

## Theory-Marking Scheme



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# M1-1

English (Official)

### [Marking Scheme] Rapid and Visual Nucleic Acid Testing for COVID-19

1.1 (1.0 pt)

(d)

1.2 (1.0 pt)

(a)

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### 1.3 (4.0 pt)

The volume of a gold nanoparticle:

1 point

$$V_{NP} = \frac{4}{3}\pi \left(\frac{D}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{4}{3} \times 3.14 \times \left(\frac{30.0 \times 10^{-7}}{2}\right)^3 = 1.41 \times 10^{-17} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ or } 1.41 \times 10^{-23} \text{ m}^3$$

The mass of a gold nanoparticle:

1 point

$$m_{NP} = \rho V_{NP} = 19.3 \times 1.41 \times 10^{-17} = 2.72 \times 10^{-16} \text{ g}$$

The number of gold atoms in each particle:

2 point

$$N = \frac{m_{NP}}{AW_{Au}} \cdot N_A = \frac{2.72 \times 10^{-16}}{197.0} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} = 8.31 \times 10^5$$

OR

4 points

$$N = \frac{V_{NP}}{V_{\text{atom}}} = \frac{\pi \rho N_A D^3}{6M} = \frac{3.14 \times 19.3 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} \times (30.0 \times 10^{-7})^3}{6 \times 197.0} = 8.34 \times 10^5$$

OR

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1 point

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The mass of each gold atom:

1 point

$$m = \frac{AW_{Au}}{N_A} = \frac{197.0}{6.022 \times 10^{23}} = 3.271 \times 10^{-22} \text{ g}$$

The volume of each gold atom:

1 point

$$V_{\text{atom}} = \frac{m}{\rho} = \frac{3.271 \times 10^{-22}}{19.3} = 1.69 \times 10^{-23} \text{ cm}^3$$

The number of gold atoms in each particle:

1 point

$$N = \frac{V_{NP}}{V_{\text{atom}}} = \frac{1.41 \times 10^{-17}}{1.69 \times 10^{-23}} = 8.34 \times 10^5$$

4 points in total

−1 point for calculating error.

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### 1.4 (4.0 pt)

The total number of gold atoms:

1 points

$$N_{\text{Total}} = \frac{5.2 \times 10^{-3}}{394} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} = 7.9 \times 10^{18}$$

The concentration of gold nanoparticles:

2 points

$$C = \frac{N_{\text{Total}}}{NVN_A} = \frac{7.9 \times 10^{18}}{8.34 \times 10^5 \times 100 \times 10^{-3} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}} = 1.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

The extinction coefficient:

1 points

$$\varepsilon = \frac{A}{lC} = \frac{0.800}{1 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-10}} = 5.0 \times 10^9 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

4 points in total

−1 point for each calculating error.

### 1.5 (4.0 pt)

$$A_1 = \varepsilon l C_1 = \varepsilon l \frac{0.10 C_x}{1.0} = 0.400 \quad \text{1 point}$$

$$A_2 = \varepsilon l C_2 = \varepsilon l \frac{0.10 C_x + 2.0 \times 0.10}{1.0} = 0.900 \quad \text{1 point}$$

$$\text{OR} \quad \frac{0.400}{0.900} = \frac{\frac{0.10 C_x}{1.0}}{\frac{0.10 C_x + 2.0 \times 0.10}{1.0}} \quad \text{2 points}$$

$$C_x = 1.6 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1} \quad \text{2 points}$$

4 points in total

−1 point for calculating error.



## [Marking Scheme] Chromium in Ancient and Modern Times

2.1 (2.0 pt)

**A: 8 B: 16**

2 points in total, each correct assignment 1 point

2.2 (1.0 pt)

Fe (or iron)

2.3 (6.0 pt)

Fe<sup>3+</sup> : 7, Cr<sup>3+</sup> : 9**Solution 1:**Assume there are  $x$  Fe ions (including Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup>) and  $y$  Cr<sup>3+</sup> ions in a cubic cell, then

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{63.6 \times (52.00 \times 2 + 16.00 \times 3)}{36.4 \times (55.85 \times 2 + 16.00 \times 3)}$$

which gives the result:  $\frac{x}{y} = 1.66$ 

Considering that the total amount of the cations in each crystal cell is 24, it can be obtained

$$(1 + 1.66)y = 24$$

which gives the result:  $y \approx 9$ Thus, the amount of Fe<sup>3+</sup> occupying the octahedral vacancies is

$$16 - 9 = 7$$

**Solution 2:**Assume there are  $x$  Fe ions (including Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup>) in the final compound, then, the number of Cr<sup>3+</sup> should be  $3-x$  because the summary of A+B should be 3 in AB<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, and the formula of the compound should be Fe <sub>$x$</sub> Cr <sub>$3-x$</sub> O<sub>4</sub>, then

$$\frac{x}{3-x} = \frac{63.6 \times (52.00 \times 2 + 16.00 \times 3)}{36.4 \times (55.85 \times 2 + 16.00 \times 3)} = \frac{5}{3}$$

which gives the result:  $x = 1.875$ Accordingly, Fe<sup>2+</sup> in the tetrahedral vacancies is 1, and the number of Fe<sup>3+</sup> in the octahedral vacancies is

$$x - 1 = 1.875 - 1 = 0.875$$

and the number of Cr<sup>3+</sup> occupying the octahedral is

$$3 - x = 3 - 1.875 = 1.125$$

In one unit cell, there are 8 Fe<sup>2+</sup>, thus the numbers of Fe<sup>3+</sup> and Cr<sup>3+</sup> are

$$\frac{8}{1} \times 0.875 = 7 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{8}{1} \times 1.125 = 9$$

respectively.

