

National 5 Chemistry

Identified Past Paper Questions from SQA Credit and Intermediate 2 papers

Unit 1: Chemical Changes and Structure

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Chemistry N5 Past Paper Questions

These questions have been taken from the 2013, 2012 and 2011 Standard Grade and Intermediate 2 Past Papers.

The questions are divided into 3 sections.

- 1. Unit 1 Chemical Changes and Structure
- 2. Unit 2 Nature's Chemistry
- 3. Unit 3 Chemistry in Society

Although a lot of the questions are integrated across the units, questions have been separated into sub-sections defined by key area. The stem of the question has been retained to give the context of the question. If practitioners require the full integrated question, they can refer to the original past paper on the SQA website.

Unit 1 - Chemical Changes and Structure

Mandatory Course key areas:

Rates of reaction

Atomic structure and bonding related to properties of materials

Formulae and reaction quantities

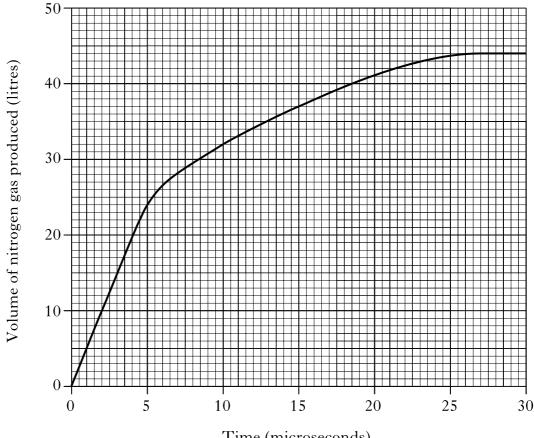
Acids and bases

Rates of Reaction

Chemical changes and structure Rates of reaction

Rapid inflation of airbags in cars is caused by the production of nitrogen gas.

The graph gives information on the volume of gas produced over 30 microseconds.



Time (microseconds)

Calculate the average rate of reaction between 2 and 10 microseconds. (a) (i)

litres per microsecond

Answer

= 2.75 (2.8, 3 must have working)

or 2.75 on its own

Marks

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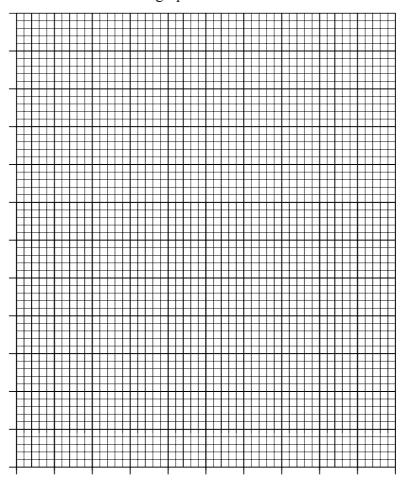
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(c)

Egg shells are made up mainly of calcium carbonate. A pupil carried out an experiment to react egg shells with dilute hydrochloric acid. A gas was produced. The volume of gas produced during the reaction was measured.

Time (min)	Volume of gas (cm ³)
0	0
2	47
4	92
6	114
8	118
10	118

Plot these results as a line graph.



Answer

Correct labels and units ½
Scale on X and Y axis ½
Correct plotting of points ½
Joining of points (by ruler allowed) ½

- ½ if not used at least half the graph paper
- ½ if line not through origin

Max of 1 mark if bar graph or spike graph (labels, units and scale) or if both scales taken from table

Allow ½ box tolerance on plotting of points Allow 1 plotting error

Axes can be reversed 0,0 does not need to be marked on scale but line must go through the origin

