Racemization is the interconversion of enantiomers in the body.

44. Which of the following molecules shows optical isomerism?

(A) CH□=CHCH□CH□
(B) (CH□)□CHCl
(C) CH□=CHCH(Cl)CH□
(D) CH□CH□CH□CH=CH□

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: CH□=CHCH(Cl)CH□ — this correctly answers the question.

45. How many chiral centers are present in 2-methylbutan-2-ol?

(A) 1
(B) 2
(C) 3
(D) 0

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: 0 — this correctly answers the question.

46. Which of the following is optically active?

(A) All chiral molecules
(B) Racemic mixture
(C) Meso-compounds
(D) All asymmetric molecules

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: All chiral molecules are optically active.

47. Which one is an incorrect statement about optical isomers?

(A) They cause different rotation of plane polarized light.
(B) The double bond carbon in alkenes acts as a chiral center.
(C) They have no functional groups.

(D) Alkanes cannot show optical isomerism.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The double bond carbon is sp² hybridized and cannot be a chiral center.

48. What is the term for a mixture of equal amounts of two enantiomers?

(A) Meso compound
(B) Chiral mixture
(C) Racemic mixture
(D) Enantiomeric mixture

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Racemic mixture — this correctly answers the question.

49. Which of the following is a chiral catalyst?

(A) Palladium on carbon
(B) Platinum
(C) Nickel
(D) BINOL

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: BINOL — this correctly answers the question.

50. What is the purpose of optical resolution?

(A) To separate a racemic mixture into its enantiomers.
(B) To synthesize a single enantiomer.
(C) To racemize a mixture.
(D) To destroy a chiral center.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: To separate a racemic mixture into its enantiomers. — this correctly answers the question.

Chemistry Grade 12 — Chapter 8

Hydrocarbons

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A. Important / Main Topics

1. Benzene was discovered by:

(A) Michael Faraday
(B) Kekulé
(C) Linus Pauling
(D) Johannes Thiele

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that benzene was discovered by Michael Faraday.

2. The molecular formula of benzene is:

(A) mathrmC□H□□
(B) C□H□
(C) mathrmC□H□□
(D) C□H□

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The molecular formula of benzene is C□H□.

3. The carbon-carbon bond length in benzene is:

(A) 1.54 AA
(B) 1.30 AA
(C) 1.39 AA
(D) 1.20 AA

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The C-C bond length in benzene is 1.39 AA, intermediate between single and double bonds.

4. The resonance energy of benzene is approximately:

(A) 120 kJ/mol
(B) 208 kJ/mol
(C) 360 kJ/mol
(D) 152 kJ/mol

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The resonance energy of benzene is 152 kJ/mol.

5. Benzene primarily undergoes:

(A) Substitution reactions
(B) Addition reactions
(C) Elimination reactions
(D) Oxidation reactions

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Benzene primarily undergoes Substitution reactions.

6. The intermediate formed during electrophilic aromatic substitution is called:

(A) Carbocation
(B) Arenium ion
(C) Carbanion
(D) Free radical

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The intermediate is the arenium ion (sigma complex).

7. Which of the following is an ortho/para-directing group?

(A) -NO□
(B) -COOH
(C) -OH
(D) -CN

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The hydroxyl group (-OH) is an ortho/para-directing group.

8. Which of the following is a meta-directing group?

(A) -CH□
(B) -NH□
(C) -OH
(D) -NO□

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The nitro group (-NO□) is a meta-directing group.

9. The structure of benzene is a:

(A) Resonance hybrid of two Kekulé structures
(B) Single Lewis structure with fixed double bonds
(C) Mixture of two Kekulé structures
(D) Structure with localized double bonds

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The true structure is a resonance hybrid of two Kekulé structures.

10. What is the hybridization of carbon atoms in benzene?

(A) sp
(B) sp^2
(C) sp^3
(D) sp^3d

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The carbon atoms in benzene are sp^2 hybridized.

11. The C-C-C bond angle in benzene is:

(A) 180^circ
(B) 90^circ
(C) 120^circ
(D) 109.5^circ

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The bond angle in benzene is 120^circ due to sp^2 hybridization.

12. Which electrophile is used in the bromination of benzene?

(A) Bromide ion
(B) Aluminium bromide
(C) Bromine molecule
(D) Bromonium ion

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The electrophile is the bromonium ion (Br□).

13. The electrophile used in Friedel-Craft acylation is:

(A) Acylium ion
(B) Arenium ion
(C) Hydrogen ion
(D) Nitronium ion

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The electrophile in Friedel-Craft acylation is the acylium ion (RCO□).

14. The prefix "ortho" indicates which substitution pattern?

(A) 1,3-
(B) 1,2-
(C) 1,4-
(D) 1,5-

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: 1,2- — this correctly answers the question.

15. The prefix "para" indicates which substitution pattern?

(A) 1,2-
(B) 1,3-
(C) 1,4-
(D) 1,5-

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: 1,4- — this correctly answers the question.

16. What is the expected enthalpy of hydrogenation of benzene if it had three localized double bonds?

(A) -120 kJ/mol
(B) -208 kJ/mol
(C) -152 kJ/mol
(D) -360 kJ/mol

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The expected value is 3 × (-120) = -360 kJ/mol.

17. What is the actual enthalpy of hydrogenation of benzene?

(A) -208 kJ/mol
(B) -120 kJ/mol
(C) -360 kJ/mol
(D) -152 kJ/mol

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The actual enthalpy of hydrogenation of benzene is -208 kJ/mol.

18. How many Kekulé structures does benzene have?

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: 2 — this correctly answers the question.

19. What is the shape of the pi electron cloud in benzene?

(A) Linear
(B) Spherical
(C) Two torus shapes above and below the ring
(D) A single torus above the ring

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Two torus shapes above and below the ring — this correctly answers the question.

20. Which of the following is NOT a resonance structure of benzene?

(A) A structure with alternating single and double bonds.
(B) A structure with a circle inside a hexagon.
(C) The two Kekulé structures.
(D) A structure with a triple bond.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: A structure with a triple bond. — this correctly answers the question.

21. Which of the following is an activating group?

(A) -OH
(B) -NO□
(C) -CN
(D) -COOH

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The hydroxyl group (-OH) is an activating group.

22. Which of the following is a deactivating group?

(A) -OH
(B) -NO□
(C) -NH□
(D) -CH□

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The nitro group (-NO□) is a deactivating group.

