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CHEMISTRY
(SCIENCE PAPER – 2)
Class-10th
(Solved)

Maximum Marks: 80

Time Allotted: Two Hours

Instructions to Candidates:

- Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.
- You will **not** be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.
- This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
- The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.
- Section A is compulsory. Attempt any four questions from Section B
- The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

SECTION – A (40 Marks)

(Attempt all questions from this Section)

Question-1

[15]

Choose the correct answers to the questions from the given options.

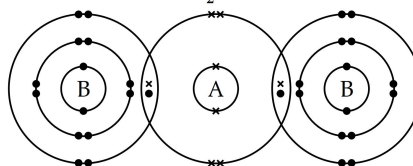
(Do not copy the questions, write the correct answers only.)

- (i) Which gas decolourises potassium permanganate (KMnO₄) solution?
- (a) Sulphur dioxide (b) Ammonia
 (c) Hydrogen chloride (d) Carbon dioxide
- (ii) Which formula represents a saturated hydrocarbon?
- (a) C₄H₈ (b) C₅H₁₂
 (c) C₄H₆ (d) C₅H₁₀
- (iii) The metal whose oxide can be reduced by common reducing agents:
- (a) Copper (b) Sodium
 (c) Aluminium (d) Potassium
- (iv) An organic compound has a vapour density of 22. The molecular formula of the organic compound is: [Atomic weight : C = 12, H = 1]
- (a) CH₄ (b) C₂H₄
 (c) C₂H₆ (d) C₃H₈
- (v) In the reaction given below sulphuric acid acts as a/an:
- $$\text{S} + 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow 3\text{SO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$$
- (a) Non-volatile acid (b) Dibasic acid
 (c) Oxidising agent (d) Reducing agent
- (vi) **Assertion (A)** : The tendency of losing electrons increases down the Group.
Reason (R) : The most reactive metal is placed at the top of Group 1.
- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
 (b) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
 (c) (A) is true but (R) is false.
 (d) (A) is false but (R) is true.

- (vii) The ore that can be concentrated by using magnetic separation :

- (a) Corundum (b) Haematite
 (c) Calamine (d) Bauxite

- (viii) The diagram given below shows the bonding in the covalent molecule AB₂.

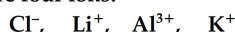


Which option represents the correct electronic configuration of atoms A and B before combining together to form the above molecule ?

	A	B
(a)	2, 4	2, 8, 6
(b)	2, 4	2, 8, 7
(c)	2, 8	2, 8, 8
(d)	2, 6	2, 8, 7

- (ix) Which of the following option has all the compounds which are members of the same homologous series ?
- (a) CH₄, C₂H₆, C₃H₈ (b) CH₄, C₂H₆, C₃H₆
 (c) C₃H₄, C₃H₆, C₃H₈ (d) C₂H₄, C₃H₆, C₄H₁₀
- (x) **Assertion (A)** : In the contact process SO₃ gas is not directly dissolved in water to obtain sulphuric acid.
Reason (R) : Dense fog or misty droplets of sulphuric acid are formed which is difficult to condense.
- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
 (b) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
 (c) (A) is true but (R) is false.
 (d) (A) is false but (R) is true.

(xi) Given below are four ions:



Identify the pair of ions which have the same electronic configuration.

[Atomic number : Cl = 17, Li = 3, Al = 13, K = 19]

- (a) Cl^- & Li^+ (b) Al^{3+} & K^+
(c) Cl^- & K^+ (d) Li^+ & K^+

(xii) Which pair of reactants can be best used to produce lead (II) sulphate ?

- (a) Sulphuric acid + Lead
(b) Sulphuric acid + Lead hydroxide
(c) Sodium sulphate + Lead nitrate
(d) Potassium sulphate + Lead oxide

(xiii) Aqueous copper (II) sulphate is electrolysed using copper electrodes.

Which statement about the electrolysis is not correct?

