

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
B. Sc. & B. Ed. DEGREE/STAND ALONE  
COURSES IN SCIENCE Level 5 – 2013/2014  
ASSIGNMENT TEST I (NBT)  
CMU3122/CME5122 – Organometallic Chemistry



DURATION : 1 hour

DATE: 26 February 2014 (Wednesday)

TIME : 11.00 a. m. – 12.00 noon

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

Select the **most correct answer** to each question given below. Mark a cross (X) over the most suitable answer on the **given answer script**. Any answer with more than one cross will not be counted.

**PART A (45 marks)**

1. Consider the following organic compounds

- (i)  $C_2H_4$                       (ii)  $C_4H_4$                       (iii) benzene

The possible **dihapto** ligand/s is/are

- 1) (i) only.                      2) (i) and (ii) only.                      3) (i) and (iii) only.  
4) (ii) and (iii) only.                      5) (i), (ii) and (iii).

2. The possible **coordination mode(s)** of  $C_3H_5^-$  is/are?

- 1)  $\eta^1$  only.                      2)  $\eta^1$  and  $\eta^2$  only                      3)  $\eta^1$  and  $\eta^3$  only  
4)  $\eta^2$  and  $\eta^4$  only.                      5)  $\eta^1$ ,  $\eta^3$  and  $\eta^5$  only.

3. Which one of the following ligands is **not isoelectronic** with  $CO$ ?

- 1)  $CS$                       2)  $N_2$                       3)  $HC\equiv CH$                       4)  $CN^-$                       5)  $NO^+$

4. The IUPAC name of  $[NiCl(\eta^3-C_3H_5)(CO)_2]$  is

- 1) Chlorodicarbonyl(trihaptocyclopentadienyl)nickel  
2) ( $\eta^1$ -Allyl)dicarbonylchloronickel  
3) Chloro( $\eta^1$ -allyl)dicarbonylnickel(II)  
4) ( $\eta^1$ -Allyl)dicarbonylchloronickelate  
5) Dicarbonylchloro( $\eta^3$ -vinyl)nickel

5. An **LX** type ligand is

- 1)  $\sigma$ -allyl                      2)  $\eta^3-C_3H_5^-$                       3)  $\eta^2-C_4H_4$                       4)  $CH_3Cl$                       5)  $\eta^5-C_5H_5^-$

6. The strongest  $\pi$ -acceptor ligand is

- 1)  $CN^-$                       2)  $PCl_3$                       3)  $PF_3$                       4)  $PPh_3$                       5)  $PMe_3$

7. According to **covalent model**, which one of the following is **not** a 3e-donor ligand?

- 1)  $\eta^1-C_3H_5^-$                       2) carbene                      3)  $\pi$ -allyl                      4)  $\equiv CPh$                       5) linear  $NO$

8. Consider the following statements

(i)  $\text{PMe}_3$  is a better  $\pi$ -acceptor than  $\text{PPh}_3$ .

(ii)  $\text{CO}$  is a better  $\sigma$ -donor than  $\text{CS}$ .

(iii)  $\text{CN}^-$  is a better  $\sigma$ -donor than  $\text{CO}$ .

The correct statement/s is/are

1) (iii) only

2) (i) & (ii) only

3) (i) & (iii) only

4) (ii) & (iii) only

5) (i), (ii) & (iii)

9. The coordination number of Ni in  $[\text{NiCl}(\eta^3\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5)(\text{CO})_2]$  is

1) 2

2) 3

3) 4

4) 5

5) 6

10. Consider the following statement/s regarding oxidative addition.

(i) Coordination number of the metal is increased by two units during oxidative-addition.

(ii) Oxidative-addition is facile if the metal centre is electron rich.

(iii) Coordinatively saturated compounds can undergo oxidative addition.

The correct statement/s is/are,

1) (i) only

2) (i) and (ii) only

3) (ii) and (iii) only

4) (i) and (iii) only

5) (i), (ii) and (iii)

11. What is the Valence Electron Count (VEC) of Ni in  $[\text{NiCl}(\eta^3\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5)(\text{CO})_2]$ ?  
(Group number of Ni is 10)

1) 16

2) 17

3) 18

4) 19

5) 20

12. Which statement is true about  $[\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8]$ ?

1) Co is a Group 8 metal.

2) There is no Co-Co bond in the complex.

3) In the solid state it has eight terminal ligands.

4) There is no bridging carbonyl ligand in solution.

5) Each Co centre does not obey 18e rule.

13. Due to back donation in metal carbonyls,

1) the  $\sigma$ -character of the M-CO bond is increased.

2) M-CO bond order is increased.

3) the bond strength of C=O is increased.

4) the M-CO bond length is increased.

5) None of the above is correct.

14. What is the  $d^n$  for  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ? (Atomic number of Fe is 26)

1)  $d^2$

2)  $d^5$

3)  $d^6$

4)  $d^7$

5)  $d^8$

15. Consider the following statement/s about Fischer-carbenes.

(i) Metal is in a high oxidation state.

(ii) Metal is a late transition metal.

(iii) Carbene carbon is nucleophilic.

The correct statement/s is/are

1) (ii) only

2) (i) and (ii) only

3) (ii) and (iii) only

4) (i) and (iii) only

5) (i), (ii) and (iii)

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MCQ ANSWER SHEET: Mark a cross (X) over the most suitable answer.

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**Part B (55 marks)**

*Answer all the questions in the space provided. Attached sheets will not be graded.*

1. (a) Give the IUPAC name for  $[\text{FeCl}_2(\eta^2\text{-C}_2\text{H}_4)(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)]$ .

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(b) Draw the structure of  $[\text{FeCl}_2(\eta^2\text{-C}_2\text{H}_4)(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)]$ .

(c) Determine the VEC of Fe in  $[\text{FeCl}_2(\eta^2\text{-C}_2\text{H}_4)(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)]$  using covalent model.  
(Indicate your break down; Group number of Fe is 8)

(d) Determine the coordination number of Cr in  $[\text{CrBr}(\eta^3\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5)(\text{CO})_2(\eta^4\text{-C}_4\text{H}_4)]$ .

(e) Draw the structures of geometrical isomers of  $[\text{FeCl}_3(\text{PF}_4)(\text{CO})_2]$ .

(f) Arrange  $\text{NMe}_3$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{N}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the order of increasing  $\sigma$ -donor ability.