# **METALLURGY**

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## JEE (Advanced) Syllabus

**Extractive metallurgy:** Chemical principles and reactions only (industrial details excluded); Carbon reduction method (iron and tin); Self reduction method (copper and lead); Electrolytic reduction method (magnesium and aluminium); Cyanide process (silver and gold).

## JEE(Main) Syllabus

### **General Principles and Processes of Isolation of Metals**

Modes of occurrence of elements in nature, minerals, ores; steps involved in the extraction of metals-concentration, reduction (chemical. and electrolytic methods) and refining with special reference to the extraction of Al, Cu, Zn and Fe; Thermodynamic and electrochemical principles involved in the extraction of metals.

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## Metallurgy

#### Introduction:

The compound of a metal found in nature is called a mineral. The minerals from which metal can be economically and conveniently extracted are called **ores**. An ore is usually contaminated with earthy or undesired materials known as gangue. So all minerals are not ores but all ores are minerals. Ores may be classified mainly into following four classes.

- (a) Native ores: They contain the metal in free state. Silver, gold, platinum etc, occur as native ores.
- **(b)** Oxidised ores: These ores consist of oxides or oxysalts (e.g. carbonates, phosphates, sulphates and silicates) of metals.
- (c) Sulphurised ores: These ores consist of sulphides of metals like iron, lead, zinc, mercury etc.
- (d) Halide ores: These ores consist of halides of metals.

### Section (A): ORES & Method of concentration

#### Important ore:

- 1. Oxide ore:
  - (i) Bauxite  $\rightarrow$  Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O (Major ore of Al)
  - (ii) Haematite  $\rightarrow$  Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
  - (iii) Zincite = ZnO
- \*\*\* (iv) Cassiterite or tin stone  $\rightarrow$  SnO<sub>2</sub> (Black Tin = 60 70% SnO<sub>2</sub>)
- 2. Carbonate ore:
  - (i) Lime stone → CaCO<sub>3</sub>
- (ii) Dolomite → CaCO<sub>3</sub>.MgCO<sub>3</sub>

(iii) Siderite → FeCO<sub>3</sub>

- (iv) Malachite → CuCO<sub>3</sub>.Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub>
- (v) Azurite  $\rightarrow$  2CuCO<sub>3</sub>.Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub>
- (vi) Calamine  $\rightarrow$  ZnCO<sub>3</sub>
- \*\*\* (vii) Cerussite  $\rightarrow$  PbCO<sub>3</sub>
- 3. Sulphate ore: Epsom salt  $\rightarrow$  MgSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O
- **4. Silicate ore**: Feldspar → KAlSi<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
- **5. Sulphurised ore:** Consist of sulphides of metal like Iron, lead, zinc & mercury.
  - (i) Iron pyrites  $\rightarrow \text{FeS}_2$

- (ii) Copper glance  $\rightarrow$  Cu<sub>2</sub>S
- (iii) Copper pyrite or chalcopyrite → CuFeS<sub>2</sub>
- (iv) Zinc Blende → ZnS

(v) Galena  $\rightarrow$  PbS

(vi) Cinnabar  $\rightarrow$  HgS

- 6. Halide ore:
  - (i) Cryolite  $\rightarrow$  Na<sub>3</sub>AlF<sub>6</sub>

- (ii) Sylvine  $\rightarrow$  KCl
- (iii) Carnallite → KCl.MgCl.6H<sub>2</sub>O
- (iv) Fluorspar  $\rightarrow$  CaF<sub>2</sub>

- (v) Horn silver  $\rightarrow$  AqCl
- Note: Mg obtained from both sea water & earth crust.

## Solved Examples

- Ex-1 Which metals are supposed to occur in the native state in nature?
- **Sol.** Elements below hydrogen in the electrochemical series like Cu, Ag, Au etc, exist native ores.
- Ex-2 Match the ores listed in Column-I with their correct chemical formula listed in Column-II.

