

## NJC H2 Chemistry Prelim Paper 2 Suggested Answers

- 1 (a) Due to high temperature in the car engine, N<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> from the air can react to form NO<sub>2</sub>.

NO<sub>2</sub> can be removed from the exhaust gas with the use of a catalytic converter, it can be reduced by CO to form harmless N<sub>2</sub>.

- (b) (i)



- (ii) NO<sub>2</sub>, being a radical, is very reactive and reacts with other gases in the air and gets destroyed more readily, hence a shorter atmospheric residence time

- (c) (i)  $\Delta H^\ominus = +9.2 - 2(+33.2) = -57.2 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

$$\Delta S^\ominus = +304 - 2(+240) = -176 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

- (ii)  $\Delta H^\ominus$  has a negative sign since the dimerization is a bond formation process, hence heat is given out / reaction is exothermic.

$\Delta S^\ominus$  has a negative sign since the dimerization results in fewer gas particles, hence there is a decrease in the disorderliness of the system.

- (iii) At equilibrium,

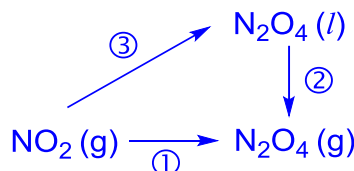
$$\begin{aligned}\Delta G &= 0 \\ \Delta H^\ominus - T\Delta S^\ominus &= 0 \\ -57.2 - T(-176/1000) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$T = 325 \text{ K}$$

- (iv) When N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> liquefies,

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta G &= 0 \\ \Delta H_{\text{vap}} - T\Delta S_{\text{vap}} &= 0 \\ \Delta H_{\text{vap}} &= T\Delta S_{\text{vap}} = 294 \times 88 = +25.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

- (iv) Using Hess's law,



$$\textcircled{2} = \textcircled{1} - \textcircled{3}$$

$$\text{For } \Delta H_{\text{rxn}} = -57.2 - +25.9 = -83.1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\text{For } \Delta S_{\text{rxn}} = -176 - 88 = -264 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

- 2 (a) (i) H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> oxidises the I<sup>-</sup> to aqueous I<sub>2</sub>, so a brown solution / black solid would be obtained.  
 $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + 2\text{I}^- + 2\text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{I}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

- (ii)  $E_{\text{Cl}_2/\text{Cl}^-}^\ominus = +1.36 \text{ V}$   
 $E_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}}^\ominus = +1.77 \text{ V}$   
 $E_{\text{cell}}^\ominus = +0.41 \text{ V} > 0$

Since  $E_{\text{cell}}^\ominus$  is positive, reaction is spontaneous,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  can oxidise chloride to chlorine while it itself is reduced to  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Hence, the oxidation of iodide may not be complete.

- (iii) hexane / cyclohexane

The aqueous layer will **decrease in brown intensity** and the colourless organic layer will turn **purple / violet**.

- (iv) Organic solvent is **flammable**, and can **cause a fire to break out**.

With higher temperature, iodine may **sublime** and escape.

- (v) **Excess aqueous  $\text{NH}_3$**  should be added.

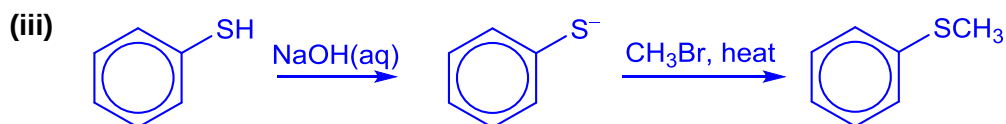
$\text{AgCl}$  is soluble in excess  $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$  but  $\text{AgI}$  is not. If there was significant amount of silver chloride in the precipitate obtained, most of the precipitate dissolved upon adding excess aqueous  $\text{NH}_3$ .

- (b) (i) Amount of thioanisole used =  $\frac{0.9 \times 1.06}{124.1} = 0.007687 \text{ mol}$

$$\text{Amount of NaIO}_4 \text{ used} = \frac{107 \times 15.40 / 1000}{214.0} = 0.0077 \text{ mol}$$

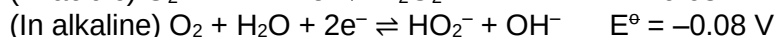
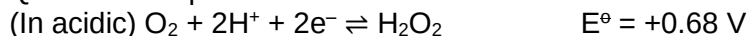
$\therefore \text{NaIO}_4$  reacts with thioanisole in a 1:1 mol ratio.

