



HWA CHONG INSTITUTION
2020 C2 H2 CHEMISTRY PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

Paper 2

1 (a) (i) HCl: does not decompose even on strong heating

HBr: gives brown fumes of Br₂(g) on strong heating

HI: gives large amounts of violet fumes of I₂(g) when a red-hot rod is plunged into a jar of HI gas

Observation of brown & violet fumes for HBr and HI: **1m**

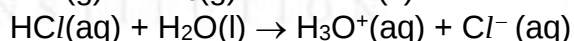
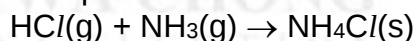
Description of trend in ease/rate/extent of decomposition: **1m**

1 (a) (ii) The thermal stabilities of these halides decrease in the order HCl > HBr > HI as the H-X bond strength/bond energy decreases in the same order, and less energy is needed to break the H-X bond. **[1]**

1 (b) (i) $\text{HCl(aq)} + \text{NaOH(aq)} \rightarrow \text{NaCl(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$ **[1]**
(Minus 0.5m for wrong or no state symbols, minus 0.5m if acid/base not written as a compound)

1 (b) (ii) $\text{HCl(aq)} + \text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq}) + \text{Cl}^-(\text{aq})$ **[1]**
(Minus 0.5m for wrong or no state symbols, minus 0.5m if acid/base not written as a compound)

Acceptable alternatives:



$\text{HCl(aq)} + \text{NaOH(aq)} \rightarrow \text{NaCl(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$ – provided this answer was not given in (b)(i)

1 (c) (i) From the pH, $[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-2.10} = 7.94 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ **[1]**

Since $[\text{H}^+] < [\text{HF}]$, HF does not dissociate fully to give H⁺ ions and is a weak acid. **[1]**

OR

If HF is a strong acid, pH of a 0.100 mol dm⁻³ HF = $-\lg 0.100 = 1.00$ **[1]**

Since the actual pH of HF is higher than if it were a strong acid, HF does not dissociate fully to give H⁺ ions and is a weak acid. **[1]**

OR

Degree of dissociation, $\alpha = (10^{-2.10}) \div 0.100 = 0.0794$ [1]

Since the degree of dissociation is less than 1, HF does not dissociate fully to give H^+ ions and is a weak acid. [1]

1 (c) (ii) $K_a = (10^{-2.10})^2 \div (0.100 - 10^{-2.10}) = 6.85 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ [1]

1 (c) (iii) Both titration curves would show a decrease in pH as the acid is added.

OR

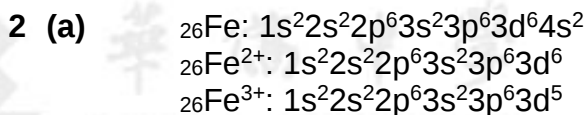
Both titration curves would show a sharp drop in pH when 12.50 cm^3 of the acid is added. [1]

1 (c) (iv) 1. The pH at equivalence point is more than 7 when HF is used but equal to 7 when HCl is used [•], as F^- is able to hydrolyse in water, but not Cl^- [•].

2. After equivalence point, the pH remains relatively constant/curve is more gentle or flatter when HF is used, while the pH drops more when HCl is used [•]. This is due to formation of a buffer solution consisting of F^- and excess HF after equivalence point but no buffer is formed for Cl^- and HCl [•].

3. When 50 cm^3 of the acid is added, pH of solution is lower when HCl is used [•] as HCl is a stronger acid which dissociates to give higher concentration of H^+ than HF of the same concentration [•].

0.5m for each description [•] and each corresponding explanation [•]



Small jump from 6th to 7th IE, indicating 7th electron is removed from inner 3p subshell of Fe^{2+} / there are 6 electrons in the outer 3d subshell. Therefore $x = 2$.

[1] $x = 2$ & attempt to explain, e.g. only mention small jump from 6th to 7th IE but never interpret this jump [1] complete reasonable explanation

2 (b) (i) Diagram must include:

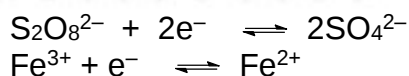
- Concentration of 1 mol dm^{-3} for all aqueous solutions (H^+ , $C_4H_4O_6^{2-}$, HCO_2^-)
- 1 bar pressure for $CO_2(g)$, $H_2(g)$, 25°C for set-up
- (Platinised) platinum electrodes / graphite electrode
- Salt bridge (no need to mention concentrated KNO_3) & Voltmeter (symbol V accepted) with external wires