	Column I		Column II
(A)	Cassiterite	(p)	FeCO₃
(B)	Siderite	(q)	SnO <sub>2</sub>
(C)	Cerussite	(r)	PbSO <sub>4</sub>
(D)	Anglesite	(s)	PbCO₃

Sol. SnO<sub>2</sub> is called as cassiterite or tin stone, FeCO<sub>3</sub> is called as siderite, PbCO<sub>3</sub> is called as cerussite and PbSO<sub>4</sub> is called anglesite. So correct match is (A)  $\rightarrow$  (p), (B)  $\rightarrow$  (p), (C)  $\rightarrow$  (s) and (D)  $\rightarrow$  (r).



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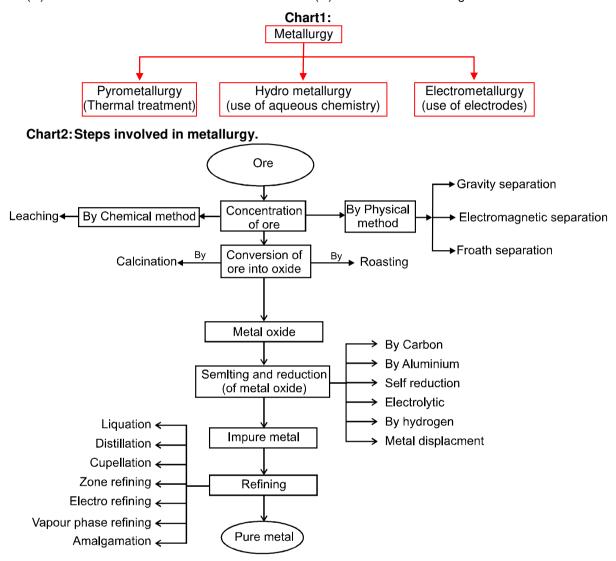
### Metallurgy:

The scientific and technological process used for the extraction/isolation of the metal from its ore is called as metallurgy.

The isolation and extraction of metals from their ores involve the following major steps:

(A) Crushing of the ore.

- (B) Dressing or concentration of the ore.
- (C) Isolation of the crude metal from its ore
- (D) Purification or refining of the metal.



### 1. Physical Method:

- **(A) Crushing and Grinding:** The ore is first crushed by jaw crushers and ground to a powder (pulverisation of the ore) in equipments like ball mills and stamp mills.
- **(B) Concentration :** The removal of unwanted useless impurities from the ore is called **dressing**, **concentration or benefaction of ore**.

It involves several steps and selection of these steps depends upon the difference in physical properties of the compound of metal and that of gangue. Some of the important procedures are described below.

(i) Hydraulic washing or Gravity separation or Levigation method: It is based on the difference in the densities of the gangue and ore particles. In this, the powdered ore is agitated with water or washed with a upward stream of running water, the lighter particles of sand, clay etc. are washed away leaving behind heavier ore particles. For this either hydraulic classifier or Wilfley table is used. This method is generally used for the concentration of oxide and native ores.

#### (ii) Electromagnetic separation:

It is based on differences in magnetic properties of the ore components.



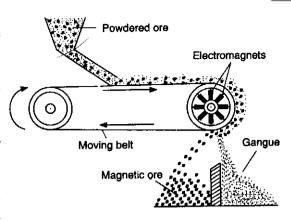
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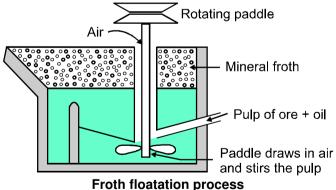
It is used when either the ore or the impurities associated with it are magnetic in nature. A magnetic separator consists of a belt (of leather or brass) moving over two rollers, one of which is magnetic. When the powdered ore is dropped on the belt at the other end, magnetic component of the ore is attracted by the magnetic roller and falls nearer to the roller while the non-magnetic impurities fall away from it.

**Examples :** Chromite  $ore(FeO.Cr_2O_3)$  is separated from non-magnetic silicious impurities and cassiterite ore  $(SnO_2)$  is separated from magnetic Wolframite  $(FeWO_4 + MnWO_4)$ .



