

NgeeAnn Secondary School

Pure Chemistry Prelim Exam Paper 1-2011

Q1: Diffusion rate inversely proportional to square of m_r

$KE = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{mass} \cdot \text{Velocity}^2$, for gas at r.p.t, the KE is the same thus:

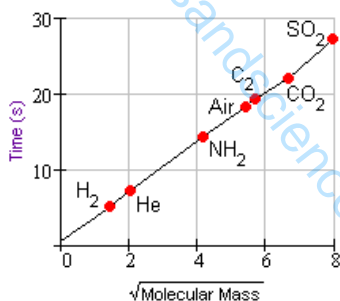
$\text{Velocity} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot KE}{m_r}} = \text{diffusion rate}$

→ Option **D** is correct—Ans

Graham's Law of Effusion

- The rate of effusion of a gas is inversely proportional to the square root of either the density or the molar mass of the gas.

$$\text{Rate}_{\text{effusion}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{density}}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{MM}}$$

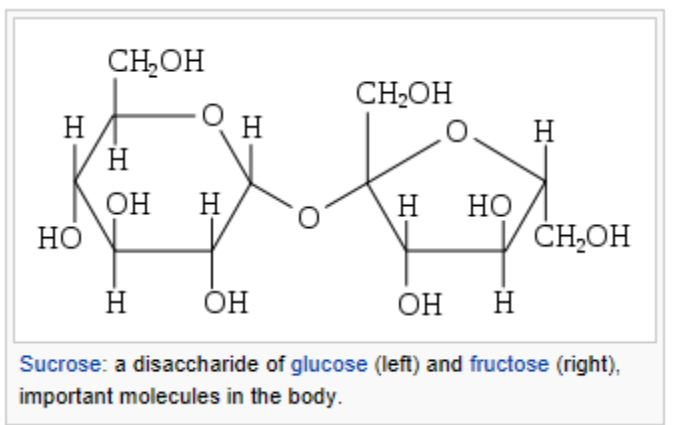


The time required for 25-mL samples of different gasses to diffuse through a pinhole into a vacuum.

1) Solubility & BP depends on the polarities of molecules and the solvent properties more than the value of m_r . Number of atoms does not directly link to the value of m_r .

Q2: dilute sugar molecules (C₆H₁₂O₆) in water

Sugar molecules are separated far apart from each other, randomly mixed between water molecules, all moving at random



→ Option **A** is correct

Q3:

To be liquid at room temperature 30 C, the temp range of MP to BP must include 30 C.

→ Option **B** is correct—Ans

1) Option C temp range include 30 C but the BP is too high thus not volatile.

Q4: Elements from Ionic compounds must be extracted either by reduction method or electrolysis

→ Option **C** is correct--Ans

1) Crystallization for obtaining solid dissolved compounds from a solution, Distillation for obtaining pure liquid distillate from a solution, Filtration for separating solid from a liquid.

Q5: Experimental setup

To obtain pure & dry sample, the final stage must not use water displacement method as water evaporate at normal temperature as well, so the setup should use gas syringe 1-3-2-4.

→ Option **D** is correct –Ans

Q6: Kr p=e=36

From periodic table,

Cl⁻ e=17+1=18

Rb⁺ e=37-1=36

Na⁺ e=11-1=10

Xe e=p=54

→ Option **B** is correct --Ans

Q7: Ionic compound physical properties → High MP, conductive in aqueous or molten state

→ Option **D** is correct—Ans

1) Option C could be reactive metal such as sodium, potassium which conduct electrical at solid state and is reactive with water to form alkali.

Q8: Iron (III) nitrate → Fe(NO₃)₃ → Option A is correct –Ans

Q9: covalent compound

From given diagram Y has 6 valance e- → group 6

X has 7 valance e- → group 7

Check given option from PT,

Option **D** is correct –Ans

Q10: % composition

% O in H₂O = $16/(16+2)$

Mass of O in 72g = $72 * 16/18 = 64g$

→ Option **C** is correct –Ans

Q11: electrical conductor

Pure ethanoic acid is weak acid, so its conductivity is lower than metallic sodium

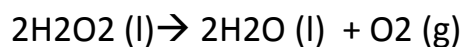
→ Option **C** is correct--Ans

Q12: Test for presence of reducing agent by K₂Cr₂O₇

Present of RA such as KI will change the color of K₂Cr₂O₇ from orange to green.

→ Option **D** is correct.—Ans

Q13: Catalyst speed up reaction but not involve in final product.



Final solution is water (colorless), CuO is black in color insoluble in water

→ Option **A** is correct—Ans

Q14:

OS of sulfur: $0 \rightarrow 4+ \rightarrow 6+ \rightarrow 6+$

→ Option **A** is correct—Ans

Q15: $\text{H}_2 + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{HCl}$ exothermic

More energy released from bonds formation than energy absorbed to break bonds.

→ Option **B** is correct --Ans

Q16: Optimum temperature for enzyme to function

At low temperature, enzymes are inactive, at too high temperature, the hydrogen bonds in the protein structure of enzyme are denatured thus not functioning, at optimum temperature, the high collision rate lead to high reaction rate.

→ Option B is correct—Ans

Q17: Acid.

