## Inorganic Chemistry I

- I a Answer the following questions.
- (1) Write down the ground state electronic configuration for each atom or ion listed below  $[(i) \sim (iii)]$  according to the example.

[Example]  $C(1s)^2(2s)^2(2p)^2$ 

- (i) F<sup>-</sup>
- (ii) P
- (iii) Mn
- (2) Which element has the highest first ionization energy in each list [(i) and (ii)]? Also, which element has the lowest first ionization energy in each list [(i) and (ii)]?
  - (i) He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe
  - (ii) Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, Ge
- (3) Consider the structures of the following molecules and ion, (i)  $\sim$  (v), based on the valence-shell electron pair repulsion (VSEPR) model, and draw the structures with showing spatial arrangement of each atom clearly. In case that the central atom has lone-pair electrons, show the direction of each lone pair in the structures.
  - (i) BF<sub>3</sub>
  - (ii) NF<sub>3</sub>
  - (iii) BF<sub>4</sub>
  - (iv) SF<sub>4</sub>
  - (v) ClF<sub>5</sub>
  - (4) The Lewis acidity of BF<sub>3</sub> is smaller than that of BCl<sub>3</sub>. Explain the reason.

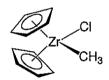
- I b Answer the following questions regarding  $N_2$  and CO molecules.
- (1) Draw the molecular orbital energy level diagram from the atomic orbital energy level for  $N_2$ , and add electrons in the diagram. Use " $\uparrow$ " and " $\downarrow$ " to represent electrons in the diagram.
- (2) Similarly to the case of  $N_2$ , draw the molecular orbital energy level diagram for CO. Also, explain the difference in the molecular orbital energy level between  $N_2$  and CO.
- (3) When CO is molecularly adsorbed onto metal, the coordination with metal occurs at the carbon side. Explain the reason.
  - (4) The dipole moment of CO is very small. Explain the reason.

## Inorganic Chemistry II

II - a Answer the questions for the following complexes  $[(i) \sim (v)]$ . Each metal complex is a monomer. In the complex (ii), Ph represents phenyl group.

- (i) Ni(CO)<sub>4</sub>
- (ii) PtCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>
- (iii) CoCl<sub>3</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>
- (iv)

(v)



- (1) Answer the number of valence electrons by using the electron counting methods which are used in the 18-electron rule. Show the method you used for the valence electron count for each complex.
- (2) Answer the oxidation state of the metal center and the number of d-electrons for each complex.
- (3) Draw all of the possible stereoisomers for the complexes [(ii) and (iii)]. The rotational isomers are not considered.

II - b Answer the questions for the following iron complexes [(i) and (ii)].

- (i) [Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>4-</sup>
- (ii)  $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$
- (1) Draw the *d*-orbital energy level diagram for each complex [(i) and (ii)], and label each *d*-orbital ( $d_{xy}$ ,  $d_{yz}$ ,  $d_{zx}$ ,  $d_{zz}$ ,  $d_{z^2y^2}$ ). Be sure to add electrons in the diagram. Use " $\uparrow$ " and " $\downarrow$ " to represent electrons in the diagram. Then, explain briefly the magnetic property of each iron complex.

(2) Calculate the ligand-field stabilization energy (LFSE) in terms of  $\Delta_0$  (ligand-field splitting parameter) for each iron complex [(i) and (ii)]. The pairing energy is not considered.

## II - c Answer the following questions.

- (1) Infrared (IR) spectroscopy provides information on C-O bond strength of carbon monoxide (CO) ligands in metal carbonyls. The C-O stretching frequencies of free CO and Cr(CO)<sub>6</sub> are observed at 2143 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 2000 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. Explain briefly why the C-O stretching frequency of Cr(CO)<sub>6</sub> is observed at lower wavenumber than that of free CO.
- (2) Explain briefly how the C-O stretching frequencies of  $[Mn(CO)_6]^+$  and  $[V(CO)_6]^-$  are observed when compared to the C-O stretching frequency of  $Cr(CO)_6$ .