Chemical changes and structure Rates of reaction

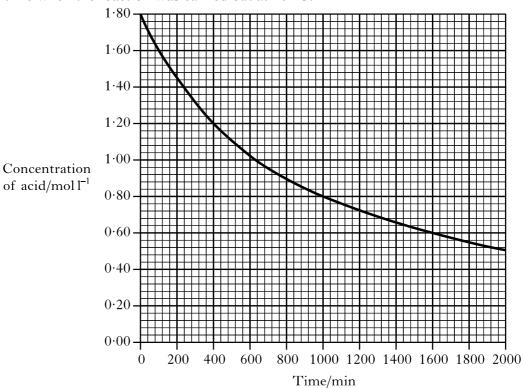
Higher 2011

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Chloromethane, CH3Cl, can be produced by reacting methanol solution with dilute hydrochloric acid using a solution of zinc chloride as a catalyst.

$$CH_3OH(aq) \ + \ HCl(aq) \quad \underline{ZnCl_2(aq)} \hspace{2em} \hspace{2em} CH_3Cl(aq) \ + \ H_2O(\ell)$$

(b) (i) The graph shows how the concentration of the hydrochloric acid changed over a period of time when the reaction was carried out at 20 °C.



Calculate the average rate, in mol l–1 min–1, in the first 400 minutes.

Answer

(b) (i) Answer 0.0015

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Units not required. (Incorrect units -1/2)

Higher 2012

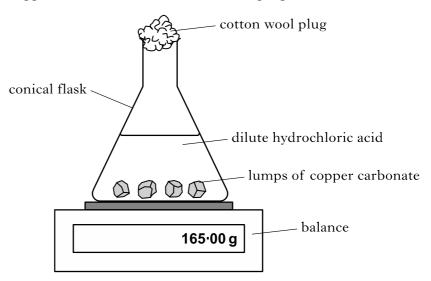
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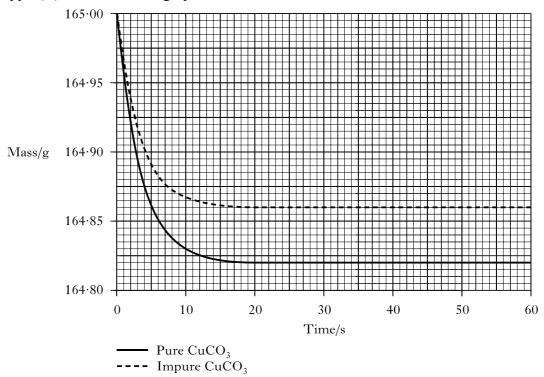
Copper(II) carbonate reacts with dilute hydrochloric acid as shown.

$$CuCO_3(s) + 2HCl(aq) \rightarrow CuCl_2(aq) + H_2O(\ell) + CO_2(g)$$

A student used the apparatus shown below to follow the progress of the reaction.



(b) The experiment was carried out using 0.50 g samples of both pure and impure copper(II) carbonate. The graph below shows the results obtained.



(i) For the sample of pure copper(II) carbonate, calculate the average reaction rate, in g s⁻¹, over the first 10 seconds.

Answers (i) 0.017 1 mark Units not required
Deduct ½ mark for incorrect units

Atomic structure and bonding related to properties of materials

Chemical changes and structure

Int 2

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Atomic structure and bonding related to properties of materials

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The properties of a substance depend on its type of bonding and structure.

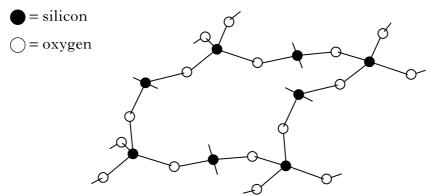
There are four types of bonding and structure.

Discrete covalen	t Covalent	Ionic	Metallic
molecular	network	lattice	lattice

(a) Complete the table to match up each type of bonding and structure with its properties.

Bonding and structure type	Properties
	do not conduct electricity and have high melting points
	have high melting points and conduct electricity when liquid but not when solid
	conduct electricity when solid and have a wide range of melting points
	do not conduct electricity and have low melting points

(b) A section of a covalent network compound is shown below.



Write the formula for this covalent network compound.

Answers

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(a) 1st – covalent network (accept covalent lattice)

2nd – ionic lattice

3rd – metallic lattice

4th – discrete covalent/covalent molecular

1/2 mark each accept abbreviations if obvious

(b) SiO₂

O₂Si Simplest ratio

Marks

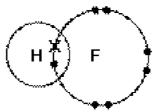
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Information on some two-element molecules is shown in the table.

