

HYDROGEN COMPOUNDS

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JEE(Main) Syllabus

Position of hydrogen in periodic table, isotopes, preparation, properties and uses of hydrogen; Physical and chemical properties of water and heavy water; Structure, preparation, reactions and uses of hydrogen peroxide; Classification of hydrides - ionic, covalent and interstitial; Hydrogen as a fuel.



Hydrogen Compounds

Hydrogen in atomic form consists of one proton and one electron but, in elemental form it exists as a diatomic (H_2) molecule. H_2 is called as dihydrogen.

Section (A) : Position of hydrogen in the periodic table; methods of preparation and properties

Position of hydrogen in the periodic table :

Hydrogen is the first element of the periodic table as its atomic number is 1.

The single electron is present in the K shell i.e. first shell with electron configuration $1s^1$.

Hydrogen resembles in many properties with alkali as well as halogen. This dual behaviour of hydrogen may arise due to its electronic configuration i.e. $1s^1$

Resemblance with alkali metals :

(a) **Electronic configuration** : The valance shell electron configuration of hydrogen and alkali metals are similar i.e. ns^1

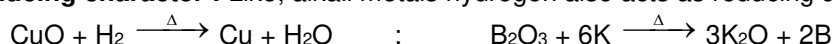
(b) **Formation of unipositive ion** : Hydrogen as well as alkali metals lose one electron to form unipositive ions.

(c) **Formation of oxides, halides and sulphides** : Just like alkali metals hydrogen combines with electronegative elements such as oxygen, halogen and sulphur forming oxide, halide and sulphide respectively.

Example

Na_2O	$NaCl$	Na_2S
H_2O	HCl	H_2S

(d) **Reducing character** : Like, alkali metals hydrogen also acts as reducing agent.



Resemblance with halogens .

(a) Electron configuration: Both have one electron less than that of preceding inert gas configuration.

(b) Atomicity: Like halogens, hydrogen forms diatomic molecule too. For example, Cl_2 , Br_2 , I_2 etc.

(c) Ionization enthalpy: Hydrogen as well as halogens both have higher ionization enthalpies.

H	F	Cl
1312 kJ/mol	1680 kJ/mol	1255 kJ/mol

(d) Formation of uninegative ion: Both hydrogen as well as halogens have the tendency to gain one electron to form uninegative ion so as to have the nearest noble gas electronic configuration.

(e) Formation of hydrides and covalent compounds: Hydrogen as well as halogens combine with elements to form hydrides and a larger number of covalent compounds.

For example;

CCl_4	$SiCl_4$	$NaCl$
CH_4	SiH_4	NaH

Difference from alkali metals

(a) Ionization enthalpy of hydrogen (1312 kJ mol^{-1}) is very high as compared to that of alkali metals. ($Li = 520 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $Na = 495 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$)

(b) Alkali metals possess metallic character but hydrogen does not possesses metallic character under normal conditions.

(c) The size of H^+ i.e. nucleus of H atom is $1.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ pm}$. Which is extremely small as compared to normal atomic and ionic sizes of alkali metals (50 to 200 pm). As a result, H^+ does not exist freely and is always associated with other atoms or molecules. It exists as hydrated proton with formula $H_9O_4^+$ in aqueous solution.

Difference from Halogens :

(a) The reactivity of hydrogen is very low as compared to halogens.

(b) Oxides of halogens are acidic while that of hydrogen is neutral.

Dihydrogen (H_2) :

Occurrence

It is most abundant element of the universe (70% of the total mass) but it is much less abundant element (0.15% by mass) in the earth atmosphere due to its light nature. In combined form it constitutes 15.4% of the earth crust and the oceans.





Isotopes

Hydrogen has three isotopes namely protium, ${}^1_1\text{H}$, deuterium, ${}^2_1\text{H}$ or D and tritium or T.

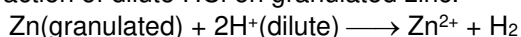
They differ from one another by the number of neutrons present in them, Protium has no neutrons. Deuterium which is also known as heavy hydrogen has one and Tritium has two neutrons in the nucleus.

Property	Hydrogen	Deuterium	Tritium
Relative abundance (%)	99.985	0.0156	10^{-15}
Relative atomic mass (g mol^{-1})	1.008	2.014	3.016
Melting point / K	13.96	18.73	20.62
Boiling point / K	20.39	23.67	25.0
Density / g L^{-1}	0.09	0.18	0.27
Enthalpy of fusion/ kJ mol^{-1}	0.117	0.197	—
Enthalpy of vaporization/ kJ mol^{-1}	0.904	1.226	—
Enthalpy of bond dissociation/ kJ mol^{-1} at 298.2 K	435.88	443.35	—
Internuclear distance / pm	74.14	74.14	—
Ionization enthalpy / kJ mol^{-1}	1312	—	—
Electron gain enthalpy/ kJ mol^{-1}	-73	—	—
Covalent radius / pm	37	—	—
Ionic radius (H^-) / pm	208	—	—

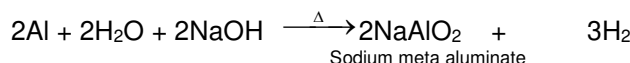
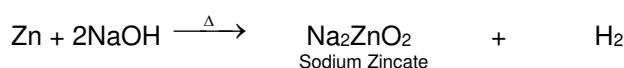
Preparation of dihydrogen, (H_2)

(A) Laboratory method :

(i) By the action of dilute HCl on granulated zinc.

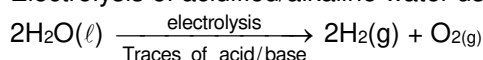


(ii) By the action of aqueous alkali like NaOH on Zn, Al or Sn.



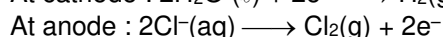
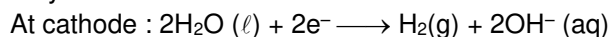
(B) Commercial production :

(i) Electrolysis of acidified/alkaline water using platinum electrodes gives hydrogen gas.

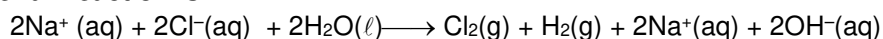


(ii) Dihydrogen of high degree of purity (>99.95%) is obtained by the electrolysis of warm aqueous barium hydroxide solution between nickel electrodes.

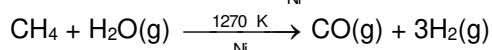
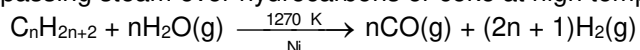
(iii) It is obtained as a by-product in the manufacture of sodium hydroxide and chlorine by the electrolysis of brine solution.



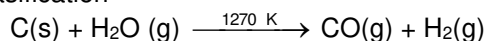
Over all reaction is :



(iv) By passing steam over hydrocarbons or coke at high temperature in the presence of catalyst.

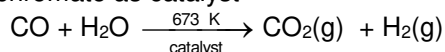


Mixture of CO and H_2 is called water gas. As water gas is used for the synthesis of methanol and a number of hydrocarbons, it is also called synthesis gas or "syngas". Syngas is obtained now a day from sewage, saw-dust, scrap wood, news papers etc. The process of producing 'syngas' from coal is called 'coal gasification'





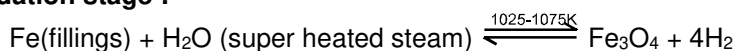
The yield of dihydrogen can be increased by reacting CO of syngas mixture with steam in the presence of iron chromate as catalyst



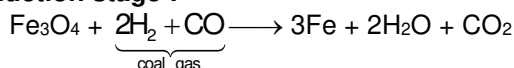
This reaction which involves the oxidation of CO into CO₂ is called water - gas shift reaction. The CO₂ formed is removed by scrubbing with sodium arsenite solution.

(v) By Lane's process. It involves two steps –

(a) **Oxidation stage :**

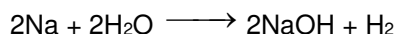


(b) **Reduction stage :**

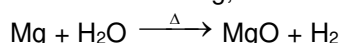


(vi) **Common methods :**

(i) Action of water with Na, K & Ca at room temperature .



(ii) Action of water with Mg, Al and Zn at boiling temperature of water.



Properties of dihydrogen :

Physical properties :

(a) It is a colourless, odourless tasteless gas.

(b) It is combustible gas; so it can be carefully handled with care while using.

(c) It is lighter than air (density = 1/24th that of air) and insoluble in water.

Chemical properties :

The chemical reactivity of dihydrogen is very low at room temperature. It is attributed to its very high H–H bond dissociation enthalpy (439.9 kJ mol⁻¹). This bond enthalpy infact is the highest for any single bond enthalpy between two atoms of any element. The relatively inert nature of dihydrogen due to the high H–H bond enthalpy may be understood by the fact that the dissociation of dihydrogen into atoms is only 0.081 % around 2000 K which increases to 95.5% at 5000 K. Thus, the atomic hydrogen is produced at a high temperature in an electric arc or under ultraviolet radiations with its incomplete 1s¹ electronic configuration.

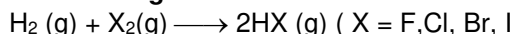
It does combine with almost all the elements. It undergoes chemical reaction by :

(a) loss of the only electron to give H⁺

(b) gain of an electron to form H⁻, and

(c) sharing an electron to form a single covalent bond.

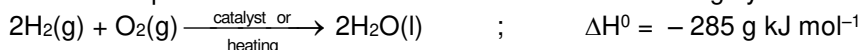
(1) **Reaction with halogens :**



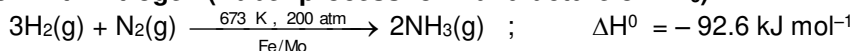
Reaction with fluorine occurs even in the dark while reaction with iodine occurs in the presence of a catalyst. Order of reactivity is F > Cl > Br > I

(2) **Reaction with oxygen :**

It burns in air with a pale blue flame to form water This reaction is highly exothermic.

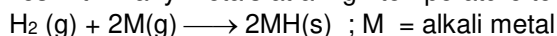


(3) **Reaction with nitrogen (Haber process for manufacture of NH₃) :**



(4) **Reaction with metals :**

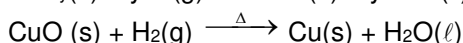
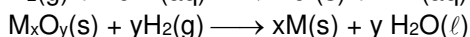
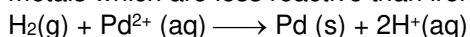
It combines with many metals at a high temperature to form the corresponding hydrides.



With metals like, Pt, Pd, Ni, etc, hydrogen forms interstitial hydrides in which hydrogen atoms get trapped in the interstitial voids in the metallic crystals. This property is referred to as occlusion. The occluded hydrogen liberates on strong heating.

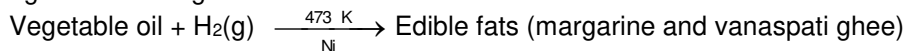
**(5) Reactions with metal ions and metal oxides.**

Dihydrogen reduces some metal ions (lying below hydrogen) in aqueous solution and oxides of metals which are less reactive than iron into corresponding metals.

