

**CBSE Test Paper-01**  
**Class - 12 Chemistry (Coordination Compounds)**

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1. Tetraaminecopper(II) ion is a square planar complex with one unpaired electron. According to valence bond theory the hybrid state of copper should be
  - a.  $dsp^2$
  - b.  $sp^3d^2$
  - c.  $d^2sp^3$
  - d.  $sp^3$
2. Which of the following pair contains a complex salt and double salt respectively?
  - a.  $[Cu(NH_3)_4]SO_4$ ,  $FeSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$
  - b.  $FeSO_4$ ,  $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$
  - c.  $MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$ ,  $CuSO_4$
  - d.  $[Cu(NH_3)_4]SO_4$ ,  $K_2SO_4 \cdot Al_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 24H_2O$
3. The type of isomerism that is exhibited by  $[Co(NH_3)_5SO_4]Br$  and  $[Co(NH_3)_5Br]SO_4$  is:
  - a. Linkage isomerism
  - b. Solvate isomerism
  - c. Ionisation isomerism
  - d. Coordination isomerism
4. The oxidation number of Fe in  $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$  is
  - a. 0
  - b. +1
  - c. +3
  - d. +2
5. The anti pernicious anaemia factor which is a coordination compound of Cobalt is:
  - a. Cyanocobalamine
  - b. Haemoglobin
  - c. Desferrioxime B
  - d. Carbonic anhydrase
6. Write formula for Hexammineplatinum (VI) Chloride.

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7. What is the coordination number of central metal ion in  $[\text{Fe}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]^{2-}$ .
  8. Write formula for Tetramminedichloridoplatinum (IV) Bromide.
  9. What are the different shapes or coordination polyhedra in the complexes?
  10. Name a ligand which is bidentate and give an example of the complex formed by this ligand.
  11. Give the chemical formula of pentaammine chloro cobalt (III) chloride.
  12.  $[\text{NiCl}_4]^{2-}$  is paramagnetic while  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4]$  is diamagnetic though both are tetrahedral. Why?
  13. Draw the structures of following:
    - a. cis-dichlorotetracyanochromate(III)
    - b. Pentaamminenitrito-N-cobalt(III)
    - c. Hexamethyldialuminium
  14. Which isomerism is shown by a compound having ambidentate ligand? Give example.
  15. Explain with two examples each of the following: Coordination entity, ligand coordination number, coordination polyhedron, homoleptic and heteroleptic.

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1. (a)  $dsp^2$

**Explanation:** Tetraaminecopper(II) ion is square planar. Square planar complexes have  $dsp^2$  hybridisation. So hybridization is  $dsp^2$ .

2. (d)  $[Cu(NH_3)_4]SO_4$ ,  $K_2SO_4 \cdot Al_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 24H_2O$

**Explanation:**  $[Cu(NH_3)_4]SO_4$  this is a complex salt because it contains a coordination entity (central metal ion  $Cu^{2+}$  with 4 ligand molecules of  $NH_3$  in coordination sphere) while  $K_2SO_4 \cdot Al_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 24H_2O$  is double salt as it can dissociate completely into simple ions when it is dissolved in water.

3. (c) Ionisation isomerism

**Explanation:** Ionisation isomerism arises when the counter ion in a complex salt is itself a potential ligand and can displace a ligand which can then become a counter ion. Here  $Br^-$  and  $SO_4^{2-}$  exchanged places as counter ion and ligand. So these complexes exhibit ionisation isomerism.

4. (d) +2

**Explanation:** The ligand  $CN^-$  has charge of  $-1$ . So the overall charge carried by 6  $CN^-$  ligands is  $-6$ . Each potassium ion  $K^+$  carries a charge of  $+1$ . So 4 potassium ions carry an overall charge of  $+4$ . This implies that the overall charge on the coordination sphere is  $-4$  to balance the  $+4$  charge of the potassium ions. Let the oxidation number of Fe be  $x$ . Then

$$x + (-6) = -4$$
$$x = -4 - (-6)$$
$$x = -4 + 6$$
$$x = +2$$

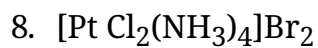
So, the oxidation number of Fe is  $+2$ .

5. (a) Cyanocobalamine

**Explanation:** Vitamin  $B_{12}$ , cyanocobalamine, the antipernicious anaemia factor is a coordination compound of Cobalt.