6 points in total

2 points for the correct molar ratio of Fe/Cr

1 point for the correct result of the amount of Cr<sup>3+</sup>

1 point for the correct result of the total amount of Fe

1 point for the correct result of the amount of Fe<sup>3+</sup>1 point for the correct result of the number of Fe<sup>3+</sup> and Cr<sup>3+</sup> in the **B** sites of one unit cell

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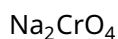


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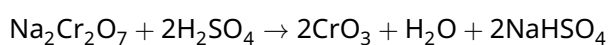
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2.4 (1.0 pt)



2.5 (2.0 pt)



Ionic form is acceptable.

–1 point if the stoichiometry is incorrect.

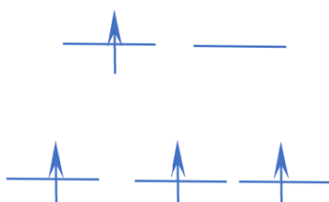
2.6 (1.0 pt)

(A)

2.7 (1.0 pt)

(B)

2.8 (5.0 pt)



$$\text{CFSE} = 0 - E_{\text{octa}} = 0 - [(-2/5\Delta_o) \times 3 + 3/5\Delta_o] = 3/5\Delta_o = 9600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

5 points in total

1 point for the correct energy level of the five 3d orbitals in octahedral crystal field.

1 point for the correct electron configuration on the energy level lines.

1 point for the correct equation of CFSE.

1 point for the result of CFSE with  $\Delta_o$ .

1 point for the result of CFSE with  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

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**2.9** (2.0 pt)

$$\mu = \sqrt{4(4 + 2)} \mu_B = 4.9 \mu_B$$

**2 points**



## [Marking Scheme] Capture and Transformation of Carbon Dioxide

**3.1** (2.0 pt)

**A:**  $\text{CaCO}_3$       **B:**  $\text{CaO}$

2 points in total; 1 point for each

**3.2** (5.0 pt)

**step 1:** (2a)  $2\text{NaOH} + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

or  $2\text{OH}^- + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

(2b)  $\text{NaOH} + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{NaHCO}_3$

or  $\text{OH}^- + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{HCO}_3^-$

or  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{NaHCO}_3$

or  $\text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{HCO}_3^-$

**step 2:** (2c)  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 \rightarrow \text{CaCO}_3 + 2\text{NaOH}$

(2d)  $\text{NaHCO}_3 + \text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 \rightarrow \text{CaCO}_3 + \text{NaOH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

**step 3:** (2e)  $\text{CaCO}_3 \rightarrow \text{CaO} + \text{CO}_2$

5 points in total; 1 point for each equation (2a) ~ (2e)

**3.3** (2.0 pt)

**A:**  $\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$

**C:**  $2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + 2\text{OH}^-$

2 points in total; 1 point for each equation

**3.4** (3.0 pt)

**1**  $\text{H}^+ + \text{CO}_3^{2-} \rightarrow \text{HCO}_3^-$

**2**  $\text{H}^+ + \text{HCO}_3^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$

**3**  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2$

3 points in total; 1 point for each equation.

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# M3-2

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**3.5 (2.0 pt)**

(a)       (b)       (c)       (d)       (e)

2 points in total; 1 point for each correct selection.

If wrong item(s) is/are included, -1 point for each till the total point is zero, no negative score.

**3.6 (8.0 pt)**

Rate of  $\text{H}^+$  production:

$$r(\text{H}^+) = 60 \text{ s min}^{-1} \times 2.00 \text{ A} / (96485 \text{ C mol}^{-1}) \quad \text{2 points}$$

$$= 1.24 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol min}^{-1} = 1.24 \text{ mmol min}^{-1} \quad \text{1 point}$$

Input rate of  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  to zone B:

$$r(\text{HCO}_3^-) = 0.10 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \times 10.0 \text{ mL min}^{-1} = 1.0 \text{ mmol min}^{-1}$$

Input rate of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  to zone B:

$$r(\text{CO}_3^{2-}) = 0.050 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \times 10.0 \text{ mL min}^{-1} = 0.50 \text{ mmol min}^{-1} \quad \text{1 point}$$



The amount of dissolved  $\text{CO}_2$  in the flow:

$$10.0 \text{ mL min}^{-1} \times 0.033 \text{ mol L}^{-1} = 0.33 \text{ mmol min}^{-1} \quad \text{1 point}$$

Rate of  $\text{CO}_2$  production:

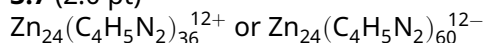
$$r(\text{CO}_2) = r(\text{H}^+) - r(\text{CO}_3^{2-}) - 0.33 \text{ mmol min}^{-1} \quad \text{2 points}$$

$$= 1.24 \text{ mmol min}^{-1} - 0.50 \text{ mmol min}^{-1} - 0.33 \text{ mmol min}^{-1} = 0.41 \text{ mmol min}^{-1} \quad \text{1 point}$$

8 points in total

Some of the steps in the derivation and in the calculation may be taken implicitly or simultaneously. As long as they are correct, full marks will be scored for each of the partial steps.

**3.7 (2.0 pt)**



2 points in total

Expression  $\text{Zn}_{24}(\text{mIm})_{36}^{12+}$  or  $\text{Zn}_{24}(\text{mIm})_{60}^{12-}$  is acceptable.



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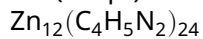


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**3.8 (2.0 pt)**



2 points in total

Expression  $\text{Zn}_{12}(\text{mIm})_{24}$  or  $\text{Zn}_{12}\text{C}_{96}\text{H}_{120}\text{N}_{48}$  is acceptable.

