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# THEORETICAL EXAMINATION

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#### **General Directions**

- You have 5 hours to fulfill the tasks. Failure to stop after the STOP command may result in zero points for the current task.
- Write down answers and calculations within the designated boxes. Give your work where required.
- Use only the pen and calculator provided.
- If you need draft paper use the back side of the paper. It will not be marked.
- There are **40** pages in the booklet including the answer boxes, Cover Sheet and Periodic Table.
- The official English version is available on demand for clarification only.
- Need to go to the restroom raise your hand. You will be guided there.
- After the STOP signal put your booklet in the envelope (don't seal), leave at your table. Do not leave the room without permission.
- You have additional 15 minutes to read the whole set.
- Formulas necessary for solution of some problems can be found on the next page.



### Physical Constants, Units, Formulas and Equations

Universal gas constant	$R = 8.3145 \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$
Standard pressure	$p^{\circ} = 1$ bar $= 10^5$ Pa $= 750$ mmHg
Atmospheric pressure	$1 \text{ atm} = 1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} = 760 \text{ mmHg}$
Zero of the Celsius scale	273.15 K

Reversible adiabatic process for an ideal gas	$pV^{1+R/C_v} = \text{const}$
Work made on an ideal gas in an adiabatic process	$W = nC_V \left(T_2 - T_1\right)$
Dependence of internal energy on temperature	$U(T_2) = U(T_1) + C_V(T_2 - T_1)$
Relation between molar isobaric and isochoric heat capacities for an ideal gas	$C_p = C_V + R$
Gibbs energy	G = H - TS
Relation between equilibrium constant and standard Gibbs energy	$K = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^{\circ}}{RT}\right)$
Dependence of Gibbs energy of reaction on concentration or pressure	$\Delta G = \Delta G^{\circ} + RT \ln \frac{a_{\text{prod}}}{a_{\text{reag}}},$ a = c / (1  mol/L)  for the substances in solution,  a = p / (1  bar)  for gases
Change of Gibbs energy per unit volume in time for the system with two chemical reactions 1 and 2 with rates $r_1$ and $r_2$	$\frac{\Delta G_{\rm Syst}}{\Delta t} = \Delta G_1 r_1 + \Delta G_2 r_2$



# Problem 1. New and well-forgotten old refrigerants (8 points)

Question	1				2		2	4				Total
Question	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.2	2.3	5	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	Total
Marks	4	2	2	1	1	1	3	10	2	6	1	33

The problem of choosing a refrigerant for refrigeration and air conditioning systems attracted the attention of scientists and technologists throughout the last century. It has been suggested that during this time refrigerants progressed through four generations. Ammonia, which was ascribed to

the first generation, had been used in most of the oldest refrigeration units. It was later replaced by chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) – derivatives of methane and ethane with the hydrogen atoms replaced by fluorine and chlorine.

In Baku, at "Bakkonditsioner" factory, production of the first Soviet serial household air conditioners BK-1500 had been launched. A second-generation refrigerant chlorodifluoromethane CHF<sub>2</sub>Cl was used in them. In this problem, we compare various refrigerants in terms of thermodynamics.



First air conditioner of Baku factory in a souvenir shop in the Old City ("Icheri Sheher")

Refrigerant	"Generation"	$\frac{\Delta H_{\rm vap} /}{\rm kJ \cdot mol^{-1}}$ (at 280 K)	$C_{V(gas)}$ / $J \cdot K^{-1} \cdot mol^{-1}$
NH <sub>3</sub>	1	21.3	26.7
CHF <sub>2</sub> Cl	2	20.0	48.8
CF <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> F	3	22.1	79
CF <sub>3</sub> CF=CH <sub>2</sub>	4	19.1	120

#### Thermodynamic properties of various refrigerants

Consider a model refrigeration cycle consisting of 4 steps schematically shown below in the pressure (p) – internal energy (U) coordinates.

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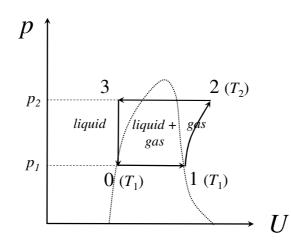


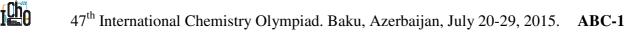
Diagram 1 (dashed line indicates the phase boundaries)

During the first step of the cycle (line 0-1 in diagram 1), a liquid refrigerant is boiling at constant pressure  $p_1$  and temperature  $T_1$  (boiling temperature) until it completely evaporates. At this step, the refrigeration unit absorbs heat from surrounding objects. At the second step, the refrigerant undergoes reversible adiabatic compression and heats up to temperature  $T_2$  (line 1-2). After that the compressed refrigerant is cooled in a condenser at constant pressure  $p_2$  (line 2-3) and then returns to the initial state (line 3-0).

Let the cycle involve 1 mole of refrigerant, which is initially (point 0) completely liquid,  $T_1 = 280$  K,  $T_2 = 380$  K, assume that the vapor of any refrigerant behaves like an ideal gas. The thermodynamic characteristics of refrigerants are listed in the table above.

1.1. For each of refrigerants, ammonia and chlorodifluoromethane, calculate the amount of heat Q absorbed by refrigeration unit during heat exchange (line 0-1) and the work *W* required to compress its vapor adiabatically (line 1-2).

Calculations Ammonia Q = W =Chlorodifluoromethane



<i>Q</i> =	W =	

1.2. Which quantity(ies) remain(s) constant during the adiabatic compression step? Indicate by the circle(s).

U H S G V

To compare the energy efficiency of refrigeration cycles with different parameters and refrigerants, the coefficient of performance (*COP*) is used, which is defined as a ratio of heat removed from a cooled system to the work of compressor: COP = Q/W.