Name	Formula	Shape of molecule
hydrogen fluoride	HF	
water	H ₂ O	
ammonia	NH ₃	

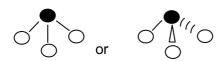
- (a) Complete the table to show the shape of a molecule of ammonia.
- (b) The hydrogen fluoride molecule can be represented as:



Showing all outer electrons, draw a similar diagram to represent a molecule of water, H₂O.

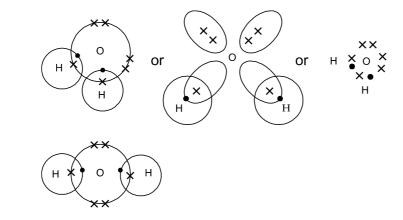
Answers

(a)

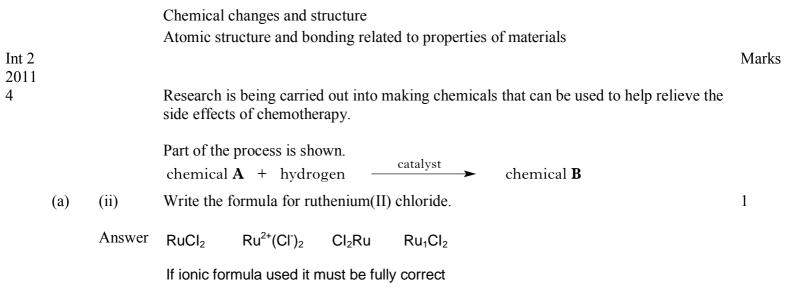


Use professional judgement to establish pyramidal shape

Accept symbols, colours other way around



At least one of the symbols must be shown
Mixture of dots and crosses are acceptable
All dots or crosses acceptable
Accept Lewis dot diagram
Ignore inner electrons on oxygen
Allow for 1 slip for misplaced electron (professional judgement)
Accept electron pair on line of touching circles
Non shared electrons do not need to be in pairs



Int 2	
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Chemical changes and structure

Atomic structure and bonding related to properties of materials

Marks

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Fizzy drinks contain acids.

These acids can attack the compound calcium hydroxyapatite which is found in tooth enamel.

The equation for the reaction is:

$$Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6(OH)_2(s) + 8H^+(aq) \longrightarrow 6CaHPO_4(s) + 4Ca^{2+}(aq) + 2H_2O(\ell)$$
 calcium hydroxyapatite

Fluoride prevents tooth decay by replacing the hydroxide ions of calcium (b) hydroxyapatite with fluoride ions to form hard wearing calcium fluoroapatite.

calcium hydroxyapatite
$$Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6(OH)_2$$
 calcium fluoroapatite

Write the formula for calcium fluoroapatite.

Answer

 $Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6F_2$

F can be in brackets(F)₂ Accept any order of symbols Ignore charges

Use professional judgment for size of numbers in

formula

Chemical changes and structure

Atomic structure and bonding related to properties of materials

Tritium is a naturally occurring isotope of hydrogen. It can be represented as

 $\frac{3}{1}$ H

(a) Complete the table to show the number of particles in an atom of tritium.

Type of particle	Number of particles
proton	
neutron	
electron	

(b) Hydrogen has three isotopes.

Isotope of hydrogen	Mass number
protium	1
deuterium	2
tritium	3

The relative atomic mass of hydrogen is 1.

Which isotope of hydrogen is the most abundant?

Answers (a) Proton = 1

Neutron = 2

Electron = 1

All 3 for 1 mark

(b) Protium/ Top one/

1

Marks

1

Atomic structure and bonding related to properties of materials

Dishwasher tablets contain many different types of chemicals.



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(c) Phosphate ions, present in some types of dishwasher tablets, react with calcium ions in water forming calcium phosphate.

Write the formula for calcium phosphate.

