## General Aptitude (GA)

## Q. 1 - Q. 5 Carry ONE mark Each

| Q. 1 | "I cannot support this proposal. My ___ will not permit it." |
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| (A) | conscious |
| (B) | consensus |
| (C) | conscience |
| (D) | consent |
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| Q.2 | Courts : <br> (By word meaning) |
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| (A) | Judiciary Parliament : Legislature |
| (B) | Executive |
| (C) | Governmental |
| (D) | Legal |
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| Q.3 | What is the smallest number with distinct digits whose digits add up to 45? |
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| (A) | 123555789 |
| (B) | 123457869 |
| (C) | 123456789 |
| (D) | 99999 |
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| Q.4 | In a class of 100 students, <br> (i) $\quad$there are 30 students who neither like romantic movies nor comedy movies, <br> (ii) <br> the number of students who like romantic movies is twice the number of <br> (iii) <br> the number of students who like both romantic movies and comedy movies <br> is 20. <br> How many students in the class like romantic movies? |
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| (A) | 40 |
| (B) | 20 |
| (C) | 60 |
| (D) | 30 |
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| Q. 5 | How many rectangles are present in the given figure? |
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| (A) | 8 |
| (B) | 9 |
| (C) | 10 |
| (D) | 12 |
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## Q. 6 - Q. 10 Carry TWO marks Each

| Q.6 | Forestland is a planet inhabited by different kinds of creatures. Among other <br> creatures, it is populated by animals all of whom are ferocious. There are also <br> creatures that have claws, and some that do not. All creatures that have claws are <br> ferocious. <br> Based only on the information provided above, which one of the following options <br> can be logically inferred with certainty? |
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| (A) | All creatures with claws are animals. |
| (B) | Some creatures with claws are non-ferocious. |
| (C) | Some non-ferocious creatures have claws. |
| (D) | Some ferocious creatures are creatures with claws. |
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| Q.7 | Which one of the following options represents the given graph? |
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| (A) | $f(x)=x^{2} 2^{-\|x\|}$ |
| (B) | $f(x)=x 2^{-\|x\|}$ |
| (C) | $f(x)=\|x\| 2^{-x}$ |
| (D) | $f(x)=x 2^{-x}$ |


| Q.8 | Which one of the following options can be inferred from the given passage alone? <br> When I was a kid, I was partial to stories about other worlds and <br> interplanetary travel. I used to imagine that I could just gaze off into space <br> and be whisked to another planet. <br> [Excerpt from The Truth about Stories by T. King] |
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| (A) | It is a child's description of what he or she likes. |$|$| (B) | It is an adult's memory of what he or she liked as a child. |
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| (C) | The child in the passage read stories about interplanetary travel only in parts. |


| Q. 9 | Out of 1000 individuals in a town, 100 unidentified individuals are covid positive. Due to lack of adequate covid-testing kits, the health authorities of the town devised a strategy to identify these covid-positive individuals. The strategy is to: <br> (i) Collect saliva samples from all 1000 individuals and randomly group them into sets of 5 . <br> (ii) Mix the samples within each set and test the mixed sample for covid. <br> (iii) If the test done in (ii) gives a negative result, then declare all the 5 individuals to be covid negative. <br> (iv) If the test done in (ii) gives a positive result, then all the 5 individuals are separately tested for covid. <br> Given this strategy, no more than $\qquad$ testing kits will be required to identify all the 100 covid positive individuals irrespective of how they are grouped. |
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| (A) | 700 |
| (B) | 600 |
| (C) | 800 |
| (D) | 1000 |


| Q.10 | A $100 \mathrm{~cm} \times 32 \mathrm{~cm}$ rectangular sheet is folded 5 times. Each time the sheet is folded, <br> the long edge aligns with its opposite side. Eventually, the folded sheet is a rectangle <br> of dimensions $100 \mathrm{~cm} \times 1 \mathrm{~cm}$. <br> The total number of creases visible when the sheet is unfolded is <br> (A) 32 |
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| (B) | 5 |
| (C) | 31 |
| (D) | 63 |
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## Q. 11 - Q. 35 Carry ONE mark Each

