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## PART-B

21. Among the following, the correct thermodynamic equation of state is
(a) $\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_{T}=T\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial S}\right)_{V}-P$
(b) $\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_{T}=T\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_{V}-P$
(c) $\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_{T}=T\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial S}\right)_{V}-P$
(d) $\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_{T}=T\left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial V}\right)_{T}-P$
22. The two energy levels $\left(n_{x}=1, n_{y}=6\right)$ and $\left(n_{x}=3, n_{y}=2\right)$ of a particle in a two-dimensional rectangular box (potential is zero inside, and infinite outside) of sides $L_{x}$ and $L_{y}$ are found to be degenerate. If $L_{x}=1$ in appropriate units, then $L_{y}$ is
(a) 2
(b) 3
(c) 4
(d) 6
23. Three measurements of the lead content of a lead oxide nanoparticle sample yielded 15.67 mg , 15.69 mg and 16.03 mg , respectively. The standard deviation (in mg ) is
(a) 0.25
(b) 0.15
(c) 0.30
(d) 0.20
24. The character table for the point group $\mathrm{D}_{3 \mathrm{~h}}$ is given below.

| $D_{3 h}$ | $E$ | $2 C_{3}(z)$ | $3 C_{2}^{\prime}$ | $\sigma_{h}(x y)$ | $2 S_{3}$ | $3 \sigma_{v}$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $A_{1}^{\prime}$ | +1 | +1 | +1 | +1 | +1 | +1 | - | $x^{2}+y^{2}, z^{2}$ |
| $A_{2}^{\prime}$ | +1 | +1 | -1 | +1 | +1 | -1 | $R_{z}$ | - |
| $E^{\prime}$ | +2 | -1 | 0 | +2 | -1 | 0 | $(x, y)$ | $\left(x^{2}-y^{2}, x y\right)$ |
| $A_{1}^{\prime \prime}$ | +1 | +1 | +1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | $-D \in A$ | - |
| $A_{2}^{\prime \prime}$ | +1 | +1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | +1 | $z$ | - |
| $E^{\prime \prime}$ | +2 | -1 | 0 | -2 | +1 | 0 | $\left(R_{x}, R_{y}\right)$ | $(x z, y z)$ |

In the electronic ground state, $\mathrm{BF}_{3}$ has $\mathrm{D}_{3 \mathrm{~h}}$ symmetry. Therefore,
(a) a fundamental transition to an $A_{1}^{\prime}$ state is IR active
(b) a fundamental transition to the $A_{2}^{\prime}$ state is neither IR active nor Raman active
(c) a fundamental transition to the $A_{2}^{\prime \prime}$ state is Raman active
(d) a fundamental transition to the $E^{\prime \prime}$ state is both IR active, as well as Raman active
25. Consider the following two data sets: $A=\left\{x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right\} ; B=\left\{\lambda x_{1}, \lambda x_{2}, \ldots, \lambda x_{n}\right\}$, where $x_{i}$ are independent random variables and $\lambda$ is a positive constant. The ratio of the standard deviation and the average values for the data sets, $r_{B}=\frac{\sigma_{B}}{\langle B\rangle}$ and $r_{A}=\frac{\sigma_{A}}{\langle A\rangle}$, are related by
(a) $r_{B}=r_{A}$
(b) $r_{B}=r_{A} \frac{1}{\lambda}$
(c) $r_{B}=r_{A} \lambda$
(d) $r_{B}=r_{A} \sqrt{\lambda}$
26. According to Hückel's rule


M


N
(a) M and N are antiaromatic
(b) M and N are aromatic
(c) M is aromatic and N is antiaromatic
(d) M is antiaromatic and N is aromatic
27. In the process of desulfurization of flue gas, $\mathrm{SO}_{2}$ is passed through an absorber containing slaked lime in the presence of $\mathrm{O}_{2}$. The final product is
(a) $\mathrm{CaSO}_{3} \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
(b) $\mathrm{CaSO}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{CaCO}_{3}$
(c) $\mathrm{CaSO}_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
(d) $\mathrm{CaS}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$
28. Of the following, the correct statements about carboxypeptidase-A are
A. $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ ion acts as a Lewis acid
B. The substitution of $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ ion by $\mathrm{Co}^{2+}$ ion renders the enzyme inactive
C. Two histidine nitrogen atoms, glutamate oxygen atom(s) and a water molecule coordinate to a $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ ion
D. Three histidine nitrogen atoms and a water molecule coordinate to a $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ ion
(a) A and C only
(b) A, C and D only
(c) B and D only
(d) A and B only
29. Of the following statements regarding lanthanoid(III) ions/complexes
A. the metal ion interacts weakly with ligand orbitals
B. a large number of microstates result in large number of transitions
C. the $f$ orbitals are deeply buried
D. they show strong $f-f$ electronic transitions

The correct statements are
(a) A, C and D only
(b) B, C and D only
(c) A, B and C only
(d) B and C only
30. At 298 K , a zinc electrode is submerged in an acidic $0.9 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ solution, which is connected by a salt bridge to a $0.3 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Ag}^{+}$solution containing a silver electrode. Given that $\mathrm{Zn} / \mathrm{Zn}^{2+}=0.76 \mathrm{~V}$ and $\mathrm{Ag} / \mathrm{Ag}^{+}=-0.80 \mathrm{~V}$ vs SHE at 298 K , the initial voltage of the cell (vs SHE) would be
(a) 0.01 V
(b) 1.56 V
(c) 0.04 V
(d) 1.53 V
31. The EI (electron-impact) mass spectrum of $\mathrm{CH}_{3}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CN}$ will show a base peak at $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ value of
(a) 54
(b) 26
(c) 41
(d) 70
32. In the Jablonski diagram given below, the initial excitation takes place from the singlet ground
state to the second singlet excited state, $\left(S_{0} \rightarrow S_{2}\right)$. Match the processes to the events marked as $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}$ and C .

