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## CHEMISTRY

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Paper 3 Theory (Core)

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].
- The Periodic Table is printed in the question paper.

This document has **16** pages.

1 Fig. 1.1 shows part of the Periodic Table.

I		II								III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
															He
Na	Mg									Al	C	N	O		Cl
K	Ca						Fe								Br
															I

Fig. 1.1

Answer the following questions using only the elements in Fig. 1.1.  
Each symbol of the element may be used once, more than once or not at all.

Give the symbol of the element that:

(a) forms 78% by volume of clean, dry air

..... [1]

(b) has an atom with a complete outer electron shell

..... [1]

(c) has an atom with five occupied electron shells

..... [1]

(d) forms an ion with a charge of 2-

..... [1]

(e) forms an ion that gives a green precipitate on addition of aqueous sodium hydroxide

..... [1]

(f) is used in food containers because of its resistance to corrosion.

..... [1]

[Total: 6]

- 2 (a) Table 2.1 shows some properties of the halogens.

Table 2.1

halogen	melting point in °C	boiling point in °C	density at room temperature and pressure in g/cm <sup>3</sup>
fluorine	-220	-188	0.0016
chlorine	-101	-35	0.0032
bromine		+59	3.1
iodine	+114	+184	

Use the information in Table 2.1 to predict:

- (i) the melting point of bromine

..... [1]

- (ii) the density of iodine at room temperature and pressure

..... [1]

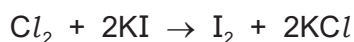
- (iii) the physical state of chlorine at -10 °C. Give a reason for your answer.

physical state .....

reason .....

..... [2]

- (b) The equation for the reaction of aqueous chlorine with aqueous potassium iodide is shown.



- (i) Choose the word which best describes this type of chemical reaction.  
Draw a circle around your chosen answer.

**addition**      **displacement**      **neutralisation**      **polymerisation**      [1]

- (ii) Explain why aqueous iodine does **not** react with aqueous potassium chloride.

..... [1]

(c) Complete the diagram in Fig. 2.1 to show the electronic configuration of a chlorine atom.

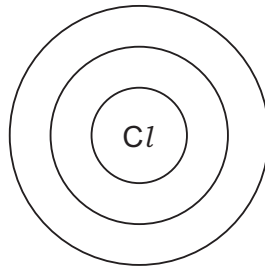


Fig. 2.1

[1]

(d) Describe a test for chlorine.

test .....

observations .....

[2]

[Total: 9]

- 3 (a) Water from natural sources contains dissolved gases.

Choose from the list, the gas that is essential for aquatic life.  
Draw a circle around your chosen answer.

argon      hydrogen      nitrogen      oxygen [1]

- (b) Polluted water may contain harmful substances such as metal compounds, plastics, nitrates and phosphates.

- (i) Name one **other** harmful substance which is present in polluted water.

..... [1]

- (ii) State why nitrates are harmful to aquatic life.

..... [1]

- (c) Table 3.1 shows the masses of ions, in mg, present in a 1000 cm<sup>3</sup> sample of polluted water.

**Table 3.1**

name of ion	formula of ion	mass of ion present in mg/ 1000 cm <sup>3</sup> of polluted water
	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.5
calcium	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	2.2
chloride	Cl <sup>-</sup>	2.5
hydrogencarbonate	HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	12.0
magnesium	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	0.8
nitrate	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.4
potassium	K <sup>+</sup>	8.3
silicate	SiO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	8.0
sodium	Na <sup>+</sup>	10.2
sulfate	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.2
tin(II)	Sn <sup>2+</sup>	0.4

Answer these questions using information from Table 3.1.

- (i) Name the negative ion present in the highest concentration.

..... [1]

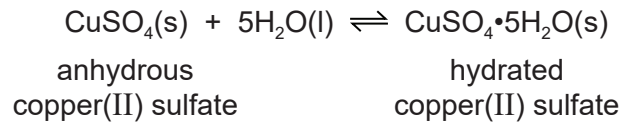
- (ii) State the name of the NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ion.

