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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 **20** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.



1 (a) Fig. 1.1 shows part of the Periodic Table.

I	II							III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
								H					He
Na										N			
K	Ca							Zn		Al		S	Ar
												Br	
	Ba							Au				I	

Fig. 1.1

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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:

(i) is 78% of clean, dry air

..... [1]

(ii) forms an ion with a charge of 3+

..... [1]

(iii) has an atom with only five occupied electron shells

..... [1]

(iv) forms an ion that gives a light green colour in a flame test

..... [1]

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

..... [1]

(vi) is the metal with the lowest reactivity.

..... [1]





(b) Helium is a monatomic gas.

(i) State the meaning of the term monatomic.

..... [1]

(ii) Explain in terms of electronic configuration why helium is unreactive.

.....

..... [1]

[Total: 8]





2 (a) Hydrogen chloride has a simple molecular structure.

(i) State **two** physical properties of a compound with a simple molecular structure.

1 .....

2 .....

[2]

(ii) Hydrogen chloride is a molecule with a covalent bond.

Complete this sentence about a covalent bond.

A covalent bond is formed when two atoms share a pair of ..... [1]

(iii) Complete Fig. 2.1 to show the dot-and-cross diagram for a molecule of hydrogen chloride. Show outer shell electrons only.

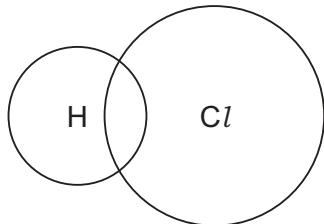


Fig. 2.1

[2]

(b) Zinc chloride has a giant ionic structure of positive and negative ions.

State the general name given to any negative ion.

..... [1]

(c) Diamond is used for jewellery.

(i) State one **other** use of diamond.

..... [1]





(ii) Choose the correct statement that describes the structure and bonding in diamond.

Tick (✓) **one** box.

simple covalent molecule

giant covalent

simple ionic

giant ionic

[1]

[Total: 8]





3 (a) The list shows some substances present in water from natural sources.

**dissolved oxygen**  
**calcium compounds**  
**plastics**  
**harmful microbes**

State which **one** of these substances provides essential minerals for aquatic life.

..... [1]

(b) Explain why phosphates present in polluted water are harmful to aquatic life.

..... [1]

(c) Table 3.1 shows the masses of ions, in mg, present in a  $1000\text{ cm}^3$  sample of polluted water.

**Table 3.1**

name of ion	formula of ion	mass of ion in $1000\text{ cm}^3$ of polluted water/mg
bromide	$\text{Br}^-$	0.3
calcium	$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	2.5
chloride	$\text{Cl}^-$	3.5
hydrogencarbonate	$\text{HCO}_3^-$	10.0
magnesium	$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	0.8
mercury	$\text{Hg}^{2+}$	0.1
	$\text{NO}_3^-$	0.4
phosphate	$\text{PO}_4^{3-}$	2.0
potassium	$\text{K}^+$	5.9
silicate	$\text{SiO}_3^{2-}$	4.0
sodium	$\text{Na}^+$	12.2
sulfate	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	0.5

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Answer these questions using the information from Table 3.1.

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

..... [1]

(ii) State the name of the  $\text{NO}_3^-$  ion.

..... [1]





(iii) Calculate the mass of phosphate ions present in  $200\text{ cm}^3$  of polluted water.

mass = ..... mg [1]

(d) Fig. 3.1 shows some of the stages in the purification of drinking water.



**Fig. 3.1**

(i) State the purpose of sedimentation.

..... [1]

(ii) State why chlorine is added to drinking water.

..... [1]

(e) Describe how to test for the purity of water using boiling point.

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

(f) Complete the symbol equation for the reaction of disulfur dichloride,  $\text{S}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , with water.



[2]

[Total: 11]





4 (a) Fig. 4.1 shows the displayed formula of compound A.

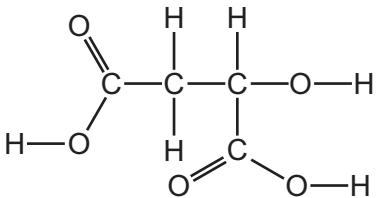


Fig. 4.1

(i) On Fig 4.1 draw a circle around the alcohol functional group. [1]

(ii) Deduce the molecular formula of compound A.

..... [1]

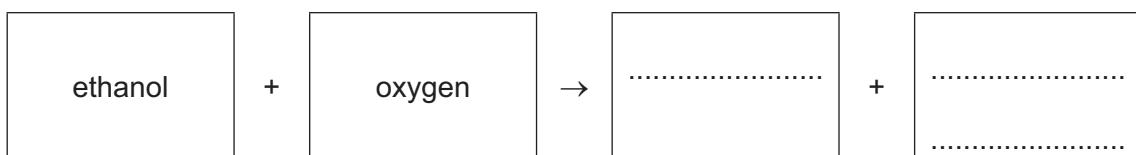
(b) Compound A reacts with ethanol to produce a compound with the molecular formula  $C_8H_{14}O_5$ . Complete Table 4.1 to calculate the relative molecular mass of  $C_8H_{14}O_5$ .

