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*Write your name and index number in the spaces provided above.
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Answer ALL the questions in the spaces provided.
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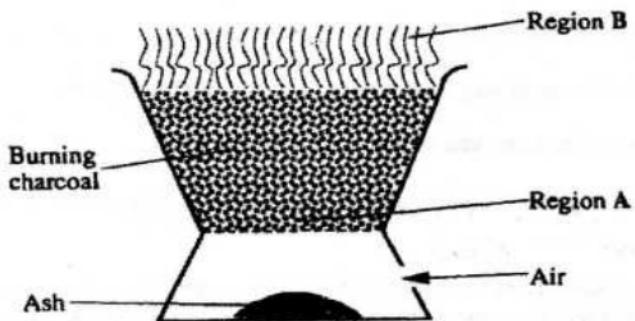
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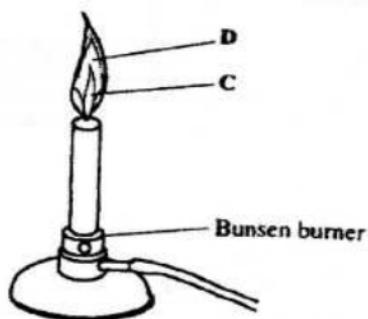
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- 1 The diagram below shows a 'Jiko' when in use. Study it and answer the questions that follow.



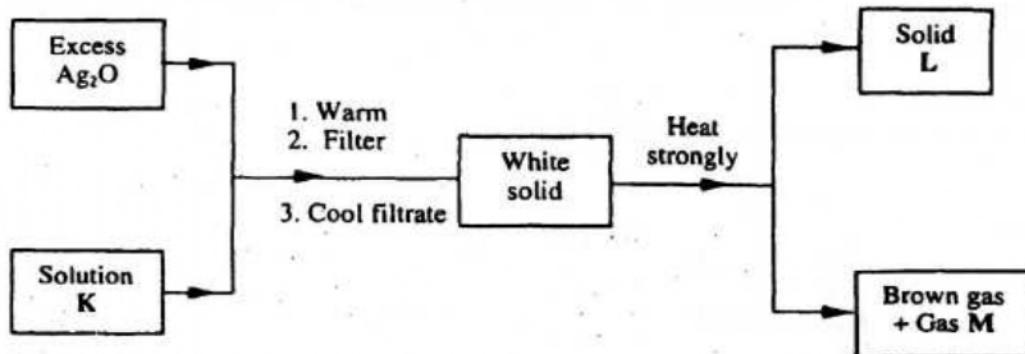
- (a) Identify the gas formed at region A. (1 mark)
- (b) State and explain the observation made at region B. (2 marks)
- 2 15.0 cm³ of ethanoic acid (CH_3COOH) was dissolved in water to make 500 cm³ of solution. Calculate the concentration of the solution in moles per litre. (C=12.0; H=1.0; O=16.0; density of ethanoic acid is 1.05 g/cm³). (3 marks)
- 3 Both chlorine and iodine are halogens.
- (a) What are halogens? (1 mark)
- (b) In terms of structure and bonding, explain why the boiling point of chlorine is lower than that of iodine. (2 marks)
- 4 The diagram below shows a Bunsen burner when in use.



Name the regions labelled C and D. (2 marks)

- 5 When a student was stung by a nettle plant, a teacher applied an aqueous solution of ammonia to the affected area of the skin and the student was relieved of pain. Explain. (2 marks)

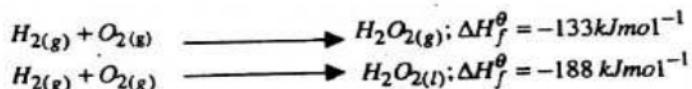
- 6 In an experiment, a few drops of concentrated nitric acid were added to aqueous iron (II) sulphate in a test-tube. Excess sodium hydroxide solution was then added to the mixture.
- (a) State the observations that were made when:
- concentrated nitric acid was added to aqueous iron (II) sulphate (1 mark)
 - excess sodium hydroxide was added to the mixture. (1 mark)
- (b) Write an ionic equation for the reaction which occurred in (a)(ii) above. (1 mark)
- 7 (a) Use the information given below to draw a labelled diagram of an electrochemical cell that can be constructed to measure the electromotive force between G and J. (2 marks)
- $$G_{(aq)}^{2+} + 2e \longrightarrow G_{(s)}; E^\circ = -0.74 \text{ V}$$
- $$J_{(aq)}^{2+} + 2e \longrightarrow J_{(s)}; E^\circ = -0.14 \text{ V}$$
- (b) Calculate the E° value for the cell constructed in (a) above. (1 mark)
- 8 Explain why there is a general increase in the first ionisation energies of the elements in period 3 of the periodic table from left to right. (2 marks)
- 9 Study the flow chart below and answer the question that follows.



