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**Instructions to Candidates**

- (a) Write your name and index number in the spaces provided above.
- (b) Sign and write the date of examination in the spaces provided above.
- (c) Answer ALL the questions in the spaces provided in the question paper.
- (d) KNEC mathematical tables and silent non-programmable electronic calculators may be used.
- (e) All working MUST be clearly shown where necessary.
- (f) This paper consists of 15 printed pages.
- (g) Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.
- (h) Candidates should answer the questions in English.

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Questions	Maximum Score	Candidate's Score
1 - 29	80	



- 1 (a) Give the name of the first member of the alkene homologous series. (1 mark)

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- (b) Describe a chemical test that can be used to distinguish butanol from butanoic acid. (2 marks)

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- 2 (a) Name the raw material from which sodium is extracted. (1 mark)

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- (b) Give a reason why sodium is extracted using electrolysis. (1 mark)

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- (c) Give two uses of sodium metal. (1 mark)

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- 3 (a) What is meant by lattice energy? (1 mark)

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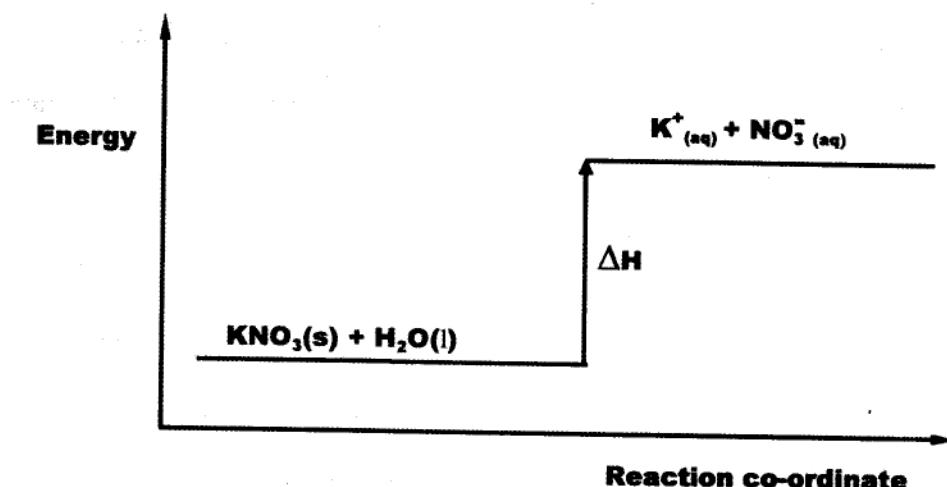
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- (b) Study the energy level diagram below and answer the question that follows:



What type of reaction is represented by the diagram?

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- 4 (a) State the Boyles law.

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- (b) A gas occupies 500 cm<sup>3</sup> at 27°C and 100,000 Pa. What will be its volume at 0°C and 101325 Pa?

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- 5 Calculate the mass of Zinc oxide that will just neutralise dilute nitric (V) acid containing 12.6 g of nitric (V) acid in water. ( $Zn = 65.0$ ;  $O = 16.0$ ,  $H = 1.0$ ,  $N = 14.0$ ). (3 marks)

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- 6 Describe how sodium carbonate is used to remove water hardness. (2 marks)

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- 7 Hydrogen chloride gas can be prepared by reacting sodium chloride with an acid.

(a) Write an equation for the reaction between sodium chloride and the acid. (1 mark)

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(b) Give two chemical properties of hydrogen chloride gas. (1 mark)

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8 When solid A was heated strongly, it gave off water and a solid residue. When water was added to the solid residue, the original solid A, was formed.