**(6) Reaction with organic compounds :**

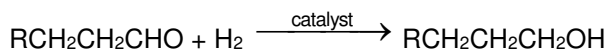
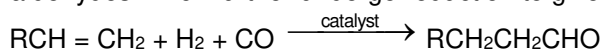
Dihydrogen combines with many organic compounds in the presence of catalyst to give useful hydrogenated products of commercial importance.

(a) Hydrogenation of vegetable oils :

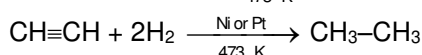
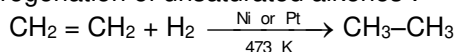


(b) Hydroformylation of olefins :

It yields aldehydes which further undergo reduction to give alcohols.



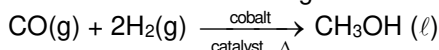
(c) Hydrogenation of unsaturated alkenes :

**Uses :**

(i) In the manufacture of ammonia which is used in the manufacture of nitric acid and nitrogenous fertilizers.

(ii) In the manufacture of vanaspati ghee by hydrogenation of polyunsaturated vegetable oils like, soyabean, cotton seed etc.

(iii) In the manufacture of bulk organic chemical, particularly methanol.



(iv) In preparation of metal hydrides and hydrogen chloride which are highly useful chemicals.

(v) It is used in the metallurgical process to reduce heavy metal oxides into metals.

(vi) Atomic hydrogen (where temperature required is 2500 K) and oxy-hydrogen torches (where temperature required is 4000 K) are used for cutting and welding purposes.

Dissociation of dihydrogen with the help of an electric arc produces atomic hydrogen atoms.

The atomic hydrogen atoms are allowed to recombine on the surface to be welded to regenerate the temperature of 4000K.

(vii) Mixed with liquid oxygen, it is used as a rocket fuel in space research.

(viii) It is used in fuel cells for generating electrical energy because it does not produce any pollution and releases greater energy per unit mass of fuel in comparison to gasoline and other fuels.

Solved Examples

Ex-1. Write the names of isotopes of hydrogen. What is the mass ratio of these isotopes ?

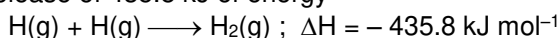
Sol. The various, isotopes of hydrogen are :

${}^1_1\text{H}$ (Protium) ; ${}^2_1\text{H}$ or D (Deuterium) ; ${}^3_1\text{H}$ or T (Tritium)

The mass ratio of ${}^1_1\text{H} : {}^2_1\text{H} : {}^3_1\text{H}$ is 1 : 2 : 3

Ex-2. Why does hydrogen occur in a diatomic form rather than in a monoatomic form under normal conditions?

Sol. Hydrogen atom has only one electron and thus, to achieve stable inert gas configuration of helium, it shares its single electron with electron of other hydrogen atom to form a stable diatomic molecule. The stability of H_2 is further confirmed by the fact, that formation of one mole of gaseous H_2 molecules results in the release of 435.8 kJ of energy



Ex-3. Which of the following can adsorb largest volume of hydrogen gas?

- (1) Finely divided platinum (2) Finely divided nickel
(3) Colloidal palladium (4) Colloidal platinum

Ans. (3)

Sol. Order of adsorption of H_2 (occlusion) is : Colloidal Palladium > Palladium > Platinum > Gold > Nickel.

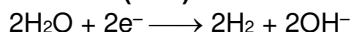




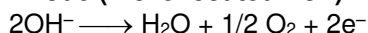
Ex-4. Describe the bulk preparation of hydrogen by electrolytic method. What is the role of an electrolyte in this process ?

Sol.: The electrolyte (15–20% NaOH solution) increases conductivity of water.

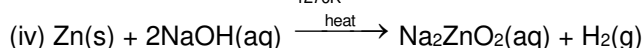
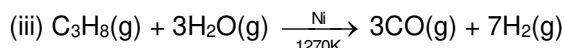
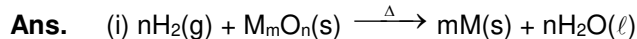
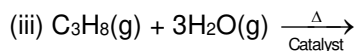
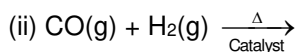
Cathode (iron) : Reduction of water occurs.



Anode (nickel coated iron) : Oxidation of OH^- occurs.



Ex-5. Complete the following reactions :

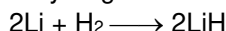


Ex-6. Can conc. H_2SO_4 be used for drying H_2 gas ? Justify.

Sol. Conc. H_2SO_4 cannot be used for drying H_2 gas because H_2SO_4 does absorb moisture from moist H_2 , but the process is highly exothermic. The heat so produced causes hydrogen to catch fire because of its inflammable nature.

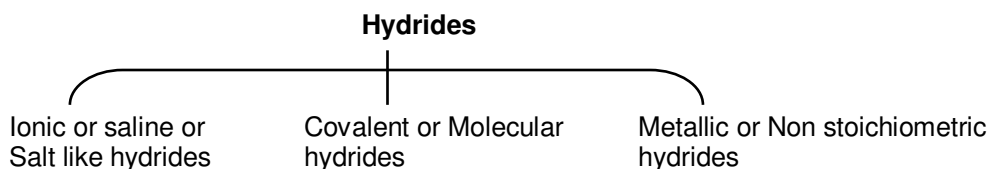
Ex-7. Can dihydrogen act as oxidising agent ? If so give chemical reactions to support the statement.

Sol.: Dihydrogen can act as oxidising agent when it forms metal hydrides.



Section (B) : Hydrides

Dihydrogen combines with a large number of non-metals and metals, except noble gases, under certain suitable reaction conditions to form compounds. These binary compounds are called hydrides. The hydrides can be represented by the general formula EH_x (e.g. MgH_2) or EmHn (e.g. B_2H_6)

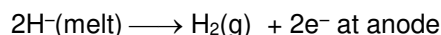


Ionic or saline hydrides :

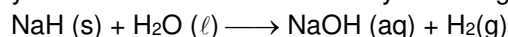
These are stoichiometric compounds of dihydrogen with most of the s-block elements which are highly electropositive in nature.

However, the lighter metal hydrides such as LiH , BeH_2 and MgH_2 have significant covalent character. Infact BeH_2 and MgH_2 are polymeric in nature.

Ionic hydrides are crystalline, nonvolatile and non conducting in solid state. But their molten state conduct electricity and on electrolysis, liberate dihydrogen gas at anode. Which confirms the existence of H^- ion.



These hydrides react with water violently liberating dihydrogen gas.



Similarly with protonic solvent such as ethanol and ammonia, they combine and liberates dihydrogen gas.



Note : LiH is unreactive at moderate temperature with O_2 or Cl_2 and therefore, it is used in the synthesis of other useful hydrides, e.g.



Ionic hydrides are powerful reducing agents



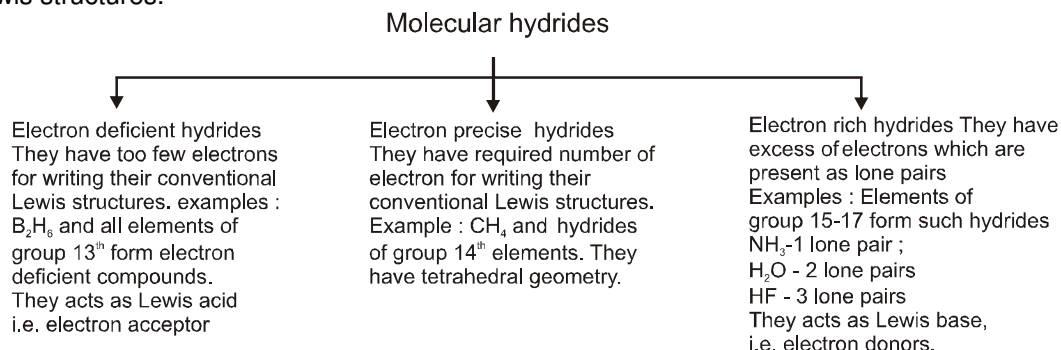


Covalent or molecular hydrides

These are the binary compounds of hydrogen with most of the p-block elements which have relatively high electronegativity. Covalent hydrides involves the formation of covalent bonds between H-atoms and other atoms by sharing of electrons. Some important examples of covalent hydrides are HCl, H₂O, CH₄, PH₃, NH₃ etc.

Being covalent they are volatile compounds and more soluble in organic solvents.

Molecular hydrides are further classified according to the relative numbers of electrons and bond in their Lewis structures.



Note : The presence of lone pairs on highly electronegative atoms like N, O, and F in hydrides results in hydrogen bond formation between the molecules leading to the association of molecule.

Metallic or non - stoichiometric (or interstitial) hydrides :

These are formed by many d-block and f-block elements except the metals of group 7, 8 and 9. Chromium only the 6th group metals which form metallic hydrides, (CrH). These hydrides conduct electricity and heat not as efficiently as their parent metals do.

They are almost always non-stoichiometric, being deficient in hydrogen.

Examples : LaH_{2.87}, YbH_{2.55}, TiH_{1.5-1.8}, ZrH_{1.3-1.75}, VH_{0.56}, NiH_{0.6-0.7}, PdH_{0.6-0.8} etc.

Earlier it was thought that in these hydrides, hydrogen occupies interstices in the metal lattice producing distortion without any change in its type. This gave the name interstitial hydrides to this type of hydrides but recent studies have shown that except for hydrides of Ni, Pd, Ce and Ac, other hydrides of this class have lattice different from that of the parent metals.

This property of absorption of hydrogen on transition metal is largely used in the catalytic reduction, hydrogenation reaction for the preparation of large number of compounds.

Pd, Pt etc. can accommodate a very large volume of hydrogen and therefore can be used as its storage media.

Note : The inability of metals of group 7, 8, 9 of periodic table to form hydrides is referred to as hydride gap of d-block.

Dihydrogen as a fuel :

Dihydrogen on combustion liberates large quantities of heat.

Following table gives the data on energy release by combustion of fuels like dihydrogen, methane, LPG etc. in terms of the some amounts in mole, mass and volume.

Energy released on combustion in kJ	Dihydrogen (g)	Dihydrogen (ℓ)	LPG	CH ₄ (g)	octane (ℓ)
Per mole	286	285	2220	880	5511
Per gram	143	142	50	53	47
Per litre	12	9968	25590	35	34005

It reveals that on a mass for mass basis dihydrogen can release more energy than that of petrol (about three times). Further pollutants in combustion of dihydrogen will be less than petrol. The only pollutant in this will be the oxides of nitrogen which is formed due to the presence of dinitrogen as impurity with dihydrogen. This can be minimised by injecting a small amount of water into the cylinder to lower the temperature, so that the reaction between dinitrogen and oxygen may not take place.

A cylinder of compressed dihydrogen weight about 30 times as much as a tank of petrol containing the same amount of energy. Also dihydrogen gas is converted into liquid state by cooling to 20K. This would





require costly insulated tanks of metal alloy, tanks of metal alloy like NaNi_5 , Ti-TiH_2 , Mg-MgH_2 etc, are used for storage of dihydrogen in small quantities.