23. Why is benzene less reactive than alkenes towards addition reactions?

(A) Because benzene is a solid.
(B) Because benzene has no double bonds.
(C) Because benzene has a stable delocalized pi system.
(D) Because benzene is non-polar.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Because benzene has a stable delocalized pi system. — this correctly answers the question.

24. What is the directing effect of the -COOH group?

(A) Ortho/para
(B) Both ortho and meta
(C) No directing effect
(D) Meta

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Meta — this correctly answers the question.

25. When methylbenzene is nitrated, what is the major product?

(A) 2-nitromethylbenzene
(B) 3-nitromethylbenzene
(C) 4-nitromethylbenzene
(D) All are equal

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The major product is 2-nitromethylbenzene (ortho), with 58% yield.

B. Less Important / Secondary Topics

26. Which of the following is an incorrect statement about the reactivity of benzene?

(A) Benzene does not react with electrophiles.
(B) Benzene undergoes addition reactions easily.
(C) Benzene undergoes substitution reactions to preserve aromaticity.
(D) Benzene is more reactive than alkenes.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Benzene does react with electrophiles, but only in the presence of a catalyst.

27. Which of the following is a correct statement about the directing effect of halogens?

(A) They are activating and ortho/para-directing.
(B) They are deactivating and ortho/para-directing.
(C) They are deactivating and meta-directing.

(D) They are activating and meta-directing.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Halogens are deactivating but ortho/para-directing.

28. What is the role of aluminium chloride in Friedel-Craft alkylation?

(A) It acts as a nucleophile.
(B) It acts as a base.
(C) It acts as a Lewis acid and halogen carrier.
(D) It acts as a solvent.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: AlCl□ acts as a Lewis acid and halogen carrier.

29. Which of the following is a correct statement about the E/Z system?

(A) It is used for alkanes.
(B) It is used for alkynes.
(C) It is used for benzene.
(D) It is used for alkenes with different groups on each carbon.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The E/Z system is used for alkenes with different groups on each carbon.

30. What is the relationship between the stability of cis and trans isomers?

(A) Trans isomers are generally more stable than cis isomers due to less steric hindrance.
(B) Cis isomers are generally more stable than trans isomers.
(C) Both isomers have the same stability.
(D) Stability depends only on the molecular weight.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Trans isomers are generally more stable than cis isomers due to less steric hindrance. — this correctly answers the question.

31. Which of the following compounds can show geometric isomerism?

(A) 1-butene
(B) 2-butene
(C) Propene
(D) Ethene

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: 2-butene — this correctly answers the question.

32. What is the product of the reaction of benzene with bromine in the presence of FeBr□?

(A) Benzene bromide
(B) Dibromobenzene
(C) Bromobenzene
(D) Bromomethane

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Bromobenzene — this correctly answers the question.

33. What is the product of the reaction of benzene with chlorine in the presence of FeCl□?

(A) Benzene chloride
(B) Dichlorobenzene
(C) Chloromethane
(D) Chlorobenzene

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Chlorobenzene — this correctly answers the question.

34. Which of the following is an example of an electrophilic aromatic substitution reaction?

(A) Nitration of benzene
(B) Hydrogenation of benzene

(C) Oxidation of benzene
(D) Combustion of benzene

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Nitration is an electrophilic aromatic substitution reaction.

35. What is the intermediate formed in the electrophilic substitution of benzene?

(A) Carbocation
(B) Arenium ion
(C) Carbanion
(D) Free radical

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The intermediate is the arenium ion (sigma complex).

36. Why does the reaction of toluene with nitric acid give a mixture of ortho, meta, and para products, with ortho and para being the major products?

(A) Because the methyl group is electron-withdrawing and meta-directing.
(B) Because the methyl group is neutral.
(C) Because the methyl group is electron-donating and ortho/para-directing.
(D) Because the reaction is random.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Because the methyl group is electron-donating and ortho/para-directing. — this correctly answers the question.

37. Which of the following is the correct order of reactivity of substituted benzenes towards electrophilic substitution?

(A) Nitrobenzene > Benzene > Phenol
(B) Benzene > Phenol > Nitrobenzene
(C) Phenol > Nitrobenzene > Benzene
(D) Phenol > Benzene > Nitrobenzene

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Phenol is activated (most reactive), benzene is neutral, and nitrobenzene is deactivated (least reactive).

38. Which of the following is a correct statement about the resonance energy of benzene?

(A) It is the extra stability gained from the delocalization of pi electrons.
(B) It is the energy required to break the C-C bonds.
(C) It is the energy of the C-H bonds.
(D) It is the energy released during combustion.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Resonance energy is the extra stability gained from delocalization.

39. Which of the following is a correct statement about the orientation of substituents in electrophilic aromatic substitution?

(A) Electron-donating groups are meta-directing.
(B) Electron-donating groups are ortho/para-directing.
(C) Electron-withdrawing groups are ortho/para-directing.
(D) All groups are ortho/para-directing.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Electron-donating groups are ortho/para-directing.

40. What is the major product of the reaction of chlorobenzene with nitric acid and sulfuric acid?

(A) m-Nitrochlorobenzene
(B) Chloronitrobenzene
(C) o-Nitrochlorobenzene and p-nitrochlorobenzene
(D) No reaction

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: O-Nitrochlorobenzene and p-nitrochlorobenzene — this correctly answers the question.

41. Why is the C-Cl bond in chlorobenzene stronger than in chloroethane?

(A) Because chlorine is more electronegative in chlorobenzene.
(B) Because the carbon atom in chlorobenzene is sp^3 hybridized.
(C) Because chlorobenzene is a smaller molecule.
(D) Because of the resonance effect that gives partial double bond character to the C-Cl bond.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Because of the resonance effect that gives partial double bond character to the C-Cl bond. — this correctly answers the question.

42. Which of the following is a correct statement about the halogenation of benzene?

(A) It requires a Lewis acid catalyst.
(B) It does not require a catalyst.
(C) It produces an addition product.
(D) It is a free radical reaction.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Halogenation of benzene requires a Lewis acid catalyst such as $FeBr_3$ or $FeCl_3$.

43. Which of the following is a correct statement about the nitration of benzene?

(A) It requires only nitric acid.
(B) It requires a mixture of concentrated nitric and sulfuric acids.
(C) It requires only sulfuric acid.
(D) It requires a Lewis acid catalyst.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Nitration uses a mixture of concentrated nitric and sulfuric acids to generate the nitronium ion.

44. What is the product of the reaction of benzene with ethanoyl chloride in the presence of $AlCl_3$?

(A) Ethylbenzene
(B) Benzoic acid
(C) Phenylethanone
(D) Benzene ethanoate

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Phenylethanone — this correctly answers the question.