- (ii)  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SCH}_3 + \text{NaIO}_4 \rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SOCH}_3 + \text{NaIO}_3$



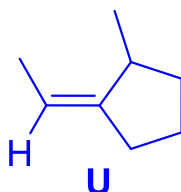
- (c) As a reducing agent,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  will be oxidized.

Quote both eqns and  $E^\ominus$



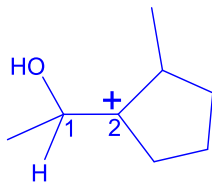
Due to a more negative  $E^\ominus$  value,  $\text{HO}_2^-$  is more likely to be oxidised than  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ .  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  is a better reducing agent in alkaline condition.

- 3 (a)



- (b) Reagents : Dilute  $\text{KMnO}_4$ ,  $\text{NaOH(aq)}$   
 Conditions : cold

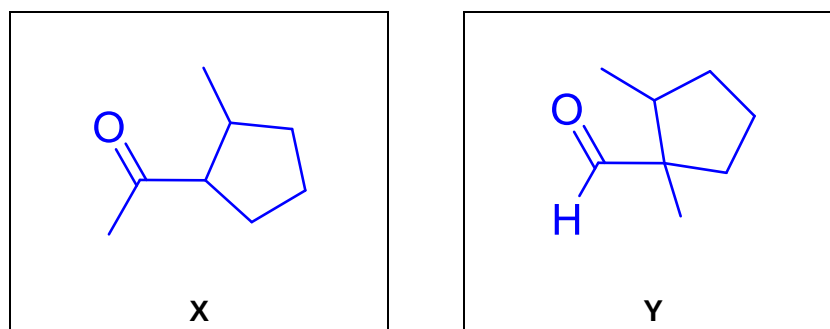
- (c) Structure of carbocation intermediate



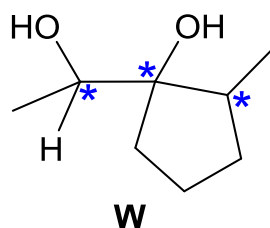
The carbocation ion would be formed at  $\text{C}_2$  as it will form a more highly substituted carbocation than if the  $\text{C}^+$  is formed on  $\text{C}_1$ . OR

The carbocation would be formed at  $\text{C}_2$  as it will have **more** electron donating alkyl group attached to  $\text{C}_2$  than if the  $\text{C}^+$  is formed at  $\text{C}_1$

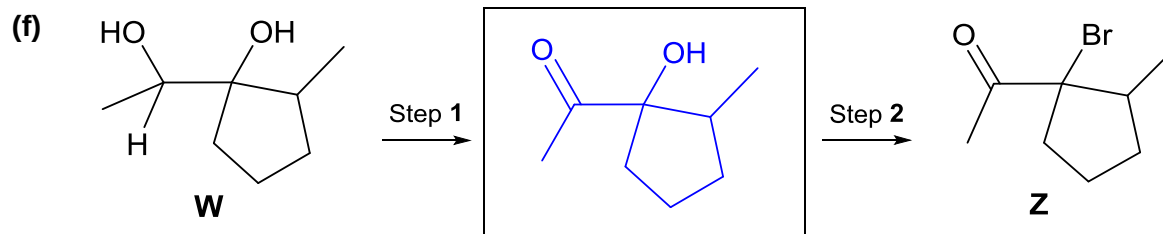
- (d)



- (e) (i)



- (ii)  $2^3 = 8$



Reagents and Conditions

Step 1  $\text{KMnO}_4$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq})$ , heat (or  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , Heat [under reflux])

Step 2 Anhydrous  $\text{PBr}_3$  (or  $\text{SOBr}_2$  or  $\text{HBr(g)}$ )

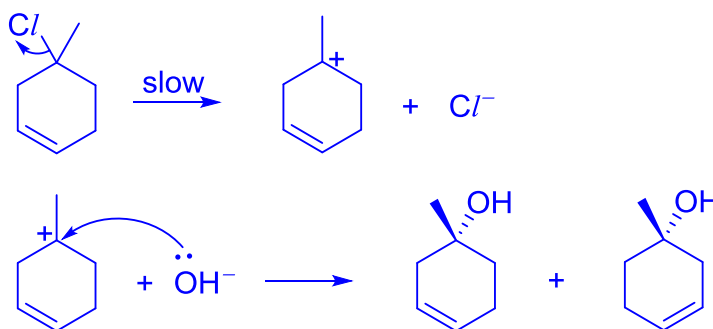
4 (a) (i) NaOH(aq), heat

- (ii) Since the  $[\text{OH}^-]$  decreases linearly over time with fixed gradient, rate of reaction remains the same throughout the whole experiment, the order of reaction with respect to  $\text{OH}^-$  is 0.

