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2021_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE: CHM424- NON AQUEOUS SOLVENTS TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1) AND ANY OTHER THREE (3) QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1

- (a) What is refractive index and what is its significant as a solvent property **(7 marks)**
- (b) Write chemical equations to show the ionization of the following acids and bases according to Arrhenius theory (acid: HCl, H₂SO₄ and HNO₃, bases: NaOH, Ca(OH)₂ and Mg(OH)₂ **(10 marks)**
- (c) Write all possible equations that can represent ionization of tetraoxosulphate (IV) acid according to Bronsted-Lowry concept of acid. State the conjugate acid and base in all the equations. **(6 marks)**
- (d) Is there any relationship between the strength of a conjugate acid and its corresponding conjugate base? **(2 marks)**

QUESTION 2

- (a) Compare the features of amphiprotic solvents with that of water (use suitable examples to support your answer) **(8 marks)**
- (b) State two characteristics of protonic solvents and give two examples **(7 marks)**

QUESTION 3

- (a) What factor characterize the extent of charge separation within a molecule **(1 mark)**
- (b) The dipole moment of HCl is 1.11D and the distance between atoms is 127 pm. What is the percentage ionic character of the HCl bond ? **(4 marks)**
(Note 1 Debye = 3.3356×10^{-30} Ams (ampere meter second) = 3.3356×10^{-30} Cm)
- (c) State the three forces of interaction in a solution and which of them is significant in solute dissolution **(4 marks)**

(d) In one sentence for each, highlight the four types of interaction that are significant in the formation of a solution between solute and solvent **(4 marks)**

(e) Write the Coulomb equation that accounts for interaction between partial negative and positive charges **(2 marks)**

QUESTION 4

(a) Why is nitrosyl chloride expected to be a strong ionizing solvent and what is the shortcoming **(3 marks)**

(b) Write suitable equations show the reaction of NOCl with various forms of silver phosphate **(9 marks)**

(c) State three reason why dinitrogen tetroxide is widely used as a medium for chemical reactions and as a reactant in liquid phase **(3 marks)**

QUESTION 5

(a)(i) Why is liquid SO₂ a good solvent for covalent compounds **(2 marks)**

(b) With the aid of suitable equations, explain the similarity of autoionization reaction of liquid SO₂ with that of water and liquid ammonia. **(7 marks)**

(c) Comment on the acidic or basic behaviour of substances in liquid SO₂ with respect to autoionization of SO₂. Give an example to support your answer. **(3 marks)**

(d) Write autoionization equations for arsenic chloride, arsenic bromide and arsenic fluoride **(3 marks)**