45. Which of the following is a correct statement about the relative stability of benzene and cyclohexene?

(A) Cyclohexene is more stable than benzene.
(B) Both have the same stability.
(C) Stability depends on the solvent.
(D) Benzene is more stable than cyclohexene.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Benzene is more stable than cyclohexene. — this correctly answers the question.

46. Which of the following is a correct statement about the addition reactions of benzene?

(A) Benzene undergoes addition reactions under harsh conditions.
(B) Benzene undergoes addition reactions easily.
(C) Benzene does not undergo addition reactions.
(D) Benzene undergoes addition reactions without a catalyst.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Benzene undergoes addition reactions under vigorous conditions (e.g., hydrogenation with Ni catalyst at high temperature and pressure).

47. Which of the following is a correct statement about the oxidation of alkylbenzenes?

(A) The aromatic ring is oxidized.

(B) The alkyl side chain is oxidized to a carboxylic acid.
(C) The alkyl side chain is reduced.
(D) No reaction occurs.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The alkyl side chain is oxidized to a carboxylic acid. — this correctly answers the question.

48. Which of the following is a correct statement about the Friedel-Craft alkylation of benzene?

(A) It produces a carboxylic acid.
(B) It requires a strong base.
(C) It requires a Lewis acid catalyst.
(D) It produces an alcohol.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Friedel-Craft alkylation requires a Lewis acid catalyst such as AlCl□.

49. Which of the following is a correct statement about the Friedel-Craft acylation of benzene?

(A) It introduces an alkyl group onto the ring.
(B) It introduces a nitro group onto the ring.
(C) It introduces a halogen onto the ring.
(D) It introduces an acyl group onto the ring.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: It introduces an acyl group onto the ring. — this correctly answers the question.

50. Which of the following is a correct statement about the orientation of substituents in electrophilic aromatic substitution?

(A) Ortho/para attack is favored for electron-donating groups.
(B) Ortho/para attack is favored for electron-withdrawing groups.
(C) Meta attack is favored for electron-donating groups.
(D) The position is independent of the substituent.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Electron-donating groups stabilize the arenium ion for ortho/para attack, making these positions favored.

Chemistry Grade 12 — Chapter 9

Halogenoalkanes

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Independent practice MCQs from the supplied Class 12 Chemistry notes pack. Total: 50 questions.

A. Important / Main Topics

1. The general formula of a halogenoalkane is:

(A) R-X
(B) Ar-X
(C) R-OH
(D) Ar-OH

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The notes state that halogenoalkanes have the general formula R-X.

2. The general formula of a halogenoarene is:

(A) R-X
(B) Ar-X
(C) R-OH
(D) Ar-OH

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The notes state that halogenoarenes have the general formula Ar-X.

3. In a halogenoalkane, the carbon-halogen bond is:

(A) Non-polar
(B) Ionic
(C) Polar
(D) Metallic

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The C-X bond is polar because the halogen is more electronegative than carbon.

4. Which catalyst is commonly used in the halogenation of benzene?

(A) H□SO□
(B) AlCl□
(C) NaOH
(D) FeX□

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The notes state that halogenation of benzene occurs with halogens in the presence of Fe or a Lewis acid catalyst FeX□.

5. In the reaction of benzene with Cl□ in the presence of a catalyst, the product is:

(A) Chlorobenzene
(B) Chloromethane
(C) Dichloromethane
(D) Benzyl chloride

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The reaction is the chlorination of benzene, which produces chlorobenzene.

6. What type of reaction occurs when a halogenoalkane reacts with aqueous silver nitrate?

(A) Electrophilic substitution
(B) Nucleophilic substitution
(C) Addition
(D) Elimination

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: It is a nucleophilic substitution reaction.

7. Which of the following is a good leaving group?

(A) OH□
(B) NH□□
(C) Cl□
(D) CH□□

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Cl□ — this correctly answers the question.

8. Which of the following is a poor leaving group?

(A) I□
(B) Br□
(C) Cl□
(D) OH□

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: OH□ — this correctly answers the question.

9. Which of the following is a nucleophile?

(A) OH□
(B) H□
(C) NO□□
(D) AlCl□

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: OH□ — this correctly answers the question.

10. What is the hybridization of the carbon atom in a halogenoalkane?

(A) sp
(B) sp^3
(C) sp^2
(D) sp^3d

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The carbon atom in a halogenoalkane is sp^3 hybridized.

11. What is the hybridization of the carbon atom in a halogenoarene?

(A) sp
(B) sp^3
(C) sp^2
(D) sp^3d

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The carbon atom in a halogenoarene is sp^2 hybridized.

12. Which of the following statements is correct about the C-X bond in halogenoarenes?

(A) It is a non-polar bond.
(B) It is an ionic bond.
(C) It is a hydrogen bond.
(D) It has partial double bond character.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: It has partial double bond character. — this correctly answers the question.

13. What type of reaction do halogenoalkanes undergo?

(A) Nucleophilic substitution
(B) Electrophilic substitution
(C) Electrophilic addition
(D) Free radical substitution

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Nucleophilic substitution — this correctly answers the question.

14. What type of reaction do halogenoarenes undergo?

(A) Nucleophilic substitution
(B) Electrophilic substitution
(C) Electrophilic addition
(D) Free radical substitution

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Electrophilic substitution — this correctly answers the question.

15. What is the product of the reaction between chloroethane and aqueous NaOH?

(A) Ethene
(B) Ethanoic acid
(C) Ethanol
(D) Ethane

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Ethanol — this correctly answers the question.

16. What type of bond is broken in the nucleophilic substitution reaction of a halogenoalkane?

(A) C-H
(B) C-O
(C) C-C
(D) C-X

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: C-X — this correctly answers the question.

17. What is the inductive effect in a halogenoalkane?

(A) The halogen withdraws electron density from carbon.
(B) The halogen donates electron density to carbon.
(C) The carbon withdraws electron density from the halogen.
(D) The carbon donates electron density to the halogen.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The halogen withdraws electron density from carbon. — this correctly answers the question.

18. Which of the following is a characteristic reaction of halogenoalkanes?

(A) Electrophilic substitution
(B) Nucleophilic substitution
(C) Electrophilic addition
(D) Free radical substitution

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Nucleophilic substitution — this correctly answers the question.

19. Which of the following is another name for an elimination reaction in a halogenoalkane?

(A) Hydrogenation
(B) Hydration
(C) Dehydrohalogenation
(D) Halogenation

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Elimination of HX is called dehydrohalogenation.