**3.9 (5.0 pt)**

$$M_{\text{Zn}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{N}_2)_2} = [65.38 + (12.01 \times 4 + 1.01 \times 5 + 14.02 \times 2) \times 2] \text{ g mol}^{-1} = 227.6 \text{ g mol}^{-1} \quad \text{1 point}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \frac{2 \times 4\pi r^2 \times N_A \times 1 \text{ g}}{12 \times M_{\text{Zn}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{N}_2)_2}} \\ &= \frac{2 \times 4 \times 3.14 \times \left(\frac{1.16 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}}{2}\right)^2 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1} \times 1 \text{ g}}{12 \times [65.38 + (12.01 \times 4 + 1.01 \times 5 + 14.01 \times 2) \times 2] \text{ g mol}^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{50.8 \times 10^5}{12 \times 227.6} \text{ m}^2 = 1.86 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

4 points: 2 point for the correct formula (1 point for the coefficient 2), 1 for properly introducing data, 1 for correct calculation result.

5 points in total.

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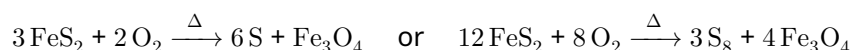


# M4-1

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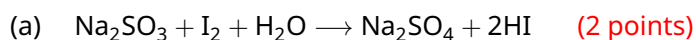
### [Marking Scheme] A New Journey for Ancient Sulfur

**4.1** (2.0 pt)

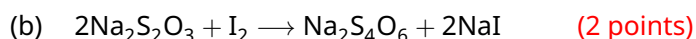
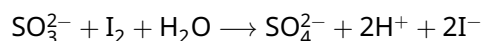


No penalty will be given if the heating symbol on the reaction arrow is missing.  
–1 point if the stoichiometry is incorrect.

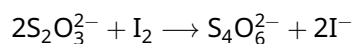
**4.2** (4.0 pt)



or



or



No partial point will be given if NaOH is present for (a).  
No partial point will be given if the oxidation product is not  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_4\text{O}_6$  or  $\text{S}_4\text{O}_6^{2-}$  for (b).  
–1 point if the stoichiometry is incorrect for each equation.

**4.3** (4.0 pt)

$$0.05122 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \times 50.00 \text{ mL} = 2.561 \text{ mmol} \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 0.1012 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \times 18.47 \text{ mL} = 0.9346 \text{ mmol} \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$(2.561 \text{ mmol} - 0.9346 \text{ mmol}) \times 10^{-3} \times 20 \times 32.06 \text{ g mol}^{-1} = 1.043 \text{ g} \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$\frac{1.043 \text{ g}}{(1.043 \text{ g} + 17.6 \text{ g})} \times 100\% = 5.59\% \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

**4 points in total**

For each calculation, consider whether the logic for solving this question is correctly established;  
If not, no points will be given.

–1 point if the answer is not correct due to miscalculation.

If the calculation is based on the incorrect equation answered in 4.2 (b), no penalty will be given when the calculation is correct.

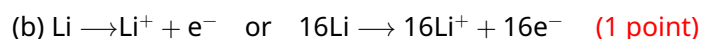
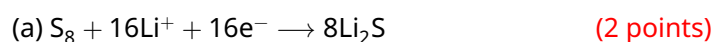
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**4.4** (3.0 pt)



3 points in total

No partial point will be given if the cathode and anode reactions are reversed.

−1 point if the stoichiometry is incorrect for (a).

No penalty will be given if the equation is written as  $S + 2e^- \rightarrow S^{2-}$  for (a).

No penalty will be given if the equation is written as  $S + 2Li^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow Li_2S$  for (a).

No penalty will be given if  $e^-$  is written as e.

**4.5** (1.0 pt)

$$\frac{8 \times 32.06}{16 \times 6.941} = 2.3$$

1 point in total

0.5 point will be given if the ratio is presented in reverse order.

No penalty will be given if the ratio is in reverse order but the cathode and the anode are correctly identified.

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# M4-3

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### 4.6 (5.0 pt)

The total energy of the LIB is  $3.8\text{ V} \times 3.110\text{ A h} \times 3600\text{ s/h} = 4.25 \times 10^4\text{ J}$  (1 point)

Energy consumed by the mobile phone per hour is  $\frac{4.25 \times 10^4\text{ J}}{22\text{ h}} = 1.93 \times 10^3\text{ J h}^{-1}$  (1 point)

The capacity of the ideal lithium-sulfur battery pack is

$\frac{23\text{ g} \times 16 \times 96485\text{ C mol}^{-1}}{8 \times 32.06\text{ g mol}^{-1}} = \frac{23\text{ g} \times 2 \times 96485\text{ C mol}^{-1}}{32.06\text{ g mol}^{-1}} = 1.4 \times 10^5\text{ C}$  (1 point)

The total energy of the ideal lithium-sulfur battery pack is

$4.2\text{ V} \times 1.4 \times 10^5\text{ C} = 5.9 \times 10^5\text{ J}$  (1 point)

After a full charge, the new battery pack can provide energy for the phone to play videos

continuously for:  $\frac{5.9 \times 10^5\text{ J}}{1.93 \times 10^3\text{ J h}^{-1}} = 306\text{ h}$  (1 point)

5 points in total

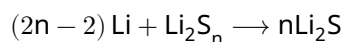
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–1 point if the answer is not correct due to miscalculation.

–1 point if any other unit than asked unit is used in the answer.

No penalty will be given if the result is 301 h without rounded calculations.

### 4.7 (2.0 pt)



–1 point if the stoichiometry is incorrect.

No penalty will be given if n is written as 3-8 and the stoichiometry is correct.