- (a) An oxidation reaction occurs at the positive electrode.
(b) The current is carried through the electrolyte by ions.
(c) The positive electrode loses mass.
(d) The number of copper (II) ions in the electrolyte decreases.

(xiv) X, Y & Z are three metallic atoms in successive order belonging to the same group such that atomic radii of 'X' is the smallest. Which of the three atoms is the best reducing agent ?

- (a) X
(b) Y
(c) Z
(d) All three have the same reducing power.

(xv) 40 cm^3 of methane (CH_4) is reacted with 60 cm^3 of oxygen. The equation for the reaction is given below:



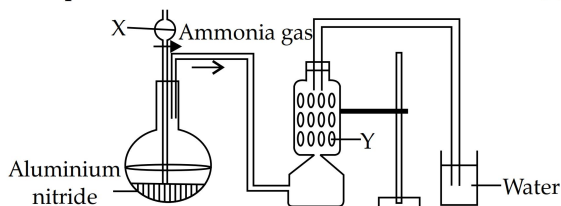
All volume is measured at room temperature.

What is the total volume of the gases remaining at the end of the reaction?

- (a) 60 cm^3 (b) 40 cm^3
(c) 45 cm^3 (d) 50 cm^3

Question 2

(i) A student was instructed by the teacher to prepare and collect ammonia gas in the laboratory by using aluminium nitride. The student had set up the apparatus as shown in the diagram below. Study the given diagram and answer the following questions: [5]



- (a) Name the substance X added through the thistle funnel by the student.
(b) Write a balanced equation for the reaction occurring between aluminium nitride and substance X.
(c) Identify the substance Y.
(d) State the function of Y.
(e) Why could the student not collect ammonia gas at the end of the experiment?

(ii) State the terms for the following: [5]

- (a) Undistilled alcohol containing a large amount of methanol.
(b) A salt formed by the partial replacement of the hydroxyl group of a di-acidic or a tri-acidic base by an acid radical.
(c) Organic compounds having the same molecular formula but different structural formula.
(d) The tendency of an atom to attract the shared pair of electrons towards itself when combined in a compound.
(e) The type of covalent bond in which electrons are shared unequally between the combining atoms.

(iii) Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct word(s) from the brackets: [5]

- (a) solution forms a coloured precipitate with ammonium hydroxide which is soluble in excess of ammonium hydroxide.
[Ferrous chloride / Copper nitrate]
(b) Zinc blende is converted to zinc oxide by
[Calcination / Roasting]
(c) conducts electricity by the movement of ions.
[Molten iron / molten sodium chloride]
(d) The reaction that takes place at the anode during the electrolysis of aqueous Sodium argentocyanide with silver electrodes is.....
[$\text{Ag} \rightarrow \text{Ag}^+ + \text{e}^-$ / $\text{Ag}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ag}$]
(e) The salt formed when ZnO reacts with hot concentrated NaOH is [sodium zincate / zinc hydroxide]

(iv) Match the Column A with Column B: [5]

	Column A		Column B
a.	$\text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \rightleftharpoons 2\text{NH}_3$	1.	Vanadium Pentoxide
b.	$4\text{NH}_3 + 5\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 4\text{NO} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	2.	Nickel
c.	$2\text{SO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightleftharpoons 2\text{SO}_3$	3.	Iron
d.	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_6$	4.	Concentrated Sulphuric acid
e.	$\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{CuSO}_4 + 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$	5.	Platinum

(v) (a) Draw the structural diagram for the following organic compounds: [5]

1. 2-methyl propene 2. butanal

Question 8

- (i) (a) State Avogadro's Law.
(b) Define Co-ordinate bond. [2]
- (ii) Differentiate between the following pairs of compounds using the **reagent** given in the bracket: [2]
- (a) Ammonium chloride and sodium chloride (*using an alkali*)
(b) Zinc nitrate solution and calcium nitrate solution (*using excess sodium hydroxide solution*)
- (iii) You are provided with some compounds in the box.