Answer

Ca₃(PO₄)₂

 $(Ca^{2+})_3(PO_4^{3-})_2$

 $(Ca^{2+})_3(PO_4)_2$

Ca₃(PO₄³⁻)₂

			Chemical changes and structure	
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				Marks
)			The nuclide notation for an isotope of hydrogen is ¹ ₁ H.	
	(a)		An isotope of copper has atomic number 29 and mass number 63.	
		(i)	Write the nuclide notation for this isotope of copper.	1
		(ii)	How many neutrons are present in this isotope of copper?	1
	(b)		A sample of copper was found to contain equal amounts of two isotopes. One has mass number 63 and the other has mass number 65.	1
			What is the relative atomic mass of this sample of copper?	
	Answers	(a) i	63 Cu 29	
		(a) ii	34	
		(b)	64	
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S Gr Chemical changes and structure
Atomic structure and bonding related to properties of materials

Marks

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S Gr 2013 11

The table shows information about some useful compounds.

Compound	Formula
Y	$\mathrm{Na_3PO_4}$
ammonia	NH_3
ammonium nitrate	$\mathrm{NH_4NO_3}$

(a)	(1)	Name compound Y.	

Answer Sodium phosphate

Atomic structure and bonding related to properties of materials S Gr Marks 2013 Nitrogen trifluoride, NF3, is used in the manufacture of plasma screens. 17 Draw a diagram showing all outer electrons to represent a molecule of nitrogen 1 (a) trifluoride. (b) The atoms in nitrogen trifluoride are held together by covalent bonds. 1 (Circle) the correct words to complete the sentence. A covalent bond forms when two \ negative \ nuclei are held together by their common attraction for a shared pair of \langle neutrons \rangle .

Answer (a) Any suitable diagram showing symbols N,F and **all outer electrons** not just the shared pairs

Chemical changes and structure

Cross dot (with or without circles) or similar type of diagram, lobes or petals

2 non-bonding electrons need to be shown on N, but not in an overlap area Non-bonding electrons needn't be in pairs N and F symbols can be missed

(b) positive electrons

			Chemical changes and structure	
			Atomic structure and bonding related to properties of materials	
S Gr 2012				Marks
13			Hydrogen gas is made up of diatomic molecules.	
	(a)		Draw a diagram to show how the electrons are arranged in a molecule of hydrogen, H ₂ .	1
		Answer	Any suitable diagram showing two hydrogen atoms with two electrons in the overlapped area	
			$H \overset{x}{x} H \qquad H \overset{\circ}{o} H$	

Atomic structure and bonding related to properties of materials S Gr 2012 Potassium hydroxide reacts with sulphuric acid to form potassium sulphate, which can 15 be used as a fertiliser. $H_2SO_4(aq) \longrightarrow$ $K_2SO_4(aq)$ KOH(aq) $H_2O(\ell)$ Ammonium phosphate is also used as a fertiliser. Write the ionic formula for (d) ammonium phosphate. Answer

Marks

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Chemical changes and structure

(NH₄⁺)₃PO₄³⁻

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S Gr 2012 18							ected the	Marks			
	(b)		The table shows information solutions.	n about	the freez	zing poir	nt of diff	erent so	dium chlo	oride	1
			Concentration of sodium chloride solution (mol/l)	0	0.09	0.18	0.27	0.37	0.46		
			Freezing point (°C)	0	-0.2	-0.5	-0.8	-1:1	-1.5		
			Describe the relationship be	Describe the relationship between the concentration and freezing point.							
	(c)		Predict the freezing point o	f a 0·55	mol/l sc	odium ch	loride so	olution.			1
				-				oC			
	Answer	(a)	Ionic Ionic lattice Ionic network								
		(b)	As concentration increase decreases/increases	s/decre	ases free	ezing poi	int				
			The freezing point decreases/increases as concentration increases/decreases								
			As concentration increase	s freezi	ng point	gets colo	der				
		(c)	-1.8 to -2.0 inclusive								

Marks

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Ethanol, for alcoholic drinks, can be made from glucose.