Electromagnetic separation

- (iii) Froth floatation process: This method is commonly used for the concentration of the low grade sulphide ores like galena, PbS (ore of Pb); copper pyrites Cu<sub>2</sub>S.Fe<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> or CuFeS<sub>2</sub> (ore of copper); zinc blende, ZnS (ore of zinc) etc., and is based on the fact that gangue and ore particles have different degree of wettability with water and pine oil; the gangue particles are preferentially wetted by water while the ore particles are wetted by oil. In this process one or more chemical frothing agents are added.
- (a) Frothers: These form stable froth which rises to the top of the flotation cell. Oils like pine oil, camphor oil etc., are used as frothers. These are added in small quantity. The stabiliser are added to the frothers so that the froth can last for longer period.
- **(b) Collectors**: Potassium or sodium ethyl xanthate is used as a collector. These get attached with the particles of the sulphide ore and thus make them water-repellant. Consequently the ore particles pass on into the froth. Collectors are always added in small quantity.
- (c) Activating and depressing agents: When a mineral contains other minerals as impurities. The addition of these agents activates or depresses the flotation property of other minerals present as impurities and thus helps in separating the impurities. For example galena (PbS) usually contains the minerals namely zinc blende (ZnS) and pyrites (FeS<sub>2</sub>) as impurities. Flotation is carried out by using potassium ethyl xanthate (used as a collector) along with NaCN and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (used as depressing agent). The addition of NaCN and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> depresses the flotation property of ZnS and FeS<sub>2</sub> grains, so mainly PbS passes into the froth when air is blown in. After PbS has been collected with the froth, the process is repeated by adding CuSO<sub>4</sub> (activator) which activates the flotation property of ZnS grains which are now removed with the froth. The acidification of the remaining material left in the flotation cell leads to the flotation of FeS<sub>2</sub>.



## Solved Examples

- **Ex-3** How does NaCN act as a depressant in preventing ZnS from forming the froth?
- **Sol.** NaCN reacts with ZnS and forms a layer of Na<sub>2</sub>[Zn(CN)<sub>4</sub>] complex on the surface of ZnS and thus prevents it from the formation of froth.
- **Ex-4** What is the role of stabiliser in froth floatation process?
- **Sol.** Froth can last for a longer period in presence of stabiliser.



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### 2. Chemical Method:

(iv) Leaching: Leaching is often used if the ore is soluble in some suitable solvent, e.g, acids, bases and suitable chemical reagents. e.g. Al ore, Ag ore, Au ore, low grade copper ore.

#### Leaching of alumina from bauxite:

The principal ore of aluminium, bauxite, usually contains SiO<sub>2</sub>, iron oxide and titanium oxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) as impurities. Concentration is carried out by digesting the powdered ore with a concentrated solution of NaOH at 473-523 K and 35-36 bar pressure. This way, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is leached out as sodium aluminate (and also SiO<sub>2</sub> as sodium silicate) leaving behind the impurities, iron oxide and titanium oxide.

$$Al_2O_3(s) + 2NaOH(aq) + 3H_2O(l) \longrightarrow 2Na[Al(OH)_4](aq)$$

The aluminate in solution is neutralised by passing  $CO_2$  gas and hydrated  $Al_2O_3$  is precipitated. At this stage, the solution is seeded with freshly prepared samples of hydrated  $Al_2O_3$  which induces the precipitation.

$$2Na[Al(OH)_4]$$
 (aq) +  $CO_2(g) \longrightarrow Al_2O_3.xH_2O(s) + 2NaHCO_3(aq)$ 

The sodium silicate remains in the solution and hydrated alumina is filtered, dried and heated to give back pure  $Al_2O_3$ :

$$Al_2O_3.xH_2O(s) \xrightarrow{1470K / calcination} Al_2O_3(s) + xH_2O(g)$$

These steps comprises the Bayer's process.