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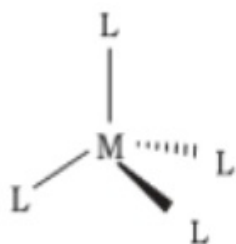


9. The various coordination polyhedra are –

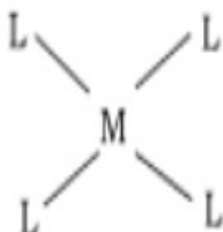
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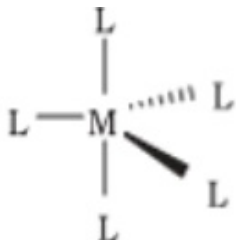
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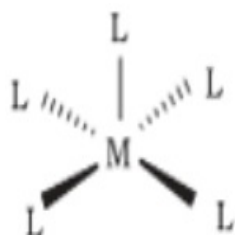
iii. Square Planar



iv. Trigonal bipyramidal



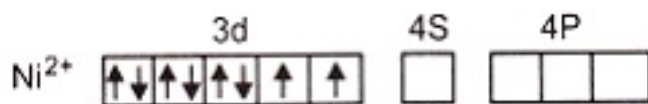
v. Square pyramidal



10. Ethylene diamine (en) is bidentate ligand  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3]^{3+}$ . Its IUPAC name is tris (ethylene diamine) cobalt (III) ion.

11.  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{Cl}]\text{Cl}_2$

12. In  $[\text{NiCl}_4]^{2-}$  Ni is in +2 oxidation state electronic configuration =  $3d^8 4s^0$ .

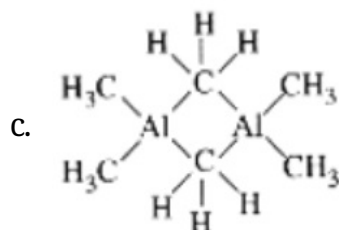
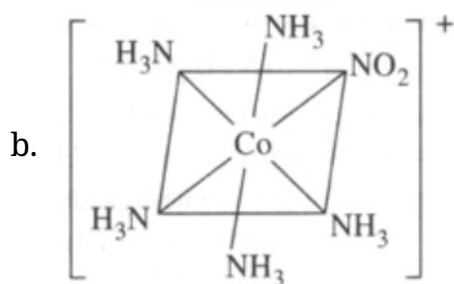
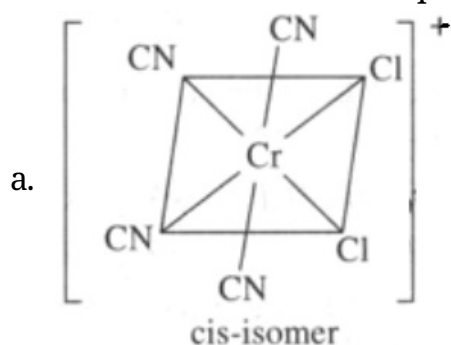


$\text{Cl}^-$  is a weak ligand. It cannot pair up the electrons in 3d orbitals. Hence, it is paramagnetic. In  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4]$ , Ni is in zero oxidation state and configuration

is  $3d^8 4s^2$ .

In the presence of CO ligand, the 4s electrons shift to 3d to pair up 3d electrons. Thus, there is no unpaired electron present. Hence it is diamagnetic.

13. Structures of the three complex ions/molecules are given below:



14. A complex having ambident ligand will show linkage isomerism e.g  $[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_5(\text{NO}_2)]\text{Cl}_2$

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has  $\text{NO}_2^-$  as ambident Ligand and its Linkage isomer will be  $[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_5(\text{ONO})]\text{Cl}_2$ .

15. **Coordination entity:** This entity usually constitutes a central metal atom or ion, to which are attached a fixed number of other atoms or ions or groups by coordinate bonds. Examples are  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4]$ ,  $[\text{CoCl}_3(\text{NH}_3)_3]$ , etc.

**Ligands:** It is an ion having at least one lone pair of electrons and capable of forming a coordinate bond with central atom / ion in the coordination entity.

Examples are :  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $(\text{OH})^-$ ,  $(\text{CN})^-$  etc.

**Coordinate number:** The total number of coordinate bonds with which central atom/ion is linked to ligands in the coordination entity is called coordination number of central atom / ion.

**Coordination polyhedron :** The spatial arrangement of the ligands which are directly attached to the central atom / ion defines a coordination polyhedron about the central atom.

Examples are:  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$  is octahedral,

$[\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4]$  is tetrahedral.