[1x2] correct each half cell

[1] voltmeter and salt bridge

- 2 (b) (ii) Both reactants $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$ and $\text{C}_4\text{H}_4\text{O}_6^{2-}$ ions are **negatively charged, will repel** [1/2] each other, thus reaction is slow due to **high activation energy**. [1/2]

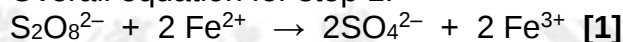
- 2 (b) (iii) Step 1



$$E^\ominus = +2.01 \text{ V}$$

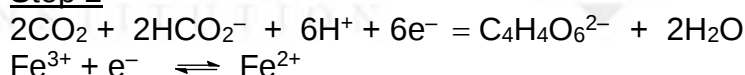
$$E^\ominus = +0.77 \text{ V}$$

Overall equation for step 1:



$$E^\ominus_{\text{cell}} = +2.01 - (+0.77) = +1.24 \text{ V} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{reaction is spontaneous} \quad [1/2]$$

Step 2



$$E^\ominus = -1.02 \text{ V}$$

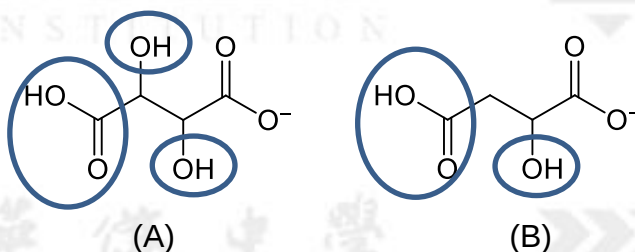
$$E^\ominus = +0.77 \text{ V}$$

Overall equation for step 2:



$$E^\ominus_{\text{cell}} = +0.77 - (-1.02) = +1.79 \text{ V} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{reaction is spontaneous} \quad [1/2]$$

- 2 (c) Tartaric acid has a lower pK_{a1} .



Conjugate based of tartaric acid (A) is more stable than that of malic acid (B).

The **negative charge on the carboxylate ion of A is dispersed to a larger extent** [1] due to the presence of **3 electron withdrawing groups** (2-OH and 1-CO₂H)/ **more electron withdrawing groups** [1], vs only 2 electron withdrawing groups/ lesser withdrawing groups in B.

OR

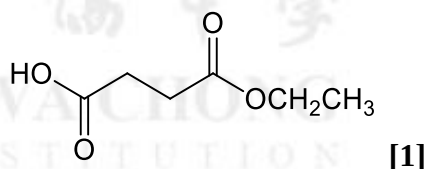
The **negative charge on the carboxylate ion of A is dispersed to a larger extent** [1] due to more electronegative atoms [1] helping to disperse the negative charge for A

[No marks for no explanation]

- 2 (d) (i) In Step I, the π bond of the unsaturated carbon in $\text{C}=\text{O}$ is broken and a new $\text{C}-\text{O}$ σ bond is formed [1], suggesting that an addition reaction takes place.

In Step III, the $\text{C}-\text{OH}_2^+$ bond is broken and a $\text{C}=\text{O}$ π bond is formed with an elimination of a H_2O molecule [1], suggests elimination reaction takes place.

2 (d) (ii)



3 (a) (i)



Initial /mol	0.2	3.0	0
Change/mol	-0.05	+0.05	+0.05
Equi/mol	0.15	3.05	0.05

Total amount of gas = 0.15 + 0.05 + 3.05 = 3.25 mol [1]

3 (a) (ii) $P = nRT/V = 3.25 \times 8.31 \times 500 / 10 \times 10^{-3} = 1.3504 \times 10^6 = 1.35 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$ (3 s.f.)
[1] ecf from (i)

3 (a) (iii) $P(\text{PCl}_5) = 0.15 \times 1.3504 \times 10^6 / 3.25 = 6.2326 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$

$P(\text{PCl}_3) = 3.05 \times 1.3504 \times 10^6 / 3.25 = 1.2673 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$

$P(\text{Cl}_2) = 0.05 \times 1.3504 \times 10^6 / 3.25 = 2.0775 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$ [1]

$K_p = (1.2673 \times 10^6) \times (2.0775 \times 10^4) / (6.2326 \times 10^4) = 4.22 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ (3 s.f.) [1]
ecf from (i) & (ii)

3 (a) (iv) When volume of container is decreased, total pressure increases hence position of equilibrium shifts left [1] so as to favor production of fewer number of moles of gas to offset the increase in pressure [1].

