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Instructions for students

- Write your Name and Roll No. at the top of the first pages of all problems.
- This examination paper consists of **36** pages of problems including answer boxes.
- Total marks for INChO 2015 paper are **114.**
- You have 3 hours to complete all the problems.
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- You must show the main steps in the calculations,
- Use only a non-programmable scientific calculator.
- For objective type question, mark **X** in the correct box. Some of the objective questions may have more than one correct answer.
- Values of fundamental constants required for calculations are provided on page 4.
- A copy of the Periodic Table of the Elements is provided at the end of the paper.
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- The question paper will be uploaded on the HBCSE website by 2nd February 2015.

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Fundamental Constants

Avogadro number	$N_A = 6.022 \text{ x } 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Electronic charge	$e = 1.602 \text{ x } 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Molar gas constant	$R = 8.314 \text{ J } \text{K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$
	$= 8.314 \text{ K Pa.dm}^3 \text{ K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$
	$= 0.082 \text{ L.atm K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$
1 atomic mass unit (1u)	$= 931.5 \text{ MeV/C}^2$
1 eV	$= 1.602 \text{ x } 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
1 cm^{-1}	$= 11.9 \text{ x } 10^{-3} \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$
Rydberg constant	$R_{\rm H} = 2.179 \text{ x } 10^{-18} \text{ J}$
Mass of electron	$m_e = 9.109 \text{ x } 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
Plancks constant	$h = 6.625 \text{ x } 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$
Speed of light	$c = 2.998 \text{ x } 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
Acceleration due to gravity	$g = 9.8 ms^{-2}$
Density of mercury	$= 13.6 \text{ x } 10^3 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$
Faraday constant	$F = 96485 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
Temperature	0°C = 273.15 K

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Problem 1

17 marks

Oxides of nitrogen

Nitrogen is one of the most important elements on earth. It forms several oxides including nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide. Nitric oxide is an air pollutant produced in the combustion processes in automobile engines and power plants.

1.1 Write the Lewis dot structures of nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide.



- **1.2** Write the balanced equation for the oxidation of ammonia to nitric oxide by oxygen.
- In a closed vessel, at 700 K and a pressure of 1 atm, 100 kmols of ammonia are mixed
- with 20% excess of air than that required for complete combustion of ammonia. (air contains 80% nitrogen and 20% oxygen on volume basis)

i) Calculate the initial number of moles of oxygen and nitrogen present in the system.



ii) At equilibrium, 70% yield of nitric oxide was obtained in the closed vessel.
Calculate the mole percent of ammonia and water present in the mixture at equilibrium.



Some equilibria of nitrogen oxides, which can be exploited commercially are shown below. (From Questions 1.4 to 1.8, you need to refer to these equations.)

- A) $N_2(g) + O_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NO(g)$
- **B**) $2NO(g) + O_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NO_2(g)$
- **C**) $N_2O_4(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NO_2(g)$
- **D**) $2NO_2(g) + H_2O(aq) \Rightarrow HNO_2(aq) + HNO_3(aq)$
- 1.4 Using the following data, calculate the standard free energy change in kJ for reaction A. The temperature is 298.15 K.

 ΔH_f° of NO(g): 90.37 kJ mol⁻¹

S° of N₂(g): 191.5 J mol⁻¹K⁻¹

S° of $O_2(g)$: 205 J mol⁻¹K⁻¹

S° of NO(g): 210.6 J $mol^{-1}K^{-1}$



1.5 At 298.15 K, the ΔG° of formation for N₂O₄(g), and NO₂(g) are 98.28 kJ mol⁻¹ and 51.84 kJ mol⁻¹ respectively. Starting with 1 mole of N₂O₄(g) at 1.0 atm and 298.15 K, calculate % of N₂O₄ decomposed if the total pressure is kept constant at 1.0 atm and the temperature maintained at 298.15 K.



1.6 ΔH° for the reaction **C** is 58.03 kJ. Assuming ΔH° to be temperature independent, calculate the temperature at which the fraction of N₂O₄ decomposed is double the value of that calculated in **1.5**.(The pressure is 1 atm)



1.7 The equilibrium represented by C was studied at 40°C at a certain pressure. The density of the gaseous mixture was 5.85 g L⁻¹. Calculate the average molecular weight of the gaseous mixture and the degree of dissociation of N₂O₄ at 40°C. $(\Delta G^{\circ} = -1.254 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1})$



(4 marks)

1.8 Nitric oxide is formed in the combustion of fuel. An internal combustion engine produces 250 ppm (250 mg L^{-1}) of NO (w/v). 100 L of air containing the produced NO was oxidized to NO₂. The NO₂ formed was dissolved in 100 L of water. Calculate the pH of the resulting solution. Refer to reaction **D**. (Given: pK_a of HNO₂ = 3.25)



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Problem 2

14 marks

Acid Base chemistry

- A.
- 2.1 Vinegar is used in food preparations. The main ingredient of vinegar is acetic acid that gives it a pungent taste. A sample of vinegar has 5% v/v acetic acid. The density of acetic acid is 1.05 g mL^{-1} .
 - a) Calculate the molarity of acetic acid in vinegar solution.