Comparing the time taken for  $0.4 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  of  $\text{OH}^-$  being reacted, it takes a half the time for sample with  $0.5 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  of **P** (13 mins) than that of  $0.25 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  of **P** (26.5 mins). This means when the  $[\text{P}]$  is doubled, the rate is also doubled. The order of reaction with respect to **P** is 1.

Rate Equation : Rate =  $k [\text{Compound P}]$

- (iii) Nucleophilic Substitution ( $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$ )



- (iv) There is no optical activity present in the products.

Trigonal planar carbocation intermediate allows nucleophile to approach from top and bottom of the plane at equal probability producing equimolar of enantiomers forming a racemic mixture. The effect of rotation of plane polarised light by one enantiomer is completely cancel by the other enantiomer resulting in lack of optical activity.

- (v) Trend:  $\text{R-I}$ ,  $\text{R-Br}$ ,  $\text{R-Cl}$

Rate of this nucleophilic reaction depends on the breaking of the  $\text{C-X}$  bond.  $\text{C-I}$  bond ( $240 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) is the weakest as compared to  $\text{C-Br}$  ( $280 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) and  $\text{C-Cl}$  ( $340 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ).  $\text{C-I}$  bond is the easiest to be broken and hence would take the shortest time to complete the substitution (highest rate).  $\text{C-Br}$  bond is weaker than  $\text{C-Cl}$ , so  $\text{C-Br}$  would be easier to break and take shorter time than  $\text{C-Cl}$ .

- (b) (i) 75% yield = 20 g  
 100% yield =  $20 \times \frac{4}{3} = 26.67\text{g}$   
 Amount of diphenylethandioate =  $26.67 \div 242 = 0.11021 \text{ mol}$   
 Amount of phenol =  $0.11021 \times 2 = 0.22042 \text{ mol}$   
 Mass of phenol used =  $0.22042 \times 94 = 20.7 \text{ g}$

- (ii) Add neutral  $\text{FeCl}_3(\text{aq})$ . Reaction is completed when there is no formation of violet complex, indicating that all phenol have been reacted.

**OR**

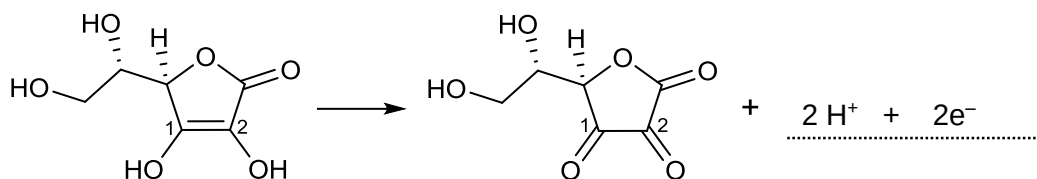
Add aqueous  $\text{Br}_2$ . Reaction is completed when orange aqueous  $\text{Br}_2$  do not decolourise upon addition, indicating all phenol have been reacted. Reaction is incomplete when orange aqueous  $\text{Br}_2$  decolorised and white precipitate formed.

**OR**

Add  $\text{Br}_2$  in  $\text{CCl}_4$ . Reaction is completed when orange-red  $\text{Br}_2$  do not decolourise upon addition, indicating all phenol have been reacted. Reaction is incomplete when orange-red  $\text{Br}_2$  decolorised.

- 5 (a) (i) Oxidation state of  $\text{C}_1$  in vitamin C : +1  
Oxidation state of  $\text{C}_1$  after oxidation : +2

(ii)



- (b) (i) 5 million red blood cells contain 150 mg of haemoglobin.