1.3. Calculate the values of *COP* in a considered cycle for ammonia and chlorodifluoromethane.

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Calculations
Ammonia
COP =
Chlorodifluoromethane
COP =
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2.1. Why was ammonia replaced by CFCs in household refrigeration units? (Choose only one option)

- a) to increase the energy efficiency of refrigeration cycles
- b) because the density of ammonia is less than that of air under the same conditions
- c) for user safety reasons

A search for replacement of CFCs as refrigerants started when it was shown that their use can cause irreparable damage to the protective ozone layer of the atmosphere. The third, ozone-friendly generation of refrigerants came on the scene. Its typical representatives are fluoroalkanes.

2.2. What is the cause of the damage made by CFCs to the ozone layer? (Choose only one option)



a) ozone molecule easily adds to C–F bond

b) C-F bond is easily broken by radiation, which leads to the formation of free radicals

c) ozone molecule easily adds to C-Cl bond

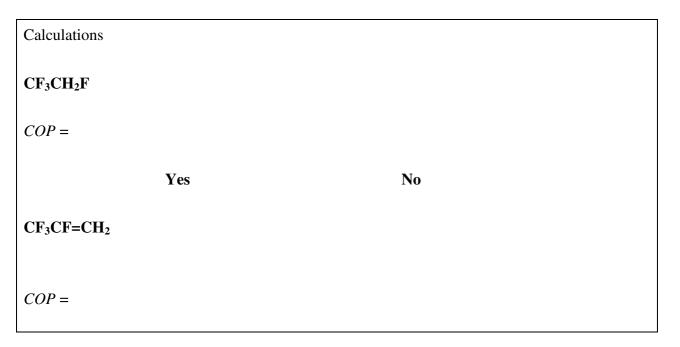
d) C-Cl bond is easily broken by radiation, which leads to the formation of free radicals

However, under the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, fluoroalkanes also had to be replaced because they accumulate in the atmosphere and rapidly absorb infrared radiation, causing a rise in temperature of the atmosphere (the greenhouse effect). The refrigerants of the fourth generation such as 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene CF<sub>3</sub>CF=CH<sub>2</sub> have been suggested and are coming into use.

2.3. Why does this compound enhance the greenhouse effect less than fluoroalkanes? (Choose only one option)

- a) it is more reactive and easier to decompose
- b) it easily reacts with ozone
- c) it is better soluble in water

3. Calculate the values of the *COP* in the refrigeration cycle considered above for two refrigerants of the third and fourth generations –  $CF_3CH_2F$  and  $CF_3CF=CH_2$ . Did the energy efficiency improve in comparison with  $CHF_2Cl$ ? Choose "Yes" or "No".





Yes	No

Unlike household appliances, industrial refrigeration systems are often still using ammonia. It does not contribute to the greenhouse effect nor does it destroy the ozone layer. Industrial units can have a huge size and a large cost. Prior to their construction, they should be carefully modeled taking into account many different factors. In real systems, some part of the refrigerant at the start of the heat exchange with the environment is in the vapor phase (point 0 in the diagram below), and at the end (point 1) it is always overheated above the boiling point.

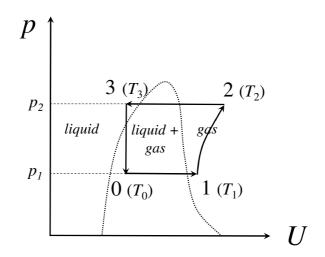


Diagram 2 (dashed line indicates the phase boundaries)

Consider a cycle with 1 mole of ammonia. Its thermodynamic properties are the following: enthalpy of vaporization  $\Delta H_{\text{vap}} = 23.35 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  at  $T_{\text{vap}} = 239.8 \text{ K}$  (boiling temperature at 1 bar pressure). Heat capacity of the liquid phase  $C_{V(\text{liq})} = 77 \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ , of the gas phase  $C_{V(\text{gas})} = 26.7 \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ . Assume that the heat capacities are temperature-independent and the vapor behaves like an ideal gas. The temperature dependence of the saturated vapor pressure of ammonia can be described by the empirical equation:

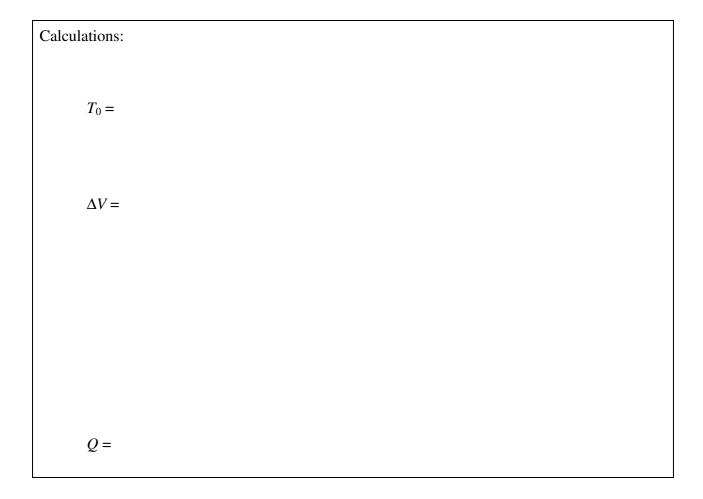
$$\log (p/bar) = 4.87 - 1114 / (T/K - 10.4).$$

During the first step of the cycle (line 0-1 in diagram 2), the equilibrium mixture of liquid refrigerant and its vapor receives heat from the environment at constant pressure  $p_1 = 3.0$  bar. The refrigerant completely evaporates and overheats up to the temperature  $T_1 = 275$  K. In the beginning of the process (point 0), the molar fraction of gaseous ammonia is x = 0.13.