These limitations have prompted the scientists to search for alternative techniques to use dihydrogen in an efficient way.

In this respect hydrogen economy is an alternative. The basic principle of hydrogen economy is the transportation and storage of energy in the form of liquid or gaseous dihydrogen.

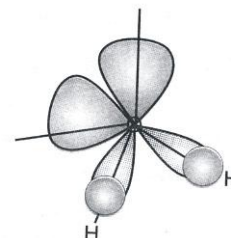
Advantage of hydrogen economy is that energy is transmitted in the form of dihydrogen and not as electric power.

1. In India in October 2005 a pilot project using dihydrogen as fuel was launched for running automobiles. Initially 5% hydrogen has been mixed in CNG for use in four wheeler vehicles.

2. Now a day it is also used in fuel cells for generation of electric power.

Section (C) : Water

It is an important constituent of animal and vegetable matter and plays a vital role in their life processes. It constitutes about 65% of human body and about 95% by weight of some plants. It is a solvent of great importance. The distribution of water over the earth's surface is not uniform.



Physical properties :

It is a colourless and tasteless liquid. It has some unique and unusual properties in the condensed phase (liquid and solid states) which are due to the presence of extensive hydrogen bonding between water molecules. Hydrogen bonding leads to high freezing point, high boiling point, high heat of vaporisation and high heat of fusion in comparison to H_2S and H_2Se .

Water has a higher specific heat, thermal conductivity, surface tension, dipole moment and dielectric constant etc than most of the other liquids. Because of these properties water plays a vital and key role in the biosphere.

Property	H_2O	D_2O
Molecular mass (g mol^{-1})	18.0151	20.0276
Melting point / K	273.0	276.8
Boiling point / K	373.0	374.4
Enthalpy of formation / KJ mol^{-1}	-285.9	-294.6
Enthalpy of vaporisation (373K) / KJ mol^{-1}	40.66	41.61
Enthalpy of fusion / KJ mol^{-1}	6.01	—
Temp of max. density / K	276.98	284.2
Density (298K) g cm^{-3}	1.0000	1.1059
Viscosity / centipoise	0.8903	1.107
Dielectric constant / $\text{C}_2/\text{N.m}^2$	78.39	78.06
Electrical conductivity	5.7×10^{-8}	—

The high heat of vaporisation and heat capacity are responsible for moderation of the climate and body temperature of living beings.

It is an excellent solvent for transportation of ions and molecules needed/essential for plant and animal metabolism.

Polar molecules and also the covalent compounds like alcohol and carbohydrates dissolve in water due to hydrogen bonding.

It is a highly polar molecule and in the liquid phase water molecules are associated together by hydrogen bonds. Its crystalline form is ice.

At atmospheric pressure ice crystallises in the hexagonal form, but at very low temperature it condenses to cubic form. Density of ice is less than that of water. Therefore, an ice floats on water.

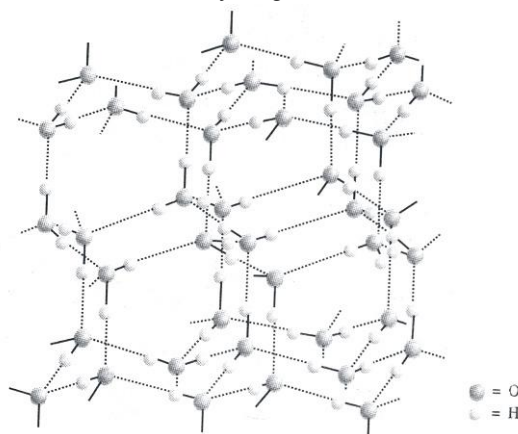
Note : In winter season ice formed on the surface of a lake gives thermal insulation and this ensures the survival of the aquatic life.





Structure of ice

Ice has a highly ordered three dimensional hydrogen bonded structure



According to X-rays analysis of ice crystals, each oxygen atom is surrounded tetrahedrally by four other oxygen atoms at a distance of 2.76 Å. There are four H atoms around each O atom. Two of the four H atoms are bonded by covalent bonds (bond lengths 100 pm) where as the other two are bonded through H-bonds (bond lengths 176 pm)

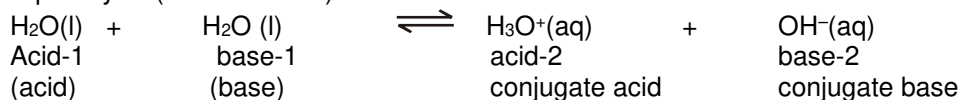
Hydrogen bonding gives ice open cage like structure with wide holes. As a consequence of this, ice has a relatively large volume for a given mass of liquid water.

Chemical properties :

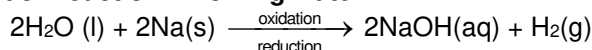
(1) Amphoteric nature :



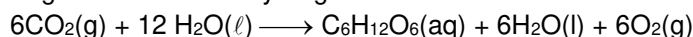
The auto-protolysis (self ionisation) of water occurs as :



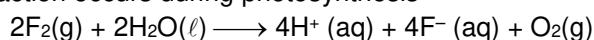
(2) Redox reaction involving water :



Water is a great source of dihydrogen



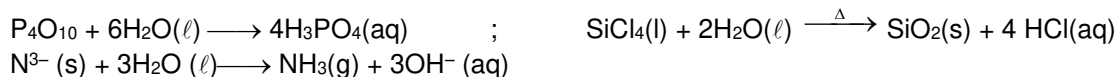
This reaction occurs during photosynthesis



(3) Hydrolysis reaction :

It has a very strong hydrating tendency because of its high dielectric constant.

Hydrolysis of certain covalent and some ionic compounds takes place in water.



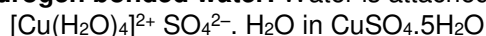
(4) Hydrates formation :

Many salts on crystallisation from their aqueous solutions yield hydrate salts. There are three ways of association of water as given below.

(i) **Coordinated water:** Attached to central metal ion through coordinate-covalent bond. $[\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}3\text{Cl}^-$

(ii) **Interstitial water:** Water molecules occupy the interstices of the crystal lattice of the compound e.g. $\text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

(iii) **Hydrogen bonded water:** Water is attached to the compound making hydrogen bond.

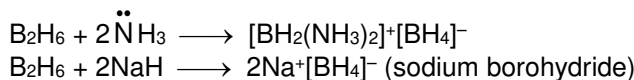




Solved Examples

Ex-8. What characteristics do you expect from electron deficient hydrides with respect to their structure and chemical reactivity ?

Sol. Electron deficient hydrides do not have sufficient number of electrons to form normal covalent bonds. They generally exist in polymeric forms such as B_2H_6 , B_4H_{10} , $(AlH_3)_n$, etc. Due to deficiency of electrons, these hydrides act as Lewis acids and thus, form complex entities with Lewis bases such as : NH_3 , H^- ions, etc.



Ex-9. Do you expect the carbon hydride of the type (C_nH_{2n+2}) to act as Lewis acid or base ? Justify your answer.

Sol. Carbon hydride of the type (C_nH_{2n+2}) are electronprecise hydrides. In other words, they have exact numbers of electrons required to form covalent bonds. Therefore, they do not have tendency to either gain or lose electrons and hence, they do not act as Lewis acids or Lewis bases.

Ex-10. Arrange the following :

- CaH_2 , BeH_2 and TiH_2 in order of increasing electrical conductance.
- LiH , NaH and CsH in order of increasing ionic character
- $H-H$, $D-D$ and $F-F$ in order of increasing bond dissociation enthalpy.
- NaH , MgH_2 and H_2O in order of increasing reducing property.

Sol. (i) BeH_2 is a covalent hydride, therefore, it does not conduct electricity at all. CaH_2 conducts electricity in the fused state while TiH_2 conducts electricity at room temperature. Thus, the order of increasing electrical conductance is : $BeH_2 < CaH_2 < TiH_2$.

(ii) Electronegativity decreases down the group from Li to Cs, therefore, the ionic character of their hydrides also increases in the same order, i.e., $LiH < NaOH < CsH$.

(iii) $F-F$ bond dissociation enthalpy is the minimum. This is due to high concentration of electron density around each F atom in the form of 3 lone pairs which cause significant repulsive interactions. The bond enthalpy of $D-D$ bond is slightly higher than that of $H-H$ bond. It is due to marginally smaller size of D. Thus, the bond dissociation enthalpy increases in the order : $F-F < H-H < D-D$.

(iv) Ionic hydrides are powerful reducing agents. Both MgH_2 and H_2O are covalent hydrides but the bond dissociation of $O-H$ bonds in H_2O is much higher than that of $Mg-H$ bond in MgH_2 . Therefore, the reducing character increases in the order : $H_2O < MgH_2 < NaH$.

Ex-11. How do you expect the metallic hydrides to be useful hydrogen storage ? Explain.

Sol. In some of the transition metal hydrides, hydrogen is absorbed as H atoms. Due to the inclusion of H-atoms, the metal lattice expands and thus becomes less stable. Therefore, when such metallic hydride is heated, it decomposes to release hydrogen gas and very finely divided metal. The hydrogen evolved in this manner can be used as a fuel. Thus, transition metals or their alloys can act as sponge and can be used to store and transport hydrogen to be used as a fuel.

Ex-12. Explain the meaning of term hydride gap.

Ans. Elements of group 7, 8, 9 of d-block do not form hydrides at all. This inability of metals of group 7, 8, 9 of periodic table to form hydrides is referred to as hydride gap of d-block.

Ex-13. Explain the following :

- Water is excellent solvent for ionic compounds.
- Lakes freeze from top to bottom.

Sol. (a) Water has a high dielectric constant (78.39) due to the polar character of its molecule. Water is an excellent solvent for many ionic as well as covalent compounds. Dissolution of ionic compounds takes place because of ion-dipole interactions. Dissolution of molecular compounds such as alcohols, amides, urea, sugar, glucose, honey, etc., in water takes place because of the tendency of these substances to form hydrogen bonds with water molecules.

(b) This is due to the fact that the frozen water does not sink to the bottom but keeps floating at the surface due to its lesser density. This provides thermal insulation to the water below it. The lesser density of ice can be attributed to open cage-like structure on account of hydrogen bonding.





Soft water and Hard water :

	Soft water		Hard water
1.	Water free from soluble salts of calcium and magnesium is called soft water. It gives lather with soap easily.	1.	Water containing calcium and magnesium in the form of hydrogen carbonate, chloride and sulphate does not give lather with soap. This type of water is called hard water.
2.	Distilled water and rain water are common examples of soft water.	2.	River water, sea water, tap water are common examples of hard water.
3.	It does not form scum/precipitate with soap.	3.	It forms scum/precipitate with soap. It reacts with soap (containing sodium stearate) to precipitate out Ca/Mg stearate. $2C_{17}H_{35}COONa(aq) + M^+(aq) \rightarrow (C_{17}H_{35}COO)_2M \downarrow + 2Na^+(aq) \quad M = Ca/Mg$
4.	It is suitable for laundry as well as for boilers.	4.	It is not suitable for laundry because of the above reason. It is also harmful for boilers because of the deposition of salts in the form of scales. The scale formation reduces the efficiency of the boiler.