HCl react with calcium carbonate to given colorless CaCl₂ solution + CO₂.

HCl react with Fe(OH)₂ to given FeCl₂ solution which is light blue in color.

HCl react with KOH to given colorless KCl solution.

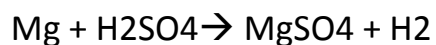
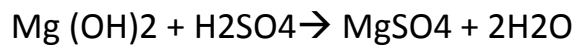
HCl react with AgNO₃ to give AgCl ppt + HNO₃

Chromium(III)	Cr ³⁺	Blue-green
Chromate	CrO ₄ ²⁻	Colorless or Yellow(sometimes)
Dichromate	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	Orange
Manganese(II)	Mn ²⁺	Colourless
Manganate(VII) (<i>Permanganate</i>)	MnO ₄ ⁻	Deep violet
Manganate(VI)	MnO ₄ ²⁻	Dark green
Manganate(V)	MnO ₄ ³⁻	Deep blue
Iron(II)	Fe ²⁺	Light blue
Iron(III)	Fe ³⁺	Yellow/brown
Cobalt(II)	Co ²⁺	Pink
Cobalt-ammonium complex	Co(NH ₃) ₆ ³⁺	Yellow/orange
Nickel(II)	Ni ²⁺	Light green
Nickel-ammonium complex	Ni(NH ₃) ₆ ²⁺	Lavender/blue
Copper(II)	Cu ²⁺	Blue

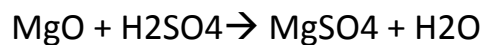
Key is: Transition metal ions has color in aqueous solution !

→ Option C is correct—Ans

Q18: H₂SO₄



$\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow$ No reaction, mixture of aqueous solution



→ Option **C** is correct—Ans

Q19: Transition metal characteristics: Multiple OS, colored compound

→ Option **C** is correct—Ans

1) Group 1,2,3 compound are single OS and white in color.

Q20: Amphoteric oxide Zn,Pb,Al

→ Option **D** is correct—Ans

1) all options are carbonate which decompose to metal oxide + CO₂.

Q21: Acidic air pollutant: SO₂, NO₂, CO₂

H₂, N₂ are neutral

NH₃ is alkaline

SO₃ is acidic

H₂SO₄ acid gas/aqueous

→ Option **C** is best answer—Ans

Q22: Halogen exist in diatomic molecules, form -1 anions, reactivity reduces down the group, compound with Ag sensitive to UV light.

👉 A **silver halide** is one of the **compounds** formed between **silver** and one of the **halogens** — **silver bromide** (AgBr), **chloride** (AgCl), **iodide** (AgI), and three forms of **silver fluorides**. As a group, they are often referred to as the silver halides, and are often given the pseudo-chemical notation AgX. Although most silver halides involve silver atoms with **oxidation states** of +1 (Ag⁺), silver halides in which the silver atoms have oxidation states of +2 (Ag²⁺) are known, of which **silver(II) fluoride** is the only known stable one.

The light-sensitive chemicals used in photographic film and paper are silver halides.

Light sensitivity

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Silver halides are used in **photographic film** and **photographic paper**, including graphic art film and paper, where silver halide **crystals** in **gelatin** are coated on to a **film base**, glass or paper **substrate**. The gelatin is a vital part of the emulsion as the protective colloid of appropriate physical and chemical properties. Gelatin may also contain trace elements (such as **sulfur**) which increase the light sensitivity of the **emulsion**, although modern practice uses gelatin without such components. When absorbed by an AgX crystal, **photons** cause electrons to be promoted to a **conduction band** (de-localized **electron orbital** with higher energy than a **valence band**) which can be attracted by a **sensitivity speck**, which is a shallow electron trap, which may be a crystalline defect or a cluster of silver sulfide, gold, other trace elements (**dopant**), or combination thereof, and then combined with an interstitial silver ion to form silver metal speck.^[1]

When a silver halide crystal is exposed to light, a **sensitivity speck** on the surface of the crystal is turned into a small speck of metallic silver (these comprise the invisible or **latent image**). If the speck of silver contains approximately four or more atoms, it is rendered developable - meaning that it can undergo **development** which turns the entire crystal into metallic silver. Areas of the emulsion receiving larger amounts of light (reflected from a subject being photographed, for example) undergo the greatest development and therefore results in the highest optical density.

Silver bromide and silver chloride may be used separately or combined, depending on the sensitivity and tonal qualities desired in the product. Silver iodide is always combined with silver bromide or silver chloride, except in the case of some historical processes such as the **collodion wet plate** and **daguerreotype**, in which the iodide is sometimes used alone (generally regarded as necessary if a daguerreotype is to be developed by the **Becquerel** method, in which exposure to strong red light, which affects only the crystals bearing latent image specks, is substituted for exposure to mercury fumes). Silver fluoride is not used in photography.

Silver halides are also used to make **corrective lenses** darken when exposed to **ultraviolet light** (see **photochromism**).