4.1. Calculate the initial temperature of refrigerant  $T_0$ , its volume change  $\Delta V$  and the amount of heat Q absorbed by refrigeration unit during this step. Take into account that the dependence of  $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}$  from the temperature **cannot** be neglected.





Then the refrigerant is reversibly and adiabatically compressed. It heats up to the temperature  $T_2 = 393$  K (line 1-2).

4.2. Find the work *W* required for compression and the *COP* of the system. If you were not able to find *Q* in 4.1, use Q = 20.15 kJ.

Calculations:

W =

COP =

At the next step corresponding to the line 2-3 in diagram, the compressed refrigerant is cooled in a condenser at constant pressure. Then it returns to the initial state through adiabatic expansion with zero work (line 3-0).



4.3. Determine the temperature  $T_3$  at point 3 to which the refrigerant is cooled in a condenser.

Calculations:  $T_3 =$ 

In the production of refrigeration units it is necessary to consider climatic factors. If a condenser is cooled by atmospheric air, the temperature  $T_3$  increases as the air temperature increases.

4.4. How will the *COP* change if  $T_3$  increases while  $T_0$ ,  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  remain the same?

- a) Increase
- b) Remain the same
- c) Decrease



### Problem 2. Coupling of chemical reactions

(7 points)

Question	1			4	2	2	Tatal	
	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.2	3	Total	
Marks	4	6	4	3	6	2	25	



I.Prigogine (left)



N. Shilov



W. Ostwald

When in the system one reaction allows another one to proceed they say that these two reactions are coupled. Ilya Prigogine, Nobel prize winner in chemistry (1977) in his books widely used the concept of "coupled reactions". Coupling of reactions is an essential feature of living systems, including human body.

How one reaction makes another one to occur? In this problem we are going to discuss several possible mechanisms of coupling.

#### (I) "Chemical coupling"

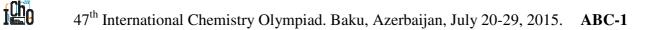
"On Chemical coupling" was the title of the dissertation defended by Russian chemist N.Shilov in 1905. N. Shilov was the graduate student of famous professor W. Ostwald. Dr. Shilov described the following set of reactions.

The substance A does not react with Ac. In the presence of the third reagent (called inductor), In, however, the reaction of A with Ac takes place:

$$A + Ac \xrightarrow{\text{In the absence of In}} \text{ no reaction!}$$
(1)  
$$A + Ac \xrightarrow{\text{In the presence of In}} P_1$$
(2)

*In* is not a catalyst! Its concentration decreases in the course of the reactions.

According to the scheme proposed by Shilov, Ac reacts not with A itself, but with the intermediate product R of the reaction of A with In. There is another, competing reaction of R that forms  $P_2$ .



(a) 
$$\alpha A + \beta In \xrightarrow{k(3a)} R$$
  
(b)  $R \xrightarrow{k(3b)} P_2$  (3)  
(c)  $R + Ac \xrightarrow{k(3c)} P_1$ 

 $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are stoichiometric coefficients. Other stoichiometric coefficients and reaction order with respect to all reactants in all three reactions are unity.

In the Shilov's experiments the ratio of the consumed amounts of Ac and In,  $I = \frac{\Delta n_{Ac}}{\Delta n_{In}}$  increased up to the constant value with the increasing initial concentration  $[Ac]_0$  at  $[In]_0 = \text{const.}$ 

1.1. What was this limiting constant value of *I* at  $[Ac]_0 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $[In]_0 = \text{const}$ ?

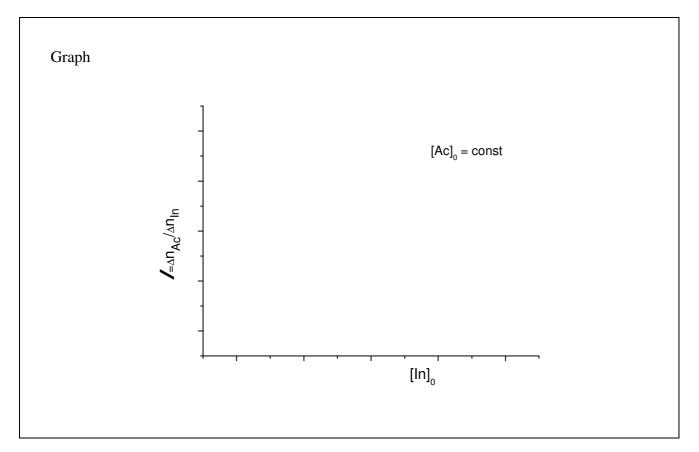
Brief explanation

 $I_{\infty} =$ 

1.2. Derive an expression for *I* using the steady-state approximation if necessary. Plot the graph of I vs  $[In]_0$  at  $[Ac]_0 = \text{const.}$  Assume that In was completely consumed and Ac was in excess.

Calculations





What if Shilov's mechanism is not valid and *In* is a conventional catalyst of the reaction (2)? Simultaneously *In* reacts with *A* and its concentration decreases. The reaction scheme in this case is

(a) 
$$\alpha A + \beta In \longrightarrow P_2$$
  
(b)  $A + Ac \xrightarrow{In, \text{ catalysis}} P_1$ 
(4)

1.3. What is the limiting value of *I* for the reaction scheme (4) at  $[Ac]_0 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $[In]_0 = \text{const}$ ?