PbO	CH ₄	PbO ₂	CO ₂
HCl	NCl ₃	SO ₂	

[3]

Choose the most appropriate compound which fits the descriptions (a) to (c) given below:

- (a) A colourless gas which turns acidified K₂Cr₂O₇ from orange to green.
(b) A yellow explosive oily liquid formed when excess chlorine gas reacts with ammonia gas.
(c) A yellow metallic oxide formed on thermal decomposition of PbCO₃.
- (iv) P, Q, R and S are the different methods of preparation of salts. [3]

P - Simple displacement

Q - Neutralisation by titration

R - Precipitation

S - Direct combination

Choose the **most appropriate** method to prepare the following salts:

(A) PbCl₂

(B) FeCl₃

(C) Na₂SO₄

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ANSWERS

SECTION – A

Answer-1

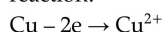
- (i) **Option (a) is correct.**
Explanation: Potassium permanganate turns colourless in the presence of a reducing agent. Of all the options given, only SO_2 acts as a reducing agent and hence decolourises it.
- (ii) **Option (b) is correct.**
Explanation: A saturated hydrocarbon has the general formula $\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n+2}$. The formula C_5H_{12} satisfies the criteria and hence, is a saturated compound..
- (iii) **Option (a) is correct.**
Explanation: All the other metals given are reactive metals. Their oxides are very stable and hence, cannot be reduced by any reducing agent.
- (iv) **Option (d) is correct.**
Explanation: If Vapour density = 22, Molecular weight = $2 \times \text{VD} = 2 \times 22 = 44$
Molecular weight of $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 = 3 \times 12 + 8 \times 1 = 36 + 8 = 44$
- (v) **Option (c) is correct.**
Explanation: Concentrated sulphuric acid acts as an oxidising agent and oxidises S to SO_2 .
- (vi) **Option (c) is correct.**
Explanation: The reason is incorrect as the most reactive metal of Group I is placed lowest in the group. The tendency to lose electrons increases down the Group.
- (vii) **Option (b) is correct.**
Explanation: Haematite is an ore of Iron and is magnetic. Hence, it is concentrated by using magnetic separation methods.
- (viii) **Option (d) is correct.**
Explanation: A = 2, 6 and has 6 valence electrons
B = 2, 7 and has 7 valence electrons. A is devoid of two electrons and B is devoid of 1 electron. So by sharing they both complete their octet and form AB_2 .
- (ix) **Option (a) is correct.**
Explanation: Homologous series have their members following a general formula. In (a) the formula is $\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n+2}$, which all given compounds follow. In other options, members do not follow a general formula.
- (x) **Option (a) is correct.**
Explanation: SO_3 with water forms toxic fumes of misty droplets of sulphuric acid that are difficult to condense.
- (xi) **Option (c) is correct.**
Explanation: Cl^- and K^+ are isoelectronic having same number of electrons = 18

(xii) **Option (c) is correct.**

Explanation: Lead sulphate is an insoluble compound and can be best prepared by precipitation reaction. The reagents are two soluble salt solutions of: sodium sulphate + lead nitrate

(xiii) **Option (d) is correct.**

Explanation: The copper ions deposited at the cathode from the electrolyte are replenished by the copper ions formed at the anode according to the reaction:



Hence, the number of copper ions in the electrolyte do not decrease.

(xiv) **Option (c) is correct.**

Explanation: Z is placed lowest in the Group and has the biggest atomic radius. It can give up electrons most easily and acts as the strongest reducing agent.

(xv) **Option (b) is correct.**

Explanation: 1 vol $\text{O}_2 = 30 \text{ mL}$, 2 vols $\text{O}_2 = 60 \text{ mL}$
1 vol CH_4 reacts with 2 vols of O_2 to form 1 vol CO_2
30 mL of CH_4 reacts with 60 mL O_2 to form 30 mL CO_2

Given 40 mL of CH_4 , hence 10 mL of CH_4 remains unused.

