

OJEE LE Tech (BSc) Sample Paper 03

A) Mode and Time: The exam is a Computer Based Test (CBT) lasting 60 minutes.

B) Total Questions: The exam contains 60 questions.

C) Marking Scheme & Rules:

- +4 marks for each correct answer; -1 mark for each incorrect answer.

Q1. What is the value of the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x - x}{x^3}$?

- A. 1
- B. $1/3$
- C. $1/6$
- D. 0

Q2. The trace of an orthogonal matrix of order n must always lie in the interval:

- A. $[0, n]$
- B. $[-n, n]$
- C. $[-1, 1]$
- D. $[0, 1]$

Q3. The integrating factor for the first-order linear differential equation $x \frac{dy}{dx} - y = x^2$ is:

- A. $1/x$
- B. $-1/x$
- C. x
- D. e^{-x}

Q4. The complex function $f(z) = \frac{1}{\sin(1/z)}$ has what type of singularity at $z = 0$?

- A. Removable singularity
- B. Simple pole
- C. Non-isolated essential singularity
- D. Isolated essential singularity

Q5. Stokes' theorem mathematically connects which two types of vector integrals?

- A. Line and Surface integrals
- B. Surface and Volume integrals
- C. Line and Volume integrals
- D. Contour and Double integrals

Q6. The number of generators of a finite cyclic group of prime order p is:

- A. 1
- B. p
- C. $p - 1$
- D. $p/2$

Q7. In numerical integration, the local truncation error of the Trapezoidal rule is of the order:

- A. $O(h)$
- B. $O(h^2)$
- C. $O(h^3)$
- D. $O(h^4)$

Q8. The complete integral of the non-linear partial differential equation $p^2 + q^2 = 1$ (where $p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$, $q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$) is given by:

- A. $z = ax + ay + c$
- B. $z = ax + y\sqrt{1 - a^2} + c$
- C. $z = x\sqrt{1 - a^2} + ay + c$
- D. $z = a^2x + b^2y + c$

Q9. What is the Laplace transform of the function $f(t) = e^{at}$?

- A. $\frac{1}{s+a}$
- B. $\frac{a}{s^2+a^2}$
- C. $\frac{1}{s-a}$
- D. $\frac{s}{s^2-a^2}$

Q10. For a Binomial probability distribution with parameters n and p , the relationship between its mean and variance is:

- A. Mean < Variance
- B. Mean = Variance
- C. Mean > Variance
- D. Mean = Variance²

Q11. According to the fundamental theorem of calculus, the derivative $\frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$ is equal to:

- A. $2xe^{-x^2}$
- B. e^{-x^2}
- C. $-e^{-x^2}$
- D. 0

Q12. The nullity (dimension of the null space) of a 4×4 identity matrix is:

- A. 4
- B. 1
- C. 0
- D. -1

Q13. The Cauchy-Riemann equations for an analytic function $f(z) = u(r, \theta) + iv(r, \theta)$ in polar coordinates are:

- A. $u_r = \frac{1}{r}v_\theta, v_r = -\frac{1}{r}u_\theta$
- B. $u_r = v_\theta, v_r = -u_\theta$
- C. $u_r = -\frac{1}{r}v_\theta, v_r = \frac{1}{r}u_\theta$
- D. $u_r = rv_\theta, v_r = -ru_\theta$

Q14. For any continuously differentiable scalar field ϕ , the curl of its gradient ($\nabla \times (\nabla \phi)$) is:

- A. $\nabla^2 \phi$
- B. 1
- C. 0
- D. $\nabla \phi$

Q15. If the auxiliary equation of a second-order linear homogeneous ODE has real and distinct roots m_1 and m_2 , the general solution is:

- A. $y = (c_1 + c_2x)e^{m_1x}$
- B. $y = c_1e^{m_1x} + c_2e^{m_2x}$
- C. $y = e^{m_1x}(c_1 \cos m_2x + c_2 \sin m_2x)$
- D. $y = c_1 \cos m_1x + c_2 \sin m_2x$