**Homoleptic and heteroleptic:** Complexes in which a metal is bound to only one kind of donor groups are known as homoleptic.

Example  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$

Complex in which a metal is bound to more than one kind of donor groups are called heteroleptic. Example :  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2]^+$

**CBSE Test Paper-02**  
**Class - 12 Chemistry (Coordination Compounds)**

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1. The isomers  $[(C_6H_5)_3P_2Pd(SCN)_2]$  and  $[(C_6H_5)_3P_2Pd(NCS)_2]$  show
  - a. Linkage isomerism
  - b. Coordination isomerism
  - c. Geometrical isomerism
  - d. Ionization isomerism
2. According to Werner's theory, the secondary valences of the central atom correspond to its
  - a. Charge
  - b. Oxidation number
  - c. Effective atomic number
  - d. Coordination number
3. Which of the following complexes can form d and l isomers?
  - a. Trans -  $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$
  - b.  $[Co(NH_3)_3Cl_3]$
  - c. Cis -  $[Co(en)_2Cl_2]^+$
  - d.  $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^+$
4. Sodium pentacyanonitrosylferrate(II) is also called
  - a. Sodium ferrocyanide
  - b. Sodium sulphocyanide
  - c. Sodium nitroprusside
  - d. Sodium cobalt nitrite
5. The oxidation state of Ag in Tollen's reagent is
  - a. +2
  - b. 0
  - c. +1
  - d. +1.5
6. Write formula for triamminediaquachlorocobalt (III) Chloride.

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7. What is the IUPAC name of  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3]\text{Cl}_3$ .
  8. Give examples of complexes in
    - a. Chemical analysis
    - b. Industries
  9. What is the difference between a double salt and a complex? Explain with an example.
  10. What is the basis of formation of spectro-chemical series?
  11. Write IUPAC names of the following coordination compounds:
    - a.  $\text{K}_3[\text{Cr}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]$
    - b.  $\text{Hg}[\text{Co}(\text{SCN})_4]$
    - c.  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5(\text{CO}_3)]\text{Cl}$
  12. Using the valence bond approach, deduce the shape and magnetic character of  $[\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_6]$  [At. No. of Cr = 24]
  13. What will be the correct order for the wavelengths of absorption in the stable region for the following:  
 $[\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_2)_6]^{4-}$ ,  $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$ ,  $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2-}$
  14. Give evidence that  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{Cl}]\text{SO}_4$  and  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{SO}_4]\text{Cl}$  are ionization isomers.
  15. Give the oxidation state, d-orbital occupation and coordination number of the central metal ion in the following complexes:
    - i.  $\text{K}_3[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]$
    - ii.  $\text{cis}-[\text{Cr}(\text{en})_2\text{Cl}_2]\text{Cl}$
    - iii.  $(\text{NH}_4)_2[\text{CoF}_4]$
    - iv.  $[\text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]\text{SO}_4$



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1. (a) Linkage isomerism

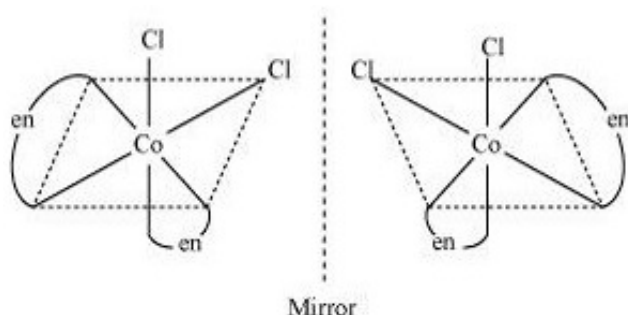
**Explanation:**  $\text{SCN}^-$  is an ambidentate ligand i.e it can bind through two different donor atoms, either through S in  $\text{SCN}^-$  or through N in  $\text{NCS}^-$ . So it shows linkage isomerism which arises when an ambidentate ligand is present in the complex.

2. (d) Coordination number

**Explanation:** According to Werner's theory, secondary valences are non-ionisable and are satisfied by neutral molecules or negative ions. Secondary valence is equal to the coordination number and is fixed for a metal.

3. (c) Cis -  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2\text{Cl}_2]^+$

**Explanation:** Cis -  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2\text{Cl}_2]^+$  has non superimposable mirror images as shown.



Hence, it shows optical isomerism and can form d (dextrorotatory) and l (laevorotatory) isomers.