| Q. 11 | The major product formed in the given reaction is |
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|  | DME: 1,2-Dimethoxyethane |
| (A) |  |
| (B) |  |
| (C) |  |
| (D) |  |
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Q. 12 (A) compound which gives a fragment at $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}=124[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$is
Q. 13 The major product formed in the given reaction is
Q. 14

| Q. 15 | On irradiation using UV light ( $>300 \mathrm{~nm}$ ), compounds $\mathbf{X}$ and $\mathbf{Y}$, predominantly, undergo |
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|  |  <br> X |
| (A) | X: Norrish type I reaction and $\mathbf{Y}$ : Norrish type II reaction |
| (B) | $\mathbf{X}$ : Norrish type II reaction and $\mathbf{Y}$ : Norrish type I reaction |
| (C) | Both $\mathbf{X}$ and $\mathbf{Y}$ : Norrish type I reaction |
| (D) | Both $\mathbf{X}$ and $\mathbf{Y}$ : Norrish type II reaction |
| Q. 16 | The topicity relationship of $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{a}}$ and $\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{b}}$ in $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ and Z are, respectively, |
|  |    <br> X <br> Y <br> Z |
| (A) | Diastereotopic, Homotopic and Enantiotopic |
| (B) | Homotopic, Enantiotopic and Enantiotopic |
| (C) | Homotopic, Homotopic and Enantiotopic |
| (D) | Diastereotopic, Enantiotopic and Homotopic |
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| Q. 21 | Wacker oxidation of alkenes is catalyzed by a combination of |
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| (A) | $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{II})$ and $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{II})$ |
| (B) | Co (II) and $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{II})$ |
| (C) | Pd (II) and $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{II})$ |
| (D) | $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{II})$ and Co (II) |
| Q. 22 | For the conversion of $\left[\mathrm{Pt}(\mathrm{L}) \mathrm{Cl}_{3}\right]^{-}$to trans- $\left[\mathrm{Pt}(\mathrm{L}) \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\right]$, the trans-effect is LEAST when the ligand L is |
| (A) | $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ |
| (B) | $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ |
| (C) | DMSO |
| (D) | $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ |
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| Q.23 | The tetracoordinated copper center in the oxidized and reduced forms of <br> plastocyanin exhibits longest bond with |
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| (A) | cysteine-S and methionine-S, respectively |
| (B) | methionine-S and cysteine-S, respectively |
| (C) | cysteine-S and cysteine-S, respectively |
| (D) | methionine-S and methionine-S, respectively |
| Q.24 | The packing efficiency (in \%) of spheres for a body-centered cubic (bcc) lattice is <br> approximately |
| (A) | 74 |
| (B) | 68 |
| (C) | 60 |
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| Q.25 | The magnitudes of CFSE in $\left[\mathrm{M}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{n+}$ for Mn and Fe ions satisfy the relations |
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| (A) | $\mathrm{Mn}^{2+}<\mathrm{Mn}^{3+}$ and $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}<\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}$ |
| (B) | $\mathrm{Mn}^{2+}>\mathrm{Mn}^{3+}$ and $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}>\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}$ |
| (C) | $\mathrm{Mn}^{2+}<\mathrm{Mn}^{3+}$ and $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}>\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}$ |
| (D) | $\mathrm{Mn}^{2+}>\mathrm{Mn}^{3+}$ and $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}<\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}$ |
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Q.26