(1 mark)

- **2.2** 100 mL of the above vinegar sample is diluted to 250 mL and then 25 mL of the diluted solution is titrated against NaOH solution (0.100 M).
 - a) Calculate the pH of the solution when 10 mL of NaOH solution was added.

(1.5 marks)

b) Calculate the pH of the solution at the equivalence point (equivalence point is theoretical end point of the titration).



2.3 A pH meter is usually calibrated using standard buffer solution for which the pH is exactly known. A buffer solution consisting of sodium acetate and acetic acid with pH = 5 is to be used for calibration of a pH meter. How many moles of sodium acetate and acetic acid are required to prepare 250 mL of this buffer solution? (The total concentration of acetic acid in all forms in the solution is 0.8 M).



(2 marks)

В.

Two standard methods for estimation of amino acids are described below. In method I, a sample of valine is treated with nitrous acid and the volume of nitrogen gas released is measured. The reaction is as follows:

 $(CH_3)_2C(NH_2)COOH + HNO_2 \rightarrow (CH_3)_2C(OH)COOH + N_2 + H_2O$ ------(Method I) In method II, valine is treated with **excess** of perchloric acid in acetic acid (such a titration is called as a non aqueous titration where glacial acetic acid is used as solvent.)

The reaction is indicated below:

 $CH_3CH(NH_2)COOH + HClO_4 \rightarrow CH_3CH(NH_3)^+COOH + ClO_4^-$ -----(Method II) After the reaction is complete, the **unreacted** HClO₄ is determined by titrating it with standard solution of sodium acetate.

50.0 mL of a 0.150 M solution of $HClO_4$ is added to a sample of value in glacial acetic acid. The **unreacted** perchloric acid requires 20 mL of 0.180 M solution of sodium acetate.

2.4 Calculate the volume of the nitrogen released (in L) at a pressure of 102658 Pa and a temperature of 298.15°C when the same quantity of sample was used in method I and method II.



(2 marks)

С.

A sample of an aromatic acid weighing 1.743g requires 35 mL of 0.15 M NaOH for complete neutralisation. The vapour of the same acid is found to be 83 times heavier as compared to gaseous hydrogen.

2.5 Calculate the basicity of the aromatic acid.



D.

Maleic acid is a diprotic acid. Depending on pH, maleic acid can exist in solution in different forms. If the undissociated acid is represented as H_2M , the different forms in which it can exist in the solution are H_2M , HM^{-1} and M^{-2} .

Let, C_T = Total concentration of acid in all the forms and the fractions (represented as α_n) for different forms of maleic acid can be represented as

 $\alpha_0 = [H_2M]/C_T$ $\alpha_1 = [HM^-]/C_T$

$$\alpha_2 = [M^{-2}]/C_T$$

The following figure indicates variation of fractions of different forms of maleic acid as a function of pH.





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- **2.6** Answer the following questions using the given figure.
 - a) The pH at which 90% of $[HM^-]$ is converted to $[M^{2^-}]$
 - b) The pKa_1 and pKa_2 of maleic acid are
 - c) The indicator that can be used for the first equivalence point (indicate the serial number of the indicator from the given table)

(3 marks)

No.	Indicator	pH range for change of colour	No.	Indicator	pH range for change of colour
1	Phenol red	6.8 - 8.4	3	Bromophenol blue	3.0-4.6
2	Bromophenol red	5.2 - 6.8	4	<i>m</i> -cresol purple	1.2 - 2.8

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Problem 3

26 marks

Organic Reaction Intermediates

Many organic reactions proceed through intermediates such as carbocations, carbanions, carbon radicals, carbenes etc. The structure and stability of the intermediates are the crucial factors that determine reaction mechanism. For example, in a reaction proceeding through formation of carbocation, the stability of the carbocation determines the rate of the reaction. Hammond postulate is an important tool to discuss transition state. It states that the transition state resembles that side closer to it in free energy.

3.1 Arrange the following olefins in the correct order of rate of addition of HI.



Rearrangements of carbocations are very common. The group that migrates is generally the one that is electron rich. Thus sometimes, a product other than the one expected is formed.