→ Option **C** is incorrect--Ans

Q23: XH₄⁺ similar to NH₄⁺

From diagram, X has 5 valance e- → group 5 such as nitrogen

→ Option D is correct—Ans

Q24: PT

From PT: Period 1 : 2 Period 2: 8 Period 3:8 total 18 element in first 3 period

→ Option B is correct—Ans

Q25: Iron extraction

Iron can be extracted by C in blast furnace or by electrolysis. Pig iron from blast furnace contains lot of impurities but is cheaper to operate.

→ Option C is correct—Ans

Q26: Fe vs Al

Al is more reactive than Fe, so when exposed to damp environment should corrode faster, however the layer of Al_2O_3 protect the Al.

→ Option D is correct—Ans

Q27: Francium (Fr) vs Al

Fr more metallic than Na. K thus never discharge in electrolysis of aqueous solution. Fr above C in reactivity series thus cannot be reduced by carbon and its oxide FrO_2 is very stable.

Only way to extract Fr is by electrolysis of molten Fr's salt such as FrCl

→ Option **B** is correct—Ans

Q28:

HCl limiting reactant

Solution 1 : 0.05 mol

Solution 2: 0.05 mol but higher concentration faster reaction=Y

Solution 3: 0.1 mol highest volume of H₂ produced=X

→ Option **B** is correct—Ans

Q29: Natural Ore

Hematite, also spelled as **haematite**, is the mineral form of iron(III) oxide (Fe₂O₃), one of several **iron oxides**. Hematite crystallizes in the **rhombohedral** system, and it has the same **crystal structure** as **ilmenite** and **corundum**. Hematite and ilmenite form a complete **solid solution** at temperatures above 950 °C.

Hematite is a mineral, colored black to steel or silver-gray, brown to reddish brown, or red. It is **mined** as the **main ore of iron**. Varieties include *kidney ore*, *martite* (**pseudomorphs** after **magnetite**), *iron rose* and *specularite* (specular hematite). While the forms of hematite vary, they all have a rust-red streak. Hematite is harder than pure iron, but much more brittle. **Maghemite** is a hematite- and **magnetite**-related oxide mineral.

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Limestone is a **sedimentary rock** composed largely of the **minerals calcite** and **aragonite**, which are different crystal forms of **calcium carbonate** (CaCO₃). Many limestones are composed from skeletal fragments of marine organisms such as **coral** or **foraminifera**.

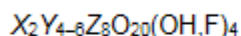
Limestone makes up about 10% of the total volume of all sedimentary rocks. The **solubility** of limestone in water and weak acid solutions leads to **karst** landscapes, in which water erodes the limestone over thousands to millions of years. Most **cave** systems are through limestone bedrock.

Limestone has numerous uses, including as building material, as aggregate to form the base of roads, as white pigment or filler in products such as toothpaste or paints, and as a chemical feedstock.

Mica classification

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Chemically, micas can be given the general formula^[2]



in which *X* is **K**, **Na**, or **Ca** or less commonly **Ba**, **Rb**, or **Cs**;

Y is **Al**, **Mg**, or **Fe** or less commonly **Mn**, **Cr**, **Ti**, **Li**, etc.;

Z is chiefly **Si** or **Al**, but also may include **Fe³⁺** or **Ti**.

Structurally, micas can be classed as dioctahedral (*Y* = 4) and trioctahedral (*Y* = 6). If the *X* ion is **K** or **Na**, the mica is a "common" mica, whereas if the *X* ion is **Ca**, the mica is classed as a "brittle" mica.

Quartz is the second-most-abundant **mineral** in the **Earth's continental crust**, after **feldspar**. It is made up of a continuous framework of **SiO₄ silicon–oxygen tetrahedra**, with each oxygen being shared between two tetrahedra, giving an overall formula **SiO₂**. There are many different varieties of quartz, several of which are semi-precious **gemstones**. Throughout the world, varieties of quartz have been since antiquity the most commonly used minerals in the making of **jewelry** and **hardstone carvings**.

→ Option **D** is correct

Q30: electrolysis of conc NaCl

Cathode: $2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2(g)$

Anode: $2Cl^- \rightarrow Cl_2(g) + 2e^-$

Option **B** is correct—Ans

Q31:

Mol of $\text{CaCO}_3 = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{mr}} = \frac{50}{(40+12+16*3)} = 0.5 \text{ mol}$

Mol $\text{CO}_2 = \text{mol CaCO}_3 = 0.5 \text{ mol}$

At rtp 1 mole = 24 dm³, 0.5 mol = 12 dm³

→ Option **A** is correct—Ans

Q32: Count of N atoms per mol

$\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3 = 2 \text{ mol of N}$

$\text{NaNO}_3 = 1 \text{ mol of N}$

$(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{PO}_4 = 3 \text{ mol of N}$ ---Highest

$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4 = 2 \text{ mol of N}$

→ Option **C** is correct—Ans

Q33: Fuel

CO is colorless gas which can be burnt to form CO_2 by $2\text{CO} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{CO}_2$, all other hydrocarbon fuels could form soot in incomplete combustion.