| Q.27 | Point group of naphthalene $\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8}\right)$ is |
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| (A) | $D_{2 d}$ |
| (B) | $D_{2 h}$ |
| (C) | $D_{3 d}$ |
| (D) | $D_{3 h}$ |
| Q.28 | The INCORRECT statement is |
| (A) | Zero-point energy of a quantum mechanical harmonic oscillator of frequency $v$ is <br> $\frac{h v}{2}$ |
| (B) | Energy level of a quantum mechanical rigid rotor is inversely proportional to its <br> moment of inertia |
| (C) | The time independent Schrödinger equation for Li ${ }^{2+}$ cannot be solved exactly |
| Total angular momentum of an atomic system is equal to the sum of orbital angular |  |
| momentum and spin angular momentum |  |
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| Q.29 | For an ideal gas, the molecular partition function in the canonical ensemble, that is <br> proportional to the system volume ( $V$, is the |
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| (A) | vibrational partition function |
| (B) | rotational partition function |
| (C) | electronic partition function |
| (D) | translational partition function |
| Q.30 | Assertion (S): The total angular momentum for light atoms (low atomic number) is <br> obtained by Russell-Saunders coupling, whereas $j j$-coupling is used for heavy atoms <br> (high atomic number). <br> Reasoning (R): The spin-orbit interactions are weak in light atoms (low atomic <br> number) and strong in heavy atoms (high atomic number). <br> The correct option is |
| (D) | S is false but $\mathbf{R}$ is true |
| (B) | S and $\mathbf{R}$ are true; but $\mathbf{R}$ is NOT the correct reason for $\mathbf{S}$ |
| (C) | S is true but $\mathbf{R}$ is false |
| (A) | S and $\mathbf{R}$ are true; and $\mathbf{R}$ is the correct reason for $\mathbf{S}$ |
|  | (D) |


| Q. 31 | The acetolysis product(s) of the given reaction is(are) |
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| (A) |  |
| (B) |  |
| (C) |  |
| (D) |  |
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Q. 32 Product(s) formed in the given reaction is(are)

| Q. 33 | The choice(s) that correctly identify radioisotopes $(\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{Q}, \mathrm{R}, \mathrm{S})$ shown in the following nuclear reaction is(are) |
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| (A) | $\mathrm{P}={ }_{30}^{64} \mathrm{Zn}$ |
| (B) | $\mathrm{Q}={ }_{30}^{63} \mathrm{Zn}$ |
| (C) | $\mathrm{R}={ }_{29}^{62} \mathrm{Cu}$ |
| (D) | $\mathrm{S}={ }_{29}^{62} \mathrm{Cu}$ |
| Q. 34 | For the Lindemann-Hinshelwood mechanism of gas phase unimolecular reactions, the true statement(s) is(are) |
| (A) | Only molecules with three or more atoms can follow the Lindemann-Hinshelwood mechanism |
| (B) | Lindemann-Hinshelwood mechanism involves bimolecular elementary steps |
| (C) | The overall reaction is of second order at low pressure |
| (D) | The overall reaction is of second order at high pressure |
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| Q.35 | The calculated magnetic moment of $\left[\mathrm{Ce}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{5}\right]^{2-}$ is___ BM. (rounded off to <br> two decimal places) <br> (Given: atomic number of Ce is 58) |
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## Q. 36 - Q. 65 Carry TWO marks Each

| Q. 36 | A compound, $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{2}$, has the following spectral data; <br> ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (ppm): $9.16(\mathrm{~s}), 6.89(\mathrm{~d}, J=8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.64(\mathrm{~d}, J=8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.53(\mathrm{~s})$ <br> ${ }^{13}$ C NMR (ppm): 154.7, 140.9, 127.1, 114.4, 40.7, 30.7 <br> The structure of the compound is |
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| (A) |  |
| (B) |  |
| (C) |  |
| (D) |  |
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(B) 37
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Q. 39 ( M and N in the given reaction scheme are