Total volume of gas remaining = 30 mL CO_2 + 10 mL $\text{CH}_4 = 40 \text{ mL}$

Answer-2

- (i) (a) X = warm water
(b) $\text{AlN} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Al}(\text{OH})_3 + \text{NH}_3$
(c) Y = Calcium oxide
(d) It acts as the drying agent for ammonia gas
(e) NH_3 is highly soluble in water and cannot be collected by the given procedure.
- (ii) (a) spurious alcohol
- OR**
- denatured alcohol.
(b) basic salt
(c) isomers
(d) electronegativity
(e) polar covalent bond
- (iii) (a) copper nitrate
(b) roasting
(c) molten sodium chloride
(d) $\text{Ag} \rightarrow \text{Ag}^+ + e^-$
(e) sodium zincate
- (iv) (a) 3.

Explanation: This is Haber Bosch process where Fe is used as a catalyst.

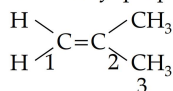
(b) 5.
Explanation: Platinum catalyst is used in oxidation of ammonia.

(c) 1.
Explanation: Contact process uses vanadium pentoxide as catalyst.

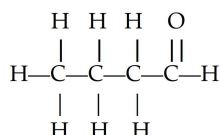
(d) 2.
Explanation: In hydrogenation of alkenes (C_2H_4), nickel is used as a catalyst.

(e) 4.
Explanation: Dehydration reaction does not require catalyst. Only in some cases sulphuric acid is used.

(v) (a) 1. 2-methyl propene:



2. Butanal:



(b) 1. 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane
2. Butanoic acid
3. Pent-2-ene

SECTION – B

Answer-3.

- (i) $X[14] = 2,8,4$ $Y[8] = 2,6$
(a) X belongs to period 3
(b) XY_2
- (ii) (a) As oxidation or loss of electrons occur at the anode, it is known as the oxidising electrode.
(b) Graphite is unaffected by the reactive bromine vapours released at the anode during electrolysis of molten lead bromide. Graphite electrodes are thus preferred during the electrolysis of molten lead bromide.
- (iii) (a) 1 mole of Mg reacts with 2 moles of H_2SO_4
Atomic weight of Mg = 24, Molecular weight of H_2SO_4 = 98
24 g of Mg reacts with 2×98 g of H_2SO_4
60 g of Mg reacts with $= 2 \times 98 \times \frac{60}{24}$
 $= 490$ g of H_2SO_4
- (b) 1 mole of Mg liberates 1 mole of SO_2 at S.T.P.
24 gms of Mg liberate 22.4 litres of SO_2 at S.T.P.
60 gms of SO_2 liberate $= 22.4 \times \frac{60}{24}$
 $= 56$ litres of SO_2
- (iv) (a) Thick white precipitate of barium sulphate is formed.

(b) Reddish brown fumes evolves
(c) The moist starch iodide paper becomes blue black.

Answer-4

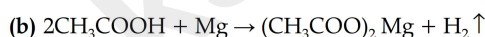
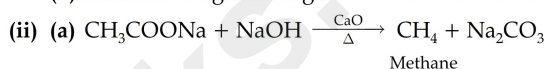
(i) (a) vapour density = mass of n molecules of gas / mass of n molecules of hydrogen gas
Since, the gases having same volume are at the same conditions of pressure and temperature, both contain same number of molecules:

Mass of gas containing n molecules = 450 g

Mass of H_2 containing n molecules = 150 g

$$V.D = \frac{450}{150} = 3$$

(b) Molecular weight of the gas = $2 \times V.D = 2 \times 3 = 6$



(iii) (a) Nitrogen dioxide

(b) Nitrogen .

In presence of catalyst nitric oxide gas (NO) is produced.

(c) Hydrogen sulphide

(iv) (a) The valency of G = 3

(b) The element that exhibits catenation is E

(c) The formula of the compound is MP_2

Answer 5.