→ Option **A** is correct—Ans

Q34: Essential property of fuel → exothermic reaction in combustion

→ Option **A** is essential—Ans

Q35: Plastic=polymer, raw material from crude oil refinery

→ Option **B** is main source of plastic raw material--Ans

Q36: Organic acid-COOH

Ethanol=neutral

Propane=neutral

Propanoic acid=weak acid react with Alkaline NaOH to form salt and water

Propanol=neutral

→ Option **C** is correct—Ans

Q37: Isomer, compound with same molecular formula but different structure

- **Isomers** are molecules or [molecular compounds](#) that are similar in that they have the same [molecular formula](#), however have different arrangements of the [atoms](#) or groups of atoms (functional groups) involved.
- The word **Isomer** comes from the Greek words, *Isos* meaning equal and *meros*, meaning part, or to share.

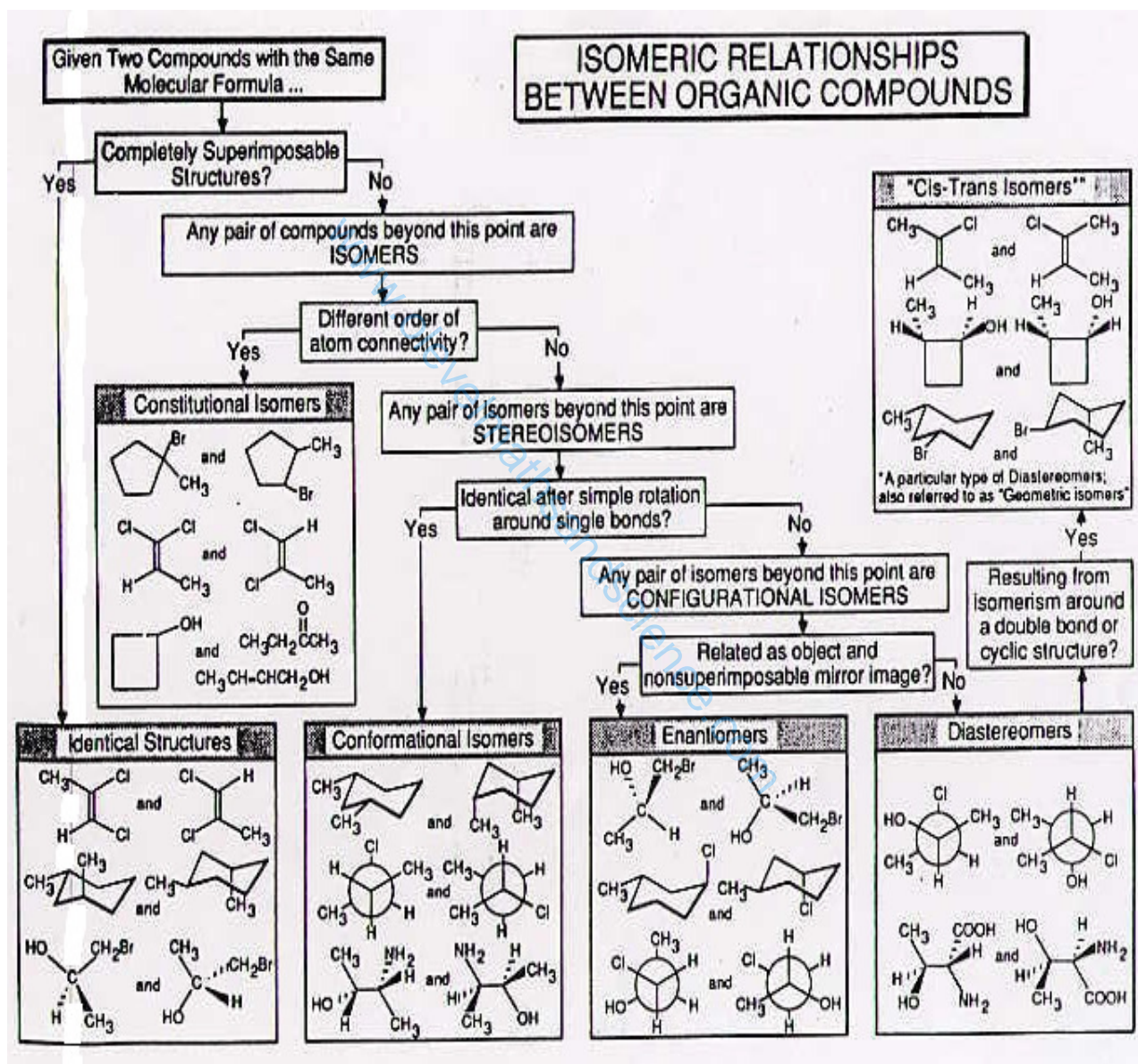
A: CH₄ vs C₂H₆ not isomers

B: C₂H₅Cl same formula and identical structure

C: C₂H₅Cl vs C₂H₄Cl not isomer

D: C₂H₂Cl₂ same formula but different structure=isomers

Option **D** is correct—Ans



Q38: Addition reaction → not elimination of products

A: substitution reaction

B: Bromination (addition)

C: Addition polymerization

D: Hydration (addition)

→ Option **A** is not an addition reaction—Ans

Q39: from the diagram, the monomers structure should be:

$\text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{CH}$

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CH_3 Molecular formula is: C_3H_6

→ Option **C** is correct—Ans

Q40: Empirical formula = simplest ratio

A: $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_n = (\text{CH}_2)_{2n}$