20. Which type of alkyl halide is most likely to undergo an S_N2 reaction?

(A) Secondary
(B) Tertiary
(C) Quaternary
(D) Primary

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Primary — this correctly answers the question.

21. Which type of alkyl halide is most likely to undergo an S_N1 reaction?

(A) Tertiary
(B) Primary
(C) Secondary
(D) Quaternary

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Tertiary — this correctly answers the question.

22. What type of reaction do halogenoalkanes undergo when a strong base is used?

(A) Nucleophilic substitution
(B) Elimination
(C) Addition
(D) Oxidation

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Elimination — this correctly answers the question.

23. What is the leaving group in a nucleophilic substitution reaction of a halogenoalkane?

(A) Carbon atom
(B) Hydrogen atom
(C) Halogen atom
(D) Nucleophile

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The halogen atom is the leaving group.

24. Which of the following is a polar bond?

(A) C-H
(B) C-C
(C) C-O
(D) C-X

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: C-X — this correctly answers the question.

25. What is the general formula for an elimination reaction of a halogenoalkane?

(A) R-CH□-CH□-X → R-CH=CH□ + HX
(B) R-X + Nu□ → R-Nu + X□
(C) R-X + H□ → R-H + HX
(D) R-X + H□O → R-OH + HX

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: R-CH□-CH□-X → R-CH=CH□ + HX — this correctly answers the question.

B. Less Important / Secondary Topics

26. Which of the following is a nucleophile?

(A) OH□
(B) H□
(C) NO□□
(D) AlCl□

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: OH□ — this correctly answers the question.

27. Which of the following is an electrophile?

(A) OH□
(B) NO□□

(C) CN□
(D) NH□

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: NO□□ — this correctly answers the question.

28. What is the product of the reaction between bromoethane and cyanide ion?

(A) Ethanol
(B) Ethylamine
(C) Propanenitrile
(D) Ethane

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Propanenitrile — this correctly answers the question.

29. What is the product of the reaction between bromoethane and ammonia?

(A) Ethanol
(B) Propanenitrile
(C) Ethane
(D) Ethylamine

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Ethylamine — this correctly answers the question.

30. What is the product of the reaction between bromoethane and hydroxide ion?

(A) Ethanol
(B) Ethene
(C) Ethanoic acid
(D) Ethane

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Ethanol — this correctly answers the question.

31. Which of the following is a strong acid?

(A) Acetic acid
(B) Hydrochloric acid
(C) Hydrofluoric acid
(D) Carbonic acid

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Hydrochloric acid (HCl) is a strong acid.

32. What is the product of the reaction of benzene with bromine in the presence of FeBr□?

(A) Benzene bromide
(B) Dibromobenzene
(C) Bromobenzene
(D) Bromomethane

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Bromobenzene — this correctly answers the question.

33. What is the product of the reaction of benzene with chlorine in the presence of FeCl□?

(A) Benzene chloride
(B) Dichlorobenzene
(C) Chloromethane
(D) Chlorobenzene

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Chlorobenzene — this correctly answers the question.

34. Which of the following is an example of an electrophilic aromatic substitution reaction?

(A) Nitration of benzene
(B) Hydrogenation of benzene

(C) Oxidation of benzene
(D) Combustion of benzene

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Nitration is an electrophilic aromatic substitution reaction.

35. What is the intermediate formed in the electrophilic substitution of benzene?

(A) Carbocation
(B) Arenium ion
(C) Carbanion
(D) Free radical

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The intermediate is the arenium ion (sigma complex).

36. The reaction of bromoethane with cyanide ion produces propanenitrile. This reaction is an example of:

(A) Electrophilic addition
(B) Elimination
(C) Nucleophilic substitution
(D) Oxidation

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The cyanide ion acts as a nucleophile and replaces the bromide ion.

37. Which of the following is the correct order of reactivity of halogenoalkanes with aqueous silver nitrate?

(A) R-F > R-Cl > R-Br > R-I
(B) R-Cl > R-Br > R-I > R-F
(C) R-Br > R-I > R-Cl > R-F
(D) R-I > R-Br > R-Cl > R-F

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The C-X bond strength decreases down the group, so the re.

38. Why are halogenoalkanes more reactive than halogenoarenes towards nucleophilic substitution?

(A) Because the C-X bond in halogenoalkanes is weaker and more polar.
(B) Because the C-X bond in halogenoarenes is weaker.
(C) Because halogenoarenes have no C-X bond.
(D) Because halogenoalkanes are smaller molecules.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The C-X bond in halogenoalkanes is a weak, polar single bond, making it easier to break.

39. A student argues that because chlorobenzene contains chlorine, it should undergo nucleophilic substitution like chloroethane. This reasoning is flawed because:

(A) Chlorobenzene has no chlorine atom.
(B) The C-Cl bond in chlorobenzene has partial double bond character due to resonance.
(C) Chlorobenzene is a gas.
(D) Chloroethane is more stable.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: A student argues that because chlorobenzene contains chlorine, it should undergo nucleophilic substitution like chloroethane. This reasoning is flawed because The C-Cl bond in chlorobenzene has partial double bond character due to resonance..

40. Which of the following is a correct statement about the reaction of a halogenoalkane with aqueous silver nitrate?

(A) It is an addition reaction.
(B) It is an elimination reaction.
(C) It is a nucleophilic substitution reaction.

(D) It is an oxidation reaction.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The reaction is a nucleophilic substitution.

41. What is the product of the reaction between bromoethane and cyanide ion?

(A) Ethanol
(B) Ethylamine
(C) Ethane
(D) Propanenitrile

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Propanenitrile — this correctly answers the question.

42. What is the product of the reaction between bromoethane and ammonia?

(A) Ethylamine
(B) Ethanol
(C) Propanenitrile
(D) Ethane

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Ethylamine — this correctly answers the question.

43. What is the product of the reaction between bromoethane and hydroxide ion?

(A) Ethene
(B) Ethanol
(C) Ethanoic acid
(D) Ethane

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Ethanol — this correctly answers the question.

44. Which of the following is a correct statement about the hydrolysis of halogenoalkanes?

(A) It is an addition reaction.
(B) It is an elimination reaction.
(C) It is a nucleophilic substitution reaction.
(D) It is an oxidation reaction.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Hydrolysis is a nucleophilic substitution.