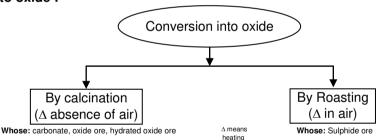
**Other examples:** In the metallurgy of **silver** and that of **gold**, the respective metal/ore is leached with a dilute solution of NaCN or KCN in the presence of air (or O<sub>2</sub>) from which the metal is obtained later by displacement with zinc scrap.

$$4M(s) + 8CN^{-}(aq) + 2H_{2}O(aq) + O_{2}(g) \longrightarrow 4[M(CN)_{2}]^{-}(aq) + 4OH^{-}(aq) (M= Ag or Au)$$
  
 $2[M(CN)_{2}]^{-}(aq) + Zn(s) \longrightarrow [Zn(CN)_{4}]^{2-}(aq) + 2M(s)$ 

#### (C) Extraction of crude metal from concentrated ore :

The concentrated ore must be converted into a form which is suitable for reduction. Usually the sulphide ore is converted to oxide before reduction. Oxides are easier to reduce. Thus isolation of metals from concentrated ore involves two major steps as given below.

- (i) Conversion to oxide
- (ii) Reduction of the oxide to metal.
- (i) Conversion to oxide:



Conversion of ore into oxide is carried out in two ways depending upon the nature of ore.

**Calcination.** It is a process of heating the concentrated ore strongly in a limited supply of air or in the absence of air. The process of calcination brings about the following changes:

(a) The carbonate ore gets decomposed to form the oxide of the metal, e.g.,

FeCO<sub>3</sub> (siderite) 
$$\stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow}$$
 FeO + CO<sub>2</sub>; PbCO<sub>3</sub> (cerrussite)  $\stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow}$  PbO + CO<sub>2</sub>

CaCO<sub>3</sub> (calcite ore / lime stone) 
$$\stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow}$$
 CaO + CO<sub>2</sub>

$$ZnCO_3$$
 (calamine)  $\xrightarrow{\Delta}$   $ZnO + CO_2$ 

CuCO<sub>3</sub>.Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub> (malachite) 
$$\xrightarrow{\Delta}$$
 2CuO + H<sub>2</sub>O + CO<sub>2</sub>

MgCO<sub>3</sub>.CaCO<sub>3</sub> (dolomite) 
$$\xrightarrow{\Delta}$$
 MgO + CaO + 2CO<sub>2</sub>

(b) Water of crystallisation present in the hydrated oxide ore gets lost as moisture, e.g.,

$$2Fe_2O_3.3H_2O$$
 (limonite)  $\stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow} 2Fe_2O_3(s) + 3H_2O(g)^{\uparrow}$   $Al_2O_3. 2H_2O$  (bauxite)  $\stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow} Al_2O_3$  (s)  $+ 2H_2O(g)^{\uparrow}$ 

(c) Organic matter, if present in the ore, gets expelled and the ore becomes porous. Volatile impurities are removed.



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**Roasting.** It is a process of heating the concentrated ore (generally sulphide ore) strongly in the excess of air or  $O_2$  below its melting point. Roasting is an exothermic process once started it does not require additional heating. The process of roasting does the following things:

(a) Roasting at moderate temperature. Some portion of the sulphide ores like galena (PbS), Zinc blende (ZnS) is converted into metallic oxide. If the temperature is fairly low (about 500°C) and the concentration of SO<sub>2</sub> in the gaseous environment is more, sulphate may be produced that are stable, and high temperature is needed to decompose them.

\* Some times roasting may not bring about complete oxidation.

$$2CuFeS_2$$
 (copper pyrite) +  $4O_2 \longrightarrow Cu_2S + 2FeO + 3SO_2$ 

**(b)** Roasting at high temperature. The sulphide ores of some of the metals like Cu, Pb, Hg, Sb etc., when heated strongly in the free supply of air or  $O_2$  are reduced directly to the metal rather than to the metallic oxides, e.g.,

Cu<sub>2</sub>S (copper glance) + O<sub>2</sub> 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 2Cu + SO<sub>2</sub>  
PbS (galena) + O<sub>2</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  Pb + SO<sub>2</sub>  
HgS (cinnabar) + O<sub>2</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  Hg + SO<sub>2</sub>

The reduction of the sulphide ore directly into metal by heating it in air or  $O_2$  is called by various names like self-reduction, auto-reduction, air-reduction etc. The  $SO_2$  produced is utilised for manufacturing of  $H_2SO_4$ .

