

Answer all questions in the booklets provided. A periodic table is attached. You have 50 min.

[9] Question 1

Draw the most probable structure and give the valence electron count for the metal for each of the following species. (Show your work!)

- a)  $[\text{Nb}(\text{CO})_5\text{H}]^{2-}$
- b)  $\text{Hf}(\text{CO})_2(\eta^2\text{-Me}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PMe}_2)_2\text{I}_2$  (yes Hf is 8-coordinate)
- c)  $(\eta^7\text{-C}_7\text{H}_7)\text{Tc}(\eta^2\text{-MeC}\equiv\text{CMe})(\text{CH}_3)(\text{Cl})$

[15] Question 2

Draw the structure of the **final** product(s) of the following reactions. (3 marks each).

- a)  $2 \text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CHCH}_3 + 2 \text{PtBr}_2 \longrightarrow$
- b)  $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8 + \text{HC}\equiv\text{CH} \xrightarrow{\Delta}$
- c) ferrocene + acetic anhydride  $\xrightarrow{\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4}$
- d)  $2 \text{CH}_3\text{Li} + \text{ZnCl}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{hexane}}$
- e)  $[(\eta^5\text{-Cp})\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2]^- + \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{Cl} \longrightarrow$

**[12] Question 3**

- a) Of the compounds  $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_5(\text{PF}_3)$  and  $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_5(\text{PCl}_3)$ , which would you expect to have:
- the shorter C-O bonds? Explain (2 marks)
  - the higher energy Cr-C stretching bands in the infrared? Explain (2 marks)
- b) The complex  $(\text{CO})_5\text{CrN}\equiv\text{N}(\text{CO})_5$  has a longer N—N bond than  $(\text{CO})_5\text{CrN}\equiv\text{N}$  which in turn has a longer N—N bond than  $\text{N}_2$ . Explain thoroughly. (3 marks)
- c) Explain why  $\text{Mo}(\text{PMe}_3)_5\text{H}_2$  is a dihydride (contains two separate H ligands), but  $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PMe}_3)_2(\text{H}_2)$  contains the dihydrogen ligand. (Me = methyl) (3 marks)
- d) Explain why  $\nu(\text{CO})$  for  $\text{MnCp}(\text{CO})_3$  are at 2023 and 1939  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and those for  $\text{MnCp}^*(\text{CO})_3$  are at 2017 and 1928  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . ( $\text{Cp}^* = \text{C}_5(\text{Me})_5$ ) (2 marks)

**[4] Question 4**

Photolysis at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  of  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2]_2$  results in the loss of a colourless gas and the formation of an iron-containing product having a single carbonyl band at 1785  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and containing 14.7% oxygen by mass. Draw a plausible structure for the product. (4 marks)