45. Which of the following is a correct statement about the reaction of halogenoalkanes with aqueous silver nitrate?

(A) It produces a silver mirror.
(B) It produces a gas.
(C) No reaction occurs.
(D) It produces a silver halide precipitate.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: It produces a silver halide precipitate. — this correctly answers the question.

46. What is the colour of the AgCl precipitate?

(A) White
(B) Cream
(C) Yellow
(D) Green

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: White — this correctly answers the question.

47. What is the colour of the AgBr precipitate?

(A) White
(B) Cream

(C) Yellow
(D) Green

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: AgBr is a cream-coloured precipitate.

48. What is the colour of the AgI precipitate?

(A) White
(B) Cream
(C) Yellow
(D) Green

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Yellow — this correctly answers the question.

49. Which halogenoalkane is the most reactive with aqueous silver nitrate?

(A) Fluoroethane
(B) Chloroethane
(C) Bromoethane
(D) Iodoethane

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Iodoethane — this correctly answers the question.

50. Which halogenoalkane is the least reactive with aqueous silver nitrate?

(A) Fluoroethane
(B) Chloroethane
(C) Bromoethane
(D) Iodoethane

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Fluoroethane — this correctly answers the question.

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Chemistry Grade 12 — Chapter 10

Hydroxy Compounds

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A. Important / Main Topics

1. Which of the following is a hydroxy compound?

(A) All of the above
(B) Ethanol
(C) Phenol
(D) Naphthol

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: All of the given compounds contain a hydroxyl group (-OH) and are hydroxy compounds.

2. What is the product of the reaction between an acyl chloride and an alcohol?

(A) Ether
(B) Ester
(C) Ketone
(D) Aldehyde

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Ester — this correctly answers the question.

3. What is the by-product of the reaction between an acyl chloride and an alcohol?

(A) Water
(B) Carbon dioxide
(C) Hydrogen chloride
(D) Hydrogen gas

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The by-product is hydrogen chloride (HCl).

4. What is the intermediate in the preparation of phenol from aniline?

(A) Chlorobenzene
(B) Benzoic acid
(C) Phenoxide ion
(D) Benzene diazonium chloride

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The intermediate is benzene diazonium chloride.

5. At what temperature is the diazotization reaction carried out?

(A) 0–5°C
(B) 25°C
(C) 100°C
(D) 150°C

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The diazotization reaction is carried out at 0–5°C.

6. What is the product of the reaction of phenol with sodium hydroxide?

(A) Sodium phenoxide + hydrogen
(B) Sodium phenoxide + water
(C) Phenoxide + carbon dioxide
(D) Benzene + sodium hydroxide

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Phenol reacts with NaOH to form sodium phenoxide and water.

7. Which of the following is the strongest acid?

(A) Water
(B) Ethanol
(C) Phenol
(D) Methanol

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Phenol — this correctly answers the question.

8. What is the main factor that stabilizes the phenoxide ion?

(A) Inductive effect
(B) Hydrogen bonding
(C) Solvation
(D) Resonance

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Resonance — this correctly answers the question.

9. What is the reaction of phenol with bromine water?

(A) Formation of a white precipitate of 2,4,6-tribromophenol
(B) Formation of a yellow precipitate of picric acid
(C) Formation of a gas
(D) No reaction

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Phenol reacts with bromine water to form a white precipitate of 2,4,6-tribromophenol.

10. What is the product of the reaction of naphthols with diazonium salts?

(A) Naphthoxide salts
(B) Azo dyes
(C) Nitronaphthols
(D) Bromonaphthols

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Azo dyes — this correctly answers the question.

11. Which of the following is a phenol?

(A) Benzene
(B) Toluene
(C) Phenol
(D) Aniline

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Phenol is a hydroxy compound with an -OH group attached to a benzene ring.

12. The general formula of a phenol is:

(A) R-OH
(B) R-COOH
(C) R-CHO
(D) Ar-OH

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The general formula of a phenol is Ar-OH.

13. What is the formula of naphthol?

(A) mathrmC□□H□OH
(B) C□H□OH
(C) mathrmC□□H□
(D) C□H□

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: MathrmC□□H□OH — this correctly answers the question.

14. Which of the following is a property of naphthols?

(A) They are basic.
(B) They are acidic.
(C) They are neutral.
(D) They are amphoteric.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: They are acidic. — this correctly answers the question.

15. What is the product of the reaction of naphthols with sodium hydroxide?

(A) Naphthalene
(B) Naphthol
(C) Sodium naphthoxide
(D) Hydrogen gas

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Sodium naphthoxide — this correctly answers the question.

16. What is the product of the reaction between ethanoyl chloride and ethanol?

(A) Methyl ethanoate
(B) Ethanoic acid
(C) Ethanamide
(D) Ethyl ethanoate

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Ethyl ethanoate — this correctly answers the question.

17. What is the product of the reaction between ethanoyl chloride and phenol?

(A) Phenyl ethanoate
(B) Ethyl ethanoate
(C) Ethanoic acid
(D) Ethanamide

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Phenyl ethanoate — this correctly answers the question.

18. What is the product of the reaction between ethanoyl chloride and water?

(A) Ethyl ethanoate
(B) Ethanoic acid
(C) Ethanamide
(D) Ethanol

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Ethanoic acid — this correctly answers the question.

19. What is the product of the reaction between ethanoyl chloride and ammonia?

(A) Ethanoic acid
(B) Ethyl ethanoate
(C) Ethanamide
(D) Ethanol

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Ethanamide — this correctly answers the question.

20. What is the product of the reaction between ethanoyl chloride and methylamine?

(A) Ethanamide
(B) Ethanoic acid
(C) Ethyl ethanoate
(D) N-methylmethanamide

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: N-methylmethanamide — this correctly answers the question.

21. What is the product of the reaction of phenol with dilute nitric acid?

(A) o-Nitrophenol and p-nitrophenol
(B) Picric acid
(C) Nitrobenzene
(D) Benzoic acid

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: O-Nitrophenol and p-nitrophenol — this correctly answers the question.

22. What is the product of the reaction of phenol with concentrated nitric acid?

(A) o-Nitrophenol and p-nitrophenol
(B) Picric acid
(C) Nitrobenzene
(D) Benzoic acid

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Picric acid — this correctly answers the question.

23. What is the product of the reaction of phenol with sodium metal?

(A) Sodium phenoxide + water
(B) Phenoxide + carbon dioxide
(C) Sodium phenoxide + hydrogen
(D) Benzene + sodium

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Phenol reacts with sodium metal to form sodium phenoxide and hydrogen gas.