Identify: (3 marks).

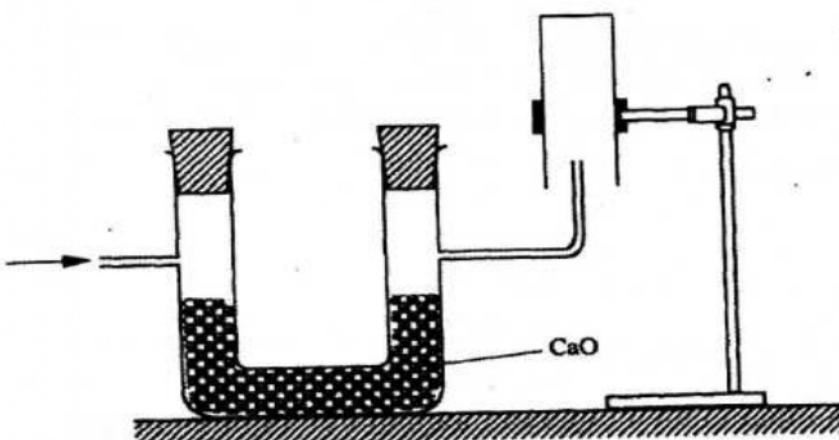
- Solution K
- Solid L
- Gas M

- 10 The thermochemical equations for the formation of hydrogen peroxide under standard conditions are:



Write the thermochemical equation for the molar heat of vaporisation of hydrogen peroxide. (2 marks)

- 11 The set-up below was used to collect a dry sample of a gas.



Give two reasons why the set-up cannot be used to collect carbon (IV) oxide gas. (2 marks)

- 12 (a) State the Charles' law. (1 mark)

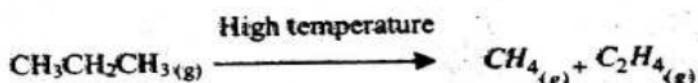
- (b) The volume of a sample of nitrogen gas at a temperature of 291 K and 1.0×10^5 pascals was $3.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^3$. Calculate the temperature at which the volume of the gas would be $2.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^3$ at 1.0×10^5 pascals. (2 marks)

- 13 (a) Name the process that takes place when:

- (i) crystals of zinc nitrate change into solution when exposed to air (1 mark)

- (ii) an alcohol reacts with an organic acid in the presence of a catalyst to form a sweet smelling compound. (1 mark)

- (b) Propane can be changed into methane and ethene as shown in the equation below;

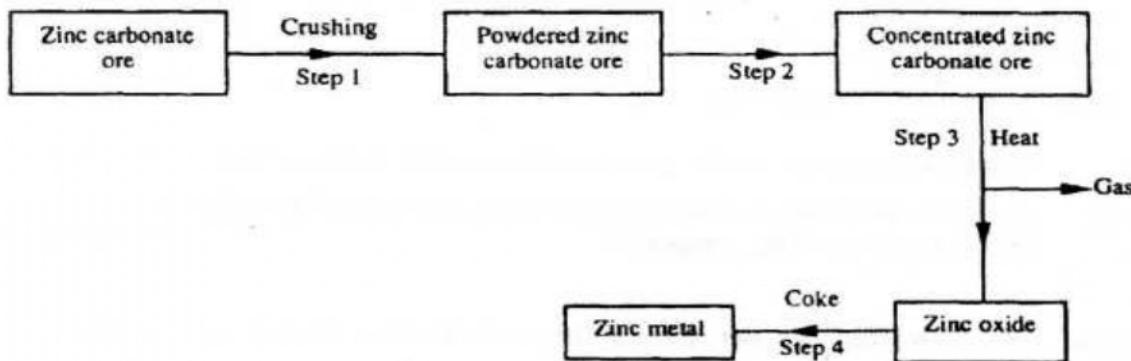


- Name the process undergone by propane. (1 mark)

- 14 (a) Distinguish between nuclear fission and nuclear fusion. (2 marks)

- (b) Describe how solid wastes containing radioactive substances should be disposed of. (1 mark)
- 15 (a) Explain why permanent hardness in water cannot be removed by boiling. (2 marks)
- (b) Name **two** methods that can be used to remove permanent hardness from water. (1 mark)
- 16 The table below shows the tests that were carried out on solid N and the observations made.
- | | Test | Observations |
|-----|---|---|
| I | Solid N was heated | Solid N turned from white to yellow. |
| II | Dilute hydrochloric acid was added to solid N. | A colourless solution was formed. |
| III | To the colourless solution obtained in test II, excess sodium hydroxide solution was added. | A white precipitate was formed which dissolved to form a colourless solution. |
- Write the formula of the anion in:
- (a) solid N (1 mark)
- (b) the colourless solution formed in test III. (1 mark)
- 17 The relative formula mass of a hydrocarbon is 58. Draw and name **two** possible structures of the hydrocarbon ($C=12.0$; $H = 1.0$). (3 marks)
- 18 Starting with sodium metal, describe how a sample of crystals of sodium hydrogen carbonate may be prepared. (3 marks)

- 19 The flow chart below shows steps used in the extraction of zinc from one of its ores.