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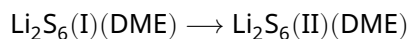


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# M4-4

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**4.8** (4.0 pt)



$$\Delta G_{\text{I} \rightarrow \text{II}}^{\ominus} = \Delta G_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus}(\text{I}) - \Delta G_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus}(\text{II}) = 20.68 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} - 18.92 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} = 1.76 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

or

$$\Delta G_{\text{I} \rightarrow \text{II}}^{\ominus} = \Delta G_{\text{dr}}^{\ominus}(\text{I}) - \Delta G_{\text{dr}}^{\ominus}(\text{II}) = 45.13 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} - 43.37 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} = 1.76 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$\Delta G_{\text{I} \rightarrow \text{II}}^{\ominus} = -RT \ln K_{\text{I} \rightarrow \text{II}}^{\ominus} \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$K_{\text{I} \rightarrow \text{II}}^{\ominus} = \exp\left(-\frac{1.76 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \times 1000}{8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \times 298.15 \text{ K}}\right) = 0.492 \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$K_{\text{I} \rightarrow \text{II}}^{\ominus} = \frac{[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{II})]/c^{\ominus}}{[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{I})]/c^{\ominus}} = \frac{[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{II})]}{[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{I})]} = 0.492 \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

**4 points in total**

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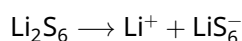
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# M4-5

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4.9 (5.0 pt)

$$\frac{[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{II})]}{[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{I})]} = 0.492, [\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{II})] = 0.492[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{I})]$$



$$K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus} = \frac{[\text{Li}^+][\text{LiS}_6^-]}{[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6]} = \frac{[\text{Li}^+][\text{LiS}_6^-]}{[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{I})] + [\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{II})]} \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

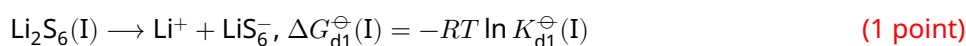
$$K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus} = \frac{[\text{Li}^+][\text{LiS}_6^-]}{1.492[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{I})]} = \frac{K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus}(\text{I})}{1.492} \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

or

$$K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus} = \frac{[\text{Li}^+][\text{LiS}_6^-]}{3.03[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{II})]} = \frac{K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus}(\text{II})}{3.03}$$

or

$$K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus} = \frac{[\text{Li}^+][\text{LiS}_6^-]}{[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{I})] + [\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{II})]} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus}(\text{I})} + \frac{1}{K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus}(\text{II})}}$$



$$K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus}(\text{I}) = \exp\left(-\frac{20.68 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \times 1000}{8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \times 298.15 \text{ K}}\right) = 2.37 \times 10^{-4} \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

or



$$K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus}(\text{II}) = \exp\left(-\frac{18.92 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \times 1000}{8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \times 298.15 \text{ K}}\right) = 4.84 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus} = \frac{2.37 \times 10^{-4}}{1.492} = 1.59 \times 10^{-4} \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

or

$$K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus} = \frac{4.84 \times 10^{-4}}{3.03} = 1.59 \times 10^{-4}$$

or

$$K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus}(\text{I})} + \frac{1}{K_{\text{d1}}^{\ominus}(\text{II})}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2.37 \times 10^{-4}} + \frac{1}{4.84 \times 10^{-4}}} = 1.59 \times 10^{-4}$$

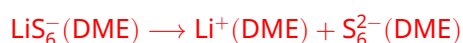
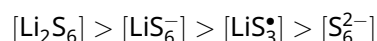
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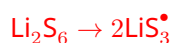
-1 point if the answer is not correct due to miscalculation.



## 4.10 (4.0 pt)



$$\Delta G_{\text{d2}}^\ominus = -RT \ln K_{\text{d2}}^\ominus, K_{\text{d2}}^\ominus = \exp\left(-\frac{100.55 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \times 1000}{8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \times 298.15 \text{ K}}\right) = 2.418 \times 10^{-18}$$



$$K_{\text{dr}}^\ominus = \frac{[\text{LiS}_3^\bullet]^2}{[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6]} = \frac{[\text{LiS}_3^\bullet]^2}{[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{I})] + \text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{II})} = \frac{[\text{LiS}_3^\bullet]^2}{1.492 [\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6(\text{I})]} = \frac{K_{\text{dr}}^\ominus(\text{I})}{1.492}$$



$$K_{\text{dr}}^\ominus(\text{I}) = \exp\left(-\frac{45.13 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \times 1000}{8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \times 298.15 \text{ K}}\right) = 1.24 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$K_{\text{dr}}^\ominus = \frac{1.24 \times 10^{-8}}{1.492} = 8.31 \times 10^{-9}$$

4 points in total

+1 point if  $[\text{Li}_2\text{S}_6]$  is in the first blank, but (2),(3),(4) and  $[\text{LiS}_6^-]$ ,  $[\text{LiS}_3^\bullet]$ ,  $[\text{S}_6^{2-}]$  are not in one-to-one correspondence.

(2), (3), (4) and  $[\text{LiS}_6^-]$ ,  $[\text{LiS}_3^\bullet]$ ,  $[\text{S}_6^{2-}]$  must be in one-to-one correspondence, e.g. -2 points if  $[\text{LiS}_3^\bullet] > [\text{LiS}_6^-] > [\text{S}_6^{2-}]$ .



# Theory-Marking Scheme

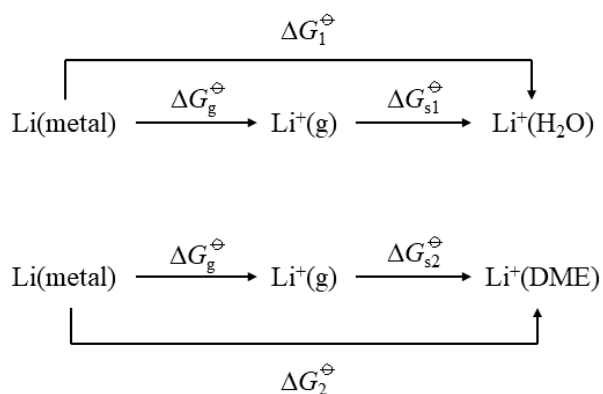


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# M4-7

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## 4.11 (6.0 pt)