24. Which of the following is the correct order of acid strength?

(A) Alcohols > Phenols > Carboxylic acids
(B) Phenols > Carboxylic acids > Alcohols
(C) Carboxylic acids > Alcohols > Phenols
(D) Carboxylic acids > Phenols > Alcohols

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The correct order is Carboxylic acids > Phenols > Alcohols.

25. What is the product of the reduction of a carboxylic acid with LiAlH□?

(A) Primary alcohol
(B) Secondary alcohol
(C) Tertiary alcohol
(D) Aldehyde

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Primary alcohol — this correctly answers the question.

B. Less Important / Secondary Topics

26. What is decarboxylation?

(A) Loss of CO□
(B) Loss of H□O
(C) Loss of H□
(D) Loss of O□

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Loss of CO□ — this correctly answers the question.

27. Which of the following is a good leaving group in nucleophilic acyl substitution?

(A) OH□
(B) Cl□
(C) NH□□

(D) CH□□

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Cl□ — this correctly answers the question.

28. Which of the following is a poor leaving group?

(A) Cl□
(B) Br□
(C) OH□
(D) I□

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: OH□ — this correctly answers the question.

29. What is the role of the carbonyl carbon in the reactions of carboxylic acids?

(A) It acts as a nucleophile.
(B) It acts as a base.
(C) It acts as a catalyst.
(D) It acts as an electrophile.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The carbonyl carbon is electrophilic.

30. What is the product of the reaction of a carboxylic acid with PCl□?

(A) Acyl chloride
(B) Ester
(C) Amide
(D) Alcohol

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Acyl chloride — this correctly answers the question.

31. At which position does 1-naphthol undergo electrophilic substitution?

(A) 1 and 2
(B) 2 and 4
(C) 1 and 3
(D) 3 and 4

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: 2 and 4 — this correctly answers the question.

32. At which position does 2-naphthol undergo electrophilic substitution?

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: 1 — this correctly answers the question.

33. What is the product of the reaction of 1-naphthol with bromine water?

(A) 1-bromo-2-naphthol
(B) 3-bromo-1-naphthol
(C) 4-bromo-1-naphthol
(D) 2-bromo-1-naphthol and 4-bromo-1-naphthol

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The products are 2-bromo-1-naphthol and 4-bromo-1-naphthol.

34. What is the product of the reaction of 2-naphthol with bromine water?

(A) 1-bromo-2-naphthol
(B) 2-bromo-1-naphthol and 4-bromo-1-naphthol
(C) 3-bromo-2-naphthol

(D) 4-bromo-2-naphthol

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: 1-bromo-2-naphthol — this correctly answers the question.

35. What is the colour of the azo dye precipitate formed from naphthols?

(A) White
(B) Orange-red
(C) Yellow
(D) Green

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The azo dye precipitate is orange-red.

36. Why is phenol more acidic than water?

(A) Because it has a higher molecular weight.
(B) Because it has a lower boiling point.
(C) Because the phenoxide ion is resonance-stabilized.
(D) Because it is a solid at room temperature.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The phenoxide ion is resonance-stabilized.

37. Why is ethanol a weaker acid than water?

(A) Because it has a higher molecular weight.
(B) Because it has a lower boiling point.
(C) Because it is a liquid at room temperature.
(D) Because the ethyl group is electron-donating.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Because the ethyl group is electron-donating. — this correctly answers the question.

38. What is the conjugate base of phenol?

(A) Phenoxide ion
(B) Hydroxide ion
(C) Ethoxide ion
(D) Benzene

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The conjugate base of phenol is the phenoxide ion.

39. What is the conjugate base of water?

(A) Phenoxide ion
(B) Hydroxide ion
(C) Ethoxide ion
(D) Hydronium ion

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The conjugate base of water is the hydroxide ion.

40. What is the conjugate base of ethanol?

(A) Phenoxide ion
(B) Hydroxide ion
(C) Ethoxide ion
(D) Hydronium ion

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The conjugate base of ethanol is the ethoxide ion.

41. Why is phenol a stronger acid than water?

(A) Because of the electron-donating effect of the ethyl group.
(B) Because of the difference in molecular weight.
(C) Because of the difference in boiling points.

(D) Because of resonance stabilization of the phenoxide ion.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Because of resonance stabilization of the phenoxide ion. — this correctly answers the question.

42. Why is ethanol a weaker acid than water?

(A) Because of the electron-donating effect of the ethyl group.
(B) Because of resonance stabilization of the ethoxide ion.
(C) Because of the difference in molecular weight.
(D) Because of the difference in boiling points.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Because of the electron-donating effect of the ethyl group. — this correctly answers the question.

43. Which of the following is the correct order of pK_a values?

(A) Phenol > Water > Ethanol
(B) Phenol < Water < Ethanol
(C) Water < Phenol < Ethanol
(D) Ethanol < Water < Phenol

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The pK_a order is Phenol (10) < Water (15.7) < Ethanol (16). A lower pK_a means a stronger acid.

44. What is the main reason for the difference in acidity between phenol and water?

(A) The electron-donating effect of the ethyl group.
(B) The difference in molecular weight.
(C) Resonance stabilization of the phenoxide ion.
(D) The difference in boiling points.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Resonance stabilization of the phenoxide ion is the main reason.

45. What is the main reason for the difference in acidity between water and ethanol?

(A) Resonance stabilization of the ethoxide ion.
(B) The difference in molecular weight.
(C) The difference in boiling points.
(D) The electron-donating effect of the ethyl group.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The electron-donating effect of the ethyl group. — this correctly answers the question.

46. Which of the following is the correct order of pK_a values?

(A) Phenol < Water < Ethanol
(B) Phenol > Water > Ethanol
(C) Water < Phenol < Ethanol
(D) Ethanol < Water < Phenol

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The pK_a order is Phenol (10) < Water (15.7) < Ethanol (16).

47. What is the main reason for the difference in acidity between phenol and water?

(A) The electron-donating effect of the ethyl group.
(B) Resonance stabilization of the phenoxide ion.
(C) The difference in molecular weight.
(D) The difference in boiling points.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Resonance stabilization of the phenoxide ion is the main reason.

48. What is the main reason for the difference in acidity between water and ethanol?

(A) Resonance stabilization of the ethoxide ion.
(B) The difference in molecular weight.
(C) The electron-donating effect of the ethyl group.

(D) The difference in boiling points.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The electron-donating effect of the ethyl group. — this correctly answers the question.

49. What is the colour of the azo dye precipitate formed from naphthols?

(A) White
(B) Yellow
(C) Green
(D) Orange-red

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The azo dye precipitate is orange-red.