B: $(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6)_n = (\text{CH}_2)_{3n}$

C: $(\text{C}_4\text{H}_8)_n = (\text{CH}_2)_{4n}$

D: $(\text{C}_8\text{H}_8)_n = (\text{CH})_{8n}$ ** empirical formula CH

→ Option **D** is correct—Ans

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A1:

a) Colored Compound → look for transition element → CuCl_2

Properties	
Molecular formula	CuCl_2
Molar mass	134.45 g/mol (anhydrous) 170.48 g/mol (dihydrate)
Appearance	yellow-brown solid (anhydrous) blue-green solid (dihydrate)
Odor	odorless

b) all carbonate insoluble except Na, K, NH_4 → silver carbonate

c) Ammonia salt solution react with NaOH to produce NH_3 → Ammonia Sulphate

d) Amphoteric react with acid and base → Al_2O_3

e) element that is liquid at rtp → Br_2

A2: atomic number=8 → Oxygen

a) $N=8$ $p=8$ $e=10$ 2 extra electrons thus an **-2 charged anion**

b) Likely to be group **6**

c) Bonding between non-metallic element → **covalent bond** such as CO_2 .

A3:

(a) single molecular solid at 20C: A,C,E,F possible based on MP, but should be poor conductor of electricity due to covalent structure → **A** such as organic hydrocarbon.

(b) Soluble ionic salt: high MP, good conductor in both aqueous and liquid → **C**

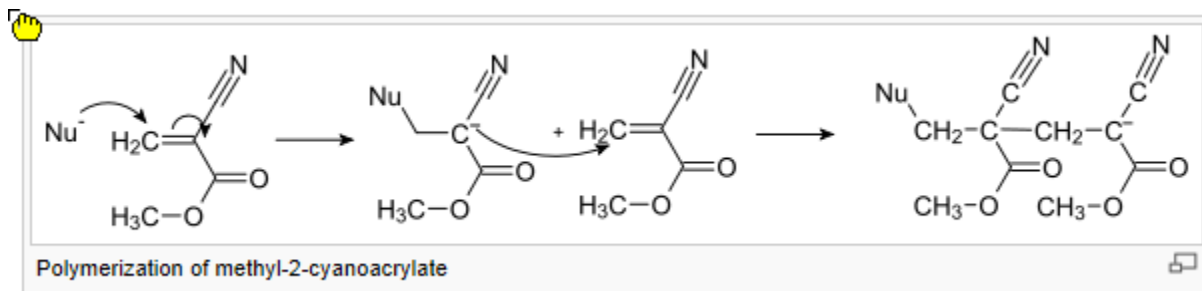
©Liquid at 20C → **D** with MP-BP temp range contain 20C

A4:

(a) Caesium from PT Period 6 group 1 → **A**

(b) Cs compared to Li had larger atomic, the outer electron was less attracted by the nuclei thus contain higher KE which make Cs much more reactive (metallic behavior) than Li.

A5: Addition polymerization speed up by presence of water or base which act as catalyst.



The sweet smell come from the ester functional group COO

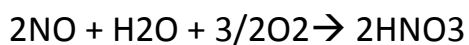
A6:

a) Fossil fuels are hydrocarbon compound which burnt to produce CO₂, H₂O & energy which were used for various function such as power generation, heating etc.

b) Excessive CO₂ dissolved into rain water to form acid rain which damages the environments thus was considered an air pollutant.

c) $\text{N}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NO}$ which occur at high temperature as high activation energy is required to break the N-N triple bond.

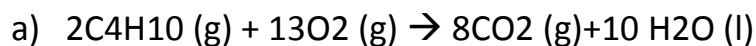
d) NO further oxidized to NO₂ which dissolve into rain water to form acid rain:



CO is toxic gas which reduces the blood's ability to carry oxygen.

e) SO₂ which are released from burning of fuels like coke or from volcano activities.

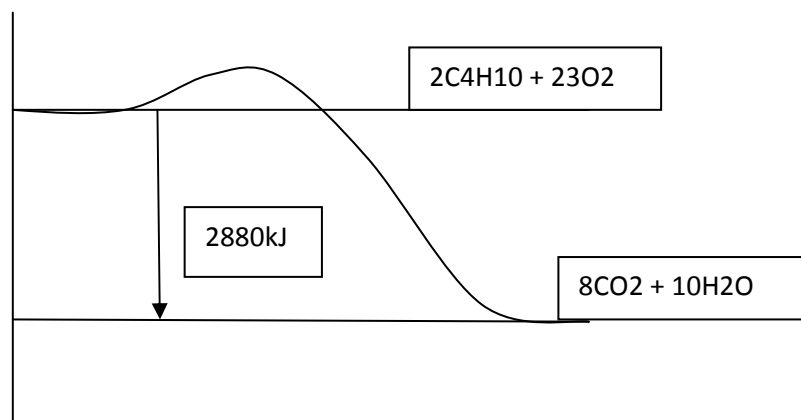
A7:



b) number of mol = $600/24000$

$$\text{total energy release} = 600/24000 * 2880 = 72 \text{ KJ ##}$$

c)



d) Energy used to break the bonds are lower than energy released from bonds formation thus the reaction is exothermic.