- (i) (a) Chlorine, as it belongs to Group 17 and is the most electronegative element of all
(b) Ne, as it is an inert gas and has a stable electronic configuration
- (ii) (a) The gas evolved is Nitrogen
(b) Reddish brown/reddish pink colour of CuO
- (iii) (a) $(NH_4)_2CO_3 + 2HCl \rightarrow 2NH_4Cl + H_2O + CO_2$
(b) $S + 6HNO_3 \rightarrow H_2SO_4 + 6NO_2 + 2H_2O$
(c) $C + 2H_2SO_4 \rightarrow CO_2 + 2SO_2 + 2H_2O$
- (iv) (a) Both the test tubes showed formation of white precipitates.
(b) 1. In test tube C, the white precipitate dissolved.
2. In test tube D the white precipitate did not dissolve.

Answer-6

- (i) (a) Amphoteric oxide
(b) CuO- as it is not an acidic oxide, but is a basic oxide.
(c) CuO- as it is not an acidic oxide, but is a basic oxide.
(c) Na_2O - it dissolves in water to form an alkali NaOH.
- (ii) (a) Compound C -as 1,2-dibromoethane is formed as the only product.
(b) Compounds D and F have same molecular formula = C_4H_{10} and are isomers
(c) Compounds A and B react together in the presence of concentrated sulphuric acid to form fruity odour ester.

(iii)

	C	H	O
Percentage	47.4	10.5	42.1 [100 - (47.4 + 10.5)]
Relative no. of moles	47.4/12	10.5/1	42.1/16
	3.95	10.5	2.63
Simplest ratio	1.5	3.99	1
	1.5×2 = 3	4×2 = 8	$1 \times 2 = 2$

Empirical formula = $C_3H_8O_2$

Empirical weight = $3 \times 12 + 8 \times 1 + 2 \times 16 = 76$

Molecular mass given = 76

Empirical weight $\times n$ = Molecular weight

$76 \times n = 76$, $n = 1$

Empirical formula = Molecular formula = $C_3H_8O_2$

Answer-7.

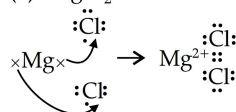
(i) (a) the acid used is concentrated nitric acid

(b) $Cu + 4HNO_3 \rightarrow Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$.

(ii) (a) In the extraction of aluminium, bauxite is concentrated during the Bayer's process.

(b) $Al(OH)_3 + NaOH \rightarrow NaAlO_2 + 2H_2O$

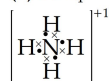
(iii) (a) $MgCl_2$ -Ionic bond



(b) HCl- polar covalent bond



(c) NH_4^+



(iv) (a) Water is a bad conductor of electricity. To make it conducting, small amount of acid is added.

(b) $2H^+ + 2e \rightarrow H_2$

(c) Bubbles of colourless gas oxygen evolves at the anode.

Answer-8.

(i) (a) Avogadro's law states that under the same conditions of temperature and pressure, equal volumes of different gases contain an equal number of molecules.

(b) Coordinate bond is a special type of covalent bond in which both electrons or an electron pair that is shared between two atoms comes from the same atom.

(ii) (a) NH_4Cl reacts with an alkali to liberate pungent odour ammonia gas, while this does not happen with $NaCl$.

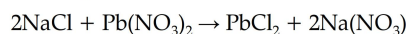
(b) When excess of sodium hydroxide is added to zinc nitrate solution, the gelatinous white precipitate of zinc hydroxide dissolves forming a clear solution. Calcium nitrate forms white precipitate of calcium hydroxide that does not dissolve in excess sodium hydroxide solution.

(iii) (a) SO_2 , since it acts as a reducing agent.

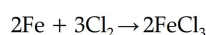
(b) NCl_3

(c) PbO

(iv) (a) R-Precipitation



(b) S-Direct combination



(c) Q- Neutralisation by titration