50. Which of the following is a correct statement about naphthols?

(A) They behave like simple phenols.
(B) They are not acidic.
(C) They do not react with bromine water.
(D) They cannot form azo dyes.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: They behave like simple phenols. — this correctly answers the question.

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Chemistry Grade 12 — Chapter 11

Carbonyl Compounds

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A. Important / Main Topics

1. Which of the following is the strongest acid?

(A) Trichloroethanoic acid (pK_a = 0.9)
(B) Ethanoic acid (pK_a = 4.7)
(C) Chloroethanoic acid (pK_a = 2.9)
(D) Dichloroethanoic acid (pK_a = 1.3)

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: A smaller pK_a means a stronger acid. Trichloroethanoic acid has the lowest pK_a (0.9), so it is the strongest acid.

2. Why is trichloroethanoic acid stronger than ethanoic acid?

(A) Because it has more hydrogen atoms.
(B) Because chlorine is electron-withdrawing and stabilizes the carboxylate ion.
(C) Because chlorine is electron-donating.
(D) Because it has a higher molecular weight.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Chlorine is an electron-withdrawing group that stabilizes the carboxylate ion by pulling electron density away, increasing acidity.

3. What is the relationship between K_a and acid strength?

(A) Larger K_a means weaker acid.
(B) K_a has no relation to acid strength.
(C) Larger K_a means stronger acid.
(D) K_a is always 1.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Larger K_a means stronger acid. — this correctly answers the question.

4. Which of the following substituents increases the acidity of a carboxylic acid?

(A) Alkyl group
(B) Hydrogen atom
(C) Ethyl group
(D) Chlorine atom

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Chlorine is an electron-withdrawing group that increases acidity.

5. What is the pK_a of ethanoic acid?

(A) 4.7
(B) 0.9
(C) 1.3
(D) 2.9

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: 4.7 — this correctly answers the question.

6. Which of the following is the weakest acid?

(A) Trichloroethanoic acid
(B) Ethanoic acid
(C) Dichloroethanoic acid

(D) Chloroethanoic acid

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Ethanoic acid has the highest pK_a (4.7), so it is the weakest acid among the given options.

7. What is the effect of an electron-donating group on the acidity of a carboxylic acid?

(A) It increases acidity.
(B) It has no effect.
(C) It decreases acidity.
(D) It makes the acid neutral.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: It decreases acidity. — this correctly answers the question.

8. Which of the following is the correct order of acidity?

(A) CH□COOH > CH□ClCOOH > CHCl□COOH > CCl□COOH
(B) CHCl□COOH > CCl□COOH > CH□COOH > CH□ClCOOH
(C) CH□ClCOOH > CH□COOH > CCl□COOH > CHCl□COOH
(D) CCl□COOH > CHCl□COOH > CH□ClCOOH > CH□COOH

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The correct order is CCl□COOH > CHCl□COOH > CH□ClCOOH > CH□COOH.

9. What is the primary reason for the acidity of carboxylic acids?

(A) Resonance stabilization of the carboxylate ion.
(B) The presence of a carbonyl group.
(C) The presence of a hydroxyl group.
(D) The presence of an alkyl group.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The resonance stabilization of the carboxylate ion is the primary reason for the acidity of carboxylic acids.

10. Which of the following statements is correct about pK_a?

(A) A larger pK_a means a stronger acid.
(B) A smaller pK_a means a stronger acid.
(C) A smaller pK_a means a weaker acid.
(D) pK_a is always positive.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: A smaller pK_a means a stronger acid.

11. Which reagent is used to convert toluene to benzoic acid?

(A) Fehling's solution
(B) PCl□
(C) KMnO□ and dilute acid
(D) SOCl□

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The reagent is hot alkaline KMnO□ followed by dilute acid.

12. What is the main product of the reaction between toluene and hot alkaline KMnO□?

(A) Benzyl alcohol
(B) Benzaldehyde
(C) Phenol
(D) Benzoic acid

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Benzoic acid — this correctly answers the question.

13. What is the role of the acidification step in the preparation of benzoic acid?

(A) To convert the benzoate ion into benzoic acid.
(B) To oxidize the side chain.

(C) To reduce the benzoic acid.
(D) To neutralize the solution.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: To convert the benzoate ion into benzoic acid. — this correctly answers the question.

14. Which part of the toluene molecule is oxidized when it is converted to benzoic acid?

(A) The aromatic ring
(B) The methyl group
(C) The hydrogen atoms
(D) The carbon-carbon bonds

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The methyl group — this correctly answers the question.

15. What is the product of the reaction of a carboxylic acid with SOCl□?

(A) Ester
(B) Amide
(C) Acyl chloride
(D) Alcohol

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Acyl chloride — this correctly answers the question.

16. What is the product of the reaction of a carboxylic acid with an alcohol?

(A) Acyl chloride
(B) Amide
(C) Alcohol
(D) Ester

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Ester — this correctly answers the question.

17. What is the product of the reaction of a carboxylic acid with ammonia?

(A) Amide
(B) Acyl chloride
(C) Ester
(D) Alcohol

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Amide — this correctly answers the question.

18. What is the product of the reduction of a carboxylic acid with LiAlH□?

(A) Secondary alcohol
(B) Primary alcohol
(C) Tertiary alcohol
(D) Aldehyde

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Primary alcohol — this correctly answers the question.

19. What is decarboxylation?

(A) Loss of H□O
(B) Loss of H□
(C) Loss of CO□
(D) Loss of O□

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Loss of CO□ — this correctly answers the question.

20. Which of the following is a good leaving group in nucleophilic acyl substitution?

(A) OH□
(B) NH□□

(C) CH□□
(D) Cl□

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Cl□ — this correctly answers the question.

21. Which of the following is a poor leaving group?

(A) OH□
(B) Cl□
(C) Br□
(D) I□

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: OH□ — this correctly answers the question.

22. What is the role of the carbonyl carbon in the reactions of carboxylic acids?

(A) It acts as a nucleophile.
(B) It acts as an electrophile.
(C) It acts as a base.
(D) It acts as a catalyst.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The carbonyl carbon is electrophilic.

23. What is the product of the reaction of a carboxylic acid with PCl□?

(A) Ester
(B) Amide
(C) Acyl chloride
(D) Alcohol

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Acyl chloride — this correctly answers the question.

24. Which of the following is a reaction of carboxylic acids?

(A) Acidic reaction with NaOH
(B) Substitution with SOCl□
(C) Reduction with LiAlH□
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: All are reactions of carboxylic acids.