3 (a) (v) Since value of K_p is large, position of equilibrium is on the right side, implying that the reaction is spontaneous, the sign of ΔG_r would be negative. [1]

OR

Given that $\Delta G_r = -RT \ln K$ (and $K > 1$), therefore ΔG_r must be negative. [1]

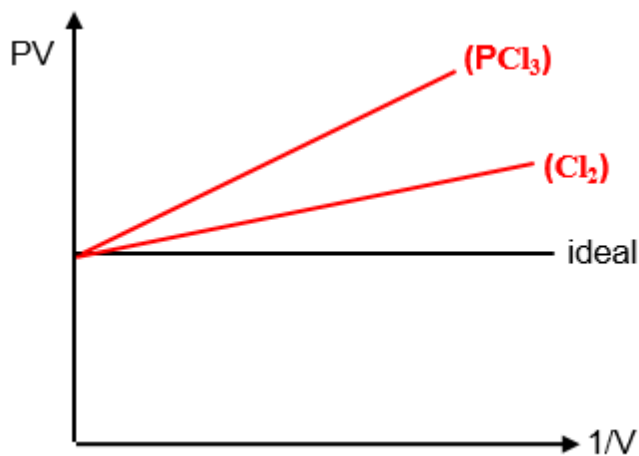
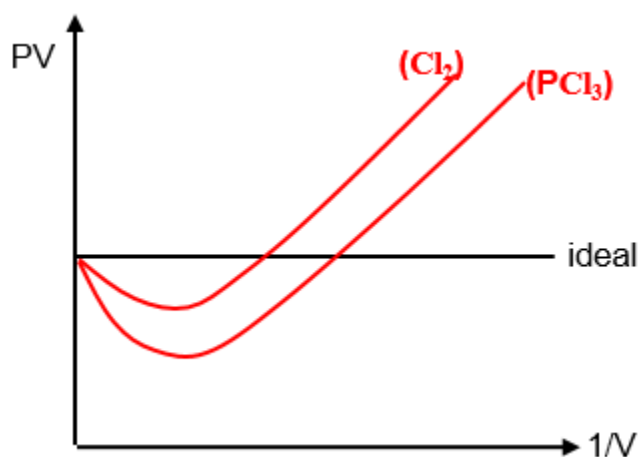
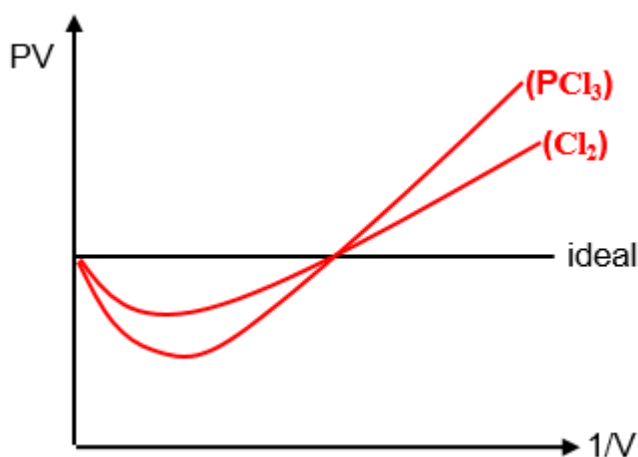
3 (a) (vi) No effect as adding a catalyst only changes the rate of both forward and backward reactions to the same extent, achieving equilibrium faster. It does not affect the amount of reactants and products produced. [1]

OR

No effect as K_p is only affected by temperature. [1]

3 (a) (vii) Graphs that show that PCl_3 deviates more from ideality than Cl_2 . [1]

Examples:



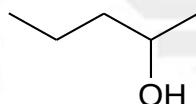
3 (a) (viii) The gases would behave less ideally at 300 K. [1]

At lower temperature of 300 K, the gas particles would have lesser kinetic energy. Intermolecular forces (dispersion forces) between gas molecules would be more significant in this case resulting in less ideal behaviour. [1]

3 (b) (i) Isomers with unbranched structure:



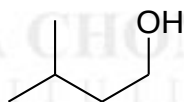
Pentan-1-ol



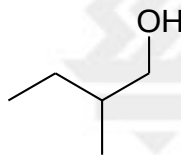
Pentan-2-ol

0.5m each for correct structure; 0.5m each for correct name

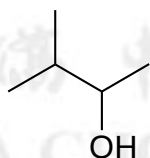
Isomers with branched structure (non-exhaustive):



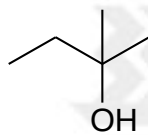
3-Methylbutan-1-ol



2-Methylbutan-1-ol



3-Methylbutan-2-ol



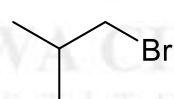
2-Methylbutan-2-ol

0.5m each for correct structure; 0.5m each for correct name

3 (b) (ii) CH_3SO_3^- is the weaker base. [1]