(b) The table below shows the relationship between the percentage of ethanol and the density of alcoholic drinks.

Percentage of ethanol (%)	40	50	60	70	80
Density of alcoholic drink (g/cm³)	0.928	0.907	0.886	0.865	0.844

- (i) Write a general statement describing how the percentage of ethanol affects the density of the alcoholic drink.
- (ii) The density of a particular brand of alcoholic drink is 0.970g/cm³. Predict the percentage of ethanol in this alcoholic drink.

%

Answer (b) i

As the percentage increases...the density decreases

As the percentage decreases...the density increases

Density increases as percentage decreases

Density decreases as percentage increases

etc

(b) ii 20

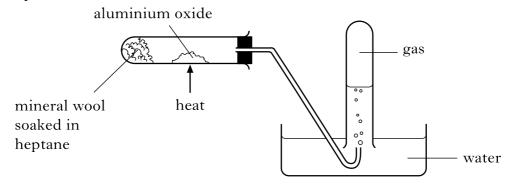
Chemical changes and structure

Atomic structure and bonding related to properties of materials

Marks

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Heptane can be cracked as shown.



One of the reactions which takes place is:

$$C_7H_{16}$$
 \longrightarrow C_4H_{10} + C_3H_6

- (b) Aluminium oxide is used as a catalyst to speed up the reaction.
 - (ii) Write the formula for aluminium oxide.

Answer Al₂O₃

S Gr

2011

16

If ion charges are shown all must be correct

$$(AI^{3+})_2 (O^{2-})_3 / AI_2^{3+} O_3^{2-}$$

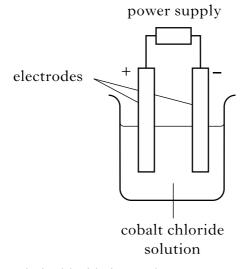
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S Gr 2011

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A student set up the following experiment to electrolyse cobalt chloride solution.



(c) The formula for cobalt chloride is CoCl₂.

What is the charge on the cobalt ion in CoCl₂?

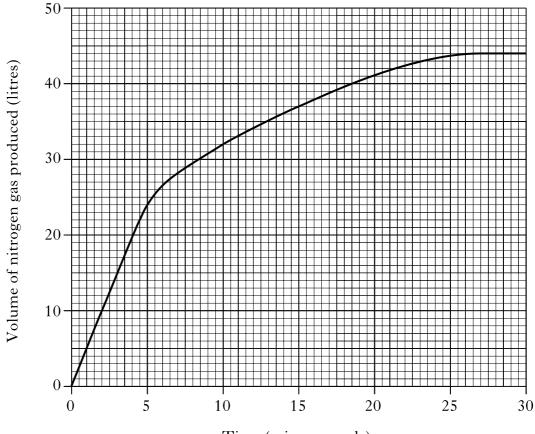
Answer Two positive, 2+, Co²⁺

1

Marks

Rapid inflation of airbags in cars is caused by the production of nitrogen gas.

The graph gives information on the volume of gas produced over 30 microseconds.



Time (microseconds)

(b) In some types of airbag, electrical energy causes sodium azide, NaN3, to decompose producing sodium metal and nitrogen gas.

Write a formula equation for this reaction.

Answer

$$NaN_3 \rightarrow Na + N_2$$

Ignore state symbols and attempts

to balance.

Allow electricity over the arrow.

Marks

15

1

2

Rust, iron(III) oxide, that forms on cars can be treated using rust remover which contains phosphoric acid.



When painted on, rust remover changes iron(III) oxide into iron(III) phosphate.

$$Fe_2O_3 + 2H_3PO_4 \longrightarrow 2FePO_4 + 3H_2O$$

- (a) The rust remover contains 250 cm³ of 2 mol 1⁻¹ phosphoric acid.
 - (i) Calculate the number of moles of phosphoric acid in the rust remover.

(ii) Using your answer in part (i), calculate the mass of iron(III) oxide that will be removed by 250 cm³ of 2 mol 1⁻¹ phosphoric acid.