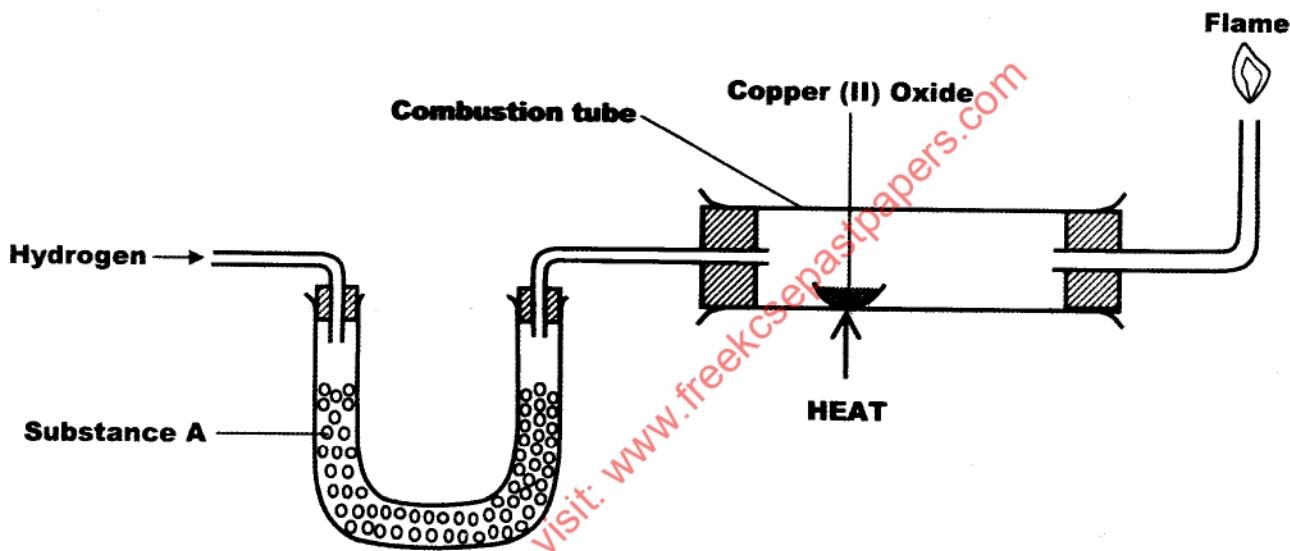
- (a) What name is given to the process described?

(1 mark)

- (b) Give one example of solid A.

(1 mark)

9 The set up below was used to investigate the reaction between dry hydrogen gas and copper (II) oxide.



- (a) Name substance A.

(1 mark)

- (b) State the observation made in the combustion tube.

(1 mark)

- (c) Explain the observation stated in (b) above.

(1 mark)

10 The atomic number of an element, T is 15.

- (a) Write the electronic configuration of the ion  $T^{3-}$ . (1 mark)

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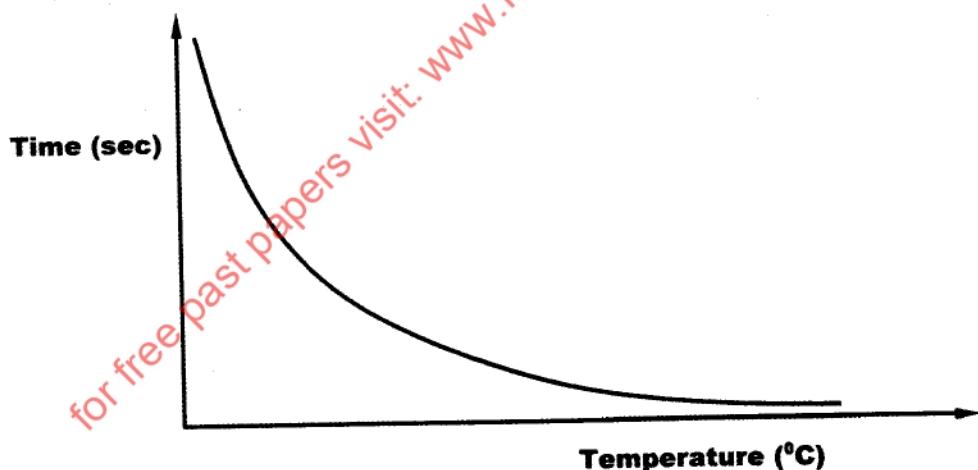
- (b) Write the formula of an oxide of T. (1 mark)

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11 Dilute sulphuric (VI) acid was electrolysed using platinum electrodes. Name the product formed at the anode and give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

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12 The curve shown below shows the variation of time against temperature for the reaction between sodium thiosulphate and hydrochloric acid.

