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Paper 4 Theory (Extended)

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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. Any blank pages are indicated.



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1 A list of substances is shown.

bauxite calcium oxide ethanol graphite methane
nitrogen oxygen propane propene sulfur dioxide
Answer the questions using the list of substances.

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Each substance may be used once, more than once, or not at all.

State which of the substances:

(a)	is a basic oxide	
		[1]
(b)	contains carbon atoms only	
		[1]
(c)	is manufactured by fermentation	[4]
(d)	is produced by the decomposition of vegetation	ניו
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(e)	contains aluminium oxide	
		[1]
(f)	causes acid rain	
		[1]
(g)	is a simple molecule with 11 atoms	[4]
(h)	is produced when limestone thermally decomposes in the blast furnace	[1]
(,		[1]
(i)	is a gas that is approximately 21% of clean, dry air	-
		[1]
(j)	is a monomer in addition polymerisation.	
		[1]



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- 2 Atoms are made of electrons, neutrons and protons.
 - (a) Complete Table 2.1.

Table 2.1

particle	relative charge	relative mass
electron		1 1840
neutron	0	
proton		

[2]

- (b) Atoms of the same element are known as isotopes.
 - $^{39}_{19}\mathrm{K}$ and $^{41}_{19}\mathrm{K}$ are isotopes of potassium.
 - Complete Table 2.2 to show the number of electrons, neutrons and protons in one atom or ion of these isotopes.

Table 2.2

isotope	electrons	neutrons	protons
³⁹ ₁₉ K			
⁴¹ ₁₉ K ⁺			

[3]

Table 2.3 shows the relative masses and the percentage abundances of the two isotopes in a sample of potassium.

Table 2.3

relative mass of isotope	percentage abundance of isotope
39	90
41	10

Calculate the relative atomic mass of this sample of potassium to one decimal place.

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An isotope of aluminium has a nucleon number of 27 (iii)

	(111)	All isotope of aluminium has a nucleof number of 27.
		Aluminium has a relative atomic mass of 27.
		State what conclusion can be made from this information.
		[1]
(c)	A ca	alcium atom has the electronic configuration of 2,8,8,2.
		e the formula of one atom and one negative ion that has the same electronic configuration Ca^{2+} .
	•	atom
	•	negative ion
		[2]

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[Total: 10]

3 This question is about copper and compounds of copper.

(a)	(i)	Des	scribe the bonding in a metallic element such as copper.
			[3]
	(ii)	Exp	lain how solid copper conducts electricity.
			[1]
(b)	Сор	per	s in alloys such as brass.
	(i)	Sta	te one reason why alloys are more useful than pure metals.
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	(ii)		ne the substance that is present in brass, other than copper[1]
(c)	-		$_{ m II}$) sulfate crystals are made by the reaction between copper(II) carbonate and dilute acid, using the following steps.
	The	sulf	uric acid has a concentration of 0.100 mol/dm ³ .
	step	o 1	Powdered copper(${\rm II}$) carbonate is added to dilute sulfuric acid. The mixture is stirred. A reaction occurs.
	step	2	More copper(II) carbonate is added, with stirring, until the reaction stops.
	step	о 3	Unreacted copper(${\rm II}$) carbonate is separated from aqueous copper(${\rm II}$) sulfate by filtration.
	step	o 4	Aqueous copper(II) sulfate is heated until some of the water evaporates.
	step	5	The remaining solution is allowed to cool and crystallise.
	step	o 6	The crystals are removed and dried.
	(i)	Giv	e two observations in step 1 .
		2	[2]

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[Total: 15]

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Copper(II) sulfate crystals have the formula CuSO₄•5H₂O.

State the term used to describe a substance that is chemically combined with water.

4 This question is about nitrogen and its compounds.

Nitrogen contains molecules with the formula N₂.

(a) Complete the dot-and-cross diagram in Fig. 4.1 to show the electronic configuration in a nitrogen molecule. Show outer-shell electrons only.

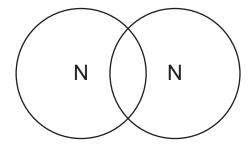


Fig. 4.1

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- **(b)** Ammonia, NH₃, is manufactured by reacting nitrogen with hydrogen, H₂, in the Haber process.
 - (i) State **three** typical conditions for the reaction between nitrogen and hydrogen in the Haber process.

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(ii) Write the symbol equation for the chemical reaction in the Haber process.

(c) Ammonia is converted into nitric acid in a two-step process.

In step 1, ammonia and oxygen are passed over a catalyst.

(i) Balance the symbol equation for this reaction.

$$4NH_3 +O_2 \rightleftharpoonsNO +H_2O$$
[1]

(ii) Give the oxidation number of nitrogen in:

[2]

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(iii) Define oxidation in terms of oxidation number.