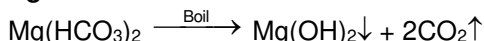
Hardness of water :

(1) Temporary hardness :

It is due to the presence of the soluble bicarbonates of magnesium and calcium.

Methods used for removing the temporary hardness of water are as follows -

(a) Boiling :

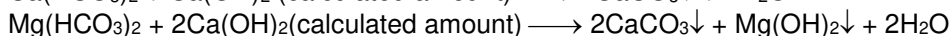


$Mg(OH)_2$ is precipitated because of high solubility product of $Mg(OH)_2$ as compared to that of $MgCO_3$



Filtrate is soft water.

(b) Clark's method (calcium hydroxide/lime water method) :

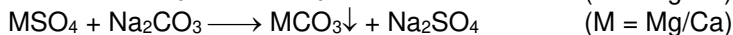
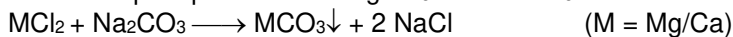


(2) Permanent hardness :

It is due to the presence of soluble salts of magnesium and calcium in the form of chlorides and sulphates.

Methods used for removing the permanent hardness of water are as follows -

(a) **Addition of washing soda (sodium carbonate) :** It reacts with chloride and sulphate of Mg^{2+} and Ca^{2+} to precipitate out as $MgCO_3$ and $CaCO_3$.



(b) Calgon's method :

Sodium hexametaphosphate ($Na_6P_6O_{18}$ or $Na_2[Na_4(PO_3)_6]$) is commercially called 'calgon' forms soluble complexes with Mg^{2+} and Ca^{2+} ions.

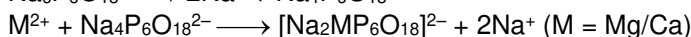
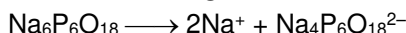


Hard water

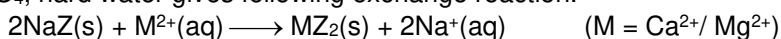


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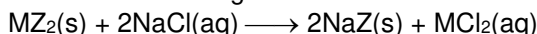
OR



(c) **Ion-exchange method :** (Zeolite/permutit method) With zeolite (hydrated sodium aluminium silicate) $NaAlSiO_4$, hard water gives following exchange reaction.



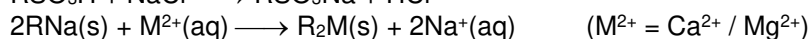
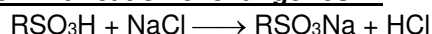
The exhausted zeolite is regenerated for further use by treating with aqueous solution of $NaCl$





(d) Synthetic resin method : This method is more efficient than zeolite. It involves the use of cation exchange resin and anion exchange resin for softening of water. Cation exchange resin contain large organic molecules with $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ group and are insoluble. Anion exchange resin contain large organic molecules with $-\text{OH}$ group and are insoluble.

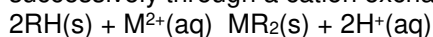
Reaction with cation exchange resin.



Hard water

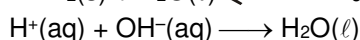
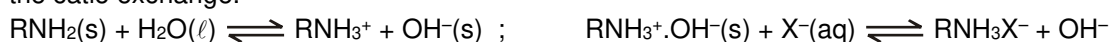
Exhausted resin is then regenerated by treating with NaCl solution.

Pure de-mineralised water which is free from all soluble mineral salts is obtained by passing water successively through a cation exchange (in the H^+ form) and an anion exchange (in the OH^- form).



Here in this H^+ exchange for Na^+ , Mg^{2+} , Ca^{2+} and other cation present in the water. This process results in the release of proton and thus makes the water acidic.

In the anion exchange process as given below, OH^- exchanges for anion like, Cl^- , HCO_3^- , SO_4^{2-} etc, present in the water, this process results in the release of OH^- which neutralise the H^+ ions released in the cation exchange.



The exhausted cation and anion exchange resin are regenerated by treatment with dilute acid and dilute alkali solutions respectively.

Heavy water (D_2O) :

Preparation :

(a) By prolonged/exhaustive electrolysis of water.

(b) Obtained as a by product in some fertilizer industries.

Properties :

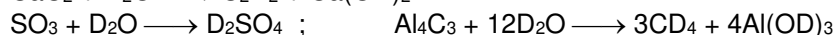
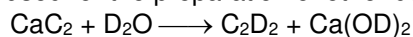
Heavy water is colourless, tasteless and odourless liquid. All physical constants of heavy water are higher than the corresponding values of ordinary water. Chemically heavy water is similar to ordinary water but the chemical reactions are slower than those of ordinary water.

Uses :

(i) It is widely used as moderator in nuclear reactors.

(ii) It is used in exchange reactions for the study of the reaction mechanism.

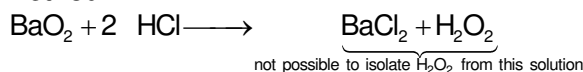
(iii) It is used for the preparation of other deuterium compounds.



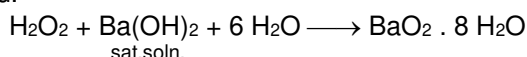
Section (D) : Hydrogen Peroxide (H_2O_2)

Methods of preparation :

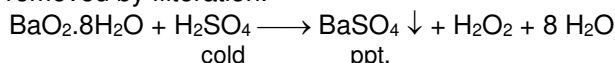
(A) Laboratory method



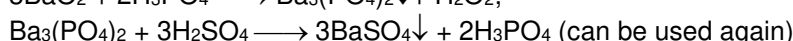
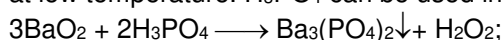
Anhydrous BaO_2 cannot be used, as BaSO_4 formed by the reaction with H_2SO_4 , forms a thin protective film around BaO_2 and reaction slowly ceases and finally stops after sometime. So hydrated barium peroxide is used.

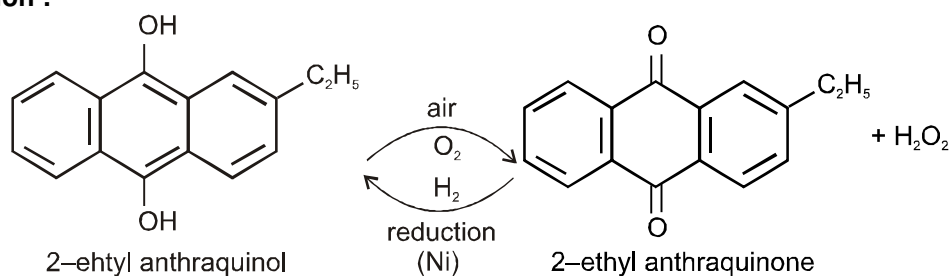


Acidifying barium peroxide and removing excess of water by evaporation under reduced pressure gives H_2O_2 . BaSO_4 is removed by filtration.



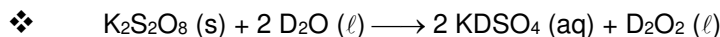
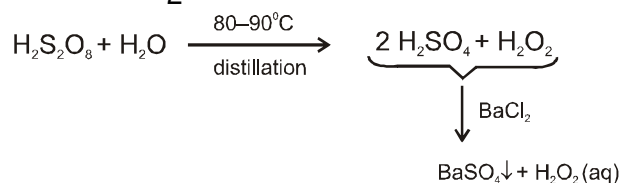
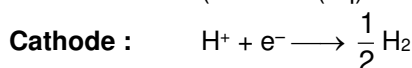
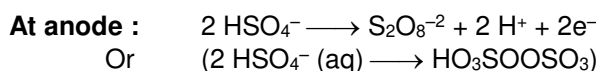
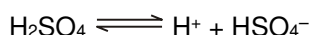
Since H_2SO_4 can decompose H_2O_2 at a higher temperature, therefore, this reaction should be carried out at low temperature. H_3PO_4 can be used in place of H_2SO_4 .



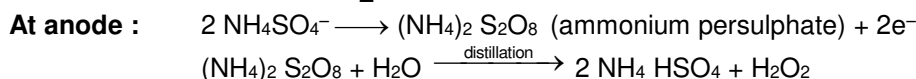
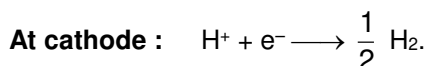
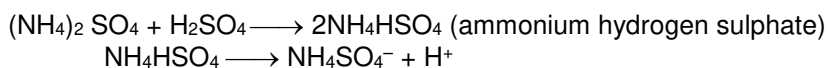
**(B) Industrial Method****(i) Auto oxidation :****(ii) By electrolysis of conc. H_2SO_4 (50%) at 0°C using inert electrodes :**

Cathode : Platinum

Anode : Graphite

**(iii) Modified method :**

Equimolar mixture of sulphuric acid and ammonium sulphate is used for electrolysis.



☞ In this case 1% H_2O_2 is formed. It is extracted with water and concentrated to approximately 30% (by mass) by distillation under reduced pressure. It can be further concentrated by careful distillation under low pressure to approximately 85%. The remaining water can be frozen out to obtain pure H_2O_2 .

Properties of H_2O_2 :**(a) Physical properties :**

- (1) It is a colourless viscous liquid which appears blue in the large quantity.
- (2) It is H-bonded and therefore, miscible with water in all proportions and forms a hydrate $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (melting point 221 K).
- (3) Its boiling point (144°C) is more than water, freezing point (-4°C) is less and density is more than water.

Its aqueous solution is more stable than the anhydrous liquid where it decomposes into water and O_2 , slowly on exposure to light.



☞ H_2O_2 is not kept in glass/metal containers because traces of alkali metal ions and metal ions from the glass and metal surface respectively can catalyse the explosive decomposition of H_2O_2 . Therefore, H_2O_2 aqueous solution is stored in the plastic or wax-lined glass containers in dark and some urea, phosphoric acid or glycerol is added to that solution because these compounds have been found to behave as negative catalyst for the decomposition of H_2O_2 . It is also kept away from the dust because dust can also induce explosive decomposition. Commercially it is marketed as 10 V, which means it contains 3% H_2O_2 .



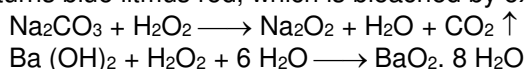
**(b) Chemical properties :****(1) Acidic nature :**

Aqueous H_2O_2 behaves as a weak acid according to following equation.