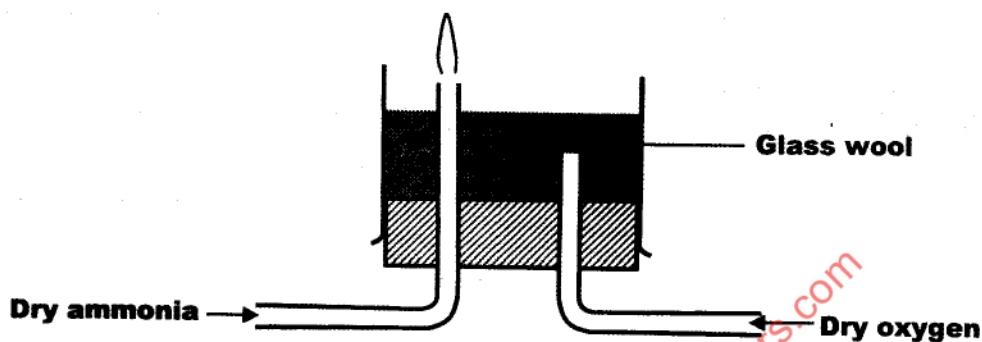


- (a) Write the equation for the reaction between sodium thiosulphate and dilute hydrochloric acid. (1 mark)

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- (b) Explain the shape of the curve. (2 marks)

- 13 Dry ammonia and dry oxygen were reacted as shown in the diagram below.



- (a) What is the purpose of the glass wool? (1 mark)

- (b) What products would be formed if red hot platinum was introduced into a mixture of ammonia and oxygen? (1 mark)

- 14 The table below shows behaviour of metals R, X, Y and Z. Study it and answer the questions that follow:

Metal	Appearance on exposure to air	Reaction in water	Reaction with dilute hydrochloric acid
R	slowly tarnishes	Slow	Vigorous
X	Slowly turns white	Vigorous	Violent
Y	No change	Does not react	Does not react
Z	No change	No reaction	Reacts moderately

- (a) Arrange the metals in the order of reactivity starting with the most reactive. (2 marks)
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- (b) Name a metal which is likely to be: (1 mark)
- (i) X .....
- (ii) Y .....

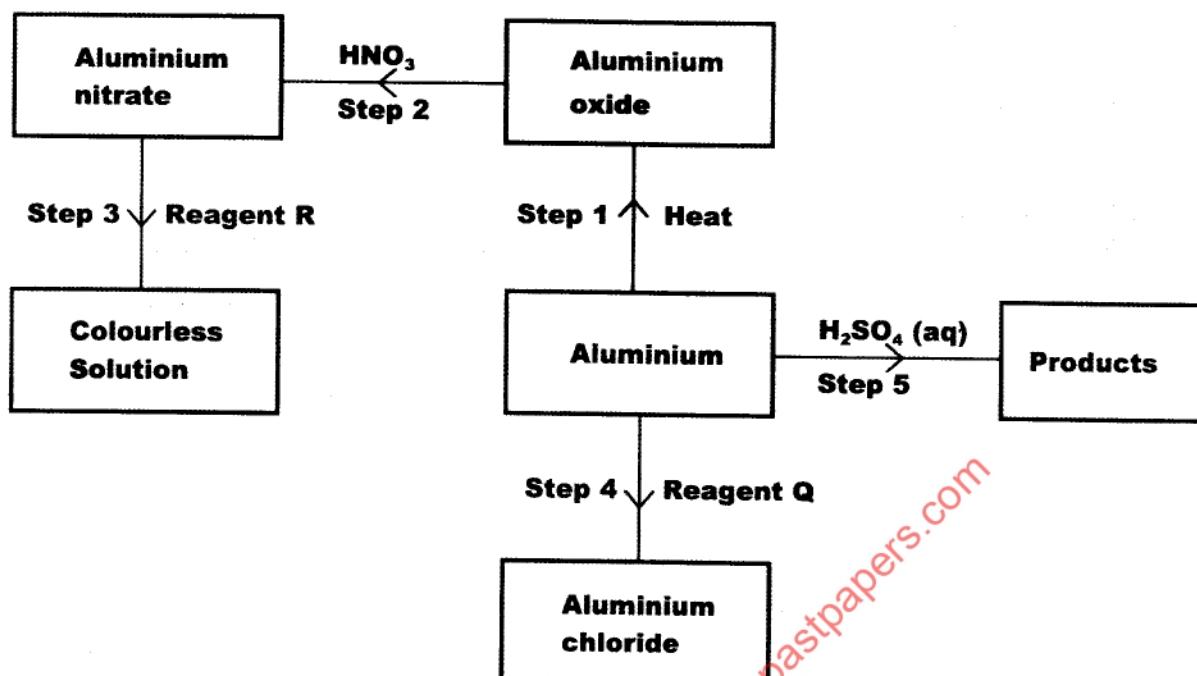
- 15 Given the following substances: wood ash, lemon juice and sodium chloride.