Answer (i)
$$\frac{2 \times 0.25}{2 \times 0.25}$$
 grams $\frac{1}{1/2}$ = 0.5 $\frac{1}{1/2}$

0.5 no working 1

(ii) GFM
$$Fe_2O_3 = 160$$
 $1/2$

Moles of $Fe_2O_3 = 0.5 = 0.25$

or mole ratio stated $1/2$
 $Fe_2O_3 : H_3PO_4$
 $1 : 2$

Mass of $Fe_2O_3 = 0.25 \times 160$
 $1/2$
 $1/2$

Or 40 on its own (2)

Allow follow through using number of moles from part (i) if show working If atomic number is used instead of mass – max 1 mark

If use ratio 1:1 80g 1 ½ if show working

Marks

1

1

Hydrogen peroxide is a useful bleaching agent and is contained in many hair dyes. Over time, the hair dye becomes less effective as the hydrogen peroxide decomposes forming water and oxygen.

The equation for the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide is:

$$H_2O_2(aq) \longrightarrow O_2(g) + H_2O(\ell)$$

- (a) Balance this equation.
- (d) When 34g of hydrogen peroxide decomposes, 12 litres of oxygen is produced.

Calculate the volume of oxygen produced when 1.7g of hydrogen peroxide decomposes.

Answer (a)
$$\frac{litres}{2H_2O_2(aq) \rightarrow O_2(g) + 2H_2O(\ell)}$$

or any multiple ignore state symbols in transcription

(d)
$$34 g \rightarrow 12 I$$

 $1.7 g \rightarrow 1.7/34 \times 12$ ½ mark
 $= 0.6$ ½ mark

0.6 on own – 1 mark

OR

OR

$$34/1.7 = 20$$
, then $12/20$ $\frac{1}{2}$ mark $= 0.6$ $\frac{1}{2}$ mark

Marks

2

Urea reacts with water, breaking down to form carbon dioxide and ammonia.

$$H_2NCONH_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow CO_2 + 2NH_3$$

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Calculate the mass of ammonia produced, in grams, when 90 g of urea breaks down.

grams

Answers

(b)

1 mol 2 mol (½ mark) 60 34 (½ mark) 90 90 × 34 = 51 (1 mark)

51 on its own = 2 marks

$$\frac{90}{60} = 1.5 \text{ mol} \qquad (\frac{1}{2} \text{ mark})$$

1 mol
$$\longrightarrow$$
 2 mol (½ mark)
1.5 mol \longrightarrow 3 mol (½ mark)

Mass =
$$3 \times 17 = 51$$
 (½ mark)

Use of atomic numbers max 1 mark – Must have working

Deduct (1/2) mark for arithmetic error

Also accept 50.4, 50.9, 51.3 on its own = 2 marks

Chemical changes and structure

Formulae and reaction quantities

S Gr 2011 20

Metal salts can be produced by different methods.

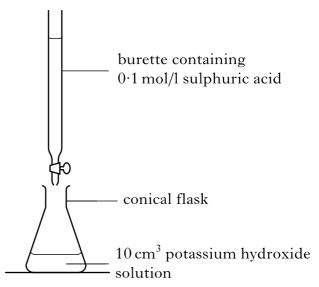
Lead(II) iodide can be produced by reacting lead(II) nitrate solution with sodium (a) iodide solution.

The equation for this reaction is:

$$Pb(NO_3)_2(aq) + NaI(aq) \longrightarrow PbI_2(s) + NaNO_3(aq)$$

(i) Balance the above equation.

Potassium sulphate can be produced by titrating potassium hydroxide solution with (c) dilute sulphuric acid.



(ii) The average volume of sulphuric acid used in the titration is 20 cm³.

Calculate the number of moles of sulphuric acid used.