Brief explanation  $I_{\infty} =$ 

#### (II) «Kinetic coupling»

The standard Gibbs energy of the gas-phase reaction

$$Br + H_2 \xleftarrow{k_5}{} HBr + H \tag{5}$$

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2.1. What is the ratio of the rates of forward and reverse reactions,  $\frac{r_5}{r_{-5}}$ , at this temperature, standard pressures of H<sub>2</sub> and HBr and equal pressures of H and Br?

 $\frac{r_{5}}{r_{-5}} =$ 

Calculations

If you could not answer this question, for further calculations use the reference value  $r_5/r_{-5} = 3.14 \cdot 10^{-7}$ .

Reaction (5) proceeds in the forward direction due to the reaction (6) which simultaneously occurs in the system:

$$Br + H_2 \xleftarrow{k_5}{k_{-5}} HBr + H$$

$$H + Br_2 \xrightarrow{k_6} HBr + Br$$
(5)
(6)

 $k_5$ ,  $k_{-5}$ ,  $k_6$  are rate constants of forward and reverse reaction (5) and forward reaction (6), respectively.

This is the kinetic coupling of two reactions.

Let pressures of neutral molecules keep standard values  $p(H_2) = p(Br_2) = p(HBr) = 1$  bar, and pressures of radicals p(H), p(Br) reach steady-state values. Rate constant  $k_6$  is 10 times larger than  $k_{-5}$ .



Calculations

2.2. Calculate  $\Delta G(5)$  and  $\frac{r_5}{r_{-5}}$  under such conditions.

 $\Delta G(5) = \frac{r_5}{r_{-5}} = r_{-5}$ 

#### (III) "Second law of thermodynamics restricts coupling"

According to the Second Law of thermodynamics, two simultaneously occurring chemical reactions should decrease the system's Gibbs energy  $G_{\text{syst}}$ ,  $\frac{\Delta G_{\text{syst}}}{\Delta t} < 0$ .

One of these reactions may have positive Gibbs energy and still proceed in the forward direction due to the coupling with the second reaction. This second reaction must have negative Gibbs energy and the requirements of the Second law must be fulfilled! Consider the example.

The synthesis of urea under specific conditions

$$2NH_3 + CO_2 \rightarrow (NH_2)_2CO + H_2O$$

$$\Delta G(7) = 46.0 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$(7)$$

is supposed to be coupled with the complete oxidation of glucose (under the same conditions)

$$1/6 C_6 H_{12}O_6 + O_2 \to CO_2 + H_2O$$
(8)  
$$\Delta G(8) = -481.2 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$



 $r(8) = 6.0 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ M} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}.$ 

Both reactions are presented schematically. No other reactions are considered.

3. What is the maximum rate of the reaction (7) permitted by the Second Law if this reaction is coupled to reaction (8)?

Calculations

 $r_7(\max) =$ 



Problem 3. Two binding centers – co	mpetition or co	operation?
(7 points)		

Question	-	1			Total		
	1.1	1.2	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	Total
Marks	3	2	8	3	6	6	28

Many chemical reactions in living organisms include the formation of "host-guest" complexes where the host molecule reversibly binds one or several guest molecules. Consider a host molecule H with two binding centers – say, a and b which have different affinities for the guest molecules G:

$$H + G \rightleftharpoons HG_a \qquad K_a = \frac{[HG_a]}{[H][G]}$$
$$H + G \rightleftharpoons HG_b \qquad K_b = \frac{[HG_b]}{[H][G]} \qquad K_b \neq K_a$$

where  $HG_a$  and  $HG_b$  denote a complex where guest is bound to *a* center and *b* center, respectively.  $K_a$  and  $K_b$  are the binding constants for the centers *a* and *b*, brackets denote molar concentrations.

Attachment of one *G* molecule to *H* can change the binding ability of the second centre. This change is described by the "interaction factor"  $\beta$  which reflects the influence of one binding center on another and is defined as follows:

$$HG_a + G \rightleftharpoons HG_2 \qquad \qquad \frac{[HG_2]}{[HG_a][G]} = \beta K_b$$

where  $HG_2$  is the completely bound complex.

1.1. Determine the range of values (or one value, if necessary) of  $\beta$  which correspond to three possible ways of interaction between binding centers: a) cooperation (binding by one center facilitates subsequent binding); b) competition (first binding complicates the second); c) independence (no interaction).

Cooperation:

Competition:

Independence:



1.2. Find the equilibrium constant for the process:  $HG_b + G \rightleftharpoons HG_2$  in terms of binding constant(s) and interaction factor.

Calculations:

*K* =

2.1. The solution was prepared with the initial concentrations  $[H]_0 = 1$  M and  $[G]_0 = 2$  M. After the reactions were completed, the concentration of H decreased by 10 times and that of G by 4 times. For these host and guest,  $K_b = 2K_a$ . Determine the concentrations of all other species in the solution and find the binding constant  $K_a$  and the factor  $\beta$ .

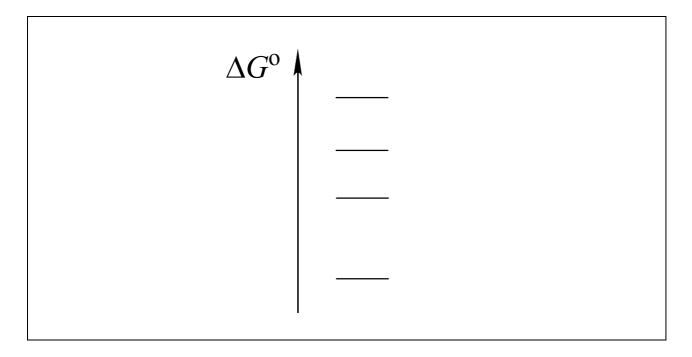
Calculations:

 $[HG_a] = [HG_b] = [HG_2] =$  $K_a =$  $\beta =$ 

If you could not answer this question, for further calculations use reference values  $K_a = 3.14$  and  $\beta = 2.72$ .



