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**FACULTY OF SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**  
**OCTOBER 2022 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE:** CHM 423

**CREDIT UNIT:** 3

**COURSE TITLE:** COORDINATION Chemistry

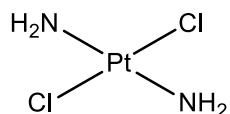
**TIME:** 2 ½ HRS

**INSTRUCTION:** Answer Question ONE (1) and any other Three (3) Questions

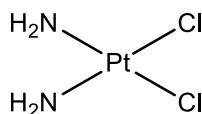
**QUESTION ONE**

**2.a** Write the IUPAC names of the following compounds

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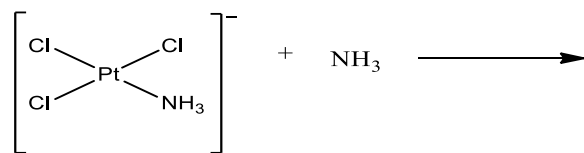


(b)

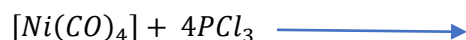
(3 marks)

(ii) State the geometries of coordination compounds with the following coordination number (CN): 4,3,2, and 1 respectively. (4 marks)

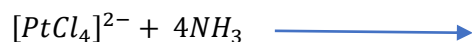
b(i) Complete the following equations



(3 marks)



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(ii) Write the order for the trans effects with respect to the coordination of the following ligands to Pt(II) is CO, CN<sup>-</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, PH<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, NH<sub>3</sub>, HO<sup>-</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O (4 marks)

(i) What is reaction mechanism with respect to complexes. State the two extreme cases of reaction mechanism in complexes (3 marks)

(ii) Given two neutral ligands, X and Y, write two equations to show the fast and slow steps involved in solvent interaction of the ligand with water (2 marks)

## QUESTION TWO

- 2.a(i) Highlight the concept the molecular orbital theory uses to explain bonding in complexes with respect to two unique orbitals (4 marks)
- (ii) Based on the molecular orbital theory, What is the dominant bonding in octahedral complexes (2 mark)
- (iii) Explain the expected change in electron environment of a metal ion, when it is surrounded by ligands and when it is alone. Hence relate the consequence of such positioning to explain nephelauxetic effect (9 marks)

## QUESTION THREE

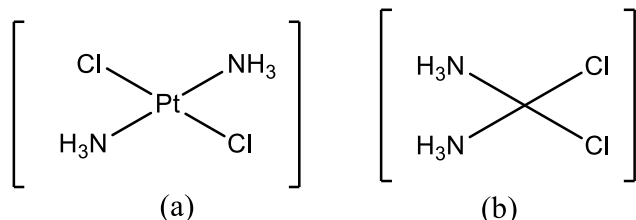
- 3.a(i) What is isomerism in coordination chemistry and what are the two types of isomerism in coordination chemistry? (3 marks)
- (ii) What is the relationship between coordination number and isomerism. Also state one useful application of isomerism (2 marks)
- (iii) State two different coordination numbers that supports isomerism in complexes and another two that do not support isomerism (1 marks)
- b.(i) State the two types of stereo isomers in complexes. State the geometrics in which each of these isomers is favoured (3 marks)
- (ii) State the six classes of structural isomers (6 marks)

## QUESTION FOUR

- 4.a(i) Highlight three factors that can affect crystal field theory (4 marks)
- (ii) Give a reason to explain why the splitting pattern in 5d is the greatest (2 mark)
- (iii) Highlight the merit and limitation of the crystal field theory (6 marks)
- .b. State three factors that affect the shape of coordination compounds (3 marks)

## QUESTION FIVE

- 5.a(i) State the geometric and identify the cis and trans isomers from the following pairs (2 marks)



- (ii) Based on the geometric of the compounds shown in 5a(i) above, differentiate between cis and trans isomers (2 marks)
- (iii) Briefly discuss (in not more than three sentences), how the crystal and the ligand field theory is developed from the crystal field theory (4 marks)
- (iv) Under what condition can the molecular field theory replace the ligand field theory in the explanation of the geometric of a molecule (3 marks)
- (v) Compare the ligand field theory with electrostatic and covalent description of molecule and state the sources of data for the ligand field theory (4 marks)

### QUESTION SIX

- 6.(a) Define the following terms and state how they arise in complexes
- (i) Diamagnetism (4 marks)
  - (ii) Paramagnetism (4 marks)
- b.(i) At 300 K, the observed value of  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  for a complex is 3.9 BM. Calculate the magnetic moment using S and n for a  $d^3$  complex and compared the given value with your result. (7 marks)