



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
B.Sc. & B. Ed. DEGREE / STAND ALONG COURSE IN SCIENCE - LEVEL 5  
ASSIGNMENT TEST II (NBT) 2013/2014  
CMU3122/CME5122 – Organometallic Chemistry

07<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Monday)

10.30 – 11.30 a.m.

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

Select the most correct answer/choice 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. Pick the **incorrect** statement regarding an **oxidative addition** reaction.

- 1) Oxidative addition of chlorine is *cis*.
- 2) Oxidative addition is facile if the metal centre is coordinatively unsaturated.
- 3) Coordinatively saturated metal centres can undergo oxidative addition reaction.
- 4) Oxidation number of the metal is increased by 1 or 2 unit(s).
- 5) Coordination number of the metal is always increased by 2 units.

2. Consider the following statements regarding **reductive elimination**.

- (i) Coordination number of the metal is reduced by two units.
- (ii) Oxidation number of the metal is reduced by one unit.
- (iii) Coordinatively unsaturated compounds prefer to undergo reductive elimination.

The **correct** statement/s is/ are

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

3. Most **likely** reaction that would take place is

- 1)  $[(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)\text{Rh}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)]^+ + \text{Ph}^- \rightarrow [(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)\text{Rh}(\eta^4\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5\text{Ph})]$
- 2)  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}_2] + \text{AlMe}_3 \rightarrow [(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiMe}_2] + \text{AlCl}_2\text{Me}$
- 3)  $[\text{MnCF}_3(\text{CO})_5] + \text{CO} \rightarrow [\text{Mn}(\text{COCF}_3)(\text{CO})_5]$
- 4)  $\text{Ni} + 4 \text{NH}_3 \rightarrow [\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_4]$
- 5)  $[\text{MeMn}(\text{CO})_5] + \text{CO} \rightarrow [\text{Mn}(\text{COMe})(\text{CO})_5]$

4. Which one is an example of a **1,1-insertion** reaction?

- 1)  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5] + \text{CF}_2=\text{CF}_2 \rightarrow [(\text{OC})_4\text{Fe}(\text{CF}_2=\text{CF}_2)] + \text{CO}$
- 2)  $[(\eta^1\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5)\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5] + \text{heat} \rightarrow [(\eta^3\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5)\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4] + \text{CO}$
- 3)  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5] + 2 \text{CF}_2=\text{CF}_2 \rightarrow [(\text{OC})_4\text{Fe}(\text{C}_4\text{F}_8)] + \text{CO}$
- 4)  $[(\eta^3\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5)\text{PtMe}(\text{CO})] + \text{CO} \rightarrow [(\eta^3\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5)\text{Pt}(\text{CO})(\text{COMe})]$
- 5)  $[\text{MeMn}(\text{CO})_5] + \text{CF}_2=\text{CF}_2 \rightarrow [\text{Mn}(\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{Me})(\text{CO})_5]$

5. Which statement is **not true** about  $[\text{IrCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ ?

- 1) The IUPAC name of it is chlorotris(triphenylphosphine)iridium.
- 2) It forms two geometrical isomers.
- 3) It is a  $d^8$  complex.
- 4)  $\text{PPh}_3$  is a poor  $\pi$ -acceptor than CO.
- 5) It reacts with  $\text{H}_2$  to give  $[\text{IrClH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ .

6. Consider the following complexes.  
 (i)  $[\text{EtRh}(\text{CO})_3]$       (ii)  $[\text{MeOC}(\text{CO})_3]$       (iii) *trans*- $[\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$   
 $\beta$ -Agostic (beta agostic) interaction could be seen in  
 1) (i) only.      2) (i) & (ii) only.      3) (i) & (iii) only.  
 4) (ii) & (iii) only.      5) (i), (ii) & (iii).
7. What is the **most stable product** formed, when  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6]$  is reacted with KOH?  
 1)  $\text{K}[\text{Mo}(\text{OH})(\text{CO})_5]$       2)  $[\text{Mo}(\text{OH})_2(\text{CO})_4]$       3)  $\text{K}[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_5(\text{CHO})]$   
 4)  $\text{K}[\text{MoH}(\text{CO})_5]$       5)  $\text{K}[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_5]$
8. Pick the **incorrect** statement regarding metal hydrides.  
 1)  $\nu(\text{M}-\text{D}) = \nu(\text{M}-\text{H}) \times \sqrt{2}$ .  
 2) Dihydrogen can act as a  $\eta^2$ -ligand.  
 3) Oxidative addition of coordinated  $\text{H}_2$  depends on the strength of the back donation.  
 4)  $\text{K}_2[\text{ReH}_9]$  is a fluxional molecule.  
 5) Metal hydrides show a weak IR band around  $2200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .
9. Consider the following statements on catalysis.  
 (i) An active catalyst increases the rate of a reaction.  
 (ii) A catalyst does not alter the activation energy of a reaction.  
 (iii) A catalyst involved in a reaction is regenerated at the end of each catalytic cycle.  
*The correct statement/s is/are*  
 1) (iii) only.      2) (i) & (iii) only.      3) (i) & (ii) only.  
 4) (ii) & (iii) only.      5) (i), (ii) & (iii).
10. Consider the following statements about  $[\text{RhH}(\text{CO})_3]$ . (Group number of Rh is 9)  
 (i) It shows only one carbonyl band in its IR spectrum.  
 (ii) It is a square planar complex.  
 (iii) It reacts with ethene to give  $[\text{Rh}(\text{Et})(\text{CO})_3]$ .  
*The correct statement/s is/are*  
 1) (ii) only.      2) (i) & (iii) only.      3) (i) & (ii) only.  
 4) (ii) & (iii) only.      5) (i), (ii) & (iii).
11. The **most stable product** formed when  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6]$  is reacted with cyclobutadiene ( $\text{C}_4\text{H}_4$ ) is  
 1)  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4(\eta^4-\text{C}_4\text{H}_4)]$       2)  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4(\eta^2-\text{C}_4\text{H}_4)]$   
 3)  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4(\eta^2-\text{C}_4\text{H}_4)_2]$       4)  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3(\eta^4-\text{C}_4\text{H}_4)]$   
 5)  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3(\eta^2-\text{C}_4\text{H}_4)]$
12. What is the **product** formed, when  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6]$  is reacted with LiMe?  
 1)  $\text{Li}[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4]$       2)  $[\text{MoMe}(\text{CO})_5]$       3)  $\text{Li}[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_5(\text{COMe})]$   
 4)  $[\text{MoMe}_2(\text{CO})_4]$       5)  $[\text{MoMe}(\text{CO})_4(\text{COMe})]$
13. The **most unlikely species** formed due to the decomposition of  $\text{PbEt}_4$ ?  
 1)  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$       2)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_3$       3)  $\text{PbH}_2\text{Et}_2$   
 4)  $\text{PbEt}_2$       5)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$
14. What is the **most likely** carbonyl stretching frequency in the IR spectrum of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4]$ ?  
 1) 2200      2) 2050      3) 1850      4) 1750      5) 1650
15. The VEC of each Ru centre in the symmetrical binuclear complex  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4]$  is 18. Which one of the following statements is **true** about the above complex?  
 (Group number of Ru is 8)  
 1) Hapticity of each Cp ligand is 6.  
 2) Each metal centre has only one bridging carbonyl ligand.  
 3) Each metal centre has only one terminal carbonyl ligand.  
 4) It does not have a Ru–Ru bond.  
 5) Each metal centre is coordinatively unsaturated.