2.2. Find the correct order of standard molar Gibbs energies of formation of host H and all hostguest complexes from H and G. In the scheme below, write the corresponding chemical formula near every line.



2.3. Some amount of *G* was added to 1 mole of *H* and the mixture was dissolved in water to obtain 1 liter of the solution. The number of the totally bound molecules  $HG_2$  in the solution is equal to the total number of single-bound molecules HG. Find the initial amount of *G* (in mol). The constants  $K_a$  and  $K_b$  and the factor  $\beta$  are the same as in question 2.1.

Calculations:

 $n_0(G) =$ 



2.4. What would be the equilibrium composition of the solution if: a)  $\beta = 0$ ; b)  $\beta$  is very large ( $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ ). The constants  $K_a$  and  $K_b$  as well as the initial concentrations of H and G are the same as in question 2.1.

 $\beta = 0$ Calculations:  $[H] = [G] = [HG_a] = [HG_b] =$   $[HG_2] =$   $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ Calculations (or arguments):  $[H] = [G] = [HG_a] = [HG_b] =$   $[HG_b] =$ 



# Problem 4. From one yellow powder to another: A simple inorganic riddle (6 points)

Question	1	2	3	4	Total
Marks	8	8	3	5	24

The yellow binary compound  $X_1$  was completely dissolved in concentrated nitric acid by heating, the gas evolved is 1.586 times denser than air. Upon adding an excess of barium chloride to the solution formed a white solid  $X_2$  precipitates. It was filtered. The filtrate reacts with an excess of silver sulfate solution forming a precipitate of two solids  $X_2$  and  $X_3$ , also separated from solution by filtration. To the new filtrate the solution of sodium hydroxide was being added drop-wise until the solution became nearly neutral (about pH 7). At this time a yellow powder  $X_4$  (77.31 wt.% of Ag) crystallized from the solution. The mass of  $X_4$  is nearly 2.4 times larger than that the mass of the first portion of  $X_2$ .

1. Determine the chemical formulae of  $X_1 - X_4$ .

Calculations:				
$\mathbf{X}_1 =$	$\mathbf{X}_2 =$	<b>X</b> <sub>3</sub> =	$X_4 =$	

2. Determine the chemical formula of the gas and provide equations for all reactions in ionic or nonionic form.

Calculation	]
Chemical formula of the gas	
Dissolution of X <sub>1</sub>	
Formation of <b>X</b> <sub>2</sub>	

Formation of  $X_2$  and  $X_3$ 

Addition of NaOH and formation of  $X_4$ 

3. In the structural unit of  $X_1$  all atoms of only one element are in equivalent positions. Draw the structure of  $X_1$ .

4. Predict the products of  $X_1$  interaction with:

a) excess oxygen;

b) excess of hot concentrated sulfuric acid;

c) solid KClO<sub>3</sub> with grinding.

Write down the reaction equations.

a)

b)

c)



Problem 5. Indispensable glucose

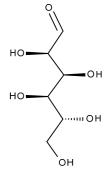
#### (8 points)

Question			-	1					2			Total
Question	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	
Marks	2	3	6	4	6	1	2	2	4	2	2	34

Carbohydrates are the most important providers of energy for living cells. Monosaccharide glucose is a source of energy for the living cell, but for persons who suffer from diabetes glucose may be dangerous. High level of glucose may lead to cardiovascular diseases and even death. That is why people avoid consuming too much carbohydrates and glucose particularly.

#### 1. Determination of reducing sugars in fruit juice

One of the technique for determination of reducing sugars in different samples includes the use of Fehling's reagent. A 10.00-mL aliquot of fruit juice (assuming the initial sample contained only glucose and fructose) was transferred into a titration flask and Fehling's reagent was added. This reagent was prepared by mixing 50.00 mL of 0.04000 M copper sulfate (solution A) and potassium-sodium tartrate and sodium hydroxide (solution B). Solution C thus obtained, was then heated and red precipitate was formed.



Glucose

1.1. Write the balanced ionic equation of chemical reaction occurring upon heating of the solution C. Use  $Cu^{2+}$  for initial copper solution.

After that 10 mL of 10% solution of potassium iodide and 1 M sulfuric acid were added to the flask. The mixture was covered with watch glass and was then placed in a dark place. An excess of iodine



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was then titrated with 0.05078 M sodium thiosulphate solution. 11.87 mL of the titrant was required to reach the endpoint.

1.2. Write the balanced equation(s) in molecular or ionic form for all the reactions taking place in the flask.

1.3. Consider all fructose was transformed into glucose under the experimental conditions; calculate the total mass content of sugars (in g/L) in a fruit juice. Mw = 180.16 g/mol.

mass content =

A new 10.00-mL aliquot of the same juice was treated with a 10.00-mL portion of acidified potassium iodate(V) solution (0.01502 M) and 10 mL of 10 % solution of potassium iodide. After the mixture turned brown, an excess of sodium hydroxide solution was added. The flask was then covered with a watch glass and put into a dark place. The obtained solution was acidified and titrated with 0.01089 M solution of sodium thiosulphate. The average titrant volume used for titration was 23.43 mL. Note that fructose is not converted into glucose under these conditions.

1.4. Write all the balanced equations for the described reactions in molecular or ionic form.



1.5. Calculate the mass content of each sugar (in g/L) in the juice.

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mass content of glucose = mass content of fructose =
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1.6. One bread exchange unit (1 BEU) corresponds to the content of 12 g of digestible carbohydrates in product. How many BEU are in one glass (200 mL) of juice?



