HW 3	Inorganic Materials	Name:	
	Chemistry		
Points:	C7780	Date due:	
Max. 100 points	Fall 2018		

**1.** (30 pts.) Use the ligand field theory to explain why  $Mn_3O_4$  is a normal spinel while  $Fe_3O_4$  is an inverse spinel. Hint: draw diagrams of energy levels of d-electrons for ions in tetrahedral and octahedral sites, use approximation  $\Delta_T = 4/9 \Delta_0$  for ligand field splitting energy, consider all  $MO_4$  and  $MO_6$  moieties as high spin complexes, calculate ligand field stabilization energy in terms of  $\Delta_0$  for both normal and inverse arrangement of ions, compare them and find which is more stable.

**2.** (**30 pts**) Mixed metal oxides could be prepared by sol-gel reactions from aqueous solutions of metal salts.

**a)** Order these ions Al<sup>3+</sup>, Ba<sup>2+</sup>, Cs<sup>+</sup>, H<sup>+</sup>, Li<sup>+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup> according to the increasing value of hydration enthalpy:  $M^{z^+} + n H_2O \rightarrow [M(H_2O)_n]^{z^+} \Delta H_{hydration}$ 

**b**) For a hydrolytic reaction  $[M(H_2O)_N]^{z^+} + h H_2O \rightarrow [M(OH)_h(H_2O)_{N-h}]^{(z-h)^+} + h H_3O^+$ 

 $\Delta H^{\circ} = (75.2 - 9.6 z) \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  and  $\Delta S^{\circ} = (-148.4 + 73.1 z) \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ 

Write equation that gives a measure of spontaneity of reaction (= write a formula relating this state function to  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta S^{\circ}$ ). Calculate, for which of the above listed ions is this reaction spontaneous?

**3.** (**40 pts.**) Calculate the wall thickness of a hexagonal MCM-41 mesoporous material, assume that it possesses cylindrical pores.

a) First, calculate the d(100) = interplanar distance in the (100) plane from the XRD diffractogram. CuK $\alpha$  radiation was used with  $\lambda = 1.542$  Å. Diffraction maximum was found at 2.14 °20.



**b**) Now, derive the formula relating the interplanar distance d(100) to the hexagonal mesoporous parameter  $a_0$  and calculate its value.



c) Derive the formula relating the diameter  $D_p$  of a pore to specific surface area SA (870 m<sup>2</sup>/g) and total pore volume  $V_p$  (0.683 cm<sup>3</sup>/g). Assume cylindrical pores.



d) Finally, calculate the wall thickness (*wt*) of MCM41 material.