4. (c) Sodium nitroprusside

**Explanation:**  $\text{Na}_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$  i.e. Sodium pentacyanonitrosylferrate(II) is also called Sodium nitroprusside.

5. (c) +1

**Explanation:** Tollen's reagent contains diamminesilver(I) complex. So oxidation state of Ag in Tollen's reagent is +1.

6.  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{Cl}]\text{Cl}_2$

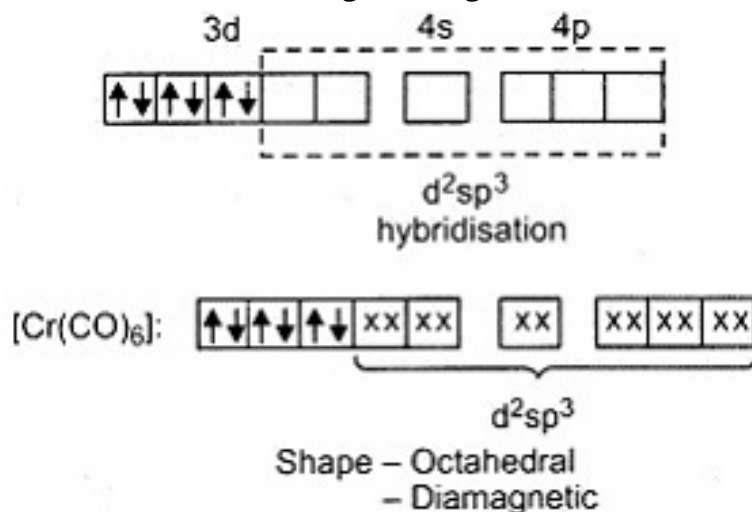
7. Tris (ethylenediamine) Cobalt (III) Chloride

8. a. Chemical analysis – Qualitative and Quantitative analysis methods involve use of Ligands like EDTA, DMG etc.  
b. Industries - Hydrogenation of alkenes is done by using a sodium complex called Wilkinson catalyst. In black and white photography, silver complexes are used.
9. Double salts dissociate completely into simple ions when dissolved in water e.g., Mohr salt,  $\text{FeSO}_4(\text{NH}_4)_2 \cdot \text{SO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  will dissolve in water and give ferrous, ammonium and sulphate ions. On the other hand, the complex ions do not completely dissociate into all constituent ions e.g  $\text{K}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$  will dissociate to give potassium ions and  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$  ions only.
10. **Spectrochemical series:** The arrangements of ligands in order of their increasing field strength, i.e. increasing crystal field splitting energy (CFSE) value is called spectrochemical series.  
Crystal field splitting energy is the basis of formation of the spectrochemical series.
11. a. Potassium trioxalato chromate III  
b. Mercuric tetrathiocyanatocobaltate III  
c. Pentaamminecarbonatocobalt (III) chloride.

12. Cr (24) Electronic configuration  $[\text{Ar}]4s^13d^5$

Oxidation state of Cr = 0

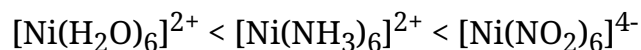
In  $[\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_6]$  has electronic configuration  $[\text{Ar}] 4s^03d^5$  because CO will cause passing of electrons as it is a strong field ligand.



13. As metal ion is fixed, the increasing field strengths (CFSE) values of the ligands from the spectrochemical series are in order



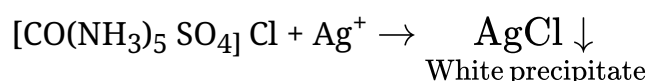
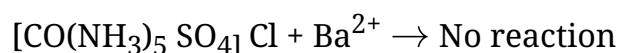
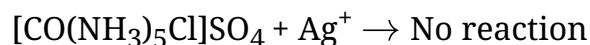
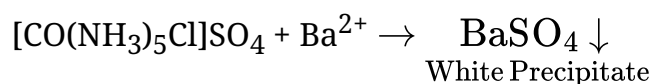
Thus, the energies absorbed for excitation will be in the order



The order of wavelength absorbed will be opposite of it.

$$\text{Since, } E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

14. When ionization isomers are dissolved in water, they ionize to give different ions. These ions then react differently with different reagents to give different products.



15. i.  $K_3 [Co(C_2O_4)_3]$

The central metal ion is Co.

Its coordination number is 6.

The oxidation state can be given as:

$$x - 6 = -3$$

$$x = +3$$

The d orbital occupation for  $Co^{3+}$  is,  $t_{2g}^6 e_g^0$

- ii.  $cis-[Cr(en)_2Cl_2] Cl$

The central metal ion is Cr.