Table 4.1

type of atom	number of atoms	relative atomic mass	
carbon	8	12	$8 \times 12 = 96$
hydrogen		1	
oxygen		16	

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

(c) Complete the word equation for the complete combustion of ethanol.



[2]





(d) Table 4.2 shows the names, formulae and boiling points of ethene, propene, butene and pentene.

Table 4.2

name	formula	boiling point / $^{\circ}\text{C}$
ethene	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$	-104
propene	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$	-47
butene	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_8$	-6
pentene	$\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}$	+30

Use the information in Table 4.2 to answer these questions.

(i) Name the homologous series that includes ethene, propene, butene and pentene.

..... [1]

(ii) Deduce the general formula of this homologous series.

..... [1]

(iii) State the trend in the boiling point of this homologous series as the number of carbon atoms increases.

..... [1]

(e) Ethene is manufactured by cracking.

(i) Describe the manufacture of ethene by cracking.

.....  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 ..... [3]

(ii) Give a reason for cracking hydrocarbons.

..... [1]

[Total: 13]





5 (a) Table 5.1 shows some properties of five halogens.

Table 5.1

halogen	melting point in °C	boiling point in °C	density in liquid state in g/cm <sup>3</sup>
fluorine	–220	–188	
chlorine	–101	–35	1.56
bromine	–7	+59	3.12
iodine	+114		3.96
astatine	+302	+337	6.40

Use the information in Table 5.1 to predict:

(i) the boiling point of iodine ..... [1]

(ii) the density of liquid fluorine ..... [1]

(iii) the physical state of chlorine at –20 °C. Give a reason for your answer.

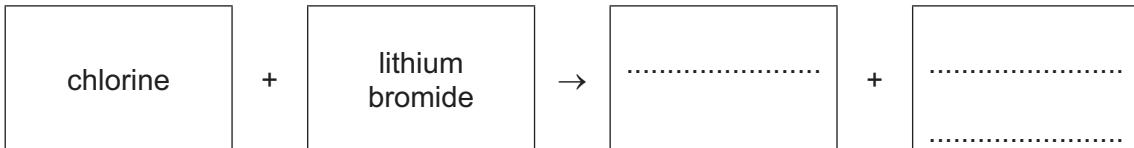
physical state .....

reason .....

[2]

(b) Aqueous chlorine reacts with aqueous lithium bromide.

(i) Complete the word equation for this reaction.



[2]

(ii) Explain why aqueous iodine does **not** react with aqueous lithium bromide.

..... [1]

(iii) Describe a test for chlorine.

test .....

observations .....

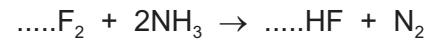
[2]





(c) Fluorine reacts with ammonia to produce hydrogen fluoride and nitrogen.

Complete the symbol equation for this reaction.



[2]

[Total: 11]

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6 This question is about metals.

(a) Many metals have high melting points and boiling points.

State three **other** typical physical properties of metals.

1 .....

2 .....

3 .....

[3]

(b) (i) Complete Table 6.1 to show the number of electrons, neutrons and protons in the sodium atom and silver ion shown.

**Table 6.1**

	number of electrons	number of neutrons	number of protons
$^{23}_{11}\text{Na}$	11		
$^{109}_{47}\text{Ag}^+$		62	

[3]

(ii) Write the electronic configuration of the sodium atom.

..... [1]

(c) Silver is a transition element. Sodium is in Group I of the Periodic Table.

State **one** difference in the physical properties of silver and sodium.

..... [1]





(d) Table 6.2 shows the observations when four different metals are heated in oxygen.

Table 6.2

metal	observations when heated in oxygen
cerium	burns rapidly and forms an oxide
copper	forms an oxide layer very slowly and does not burn
lanthanum	forms an oxide layer rapidly and does not burn
silver	does not form an oxide layer and does not burn

Put the four metals in order of their reactivity.

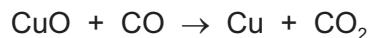
Put the least reactive metal first.

least reactive  $\xrightarrow{\hspace{10cm}}$  most reactive

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[2]

(e) Copper(II) oxide is reduced by carbon monoxide.



Explain how this equation shows that copper(II) oxide is reduced.

..... [1]

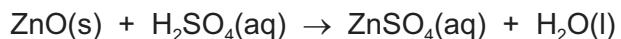
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7 This question is about acids, bases and salts.

(a) Crystals of zinc sulfate are made by warming excess solid zinc oxide with dilute sulfuric acid.



(i) State the meaning of the state symbol (aq).

..... [1]

(ii) State the method used to separate the excess solid zinc oxide from the reaction mixture.

..... [1]

(b) Crystals of sodium nitrate can be made by neutralising an acid with an alkali.

(i) Name the acid and the alkali used.

acid .....

alkali .....

[2]

(ii) Complete the equation for all neutralisation reactions.

$\text{H}^+ + \dots \rightarrow \dots$  [2]

(iii) Neutralisation reactions are exothermic.

Define the term exothermic.