(a) A: Internal conversion, B: Fluorescence, C: Phosphorescence
(b) A: Inter system crossing, B: Phosphorescence, C: Phosphorescence
(c) A: Internal conversion, B: Phosphorescence, C: Phosphorescence
(d) A: Inter system crossing, B: Fluorescence, C: Phosphorescence
33. The feature that incorrectly describes an ideal detector in gas chromatography, is
(a) the adequate sensitivity should be in the range of $10^{-8}$ to $10^{-15} \mathrm{~g}$ solute/s
(b) it has a short response time that is independent of flow rate
(c) it is non-destructive of the sample
(d) there is a linear response to a 10 -fold change only in the solute concentration
34. Considering nitrogen as a central atom, the structures of $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}=\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{S}$ and $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{N}=\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{S}$ respectively, are
(a) bent and linear
(b) linear and linear
(c) bent and bent
(d) linear and bent
35. In the fission reaction
${ }_{92}^{235} \mathrm{U}+{ }_{0}^{1} n \rightarrow{ }_{56}^{140} \mathrm{Ba}+{ }_{36}^{93} \mathrm{Kr}+3{ }_{0}^{1} n$
for given masses of ${ }^{235} \mathrm{U}(235.0439 \mathrm{amu}),{ }^{140} \mathrm{Ba}(139.9106 \mathrm{amu}),{ }^{93} \mathrm{Kr}(92.9313 \mathrm{amu})$ and $n$ ( 1.00867 amu ), and $1 \mathrm{amu}\left(931.494 \mathrm{MeV} / \mathrm{c}^{2}\right)$, the energy released is
(a) 135.0 MeV
(b) 200.2 MeV
(c) 172.0 MeV
(d) 150.0 MeV
36. The change in the entropy and the Gibbs free energy of a system are denoted by $\Delta S$ and $\Delta G$, respectively. For reversible melting of ice at 1 atm and $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
(a) $\Delta S>0$ and $\Delta G<0$
(b) $\Delta S>0$ and $\Delta G=0$
(c) $\Delta S=0$ and $\Delta G=0$
(d) $\Delta S=0$ and $\Delta G<0$
37. The absolute configuration of the stereogenic centres present in the following molecule is

(a) $9 \mathrm{R}, 10 \mathrm{~S}$
(b) $9 \mathrm{R}, 10 \mathrm{R}$
(c) $9 \mathrm{~S}, 10 \mathrm{~S}$
(d) $9 \mathrm{~S}, 10 \mathrm{R}$
38. The pair of complexes/ions that does not obey the 18 -electron rule, is
(a) $\left[\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{CO})_{6}\right]$ and $\left[\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{Cp})_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right]$
(b) $\left[\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{Br})(\mathrm{CO})_{5}\right]$ and $\left[\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{CO})_{5}\right]^{-}$
(c) $\left[\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{CO})_{3} \mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right]^{-}$and $\left[\mathrm{Co}_{4}(\mathrm{CO})_{12}\right]$
(d) $\left[\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{5}\right]$ and $\left[\mathrm{Fe}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{9}\right]$
39. The ground state term and the calculated magnetic moment (in BM) for Dy ${ }^{3+}$ ion respectively, are
(a) ${ }^{6} \mathrm{H}_{15 / 2}$ and 5.91
(b) ${ }^{6} \mathrm{H}_{15 / 2}$ and 10.65
(c) ${ }^{6} \mathrm{H}_{5 / 2}$ and 6.23
(d) ${ }^{6} \mathrm{H}_{5 / 2}$ and 5.91
40. The number of oxygen atoms bonded to each phosphorus centre in $\mathrm{P}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{6}$ and $\mathrm{P}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{10}$ respectively, are
(a) 4 and 5
(b) 3 and 5
(c) 3 and 4
(d) 5 and 4
41. For the proteolytic digestive enzyme pepsin with an isoelectric point $(p I) \approx 1$, the correct statements, among the following, are
A. It has many aspartic acid residues
B. It has many lysine residues
C. It is involved in the hydrolysis of peptide bonds
D. It is involved in the degradation of fatty acids
(a) A and C only
(b) B and C only
(c) A and D only
(d) B and D only
42. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of a mixture of chloroform and acetone shows two singlets at $\delta 7.25$ and 2.1 ppm with integral heights of 12 and 18 mm , respectively. The molar ratio of chloroform to acetone in the mixture is
(a) $1: 6$
(b) $3: 2$
(c) $1: 3$
(d) $4: 1$
43. The coordination numbers of cobalt ion in solid $\mathrm{Cs}_{3} \mathrm{CoCl}_{5}$ and zinc ion in solid $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{3} \mathrm{ZnCl}_{5}$ are, respectively.
(a) 5 and 4
(b) 4 and 4
(c) 4 and 5
(d) 5 and 5
44. The value of the Hammett substituent constant $(\sigma)$ for $p-\mathrm{OMe}$ is -0.30 . If the $\mathrm{p} K$ a of benzoic acid is 4.19 , that of $p$-anisic acid is
(a) 4.79
(b) 3.89
(c) 3.59
(d) 4.49
45. For the radicals $\mathrm{CH}_{3}{ }^{\circ}$ (A), $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2}{ }^{\circ}(\mathrm{B}), \mathrm{c}^{-} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{11}{ }^{\circ}(\mathrm{C})$, the correct order for the relative rates of addition to $\mathrm{CH}_{2}=\mathrm{CHCN}$ is
(a) $\mathrm{A}>\mathrm{C}>\mathrm{B}$
(b) $\mathrm{C}>\mathrm{B}>\mathrm{A}$
(c) $\mathrm{C}>\mathrm{A}>\mathrm{B}$
(d) $\mathrm{B}>\mathrm{A}>\mathrm{C}$
46. If $A_{x} B_{y}$ crystallizes in an $f c c$ lattice, with atom $A$ occupying every corner and atom $B$ occupying the center of each face of the unit cell, the correct stoichiometry is
(a) $A B_{3}$
(b) $A B_{2}$
(c) $A_{2} B$
(d) $A_{3} B$
47. The number of signals expected for the given compound in ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra, respectively, are