The coordination number is 6.

The oxidation state can be given as:

$$x + 2(0) + 2(-1) = +1$$

$$x - 2 = +1$$

$$x = +3$$

The d orbital occupation for  $Cr^{3+}$  is  $t_{2g}^3$ .

- iii.  $(NH_4)_2 [CoF_4]$

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The central metal ion is Co.

The coordination number is 4.

The oxidation state can be given as:

$$x - 4 = -2$$

$$x = +2$$

The d orbital occupation for

$Co^{2+}$  is,  $e_g^4 t_{2g}^3$ .

iv.  $[Mn(H_2O)_6]SO_4$

The central metal ion is Mn.

The coordination number is 6.

The oxidation state can be given as:

$$x + 0 = +2$$

$$x = +2$$

The d orbital occupation for Mn is

$t_{2g}^3 e_g^2$ .

**CBSE Test Paper-03**  
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1. The oxidation number of cobalt in  $\text{K}[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4]$  is
  - a. -1
  - b. +1
  - c. -3
  - d. +3
2. Lithiumtetrahydridoaluminate is represented as
  - a.  $\text{Al}_2[\text{LiH}_4]_3$
  - b.  $\text{Li}[\text{AlH}_4]_2$
  - c.  $\text{Al}[\text{LiH}_4]$
  - d.  $\text{Li}[\text{AlH}_4]$
3. Which among the following has trigonal bipyramidal geometry?
  - a. Pentacarbonyliron (0)
  - b. Potassium tetracyanonickelate(II)
  - c. Tetracarbonylnickel(0)
  - d. Hexaamminecobalt(II) nitrate
4. The correct name of the compound  $[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4](\text{NO}_3)_2$  is
  - a. Cuprammonium nitrate
  - b. Tetraamminecopper(I) nitrate
  - c. Tetraamminecopper(II) nitrate
  - d. Tetraamminecopper(II)dinitrate
5. Which of the following complex species involves  $d^2sp^3$  hybridization?
  - a.  $[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$
  - b.  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$
  - c.  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$
  - d.  $[\text{CoF}_6]^{3-}$

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6. What is the coordination number of central metal ion in  $[\text{Fe}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]^{3-}$ ?
  7. What are complex compounds?
  8. Name the metal present in haemoglobin.
  9. Explain why a chelating complex is more stable than unchelated complex.
  10. Give IUPAC name of linkage isomer of  $[(\text{NH}_3)_3\text{Pt}(\text{NO}_2)]\text{Cl}$ .
  11. Describe briefly the nature of bonding in metal carbonyl.
  12. Draw the structures of the given:
    - i. cis-dichloro tetracyano chromate III
    - ii. pentaammine nitrite-N-cobalt (III)
    - iii. Hexamethyldialuminium.
  13.
    - a. What are ambidentate ligands? Give example.
    - b. Write the IUPAC names of the following:
      - i.  $\text{K}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]$
      - ii.  $\text{Pt}[(\text{NH}_3)_6]\text{Cl}_4$
    - c. Draw the structure of cis isomer of  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2]^+$
  14.  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$  and  $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  are different colours in dilute solution why?
  15. Write the formulas for the following coordination compounds:
    - i. Tetraamminediaquacobalt (III) chloride
    - ii. Potassium tetracyanonickelate (II)
    - iii. Tris(ethane-1,2-diamine) chromium(III) chloride
    - iv. Amminebromidochloridonitrito-N-platinate (II)
    - v. Dichloridobis(ethane-1,2-diamine)platinum(IV) nitrate
    - vi. Iron(III) hexacyanoferrate (II)

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1. (a) -1

**Explanation:** Potassium ion  $K^+$  carries a +1 charge. So the overall charge on the given complex is -1. Now CO is a neutral ligand. Hence the oxidation number of Co in this complex is -1.

2. (d)  $Li[AlH_4]$

**Explanation:** The cation is named first and then the anion. When the anion is the complex then the -ate is added to the name of the central metal. Here there are 4 hydride ligands represented as  $H^-$  each carries a charge of -1 and hence a total of -4 charge on the ligands. Lithium ion is represented by  $Li^+$  and carries a +1 charge which means the charge on the complex is -1. In the complex, central metal atom/ion is written followed by the ligands in alphabetical order. Lithium tetrahydridoaluminate(III) is  $Li[AlH_4]$ .