| Q. 40 | In the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum, multiplicity of the signal (bold and underlined H atom) in the following species is <br> (I) $\left[\underline{\mathrm{HNi}}\left(\mathrm{OPEt}_{3}\right)_{4}\right]^{+}$ <br> (II) $\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{Si}(\mathrm{Me}) \underline{\mathbf{H}}$ <br> (III) $\mathrm{PH}_{3}$ <br> (IV) $\left(\overline{\mathrm{Cp}}^{*}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zr} \underline{\mathrm{H}}_{2}(\mathrm{Cp} *=$ pentamethylcyclopentadienyl) |
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| (A) | I- pentet, II- quartet, III- doublet and IV- singlet |
| (B) | I- pentet, II- singlet, III- singlet and IV- doublet |
| (C) | I- triplet, II- triplet, III- doublet and IV- doublet |
| (D) | I- singlet, II- quartet, III- singlet and IV- singlet |
| Q. 41 | The major product obtained by the treatment of $\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Ni}$ with $\mathrm{Na} / \mathrm{Hg}$ in ethanol is |
| (A) | $\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\left(\eta^{3}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Ni}$ |
| (B) | $\left(\eta^{3}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Ni}$ |
| (C) | $\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\left(\eta^{3}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{7}\right) \mathrm{Ni}$ |
| (D) | $\left(\eta^{3}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{7}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Ni}$ |
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| Q. 42 | The number of shared corners of the constituent $\mathrm{SiO}_{4}$ units in orthosilicate, pyrosilicate, cyclic silicate and sheet silicate, respectively, are |
| :---: | :---: |
| (A) | $0,1,2$ and 3 |
| (B) | 2, 3, 0 and 1 |
| (C) | $0,3,1$ and 2 |
| (D) | 1,2,3 and 0 |
| Q. 43 | Concentration of Q in a consecutive reaction $P \xrightarrow{k_{1}} Q \xrightarrow{k_{2}} R$ is given by $[Q]=\frac{k_{1}[P]_{0}}{k_{2}-k_{1}}\left[e^{-k_{1} t}-e^{-k_{2} t}\right]$, where $[P]_{0}$ is the initial concentration of P . <br> If the value of $k_{2}=25 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$, the value of $k_{1}$ that leads to the longest waiting time for Q to reach its maximum is |
| (A) | $k_{1}=20 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ |
| (B) | $k_{1}=25 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ |
| (C) | $k_{1}=30 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ |
| (D) | $k_{1}=35 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ |
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| Q.44 | The wavefunction for $\mathrm{Be}^{3+}$ in a certain state is given by $\psi=N e^{-\left(\frac{4}{a_{0}} r\right)}$, where $N$ <br> is the normalization constant, $r$ is the distance of electron from the nucleus and $a_{0}$ <br> is the Bohr radius. The most probable distance of the electron from the nucleus in <br> this state is |
| :--- | :--- |
| (A) | $4 a_{0}$ |
| (B) | $\frac{a_{0}}{4}$ |
| (C) | $8 a_{0}$ |
| (D) | $\frac{a_{0}}{8}$ |
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| Q. 46 | In the scheme below, |
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|  | $I_{a}$ represents the intensity of the light absorbed. Assuming that the quantum yield <br> of the first step is one, the steady state concentration of Q is given by |
| (A) | $\sqrt{\frac{I_{a}}{k_{1}+k_{2}}}$ |
| (B) | $\sqrt{\frac{I_{a}\left[\mathrm{P}_{2}\right]}{k_{1}+k_{2}}}$ |
| (C) | $\frac{I_{a}}{k_{1}+k_{2}}$ |
| (D) | $\frac{I_{a}\left[\mathrm{P}_{2}\right]}{k_{1}+k_{2}}$ |
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| Q. 49 | The stereoisomer(s) of $\mathbf{G}$ giving the depicted product is(are) |
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|  | G |
| (A) |  |
| (B) |  |
| (C) |  |
| (D) |  |
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Q. 51 The reaction(s) in which inversion of configuration occur(s) is(are)