..... [1]

(iii) Calculate the mass of calcium ions present in 200 cm<sup>3</sup> of polluted water.

mass = ..... mg [1]

(d) Copper(II) sulfate can be used to test for the presence of water.



(i) State the meaning of the term hydrated.

..... [1]

(ii) Describe how hydrated copper(II) sulfate is changed to anhydrous copper(II) sulfate.

..... [1]

(e) Complete the symbol equation for the reaction of sodium with water.



[Total: 10]

4 This question is about sulfur and compounds of sulfur.

(a) Sulfur has several isotopes.

Define the term isotopes.

.....  
 ..... [2]

(b) Deduce the number of protons, neutrons and electrons in the sulfide ion shown.



number of protons .....

number of neutrons .....

number of electrons .....

[3]

(c) Sulfur burns in oxygen to produce sulfur dioxide.

Fig. 4.1 shows an incomplete reaction pathway diagram for this reaction.

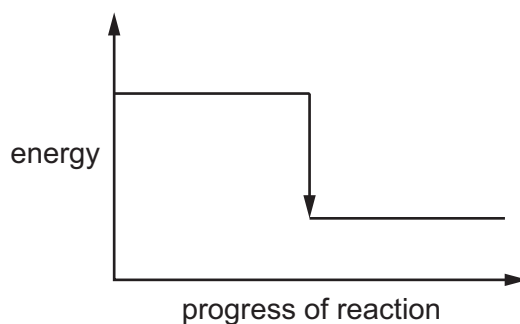


Fig. 4.1

(i) Complete Fig. 4.1 by writing these formulae on the diagram:

- S + O<sub>2</sub>
- SO<sub>2</sub>.

[1]

(ii) Explain how Fig. 4.1 shows that the reaction is exothermic.

.....  
 ..... [1]

(iii) Complete this sentence about an exothermic reaction using a word from the list.

**products      reactants      sulfur      surroundings**

An exothermic reaction transfers thermal energy to the ..... [1]

- (d) Fig. 4.2 shows the apparatus used for the electrolysis of dilute sulfuric acid using graphite electrodes.

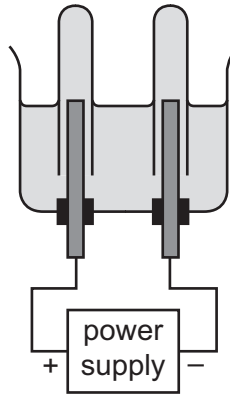


Fig. 4.2

- (i) Label Fig. 4.2 to show:
- the cathode
  - the electrolyte.
- [2]

- (ii) Name the products and state the observations at the positive and negative electrodes.

product at the positive electrode

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observations at the positive electrode

.....

product at the negative electrode

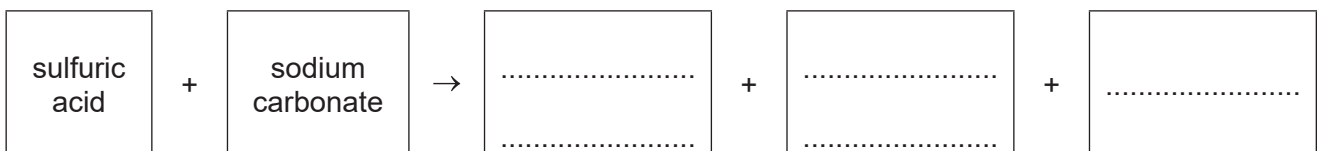
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observations at the negative electrode

.....

[4]

- (e) Complete the word equation for the reaction of dilute sulfuric acid with sodium carbonate.



[3]

- (f) A few drops of thymolphthalein indicator are added to dilute sulfuric acid.

State the colour of the solution.

..... [1]

[Total: 18]



5 This question is about metals.

(a) Iron is a transition element. Potassium is an element in Group I of the Periodic Table.

State **two** differences in the physical properties of iron compared to potassium.

- 1 .....
- 2 ..... [2]

(b) Carbon is used to extract iron from iron ore in a blast furnace.

State **two** uses of carbon in the extraction process.

- 1 .....
- 2 ..... [2]

(c) Steel is an alloy of iron.

(i) State the meaning of the term alloy.