(a) 7 and 8
(b) 6 and 5
(c) 7 and 5
(d) 6 and 8
48. Transition state theory was developed to explain the empirical Arrhenius expression for rate constants. For a non-linear transition state with $N$ atoms, the effective number of vibrational degrees of freedom used in calculating its vibrational partition function is
(a) $3 N-6$
(b) $3 N-7$
(c) $3 N-5$
(d) $3 N-8$
49. In the gas phase, the correct order of hydride affinity for the given carbocations is


A


B


C
(a) A $>$ C $>$ B
(b) B $>$ C $>$ A
(c) $\mathrm{C}>\mathrm{B}>\mathrm{A}$
(d) $\mathrm{C}>\mathrm{A}>\mathrm{B}$
50. The major product formed in the given reaction is

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

51. $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ and Z are three p-block elements in the second row of the periodic table, with electron affinities (in $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ) of $-15,-142$ and -333 , respectively. The correct statement among the following, is
(a) Y has the highest first ionization energy
(b) X has the most number of $p$-electrons
(c) X has the highest proton affinity
(d) Z has the highest electronegativity
52. Among the following, the NMR inactive nucleus is
(a) ${ }^{14} \mathrm{~N}_{7}$
(b) ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}_{15}$
(c) ${ }^{24} \mathrm{Mg}_{12}$
(d) ${ }^{29} \mathrm{Si}_{14}$
53. For a transition metal M, the correct order of ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectral shift [in ppm relative to $\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{4}$ ] for the moieties $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{M}-\mathrm{CO}$ and $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$, is
(a) $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}<\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}<\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{CO}$
(b) $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{CO}<\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}<\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$
(c) $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}<\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}<\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{CO}$
(d) $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{CO}<\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}<\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$
54. The following plots schematically show the variation of two molecular orbitals $\psi_{1}$ and $\psi_{2}$ along the internuclear axis of a linear triatomic molecule $A_{2} B$.


If the atomic orbitals corresponding to atoms A and B are, respectively, $\phi_{A}$ and $\phi_{B}$, the molecular orbitals $\psi_{1}$ and $\psi_{2}$ have the form (all the coefficients are positive)
(a) $\psi_{1}=a_{1} \phi_{A}+b_{1} \phi_{B}+c_{1} \phi_{A}$
(b) $\psi_{1}=a_{1} \phi_{A}+b_{1} \phi_{B}+a_{1} \phi_{A}$
$\psi_{2}=a_{2} \phi_{A}-b_{2} \phi_{B}-c_{2} \phi_{A}$
$\psi_{2}=a_{2} \phi_{A}-b_{2} \phi_{B}+a_{2} \phi_{A}$
(c) $\psi_{1}=a_{1} \phi_{A}+b_{1} \phi_{B}+c_{1} \phi_{A}$
$\psi_{2}=a_{2} \phi_{A}-b_{2} \phi_{B}+c_{2} \phi_{A}$
(d) $\psi_{1}=a_{1} \phi_{A}+b_{1} \phi_{B}+a_{1} \phi_{A}$
$\psi_{2}=-a_{2} \phi_{A}-b_{2} \phi_{B}-a_{2} \phi_{A}$
55. The correct set of possible term symbols for the electronic configuration $1 s^{2} 2 s^{1} 2 p^{1}$ is
(a) ${ }^{1} \mathrm{P}_{1},{ }^{3} \mathrm{P}_{2},{ }^{3} \mathrm{P}_{0},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~S}_{0}$
(b) ${ }^{1} \mathrm{P}_{0},{ }^{3} \mathrm{P}_{2},{ }^{3} \mathrm{P}_{0},{ }^{3} \mathrm{P}_{1}$
(c) ${ }^{1} \mathrm{P}_{1},{ }^{3} \mathrm{P}_{2},{ }^{3} \mathrm{P}_{0},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~S}_{1}$
(d) ${ }^{1} \mathrm{P}_{1},{ }^{3} \mathrm{P}_{2},{ }^{3} \mathrm{P}_{0},{ }^{3} \mathrm{P}_{1}$
56. Among the following reaction(s), deuterium primary kinetic isotope effect is seen in
A.


B.

C.