$$\Delta G_1^\ominus = \Delta G_g^\ominus + \Delta G_{s1}^\ominus \quad (1) \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$\Delta G_2^\ominus = \Delta G_g^\ominus + \Delta G_{s2}^\ominus \quad (2) \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$(2) - (1): \Delta G_2^\ominus - \Delta G_1^\ominus = \Delta G_{s2}^\ominus - \Delta G_{s1}^\ominus \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$\text{Li(metal)} \rightarrow \text{Li}^+(\text{H}_2\text{O}) + \text{e}^-, \Delta G_1^\ominus = nFE^\ominus(\text{Li}^+(\text{H}_2\text{O})/\text{Li}) \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$\text{Li(metal)} \rightarrow \text{Li}^+(\text{DME}) + \text{e}^-, \Delta G_2^\ominus = nFE^\ominus(\text{Li}^+(\text{DME})/\text{Li}) \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$nFE^\ominus(\text{Li}^+(\text{DME})/\text{Li}) = nFE^\ominus(\text{Li}^+(\text{H}_2\text{O})/\text{Li}) - \Delta G_{s1}^\ominus + \Delta G_{s2}^\ominus$$

$$E^\ominus(\text{Li}^+(\text{DME})/\text{Li}) = -3.040 - \frac{[(-116.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}) - (-114.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1})] \times 1000}{96485 \text{ C mol}^{-1}} = -3.016 \text{ V} \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

6 points in total

For each calculation, consider whether the logic for solving this question is correctly established.

If not, no points will be given.

-1 point if the answer is not correct due to miscalculation.



## 4.12 (5.0 pt)

Assume  $[S_4^{2-}] = c_1$ , the original concentration of  $Li_2S$  is  $c_0$   
According to the charge balance:

$$2c_0 = 1 \times [S_3^{\bullet-}] + 2 \times [S_4^{2-}] + 2 \times [S_5^{2-}] + 2 \times [S_6^{2-}] + 2 \times [S_7^{2-}] + 2 \times [S_8^{2-}] \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$2c_0 = 17.50c_1 + 1.00 \times 2c_1 + 4.50 \times 2c_1 + 55.00 \times 2c_1 + 5.00 \times 2c_1 + 0.75 \times 2c_1 = 150c_1$$

$$c_0 = 75c_1 \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

According to the material balance:

$$c_0 + \frac{4.81 \text{ mg}}{32.07 \text{ g mol}^{-1} \times 10.00 \text{ mL}} = 17.50 \times 3c_1 + 1.00 \times 4c_1 + 4.50 \times 5c_1 + 55.00 \times 6c_1 + 5.00 \times 7c_1 + 0.75 \times 8c_1 \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$75c_1 + 0.0150 \text{ mmol mL}^{-1} = 450c_1 \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$c_1 = 4.00 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mmol mL}^{-1}$$

$$m(Li_2S) = 75 \times 4.00 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mmol mL}^{-1} \times 10.00 \text{ mL} \times 45.96 \text{ g mol}^{-1} = 1.38 \text{ mg} \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

5 points in total

For each calculation, consider whether the logic for solving this question is correctly established.  
If not, no points will be given.

−1 point if the answer is not correct due to miscalculation.



## [Marking Scheme] Interconversion among Nitrogen Oxides

15% of the total											
Question	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.10	Total
Points	4	4	2	4	3	8	4	6	4	6	45
Score											

**5.1 (4.0 pt)**

Using the definition of  $K_{c1} = \frac{[\text{N}_2\text{O}_2]}{[\text{NO}]^2}$ ,  $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_2] = K_{c1} [\text{NO}]^2$  is obtained.

Thus,  $r_+ = k_2 [\text{N}_2\text{O}_2] [\text{O}_2] = k_2 K_{c1} [\text{NO}]^2 [\text{O}_2]$

4 points in total

1 point for the correct expression of  $K_{c1}$

1 point for the expression of  $r_+$  with  $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_2]$  and  $[\text{O}_2]$

1 point for the correct  $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_2]$

1 point for the correct  $r_+$

**5.2 (4.0 pt)**

Combining  $K_{c1} = \exp(M - N/T)$ ,  $k_2 = A_2 \exp\left(-\frac{E_{a,2}}{RT}\right)$  and  $k_+ = k_2 K_{c1}$ ,

$$k_+ = k_2 K_{c1} = A_2 \exp\left(-\frac{E_{a,2}}{RT}\right) \exp\left(M - \frac{NR}{RT}\right) = A_2 \exp(M) \exp\left(-\frac{E_{a,2} + NR}{RT}\right).$$

Comparing this equation with Arrhenius equation,

$A_+ = A_2 \exp(M)$  and  $E_{a+} = E_{a,2} + NR$  are obtained.

4 points in total

1 point for the correct expression of  $k_2$

1 point for the correct expression of  $k_+$  with  $E_{a,2}$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $M$  and  $N$

1 point for the correct expression of  $A_+$

1 point for the correct expression of  $E_{a+}$

**5.3 (2.0 pt)**

Calculation:

According to Arrhenius equation,  $\ln \frac{k_+(T_2)}{k_+(T_1)} = \frac{E_{a+}}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right)$  is obtained.

Thus,  $k_+(700 \text{ K}) = 6.86 \times 10^5 \text{ L}^2 \text{ mol}^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}$

2 points in total

If  $k_+(700 \text{ K})$  is incorrect due to miscalculation, 1 point will be deducted.

