Q1. CCl_4 is an effective fire extinguisher but it is no longer used because of its toxicity and its role in the depletion of the ozone layer. In the upper atmosphere, a bond in CCl_4 breaks and reactive species are formed.

(a) Identify the condition that causes a bond in CCl_4 to break in the upper atmosphere. Deduce an equation for the formation of the reactive species.

Condition .....

Equation

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(2)

(b) One of the reactive species formed from CCl_4 acts as a catalyst in the decomposition of ozone.

Write **two** equations to show how this species acts as a catalyst.

Equation 1

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Equation 2

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(2)

(c) A small amount of the freon CF_3Cl with a mass of 1.78×10^{-4} kg escaped from a refrigerator, into a room of volume 100 m^3. Assuming that the freon is evenly distributed throughout the air in the room, calculate the number of freon molecules in a volume of 500 cm^3.
Give your answer to the appropriate number of significant figures.

The Avogadro constant = 6.02×10^{23} mol^{-1}.

Number of molecules = ...

(3)
(Total 7 marks)

Q2. The refrigerant R410A, used in air conditioners, is a mixture of two fluoroalkanes, pentafluoroethane and difluoromethane.

(a) (i) The mechanism for the reaction of fluorine with either an alkane or a fluoroalkane is similar to that for the reaction of chlorine with methane.

Name the type of mechanism for the reaction of chlorine with methane.

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(1)

(ii) Write equations for the following steps in the mechanism for the reaction of fluorine with fluoromethane (CH_3F) to form difluoromethane (CH_2F_2).

Initiation step

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First propagation step

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Second propagation step

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A termination step leading to the formation of 1,2-difluoroethane.

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(4)

(iii) Write an overall equation for the reaction of fluorine with ethane to form pentafluoroethane (CF_3CHF_2) by this mechanism.

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(1)

(b) The refrigerant R112A (CCl_3CF_2Cl) has been banned because of concerns about ozone depletion.

Give the IUPAC name for CCl_3CF_2Cl

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(1)

(c) Nitrogen monoxide (NO) catalyses the decomposition of ozone into oxygen.

(i) Write the overall equation for this decomposition.

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(1)

(ii) Use the overall equation to deduce Step **3** in the following mechanism that shows how nitrogen monoxide catalyses this decomposition.

Step **1** $O_3 \longrightarrow O + O_2$

Step **2** $NO + O_3 \longrightarrow NO_2 + O_2$

Step **3** .....

(1)

(Total 9 marks)

Q3. Chlorine can be used to make chlorinated alkanes such as dichloromethane.

(a) Write an equation for each of the following steps in the mechanism for the reaction of chloromethane (CH_3Cl) with chlorine to form dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2).

Initiation step

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First propagation step

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Second propagation step

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The termination step that forms a compound with empirical formula CH_2Cl.

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(4)

(b) When chlorinated alkanes enter the upper atmosphere, carbon-chlorine bonds are broken. This process produces a reactive intermediate that catalyses the decomposition of ozone. The overall equation for this decomposition is

$$2O_3 \rightleftharpoons 3O_2$$

(i) Name the type of reactive intermediate that acts as a catalyst in this reaction.

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(1)

(ii) Write **two** equations to show how this intermediate is involved as a catalyst in them decomposition of ozone.

Equation 1.....

Equation 2.....

(2)

(Total 7 marks)

Q4. There are many uses of halogenated organic compounds despite environmental concerns.

(a) Bromotrifluoromethane is used in fire extinguishers in aircraft.
Bromotrifluoromethane is formed when trifluoromethane reacts with bromine.

$$CHF_3 + Br_2 \longrightarrow CBrF_3 + HBr$$

The reaction is a free-radical substitution reaction similar to the reaction of methane with chlorine.

(i) Write an equation for each of the following steps in the mechanism for the reaction of CHF_3 with Br_2

Initiation step

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First propagation step

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Second propagation step

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A termination step

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(4)

(ii) State **one** condition necessary for the initiation of this reaction.

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(1)

(b) Bromine-containing and chlorine-containing organic compounds may have a role in the decomposition of ozone in the upper atmosphere.

(i) Draw an appropriate **displayed formula** in the space provided to complete the following equation to show how $CBrF_3$ may produce bromine atoms in the upper atmosphere.

$CBrF_3 \longrightarrow$ ..... + $Br^{\bullet}$

(1)

(ii) In the upper atmosphere, it is more likely for $CBrF_3$ to produce bromine atoms than it is for $CClF_3$ to produce chlorine atoms.

Suggest **one** reason for this.

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(1)

(iii) Bromine atoms have a similar role to chlorine atoms in the decomposition of ozone.
The overall equation for the decomposition of ozone is

$$2O_3 \longrightarrow 3O_2$$

Write **two** equations to show how bromine atoms (Br•) act as a catalyst in the decomposition of ozone.

Explain how these two decomposition equations show that bromine atoms behave as a catalyst.

Equation 1

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Equation 2

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Explanation .....

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(3)
(Total 10 marks)

Q5. Trifluoromethane (CHF_3) can be used to make the refrigerant chlorotrifluoromethane($CClF_3$).

(a) Chlorotrifluoromethane is formed when trifluoromethane reacts with chlorine.

$$CHF_3 + Cl_2 \longrightarrow CClF_3 + HCl$$

The reaction is a free-radical substitution reaction similar to the reaction of methane with chlorine.

(i) Write an equation for each of the following steps in the mechanism for the reaction of CHF_3 with Cl_2

Initiation step

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First propagation step

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Second propagation step

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Termination step to form hexafluoroethane

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(4)

(ii) Give **one** essential condition for this reaction.

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(1)

(b) In some refrigeration systems, CHF_3 has replaced $CClF_3$ because of concerns about ozone depletion.

(i) Identify the species formed from $CClF_3$ that is responsible for the catalytic decomposition of ozone in the upper atmosphere.

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(1)

(ii) Write an overall equation to represent the decomposition of ozone into oxygen.

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(1)

(Total 7 marks)