3. (a) Pentacarbonyliron (0)

**Explanation:** Iron ( $Z=26$ ) has an electronic configuration  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^6 4s^2$ . CO being a strong field ligand, causes pairing of electrons in the d orbital and shifting of 4s electrons to 3d orbital. With a coordination number 5 it results in  $sp^3 d$  hybridisation and hence a trigonal bipyramidal geometry.

4. (c) Tetraamminecopper(II) nitrate

**Explanation:** In ionic compound, cation is named first and then the anion. If cation is the complex then ligands are named first in alphabetical order and then the central metal atom/ion with its oxidation state in paranthesis in roman numerals. Here,  $NH_3$  (ammine) is the neutral ligand and there are 4  $NH_3$  bound to Cu (copper). Nitrate  $NO_3^-$  is the anion there are two  $NO_3^-$  outside the square bracket each carries -1 charge so there is a total of -2 charge on anions and thus the complex carries a total of +2 charge. Since ammine is a neutral ligand so Cu has +2 oxidation state. So,  $[Cu(NH_3)_4](NO_3)_2$  is tetraamminecopper(II) nitrate.

5. (b)  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$

**Explanation:** In this complex there are 6  $\text{CN}^-$  ligands means a total of -6 charge on ligands. There is a charge of -3 on the complex so oxidation state of Fe is +3. Atomic number of Fe is 26. So the electronic configuration of  $\text{Fe}^{+3}$  is  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^3$ . Coordination number of the metal is 6 so the complex has octahedral geometry and since  $\text{CN}^-$  is a strong field ligand so it causes pairing and hence inner orbital complex is formed. So the hybridization is  $d^2 sp^3$ .

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7. Complex compounds or coordination compounds are those compounds in which the metal atoms are bound to a number of anions or neutral molecules.

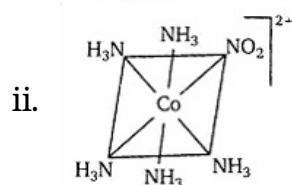
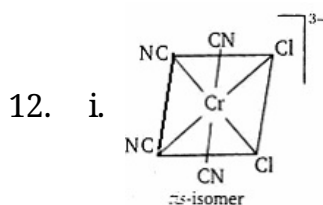
8. Fe

9. Chelating complex is more stable than unchelated complex because there is strong force of attraction between cation and polydentate ligand as compared to monodentate ligand.

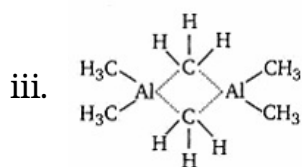
10. The linkage isomer is  $[\text{Pt}(\text{ONO})(\text{NH}_3)_3]\text{Cl}$

IUPAC Name - triaminenitrito-o-platinum II chloride.

11. The metal carbon bond in metal carbonyls possess both S & P character. The M-C  $\sigma$  bond is formed by the donation of lone pair of electrons on the carbonyl carbon into a vacant orbital of the metal. M-C  $\pi$  bond is formed by the donation of a pair of electrons from a filled d-orbital of metal into the antibonding  $\pi$  orbital of carbon monoxide.



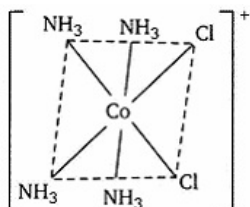




13. a. Ambidentate ligand. Ligands which can ligate (link) through two different atoms present in it are called ambidentate ligands, e.g.  $\text{NO}_2^-$ ,  $\text{SCN}^-$ ,  $M \leftarrow \text{SCN}$   
*Thiocyanato*



- b. i. Potassium Trioxalato Ferrate (III)  
 ii. Hexaamine platinum (IV) chloride  
 c.  $\text{cis-}[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2]^+$



14. In both the complexes, Fe is in +2 state with the configuration  $3d^6$ , i.e. it has four unpaired electrons.

As the ligands  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CN}^-$  possess different crystal field splitting energy ( $\Delta_0$ ) they absorb different components of the visible light (VIBGYOR) for d-d transition. Hence, the transmitted colours are different.

15. i.  $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{Cl}_3$   
 ii.  $\text{K}_2[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]$   
 iii.  $[\text{Cr}(\text{en})_3]\text{Cl}_3$   
 iv.  $[\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_3\text{BrCl}(\text{NO}_2)]^-$   
 v.  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{en})_2](\text{NO}_3)_2$   
 vi.  $\text{Fe}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_3$