Answers

(a) i
$$Pb(NO_3)_2(aq) + 2Nal(aq) \longrightarrow Pbl_2(s) + 2NaNO_3(aq)$$

Or correct multiples

(c) ii Moles
$$n = c \times v$$
 (½ mark)

= 0.1×0.02 moles (if 20 used max $\frac{1}{2}$ mark)

= 0.002 moles (1/2 mark)

0.002 on its own 1 mark Marks

1

Chemical changes and structure Formulae and reaction quantities

S Gr 2012 15

Potassium hydroxide reacts with sulphuric acid to form potassium sulphate, which can

$$KOH(aq)$$
 + $H_2SO_4(aq)$ \longrightarrow $K_2SO_4(aq)$ + $H_2O(\ell)$

(a) Balance the above equation.

1

Marks

Answers

(a)
$$2KOH + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2H_2O$$

Or correct multiples

be used as a fertiliser.

Chemical changes and structure Formulae and reaction quantities

S Gr 2012 17

(b)

A solution of 0·1 mol/l hydrochloric acid has a pH of 1.

Calculate the number of moles of hydrochloric acid in 50cm³ of 0.1 mol/l hydrochloric acid solution.

Answer

 $n = c \times v$

 $n = 0.1 \times 0.05$ $(\frac{1}{2})$

n = 0.005 moles $(\frac{1}{2})$

0.005 on its own 1 mark

Deduct ½ if 50cm³ not in litres (0.05)

Marks

Chemical changes and structure Formulae and reaction quantities

S Gr 2012 21 Marks

Aluminium is extracted from the ore bauxite.

(c) The composition of a 250 g magnet is shown.

Metal	aluminium	nickel	cobalt	copper	titanium	iron
% by mass	10	25	20	4	1	40

(i) Calculate the mass, in grams, of aluminium in the magnet. Show your working clearly.

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(ii) Using your answer to (c)(i), calculate the number of moles of aluminium in the magnet.

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Show your working clearly.

mol

Answer (i) $\overline{25g}$

(ii) (allow follow through from (c)(i))

 $(25/27 =) \frac{1}{2} 0.926 / 0.93 \frac{1}{2}$

0.926, 0.93 or 0.9 on its own (1 mark)

if atomic numbers used (1.9) maximum $\frac{1}{2}$ mark

Chemical changes and structure Formulae and reaction quantities

S Gr 2013 17

(c)

Nitrogen trifluoride, NF3, is used in the manufacture of plasma screens.

The equation for the formation of nitrogen trifluoride, NF3, is:

$$N_2 + 3F_2 \longrightarrow 2NF_3$$

Calculate the mass of nitrogen trifluoride produced from 7 g of nitrogen.

Show your working clearly.

_____ g

Answers (c) 1 mole $N_2 = 28 g$

 $7/28 = 0.25 \text{ moles } (\frac{1}{2})$

0.25 to 0.5 (1 mole to 2 moles) (1/2)

1 mole NF₃ = 71 g ($\frac{1}{2}$ for **both** formula masses)

71 x
$$0.5 = 35.5 (\frac{1}{2})$$

35.5 on its own 2 marks

1 : 2 (½)

28 : 142 (1/2)

$$1 \longrightarrow 142/28 \quad (\frac{1}{2})$$

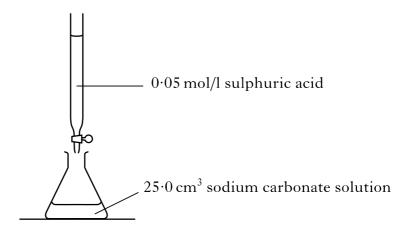
$$7 \longrightarrow 142 \times 7/28 = 35.5 (\frac{1}{2})$$

or any other acceptable method

Marks

A student investigated the reaction between dilute sulphuric acid and sodium carbonate.

(b) Another experiment involved determining the concentration of sodium carbonate solution by titration.



The results showed that 20cm³ of sulphuric acid was required to neutralise the sodium carbonate solution.

(i) Calculate the number of moles of sulphuric acid in this volume.

Answer $\frac{\text{mol}}{(n = c \times V)}$ $n = 0.05 \times 0.02 \text{ (1/2)}$ n = 0.001 (1/2)If 20 cm³ used in place of 0.02 (-1/2)
Using wrong substance i.e. 0.025 (-1/2)

Acids and bases

Chemical changes and structure

Acids and bases

Fizzy drinks contain acids.