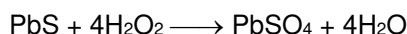
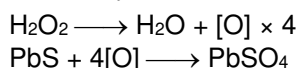
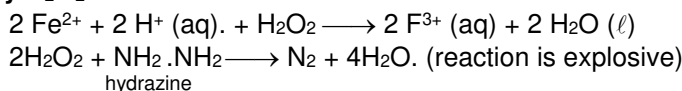


A 30% soln. of H_2O_2 has $\text{pH} = 4$

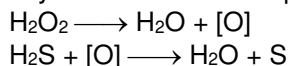
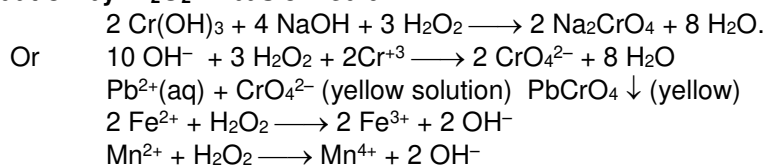
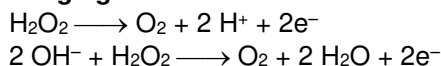
Aqueous H_2O_2 turns blue litmus red, which is bleached by oxidising property of H_2O_2 .

**(2) H_2O_2 as an oxidising agent :**

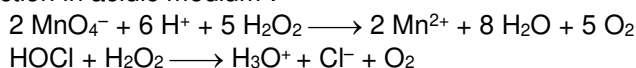
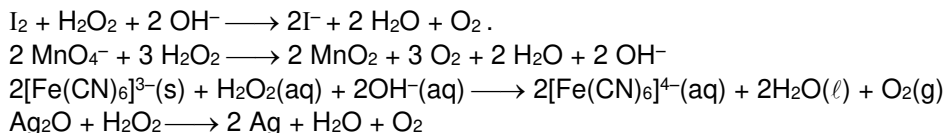
On the basis of above potential, we can say that H_2O_2 is a stronger oxidising agent in acidic medium than in basic medium but kinetically it is found that reactions are faster in basic medium.

(a) Oxidation by H_2O_2 in acidic medium :

This property is utilized in restoring the white colour in old paintings which turns black due to the formation of PbS by the action of atmospheric H_2S .

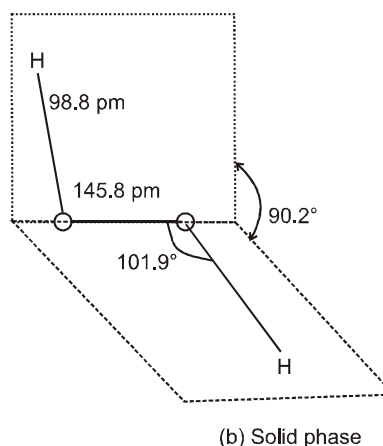
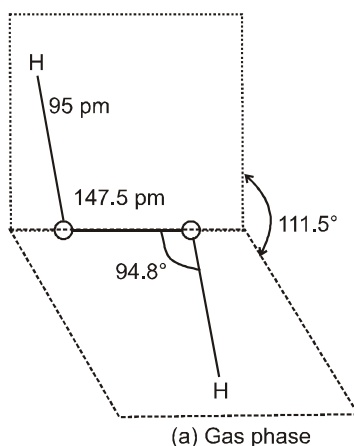
**(b) Oxidation by H_2O_2 in basic medium :****(3) H_2O_2 as reducing agent :**

In alkaline medium, its reducing character is more than in acidic.

(a) Reducing action in acidic medium :**(b) Reducing action in basic medium :****Structures :**

Hydrogen peroxide is non planar structure. The two oxygen atoms are linked to each other by a single covalent bond and each oxygen is further linked to a hydrogen atom by a single covalent bond. The O–H bonds are in different planes due to repulsions between different bonding and antibonding orbitals.



**Uses :**

- (i) It is used as a hair bleach and as a mild disinfectant. As an antiseptic, it is sold in the market as perhydrol.
- (ii) It is used to manufacture chemicals like sodium perborate and per carbonate used in high quality detergents.
- (iii) It is used in synthesis of hydroquinone, tartaric acid and certain food products and pharmaceuticals (cephalosporin) etc.
- (iv) It is employed in the industries as a bleaching agent for textiles, paper pulp, leather, oils, fats, etc.
- (v) Also used in Environmental (Green) chemistry. e.g., in pollution control treatment of domestic and industrial effluents, oxidation of cyanides, restoration of aerobic conditions to sewage wastes, etc.?

Solved Examples

Ex-14. What causes the temporary and permanent hardness of water ?

Sol. Temporary hardness is caused by presence of soluble bicarbonates of calcium and magnesium, i.e. $\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$ and $\text{Mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$ in water whereas permanent hardness is caused by presence of soluble chlorides and sulphates of calcium and magnesium, i.e. CaCl_2 , CaSO_4 , MgCl_2 and MgSO_4 in water.

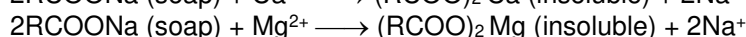
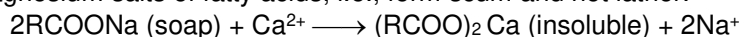
Ex-15. What is 'demineralised water' and how can it be obtained ?

Sol. Water which is free from all cations and anions is called demineralised water. It is obtained by passing hard water first through cation exchange resin and then through anion exchange resin.

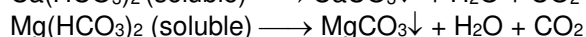
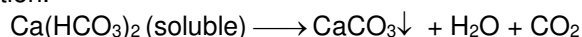
Ex-16. Explain the following :

- (i) Soft water lathers with soap but not hard water.
- (ii) Temporary hard water becomes soft on boiling.
- (iii) Water can extinguish most fires but not petrol fire.
- (iv) Hard water is softened before use in boilers.

Sol. (i) Hard water contains calcium and magnesium salts. These react with soap to form insoluble calcium and magnesium salts of fatty acids, i.e., form scum and not lather.



(ii) Temporary hardness of water is due to the presence of soluble bicarbonates of calcium and magnesium. On boiling, the bicarbonates are converted into insoluble carbonates which can be removed by filtration.



(iii) When water poured over petrol fire, petrol being lighter than water floats over water and thus fire spreads instead being extinguished.

(iv) Hard water consists bicarbonates and other soluble salts of calcium and magnesium. When hard water is evaporated in boilers, scales of precipitated carbonates of calcium and magnesium along with other salts such as sulphates, chlorides, etc., are formed. In order to avoid the formation of scales hard water is first softened before use in boilers.



Ex-17. What happens when ?

- (i) Heavy water reacts with magnesium nitride.
- (ii) Heavy water reacts with sodium.

Sol. (i) $\text{Mg}_3\text{N}_2 + 6\text{D}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{Mg}(\text{OD})_2 + 2\text{ND}_3$ (Deutrammonia)
 (ii) $\text{Na} + 2\text{D}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 2\text{NaOD} + \text{D}_2$

Ex-18. Knowing the properties of H_2O and D_2O , do you think that D_2O can be used for drinking purposes?

Sol. Heavy water is injurious to human beings, plants and animals since it slows down the rates of reactions occurring in them. Thus, heavy water does not support life. In fact it retards certain cellular process, such as mitosis, cell division, etc. Thus, prolonged use of D_2O leads to degeneration of tissues.

Ex-19. Assertion : Anhydrous BaO_2 is not used for preparing H_2O_2 .

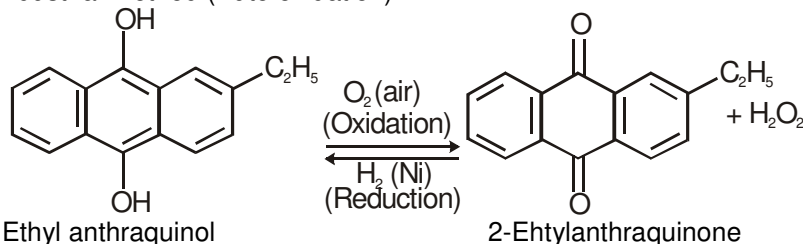
Reason : H_2O_2 is prepared on large scale by air oxidation of 2-Ethyl anthraquinol.

- (1) If both Assertion and Reason are true and Reason is a correct explanation of Assertion.
- (2) If both Assertion and Reason are true and Reason is not a correct explanation of Assertion.
- (3) If Assertion is true but Reason is false.
- (4) If Assertion is false but Reason is true.

Sol. Assertion : $\text{BaO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \longrightarrow \text{BaSO}_4 \downarrow (\text{white}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

Insoluble BaSO_4 forms a thin layer around BaO_2 and therefore reaction occurs slowly and finally stops. So anhydrous BaO_2 , is not used.

Reason : Industrial method (Auto oxidation)



It is cheaper method as only O_2 from air and H_2 are consumed.

Ans. (2)

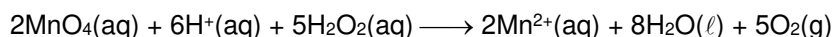
Ex-20. Write chemical reactions to justify that hydrogen peroxide can function as an oxidising as well as a reducing agent.

Sol. H_2O_2 can act as an oxidising as well as a reducing agent both in acidic and basic media as illustrated below.

(i) Oxidising agent in acidic medium : $2\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{aq}) \longrightarrow 2\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\ell)$

(ii) Oxidising agent in basic medium : $\text{Mn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{aq}) + 2\text{HO}^-(\text{aq}) \longrightarrow \text{MnO}_2(\text{s}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\ell)$
 manganese dioxide

(iii) Reducing agent in acidic medium :



(iv) Reducing agent in basic medium :

Ex-21. Explain the following :

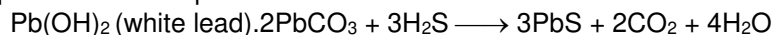
- (i) Why hydrated barium peroxide is used in the preparation of hydrogen peroxide instead of the anhydrous variety ?
- (ii) Phosphoric acid is preferred to sulphuric acid in the preparation of H_2O_2 from barium peroxide.
- (iii) Statues coated with white lead on long exposure to atmosphere turns black and the original colour can be restored on treatment with H_2O_2 .

Sol. (i) If anhydrous barium peroxide is used in the preparation, the barium sulphate, thus formed, forms an insoluble protective coating on the surface of solid barium peroxide hydrated.

This prevents the further reaction of the acid, i.e., causing the reaction to stop. If, however, hydrated barium peroxide (in the form of the paste) is used, the water causes to dislodge the insoluble BaSO_4 from the surface of BaO_2 . Hence BaSO_4 settles at the bottom of the reaction vessel and the reaction continues without any difficulty.

(ii) When phosphoric acid is used in the preparation of H_2O_2 from BaO_2 , it plays the dual role. It liberates H_2O_2 and also acts as a preservative by retarding its decomposition.

(iii) White lead is used as a pigment. The statues coated with white lead get blackened due to the action of H_2S present in atmosphere in traces.





MISCELLANEOUS SOLVED PROBLEMS (MSPs)

1. Which of the following is correct for hydrogen ?

- (1) It is always collected at cathode.
- (2) Its ionization energy is very low in comparison with alkali metals.
- (3) It can form bonds in +1 as well as in -1 oxidation states.
- (4) Its oxide is not stable.