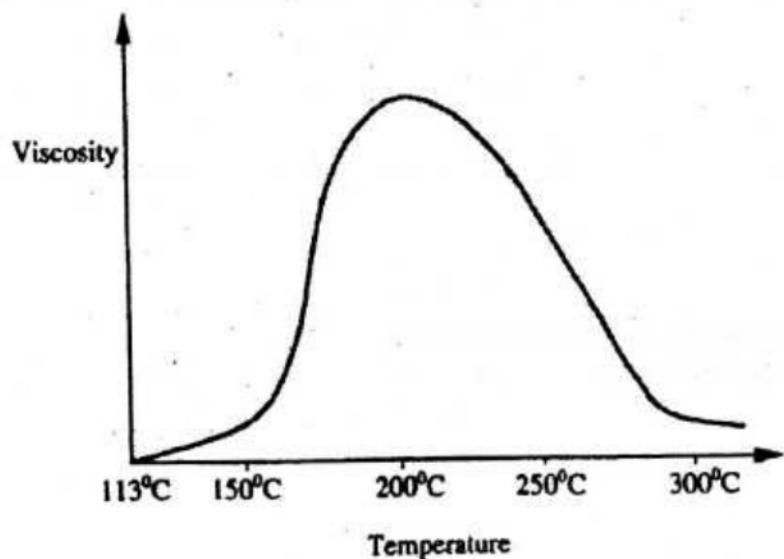


- (a) Name the process that is used in step 2 to concentrate the ore. (1 mark)
- (b) Write an equation for the reaction which takes place in step 3. (1 mark)
- (c) Name **one** use of zinc other than galvanising. (1 mark)

- 20** An alkanol has the following composition by mass: hydrogen 13.5%, oxygen 21.6% and carbon 64.9%.
- (a) Determine the empirical formula of the alkanol ($C=12.0$; $H = 1.0$; $O=16.0$). (2 marks)
- (b) Given that the empirical formula and the molecular formula of the alkanol are the same, draw the structure of the alkanol. (1 mark)
- 21** (a) When brine is electrolysed using inert electrodes, chlorine gas is liberated at the anode instead of oxygen. Explain this observation. (2 marks)
- (b) Name the product formed at the cathode. (1 mark)
- 22** 6.84 g of aluminium sulphate were dissolved in 150 cm^3 of water. Calculate the molar concentration of the sulphate ions in the solution. (Relative formula mass of aluminium sulphate is 342). (3 marks)
- 23** The table below shows the relative molecular masses and the boiling points of pentane and propan-1-ol.
- | | Relative molecular mass | Boiling point ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Pentane | 72 | 36 |
| Propan-1-ol | 60 | 97 |
- Explain why the boiling point of propan-1-ol is higher than that of pentane. (2 marks)
- 24** State and explain the observations made when excess ammonia gas reacts with chlorine gas. (3 marks)
- 25** The diagram below shows a student's set-up for the preparation and collection of hydrogen gas.
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- (a) How would the final volume of hydrogen gas produced be affected if 80 cm^3 of 0.75 M hydrochloric acid was used? (1 mark)
- (b) Give a reason why helium is increasingly being preferred to hydrogen in weather balloons. (1 mark)
- 26** The table below shows the number of valence electrons of the elements P, Q and R.
- | Element | P | Q | R |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| Number of valence electrons | 3 | 5 | 2 |
- (a) Explain why P and R would not be expected to form a compound. (1 mark)

- (b) Write an equation to show the effect of heat on the carbonate of R. (1 mark)
- (c) Write the formula for the most stable ion of Q. (1 mark)
- 27 The diagram below is a sketch of the graph of the non-catalysed decomposition of hydrogen peroxide.
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- On the same axis, sketch the graph for the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide when manganese(IV)oxide is added. (2 marks)
- 28 During the electrolysis of aqueous silver nitrate, a current of 5.0 A was passed through the electrolyte for 3 hours.
- Write the equation for reaction which took place at the anode. (1 mark)
 - Calculate the mass of silver deposited ($\text{Ag} = 108$; $1\text{F} = 96500 \text{ C}$). (2 marks)
- 29 The diagram below is a section of a model of the structure of element T.
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- State the type of bonding that exists in T. (1 mark)
 - In which group of the periodic table does element T belong? Give a reason. (2 marks)

- 30 Below is a sketch of a graph showing the change in viscosity (Ease of flow) with temperature when solid sulphur is heated.



Describe what happens to the sulphur molecules when sulphur is heated from 150°C to about 200°C. (2 marks)