Compound A on treatment with a Bronsted acid gives compound C. In the reaction, B is an intermediate formed through a rearrangement.

3.2 Identify **B** and **C**.



(2 marks)

3.3 Compound **D** on reaction with limited quantity of chlorine in the presence of UV light under ambient conditions gives a mixture of products. The major product **E** of the reaction is



(5 marks)

Aromatic compounds are difficult to reduce. However, the Australian chemist, A. J. Birch developed a method to reduce aromatic compounds to nonconjugated dienes by treatment with Li/K/Na in liquid ammonia in the presence of an alcohol. The reaction is called Birch reduction. Thus, benzene can be reduced to 1,4-cyclohexadiene. In this reaction the metal gives an electron to the aromatic ring to form a radical anion (an intermediate which is an anion and has an unpaired electron). In this intermediate, the radical centre and anionic centre are at 1,4 positions with respect to each other. Birch (1944) carried out the reduction of 3-methylanisole (3-methylmethoxybenzene) and obtained product **F** which on treatment with hot dilute mineral acid gave **G** (C₇H₁₀O).

3.5 Draw the possible structures of **F**.



3.6 Draw the possible stable structures of **G** based on the structures of **F**.



G that is actually obtained, is not chiral. On reaction with Br_2 , it gave compound **H** which on heating with alcoholic KOH gave **I** (C₇H₉BrO).

3.7 Identify **G**, **H** and **I**.



(2 marks)

E. Vogel is well known for his work on bridged annulenes. Annulenes are large ring compounds containing continuous conjugation. Compound **O** is one such compound which is synthesized from naphthalene (**J**) by the following route. Compound **K** adds three equivalents of bromine. Carbene (:CH₂) is a very reactive intermediate. It reacts with an olefinic double bond to form cyclopropane.

3.9 Draw the missing structures in the following sequence of reactions for the synthesis of compound **O**.



Carbonyl compounds with acidic hydrogen can exhibit tautomerism and can exist in the enol form. The conjugate base of enol is called as enolate.

3.10 i) Draw the most stable enol and the corresponding enolate of the following compound.



ii) Draw the structures of the most favorable products obtained from the reactants in the following reactions





3.13 Identify the structures of compounds $\mathbf{P} \to \mathbf{S}$ in the synthesis of a local anaesthetic, Tutocaine hydrochloride (S). The first step in this synthesis involves a Mannich reaction.



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Problem 4

24 marks

Chemistry of Potassium Permanganate

Potassium Permanganate (KMnO₄); chameleon mineral or Condy's crystals is an inorganic compound which dissolves in water to give an intensely pink or purple solution. The evaporation of this solution leaves prismatic purplish-black glistening crystals.

On a small scale potassium permanganate is prepared from the disproportionation of potassium manganate in acidic medium.

4.1 Write a balanced equation for this reaction.

(1mark)

4.2 Draw the Lewis dot structures of manganate and permanganate species. State which of the species is paramagnetic. Calculate the spin only magnetic moment for the paramagnetic species.

Permanganate manganate

(2.5 marks)

4.3 When concentrated H_2SO_4 is added to KMnO₄ it gives a greenish oily dimanganese heptaoxide.

a) Write the balanced equation for this reaction.

(1mark)

b) Draw the structure of dimanganese heptaoxide.

(1 mark)

(0.5 mark)

4.5 On standing, the above oxide decomposes to form manganese dioxide. Write a balanced chemical equation for the reaction.

The Latimer Diagram for a series of manganese species in acidic medium (pH = 1) is given below. The emf values (E°) shown are standard reduction potentials in volts.

$$MnO_{4}^{-} \xrightarrow{E_{1}^{\circ} = 0.90} HMnO_{4}^{-} \xrightarrow{E_{2}^{\circ} = 2.09} MnO_{2} \xrightarrow{E_{3}^{\circ} = 0.95} Mn^{3+} \xrightarrow{E_{4}^{\circ} = 1.51} Mn^{2+} \xrightarrow{E_{5}^{\circ} = -1.18} Mn^{2+} \longrightarrow$$

4.6 In acidic medium, solid MnO_2 is converted to Mn^{2+} and MnO_4^{-} .

i) Write balanced equations for the half cell reactions involved and the overall reaction.

At cathode: At anode: Overall:

(1.5 marks)

ii) Using the Latimer diagram, calculate the standard electrode potential for each half cell reaction and for the overall cell reaction.





In an acidic medium MnO_4^- is a strong oxidizing agent and is thus often used in redox titration.