Mass of haemoglobin in 10000 million red blood cells

$$= \frac{10000}{5} \times 150 = 300000 \text{ mg}$$

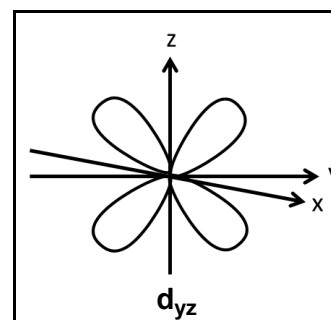
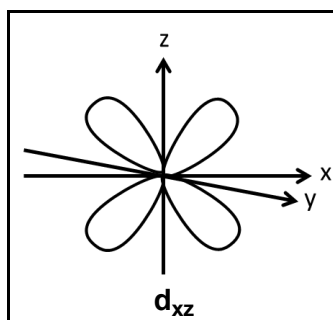
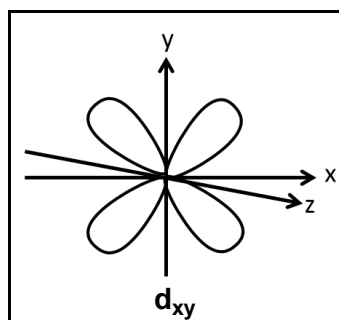
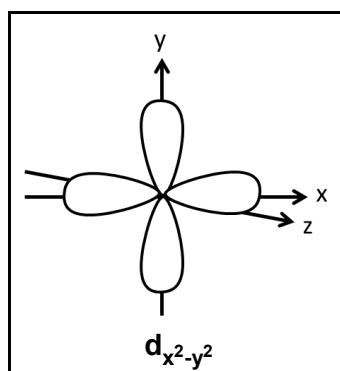
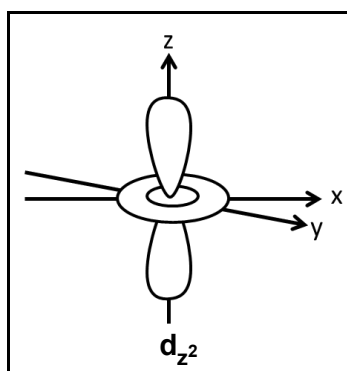
Mass of iron in 10000 million red blood cells

$$= \frac{4}{100} \times 300000 \text{ mg} = 12000 \text{ mg} = 12 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Amount of iron required} = \frac{12}{55.8} = 0.215 \text{ mol}$$

- (ii) Red blood cell has a lifespan of 120 days. However, even when the red blood cells dies, some of the **iron still remains in the body for further use.**

- (c) (i)



- (ii) In the presence of ligands, the d-orbitals of the transition element ion are split into two different energy levels with a small energy gap,  $\Delta E$ .

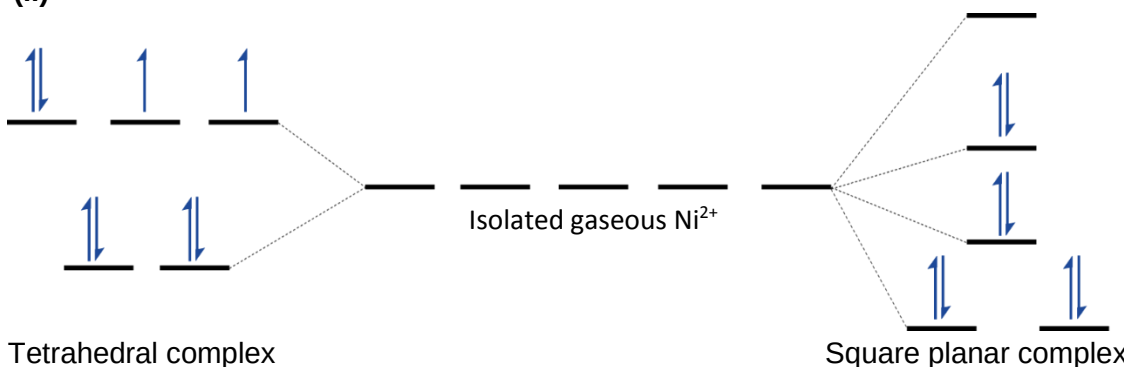
Electrons in the lower energy d-orbitals can absorb light of a certain wavelength with energy corresponding to the energy gap,  $\Delta E$ , and be promoted to the higher energy d-orbitals (**d-d transition**).

The light not absorbed would be reflected and the colour of the complex is the **complementary** of the wavelength absorbed.

(d)

- (i)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6$   $3s^2 3p^6 3d^8$  .....

(ii)



- (iii) Square planar [only contains paired electrons in the d orbitals]

- (e) (i) Condensation (also accept nucleophilic substitution or nucleophilic acyl substitution)
- (ii) Heating under reflux with conc HCl will cause the hydrolysis of the amide group in luminol.
- (iii) Luminol is less basic as compared to  $N_2H_4$ .  
The lone pair on all N of luminol are involved in delocalization with the neighbouring benzene and C=O groups. As such, they are less available for donation to  $H^+$  and act as a base. The lone pair on N of  $N_2H_4$  do not undergo such delocalization and is more available for donation to  $H^+$ .