Sol. $2\text{Na} + \text{H}_2 \longrightarrow 2\overset{+1}{\text{Na}}\overset{-1}{\text{H}}$; $\text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \longrightarrow 2\overset{-3}{\text{N}}\overset{+1}{\text{H}_3}$ **Ans.** (3)

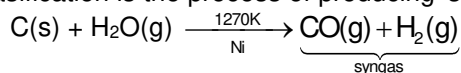
2. Metal which does not react with cold water but evolves H_2 with steam is :

- (1) Na
- (2) K
- (3) Pt
- (4) Fe

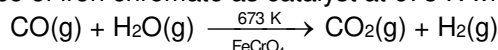
Sol. $4\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) + 3\text{Fe}(\text{s}) \xrightarrow{1000\text{ K}} \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4 + 4\text{H}_2 \uparrow$ **Ans.** (4)

3. How can the production of dihydrogen, obtained from coal gasification, be increased ?

Sol. Coal gasification is the process of producing 'syngas' from coal and steam



The production of hydrogen can be increased by the reaction carbon monoxide of syngas with steam in presence of iron chromate as catalyst at 673 K when it is oxidised to CO_2 .



The CO_2 thus produced is removed by scrubbing with a solution of sodium arsenite.

4. Discuss the consequences of high enthalpy of H-H in terms of chemical reactivity.

Sol. Due to high bond enthalpy of H-H bond, dihydrogen molecule (H_2) is quite unreactive at room temperature. However, at high temperature or in presence of catalysts, it combines with many metals and non-metals to form respectively hydrides.

5. What do you understand by (i) electron-deficient, (ii) electron-precise, and (iii) electron rich compounds of hydrogen ? Provide justification with suitable examples.

Sol. (i) Hydrides of elements of group-13 such as BH_3 , AlH_3 , etc., do not have sufficient number of electrons to form normal covalent bond and hence are called electron-deficient hydrides. To make up this deficiency, they generally exist in polymeric forms such as B_2H_6 , B_4H_{10} , $(\text{AlH}_3)_n$, etc.
 (ii) Hydrides of elements of group-14 like CH_4 , SiH_4 , GeH_4 , etc. have exact number of electrons to form covalent bonds and hence are called electron-precise hydrides. All these hydrides have tetrahedral shapes.
 (iii) Hydrides of elements of group 15, 16 and 17, like NH_3 , PH_3 , H_2O , H_2S , HF , HCl , etc. have more electrons than required to form normal covalent bonds and hence are called electron-rich hydrides. The excess electron in these hydrides are present as lone pairs of electrons.

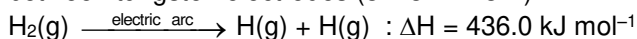
6. What do you understand by the term "non-stoichiometric hydrides" ? Do you expect this type of hydrides to be formed by alkali metals ? Justify your answer.

Sol. These are hydrides which have low hydrogen content. In these hydrides the ratio of the metal to hydrogen atoms is fractional and they are called non-stoichiometric hydrides. Furthermore, even this fractional ratio of atoms is not fixed but varies with the temperature and the pressure conditions. This type of hydrides are formed by d- and f-block elements. In these hydrides, the hydrogen atoms occupy holes in the metal lattice. Usually some holes always remain unoccupied and hence these metals form non-stoichiometric hydrides.

Alkali metals are highly reducing as they transfer their lone electron to the H atom, thereby, forming H^- ions. In other words, alkali metal hydrides are ionic in nature. Since such hydrides are formed by complete transfer of an electron, therefore, the ratio of metal to hydrogen is always fixed. Therefore, alkali metals form only stoichiometric hydrides. They do not form non-stoichiometric hydrides at all.

7. How does the atomic hydrogen or oxy-hydrogen torch function for cutting and welding purposes ? Explain.

Sol. Atomic hydrogen is produced when molecular hydrogen is passed through an electric arc struck between tungsten electrodes (3773–4273 K).



The life span of atomic hydrogen is about 0.3 sec and therefore, it immediately gets converted into the molecular hydrogen (H_2) liberating a large amount of energy which is used for cutting and welding purposes in the form of atomic hydrogen torch.



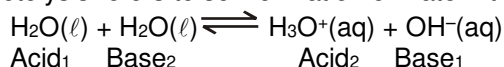


8. Among NH_3 , H_2O and HF which would you expect to have highest magnitude of hydrogen bonding and why?

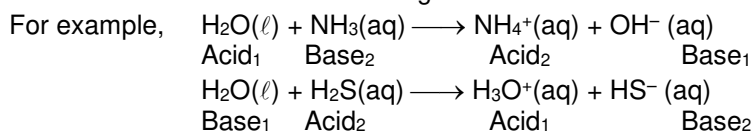
Sol. Strength of H-hydrogen depends upon the atomic size and electronegativity of the other atom to which H-atom is covalently bonded. Smaller size and higher electronegativity favour H-bonding. Now among N, F, O atoms, atomic size of F is lowest and its electronegativity is highest. Hence H-F will have highest magnitude of H-bonding.

9. What do you understand by the term 'auto-protolysis' of water. What is its significance ?

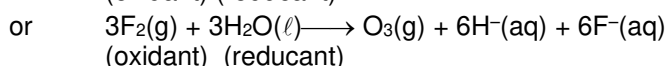
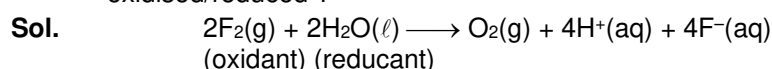
Sol. Auto-protolysis refers to self ionization of water. It may be represented as :



Due to auto-protolysis, water acts as amphoteric substance i.e., it reacts with both acids and bases. It acts as a base towards acids stronger than itself and as an acid towards bases stronger than itself.



10. Consider the reaction of water with F_2 and suggest in terms of oxidation and reduction which species are oxidised/reduced ?



In these reactions, water acts as a reducing agent and gets oxidised to either O_2 or O_3 on the other hand, F_2 acts as an oxidising agent and gets reduced to F^- ion.

11. Is demineralised or distilled water useful for drinking purpose ? If not, how can it be made useful ?

Sol. Demineralised or distilled water is not useful for drinking purpose because it does not contain even useful minerals. Therefore, to make it useful for drinking purposes, useful minerals in proper amounts should be added to demineralised or distilled water.

12. Match list-I with list-II and select the correct answer :

Column-I

- (A) Heavy water
(B) Temporary hard water
(C) Soft water
(D) Permanent hard water

Column-II

- (p) Bicarbonates of Mg and Ca in water
(q) Distilled water
(r) Deuterium oxide
(s) Sulphates and chlorides of Mg and Ca in water.

Ans. (A - r); (B - p); (C - q); (D - s)

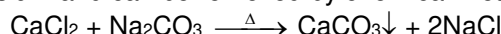
Sol. (A) Chemically heavy water is D_2O , i.e. deuterium oxide.

(B) Temporary hardness of water is due to the presence of bicarbonates of calcium and magnesium and can be removed by simple boiling.



(C) Water which produces lather with soap solution readily, is called soft water e.g., distilled water, rain water and demineralised water. It contains no foreign ions.

(D) Permanent hardness of water is due to the presence of sulphates and chlorides of calcium and magnesium and can be removed by chemical methods.



13. Describe the usefulness of water in biosphere and biological systems.

Sol. Water is essential for all forms of life. It constitutes about 65-70% of the body mass of animals and plants. In comparison to other liquids, water has high specific heat, thermal conductivity, surface tension, dipole moment and dielectric constant, etc. These properties allow water to play a key role in biosphere. The high heat of vaporisation and high heat capacity are responsible for moderation of the climate and body temperature of living beings. It is an excellent solvent for transportation of minerals and other nutrients for plant and animal metabolism. Water is also required for photosynthesis in plants which releases O_2 into the atmosphere.

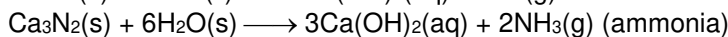
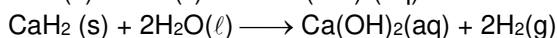
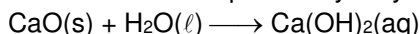
14. What properties of water make it useful as a solvent ? What type of compounds can it (i) dissolve (ii) hydrolyse ?





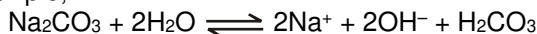
Sol. Water has high dielectric constant (79.39) and high dipole moment (1.84D). Because of these properties, water dissolves most of the inorganic (ionic) compounds and many covalent compounds. That is why water is called a universal solvent. Ionic compounds dissolve in water due to ion dipole interaction but, covalent compounds such as alcohol, amines, urea, glucose, sugar, etc., dissolve in water due to H-bonding.

Water can hydrolyse many metallic or non-metallic oxides, hydrides, carbides, nitrides, phosphides and other salts. Some of the important hydrolytic reactions are given below.

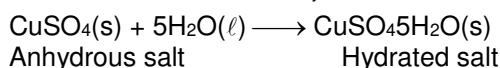
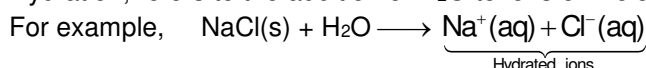


15. What is the difference between hydrolysis and hydration ?

Sol. Hydrolysis refers to the reaction of salt or more precisely ions of the salt to form acidic or basic solution. For example,

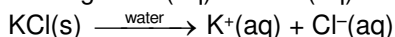


Hydration, refers to the addition of H_2O to ions or molecules to form hydrated ions or hydrated salts.

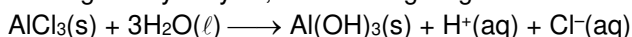


16. Do you expect different products in solution when aluminium (III) chloride and potassium chloride are treated separately with (i) normal water (ii) acidified water, and (iii) alkaline water ?

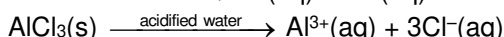
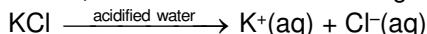
Sol. KCl is the salt of a strong acid and a strong base. It does not undergo hydrolysis in normal water. It just dissociates to give $\text{K}^+(\text{aq})$ and $\text{Cl}^-(\text{aq})$ ions giving neutral solution.



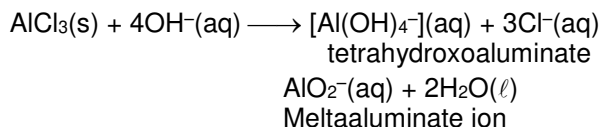
AlCl_3 , on the other hand, is a salt of a weak base Al(OH)_3 and a strong acid HCl. Therefore, in normal water, it undergoes hydrolysis, as follows giving acidic solution.



In acidic water, both KCl and AlCl_3 undergo ionisation.



In alkaline water, AlCl_3 reacts to form soluble tetrahydroxoaluminate(III) complex or metaaluminate ion, i.e. AlO_2^- .



KCl does not react and only undergoes ionisation as K^+ and Cl^- ions.

17. Assertion : H_2O_2 is not stored in glass bottles.

Reason : Alkali metal oxides present in glass catalyse the decomposition of H_2O_2 .

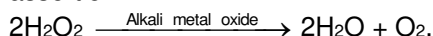
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(2) If both Assertion and Reason are true and Reason is not a correct explanation of Assertion.