(a) A and B
(b) B and C
(c) Only A
(d) Only C
57. The silver salt with the highest solubility product $\left(\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{sp}}\right)$ in water is
(a) AgI
(b) AgCl
(c) AgF
(d) AgBr
58.


The above reaction involves
(a) nucleophile addition followed by elimination
(b) nucleophilic aromatic substitution
(c) elimination followed by nucleophile addition
(d) bimolecular nucleophilic substitution
59. Based on the given data on the first-order rate constants for the following reactions, the correct statement is


| $X$ | $k\left(10^{5} s^{-1}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $H$ | 4.81 |
| $F$ | 340 |
| $C l$ | 1.70 |

(a) F and Cl inductively stabilize the intermediate carbocation
(b) Cl stabilizes the intermediate carbocation better than H
(c) Cl stabilizes the intermediate carbocation better than F
(d) F stabilizes the intermediate carbocation better than H
60. Given that the $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a} 1}$ and $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a} 2}$ values for alanine are 2.34 and 9.68 , respectively, its isoelectric point (pI) is
(a) 6.01
(b) 12.02
(c) 7.34
(d) 4.14

## PART-C

61. The major products A and B formed in the given reaction sequence are

(a) $\mathrm{A}=$


(b) $\mathrm{A}=$


(c) $\mathrm{A}=$


(d) $\mathrm{A}=$

$B=$

62. Among the assertions
A. $\mathrm{UO}_{2}{ }^{+}$is thermodynamically stable in water
B. $\mathrm{UO}_{2}{ }^{2+}$ is a hard acid.
C. The geometry of $\mathrm{UO}_{2}{ }^{2+}$ is bent
D. Both the $5 f$ and $6 d$ orbitals of U are involved in bonding with the $2 p$ orbitals of oxygen atom The correct statements for $\mathrm{UO}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{n}+}$ are
(a) A and C only
(b) B and D only
(c) B, C and D only
(d) A and B only
63. The major product formed in the given reaction is

(a)

(b)

(c) $\mathrm{Ph}=\mathrm{CHO}$
(d)

64. For the Hamiltonian operator $\hat{H}=\frac{1}{2 m} \hat{p}^{2}+\lambda \hat{x}^{4}$, the best choice among the following trial variational wavefunctions for estimating the ground state energy is
(a) $\frac{1}{x^{2}+a^{2}}$
(b) $\frac{a}{x^{2}}$
(c) $\frac{a}{x}$
(d) $\frac{1}{\left(x^{2}+a^{2}\right)^{2}}$
65. The major products A and B in the given reactions are

(a) $\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{B}=$

(b) $\mathrm{A}=$


(c) $\mathrm{A}=$


(d) $\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{B}=$

66. A particular sample of polymer has 100 chains with molecular weight 1000, 200 chains with molecular weight 10000 , and 200 chains with molecular weight 100000 . The polydispersity of the sample is
(a) 1.485
(b) 1.970
(c) 2.068
(d) 3.532
67. The correct statements in the following reaction sequence,
$\mathrm{CO}_{2}+\mathrm{P} \underset{\text { reaction } B}{\stackrel{\text { OHH }^{-}}{ }} \mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{5} \xrightarrow[\text { reaction } A]{\mathrm{H}^{-}} \mathrm{P}+\mathrm{CO}$

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\mathrm{P} \xrightarrow{\text { excess }[\mathrm{OH}]^{-}} \mathrm{Q}
$$

A. the $v_{\mathrm{CO}}$ in P is lower than $v_{\mathrm{CO}}$ in $\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{5}$
B. reaction B proceeds via coordinated formyl intermediate
C. Q is isolelectronic with $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}$
D. P is used as a catalyst in water-gas shift reaction
(a) A, B and C only
(b) B, C and D only
(c) A, C and D only
(d) A and C only
68. The electron paramagnetic resonance spectrum from among the following, which represents a metal ion with $S=1 / 2$ in rhombic symmetry,


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is
(a) IV
(b) III
(c) II
(d) I
69. The result of applying the operator $e^{-i a \hat{\rho} / h}$ on the function $f(x)$ is
(a) $+a \frac{d f(x)}{d x}$
(b) $f(x+a)$
(c) $-a \frac{d f(x)}{d x}$
(d) $f(x-a)$
70. Consider ammonia to be an ideal gas, with each molecule of ammonia occupying an effective area of $7 \AA^{2}$ on barium fluoride surface. The adsorption follows the following isotherm.
$\frac{z}{(1-z) V}=\frac{1}{c V_{m}}+\frac{(c-1) z}{c V_{m}}$
where, $z=\frac{p}{p^{*}}, c$ is a constant, and $V_{m}$ the is monolayer capacity (volume of the adsorbed gas) at STP. The plot of $\frac{z}{(1-z) V}$ against $z$ gives the intercept as $4.66 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$ and slope as 0.0761 $\mathrm{cm}^{-3}$. The surface area of adsorption (in $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ ) is close to
(a) 24.5
(b) 2.5
(c) 33.2
(d) 1.9
71. In the given reaction, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}=\mathrm{CHS}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{Ph}$ is a synthetic equivalent of

(a) ethyne
(b) ethene
(c) ethane
(d) ketene
72. Statements A-D below pertain to the given decay series,

A. The radionuclide (D) is formed by two successive $\beta$-particle emissions from the radionuclide (B).
B. The radionuclide (E) is formed by successive $\beta$-particle and $\alpha$-particle emissions from the radionuclide (C).
C. The atomic number of the radionuclide (C) is 91 .
D. The atomic number of the radionuclide (D) is 90.