- (a) Name **one** commercial indicator that can be used to show whether wood ash, lemon juice and sodium chloride are acidic, basic or neutral. (1 mark)
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- (b) Classify the substances in 15(a) above as acids, bases or neutral. (2 marks)

Acid	Base	Neutral

- 16 The flow chart below shows various reactions of aluminium metal. Study it and answer the questions that follow:



- (a) (i) Other than water, name another reagent that could be R. (1 mark)
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- (ii) Write the formula of reagent Q. (1 mark)
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- (b) Write an equation for the reaction in step 5. (1 mark)
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- 17 (a) One of the allotropes of sulphur is rhombic sulphur, name the other allotrope. (1 mark)
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- (b) Concentrated sulphuric (VI) acid reacts with ethanol and copper.  
State the property of the acid shown in each case. (2 marks)

(i) Ethanol .....

(ii) Copper .....

- 18 Study the standard electrode potentials in the table below and answer the questions that follow.

	E <sup>0</sup> volts
Cu <sup>2+</sup> <sub>(aq)</sub> + 2e → Cu <sub>(s)</sub> ;	+ 0.34
Mg <sup>2+</sup> <sub>(aq)</sub> + 2e → Mg <sub>(s)</sub> ;	- 2.38
Ag <sup>2+</sup> <sub>(aq)</sub> + e → Ag <sub>(s)</sub> ;	+ 0.80
Ca <sup>2+</sup> <sub>(aq)</sub> + 2e → Ca <sub>(s)</sub> ;	- 2.87

- (a) Which of the metals is the strongest reducing agent? (1 mark)
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- (b) What observations will be made if a silver coin was dropped into an aqueous solution of copper (II) sulphate? Explain. (2 marks)
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**19** A radioactive substance weighing M kg took 1900 years for the original mass to reduce to 15 kg. Given that the half life of the radioactive substance is 380 years;

- (a) Determine the original mass of the radioactive substance.

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- (b) State two uses of radioactivity in medicine.

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**20** A crystal of iodine, heated gently in a test tube gave off a purple vapour.

- (a) Write the formula of the substance responsible for the purple vapour.

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- (b) What type of bond is broken when the iodine crystal is heated gently?

(1 mark)

- (c) State one use of iodine.

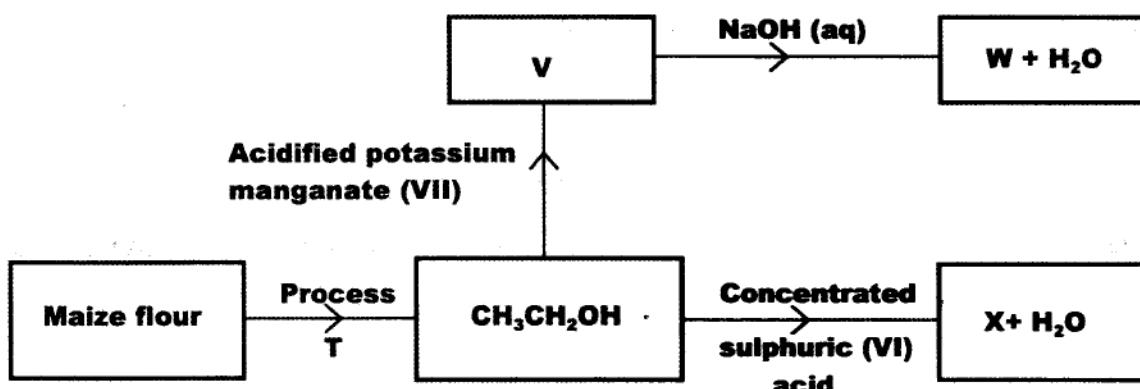
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**21** Describe how samples of lead (II) sulphate, ammonium chloride and sodium chloride can be obtained from a mixture of the three.