Q16. The rate of convergence of the Bisection method for finding the root of an equation is:

- A. Quadratic
- B. Cubic
- C. Super-linear
- D. Linear

Q17. The determinant of a real skew-symmetric matrix of odd order is always:

- A. 1
- B. -1
- C. 0
- D. A purely imaginary number

Q18. The residue of the complex function $f(z) = \frac{e^z}{(z-1)^2}$ at the pole $z = 1$ is:

- A. 1
- B. e
- C. $e/2$
- D. 0

Q19. The Fourier series of a purely even periodic function consists entirely of:

- A. Sine terms only
- B. Cosine terms and a constant
- C. Both sine and cosine terms
- D. Odd harmonics only

Q20. In abstract algebra, Lagrange's theorem implies that any group of prime order must necessarily be:

- A. Non-abelian

- B. Cyclic
- C. A symmetric group
- D. An alternating group

Q21. A differential equation of the specific form $y = px + f(p)$, where $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$, is known as:

- A. Bernoulli's equation
- B. Euler-Cauchy equation
- C. Clairaut's equation
- D. Riccati equation

Q22. In differential calculus, the radius of curvature of a perfectly straight line is:

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. π
- D. ∞

Q23. What is the inverse Laplace transform of $\frac{1}{s^2+a^2}$?

- A. $\cos(at)$
- B. $\frac{1}{a} \sin(at)$
- C. $\sin(at)$
- D. $\frac{1}{a} \cos(at)$

Q24. In classical probability theory, the probability of an impossible event is universally defined as:

- A. -1
- B. 0.5
- C. 1
- D. 0

Q25. The one-dimensional heat conduction equation $u_t = c^2 u_{xx}$ is mathematically classified as a:

- A. Parabolic partial differential equation

- B. Hyperbolic partial differential equation
- C. Elliptic partial differential equation
- D. Linear ordinary differential equation

Q26. A fundamental property of a real orthogonal matrix is that its inverse is identically equal to its:

- A. Adjugate
- B. Determinant
- C. Transpose
- D. Cofactor matrix

Q27. A vector field $\mathbf{V}$ that satisfies the condition $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0$ everywhere is termed:

- A. Irrotational
- B. Conservative
- C. Solenoidal
- D. Harmonic

Q28. In numerical methods, the classic 4th-order Runge-Kutta method has a local truncation error of the order:

- A. $O(h^2)$
- B. $O(h^3)$
- C. $O(h^4)$
- D. $O(h^5)$

Q29. The principal value of the complex expression i^i evaluates to a:

- A. Purely imaginary number
- B. Complex number with non-zero real and imaginary parts
- C. Purely real number ($e^{-\pi/2}$)
- D. Zero

Q30. The absolute maximum value of the function $f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$ is:

- A. 1
- B. 2

C. $\sqrt{2}$

D. 0

Q31. In electromagnetism, Gauss's law for electric fields in dielectric media is most conveniently expressed using which vector field?

A. Electric field **E**B. Electric displacement **D**C. Magnetic induction **B**D. Polarization **P**

Q32. The zero-point energy of a quantum particle of mass m confined in a one-dimensional box of length L is:

A. 0

B. $\frac{h^2}{8mL^2}$

C. $\frac{h^2}{4mL^2}$

D. $\frac{3h^2}{8mL^2}$

Q33. The theoretical maximum efficiency of a Carnot heat engine operating between a hot reservoir at T_1 and a cold reservoir at T_2 is:

A. $1 - \frac{T_1}{T_2}$

B. $1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1}$

C. $\frac{T_1 - T_2}{T_1 + T_2}$

D. $\frac{T_2}{T_1}$

Q34. In solid-state physics, the effective number of atoms per unit cell in a Body-Centered Cubic (BCC) crystal lattice is:

A. 1

B. 2

C. 4

D. 6

Q35. The resolving power of a diffraction grating is directly proportional to the:

A. Wavelength of incident light

- B. Width of the grating lines
- C. Total number of rulings and the order of the spectrum
- D. Distance to the screen

Q36. The moment of inertia of a uniform solid sphere of mass M and radius R about an axis passing through its center is:

- A. $\frac{2}{3}MR^2$
- B. $\frac{1}{2}MR^2$
- C. $\frac{2}{5}MR^2$
- D. MR^2

Q37. The magnetic susceptibility (χ_m) of an ideal diamagnetic material is typically:

- A. Large and positive
- B. Small and positive
- C. Small and negative
- D. Zero

Q38. In quantum mechanics, the linear momentum operator in the x-direction ($\hat{p}_x$) is represented by:

- A. $i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$
- B. $-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$
- C. $\hbar^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$
- D. $-i\hbar \nabla$

Q39. Fermi-Dirac quantum statistics apply specifically to particles that are identical, indistinguishable, and possess:

- A. Zero spin
- B. Integer spin
- C. Half-integer spin
- D. No electric charge

Q40. In the Newton's rings interference experiment, the central spot observed in the reflected light system is:

- A. Bright

- B. Dark
- C. Colored
- D. Transparent

Q41. The First Law of Thermodynamics is essentially a specific formulation of the universal law of conservation of:

- A. Mass
- B. Momentum
- C. Charge
- D. Energy

Q42. The speed of an electromagnetic wave in a perfect vacuum (c) is related to the vacuum permittivity (ϵ_0) and permeability (μ_0) by the equation:

- A. $c = \mu_0 \epsilon_0$
- B. $c = \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}$
- C. $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$
- D. $c = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}$

Q43. According to the theory of Special Relativity, the invariant rest mass of a photon is strictly:

- A. 3×10^8 kg
- B. Defined by E/c^2
- C. 0
- D. Infinite

Q44. What is the degeneracy of the first excited energy state of a three-dimensional isotropic quantum harmonic oscillator?

- A. 1 (Non-degenerate)
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 6

Q45. In crystallography, the reciprocal lattice of a Body-Centered Cubic (BCC) real-space lattice is a:

- A. Simple Cubic (SC) lattice
- B. Base-Centered Cubic lattice
- C. Body-Centered Cubic (BCC) lattice
- D. Face-Centered Cubic (FCC) lattice

Q46. What is the correct SI unit for the rate constant (k) of a first-order chemical reaction?

- A. $\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
- B. s^{-1}
- C. $\text{L} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
- D. $\text{L}^2 \cdot \text{mol}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

Q47. According to VSEPR theory and hybridization concepts, the central Phosphorus atom in PCl_5 undergoes which type of hybridization?

- A. sp^3
- B. dsp^2
- C. sp^3d
- D. sp^3d^2

Q48. In the Reimer-Tiemann reaction (conversion of phenol to salicylaldehyde), the reactive electrophilic intermediate generated from chloroform and base is:

- A. Carbocation
- B. Dichlorocarbene ($:\text{CCl}_2$)
- C. Chloronium ion
- D. Free radical

Q49. Hess's Law of Constant Heat Summation is a direct consequence of the fact that enthalpy is a:

- A. Path function
- B. Intensive property
- C. State function
- D. Kinetic property

Q50. What is the formal oxidation state of Chromium (Cr) in Potassium dichromate ($\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$)?

- A. +3
- B. +4
- C. +6
- D. +7

Q51. When a primary aliphatic amine is heated with chloroform and ethanolic potassium hydroxide, it produces a foul-smelling compound. This is the:

- A. Liebermann's nitroso test
- B. Carbylamine (Isocyanide) test
- C. Hinsberg's test
- D. Iodoform test

Q52. Colligative properties of dilute solutions (like boiling point elevation and osmotic pressure) depend strictly upon the:

- A. Chemical nature of the solute
- B. Physical state of the solvent
- C. Number of solute particles relative to solvent molecules
- D. Molecular weight of the solvent

Q53. Which element in the periodic table exhibits the highest electronegativity?