The correct statements are
(a) A and C only
(b) B and D only
(c) C and D only
(d) A, B and C only
73. Sym-cubane- $\mathrm{d}_{2}$, the structure of which is given below, is a bi-substituted isotopomer of cubane, where two hydrogens are substituted by deuterium.


The point group of this molecule is
(a) $\mathrm{D}_{2 \mathrm{~h}}$
(b) $\mathrm{D}_{3 \mathrm{~d}}$
(c) $\mathrm{C}_{3 \mathrm{v}}$
(d) $\mathrm{C}_{2 \mathrm{~h}}$
74. A perturbation $\hat{H}^{\prime}=V_{0}\left(3 \cos ^{2} \phi-1\right)$, where $V_{0}$ is a constant, is applied to a rigid rotator undergoing a rotational motion in a plane. The first order energy correction to the ground state is
(a) $2 V_{0}$
(b) $\frac{1}{4} V_{0}$
(c) $\frac{1}{2} V_{0}$
(d) $V_{0}$
75. Of the following assertions regarding the mechanism of electron transfer,
A. An outer-sphere mechanism involves electron transfer from reductant to oxidant, with the coordination shells or spheres of each staying intact.
B. In inner-sphere mechanism, the reductant and oxidant share a ligand in their inner or primary coordination sphere which assists in electron being transferred.
C. In inner-sphere mechanism, an oxidant possesses at least one ligand capable of binding
simultaneously to two metal ions.
D. In inner-sphere mechanism, ligands of reductant are substitutionally inert.

The correct statements are
(a) A and D only
(b) A, B and C only
(c) B and C only
(d) B, C and D only
76. The tunnelling probability of a particle with energy $E$ incident on a potential barrier of height $\mathrm{V}_{0}$, and width $L$ is given by the expression
$T(E)=16 \frac{E}{V_{0}}\left(1-\frac{E}{V_{0}}\right) e^{-2 k L}$
where $k$ is a constant. For a certain particle with $E=\frac{V_{0}}{2}$, the tunnelling probability was found to be $1.6 \times 10^{-7}$. If the width of the potential is halved, then the tunnelling probability will be
(a) $3.2 \times 10^{-7}$
(b) $8.0 \times 10^{-4}$
(c) $6.4 \times 10^{-7}$
(d) $3.2 \times 10^{-3}$
77. The major product formed in the given reaction is

78. The major product formed in the given reaction is


(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

79. The intermediate A and the major product B formed in the given reaction, respectively, are

(a) $\mathrm{A}=$


(b) $\mathrm{A}=$


(c) $\mathrm{A}=$


(d) $\mathrm{A}=$


80. The mechanisms for the formation of molecules A and B involve, respectively,

(a) oxa-di- $\pi$-methane rearrangement and Norrish type II cleavage
(b) Norrish type I cleavage and oxa-di- $\pi$-methane rearrangement
(c) oxa-di- $\pi$-methane rearrangement and Norrish type I cleavage
(d) Norrish type I cleavage and Norrish type II cleavage
81. Consider the cell, $\mathrm{Pt}\left|\mathrm{H}_{2}\left(g, p^{0}\right)\right| \mathrm{HCl}(\mathrm{aq})||\mathrm{AgCl}(\mathrm{s})| \mathrm{Ag}$, and the corresponding cell reaction $2 \mathrm{AgCl}(\mathrm{s})+\mathrm{H}_{2}(\mathrm{~g}) \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{Ag}(\mathrm{s})+2 \mathrm{HCl}(\mathrm{aq})$ where, $p^{\circ}$ is the standard pressure. In terms of the molality $b$ of $\mathrm{HCl}(\mathrm{aq})$, and the mean activity coefficient $\gamma$, the Nernst equation for the cell reaction is
(a) $E=E_{0}-\frac{2 R T}{F} \ln (\gamma b)$
(b) $E=E_{0}-\frac{R T}{F} \ln (\gamma b)$
(c) $E=E_{0}-\frac{R T}{2 F} \ln (\gamma b)$
(d) $E=E_{0}-\frac{R T}{F} \ln (2 \gamma b)$
82. The given reaction proceeds via

(a) $\mathrm{A}[1,3]-\mathrm{H}$ shift followed by $[4+2]$ cycloaddition
(b) $\mathrm{A}[1,5]-\mathrm{H}$ shift followed by $[4+2]$ cycloaddition
(c) $\mathrm{A}[3+2]$ cycloaddition followed by hydride shift
(d) A [4+2] cycloaddition followed by alkyl shift
83. Alkylation of lithium enolate P occurs through a

(a) chair-like transition state and the major product is N
(b) chair-like transition state and the major product is M
(c) twist boat-like transition state and the major product is M
(d) twist boat-like transition state and the major product is N
84. The number of unpaired electrons in $[\mathrm{Cp} F \mathrm{Fe}],\left[\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Ni}\right]$ and $\left[\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Co}\right]$ complexes are, respectively,
(a) 0,0 and 1
(b) 0,2 and 1
(c) 0,1 and 2
(d) 2, 2 and 1
85. The major product formed in the given reaction is