(3 marks)

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- 22 Study the flow chart below and use it to answer the questions that follow.



- (a) Name process T. .... (1 mark)
- (b) Give the formula of W. .... (1 mark)
- (c) State two uses of X. .... (1 mark)
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- 23 The table below is part of the periodic table. The letters are not the actual symbols of the elements. Study it and answer the questions that follow.

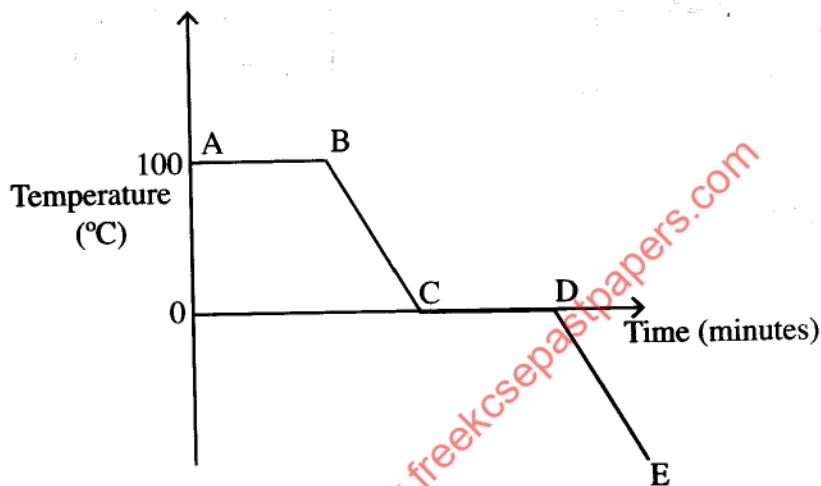
					<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	
<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>						<b>I</b>		

- (a) Select an element which is stored in paraffin in the laboratory. .... (1 mark)
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- (b) How do the ionic radii of E and I compare? Explain. (2 marks)

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- 24 The graph below is a cooling curve for water. Study it and answer the questions that follow.



- (a) Explain what happens to the molecules of water in the region BC in terms of kinetic theory. (2 marks)

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- (b) In what state is the water in the region DE? (1 mark)

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- 25 Starting with barium nitrate solution, describe how a pure sample of barium carbonate can be prepared in the laboratory. (3 marks)

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- 26 A hydrocarbon contains 14.5% of hydrogen. If the molar mass of the hydrocarbon is 56, determine the molecular formula of the hydrocarbon. (C = 12.0; H = 1.0) (3 marks)

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- 27 (a) Describe how carbon (IV) oxide can be distinguished from Carbon II Oxide using calcium hydroxide solution. (2 marks)

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- (b) What is the role of carbon (IV) oxide in fire extinguishing? (1 mark)

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- 28 (a) State **one** source of alkanes. (1 mark)

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- (b) Ethane gas was reacted with 1 mole of bromine gas. State **one** observation made during this reaction. (1 mark)

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- 29** An electric current was passed through several substances and the results obtained recorded in the table below.

<b>Substance</b>	<b>Physical state at room temperature</b>	<b>Conductivity</b>	<b>Products</b>	
			<b>Anode</b>	<b>Cathode</b>
A	Liquid	Does not conduct	-	-
B	Solid	Conducts	-	-
C	Liquid	Conducts	Green gas	Grey solid
D	Liquid	Conducts	Brown gas	Grey solid
E	Liquid	Conducts	-	-

Which of these substances is likely to be:

- (a) magnesium ..... (1 mark)
- (b) hexane ..... (1 mark)
- (c) lead (II) bromide ? ..... (1 mark)

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