Medical shops sell 6% (w/w) aqueous solution of H_2O_2 as a disinfectant. X g of this H_2O_2 solution was titrated using KMnO₄ (0.02 M) solution in an acidic medium. The sample required 15.0 mL KMnO₄ solution.

4.7 Write balanced equation for the reaction involved in the titration. Calculate the amount of H_2O_2 in grams that was titrated. (Show the relevant steps).



(3 marks)

The Frost Diagram (also known as oxidation state diagram) of an element (X) is a plot of volt-equivalent (NE°) for a couple X(N)/X(0) against oxidation number (N) of the element. Such a plot can be constructed from Latimer diagram. The Frost diagram for manganese species in acidic and basic condition is given below.



Ref: http://classes.uleth.ca/200501/chem2810a/lecture_20.pdf

- **4.8** Using the given diagram fill in the blanks.
 - The slope of the line joining two successive points is equal to of the relevant couple.
 - ii) The most stable oxidation state of manganese in acidic condition is and in basic condition is
 - iii) In basic condition, the species of manganese that will disproportionate is
 - iv) In acidic condition, the **two pairs** of manganese species that will comproportionate (opposite of disproportionation) are

- v) In basic condition, the manganese specie/s that will act as reducing agents are/is
- vi) In basic condition, the weakest oxidizing agent is

(4.5 marks)

Pourbaix diagram of manganese is the plot of the potential (E) vs pH and indicates the conditions under which different species of manganese are stable in aqueous medium at 25°C and 1M concentration. Such diagrams are used frequently in geochemical, environmental and corrosion studies. In this diagram,

1) Horizontal line separates species related by electron transfer only.

2) Vertical lines separate species related by proton transfer.

3) Slanting lines separate species related by both proton and electron transfer.

Between the dashed line (**a**) and (**b**) water is stable, whereas above line (**a**) it is oxidized to O_2 and below line (**b**) it decomposes to H_2 .



(Ref: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pourbaix_diagram_for_Manganese.svg)

4.9 Based on the Pourbaix diagram of manganese given above, answer the following questions.

i) Which specie/s of manganese is predominant in

- a) oxygen rich lakes of pH \approx 7
- b) highly oxygen depleted lakes that are contaminated with bases (pH ≈ 10)?
- ii) It is observed that clear well water, that is slightly acidic ($pH \approx 6$) deposits solid/s on standing in toilet bowls.
 - a) The solid/s species is/are
 - b) The manganese species that is found dissolved in well water while it is still
 - underground is
- iii) Identify the specie/s that exist/s in ocean water at pH = 8 and E = +0.2V to +0.6 V.

(5 marks)

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Problem 5

21 marks

Natural Nitrogen Compounds

A variety of nitrogen compounds are found in both plant and animal kingdoms. Nitrogen is present in several classes of natural products like alkaloids, nucleic acids, vitamins etc and these compounds have physiological effects.

A stereogenic center is an atom, bearing groups, such that an interchange of any two groups leads to a stereoisomer. Nitrogen containing compounds can also be chiral and exhibit optical activity.

- 5.1 Some compounds are given below. Label them as
 - I. Achiral II. Chiral; enantiomers cannot be separated
 - **III.** Chiral; enantiomers can be separated.



Alkaloids are basic nitrogeneous compounds of plant origin. (+) - Muscarine is a poisonous alkaloid found in some mushrooms.



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5.2 Draw the enantiomer of (+) –Muscarine and give its stereodescriptors.



The diacetyl derivative of morphine is heroin, which is also a narcotic drug.

Heroin is subjected to Hofmann exhaustive methylation to eliminate nitrogen completely to obtain product **A**.

5.3

5.4 The number of moles of methyl iodide required for complete removal of nitrogen from heroin is



5.5 Draw the structure of 'A'.

(2 marks) 'A' is treated with an excess of bromine. 5.6 The number of molecules of bromine consumed by one molecule of 'A' is a) 2 b) 3 c) 4 d) 5 (1 mark) (1 mark)

Α

Another interesting class of nitrogen containing alkaloids is the Indole alkaloids that contain the indole ring.

Indole

Indole and its derivatives are synthesized by the Fischer indole synthesis, that involves an interesting acid catalysed rearrangement of an arylhydrazone as represented below.



aryl hydrazone

The following indole derivative was synthesized by the Fischer synthesis using a carbonyl compound \mathbf{B} and a substituted phenyl hydrazine derivative \mathbf{C} .







(1.5 marks)

Arene diazonium salts are important intermediates that can be directly reduced to aryl hydrazines or can be used to prepare aryl hydrazones. They are also used to prepare azo dyes, in which case they function as electrophiles.