**5.4 (4.0 pt)**

Calculation:

Because  $\Delta_r H_m^\ominus$  and  $\Delta_r S_m^\ominus$  do not change with temperature,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_r H_m^\ominus (600\text{K}) &= \Delta_r H_m^\ominus (298\text{K}) \\ &= 2\Delta_f H_m^\ominus (\text{NO}_2, 298\text{K}) - \Delta_f H_m^\ominus (\text{NO}, 298\text{K}) - \Delta_r H_m^\ominus (\text{O}_2, 298\text{K}) \\ &= -116.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_r S_m^\ominus (600\text{K}) &= \Delta_r S_m^\ominus (298\text{K}) \\ &= 2S_m^\ominus (\text{NO}_2, 298\text{K}) - 2S_m^\ominus (\text{NO}, 298\text{K}) - S_m^\ominus (\text{O}_2, 298\text{K}) \end{aligned}$$

$$-146.6 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

For a thermostatic process,  $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$ , thus  $\Delta_r G_m^\ominus (600 \text{ K}) = -28.44 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ Using the equation of  $K_p^\ominus = \exp(-\Delta_r G_m^\ominus / RT)$ ,  $K_p^\ominus (600 \text{ K}) = 299.2$  is obtained.**4 points in total**1 point for the correct value of  $\Delta_r H_m^\ominus (600 \text{ K})$ 1 point for the correct value of  $\Delta_r S_m^\ominus (600 \text{ K})$ 1 point for the correct value of  $\Delta_r G_m^\ominus (600 \text{ K})$  or the correct relationship among  $\Delta_r H_m^\ominus (600 \text{ K})$ ,  $\Delta_r S_m^\ominus (600 \text{ K})$  and  $K_p^\ominus (600 \text{ K})$ 1 point for the correct value of  $K_p^\ominus (600 \text{ K})$ 

If any miscalculation exists, 1 point will be deducted.

**5.5 (3.0 pt)**

Calculation:

Using the equation of  $\Delta_r U_m^\ominus = \Delta_r H_m^\ominus - \sum \nu RT$  and  $\sum \nu$  value of  $-1$  ( $\nu_{\text{NO}_2} - \nu_{\text{NO}} - \nu_{\text{O}_2} = 2 - 2 - 1 = -1$ ),

$$\Delta_r U_m^\ominus (600 \text{ K}) = -111.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \text{ is obtained.}$$

**3 points in total**1 point for the correct relationship between  $\Delta_r U_m^\ominus$  and  $\Delta_r H_m^\ominus$ 1 point for the correct value of  $\sum \nu$ 1 point for the correct value of  $\Delta_r U_m^\ominus (600 \text{ K})$ If  $\Delta_r U_m^\ominus (600 \text{ K})$  is incorrect due to miscalculation, 0.5 points will be deducted

**5.6 (6.0 pt)**

Calculation:

When chemical equilibrium is reached,  $K_c = \frac{[\text{NO}_2]_{\text{eq}}^2}{[\text{NO}]_{\text{eq}}^2 [\text{O}_2]_{\text{eq}}}$  and  $r_{-\text{eq}} = r_{+\text{eq}}$ .

Thus,  $r_{-\text{eq}} = r_{+\text{eq}} = k_+ [\text{NO}]_{\text{eq}}^2 [\text{O}_2]_{\text{eq}} = k_+ \frac{[\text{NO}_2]_{\text{eq}}^2}{K_c} = k_- [\text{NO}_2]_{\text{eq}}^2$

Therefore,  $r_- = k_- [\text{NO}_2]_{\text{eq}}^2$

Using the equation of  $K_c = K_p^\ominus \left(\frac{RT}{p^\ominus}\right)^{-\sum_B \nu_B}$  and  $K_p^\ominus$  (600 K) value of 299.2,  $K_c = 1.49 \times 10^4 \text{ L mol}^{-1}$  is obtained.

According to  $k_- = k_+/K_c$ , the value of  $k_-$  is calculated to be  $44.4 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}$ . If the  $K_p^\ominus$  (600 K) value is used as 350.0, the result should be 38.0.

**8 points in total**1 point for the consideration of  $r_{-\text{eq}} = r_{+\text{eq}}$ 2 points for the correct expression of  $r_-$ 1 point for the correct relationship among  $k_+$ ,  $K$  and  $k_-$ 4 points for the correct value of  $k_-$ If  $K_p^\ominus$  instead of  $K_c$  is used, 2 points will be deductedIf  $k_-$  is incorrect due to miscalculation, 1 point will be deducted**5.7 (4.0 pt)**

Calculation:

According to the stoichiometry of the reaction and setting  $p_{\text{NO}_2} = 0.8p_0$ ,  $p_{\text{NO}} = 0.2p_0$  and  $p_{\text{O}_2} = 0.1p_0$  are obtained.

$$K_p^\ominus = \frac{(p_{\text{NO}_2}/p^\ominus)^2}{(p_{\text{NO}}/p^\ominus)^2 (p_{\text{O}_2}/p^\ominus)} = \frac{(0.8p_0/p^\ominus)^2}{(0.2p_0/p^\ominus)^2 (0.1p_0/p^\ominus)} = \frac{160p^\ominus}{p_0}$$

Therefore,  $p_0 = 53.5 \text{ kPa}$ .  $p_{\text{total}} = p_{\text{NO}_2} + p_{\text{NO}} + p_{\text{O}_2} = 1.1p_0 = 58.8 \text{ kPa}$

If the  $K_p^\ominus$  (600 K) value is used as 350.0, the result of 50.3 kPa is obtained.

**4 points in total**1 point for the expression of  $K_p^\ominus$ . If  $p^\ominus$  is omitted, no penalty.1 point for the correct ratio among  $p_{\text{NO}_2}$ ,  $p_{\text{NO}}$  and  $p_{\text{O}_2}$ 2 points for the correct value of  $p_{\text{total}}$ If  $p_{\text{total}}$  is incorrect due to miscalculation, 1 point will be deducted

**5.8 (6.0 pt)**

The given mechanism involves a pre-equilibrium:

$$r_{S+1} = r_{S-1}, k_{S+1} [\text{O}_2] \theta_v^2 = k_{S-1} \theta_{\text{O}}^2, \theta_{\text{O}}/\theta_v = (k_{S+1} [\text{O}_2]/k_{S-1})^{0.5}$$

$$r_{S+2} = r_{S-2}, k_{S+2} [\text{NO}] \theta_v = k_{S-2} \theta_{\text{NO}}, \theta_{\text{NO}}/\theta_v = k_{S+2} [\text{NO}]/k_{S-2}$$

$$r_{S+4} = r_{S-4}, k_{S+4} \theta_{\text{NO}_2} = k_{S-4} [\text{NO}_2] \theta_v, \theta_{\text{NO}_2}/\theta_v = k_{S-4} [\text{NO}_2]/k_{S+4}$$