.....[1]

- (iv) In step 2, oxygen and water react with NO to produce nitric acid as the only product.

 Write a symbol equation for this chemical reaction.
- (d) Ammonia is converted into ammonium sulfate, $(NH_4)_2SO_4$.

$$2\mathsf{NH}_3(\mathsf{g}) + \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{SO}_4(\mathsf{aq}) \to (\mathsf{NH}_4)_2\mathsf{SO}_4(\mathsf{s})$$

360 dm³ of ammonia gas, measured at r.t.p., reacts with excess sulfuric acid.

Calculate the mass of ammonium sulfate produced, using the following steps.

Calculate the number of moles of NH₃(g) in 360 dm³.

One mole of any gas occupies 24 dm³ at r.t.p.

..... mol

Calculate the number of moles of (NH₄)₂SO₄ produced.

..... mol

• Calculate the mass of $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ produced. The M_r of $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ is 132.

>g [3]

> > [Total: 15]

[2]

5 Methanol, CH₃OH, is manufactured by the reaction between hydrogen and carbon monoxide.

An equilibrium mixture is produced.

$$2H_2(g) + CO(g) \rightleftharpoons CH_3OH(g)$$

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(a)	Sta	te what happens to the concentration of CH ₃ OH when the reaction is at equilibrium.	
	Exp	plain your answer in terms of rate of forward and reverse reactions.	
			[2]
(b)	The	e reaction is carried out at a pressure of 75 atmospheres and a temperature of 250 °C.	
	(i)	State two disadvantages of using a pressure below 75 atmospheres.	
		1	
		2	
			[2]

(ii) Complete Table 5.1 using only the words increases, decreases or no change.

Table 5.1

	effect on the concentration of CH ₃ OH(g) at equilibrium	effect on the rate of the reverse reaction
catalyst is added		

(iii) If a temperature of more than 250 °C is used, the yield of methanol decreases.

State what can be deduced about the forward reaction.

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(iv) Suggest which of the elements from the list is a suitable catalyst for the reaction. Give a reason for your answer.

barium	carbon	copper	potassium	sulfur	
catalyst					
reason					

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(c) Methanol is a member of the homologous series of alcohols.

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	(i)	State two characteristics of all members of a homologous series.	
		1	
		2	
			[2]
	(ii)	State the molecular formula of an alcohol that contains five carbon atoms.	
			[1]
(d)	Car	boxylic acids react with alcohols to form esters.	
	(i)	Draw the displayed formula of an ester which contains three carbon atoms.	
			[2]
	(ii)	Butyl ethanoate is an ester.	
		Name the alcohol and the carboxylic acid that react to produce butyl ethanoate.	
		alcohol	
		carboxylic acid	
			[2]

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(e) An organic compound has the following composition by mass:

C, 64.87%; H, 13.51%; O, 21.62%.

Calculate the empirical formula of the compound.

empirical formula = [2]

[Total: 18]

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[2]



- 6 This question is about the Periodic Table.
 - (a) State the name given to Group VII elements.

.....[1]

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(b) State which Group VII element is most reactive.

(c) Give the physical state and colour of iodine at room temperature and pressure.

colour

(d) When bromine is added to aqueous potassium iodide a displacement reaction occurs.

The equation for the reaction is shown.

$$Br_2 + 2KI \rightarrow 2KBr + I_2$$

(i) Write an ionic equation for the reaction.

[2]



lodine and bromine react at high temperatures to form iodine monobromide, IBr.

The equation is shown.

$$I_2(g) + Br_2(g) \rightarrow 2IBr(g)$$

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The structures of the molecules involved in the reaction are I–I, Br–Br and I–Br.

Table 6.1

bond	bond energy in kJ/mol
I–I	150
Br–Br	193
I–Br	175

Calculate the enthalpy change, ΔH , for the reaction using the bond energies in Table 6.1.

Use the following steps.

Calculate the total amount of energy required to break the bonds in 1 mol of I₂(g) and 1 mol of Br₂(g).

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 Calculate the total amount of energy released when the bonds in 2 mol of IBr(g) are formed.

• Calculate the enthalpy change, ΔH , for the reaction. Your answer should include a sign.





Sodium is in Group I of the Periodic Table.

When sodium is added to water a chemical reaction occurs.

(i) Give	two obse	ervations whe	n sodium is	added to	water.
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Thymolphthalein is added to the solution when the reaction has finished. (ii)

State the final colour of the thymolphthalein in the solution.

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The Periodic Table of Elements

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65	Tp	terbium	159	26	益	berkelium	1
64	P G	gadolinium	157	96	CB	curium	1
63	Ш	europium	152	92	Am	americium	1
62	Sm	samarium	150	94	Pn	plutonium	ı
61	Pm	promethium	ı	93	d	neptunium	ı
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58	Ce	cerium	140	06	드	thorium	232
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lanthanoids

actinoids

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