- .....
- ..... [1]

(ii) State why alloys are more useful than pure metals.

- ..... [1]

(d) Table 5.1 shows the observations made when four different metals react with dilute hydrochloric acid of the same concentration.

**Table 5.1**

metal	observations
iron	bubbles form slowly
lead	no bubbles formed
magnesium	bubbles form rapidly
nickel	bubbles form very slowly

Put the four metals in order of their reactivity.

Put the least reactive metal first.

least reactive  $\longrightarrow$  most reactive

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[2]

[Total: 8]

- 6 (a) A student investigates the reaction of small pieces of zinc of the same mass and size with three different concentrations of dilute hydrochloric acid in the presence of a catalyst.

The three concentrations of dilute hydrochloric acid are:

- 1.0 mol/dm<sup>3</sup>
- 1.5 mol/dm<sup>3</sup>
- 2.0 mol/dm<sup>3</sup>.

All other conditions stay the same.

Table 6.1 shows the time taken for each reaction to finish.

**Table 6.1**

concentration of hydrochloric acid in mol/dm <sup>3</sup>	time taken for the reaction to finish in s
	200
	100
	150

- (i) Complete Table 6.1 by writing the concentrations of hydrochloric acid in the first column. [1]

- (ii) Describe the effect on the time taken for the zinc to finish reacting with 2.0 mol/dm<sup>3</sup> hydrochloric acid with no catalyst present.

All other conditions stay the same.

..... [1]

- (iii) Describe the effect on the time taken for the zinc to finish reacting with 2.0 mol/dm<sup>3</sup> hydrochloric acid when the surface area of the zinc is increased.

All other conditions stay the same.

..... [1]

- (b) Crystals of zinc chloride can be prepared by reacting excess zinc with dilute hydrochloric acid.

Choose from the list, the method used to separate the unreacted zinc from the reaction mixture.

Draw a circle around your chosen answer.

**chromatography      crystallisation      evaporation      filtration      [1]**

(c) Zinc chloride is soluble in water.

Choose one **other** compound that is soluble in water.

Tick (✓) **one** box.

calcium carbonate

lead(II) chloride

silver chloride

sodium nitrate

[1]

[Total: 5]

7 (a) Fig. 7.1 shows the displayed formula of mesaconic acid.

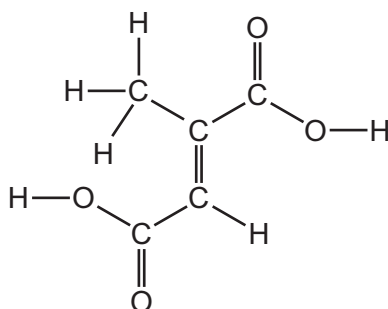


Fig. 7.1

(i) On Fig. 7.1 draw a circle around **one** carboxylic acid functional group. [1]

(ii) Deduce the molecular formula of mesaconic acid.

..... [1]

(iii) Mesaconic acid is a colourless compound.

Describe the colour change when excess mesaconic acid is added to aqueous bromine.

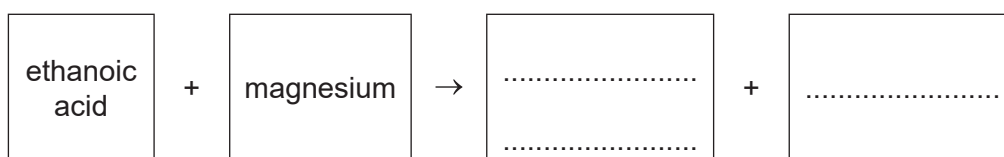
from ..... to ..... [2]

(b) Ethanoic acid belongs to the homologous series of carboxylic acids.

Define the term homologous series.

.....  
 ..... [2]

(c) Complete the word equation for the reaction of ethanoic acid with magnesium.



[2]

- (d) Ethanoic acid reacts with ethanol.  
The organic product has the molecular formula  $C_4H_8O_2$ .

Complete Table 7.1 to calculate the relative molecular mass of  $C_4H_8O_2$ .