3 (b) (iii) CH_3SO_3^- is more stable or (better leaving group) than OH^- , therefore **B** can undergo nucleophilic substitution more readily with CN^- . [1]

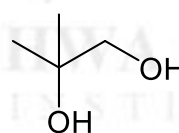
4 (a) (i)



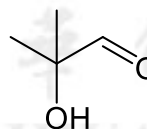
step 1



step 2



step 3



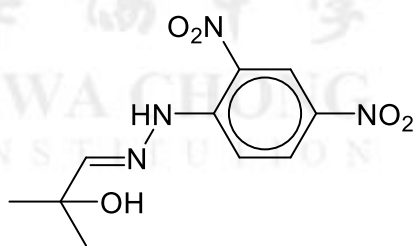
Each structure [1] x 2

Step 1: Ethanolic KOH, heat [1]

Step 2: $\text{KMnO}_4(\text{aq})$, $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq})$ or $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$, cold [1]

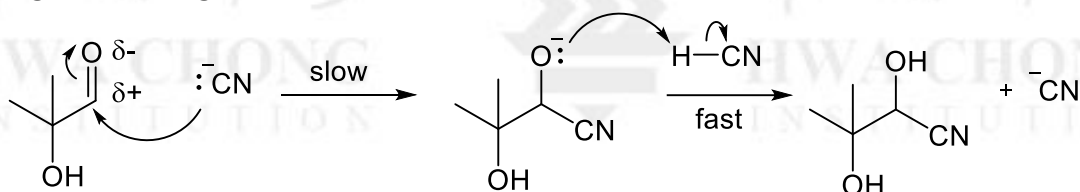
Step 3: $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7(\text{aq})$, $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq})$, heat with immediate distillation [1]

4 (a) (ii)



[1]

4 (b) (i) Nucleophilic addition [1]



[1] x 2 for each step

4 (b) (ii) Electronic reason: The aldehyde has one electron-donating alkyl group while the ketone has two. [0.5] Hence, the carbonyl carbon of the aldehyde has a higher partial positive charge compared to that of the ketone, making it more susceptible towards nucleophilic attack. [0.5]

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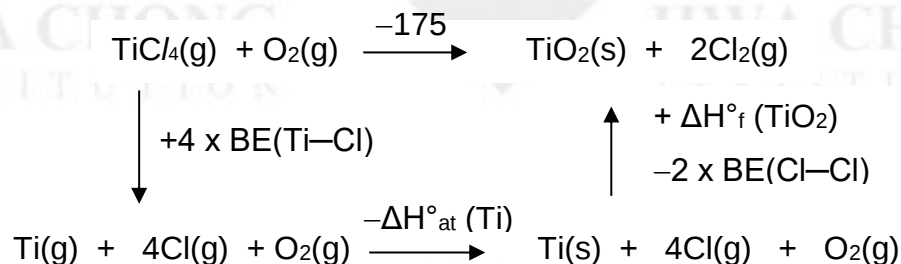
Steric reason: The presence of two relatively large substituents in the ketone group versus only one large substituent in the aldehyde group [0.5] means that attacking nucleophiles are able to approach the carbonyl carbon in the aldehyde with less steric hindrance. [0.5]

4 (c) (i) Tertiary halogenoalkanes are sterically hindered due to the presence of three alkyl groups [0.5], hence it is hard for the nucleophile to attack the C-X bond. [0.5]

4 (c) (ii) Tertiary halogenoalkanes undergo unimolecular nucleophilic substitution ($\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$), where the nucleophile attacks the trigonal planar carbocation intermediate from both top and bottom with equal probability, forming a racemic mixture of the product. [1]

4 (c) (iii) Enantiomers have identical chemical properties except in their interactions with another chiral molecule, hence a chiral cation can promote the formation of one enantiomer but not the other spatially. [1] *Alternative answers to the effect were accepted.*

5 (a)



By Hess' Law,

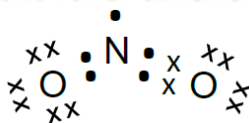
$$\begin{aligned}
 4 \times \text{BE}(\text{Ti}-\text{Cl}) &= (-175) - (-939) - (-2 \times 244) - (-473) \\
 &= 1725 \\
 \text{BE}(\text{Ti}-\text{Cl}) &= +431.3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Correct equations and correct cycle [2]

Correct final answer [1]

Deduct 1 mark for any mistake, e.g. include extra O=O bond energy, arrow with wrong direction, energy term with wrong sign, incorrect multiples of energy terms like 4 x 244, etc.