A8:

a)

1) Mol of NaOH = Mole of CH₃COOH = $26.25 \times 0.001 \times 1 = 0.02625$ mol

Molar concentration of X = mol/volume = $0.02625 / (25 \times 0.001) = \underline{1.05 \text{ mol/dm}^3}$ ##

2) mass concentration of CH₃COOH = molar concentration * mr

= $1.05 \times (12 \times 2 + 4 + 16 \times 2) / 1000 = 0.063 \text{ g/cm}^3$

Given the density of X is 1.05 g/cm³, thus % of CH₃COOH by mass

= $0.063 / 1.05 = \underline{6\%}$

b) compute #/mol CH₃COOH and compare

\$/mol for X = $4 / (125 \times 1.05 \times 0.001) = \30.5

\$/mol for Y = $8 / (250 \times 0.833 \times 0.001) = \38.4 X is cheaper and is a better buy.

A9:

a) SO_4^{2-}

OS of sulfur = +6

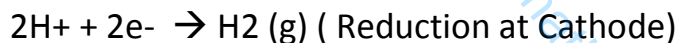
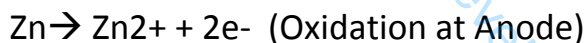
b) SO_2 the OS of sulfur is +4 thus the Sulfur was oxidized to +6 in the reaction.

A10:

a) The solution is called "Electrolyte"

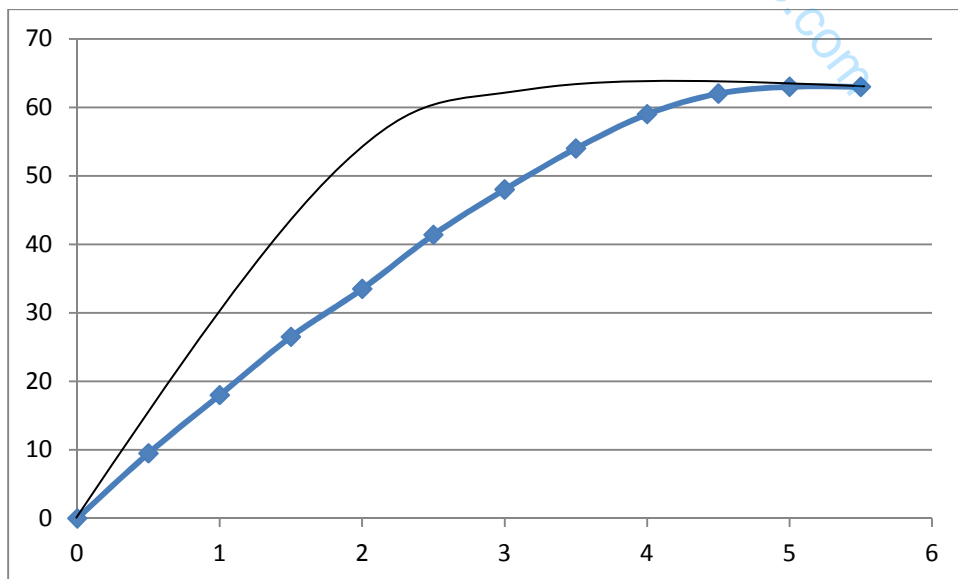
b) Fresh water : H^+ , OH^- Seawater: Na^+ Cl^-

c) simple cell: Cathode Copper, Anode Zn, electrolyte : NaCl solution



A11:

a) $\text{Mg} + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{MgCl}_2 + \text{H}_2 \text{ (g)}$



Given mass of Mg=0.0699 g

Mol of Mg= $0.0699/24$ mol from the balanced reaction formula

Mol of H₂=mol of Mg= 2.9125×10^{-3} mol

Max volume of H₂ from graph= 60×0.001 dm³

Molar volume of H₂/dm³= $60 \times 0.001 / (2.9125 \times 0.001) = 20.6$ dm³/mol obtained from experiment

Compare to std rtp 24 dm³ per mol the value of 20.6 was lower, 1 possible reason is that the Magnesium contain impurities which reduced the actual mol of H₂ produced.

c) Increase concentration of HCl will speed up the reaction due to increase collision between the molecules of the reactant.

d) $\text{CaCO}_3 + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{CaCl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2$

assume same mass of 0.0699, the mol of CaCO₃= $0.0699 / (40+12+16 \times 3) = 6.99 \times 10^{-4}$

Mol of CO₂=Mol of CaCO₃= 6.99×10^{-4}

Volume of CO₂= $24 \times 6.99 \times 10^{-4} = \underline{16.8 \text{ cc}}$ ##

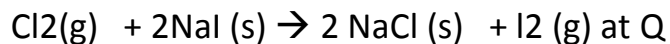
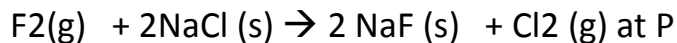
B12:

a)

1) Test for chlorine: Moist litmus blue paper → Red → colorless

2) NaCl is white color salt. The light green Cl₂ decolorized as Cl₂ was used out.

b) F displaced Cl⁻ due to higher reactivity



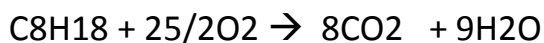
Violet color, cooled to form black I₂ solid at R, noted that I₂ sublimate and does not have liquid state.