(c) It removes easily oxidisable volatile impurities like arsenic (as  $As_2O_3$ ) sulphur (as  $SO_2$ ), phosphorus (as  $P_4O_{10}$ ) and antimony (as  $Sb_2O_3$ ).

4M (M = As, Sb) + 
$$3O_2 \longrightarrow 2M_2O_3 \uparrow$$
  
S +  $O_2 \longrightarrow SO_2 \uparrow$ ; P<sub>4</sub> +  $4O_2 \longrightarrow P_4O_{10} \uparrow$ 

These oxides are volatile and hence escape as gases through the chimney.

(d) When the concentrated tin stone ore SnO<sub>2</sub> (ore of Sn) is heated strongly in a free supply of air (roasting), the impurities of CuS and FeS present in the ore are converted into CuSO<sub>4</sub> and FeSO<sub>4</sub> respectively.

$$CuS + 2O_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} CuSO_4$$
; FeS +  $2O_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} FeSO_4$ 

Both calcination and roasting are generally carried out in a reverberatory furnace. In case of roasting, the air holes are kept open while they are partially or completely closed during calcination.

## Section (B): Thermodynamic Principles of metallurgy

#### (ii) Reduction of a metal oxide:

The free metal is obtained by reduction of a compound, using either a chemical reducing agent or electrolysis.

#### 1. Chemical reduction method:

A large number of commercial processes come under this category. Carbon can be used to reduce a number of oxides and other compounds, and because of the low cost and availability of coke this method is widely used. The disadvantages are that a high temperature is needed, which is expensive and necessitates the use of blast furnace.

(A) Reduction with carbon:

$$\begin{array}{l} PbO+C \longrightarrow Pb+CO \ (extraction \ of \ lead) \\ 2Fe_2O_3+3C \longrightarrow 4Fe \ (spongy \ iron)+3CO_2 \\ ZnO+C \stackrel{1200^{\circ}C}{\longrightarrow} Zn+CO \ (extraction \ of \ zinc) \\ SnO_2+2C \ (anthracite) \stackrel{1800^{\circ}C}{\longrightarrow} Sn+2CO \ (extraction \ of \ tin) \\ MgO+C \stackrel{1200^{\circ}C}{\stackrel{electric \ furnace}{\longrightarrow}} Mg+CO \end{array}$$

(B) Reduction with CO: In some cases CO produced in the furnace itself is used as a reducing agent.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{CO} \longrightarrow 2\text{Fe} + 3\text{CO}_2 \\ & \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4 + 4\text{CO} \longrightarrow 3\text{Fe} + \text{CO}_2 \\ & \text{PbO} + \text{CO} \longrightarrow \text{Pb} + \text{CO}_2 \\ & \text{CuO} + \text{CO} \longrightarrow \text{Cu} + \text{CO}_2 \end{aligned}$$



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Carbon or carbon monoxide reduction process is usually carried out in blast furnace. There are some disadvantage of using carbon as reducing agents e.g.,

(a) Some metallic oxides like CaO give metallic carbides instead of metals.

$$CaO + 3C \xrightarrow{\Delta} CaC_2 + CO$$

(b) During the cooling of the products, in many cases, reformation of the oxide and carbon may take place.

$$MgO + C \stackrel{\Delta}{\rightleftharpoons} Mg + CO$$

#### 2. Reduction by other metals:

If the temperature needed for carbon to reduce an oxide is too high, for economical or practical purposes, reduction by other metals is done. Also, certain metallic oxides cannot be reduced by carbon because the affinity of oxygen for the metal is greater than its affinity for carbon. Such metallic oxides (Cr and Mn) can be reduced by a highly electropositive metal such as aluminium that liberates a large amount of energy (1675 kJ/mol) on oxidation to Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. The process is known as Goldschmidt or aluminothermic process and the reaction is known as thermite reaction.

2AI + Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 AI<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + 2Fe (molten) ;  $\Delta H = -3230$  kJ (The reaction is used for thermite welding) 3 Mn<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + 8 AI  $\longrightarrow$  4 AI<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + 9 Mn

$$B_2O_3 + 2AI \longrightarrow 2B + Al_2O_3$$
 (extraction of boron)

As it is a strongly exothermic reaction, it proceeds with explosive violence and only initial heating is needed.