5 (b) (i)



5 (b) (ii) Expected 120° / trigonal arrangement from VSEPR because of three electron groups. [1]

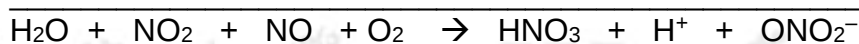
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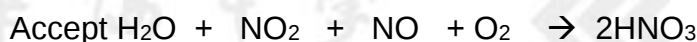
Expected 118° because of two bond pairs and one lone pair.

However, the electron repulsion between unpaired electron and the single bond / double bond is weaker than that between a lone pair and bond pair, hence a larger bond angle than 120° / 118°. [1]

Allow for answers that make reference to 180° (expected of two bond pairs and no lone pair), and say that the unpaired electron makes the bond angle smaller than 180°.

5 (c) (i) $\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HO}^\bullet + \text{e}^- + \text{H}^+$ (1) - given
 $\text{NO}_2 + \text{HO}^\bullet \rightarrow \text{HNO}_3$ (2)
 reject NO_2OH (does not follow convention of formulas)
 $\text{e}^- + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{O}_2^-$ (3)
 $\text{O}_2^- + \text{NO} \rightarrow \text{O}_2\text{NO}^-$ (4) - Accept NO_3^-





Three correct equations [2]; two correct equations, 1 mark

Correct overall equation [1]

Identify O_2 / oxygen gas (undergoes reduction) [1]

5 (c) (ii) Identifies HNO_3 and HONO_2 (from $\text{H}^+ + \text{ONO}_2^-$) as two different compounds with a reason that they have different structures / arrangement of atoms / N has different oxidation states [1].

5 (d) (i) From Expt 1 and 2: when P_{NO} is doubled, p_{H_2} kept constant, the rate increases 4 times. Therefore, 2nd order wrt P_{NO} . [$\frac{1}{2}$]

From Expt 2 and 3: when P_{H_2} is tripled, P_{NO} kept constant, the rate increases 3 times. Therefore, 1st order wrt P_{H_2} [$\frac{1}{2}$]

$$\text{Rate} = k (P_{\text{NO}})^2 P_{\text{H}_2} \quad [1]$$

5 (d) (ii) Calculate k:

From Expt 1: $k = 5.62 \times 10^{-6} \text{ kPa}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Correct numerical value [1]

Correct units [1]

5 (d) (iii) Since NO is in excess, p_{NO} is constant and the reaction is pseudo 1st order wrt p_{H_2} .

Then $\text{Rate} = k' P_{\text{H}_2}$ where $k' = k (P_{\text{NO}})^2$

$$\begin{aligned} t_{1/2} &= \frac{\ln 2}{k'} \\ &= \frac{\ln 2}{5.62 \times 10^{-6} \times 106^2} \\ &= 10.98 \text{ s} \\ &= 11.0 \text{ s} \quad (3 \text{ sf}) \quad [1] \end{aligned}$$

5 (d) (iv) Since Step 2 is the rate determining step, then $\text{Rate} = k p_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_2} p_{\text{H}_2}$ [1]

But $K_p = \frac{P_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_2}}{P_{\text{NO}}^2}$

$$\therefore \text{Rate} = k K_p (P_{\text{NO}})^2 p_{\text{H}_2}$$

$$= k' (P_{\text{NO}})^2 p_{\text{H}_2}$$

which is consistent to the experimental rate equation. [1]

5 (e) (i) From $\Delta G^\ominus = \Delta H^\ominus - T\Delta S^\ominus$,

$$\Delta S^\ominus = \frac{\Delta H^\ominus - \Delta G^\ominus}{T}$$

$$= \frac{(+155.8) - (+112.5)}{298}$$

$$= +0.1453 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \quad [1]$$

$\Delta S^\ominus$ is positive because the reaction occurs with an increase in the no. of moles of gaseous molecules; so there are more ways to distribute the energies of the molecules. [1]

- 5 (e) (ii) • Since $\Delta H^\ominus$ is positive and $\Delta S^\ominus$ is also positive, $\Delta G^\ominus = \Delta H^\ominus - T\Delta S^\ominus$ will only be negative at high temperatures when the magnitude of $\Delta H^\ominus$ is smaller than the magnitude of $T\Delta S^\ominus$. Therefore the reaction is spontaneous only at high temperatures [1]
- Set $\Delta G^\ominus = 0$, then $T = \frac{\Delta H^\ominus}{\Delta S^\ominus}$

$$= \frac{155.8 \times 10^3}{145.3}$$

$$= 1073 \text{ K (800 }^\circ\text{C)} \quad [1]$$

This is the minimum temperature for the reaction to be spontaneous.