These acids can attack the compound calcium hydroxyapatite which is found in tooth enamel.

The equation for the reaction is:

$$Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6(OH)_2(s) + 8H^+(aq) \longrightarrow 6CaHPO_4(s) + 4Ca^{2+}(aq) + 2\ H_2O(\ell)$$
 calcium hydroxyapatite

(a) What will happen to the pH as the tooth enamel is attacked by the acids?

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Marks

Answers (a) (pH) will rise towards 7/

(pH) will rise/

(pH) becomes less acidic/

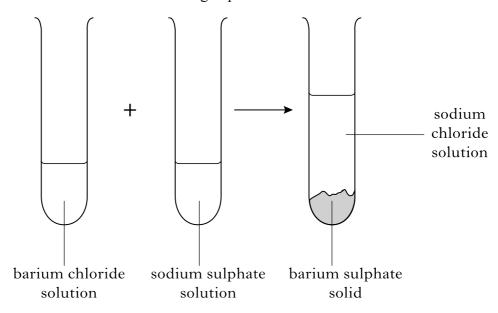
increases/

becomes neutral

Chemical changes and structure

Acids and bases

A student carried out the following experiment.



(b) The equation for the reaction is

$$Ba^{2+}(aq) + 2Cl^{-}(aq) + 2Na^{+}(aq) + SO_{4}^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow Ba^{2+}SO_{4}^{2-}(s) + 2Cl^{-}(aq) + 2Na^{+}(aq)$$

- (i) Rewrite the equation showing only the ions which react.
- (ii) What term is used to describe the ions which do not react?

Answer

(i)
$$Ba^{2+}_{(aq)} + SO_4^{2-}_{(aq)} \longrightarrow Ba^{2+}SO_4^{2-}_{(s)}$$

State symbols not required

(ii) Spectator (ions)/spectate

Marks

1

Chemical changes and structure Acids and bases

S Gr 2011 14 Marks

(a) When sulphur dioxide dissolves in water in the atmosphere "acid rain" is produced.

Circle the correct phrase to complete the sentence.

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Compared with pure water, acid rain contains $\left\{\begin{array}{l} a \text{ higher} \\ a \text{ lower} \\ \text{the same} \end{array}\right\}$ concentration of hydrogen ions.

Answer a higher

Chemical changes and structure

Acids and bases

S Gr 2011 20

Metal salts can be produced by different methods.

(b) The salt copper(II) nitrate can be produced as shown.

$$\mathbf{X}$$
 + 2HNO₃ \longrightarrow Cu(NO₃)₂ + CO₂ + H₂O

Name substance X.

Answer Copper carbonate CuCO₃

Marks

Chemical changes and structure Acids and bases

S Gr
2012

15

Potassium hydroxide reacts with sulphuric acid to form potassium sulphate, which can be used as a fertiliser. $KOH(aq) + H_2SO_4(aq) \longrightarrow K_2SO_4(aq) + H_2O(\ell)$ (b)

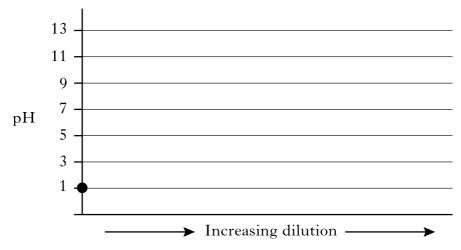
Name the type of chemical reaction taking place.

Answer neutralisation

S Gr 2012 17

A solution of 0·1 mol/l hydrochloric acid has a pH of 1.

- (a) (i) What colour would universal indicator turn when added to a solution of hydrochloric acid?
 - (ii) Starting at pH 1, draw a line to show how the pH of this acid changes when diluted with water.



Answer (i) Red, pink, orange, yellow

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{(ii)} & \text{ Line must be increasing} \\ & \text{ Line stops at pH7 or below} \end{array} \right\} \qquad \text{or 0}$

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