(3) If Assertion is true but Reason is false.

(4) If Assertion is false but Reason is true.

Sol. Assertion and reason both are correct statements and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.



Ans. (1)

18. Consider the following statements.

S₁ : Water at 4°C having maximum density is known as heavy water.

S₂ : Heavy water is formed by the combination of hydrogen and oxygen.

S₃ : D_2O has higher density than H_2O .

S₄ : D_2O is obtained by exhaustive electrolysis of water.

Which of the statements are correct ?

(1) S_1 and S_2

(2) S_2 and S_3

(3) S_3 and S_4

(4) S_2 and S_4

Sol. S_3 : Heavy water is oxide of deuterium. Its density is 1.106 gm^{-3} and that of H_2O is 1.00 gm^{-3} .

S_4 : Correct statement.

Ans. (3)





Exercise-1

OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

Section (A) : Position of hydrogen in the periodic table; methods of preparation and properties

- A-1.** Hydrogen molecule differs from chlorine molecule in the following respect :
- (1) hydrogen molecule is non-polar but chlorine molecule is polar.
 - (2) hydrogen molecule is polar while chlorine molecule is non-polar.
 - (3) hydrogen molecule can form intermolecular hydrogen bonds but chlorine molecule does not.
 - (4) hydrogen molecule cannot participate in co-ordinate bond formation but chlorine molecule can.
- A-2.** Which one of the following properties shows that hydrogen resembles alkali metals ?
- (1) It shows metallic character like alkali metals.
 - (2) It is diatomic like alkali metals.
 - (3) Its ionization energy is of the same order as that of alkali metals.
 - (4) When hydrogen halides and alkali metal halides are electrolysed, hydrogen and alkali metals are liberated at the cathode.
- A-3.** Hydrogen is :
- (1) electropositive.
 - (2) electronegative.
 - (3) both electropositive as well as electronegative.
 - (4) neither electropositive nor electronegative.
- A-4.** A deuterium atom :
- (1) has the same atomic mass as the hydrogen atom.
 - (2) has the same electronic configuration as the hydrogen atom.
 - (3) has the same composition of the nucleus as the hydrogen atom.
 - (4) contains one proton more than a hydrogen atom.
- A-5.** The first ionization energy for in KJ mol^{-1} H, Li, F, Na has one of the following values 1681, 520, 1312, 495. Which of these values corresponds to that of hydrogen ?
- (1) 1681
 - (2) 1312
 - (3) 520
 - (4) 495
- A-6.** Reaction between following pairs will produce hydrogen except :
- (1) $\text{Cu} + \text{HCl}$
 - (2) $\text{Fe} + \text{H}_2\text{O (g)}$
 - (3) $\text{Mg} + \text{H}_2\text{O (hot)}$
 - (4) $\text{Na} + \text{Alcohol}$
- A-7.** Hydrogen is evolved by the action of cold dil. HNO_3 on :
- (1) Fe
 - (2) Mn
 - (3) Cu
 - (4) Al
- A-8.** Hydrogen from HCl can be prepared by :
- (1) Cu
 - (2) P
 - (3) Mg
 - (4) Hg
- A-9.** Which of the following statements is most applicable to hydrogen ?
- (1) It can act as a reducing agent only
 - (2) It can act as an oxidising agent only
 - (3) It can act as both as oxidising and reducing agents
 - (4) It can act neither as an oxidising nor as a reducing agent





- A-10.** Hydrogen combines with other elements by :
 (1) losing an electron (2) gaining an electron
 (3) sharing an electron (4) losing, gaining and sharing of an electron
- A-11.** The colour of hydrogen is :
 (1) black (2) yellow (3) orange (4) colourless
- A-12.** Which of the following explanations justifies for not placing hydrogen in either the group of alkali metals or halogens ?
 (1) The ionization energy of hydrogen is too high for group of alkali metals and too low for halogen group.
 (2) Hydrogen atom does not contain any neutron.
 (3) Hydrogen is much lighter than alkali metals or halogens.
 (4) Hydrogen can form compounds with almost all other elements.
- A-13.** Hydrogen accepts an electron to form inert gas configuration. In this it resembles :
 (1) halogen (2) alkali metals (3) chalcogens (4) alkaline earth metals
- A-14.** In all its properties, hydrogen resembles :
 (1) alkali metals only. (2) halogens only.
 (3) both alkali metals and halogens. (4) neither alkali metals nor halogens.
- A-15.** Which of the following statements concerning protium, deuterium and tritium is not true ?
 (1) They are isotopes of each other. (2) They have similar electronic configurations.
 (3) They exist in the nature in the ratio 1 : 2 : 3. (4) Their atomic masses are in the ratio 1 : 2 : 3.
- A-16.** Which one is not an isotope of hydrogen ?
 (1) Tritium (2) Deuterium (3) Ortho hydrogen (4) None of these
- A-17.** The oxidation states exhibited by hydrogen in its various compounds are :
 (1) -1 only. (2) Zero only. (3) + 1, -1 and zero. (4) + 1 only.
- A-18.** When same amount of zinc is treated separately with excess of sulphuric acid and excess of sodium hydroxide solution the ratio of volumes of hydrogen evolved is :
 (1) 1 : 1 (2) 1 : 2 (3) 2 : 1 (4) 9 : 4

Section (B) : Hydrides

- B-1.** Which of the following groups represents the saline hydrides ?
 (1) NaH, KH, CaH₂ (2) NaH, SiH₄, CaH₂ (3) NH₃, BH₃, AlH₃ (4) None of these
- B-2.** Which of the following is an interstitial hydride ?
 (1) TiH_{1.5-1.8} (2) B₂H₆ (3) LiH (4) H₂S
- B-3.** In which of the following compounds does hydrogen have an oxidation state of -1 ?
 (1) PH₃ (2) NH₃ (3) HCl (4) CaH₂
- B-4.** Hydrogen acts as an oxidising agent in the reaction with :
 (1) bromine (2) calcium (3) nitrogen (4) sulphur
- B-5.** Hydrogen does not combine with :
 (1) Sb (2) Na (3) He (4) Bi



- B-6.** The metal which displaces hydrogen from a boiling caustic soda solution is :
 (1) Mg (2) Fe (3) As (4) Zn
- B-7.** The adsorption of hydrogen by metals is called :
 (1) dehydrogenation (2) hydrogenation (3) occlusion (4) adsorption
- B-8.** Which of the following represents a pair of covalent hydrides ?
 (1) CsH, AlH₃ (2) KH, NaH (3) H₂S, HF (4) VH_{0.56}, NH₃
- B-9.** The hydride ion H⁻ is a stronger base than its hydroxide ion OH⁻. Which of the following reactions will occur if sodium hydride (NaH) is dissolved in water?
 (1) H⁻(aq) + H₂O → H₃O⁻(aq) (2) H⁻(aq) + H₂O(l) → OH⁻(aq) + H₂(g)
 (3) H⁻(aq) + H₂O(l) → No reaction (4) None of these.
- B-10.** When electric current is passed through an ionic hydride in the molten state :
 (1) hydrogen is liberated at the anode. (2) hydrogen is liberated at the cathode.
 (3) no reaction takes place. (4) hydride ion migrates towards cathode.
- B-11.** Which of the following metals adsorbs hydrogen ?
 (1) Zn (2) Pd (3) Al (4) K

Section (C) : Water

- C-1.** A variety of water which contains soluble salts of Ca and Mg is known as :
 (1) heavy water. (2) soft water. (3) hard water. (4) conductivity water.
- C-2.** Temporary hardness of water is due to the presence of :
 (1) MgSO₄ (2) Mg(HCO₃)₂ (3) CaCl₂ (4) CaCO₃
- C-3.** Temporary hardness may be removed from water by adding :
 (1) Ca(OH)₂ (2) CaCO₃ (3) CaSO₄ (4) HCl
- C-4.** Permanent hardness of water is due to the presence of :
 (1) MgSO₄ (2) CaSO₄ (3) NaHCO₃ (4) Ca(HCO₃)₂
- C-5.** Which of the following will cause softening of hard water ?
 (1) Passing it through anion exchange resin. (2) Passing it through sand.
 (3) Passing it through cation exchange resin. (4) Passing it through alumina.
- C-6.** Select the correct statement for heavy water.
 (1) It is less denser than common water. (2) It is an oxide of deuterium.
 (3) It has a heavy or bad taste. (4) It has a heavier isotope of oxygen.
- C-7.** Heavy water is :
 (1) H₂¹⁸O (2) water obtained by repeated distillation.
 (3) D₂O (4) water at 4°C.
- C-8.** Heavy water is used in nuclear reactors as :
 (1) source of a particles. (2) slowing down the speed of high energy neutrons.
 (3) transporting heat of the reactor. (4) heating purposes.
- C-9.** Hard water when passed through ion exchange resin containing, RCOOH groups, becomes free from :
 (1) Cl⁻ ions (2) SO₄²⁻ ions (3) H₃O⁺ ions (4) Ca²⁺ ions



- C-10.** One of the following is an incorrect statement, point it out.
 (1) Permanent hardness can be removed by boiling water
 (2) Hardness of water effects soap consumption
 (3) Temporary hardness is due to bicarbonates of Ca and Mg
 (4) Permanent hardness is due to the soluble SO_4^{2-} , Cl^- , NO_3^- of Ca and Mg
- C-11.** Water is said to be permanently hard when it contains :
 (1) Chloride and sulphates of Mg and Ca. (2) Bicarbonates of Na and K.
 (3) Carbonates of Na and K. (4) Phosphate of Na and K.