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

86. An ideal gas with an initial pressure $P$ and volume $V$ undergoes an isothermal and reversible expansion. If the change in entropy due to this expansion is $\Delta S$, the magnitude of work done by the gas is
(a) $n R \Delta S$
(b) $n R \Delta S / P V$
(c) $P V \Delta S / n R$
(d) $P V / n R$
87. Acetone undergoes photodissociation upon absorption of 330 nm light. Exposure of a gaseous sample of acetone to a radiant power of 20 mW at 330 nm for a period of 3 hours results in the photodissociation of $75 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ of acetone. The quantum yield for the photodissociation, assuming all the light is absorbed, is
(a) $1.26 \times 10^{-4}$
(b) $1.26 \times 10^{-1}$
(c) $1.26 \times 10^{-3}$
(d) $1.26 \times 10^{-2}$
88. A reaction follows the rate law $-\frac{d[A]}{d t}=k[A]^{2}$. Starting from an initial concentration $[A]_{0}$, the time taken for the concentration to reduce to $\frac{[A]_{0}}{4}$, namely the quarter-life of $A$, is
(a) $\frac{\ln k}{2}$
(b) $\frac{1}{k[A]_{0}}$
(c) $\frac{\ln 2}{k}$
(d) $\frac{3}{k[A]_{0}}$
89. The major product formed in the given reaction is

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

90. Five moles of $\left[\mathrm{B}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{14}\right]^{-}$react with two moles of $\mathrm{B}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{9}$ at $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ resulting in the evolution of nine moles of $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ and the formation of a monoanionic borane cluster that has a
(a) Nido structure
(b) Closo structure
(c) Arachno structure
(d) Hypo structure
91. In the differential scanning calorimetry plot of a polyethylene sample (given below), if the heat of fusion is $68.4 \mathrm{cal} / \mathrm{g}$, the percent crystallinity of the sample,

(a) $100 \%$
(b) $55 \%$
(c) $68 \%$
(d) $79 \%$
92. The intermediate involved in the given Etard reaction is

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

93. The correct expression for the rate of the given reaction is

(a) Rate $=\mathrm{k}[$ ketone $]\left[\mathrm{HO}^{-}\right]$
(b) Rate $=\mathrm{k}[\text { ketone }]^{2}\left[\mathrm{HO}^{-}\right]$
(c) Rate $=\mathrm{k}[$ ketone $]\left[\mathrm{HO}^{-}\right]^{2}$
(d) Rate $=\mathrm{k}$ [ketone]
94. The transference number of the hydrogen ion in an aqueous solution containing HCl and NaCl is 0.5 . The limiting molar conductivities of $\mathrm{H}^{+}, \mathrm{Na}^{+}$and $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$are, respectively, $350 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{Sm}^{2}$ $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}, 50 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{Sm}^{2} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ and $75 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{Sm}^{2} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. The ratio of the concentration of HCl and NaCl , namely $\frac{[\mathrm{HCl}]}{[\mathrm{NaCl}]}$ is
(a) $\frac{10}{11}$
(b) $\frac{11}{5}$
(c) $\frac{5}{11}$
(d) $\frac{11}{10}$
95. In the solid state, methyllithium is tetrameric and has a $\mathrm{Li}_{4}$ core. The correct statement about the structure and bonding in methyllithium is
(a) Each methyl anion is bridging between two Li-centres via 3-center-2-electron bonding
(b) Each methyl anion binds to three Li centres via 4-center-2-electron bonding
(c) It possesses a 2-center-2-electron bond
(d) Each methyl anion is terminally bound to each Li-centre
96. The operator for the square of the angular momentum for an electron in a hydrogenic atom is given below.
$\hat{L}^{2}=-h^{2}\left[\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial \theta^{2}}+\cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}+\frac{1}{\sin ^{2} \theta} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial \phi^{2}}\right]$
A correct form of the angular function for the $p_{x}$ orbital is
(a) $\sin \theta e^{2 i \phi}$
(b) $\sin \theta e^{i \phi}$
(c) $\cos \theta e^{i \phi}$
(d) $\cos \theta e^{2 i \phi}$
97. Identify P and Q in the following reaction sequence
$\left[\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{CO})_{5}\right]^{-}+\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{Cl} \longrightarrow \mathrm{P} \xrightarrow{\Delta \text { or } h \nu} \mathrm{Q}$
(a) $\mathrm{P}=\left[\left(\eta^{1}-\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{CO})_{4} \mathrm{Cl}\right]^{-}$and $\mathrm{Q}=\left[\left(\eta^{3}-\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\right]$
(b) $\mathrm{P}=\left[\left(\eta^{3}-\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\right]$ and $\mathrm{Q}=\left[\left(\eta^{1}-\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{CO})_{4} \mathrm{Cl}\right]^{-}$
(c) $\mathrm{P}=\left[\left(\eta^{3}-\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\right]_{2}$ and $\mathrm{Q}=\left[\left(\eta^{1}-\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\right]_{2}$
(d) $\mathrm{P}=\left[\left(\eta^{1}-\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{CO})_{5}\right]$ and $\mathrm{Q}=\left[\left(\eta^{3}-\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\right]$
98. Consider four non-interacting ${ }^{4} \mathrm{He}$ atoms, each of which can occupy three energy levels of energies $0, a$ and $2 a$. The number of microstates having total energy $E=3 a$ is
(a) 4
(b) 12
(c) 2
(d) 1
99. The major product formed in the given reaction is

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

100. For the $\mathrm{Eu}^{3+}$ ion (At No: 63),
A. the calculated and the observed magnetic moments are in agreement with each other.
B. the higher energy states ${ }^{7} F_{1}$ and ${ }^{7} F_{2}$ are populated and increase the observed magnetic moment.
C. the $4 f$ orbital is more than half-filled
D. the ground state term symbol is ${ }^{7} \mathrm{~F}_{0}$