**Table 7.1**

atom	number of atoms	relative atomic mass	
carbon	4	12	$4 \times 12 = 48$
hydrogen		1	
oxygen		16	

relative molecular mass = ..... [2]

- (e) Ethanol can be manufactured by fermentation.

Complete the word equation for one **other** method of manufacturing ethanol.

..... + .....  $\rightarrow$  ethanol [2]

[Total: 12]

8 This question is about nitrogen and compounds of nitrogen.

(a) Nitrogen is a non-metal. Nitrogen is a poor electrical conductor.

Describe two **other** physical properties which are typical of non-metals.

1 .....

2 .....

[2]

(b) Oxides of nitrogen are air pollutants which contribute to acid rain.

(i) State **one** source of oxides of nitrogen in the air.

..... [1]

(ii) State one **other** adverse effect of oxides of nitrogen.

..... [1]

(c) Ammonia is a simple molecule with covalent bonds.

(i) Describe a covalent bond.

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..... [2]

(ii) Complete Fig. 8.1 to show the dot-and-cross diagram for a molecule of ammonia.

Show outer shell electrons only.

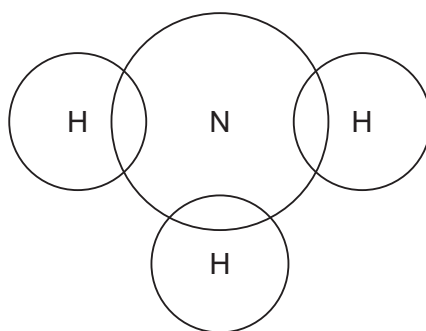


Fig. 8.1

[2]

(iii) Aqueous ammonia is alkaline.

Choose from the list, the pH value that is alkaline.

Draw a circle around your chosen answer.

pH 1      pH 5      pH 7      pH 10      [1]

(iv) Aqueous ammonia releases ammonia gas.

Ammonia gas turns damp red litmus paper blue.

A long glass tube is set up as shown in Fig. 8.2.

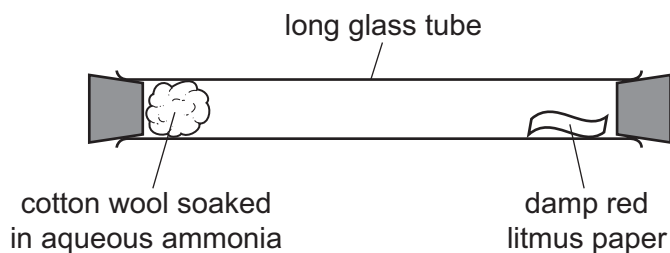


Fig. 8.2

At first, the litmus paper does **not** turn blue.  
After a short time, the litmus paper turns blue.

Explain these results in terms of the kinetic particle theory.

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..... [3]

[Total: 12]

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The Periodic Table of Elements

