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# CHEMISTRY PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY II

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## Transition Metals - 1

**1.** A green solution, X, is thought to contain  $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  ions.

The presence of these ions can be confirmed by reacting separate samples of solution X with aqueous ammonia and with aqueous sodium carbonate.

Write equations for each of these reactions and describe what you would observe.



- **2.** Which one of the following electronic configurations is that of a transition element?
  - **A.** [Ar] 4s<sup>2</sup>3d<sup>10</sup> **B.** [Ar] 4s<sup>2</sup>3d<sup>9</sup> **C.** [Ar] 4s<sup>2</sup>3d<sup>0</sup> **D.** [Ar] 4s<sup>2</sup>3d<sup>10</sup>4p<sup>1</sup>

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3. A sample of iron is heated with a stream of dry hydrogen chloride.

A different chloride of iron is formed that contains the  $Fe^{2+}$  ion.

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This chloride dissolves in water to form a pale green solution that contains the hexaaquairon(II) complex ion.

(a)Write the electronic configuration of Fe<sup>2+</sup>.

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(b)Draw the shape of the hexaaquairon(II) complex ion. Include the bond angles on your diagram.

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(c)Aqueous sodium hydroxide is added to a solution containing Fe<sup>2+</sup>(aq). State what you would observe.

Write an ionic equation, with state symbols, for the reaction.

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**4.** Electrons in copper(II) ions can be excited by the absorption of light with a wavelength of 600 nm.

What is the increase in energy, in J, for each electron excited?

Speed of light,  $c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  Planck's constant,  $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{Js}$ 

**A.**  $3.98 \times 10^{-40}$  **B.**  $1.33 \times 10^{-39}$  **C.**  $3.32 \times 10^{-28}$ **D.**  $3.32 \times 10^{-19}$ 

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**5.** When iodine molecules are dissolved in aqueous solutions containing iodide ions, they react to form triiodide ions ( $I_3^-$ )

$$I_2 + I^- \rightarrow I_3^-$$

The reaction above between I<sup>-</sup> ions and  $S_2O_8$ <sup>2-</sup> ions has a high activation energy and  $S_2O_8$ <sup>2-</sup> ions are only reduced slowly to  $SO_4$ <sup>2-</sup> ions.

The reaction is catalysed by Fe<sup>2+</sup> ions.

- (a) Explain why the reaction between I<sup>-</sup> ions and  $S_2O_8^{2-}$  ions is slow.
- (b)Other than having variable oxidation states, explain why Fe<sup>2+</sup> ions are good catalysts for this reaction.

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(c)Write a half-equation for the reduction of  $S_2O_8^{2-}$  ions to  $SO_4^{2-}$  ions.

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(d)Construct an overall equation for the reaction between  $S_2O_8^{2-}$  ions and I- ions.



- 6. Which is not a correct statement?
  - **A.** Transition metals form coloured ions and complexes
  - B. Transition metals display variable oxidation states
  - C. A ligand accepts a pair of electrons from a transition metal
  - **D.** A complex is a central metal atom or ion surrounded by ligands

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**7.** This question is about iron and its ions.

Discuss the role of iron as a heterogeneous catalyst in the Haber process.

 $3H_2 + N_2 \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3$ 

Your answer should include:

- the meaning of the term heterogeneous catalyst
- how iron acts as a heterogeneous catalyst
- the factors that affect the efficiency and lifetime of the catalyst.

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8. An oxide of vanadium catalyses the following reaction:

 $SO_{2(g)} + \frac{1}{2} O_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons SO_{3(g)}$ 

What is the formula of the vanadium-containing intermediate formed in this reaction?

A. V<sub>2</sub>O B. VO C. V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> D. V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

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Som 11 9. Fe<sup>2+</sup> ions catalyse the reaction between peroxodisulfate(VI) ions and iodide ions in aqueous solution.

 $S_2O_8 \stackrel{2-}{_{-}}(aq) + 2I^-(aq) \rightarrow 2SO_4 \stackrel{2-}{_{-}}(aq) + I_2(aq)$ 

(a) Explain why this reaction is slow before the catalyst is added.

Give two equations to show how  $Fe^{2+}$  ions catalyse this reaction.

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(b)Give a reason why Zn<sup>2+</sup> ions do not catalyse above the reaction in part

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