B13:

Choice-A

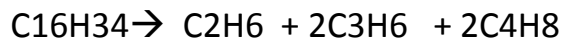
a) Isooctane → C₈H₁₈

Cetane → C₁₆H₃₄



b) Cl₂ substitutes H in Alkane when there is sun-light (UV radiation)

c) Cracking with catalyst such as Silicon oxides and aluminum oxides



Alkane

Alkene which undergo bromination

d) Isomers → structural isomers or geometrical isomers

e) glycerol is an alcohol (functional group) so when acidified KMnO₄ was added, it would be oxidized to carboxylic acid + H₂O

Chromium(III)	Cr^{3+}	Blue-green
Chromate	CrO_4^{2-}	Colorless or Yellow(sometimes)
Dichromate	$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$	Orange
Manganese(II)	Mn^{2+}	Colourless
Manganate(VII) (<i>Permanganate</i>)	MnO_4^-	Deep violet
Manganate(VI)	MnO_4^{2-}	Dark green
Manganate(V)	MnO_4^{3-}	Deep blue

Color change from violet to colorless.

Choice B:

a) Milk is a solution of compounds in water, some of these compounds decompose upon heating, so direct heating for evaporation to dryness is not appropriate. Few methods possible:

Evaporation methods

These methods rely on measuring the mass of water in a known mass of sample. The moisture content is determined by measuring the mass of a food before and after the water is removed by evaporation:

$$\% \text{Moisture} = \frac{M_{\text{INITIAL}} - M_{\text{DRIED}}}{M_{\text{INITIAL}}} \times 100$$


Here, M_{INITIAL} and M_{DRIED} are the mass of the sample before and after drying, respectively. The basic principle of this technique is that water has a lower boiling point than the other major components within foods, e.g., lipids, proteins, carbohydrates and minerals. Sometimes a related parameter, known as the *total solids*, is reported as a measure of the moisture content. The total solids content is a measure of the amount of material remaining after all the water has been evaporated:

Distillation Methods

Distillation methods are based on *direct* measurement of the amount of water removed from a food sample by evaporation: $\% \text{Moisture} = 100 (M_{\text{WATER}}/M_{\text{INITIAL}})$. In contrast, evaporation methods are based on *indirect* measurement of the amount of water removed from a food sample by evaporation: $\% \text{Moisture} = 100 (M_{\text{INITIAL}} - M_{\text{DRIED}})/M_{\text{INITIAL}}$. Basically, distillation methods involve heating a weighed food sample (M_{INITIAL}) in the presence of an organic solvent that is immiscible with water. The water in the sample evaporates and is collected in a graduated glass tube where its mass is determined (M_{WATER}).

b)	C	H	O
	42.1	6.43	51.47
	42.1/12	6.43/1	51.47/16
	3.51	6.43	3.22
Simplest ratio	1	1.83	0.92
Number	12	22	11
In 1 molecule			

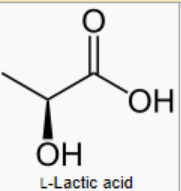
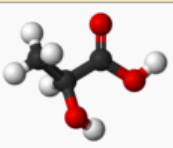
Lactose is a disaccharide sugar that is found most notably in milk and is formed from galactose and glucose. Lactose makes up around 2~8% of milk (by weight), although the amount varies among species and individuals. It is extracted from sweet or sour whey. The name comes from lac or lactis, the Latin word for milk, plus the -ose ending used to name sugars. It has a formula of [C₁₂H₂₂O₁₁](#).

 Lactic acid, also known as **milk acid**, is a **chemical compound** that plays a role in various biochemical processes and was first isolated in 1780 by the Swedish chemist **Carl Wilhelm Scheele**. Lactic acid is a **carboxylic acid** with the **chemical formula** $C_3H_6O_3$. It has a **hydroxyl group** adjacent to the **carboxyl group**, making it an **alpha hydroxy acid** (AHA).

In solution, it can lose a **proton** from the acidic group, producing the **lactate ion** (to be specific, an **anion** due to being negatively charged with an extra electron) $CH_3CH(OH)COO^-$. Compared to **acetic acid**, its pK_a is 1 unit smaller, meaning lactic acid loses its proton ten times as easily as acetic acid does. This higher acidity is the consequence of the intramolecular hydrogen bridge between the α -hydroxyl and the carboxylate group, making the latter less capable of keeping its proton tight.

Lactic acid is **miscible** with water or ethanol, and is **hygroscopic**.

Lactic acid is **chiral** and has two **optical isomers**. One is known as L-(+)-lactic acid or (*S*)-lactic acid and the other, its mirror image, is D-(-)-lactic acid or (*R*)-lactic acid.