**Magnesium reduction method :** Magnesium is used in similar way to reduce oxides. In certain cases where the oxide is too stable to reduce, electropositive metals are used to reduce halides.

TiCl<sub>4</sub> + 2 Mg 
$$\xrightarrow{\text{Kroll p rocess}}$$
 Ti + 2 MgCl<sub>2</sub>  
TiCl<sub>4</sub> + 4Na  $\xrightarrow{\text{IMI p rocess}}$  Ti + 4 NaCl

Advantages of using Na and Mg as reducing agents are the higher reducing power of the metals and solubility of their halides in water so that the reduced metals can be washed free from impurities.

#### 3. Self-reduction method:

This method is also called auto-reduction method or air reduction method. If the sulphide ore of some of the less electropositive metals like Hg, Cu, Pb, Sb, etc. are heated in air, a part of these is changed into oxide or sulphate then that reacts with the remaining part of the sulphide ore to give its metal and SO<sub>2</sub>.

Examples : 
$$2HgS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2HgO + 2SO_2$$
  
 $2HgO + HgS \longrightarrow 2Hg + SO_2$   
 $Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 3Cu_2O + 2SO_2$   
 $2Cu_2O + Cu_2S \longrightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$   
 $2PbS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2PbO + 2SO_2$   
 $2PbO + PbS \longrightarrow 3Pb + SO_2$ 

The extraction of Pb by heating its sulphide ore (PbS) in air can also be represented as

$$PbS + 2O_2 \longrightarrow PbSO_4$$
  
 $PbSO_4 + PbS \longrightarrow 2Pb + 2SO_2$ 

#### 4. Electrolytic reduction:

It presents the most powerful method of reduction and gives a very pure product. As it is an expensive method compared to chemical methods, it is used either for very reactive metals such as magnesium or aluminum or for production of samples of high purity. Electrolytic reduction of copper has the additional advantage of allowing the recover of valuable minor contaminants such as silver.

#### THERMODYNAMICS OF EXTRACTION: ELLINGHAM DIAGRAM OF A METAL

The standard electrode reduction potential of metal provides a very good indicator or the ease or difficulty of extracting the metal from its compounds. However, since most metals of industrial importance are obtained by chemical reduction of their oxide, the free energy changes occurring during these processes are of more fundamental importance. Despite the fact that redox reactions do not always reach equilibrium thermodynamics can at least be used to identify which reactions are feasible. For a spontaneous reaction the change in free energy  $\Delta G$  must negative,  $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$ .

It is sufficient to consider  $\Delta G$  because it is related to the equilibrium constant through,  $\Delta G = -RTInK$ .



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Here a negative value of  $\Delta G$  corresponds to K > 1 and, therefore, a favourable reaction. Reaction rates are also relevant, but at high temperature reactions are often fast and we can normally assume that any thermodynamically permissible process can occur.

The problem of extracting a metal from its ore is essentially concerned with decomposing the oxide of the metal (apart from simple binary compounds such as metal sulfides and chlorides that occur in nature). Most metal ores consist essentially of a metal oxide in association with one or more nonmetal oxides. Ores like carbonates, sulphides etc., are also converted to oxides, prior to reduction.

The free energy of formation  $\Delta G$  is the standard free energy of the reaction.

$$xM + \frac{y}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow M_xO_y \qquad \dots \dots (1)$$
$$\frac{2x}{y}M + O_2 \longrightarrow \frac{2}{y}M_xO_y \qquad \dots \dots (2)$$

 $\Delta G$  is the free energy of formation per mole of  $O_2$  consumed.

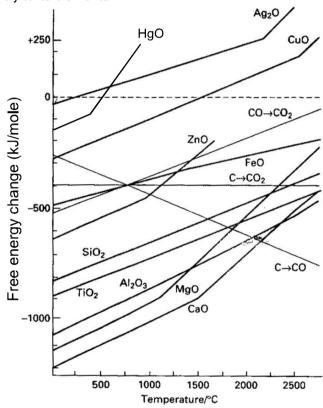
If the standard free energy of formation  $\Delta G$  has a negative sign at a given temperature, then the oxide can be expected to form spontaneously from the metal plus oxygen. If  $\Delta G$  has a positive sign, the oxide will be expected to decompose spontaneously to its elements.