Section (D) : Hydrogen Peroxide (H_2O_2)

- D-1.** An oxide which gives H_2O_2 on treatment with dilute acid is :
 (1) PbO_2 (2) Na_2O_2 (3) MnO_2 (4) TiO_2 .
- D-2.** Now a day on industrial scale, H_2O_2 is generally prepared by :
 (1) the action of H_2SO_4 on barium oxide. (2) the action of H_2SO_4 on sodium peroxide.
 (3) by the electrolysis of H_2SO_4 . (4) by burning hydrogen in an excess of O_2 .
- D-3.** When H_2O_2 is oxidised by a suitable oxidant, one of the products is :
 (1) O^{2-} (2) HO^{2-} (3) OH^- (4) O_2
- D-4.** In acidic medium, H_2O_2 acts as a reducing agent in its reaction with :
 (1) FeSO_4 (2) KMnO_4 (3) K_2MnO_4 (4) $\text{K}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$
- D-5.** In basic medium, H_2O_2 acts as an oxidising agent in its reactions with :
 (1) $\text{Cr}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ (2) Ag_2O (3) $\text{K}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$ (4) $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$
- D-6.** Bleaching action of H_2O_2 is due to its :
 (1) oxidising nature (2) reducing nature (3) acidic nature (4) thermal instability
- D-7.** What would happen when a small quantity of H_2O_2 is added to a solution of FeSO_4 ?
 (1) Colour of FeSO_4 disappears. (2) H_2 is evolved.
 (3) An electron is added to Fe^{2+} . (4) An electron is lost by Fe^{2+} .
- D-8.** Which of the following compounds turns white on treatment with H_2O_2 ?
 (1) HgS (2) PbS (3) NiS (4) CuS
- D-9.** A dilute solution of H_2O_2 is labelled as 20 volume. Its percentage strength is :
 (1) 10% (2) 6.070% (3) 30% (4) 3%
- D-10.** The normality of 30 volume H_2O_2 solution is :
 (1) 3.57 (2) 7.53 (3) 5.36 (4) 5.73
- D-11.** On an industrial scale, H_2O_2 is prepared by auto-oxidation of :
 (1) 2-Ethylanthraquinol. (2) 2-Ethylanthraquinone
 (3) 1-Ethylanthraquinol. (4) 1-Ethylanthraquinone.
- D-12.** Hydrogen peroxide is used as :
 (1) an oxidant only. (2) a reductant only.
 (3) an acid only. (4) an oxidant, a reductant and an acid.
- D-13.** Moist hydrogen peroxide can not be dried over conc. H_2SO_4 because :
 (1) it can catch fire. (2) it is reduced by H_2SO_4 .
 (3) it is oxidised by H_2SO_4 . (4) none of these





- D-14.** In which of the following equations, H_2O_2 acts as a reducing agent in the acidic medium ?
 (1) $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \longrightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2) $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + 2\text{OH}^- \longrightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2 + 2\text{e}^-$
 (3) $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow 2\text{H}^+ + \text{O}_2 + 2\text{e}^-$ (4) $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{OH}^- + 2\text{e}^- \longrightarrow 3\text{OH}^-$
- D-15.** Which of the following cannot be oxidised by H_2O_2 ?
 (1) $\text{KI} + \text{HCl}$ (2) O_3 (3) PbS (4) Na_2SO_3
- D-16.** When hydrogen peroxide is treated with a cold acidified $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ solution containing ether, a blue colour is obtained. This is due to :
 (1) chromium sulphate. (2) potassium chromate.
 (3) perchromic acid. (4) chromium trioxide.
- D-17.** H_2O_2 is used as :
 (1) antiseptic (2) bleaching agent (3) propellant (4) all

Exercise-2

OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

- Which of the following orders are correct ?
 (a) $\text{TiH}_2 < \text{BeH}_2 < \text{CaH}_2$ - Electrical conductance. (b) $\text{LiH} < \text{NaH} < \text{CaH}$ - Ionic character.
 (c) $\text{F-F} < \text{H-H} < \text{D-D}$ - Bond dissociation enthalpy. (d) $\text{H}_2\text{O} < \text{MgH}_2 < \text{NaH}$ - Reducing character.
 (1) (a), (b) and (c) (2) (b), (c) and (d) (3) (a), (c) and (d) (4) (a), (b), (c) and (d)
- Among the following elements, the element forming electron deficient hydride is :
 (1) Cs (2) Ca (3) B (4) Mg
- Which of the following pairs of molecules have practically the same mass ?
 (1) H_2O and D_2O (2) H_2O and HTO (3) D_2O and HTO (4) DTO and HDO
- What is false about ice ?
 (1) It has open cage like structure.
 (2) It has less density than water.
 (3) Each O atom is surrounded by four H atoms.
 (4) Each O atom has four H-bonds around it.
- H_2O_2 is always stored in black bottles because :
 (1) it is highly unstable.
 (2) its enthalpy of decomposition is high.
 (3) it undergoes autooxidation on prolonged standing.
 (4) none of these.
- The correct increasing order of acidity of CO_2 , H_2O and H_2O_2 is :
 (1) $\text{CO}_2 > \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 > \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2) $\text{H}_2\text{O} < \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 < \text{CO}_2$
 (3) $\text{H}_2\text{O} < \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 > \text{CO}_2$ (4) $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 > \text{CO}_2 > \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Which of the following reaction depicts with reducing action of H_2O_2 ?
 (1) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6 + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
 (2) $2\text{I}^- + 2\text{H}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow \text{I}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
 (3) $2\text{MnO}_4^- + 6\text{H}^+ + 5\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow 2\text{Mn}^{2+} + 5\text{O}_2 + 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$
 (4) $\text{PbS} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow \text{PbSO}_4 + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$





8. Which one of the following reactions demonstrates that H_2O_2 acts as an oxidising agent in the basic medium :
- (1) $\text{Mn}^{2+} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + 2\text{OH}^- \longrightarrow \text{MnO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
 - (2) $2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + 2\text{OH}^- \longrightarrow 2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$
 - (3) $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2$
 - (4) $\text{MnO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ \longrightarrow \text{Mn}^{2+} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$
9. Which of the following statements is incorrect for hydrogen peroxide ?
- (1) It is stored in plastic bottles in dark.
 - (2) It acts as an oxidising as well as a reducing agents.
 - (3) It is used as a bleaching agent.
 - (4) It has acidic as well as basic properties.
10. 100 cm^3 of a given sample of H_2O_2 is labelled as 20 volume. Its percentage strength is :
- (1) 10% (W/V) H_2O_2
 - (2) 90% (W/V) H_2O_2
 - (3) 6% (W/V) H_2O_2
 - (4) 12% (W/V) H_2O_2

Exercise-3

PART - I : JEE (MAIN) / AIEEE PROBLEMS (PREVIOUS YEARS)

JEE(MAIN) OFFLINE PROBLEMS

1. Which one of the following processes will produce permanent hard water ? [AIEEE 2003]
 - (1) Addition of Na_2SO_4 to water.
 - (2) Saturation of water with CaCO_3
 - (3) Saturation of water with MgCO_3
 - (4) Saturation of water with CaSO_4
2. The reagent commonly used to determine hardness of water titrimetrically is : [AIEEE 2003]
 - (1) oxalic acid
 - (2) disodium salt of EDTA
 - (3) sodium citrate
 - (4) sodium thiosulphate
3. In context with the industrial preparation of hydrogen from water gas ($\text{CO} + \text{H}_2$), which of the following is the correct statement ? [AIEEE 2008]
 - (1) CO is oxidised to CO_2 with steam in the presence of a catalyst followed by absorption of CO_2 in alkali.
 - (2) CO and H_2 are fractionally separated using differences in their densities.
 - (3) CO is removed by absorption in aqueous Cu_2Cl_2 solution.
 - (4) H_2 is removed through occlusion with Pd .

JEE(MAIN) ONLINE PROBLEMS

1. The isotopes of hydrogen are : [JEE(Main) 2019 Online (09-01-19), 4/120]
 - (1) Deuterium and tritium only
 - (2) Protium and deuterium only
 - (3) Protium, deuterium and tritium
 - (4) Tritium and Protium only
2. The total number of isotopes of hydrogen and number of radioactive isotopes among, them, respectively, are : [JEE(Main) 2019 Online (10-01-19), 4/120]
 - (1) 3 and 2
 - (2) 2 and 0
 - (3) 3 and 1
 - (4) 2 and 1





3. NaH is an example of : [JEE(Main) 2019 Online (11-01-19), 4/120]
 (1) Electron-rich hydride (2) Saline hydride
 (3) Molecular hydride (4) Metallic hydride
4. The correct statement among (a) to (d) regarding H_2 as a fuel are :
 (a) It produces less pollutants than petrol.
 (b) A cylinder of compressed dihydrogen weighs ~30 times more than a petrol tank producing the same amount of energy.
 (c) Dihydrogen is stored in tanks of metal alloys like $NaNi_5$.
 (d) On combustion, values of energy released per gram of liquid dihydrogen and LPG are 50 and 142 kJ, respectively. [JEE(Main) 2019 Online (11-01-19), 4/120]
 (1) (a) and (c) only (2) (b) and (d) only
 (3) (a), (b) and (c) only (4) (b), (c) and (d) only
5. The correct statements among (a) to (d) are : [JEE(Main) 2019 Online (10-04-19), 4/120]
 (a) saline hydrides produce H_2 gas when reacted with H_2O
 (b) reaction of $LiAlH_4$ with BF_3 leads to B_2H_6
 (c) PH_3 and CH_4 are electron-rich and electron-precise hydrides respectively
 (d) HF and CH_4 are called as molecular hydrides
 (1) (a), (c) and (d) only (2) (a), (b), (c) and (d)
 (3) (c) and (d) only (4) (a), (b) and (c) only
6. The metal that gives hydrogen gas upon treatment with both acid as well as base is : [JEE(Main) 2019 Online (12-04-19), 4/120]
 (1) zinc (2) mercury (3) iron (4) magnesium

PART - II : JEE (ADVANCED) / IIT-JEE PROBLEMS (PREVIOUS YEARS)

* Marked Questions may have more than one correct option.

1. When zeolite, which is hydrated sodium aluminium silicate is treated with hard water, the sodium ions are exchanged with : [IIT-JEE 1999]
 (A) H^+ ions (B) Ca^{2+} ions (C) SO_4^{2-} ions (D) OH^-
2. Polyphosphates are used as water softening agents because they : [IIT-JEE : 2002]
 (A) form soluble complexes with anionic species.
 (B) precipitate anionic species.
 (C) form soluble complexes with cationic species.
 (D) precipitate cationic species.



Answers

EXERCISE-1

A-1.	(4)	A-2.	(4)	A-3.	(3)	A-4.	(2)	A-5.	(2)	A-6.	(1)	A-7.	(2)
A-8.	(3)	A-9.	(3)	A-10.	(4)	A-11.	(4)	A-12.	(1)	A-13.	(1)	A-14.	(4)
A-15.	(3)	A-16.	(3)	A-17.	(3)	A-18.	(1)	B-1.	(1)	B-2.	(1)	B-3.	(4)
B-4.	(2)	B-5.	(3)	B-6.	(4)	B-7.	(3)	B-8.	(3)	B-9.	(2)	B-10.	(1)
B-11.	(2)	C-1.	(3)	C-2.	(2)	C-3.	(1)	C-4.	(2)	C-5.	(3)	C-6.	(2)
C-7.	(3)	C-8.	(2)	C-9.	(4)	C-10.	(1)	C-11.	(1)	D-1.	(2)	D-2.	(3)
D-3.	(4)	D-4.	(2)	D-5.	(1)	D-6.	(1)	D-7.	(4)	D-8.	(2)	D-9.	(2)
D-10.	(3)	D-11.	(1)	D-12.	(4)	D-13.	(3)	D-14.	(3)	D-15.	(2)	D-16.	(3)
D-17.	(4)												

EXERCISE-2

1.	(2)	2.	(3)	3.	(3)	4.	(4)	5.	(3)	6.	(2)	7.	(3)
8.	(1)	9.	(4)	10.	(3)								

EXERCISE-3

PART - I

JEE(MAIN) OFFLINE PROBLEMS

1.	(4)	2.	(2)	3.	(1)
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JEE(MAIN) ONLINE PROBLEMS

1.	(3)	2.	(3)	3.	(2)	4.	(3)	5.	(2)	6.	(1)
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PART - II

1.	(B)	2.	(C)
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