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 ASSIGNMENT TEST-II (Part A)

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

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**Part B (55 marks)**

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

1. (a) (i) What **structural** change or changes would you expect for **reductive elimination** reaction of a **octahedral** metal centre?

(ii) Give an **example** for the above reaction.

(b) (i) One mole of  $[\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8]$  reacts with one mole of  $\text{H}_2$  to give two mole of (A).  
Write the chemical formula of (A).

(A) .....

(ii) (A) undergoes migratory insertion with  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$  to give the square planar complex (B).  
Write the chemical formula of (B).

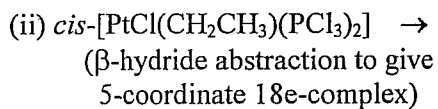
(B) .....

(c) How would you account for the variation in  $\nu(\text{CO})$  of the following compounds?

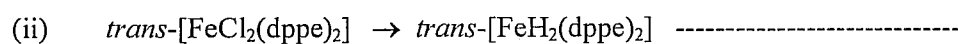
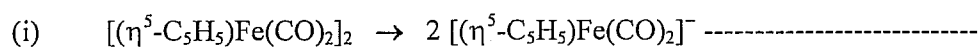
Compound	$\nu(\text{CO})$ in $\text{cm}^{-1}$
Free-CO	2143
<i>fac</i> - $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PCl}_3)_3]$ (P)	2040, 1991
<i>fac</i> - $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PEt}_3)_3]$ (Q)	1937, 1841

(d) **Predict** the product(s) of the following reactions using **the hint given in the brackets**.

(i) *trans*- $[\text{IrCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2] + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow$   
(oxidative addition)



(e) Write on the dotted line, the **compound/reagent(s)** which can be used to carry out the following conversions.

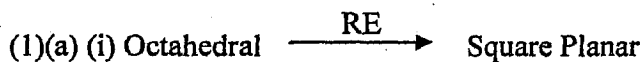


(f) **Orthocyclometallation** reaction of  $[\text{IrCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$  gives **octahedral** iridium hydride (**R**).  
Draw the **structure** of (**R**).

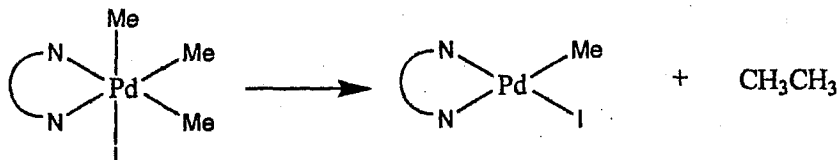
**Part A – MCQ ANSWERS**

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| 6. (2)  | 7. (4)  | 8. (1)  | 9. (2)  | 10. (4) |
| 11. (1) | 12. (3) | 13. (3) | 14. (2) | 15. (3) |

**Part B**



(ii)



- (b) (i) (A) =  $[\text{HCo}(\text{CO})_4]$   
(ii) (B) =  $[\text{EtCo}(\text{CO})_3]$

(c)  $\nu(\text{CO}) \propto$  the strength of the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{O}$  bond

Bond order of free CO is 3, it shows the highest value

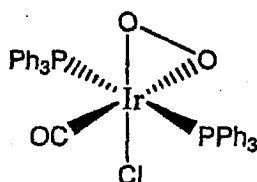
In metal complexes,  $\nu(\text{CO})$  decreases as back bonding increases

$\sigma$ -donor ability of  $\text{PEt}_3 > \text{PCl}_3$  thus Mo centre in (Q) is more basic than that of (P)

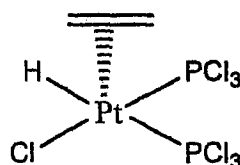
Back donation is more in (Q) hence it shows the lowest value

*fac*-geometry is expected to give two IR bands

(d) (i)



(ii)



- (e) (i) Na or K  
(ii)  $\text{NaBH}_4$

(f)