Of the above, the correct statements are
(a) A and D only
(b) A and B only
(c) C and D only
(d) B and D only
101. The correct set of reagents required to convert ethyl benzoate to ethylbenzene is
(a) (1) MeMgI (excess); (2) $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}$; (3) 1, 2-ethanedithiol, $\mathrm{BF}_{3} \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$; (4) $\mathrm{H}_{2}$, Raney Ni
(b) (1) $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{TiCp}_{2}$; (2) $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}$; (3) 1,2-ethanediol, $\mathrm{BF}_{3} \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$; (4) $\mathrm{N}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$
(c) (1) $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{TiCp}_{2}$; (2) $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}$; (3) 1, 2-ethanedithiol, $\mathrm{BF}_{3} \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$; (4) $\mathrm{H}_{2}$, Raney Ni
(d) (1) EtMgI (excess); (2) $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}$; (3) 1, 2-ethanediol, $\mathrm{BF}_{3} \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$; (4) $\mathrm{N}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$
102. The energy level diagram for the $\pi$-molecular orbitals of the cyclic $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ radical is given below.


The delocalization energy of the molecule in the ground state (in units of $\beta$, where $\beta$ is Hückel's constant for interaction energy) is
(a) 3
(b) 1
(c) 0
(d) 2
103. The correct order of second ionization enthalpies, is
(a) $\mathrm{B}>\mathrm{C}>\mathrm{N}>\mathrm{Be}$
(b) $\mathrm{N}>\mathrm{C}>\mathrm{Be}>\mathrm{B}$
(c) $\mathrm{B}>\mathrm{N}>\mathrm{C}>\mathrm{Be}$
(d) $\mathrm{N}>\mathrm{B}>\mathrm{C}>\mathrm{Be}$
104. The correct statements concerning $\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{CHB}_{11} \mathrm{Cl}_{11}\right)$, are
A. Its conjugate base is a non-coordinating anion
B. $\left[\mathrm{CHB}_{11} \mathrm{Cl}_{11}\right]^{-}$has a stable icosahedral geometry
C. It is a superacid
D. It can protonate fullerene and benzene
(a) A and C only
(b) B, C and D only
(c) A, B, C and D
(d) A, B and C only
105. The vibrational energy for a diatomic molecule is given by $G(v)=\left(v+\frac{1}{2}\right) v_{e}-\left(v+\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2} v_{e} x_{e}$, where $v_{e}$ is the fundamental frequency and $x_{e}$ is the anharmonicity constant. The infrared spectrum of BeO molecule in an excited state shows two transitions at $1078.48 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ and $1062.42 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, identified as transitions between vibrational levels $2 \rightarrow 3$ and $3 \rightarrow 4$, respectively. The $v_{e}$ and $v_{e} x_{e}$ (in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) for BeO molecule in this state, respectively, are
(a) 1126.66 and 8.03
(b) 1030.30 and -8.03
(c) 1174.84 and 16.06
(d) 1078.48 and 8.03
106. A three-state system with energies $E=-\varepsilon_{0}, 0,+\varepsilon_{0}$ is in a thermal equilibrium at a temperature $T$. If $\beta \varepsilon_{0}=x$, the probability of finding the system with energy $E=0$ is $\left[\right.$ recall, $\left.\cosh x=\frac{1}{2}\left(e^{x}+e^{-x}\right)\right]$
(a) $(2 \cosh x)^{-1}$
(b) $\frac{1}{2} \cosh x$
(c) $(1+2 \cosh x)^{-1}$
(d) $1+2 \cosh x$
107. The statement regarding the properties of Type I Blue copper proteins that is true is
(a) The $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{II})$ centre is bound to His and Cys amino acids only
(b) In the EPR spectrum, the $A_{i}$ value in Blue copper proteins is greater than the $A_{j}$ value of free $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{II})$ ion
(c) There is an intense absorption band in the electronic spectrum at $\lambda_{\max } \approx 600 \mathrm{~nm}$ and $\varepsilon_{\max } \approx 100$ times greater than the $\varepsilon_{\text {max }}$ of aqueous $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{II})$ ion
(d) It exists as a pair of $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{II})$ centres.
108. The rate of an acid-catalyzed reaction in aqueous solution follows the rate equation given below.
$v=k\left[X^{+}\right]\left[Y^{2-}\right]\left[H^{+}\right]$
The rate constants for the reaction at ionic strengths of $16 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{~L}^{-1}$ and $9 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{~L}^{-1}$ are $k_{1}$ and $k_{2}$, respectively. The value of $\log \left(\frac{k_{1}}{k_{2}}\right)$ in the units of the Debye-Hückel constant, $B$, is
(a) -2
(b) $\frac{4}{3}$
(c) $\frac{16}{9}$
(d) -4
109. For the four active metal centres in cytochrome $c$ oxidase shown below,

A. Electron transfer involves Heme $a$ and $\mathrm{Cu}_{\mathrm{A}}$ while $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ binding involves Heme $a_{3}$ and $\mathrm{Cu}_{\mathrm{B}}$.
B. $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ only interacts with $\mathrm{Cu}_{\mathrm{B}}$ to form a $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{II})-\mathrm{O}_{2}^{-}$species with no role for both the hemes
C. Heme $a$ is 5 -coordinate species with an axial His ligation
D. $\mathrm{Cu}_{\mathrm{B}}$ is a monomeric 3-coordinate species while $\mathrm{Cu}_{\mathrm{A}}$ is a dicopper species the correct statements are
(a) A, B and C only
(b) C and D only
(c) B, C and D only
(d) A and D only
110. The phase diagram for a one-component system is shown below.