- A. Oxygen (O)
- B. Chlorine (Cl)
- C. Fluorine (F)
- D. Nitrogen (N)

Q54. Natural rubber is a linear addition polymer fundamentally composed of repeating units of which monomer?

- A. Chloroprene
- B. Isoprene (2-methyl-1,3-butadiene)
- C. Styrene
- D. Ethylene glycol

Q55. For any chemical system that has reached thermodynamic equilibrium at constant temperature and pressure, the change in Gibbs free energy (ΔG) is:

- A. Maximum
- B. 0
- C. Less than 0
- D. Greater than 0

Q56. Despite its sp^3 hybridization, the molecular geometry of Ammonia (NH_3) is not perfectly tetrahedral due to a lone pair. Its actual shape is:

- A. Square planar
- B. Trigonal planar
- C. Trigonal pyramidal
- D. Bent/V-shaped

Q57. According to IUPAC nomenclature rules, the systematic name for acetic acid (CH_3COOH) is:

- A. Methanoic acid
- B. Ethanoic acid
- C. Propanoic acid
- D. Formic acid

Q58. In electrochemistry, the Nernst equation mathematically links the actual cell potential to the standard cell potential and the:

- A. Temperature and Reaction Quotient (Q)
- B. Activation energy of the electrodes
- C. Volume of the electrolyte
- D. Atmospheric pressure

Q59. What is the coordination number of the central Cobalt ion in the complex $[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$ (where 'en' is ethylenediamine)?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 6
- D. 8

Q60. The Lucas test, which uses a reagent of anhydrous $ZnCl_2$ and concentrated HCl , is primarily used in organic chemistry to distinguish between:

- A. Aldehydes and Ketones
- B. Alkanes and Alkenes
- C. Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary amines
- D. Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary alcohols



Solutions

1. B

Explanation: Expand $\tan x = x + x^3/3 + 2x^5/15 + \dots$. Substituting this into the limit gives $\frac{(x+x^3/3+\dots)-x}{x^3} = \frac{x^3/3}{x^3} = 1/3$.

2. B

Explanation: The eigenvalues of a real orthogonal matrix have an absolute value of 1 (they are of the form $e^{i\theta}$). The trace is the sum of these n eigenvalues. The maximum sum occurs if all are +1 (trace n), and the minimum if all are -1 (trace $-n$). Thus, it lies in $[-n, n]$.

3. A

Explanation: Rewrite the equation in standard linear form: $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{x}y = x$. The integrating factor is $e^{\int P(x)dx} = e^{\int (-1/x)dx} = e^{-\ln x} = e^{\ln(x^{-1})} = 1/x$.

4. C

Explanation: The function $f(z) = 1/\sin(1/z)$ has poles where $\sin(1/z) = 0$, which occurs at $1/z = n\pi \implies z = 1/(n\pi)$. As $n \rightarrow \infty$, these poles accumulate at $z = 0$. Therefore, $z = 0$ is a non-isolated essential singularity.

5. A

Explanation: Stokes' theorem equates the surface integral of the curl of a vector field over a surface Σ to the line integral of the vector field over its closed boundary curve $\partial\Sigma$.

6. C

Explanation: For a finite cyclic group of order n , the number of generators is given by Euler's totient function $\phi(n)$. If $n = p$ (a prime number), then $\phi(p) = p - 1$.

7. C

Explanation: The local truncation error for a single interval in the Trapezoidal rule is $-\frac{h^3}{12}f''(\xi)$, which is mathematically of the order $O(h^3)$. (The global error is $O(h^2)$).