Because  $\theta_v + \theta_{\text{NO}} + \theta_{\text{NO}_2} + \theta_{\text{O}} = 1$ , using the ratios among these coverages,

$$\theta_v = \frac{1}{1 + (k_{S+1} [\text{O}_2]/k_{S-1})^{0.5} + k_{S+2} [\text{NO}]/k_{S-2} + k_{S-4} [\text{NO}_2]/k_{S+4}} \text{ is obtained.}$$

6 points in total

1 point for the correct expression of  $\theta_{\text{O}}/\theta_v$

1 point for the correct expression of  $\theta_{\text{NO}}/\theta_v$

1 point for the correct expression of  $\theta_{\text{NO}_2}/\theta_v$

1 point for the utilization of the normalized condition

2 points for the correct expression of  $\theta_v$

If no derivation is provided, 6 points for the correct expression of  $\theta_v$

One of the numerator and the four parts of the denominator of this expression is wrong, 4 points;  
two of them are wrong, 2 points; three or more are wrong, 0 point.

**5.9 (4.0 pt)**

(B)

4 points for choosing (B)

2 points for choosing (A)

0 points for other choices

**5.10 (6.0 pt)**

(B)

6 points for choosing (B)

0 points for other choices



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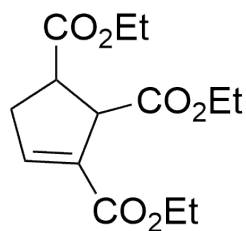


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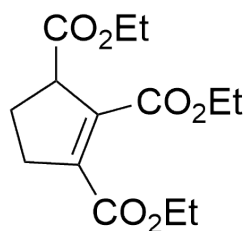
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6.4 (5.0 pt)

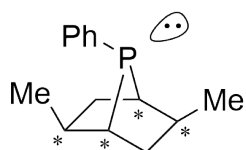


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5 points in total.  
2 points if the isomerized structure is given:



6.5 (6.0 pt)



P2

6 points in total.  
6 points for 4 correct asterisks, 1.5 points for each;  
−1.5 points for every wrong asterisk till 0 points.

6.6 (3.0 pt)

90:10

3 points in total;  
3 points for the correct answer: 90/10 or 9/1 or 9



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**6.7** (5.0 pt)

(d)

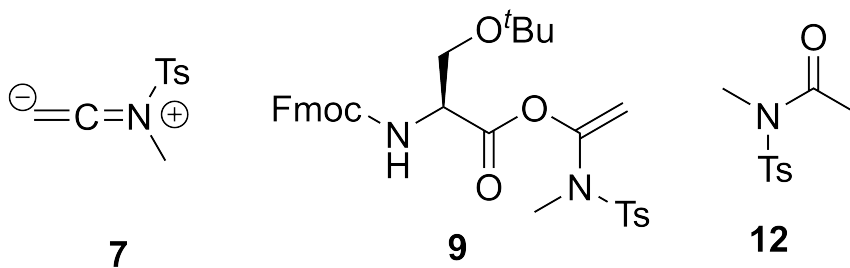
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5 points for choosing (d)



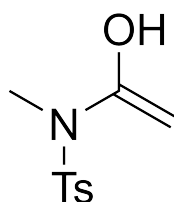
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7.1 (12.0 pt)



12 points in total.

4 points for each;

2 points for the enantiomer of **9**, or the structure missing the chirality is given;2 points if the enol form of **12** is given:

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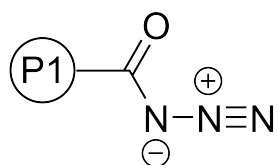


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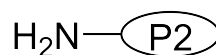
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7.2 (8.0 pt)



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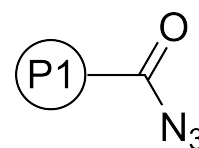
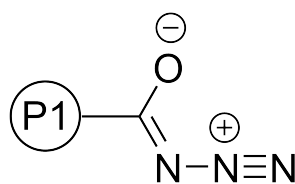
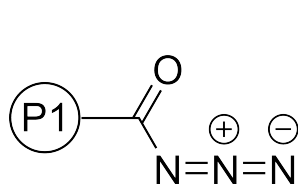


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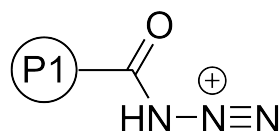
8 points in total.

4 points for each;

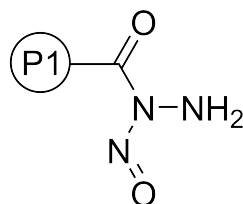
4 points for the resonance structures of **15** or if azide is written as  $N_3$ :



2 points for its protonated form:



1 point if the nitrosation on the nitrogen linked to carbonyl is given:



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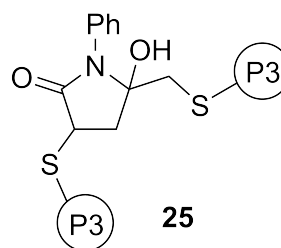
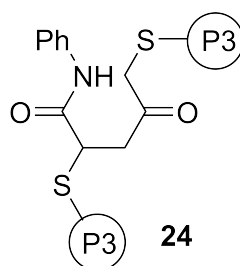
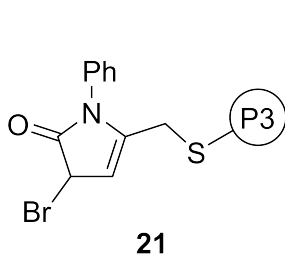


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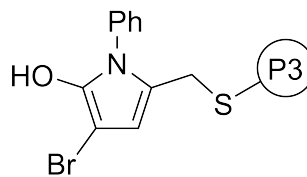
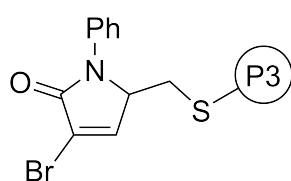
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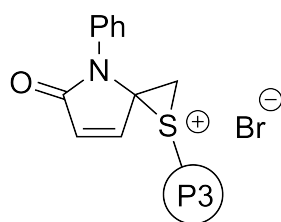


12 points in total.