#### 2. Diagnosis of diseases

The derivative of glucose, 2-deoxy-2-(<sup>18</sup>F)fluoro-D-glucose (FDG), is the most common radiopharmaceuticals for diagnosis of cancer using positron emission tomography. The first step of FDG preparation is to produce a radionuclide fluoro-18 by nuclear reaction in a cyclotron. The next step is the radiochemical synthesis. Fluorine-18 is introduced into D-glucose molecule by nucleophilic substitution. 2-deoxy-2-(<sup>18</sup>F)fluoro-D-glucose once injected into the patient actively accumulates in cells of malignant tumors; this process is accompanied by decomposition of fluorine-18. This radionuclide is a  $\beta^+$  emitter – nucleus emits a positron (anti-electron). Positron interacts with an electron and after that annihilation occurs, which can be detected. This allows determining precisely the tumor sizes and type.

2.1. Complete the nuclear reactions leading to various fluorine isotopes.

- a)  ${}^{18}\text{O} + \frac{1}{1}\text{H} \rightarrow ... + {}^{18}\text{F}$
- b)  $\dots + {}^{2}_{1}D \rightarrow {}^{18}F + \alpha$
- c)  ${}^{19}F + {}^{2}_{1}D \rightarrow {}^{20}F + \dots$
- d)  ${}^{16}\text{O} + \dots \rightarrow {}^{18}\text{F} + \frac{1}{1}H + n$

2.2. The decay mode of unstable light nuclei depends on the ratio between the number of neutrons and protons in them. If this ratio is greater than that for a stable isotope then the nucleus decays in a  $\beta^-$ -mode, if it is smaller – in a  $\beta^+$ -mode.

Determine the type of decay for the nuclei in the table:

Nucleus	<sup>11</sup> C	$^{20}$ F	$^{17}$ F	<sup>14</sup> C
Decay mode				

When nuclear reaction (a) is used for fluorine-18 preparation, the target material is presented as water enriched with  $H_2^{18}O$ . The presence of usual water  $H_2^{16}O$  leads to a side nuclear reaction with <sup>16</sup>O, leading to the formation of isotope <sup>17</sup>F.

2.3. It is known that within five minutes after completion of irradiation of the target the ratio of radioactivities of  ${}^{18}$ F and  ${}^{17}$ F is 10<sup>5</sup>. Assuming that irradiation time is short and the radioactivity of each isotope is proportional to the nuclear reaction yield and the mole fraction of a component in



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the irradiated target, <u>calculate</u> the mass fraction of H<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>O in the target.  $t_{1/2}(^{18}F) = 109.7$  minutes,  $t_{1/2}(^{17}F) = 65$  seconds. The ratio between nuclear reactions yields is  $\eta_{18_0-18_F}/\eta_{16_0-17_F} = 144.7$ .

2.4. Calculate the yield of labeling D-glucose with fluorine-18, if initial radioactivity of a fluorine-18 sample was 600.0 MBq and radioactivity of the obtained 2-deoxy-2-(<sup>18</sup>F)fluoro-D-glucose is 528.2 MBq. Synthesis time is 3.5 minutes.

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2.5. Biological half-life (through the excretory organs) of 2-deoxy-2-(<sup>18</sup>F)fluoro-D-glucose is 120.0 minutes. How much radioactivity (in MBq) will remain in the patient ten hours after injection of FDG with the initial radioactivity of 450.0 MBq.

#### Problem 6. Bread is the stuff of life (8 points)

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When you pass by the bakery, you are stopped	A CO
by the smell of freshly baked bread. The hero of one	
of the novels said on a similar occasion: "If you tell	
me that this is not perfect, you are my enemy forever."	
The principle bread flavour component was identified	
in 1969 as compound ${\bf X}$ which occurs in equilibrium	
with its tautomer $\mathbf{Y}$ in a 2:1 ratio. Unfortunately, both	
forms are labile and after some hours bread has no the	same ni

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forms are labile, and after some hours bread has no the same nice smell.

This tautomeric mixture of X and Y was synthesized in 1993 from piperidine by the reaction sequence given in Scheme 1. It is noteworthy that the initial ratio of X and Y was 1:4; on standing this ratio gradually changed to an equilibrium one. Scheme 1.

Compound B which is characterized by 3-fold axis of symmetry (i.e., rotation by 120° results in a molecule indistinguishable from the original) occurs in equilibrium with its diastereomer C. The interconversion of these two forms proceeds via intermediate A which is also intermediate in B and C formation as well as their transformation to D. Compounds A, B, and C have the same elemental composition:  $\omega_{\rm C} = 72.24\%$ ,  $\omega_{\rm H} = 10.91\%$ ,  $\omega_{\rm N} = 16.85\%$ .

1. Write down the structural formulae of compounds A-E, X, Y.

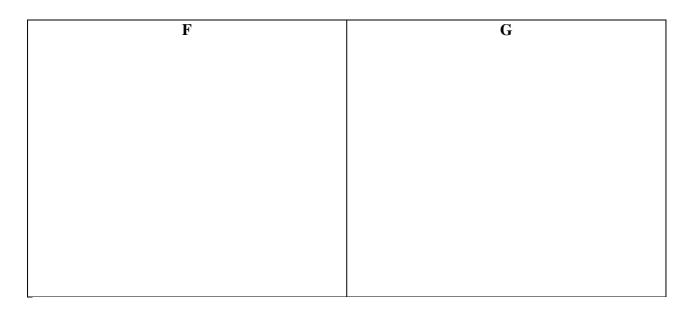
Α	В	С



D	Ε	X
D	E	Λ
Y		

Treatment of compound **E** with  $CH_3Li$ ·LiBr complex in  $(C_2H_5)_2O$  at 0 °C failed to produce the target products **X** and **Y**. Instead, a yellow precipitate **F** was initially formed. Aqueous workup of this precipitate led to the mixture of compound **E** and its tautomer **G**.