8. B

Explanation: For an equation of the form $f(p, q) = 0$, the complete integral is $z = ax + by + c$ where $a^2 + b^2 = 1$. Thus $b = \sqrt{1 - a^2}$, giving $z = ax + y\sqrt{1 - a^2} + c$.

9. C

Explanation: By definition, the Laplace transform of e^{at} is $L\{e^{at}\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st}e^{at}dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-(s-a)t}dt = \frac{1}{s-a}$ (for $s > a$).

10. C

Explanation: For a Binomial distribution, the Mean is np and the Variance is npq (where $q = 1 - p$). Since p is a probability ($0 < p < 1$), q is also a fraction less than 1. Therefore, $np > npq$, meaning Mean $>$ Variance.

11. B

Explanation: The First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus states that if $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t)dt$, then $F'(x) = f(x)$. Applying this gives $\frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x e^{-t^2}dt = e^{-x^2}$.

12. C

Explanation: The identity matrix has full rank. For a 4×4 identity matrix,

the Rank is 4. By the Rank-Nullity Theorem (Rank + Nullity = Dimension), $4 + \text{Nullity} = 4$, so Nullity = 0.

13. A

Explanation: In polar coordinates, the Cauchy-Riemann equations ensuring complex differentiability are $u_r = \frac{1}{r}v_\theta$ and $v_r = -\frac{1}{r}u_\theta$.

14. C

Explanation: A fundamental vector calculus identity establishes that the curl of the gradient of any twice-differentiable scalar field is identically zero ($\nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = \mathbf{0}$).

15. B

Explanation: When the auxiliary equation yields real and distinct roots ($m_1 \neq m_2$), the fundamental independent solutions are e^{m_1x} and e^{m_2x} , making the general solution $y = c_1e^{m_1x} + c_2e^{m_2x}$.

16. D

Explanation: The Bisection method halves the interval at each step. The error at step $n + 1$ is directly proportional to the error at step n ($e_{n+1} \approx 0.5e_n$), which defines Linear convergence.

17. C

Explanation: For a skew-symmetric matrix A , $A^T = -A$. Taking the determinant: $|A^T| = |-A| \implies |A| = (-1)^n|A|$. If n is odd, $|A| = -|A| \implies 2|A| = 0 \implies |A| = 0$.

18. B

Explanation: For a pole of order $m = 2$ at $z = 1$, the residue is $\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{(2-1)!} \frac{d}{dz} \left[(z-1)^2 \frac{e^z}{(z-1)^2} \right] = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{d}{dz}(e^z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} e^z = e^1 = e$.

19. B

Explanation: An even function satisfies $f(-x) = f(x)$. Its product with $\sin(nx)$ (an odd function) is odd, so all sine coefficients $b_n = 0$. The series contains only cosine terms and the constant a_0 .

20. B

Explanation: A corollary to Lagrange's theorem states that any group with a prime number of elements has no non-trivial subgroups and can be generated by any non-identity element, thus it is always Cyclic.

21. C

Explanation: The differential equation $y = x \frac{dy}{dx} + f\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$, written as $y = px + f(p)$, is the standard form of Clairaut's equation. Its general solution is simply $y = cx + f(c)$.

22. D

Explanation: Curvature (κ) measures how sharply a curve bends. A straight line does not bend, so its curvature is exactly 0. The radius of curvature ($R = 1/\kappa$) is therefore infinite (∞).

23. B

Explanation: The standard Laplace transform formula is $L\{\sin(at)\} = \frac{a}{s^2+a^2}$. Therefore, the inverse Laplace transform of $\frac{1}{s^2+a^2}$ requires dividing by a , giving $\frac{1}{a} \sin(at)$.

24. D

Explanation: By Kolmogorov's axioms of probability, the probability of an event that cannot possibly occur (an impossible event) is exactly 0.