Group									
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII		
		Key		atomic number		atomic symbol name		relative atomic mass	
1	2	hydrogen							
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Li lithium 7	Be beryllium 9	B boron 11	C carbon 12	N nitrogen 14	O oxygen 16	F fluorine 19	Ne neon 20		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
Na sodium 23	Mg magnesium 24	Al aluminium 27	Si silicon 28	P phosphorus 31	S sulfur 32	Cl chlorine 35.5	Ar argon 40		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
K potassium 39	Ca calcium 40	Sc scandium 45	Ti titanium 48	V vanadium 51	Cr chromium 52	Mn manganese 55	Fe iron 56	Co cobalt 59	Ni nickel 59
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
Rb rubidium 85	Sr strontium 88	Y yttrium 89	Zr zirconium 91	Nb niobium 93	Mo molybdenum 96	Tc technetium	Ru ruthenium 101	Rh rhodium 103	Pd palladium 106
55	56	57–71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78
Cs caesium 133	Ba barium 137	lanthanoids	Hf hafnium 178	Ta tantalum 181	W tungsten 184	Re rhenium 186	Os osmium 190	Ir iridium 192	Pt platinum 195
87	88	89–103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
Fr francium	Ra radium	actinoids	Rf rutherfordium	Db dubnium	Sg seaborgium	Bh bohrium	Hs hassium	Mt meitnerium	Ds darmstadtium
		30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23
		Zn zinc 65	Cu copper 64	Ni nickel 59	Co cobalt 59	Fe iron 56	Mn manganese 55	Cr chromium 52	V vanadium 51
		49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42
		In indium 115	Cd cadmium 112	Ag silver 108	Rh rhodium 103	Ru ruthenium 101	Tc technetium	Mo molybdenum 96	Nb niobium 93
		81	80	79	78	77	76	75	74
		Tl thallium 204	Hg mercury 201	Au gold 197	Pt platinum 195	Os osmium 190	Rh rhenium 186	W tungsten 184	Ta tantalum 181
		113	112	111	110	109	108	107	106
		Nh nihonium	Cn copernicium	Rg roentgenium	Ds darmstadtium	Mt meitnerium	Hs hassium	Bh bohrium	Sg seaborgium
		114	113	112	111	110	109	108	107
		Pb lead 207	Bi bismuth 209	Po polonium	At astatine	Pt platinum 195	Os osmium 190	Rh rhenium 186	W tungsten 184
		82	81	80	79	78	77	76	75
		Po polonium	Bi bismuth 209	Pb lead 207	At astatine	Pt platinum 195	Os osmium 190	Rh rhenium 186	W tungsten 184
		116	115	114	113	112	111	110	109
		Lv livermorium	Mc moscovium	Fl flerovium	Nh nihonium	Cn copernicium	Rg roentgenium	Ds darmstadtium	Mt meitnerium
		117	116	115	114	113	112	111	110
		Ts tennessine	Lv livermorium	Fl flerovium	Nh nihonium	Cn copernicium	Rg roentgenium	Ds darmstadtium	Mt meitnerium
		118	117	116	115	114	113	112	111
		Og oganeson	Lv livermorium	Fl flerovium	Nh nihonium	Cn copernicium	Rg roentgenium	Ds darmstadtium	Mt meitnerium
		86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79
		Rn radon	Po polonium	Pb lead 207	At astatine	Pt platinum 195	Os osmium 190	Rh rhenium 186	W tungsten 184
		118	117	116	115	114	113	112	111
		Og oganeson	Lv livermorium	Fl flerovium	Nh nihonium	Cn copernicium	Rg roentgenium	Ds darmstadtium	Mt meitnerium
		71	70	69	68	67	66	65	64
		Lu lutetium 175	Yb ytterbium 173	Tm thulium 169	Er erbium 167	Ho holmium 165	Dy dysprosium 163	Tb terbium 159	Gd gadolinium 157
		103	102	101	100	99	98	97	96
		Lr lawrencium	No nobelium	Md mendelevium	Fm fermium	Es einsteinium	Cf californium	Bk berkelium	Cm curium
		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		71	70	69	68	67	66	65	64
		Lu lutetium 175	Yb ytterbium 173	Tm thulium 169	Er erbium 167	Ho holmium 165	Dy dysprosium 163	Tb terbium 159	Gd gadolinium 157
		103	102	101	100	99	98	97	96
		Lr lawrencium	No nobelium	Md mendelevium	Fm fermium	Es einsteinium	Cf californium	Bk berkelium	Cm curium
		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
lanthanoids	La lanthanum 139	Ce cerium 140	Pr praseodymium 141	Nd neodymium 144	Pm promethium	Sm samarium 150	Eu europium 152	Gd gadolinium 157	Tb terbium 159
		89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96
actinoids	Ac actinium	Th thorium 232	Pa protactinium 231	U uranium 238	Np neptunium	Pu plutonium	Am americium	Cm curium	Bk berkelium
		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
lanthanoids	La lanthanum 139	Ce cerium 140	Pr praseodymium 141	Nd neodymium 144	Pm promethium	Sm samarium 150	Eu europium 152	Gd gadolinium 157	Tb terbium 159
		89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96
actinoids	Ac actinium	Th thorium 232	Pa protactinium 231	U uranium 238	Np neptunium	Pu plutonium	Am americium	Cm curium	Bk berkelium
		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

The volume of one mole of any gas is 24 dm<sup>3</sup> at room temperature and pressure (r.t.p.).