

1. Write the chemical formula for each of the following: (8%)  
 (a) hypobromous acid      (b) peroxomonsulfuric acid  
 (c) pentaborane (II)      (d) potassium trichloro(ethylene)platinate (II)
2. Which of the following is more basic in water? (6%)  
 (a)  $\text{NH}_2\text{NH}_2$  or  $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}$     (b)  $\text{NH}_3$  or  $\text{NF}_3$     (c)  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}$  or  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$
3. Explain why the bond angle of  $\text{NF}_3$  ( $102.1^\circ$ ) is smaller than that of  $\text{NH}_3$  ( $107.3^\circ$ ). (4%)
4. Discuss the solubilities of  $\text{KCl}$  and  $\text{AgNO}_3$  in  $\text{NH}_3(l)$ . (4%)
5. What kind of electronic configuration of the  $d^n$  system will undergo a strong Jahn-Teller distortion in a weak octahedral field? Why? (6%)
6. Suggest an explanation for the fact that  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{NO}$  is diamagnetic. ( $^{25}\text{Mn}$ ) (4%)
7. Determine the point group of the following: (8%)  
 (a)  $\text{P}_4$     (b)  $\text{B}_2\text{H}_6$     (c)  $\text{NiCl}_4^{2-}$     (d)  $\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4^{2-}$
8. Sketch the ESCA nitrogen 1s spectrum for each of the following: (a) trans- $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2(\text{NC}_2)_2]\text{NO}_3$  ( $\text{en} = \text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ )  
 (b)  $\text{NaN}_3$ . Explain your answer. (8%)
9. What magnetic properties would you expect for the following species? Explain your answer. (8%)  
 (a)  $\text{B}_2$     (b)  $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$  (eclipsed)
10. How many d-d bonds would you expect for a  $d^1$  ion in an environment with (a) tetrahedral symmetry,  $\text{Td}$ ; (b) trigonal symmetry,  $\text{C}_{3v}$ , derived from  $\text{Td}$  by elongation along one  $\text{C}_3$  axis? Explain your answer. (6%)
11. The trimeric phosphonitrilic chloride,  $\text{P}_3\text{N}_3\text{Cl}_6$ , consists of a planar six-membered ring. Describe, in detail, the bonding in the  $\text{P}_3\text{N}_3\text{Cl}_6$  molecule. (5%)
12. The N-N bond energy in  $\text{F}_2\text{NNF}_2$  is only about 80 kJ/mol compared to 160 kJ/mol in  $\text{H}_2\text{NNH}_2$ . Suggest a reason. (4%)

13. The conversion of diamond into graphite is a thermodynamically favorable (spontaneous) process, and yet one doesn't expect a diamond to change into graphite. Why? (4%)
- 14 Explain why the octahedral  $\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{2+}$  ion is pale red whereas the tetrahedral  $\text{CoCl}_4^{2-}$  ion is intense blue. (4%)
15.  $[\text{W}(\text{CO})_5\text{Cl}]^-$  has the lower energy CO stretching frequency than  $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_5\text{Cl}]$  in the IR spectrum. Why? (4%)
16. For each of the following metal and ligand combinations, formulate the simplest neutral compound that follows the 18 e<sup>-</sup> rule. Draw a reasonable structure for each compound. (5%)
- (a) Ni, CO (b) Fe, Cp ( $\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$ ), CO (c) Re, CO, H  
 (d) Co, Cp, NO (e) V, CO, H.
17. For the following polynuclear complexes, indicate the total number of electrons, determine the number of M-M bonds present (assuming that all metals are coordinately saturated), and predict a structure, where Cp =  $\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$ . (6%)
- (a)  $(\text{Cp})_2\text{Mo}_2(\text{CO})_4$  (b)  $[\mu\text{-Br}-\mu\text{-CH}_2-\{\text{O}_3(\text{CO})_{10}\}]^-$   
 (c)  $[\mu\text{-PPh}_2]-[(\text{PPh}_3)(\text{CO})_3\text{FeIr}(\text{CO})_2(\text{PPh}_3)]$
18. Give hydrocarbon fragments,  $[\text{CH}_m]^{n-}$  ( $m=0, 1, 2, 3$ ;  $n=0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ ), which are isolobal analog for each of the following metal fragments. (6%)
- (a)  $[\text{PtCl}_3]^-$   
 (b)  $[(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Ru}]^-$   
 (c)  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4]^+$   
 (d)  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_2]$   
 (e)  $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_5]$   
 (f)  $[\text{V}(\text{CO})_3\text{Br}_2]$