25. What is the product of the reaction between ethanoyl chloride and ethanol?

(A) Ethyl ethanoate
(B) Methyl ethanoate
(C) Ethanoic acid
(D) Ethanamide

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Ethyl ethanoate — this correctly answers the question.

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26. What is the product of the reaction between ethanoyl chloride and phenol?

(A) Phenyl ethanoate
(B) Ethyl ethanoate
(C) Ethanoic acid
(D) Ethanamide

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Phenyl ethanoate — this correctly answers the question.

27. What is the product of the reaction between ethanoyl chloride and water?

(A) Ethyl ethanoate
(B) Ethanoic acid
(C) Ethanamide
(D) Ethanol

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Ethanoic acid — this correctly answers the question.

28. What is the product of the reaction between ethanoyl chloride and ammonia?

(A) Ethanoic acid
(B) Ethyl ethanoate
(C) Ethanamide
(D) Ethanol

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Ethanamide — this correctly answers the question.

29. What is the product of the reaction between ethanoyl chloride and methylamine?

(A) Ethanamide
(B) Ethanoic acid
(C) Ethyl ethanoate
(D) N-methylmethanamide

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: N-methylmethanamide — this correctly answers the question.

30. Which of the following is the correct order of ease of hydrolysis?

(A) Acyl > Alkyl > Aryl
(B) Alkyl > Acyl > Aryl
(C) Aryl > Alkyl > Acyl
(D) Acyl > Aryl > Alkyl

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Acyl > Alkyl > Aryl — this correctly answers the question.

31. What is the product of the hydrolysis of an acyl chloride?

(A) Alcohol
(B) Carboxylic acid
(C) Phenol
(D) Ketone

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Carboxylic acid — this correctly answers the question.

32. What is the product of the hydrolysis of an alkyl chloride?

(A) Carboxylic acid
(B) Phenol
(C) Alcohol
(D) Ketone

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Alcohol — this correctly answers the question.

33. What is the product of the hydrolysis of an aryl chloride?

(A) Carboxylic acid
(B) Alcohol
(C) Ketone
(D) Phenol

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Phenol — this correctly answers the question.

34. Why are acyl chlorides more reactive than alkyl chlorides?

(A) Because the carbonyl carbon is more electrophilic.
(B) Because the C-Cl bond is stronger.
(C) Because the chlorine is less electronegative.
(D) Because they are smaller molecules.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The carbonyl carbon is more electrophilic.

35. What type of mechanism is involved in the hydrolysis of acyl chlorides?

(A) Nucleophilic substitution
(B) Nucleophilic acyl substitution
(C) Electrophilic addition
(D) Free radical substitution

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The mechanism is nucleophilic acyl substitution.

36. A student argues that because chlorobenzene contains chlorine, it should undergo nucleophilic substitution like chloroethane. This reasoning is flawed because:

(A) Chlorobenzene has no chlorine atom.
(B) Chlorobenzene is a gas.
(C) The C-Cl bond in chlorobenzene has partial double bond character due to resonance.
(D) Chloroethane is more stable.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: A student argues that because chlorobenzene contains chlorine, it should undergo nucleophilic substitution like chloroethane. This reasoning is flawed because The C-Cl bond in chlorobenzene has partial double bond character due to resonance..

37. Which of the following is a correct statement about the reaction of a halogenoalkane with aqueous silver nitrate?

(A) It is an addition reaction.
(B) It is an elimination reaction.
(C) It is an oxidation reaction.
(D) It is a nucleophilic substitution reaction.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The reaction is a nucleophilic substitution.

38. What is the product of the reaction between bromoethane and cyanide ion?

(A) Propanenitrile
(B) Ethanol
(C) Ethylamine
(D) Ethane

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Propanenitrile — this correctly answers the question.

39. What is the product of the reaction between bromoethane and ammonia?

(A) Ethanol
(B) Ethylamine
(C) Propanenitrile
(D) Ethane

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Ethylamine — this correctly answers the question.

40. What is the product of the reaction between bromoethane and hydroxide ion?

(A) Ethene
(B) Ethanoic acid
(C) Ethanol

(D) Ethane

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Ethanol — this correctly answers the question.

41. Which of the following is a correct statement about the hydrolysis of halogenoalkanes?

(A) It is an addition reaction.
(B) It is an elimination reaction.
(C) It is an oxidation reaction.
(D) It is a nucleophilic substitution reaction.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Hydrolysis is a nucleophilic substitution.

42. Which of the following is a correct statement about the reaction of halogenoalkanes with aqueous silver nitrate?

(A) It produces a silver halide precipitate.
(B) It produces a silver mirror.
(C) It produces a gas.
(D) No reaction occurs.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: It produces a silver halide precipitate. — this correctly answers the question.

43. What is the colour of the AgCl precipitate?

(A) Cream
(B) White
(C) Yellow
(D) Green

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: White — this correctly answers the question.

44. What is the colour of the AgBr precipitate?

(A) White
(B) Yellow
(C) Cream
(D) Green

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: AgBr is a cream-coloured precipitate.

45. What is the colour of the AgI precipitate?

(A) White
(B) Cream
(C) Green
(D) Yellow

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Yellow — this correctly answers the question.

46. Which halogenoalkane is the most reactive with aqueous silver nitrate?

(A) Iodoethane
(B) Fluoroethane
(C) Chloroethane
(D) Bromoethane

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Iodoethane — this correctly answers the question.

47. Which halogenoalkane is the least reactive with aqueous silver nitrate?

(A) Chloroethane
(B) Fluoroethane

(C) Bromoethane
(D) Iodoethane

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Fluoroethane — this correctly answers the question.

48. Which of the following is a correct statement about the relative stability of cis and trans isomers?

(A) Cis isomers are generally more stable than trans isomers.
(B) Both isomers have the same stability.
(C) Trans isomers are generally more stable than cis isomers due to less steric hindrance.
(D) Stability depends only on the molecular weight.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Trans isomers are generally more stable than cis isomers due to less steric hindrance. — this correctly answers the question.

49. Which of the following compounds can show geometric isomerism?

(A) 1-butene
(B) Propene
(C) Ethene
(D) 2-butene

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: 2-butene — this correctly answers the question.

50. What is the product of the reaction of benzene with bromine in the presence of $FeBr_3$?

(A) Bromobenzene
(B) Benzene bromide
(C) Dibromobenzene
(D) Bromomethane

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Bromobenzene — this correctly answers the question.