4 points for the isomers of **21**:



2 points if the form of NGP is given:

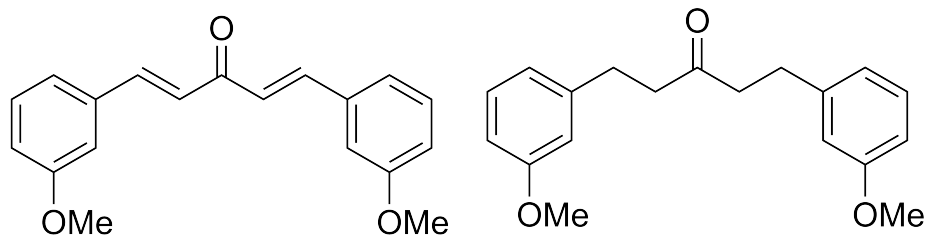


1 point if the second protein is added at the  $\beta$  position of amide group, and no double punishment for **24** and **25**.



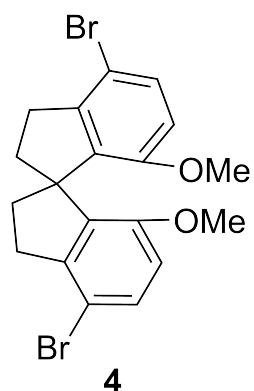
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8.1 (16.0 pt)

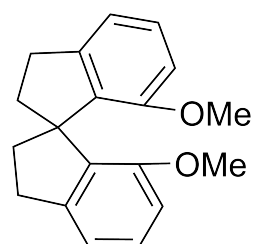


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16 points in total.

4 points for each correct structure as shown above.

4 points if the *cis* isomer of **1** is given2 points if the regioisomer of **4** is given

8.2 (2.0 pt)

(c)

2 points in total;

2 points for choosing (c)

8.3 (2.0 pt)

(b)

2 points in total;

2 points for choosing (b)

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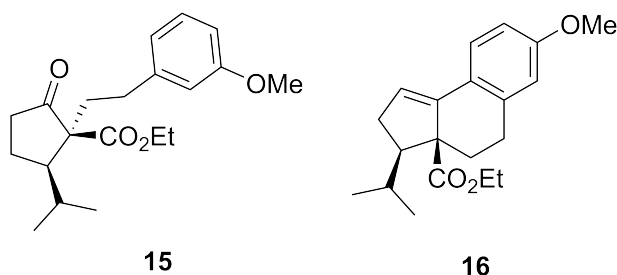
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**8.4** (2.0 pt)  
Ir(III) or +3  
2 points in total;  
2 points for Ir(III) or +3

**8.5** (2.0 pt)  
6  
2 points in total;  
2 points for 6

**8.6** (8.0 pt)



8 points in total.  
4 points for each;  
2 points for correct skeleton, missing or wrong stereochemistry;  
2 points if the regioisomer of **16** is given

**8.7** (2.0 pt)  
(b)  
2 points in total;  
2 points for choosing (b)

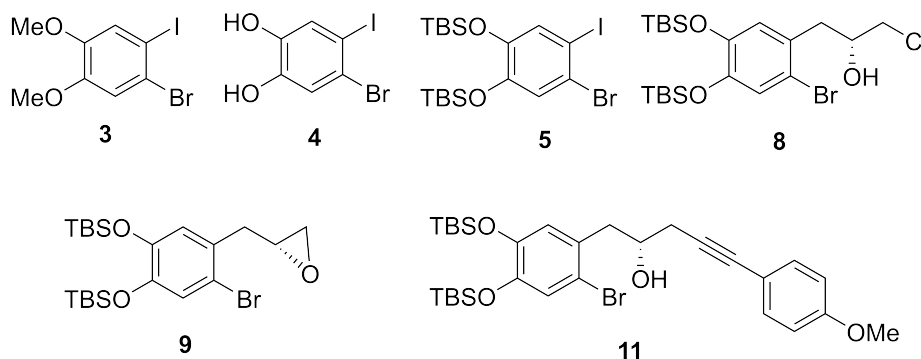
**8.8** (2.0 pt)  
(a)  
2 points in total;  
2 points for choosing (a)



## [Marking Scheme] Total Synthesis of Capitulactone

9% of the total					
Question	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	Total
Points	24	2	16	2	<b>44</b>
Score					

## 9.1 (24.0 pt)



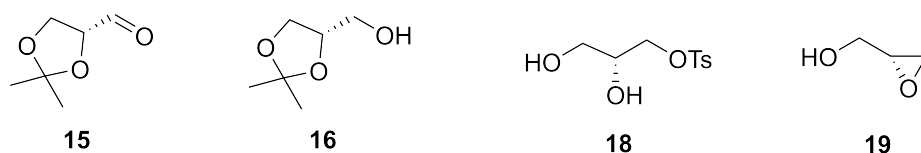
24 points in total.  
4 points for each;  
2 points for each structure of **8**, **9** or **11** with missing or wrong stereochemistry.

## 9.2 (2.0 pt)

(d)

2 points in total;  
2 points for choosing (d)

## 9.3 (16.0 pt)



16 points in total.  
4 points for each;  
2 points if structure with missing or wrong stereochemistry is given.

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9.4 (2.0 pt)

(b)

2 points in total;

2 points for choosing (b)