| Q. 52 | The correct statement(s) regarding myoglobin ( Mb ) and haemoglobin ( Hb ) is(are) |
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| (A) | At low partial pressure of $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ (e.g., 5 kPa ), the $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ affinity of Hb lowers upon lowering the pH |
| (B) | Binding of the first $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ molecule to Hb results in lower affinity for the binding of second $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ molecule |
| (C) | Metal center in deoxy-Mb is low-spin whereas it is high-spin in the case of oxy-Mb |
| (D) | One end of $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ binds to the metal center in oxy- Mb and the other end of the bound $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ is H -bonded with imidazole-NH of a distal histidine |
| Q. 53 | The correct statement(s) regarding $\mathrm{Co}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{8}$ is(are) |
| (A) | It reacts with Na to give $\mathrm{Na}\left[\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\right]$ |
| (B) | It contains three bridging carbonyls |
| (C) | It can be prepared by reductive carbonylation of $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ |
| (D) | Two isomers exist in hexane solution |
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| Q. 54 | The compound(s) having [Xe] $4 f^{1}$ configuration is(are) <br> (Given the atomic numbers Ce:58, Lu:71, Pr:59 and Nd:60) |
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| (A) | $\mathrm{Na}_{3}\left[\mathrm{Ce}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{6}\right]$ |
| (B) | $\mathrm{Na}_{3}\left[\mathrm{LuCl}_{6}\right]$ |
| (C) | $\mathrm{PrO}_{2}$ |
| (D) | $\mathrm{Nd}\left(\mathrm{NR}_{2}\right)_{3}\left(\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{SiMe}_{3}\right)$ |
| Q. 55 | The correct statement(s) for $\mathrm{XeF}_{2}$ is(are) |
| (A) | Its bonding is best explained by classical 2-centered-2-electron bonds |
| (B) | Its bonding is best explained by a non-classical 3-centered-4-electron bond |
| (C) | It contains nine lone pairs of electrons |
| (D) | Its point group is $D_{\infty h}$ |
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| Q.56 | For the non-dissociative adsorption of a gas on solid, <br> (i) the Freundlich isotherm is given by $\theta=k p^{1 / n}$ where $\theta$ is surface coverage, $p$ is <br> pressure, $k$ and $n$ are empirical constants; and <br> (ii) the BET isotherm is given by $\frac{p}{p^{*}-p}=\frac{\theta}{c}+\theta(c-1)\left(\frac{p}{p^{*}}\right)$ <br> where $p^{*}$ and $c$ are empirical constants, and $p<p^{*}$. <br> The correct statement(s) is(are) |
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| (A) | At low surface coverage, the Langmuir isotherm reduces to the Freundlich isotherm <br> with $n=1$ |
| (B) | At high surface coverage, the Langmuir isotherm reduces to the Freundlich isotherm <br> with $n=\infty$ |
| (C) At very low pressure $\left(p \ll p^{*}\right)$, the BET isotherm reduces to the Langmuir isotherm |  |$\left|\begin{array}{ll}\text { (D) } & \text { At very high pressure }\left(p \rightarrow p^{*}\right) \text {, the BET isotherm reduces to the Langmuir isotherm }\end{array}\right|$


| Q. 57 | Two different enzyme catalysis reactions I and II have identical Y-intercepts for the Lineweaver-Burke (equation given below) plots. The slope for reaction I is twice than that of reaction II. <br> If the initial concentrations of enzymes in I and II are same, the correct statement(s) is(are) |
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|  | $\frac{1}{v}=\frac{1}{v_{\max }}+\frac{K_{M}}{v_{\max }} \frac{1}{[S]}$ <br> where $v$ and $v_{\max }$ are rate and maximum rate; $K_{M}$ is Michaelis-Menten constant, and $[\mathrm{S}]$ is substrate concentration. |
| (A) | Reactions I and II have same turn over number |
| (B) | Michaelis-Menten constants for reactions I and II are identical |
| (C) | Michaelis-Menten constant for reaction I is twice than that of reaction II |
| (D) | The rates of the elementary steps for reactions I and II are identical |
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| Q. 58 | The enthalpy change for the exothermic reaction between $\mathrm{BeI}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{HgF}_{2}$ is <br> $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ (rounded off to the nearest integer) <br> $\left(\right.$ Given: Bond dissociation energy (in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ) for $\mathrm{Be}-\mathrm{F}=632, \mathrm{Be}-\mathrm{I}=289$, <br> $\mathrm{Hg}-\mathrm{F}=268$ and $\mathrm{Hg}-\mathrm{I}=145)$ <br>  |
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