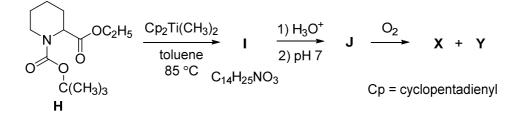
2. Write down the structural formulae of compounds  ${\bf F}$  and  ${\bf G}.$ 



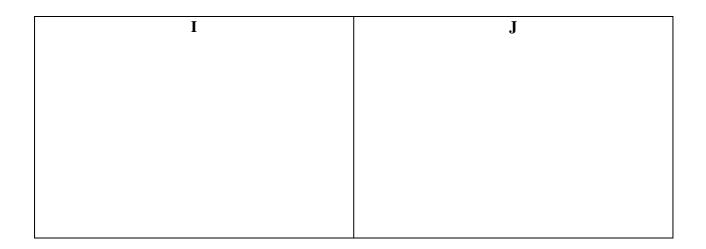
Another approach to compound **X** is based on the use of pipecolinic acid derivative **H**. It was shown that **X** can be synthesized by reaction sequence presented in Scheme 2.



Scheme 2.



3. Write down the structural formulae of compounds I and J.



Problem 7. Not by bread alone (8 points)

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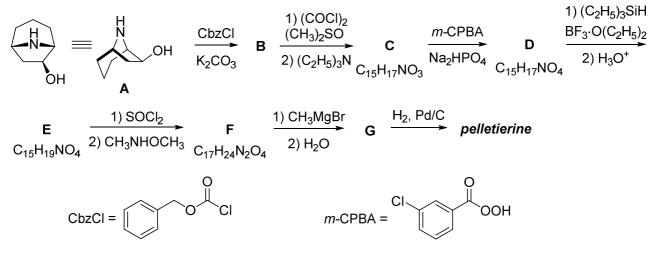
Pomegranate is called in Azerbaijan, which is famous for its vegetables, as the "king of all fruits". Pomegranate is honored in various religions as a "fruit of Paradise", symbol of righteousness, wealth, hope for eternal life.

In 1878 alkaloid *pelletierine* was isolated from the bark of pomegranate tree (*Punica granatum* L., *Lythraceae*). This alkaloid is traditionally used as an antihelminthic drug. Initially  $X_W$  (3-(piperidin-2-yl)propanal) was incorrectly proposed for pelletierine. But now it is accepted that natural pelletierine is (*S*)-1-(piperidin-2yl)propan-2-one ( $X_S$ ).

1. Write down the structural formulae of  $X_W$  and  $X_S$  (the latter – with the stereochemical information).

X <sub>W</sub>	X <sub>S</sub>
(3-(piperidin-2-yl)propanal)	(S)-1-(piperidin-2-yl)propan-2-one

The synthesis of natural pelletierine  $(X_S)$  based on the transformation of nortropanol A was recently described.

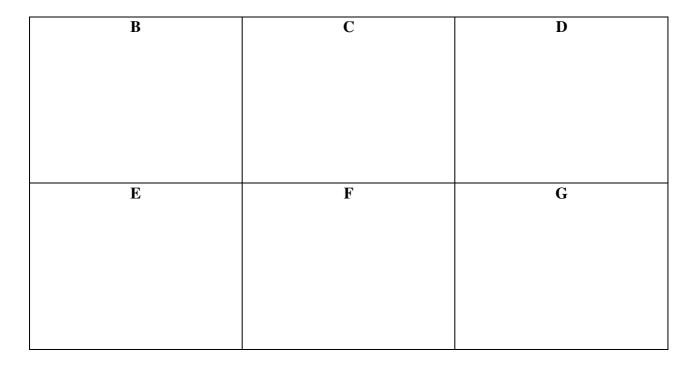






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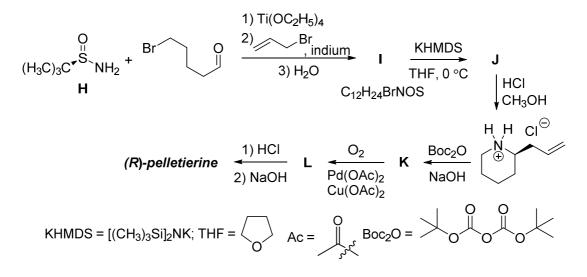
2. Write down the structural formulae of compounds **B-G** with the stereochemical information.



3. Nortropanol **A** was used in this reaction as a single stereoisomer. How many stereoisomers can exist for compound **A** (including **A**)? Ignore nitrogen chirality.

The number of possible stereoisomers of A

Enantiomer of  $X_S$  was synthesized using chiral *tert*-butanesulfinamide (H):



4. Write down the structural formulae of compounds I-L with the stereochemical information.



Ι	J
K	L



## Problem 8. Oil for Life and Life after Oil (8 points)

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Azerbaijan is known for its vast oil and gas fields. The first drilling for oil was done in Bibi-Heybat in 1846, 13 years before establishment of the first commercial oil well in Pennsylvania (USA). This remarkable date in the history of Azerbaijan is regarded as a starting point of contemporary oil industry, the leading sector of today's world economy. Currently, on-land and



shelf sea oil production is being developed in Azerbaijan. Though serious precautions are taken, there is always a risk of hydrocarbon pollution of the environment during production, transportation, and processing of oil. In this task we will consider diverse technologies of oil spills clean up and specific features of metabolic pathways involved.