25. A

Explanation: For a second-order linear PDE $Au_{xx} + Bu_{xy} + Cu_{yy} \dots$, the discriminant is $B^2 - 4AC$. For the heat equation $u_{xx} - \frac{1}{c^2}u_t = 0$, $A = 1, B = 0, C = 0$. The discriminant is $0^2 - 0 = 0$, classifying it as Parabolic.

26. C

Explanation: By definition, an orthogonal matrix Q satisfies $QQ^T = Q^TQ = I$. Therefore, multiplying by the inverse yields $Q^{-1} = Q^T$.

27. C

Explanation: A vector field with zero divergence ($\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0$) means it acts like a continuous loop with no sources or sinks. Such a field is termed a Solenoidal field (like a magnetic field).

28. D

Explanation: The classical 4th-order Runge-Kutta method (RK4) has a local truncation error per step of $O(h^5)$. The accumulated global truncation error over the entire interval is $O(h^4)$.

29. C

Explanation: Write i in exponential form: $i = e^{i\pi/2}$. Then $i^i = (e^{i\pi/2})^i = e^{i^2\pi/2} = e^{-\pi/2}$. Since e and π are real, $e^{-\pi/2}$ is a purely real number (approx 0.207).

30. C

Explanation: To maximize $f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$, take the derivative $f'(x) = \cos x - \sin x = 0 \implies \tan x = 1 \implies x = \pi/4$. Evaluating $f(\pi/4) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sqrt{2}$.

31. B

Explanation: In dielectric media, polarization effects make the total electric field complex. Gauss's law is modified to $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_{\text{free}}$, where $\mathbf{D}$ is the electric displacement vector.

32. B

Explanation: The energy levels for a particle in a 1D box are $E_n = \frac{n^2 h^2}{8mL^2}$. The lowest possible state (zero-point energy) corresponds to $n = 1$, giving $E_1 = \frac{h^2}{8mL^2}$.

33. B

Explanation: The Carnot efficiency formula relies solely on the absolute temperatures of the hot (T_1) and cold (T_2) reservoirs, defined mathematically as $\eta = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1}$.

34. B

Explanation: A BCC unit cell has 1 atom at the center (wholly inside) and 8 atoms at the corners (each shared by 8 adjacent cells). Total atoms $= 1 + (8 \times 1/8) = 2$.

35. C

Explanation: The resolving power of a diffraction grating is given by $R = \lambda/\Delta\lambda = nN$, where n is the order of the spectrum and N is the total number of lines (rulings) on the grating.

36. C

Explanation: By integrating the moment of inertia of infinitesimally thin disks from pole to pole, the moment of inertia for a uniform solid sphere about its central

axis evaluates to $\frac{2}{5}MR^2$.

37. C

Explanation: Diamagnetic materials weakly oppose applied magnetic fields due to induced orbital electron currents. Thus, their magnetic susceptibility χ_m is slightly less than zero (small and negative).

38. B

Explanation: In the position representation of quantum mechanics, the momentum operator for the x-coordinate is postulated as $\hat{p}_x = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$.

39. C

Explanation: Fermi-Dirac statistics describe the statistical distribution of fermions—particles that obey the Pauli exclusion principle and have half-odd-integer spin (like electrons, protons, and neutrons).

40. B

Explanation: In Newton's rings (reflected light), the air film thickness at the exact center is zero. A 180° (π) phase change occurs upon reflection from the denser glass boundary, creating perfectly destructive interference (a dark spot).

41. D

Explanation: The First Law of Thermodynamics ($\Delta U = Q - W$) is the application of the universal physical law of conservation of energy to thermodynamic systems.

42. C

Explanation: Maxwell derived that electromagnetic waves travel at the speed of light, mathematically linking mechanics and optics through the relation $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$.

43. C

Explanation: According to Special Relativity, a photon travels precisely at the speed of light c . To have a finite energy and momentum at this speed, its invariant rest mass must be exactly zero.