5.8 Draw the most important resonance structures of benzene diazonium ion.

(1 mark)

Arene diazonium salts couple with aliphatic compounds containing acidic carbon atom (active methylene compounds) to form azo derivatives. The initial azo compound tautomerises to the hydrazo derivative. If a given compound does not permit such a tautomerism, the compound may lose a suitable group from the coupling site to allow for the tautomerism.

5.9 Complete the following reaction



(1 mark)

Compound 'J' is an alkaloid and a redox cofactor for the enzyme *alcohol dehydrogenase* and plays a critical role in cell signaling pathways.

ОН



Compound 'I' is a key intermediate in the synthesis of 'J'. This synthesis path involves the formation of a hydrazone.

5.10 Complete the synthesis of compound **'I'** by drawing the missing structures in the boxes below.



Compound 'K' a precursor of 'J' can be obtained from I.

5.11 The most basic nitrogen in compound 'K' is



Natural compounds containing the imidazole ring have been found to be physiologically active. Hence efforts have been made to synthesise such compounds. One such synthetic drug is Pentostatin, which is used as an antiviral and antitumour agent. A key intermediate in the synthesis of Pentostatin is compound '**O**' ($C_{12}H_{10}N_4O_5$)



5.12 Complete the synthesis of compound **'O'** by drawing the missing structures in the boxes provided.



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Problem 6

12 marks

Beer-Lambert Law

А.

Beer–Lambert law deals with the relationship between the extent of absorption of radiation by a species and its concentration. The law states that 'absorbance (A) is directly proportional to concentration (expressed as mol L^{-1}) at any given wavelength for a dilute solution. Mathematically it can be expressed as $A = \varepsilon l c$, where, $\varepsilon = molar$ absorptivity (units = L cm⁻¹ mol⁻¹), l = path length in cm, $A = -log_{10} (I/ I_o)$, where $I_o =$ intensity of the incident radiation and I = intensity of the transmitted radiation. The ratio of (I / I_o) is called as transmittance (T).

Method of continuous variation is one of the standard methods used for the spectrophotometric determination of the composition of a complex between a metal **M** and a ligand **L**. In this method, the sum of the molar concentrations of the metal **M** and the ligand **L** is kept constant, but their relative ratio is varied. The following graph is obtained for one such analysis. **Use the graph** to answer the questions from **6.1** to **6.4**.

 $(X_M = C_M / (C_M + C_L))$, where C_M = concentration of the metal ion in all forms, C_L = concentration of ligand in all forms).



6.1 Deduce by calculations the species that absorb when $X_M = 0$ and $X_M = 1$ respectively.

(1 mark)

- 6.2 What is the ratio of the molar absorptivities of **M** and **L**?
 - (2 marks)
- 6.3 What percentage of the incident light is transmitted through solutions when (i) $X_M = 0.1$ and when (ii) $X_L = 0.2$?



6.4 Determine the composition of the complex formed. Show your calculations.

(2 marks)

B.

6.5 For practical purpose, the preferred percentage transmittance range for spectrophotometric measurement should be between 20% to 65% (as the error in the measurement in this range is minimum). In an experiment which involved the determination of absorbance for a co-ordination complex of iron ($\epsilon = 12000$), calculate the concentrations of the complex corresponding to the above transmittance range.



The chelate $\text{Cu}\text{Q}_2^{2^-}_{(aq)}$ formed by $\text{Cu}^{2^+}_{(aq)}$ and the complexing agent $\text{Q}^{2^-}_{(aq)}$ absorbs at 480 nm. When the concentration of chelating agent $\text{Q}^{2^-}_{(aq)}$ is five times in excess as compared to $\text{Cu}^{2^+}_{(aq)}$, the absorbance of the chelate solution depends only on molar concentration of $\text{Cu}^{2^+}_{(aq)}$ and obeys Beer-Lambert law. Neither $\text{Cu}^{2^+}_{(aq)}$ nor $\text{Q}^{2^-}_{(aq)}$ absorbs at 480 nm. A solution that contains 3.30 x 10⁻⁴ M Cu²⁺ and 8.60 x 10⁻³ M of Q^{2^-} has absorbance 0.690 at $\lambda = 480$ nm.

- Another solution that was prepared by mixing 3.30 x 10^{-4} M of Cu²⁺ and 6.500 x 10^{-4} M of Q²⁻ was found to have absorbance 0.610 at the same wavelength. (cell length l = 1 cm).
- 6.6 From the given data, calculate the equilibrium constant (called as formation constant K_f) for the following process

 $Cu^{2+}_{(aq)} + 2Q^{2-}_{(aq)} \rightleftharpoons CuQ_2^{2-}_{(aq)}.$





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