The number of degrees of freedom at the points marked $a, b, c$ and $d$, respectively, are
(a) $2,0,0,1$
(b) $1,3,3,2$
(c) $2,1,0,1$
(d) $0,1,2,1$
111. The major product formed in the given reaction is

(a)


112. Consider the following reaction scheme and the related statements.
$\mathrm{BrF} \xrightarrow{\text { disproportionation }} \mathrm{Br}_{2}(\mathrm{~g})+\mathrm{X}$ ( T shaped geometry)
$\mathrm{X} \xrightarrow{\text { self ionization }} \mathrm{Y}$ (cation) +Z (anion)
A. $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ and Z have the same number of lone pairs of electrons.
B. Y has a bent shape.
C. Z is $s p^{3}$ hybridized and has tetrahedral shape.
D. X is used as a non-aqueous solvent.

The correct statements are
(a) A and B only
(b) A and D only
(c) C and D only
(d) A, B , and D only
113. The number of cation vacancies per mole, when NaCl is doped with $10^{-3} \mathrm{~mol} \%$ of $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ is
(a) $12.046 \times 10^{23}$
(b) $12.046 \times 10^{18}$
(c) $6.023 \times 10^{20}$
(d) $6.023 \times 10^{18}$
114. The major product formed in the given reaction is

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

115. Given the spectral transitions for $\left[\mathrm{CrF}_{6}\right]^{3-}$ complex as, $671 \mathrm{~nm}\left[{ }^{4} \mathrm{~A}_{2 g} \rightarrow{ }^{4} \mathrm{~T}_{2 g}\right], 441 \mathrm{~nm}$ $\left[{ }^{4} \mathrm{~A}_{2 \mathrm{~g}} \rightarrow{ }^{4} \mathrm{~T}_{1 \mathrm{~g}}(\mathrm{~F})\right]$ and $291 \mathrm{~nm}\left[{ }^{4} \mathrm{~A}_{2 g} \rightarrow{ }^{4} \mathrm{~T}_{1 \mathrm{~g}}(\mathrm{P})\right]$, the Racah parameter B ' is closest to
(a) $2813 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$
(b) $1986 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$
(c) $827 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$
(d) $213 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$
116. Among $\mathrm{SF}_{4},\left[\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right]^{-}, \mathrm{FClO}_{3}$ and $\left[\mathrm{IF}_{4}\right]^{+}$the number of species having "see-saw" shape is
(a) 2
(b) 1
(c) 3
(d) 4
117. Match the following complexes with their characteristics

Complex
d-electron(s)

## Total valence electrons

(i) $\left[\mathrm{WCl}_{6}\right]$
(a) 2
(x) 12
(ii) $\left[\mathrm{WCl}_{6}\right]^{-}$
(b) 1
(y) 13
(iii) $\left[\mathrm{WCl}_{6}\right]^{2-}$
(c) 0
(z) 14

The correct combination is
(a) (i)-(c)-(x);
(ii)-(b)-(y); (iii)-(a)-(z)
(b) (i)-(a)-(x); (ii)-(b)-(z); (iii)-(c)-(y)
(c) (i)-(c)-(z);
(ii)-(b)-(y); (iii)-(a)-(x)
(d) (iii)-(c)-(x); (ii)-(b)-(z); (i)-(a)-(y)
118. The major product(s) of the given reaction is (are)

(a) a mixture of diastereomers
(b) a mixture of enantiomers
(c) a single enantiomer
(d) a single diastereomer
119. A yellow-colored complex P upon addition of aqueous $\mathrm{HNO}_{3}$ forms a very pale violet-colored complex Q . Complex Q on reaction with NaCl forms a yellow-colored complex R . The species $\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{Q}$ and R , respectively, that are consistent with the above observations, are
(a) $\mathrm{P}=\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{5}(\mathrm{OH})\right]^{2+} ; \mathrm{Q}=\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{3+}$ and $\mathrm{R}=\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{5}(\mathrm{Cl})\right]^{2+}$
(b) $\mathrm{P}=\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{5}(\mathrm{OH})\right]^{+} ; \mathrm{Q}=\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{2+}$ and $\mathrm{R}=\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{5}(\mathrm{Cl})\right]^{2+}$
(c) $\mathrm{P}=\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{5}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)\right]^{2+} ; \mathrm{Q}=\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{5}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)\right]^{3+}$ and $\mathrm{R}=\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{5} \mathrm{Cl}\right]^{2+}$
(d) $\mathrm{P}=\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{5}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)\right]^{3+} ; \mathrm{Q}=\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{3+}$ and $\mathrm{R}=\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{3} \mathrm{Cl}_{3}\right]$
120. The difference between the lowest energy and the next higher energy conformers (in kcal mol${ }^{-1}$ ) of meso-2,3-dibromobutane is

Given: Gauche interactions (kcal mol$\left.{ }^{-1}\right): \mathrm{Me} / \mathrm{Me}=0.90 ; \mathrm{Me} / \mathrm{Br}=0.25 ; \mathrm{Br} / \mathrm{Br}=0.75$
(a) 1.40
(b) 1.65
(c) 1.90
(d) 0.50