44. C

Explanation: For a 3D isotropic harmonic oscillator, energy is $E_{n_x, n_y, n_z} = (n_x + n_y + n_z + \frac{3}{2})\hbar\omega$. The ground state is (0, 0, 0). The first excited state has total $n = 1$, which can be (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), or (0, 0, 1). This gives a degeneracy of 3.

45. D

Explanation: Through Fourier transform definitions of crystal lattices, the reciprocal lattice vectors generated from a Body-Centered Cubic (BCC) direct lattice mathematically construct a Face-Centered Cubic (FCC) lattice in reciprocal (momentum) space.

46. B

Explanation: The rate law for a first-order reaction is $\text{Rate} = k[A]$. Rate has units of M/s , and $[A]$ has units of M (Molarity). Therefore, k must have units of $1/s$ or s^{-1} to balance the equation.

47. C

Explanation: Phosphorus in PCl_5 utilizes 5 valence electrons to form 5 single bonds with Chlorine atoms. There are no lone pairs. A steric number of 5 requires 5 hybridized orbitals, which is sp^3d .

48. B

Explanation: In the Reimer-Tiemann reaction, chloroform ($CHCl_3$) reacts with a strong base like KOH to undergo alpha-elimination, forming the highly electron-deficient dichlorocarbene ($:CCl_2$) which acts as the electrophile.

49. C

Explanation: Hess's Law states that the total enthalpy change of a reaction is the same regardless of the pathway taken. This is fundamentally because Enthalpy (H) is a thermodynamic state function.

50. C

Explanation: In $K_2Cr_2O_7$, Potassium is +1 and Oxygen is -2. Let Cr be x . The net charge is 0, so $2(1) + 2(x) + 7(-2) = 0 \implies 2 + 2x - 14 = 0 \implies 2x = 12 \implies x = +6$.

51. B

Explanation: The Carbylamine reaction (or isocyanide test) is a specific chemical test for primary amines. When heated with chloroform and ethanolic base, primary amines synthesize highly foul-smelling isocyanides.

52. C

Explanation: By strict definition in physical chemistry, colligative properties depend uniquely on the ratio or absolute number of solute particles in a solution, regardless of their chemical identity.

53. C

Explanation: Fluorine (F) sits at the top-right of the halogen group and has the strongest pull on shared electrons in a chemical bond, giving it the highest electronegativity (3.98 on the Pauling scale).

54. B

Explanation: Natural rubber is a highly elastic polymer consisting almost entirely of long chains of cis-1,4-polyisoprene, meaning its constituent monomer unit is isoprene (2-methyl-1,3-butadiene).

55. B

Explanation: At chemical equilibrium, the system is at its lowest possible free energy state. There is no longer any driving force in either the forward or reverse direction, meaning $\Delta G = 0$.

56. C

Explanation: While NH_3 has 4 electron domains (sp^3 geometry = tetrahedral), one of those is a lone pair. The molecular geometry (which only counts atoms) is thus Trigonal pyramidal, with bond angles compressed to $\approx 107^\circ$.

57. B

Explanation: Acetic acid (CH_3COOH) contains two carbon atoms. In IUPAC nomenclature, a two-carbon alkane is ethane. Dropping the 'e' and adding the carboxylic acid suffix '-oic acid' makes it Ethanoic acid.

58. A

Explanation: The Nernst equation is $E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln Q$. It shows how the actual cell potential (E) depends on the standard potential (E°), the absolute Temperature (T), and the Reaction Quotient (Q).

59. C

Explanation: Ethylenediamine (en) is a bidentate ligand, meaning each 'en' molecule forms 2 coordinate bonds with the metal ion. Since there are 3 'en' ligands, $3 \times 2 = 6$. The coordination number is 6.

60. D

Explanation: The Lucas test differentiates primary, secondary, and tertiary alcohols based on their reactivity (via an S_N1 mechanism) with a solution of anhydrous zinc chloride in concentrated hydrochloric acid.

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