..... [1]

(iv) Fig. 7.1 shows the reaction pathway diagram for an exothermic reaction.

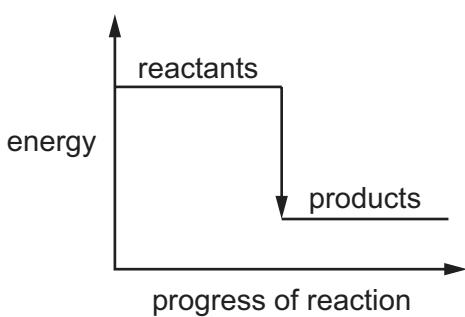


Fig. 7.1

Explain how Fig. 7.1 shows that the reaction is exothermic.

..... [1]





(c) Methyl orange is an acid–base indicator.

State the colour of methyl orange at pH 2 and at pH 12.

colour at pH 2 .....

colour at pH 12 .....

[2]

[Total: 10]





8 (a) A student investigates the reaction of small pieces of calcium carbonate with excess dilute hydrochloric acid of three different concentrations.  
The time taken for each reaction to finish is recorded.

The three concentrations of acid are:

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

All other conditions stay the same.

Table 8.1 shows the time taken for each reaction to finish.

**Table 8.1**

concentration of dilute hydrochloric acid in mol/dm <sup>3</sup>	time taken for the reaction to finish in s
	32
	64
	16

(i) Complete Table 8.1 by writing the concentrations in the first column. [1]

(ii) Describe the effect on the time taken for the reaction to finish when the reaction is carried out at a lower temperature.

All other conditions stay the same.

..... [1]

(iii) Describe the effect on the time taken for the reaction to finish when powdered calcium carbonate is used instead of small pieces of calcium carbonate.

All other conditions stay the same.

..... [1]





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(b) Molten calcium chloride is electrolysed using inert electrodes.

(i) Name the products at the positive and negative electrodes.

product at the positive electrode .....

product at the negative electrode .....

[2]

(ii) Choose from the list the substance that is used as an inert electrode.

Draw a circle around your chosen answer.

graphite

iodine

magnesium

phosphorus

[1]

(c) Carbon dioxide is a gas at room temperature.

Describe the motion and separation of the particles in carbon dioxide gas.

motion .....

.....

separation .....

.....

[2]

[Total: 8]







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## The Periodic Table of Elements

		Group													
		I		II		III		IV		V		VI		VII	
3	4	B	e	5	6	C	o	7	8	O	9	F	10	He	
Li	beryllium	beryllium	9	Be	beryllium	carbon	nitrogen	oxygen	fluorine	oxygen	16	fluorine	19	helium	
7						11	14	15	16	16	17	18	40	4	
11	12	M	g	13	14	Si	P	S	Cl	S	Cl	Ar	argon		
Na	magnesium	magnesium	23	Mg	magnesium	silicon	phosphorus	sulfur	chlorine	sulfur	32	35.5	40		
19	20	21	22	23	24	Cr	Fe	Co	Ni	Ga	Ge	As	Se	36	
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	chromium	iron	cobalt	nickel	gallium	germanium	arsenic	Br	Kr	
potassium	calcium	scandium	titanium	vanadium	52	55	56	59	59	70	73	75	80	84	
39	40	41	42	43	44	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Zn	Ge	As	Se		
Rb	Sr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	manganese	iron	cobalt	nickel	copper	gallium	arsenic	Br		
rubidium	strontium	niobium	molybdenum	technetium	ruthenium	55	56	57	59	64	65	73	79		
85	88	89	91	93	101	96	97	98	99	108	112	115	119		
57	38	39	40	41	45	44	46	47	48	Pd	Cd	In	Sn		
Rb	Y	Zr	Ti	Nb	Rh	technetium	ruthenium	rhodium	platinum	platinum	cadmium	iridium	tin		
85	89	91	48	93	103	—	101	103	106	108	112	115	119		
56	56	57–71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82		
Ca	Ba	Hf	Ta	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb		
133	137	lanthanoids	lanthanoids	tantalum	tungsten	rhenium	osmium	iridium	platinum	gold	mercury	thallium	lead		
88	89	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114		
F	R	Rf	D	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	Ds	Rg	Cn	F	Mc		
francium	actinoids	netherfordium	dubnium	seaborgium	—	bohrium	hassium	meitnerium	damstadtium	roentgenium	copernicium	ferrovium	moscovium		
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### Key

atomic number  
atomic symbol  
name  
relative atomic mass



57	58	Ce	Pr	Nd	60	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	63	Tb	Dy	66	Ho	67	68	69	70	71
lanthanum	cerium	praseodymium	neodymium	141	140	141	144	150	157	159	163	dysprosium	166	165	167	167	168	169	170
139	140	141	144	141	140	141	144	150	157	159	163	166	165	167	167	168	169	170	171
89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	97	98	100	99	100	101	101	102	103	103
Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Fm	einsteinium	100	101	102	102	103	103	103	103
actinoids	thorium	protactinium	uraniium	neptunium	plutonium	americium	curium	berkelium	californium	einsteiniun	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	232	231	238	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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