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• Derive expressions for the equilibrium constants for the complexation of $Pb^{2+}(K_1)$ and of $Ca^{2+}(K_2)$ by $EDTA^{4-}$.
Briefly explain why the chelating agent, EDTA, is administered as $[Ca(EDTA)]^{2-}$ to treat lead poisoning and determine which of K_1 or K_2 must be greater for the therapy to be effective.