Lactic acid	
 L-Lactic acid	
IUPAC name <small>[hide]</small>	2-Hydroxypropanoic acid
Other names <small>[hide]</small>	Milk acid
Identifiers	

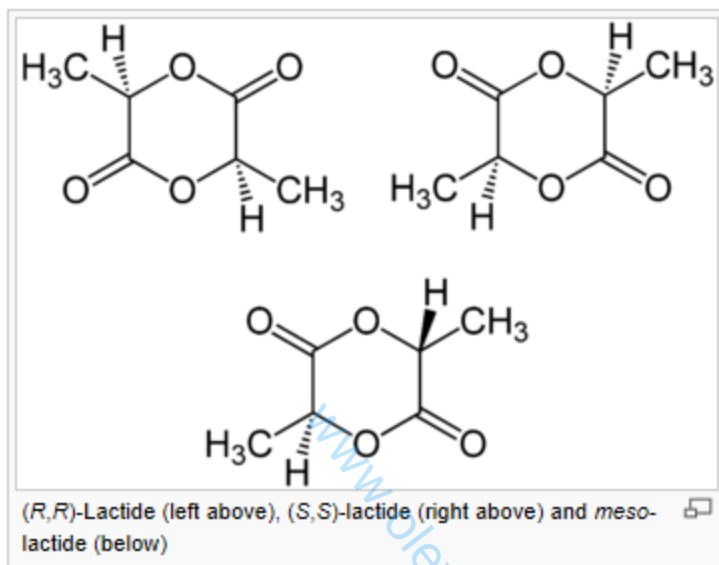
d) Since there is a $-OH$ functional group and a $-COOH$ functional group, it is possible for the molecule to perform condensation reaction, however, due to close proximity of the 2 functional groups, 2 molecules form a di-ester of lactic acid instead of a polymer directly.

Lactide is the cyclic di-ester of lactic acid, i.e., 2-hydroxypropionic acid. Lactic acid cannot form a **lactone** as other **hydroxy acids** do because the hydroxy group is too close to the carboxylic group. Instead, lactic acid first forms a **dimer**, which is similar to a 5-hydroxyacid. The dimer contains a hydroxy group at a convenient distance from the carboxylic group for the formation of a lactone. Indeed, the dimer readily forms a six-membered cyclic diester known as **lactide**. Lactides may be prepared by heating lactic acid in the presence of an acid **catalyst**.

In general, a **lactide** is the cyclic diester, i.e., the **di-lactone** of two molecules of any 2-hydroxycarboxylic acid.

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Lactic acid is **chiral**; two enantiomeric forms, (*R*)-lactic acid and (*S*)-lactic acid, may exist. Thus, lactide formed from two equivalents of lactic acid consists of two stereocenters. Three different stereoisomers of lactide are known:

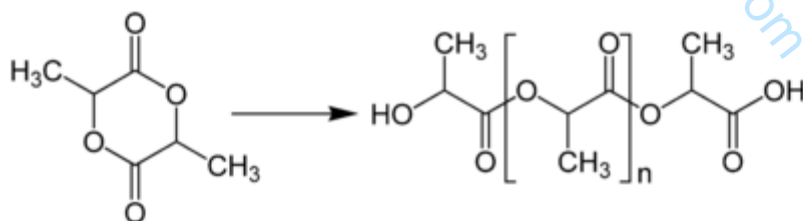


However, with suitable catalyst, the lactide can be polymerized into polyesters (With ester group as linkage) as follows:

Polymerization

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Lactide can be **polymerized** to **polylactic acid** (polylactide) using suitable catalysts, with either **syndiotactic** or a heterotactic stereocontrol, to give materials with many useful properties.^[4]

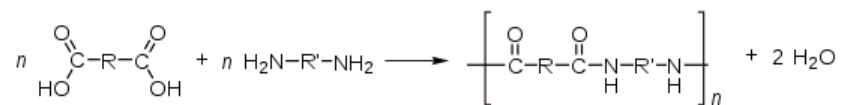


e) Nylon: condensation reaction with formation of amide linkages

Nylon is a generic designation for a family of **synthetic polymers** known generically as **polyamides**, first produced on February 28, 1935, by **Wallace Carothers** at **DuPont**'s research facility at the **DuPont Experimental Station**. Nylon is one of the most commonly used polymers.

Nylon 5,10, made from pentamethylene diamine and sebacic acid, was studied by Carothers even before nylon 6,6 and has superior properties, but is more expensive to make. In keeping with this naming convention, "nylon 6,12" (N-6,12) or "PA-6,12" is a copolymer of a 6C diamine and a 12C diacid. Similarly for N-5,10 N-6,11; N-10,12, etc. Other nylons include copolymerized dicarboxylic acid/diamine products that are *not* based upon the monomers listed above. For example, some aromatic nylons are polymerized with the addition of diacids like terephthalic acid (\rightarrow Kevlar, Twaron) or isophthalic acid (\rightarrow Nomex), more commonly associated with polyesters. There are copolymers of N-6,6/N6; copolymers of N-6,6/N-6/N-12; and others. Because of the way polyamides are formed, nylon would seem to be limited to unbranched, straight chains. But "star" branched nylon can be produced by the condensation of dicarboxylic acids with polyamines having three or more amino groups.

The general reaction is:



A molecule of water is given off and the nylon is formed. Its properties are determined by the R and R' groups in the monomers. In nylon 6,6, R = 4C and R' = 6C alkanes, but one also has to include the two carboxyl carbons in the diacid to get the number it donates to the chain. In Kevlar, both R and R' are benzene rings.

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