Application of complex solvents (dispersants) leading to capture of marine oil spills is among most promising clean up approaches. Organic substance **X** (11.94% of H by mass) is a typical component of such dispersants. Safety of **X** to human is fiercely debated. **X1** (54.53% of carbon by mass) composed of three elements and excreted with urine is the major metabolite of **X** in humans. The numbers of atoms of different elements in **X1** are three consecutive terms of a geometric progression (n, nq,  $nq^2$ ), whereas the sum of these numbers does not exceed 25.

1a. Decide on the relationship (tick the correct variant) between the numbers of carbon and oxygen atoms in X1.

$n(\mathbf{C}) > n(\mathbf{O})$	$n(\mathbf{C}) < n(\mathbf{O})$	$n(\mathbf{C}) = n(\mathbf{O})$	Data insufficient

1b. Derive the empirical formula of X1 (hereafter always show your work where required). Be sure you prove the answer by <u>calculations</u>.



Your work

Empirical formula of **X1**:

The biotransformation of **X** into **X1** occurs in two enzymatically catalyzed steps according to the hereunder reaction balanced equations  $(NAD^+ \text{ and } NADH$  are the oxidized and reduced forms of nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide, respectively):

$$\mathbf{X} + \mathrm{NAD}^{+} \to \mathbf{X0} + \mathrm{NADH} + \mathrm{H}^{+}$$
(1)

$$\mathbf{X0} + \mathrm{NAD}^{+} + \mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O} \rightarrow \mathbf{X1} + \mathrm{NADH} + \mathrm{H}^{+}$$
(2)

**1c.** Derive the molecular formula of **X**.

Your work

Molecular formula of **X**:



A minor metabolic transformation of **X** is catalyzed by cytochrome P450-dependent monooxygenase. This reaction leads to two compounds **X2** (51.56% of oxygen and 9.74% of hydrogen by mass) and **X3**.

1d.	Derive the molecular formula of <b>X2</b> and draw its structure.
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Your work

Molecular formula of X2:

Structure of X2:

X contains only primary and secondary carbon atoms. X0 and X3 contain common functional group.

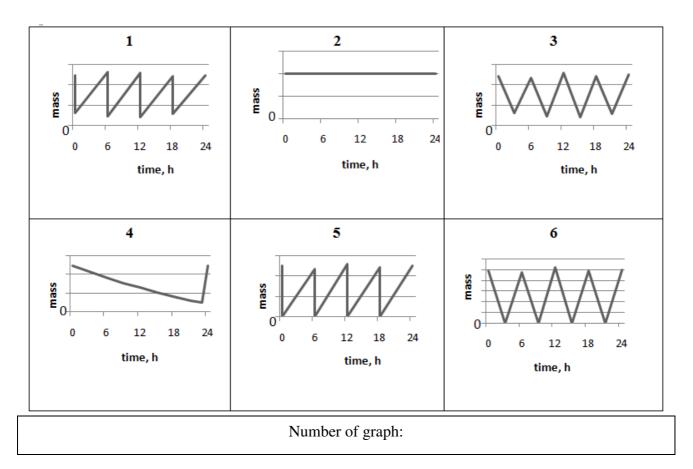
#### **1e.** Draw the structural formulae of **X**, **X1**, and **X3**.

X	X1	Х3

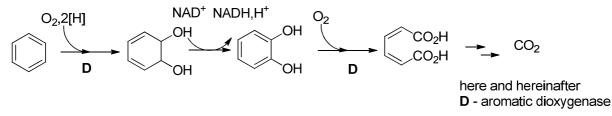
In a medical study, personnel permanently exposed to X-based solvents without proper protection was found to have a stationary concentration of X in blood.

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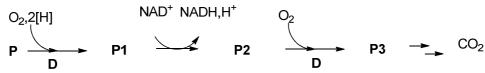
2. X1 is excreted with urine. Choose the graph of X1 daily <u>mass content</u> in the body of a volunteer participated in this experiment. Write down the number of the correct graph.



The use of different bacteria is also considered as a promising way for the removal of hydrocarbon (even aromatic) contaminants from sea water and soil. Under aerobic conditions, benzene undergoes biodegradation as follows (first three steps are balanced):



Under the same conditions, a monocyclic aromatic hydrocarbon **P** (91.25% of carbon by mass) undergoes the following transformation (first three steps are balanced):



**P3** gives a positive iodoform test. A 100 mg sample of **P3** requires 6.41 mL of 0.100 M KOH solution for complete neutralization.

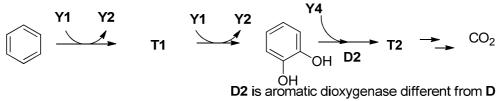


3. Derive the structures of **P–P3**. Give the most stable tautomer of **P3**.

Your work	es of <b>P-P3</b> . Give the mos	t stable tautomer of <b>1</b> 5.	
Р	P1	P2	Р3
	11	12	15

Microorganisms Alicycliphilus are capable of biodegradation of aromatic hydrocarbons even in soil.

The process requires a suitable electron acceptor such as inorganic anion Y1 (first three steps are balanced).



The intermediate anion **Y2** is enzymatically decomposed according to the balanced reaction equation:

$$\mathbf{Y2}(\mathbf{aq}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Y3}(\mathbf{aq}) + \mathbf{Y4}(\mathbf{g}),$$

wherein each of Y3 and Y4 is composed of atoms of only one element. T2 does not contain two identical oxygen-containing functional groups. T2 gives a precipitate when treated with the ammonia solution of  $Ag_2O$ , whereas Y3 does not.



4. Deduce and give formulas of **Y1-Y4**. Draw the structures of **T1-T2**. Give the most stable tautomer of **T2**.

Y1	Y2	¥3
Y4	T1	T2

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### The Periodic Table of the Elements

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