The free energy of formation of an oxide can now be determined, provided we know the entropy of formation.

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$
 ........... (3)

In reaction (2) oxygen is used up in the course of reaction. Gases have a more random structure (less ordered) than liquid or solids. In this reaction the entropy or randomness decreases, and hence  $\Delta S$  is negative (provided that neither the metal nor its oxide  $M_xO_y$  are vaporized). Thus, if the temperature is raised then  $T\Delta S$  becomes more negative. Since  $T\Delta S$  is subtracted in equation (3),  $\Delta G$  then becomes less negative. Thus, the change in free energy decreases with increase in temperature.

The free energy change that occurs when 1 mol of common reactant (in this case  $O_2$ ) is used may be plotted graphically against temperature for a number of reaction of metals to their oxides. This graph is shown in following figure and is called an Ellingham diagram for oxides. Similar diagrams can be produced for 1 mol of S, giving Ellingham diagram for sulphides and similarly for halides using 1 mol of halogen.



This figure shows a number of oxide plots with slopes defined by  $\Delta G / T = -\Delta S$ . It is noted that the entropy change in reaction (2) is roughly the same for all metal oxides provided that the boiling point of neither the metal nor oxide is exceeded. Thus, below the boiling point of metal the slope of all the graphs are roughly the same, since  $T\Delta S$  factor is same whatever be the metal. When the temperature is raised a point will be reached where the graph crossed the  $\Delta G = 0$  line. Below this temperature the free energy of formation of oxide is negative, so the oxide is stable. Above this temperature the free energy of formation of the oxide is positive, and the oxide becomes unstable and should decompose into metal and oxygen. This explains why HgO, for instance, decomposes spontaneously into its elements when heated. Theoretically, all oxides can be decomposed to give metal and oxygen if a sufficiently high temperature can be attained. In practice, that are easily attainable and these metals can be extracted by thermal decomposition of their oxides. The diagram predicts that MgO and ZnO ought to decompose if heated strongly enough, but it does not hold out much hope for obtaining say pure Mg by straight forward heating of the oxide to a high temperature where the boiling point of the metal is exceeded. However the slope increases since the reaction is now involving a larger entropy change as the randomness increases in reactants. For example,  $2 \text{ Mg}(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2 \text{ MgO}(s)$ 



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Here, three moles of gas phases are converted into solid phase in the reaction. This takes place above 1120°C, which is the boiling point of Mg.

Similarly Hg–HgO line changes slope at  $365^{\circ}$ C. Several of the plots show abrupt changes in the slopes. These breaks occur at temperature at which the metal undergoes a phase transition. A smaller effect is seen at the melting point. If, however the oxide undergoes a phase change, there will be an increase in the entropy of the oxide, and at such a point the curve becomes less steep. For example in the case of Pb, the oxide (PbO) boils while lead is liquid. In these instances the entropy change becomes positive for the reaction and hence the slope  $\Delta$ G/T changes sign, the situation reverting to normal once the boiling point of Pb is reached.

In principle, when the plot of one metal lies below that of another, the first metal is capable of reducing the oxide of the second. A vertical line drawn on the Ellingham plot of the metal oxides at any T gives the sequence of the stabilities of metal oxides. A metal forming a more stable oxide (higher  $-\Delta G$ ) will be potential reducing agent for a less stable oxide. If the two lines intersect, the free energy change for the reduction will be zero at that temperature and equilibrium results, but a change of temperature will make the reaction proceed provided no kinetic barriers (activation energy) exist. Thus, Mg metal will reduce CuO and FeO but not CaO. Also, it is seen that at room temperature (27 $^{\circ}$ C) the order of reducing ability approximates that of standard electrode potential.

Although the  $SiO_2$  line is above the MgO line, Si can successfully reduce MgO to free metal. Upto  $1100^{\circ}$ C, the normal boiling point of Mg, the  $\Delta$ G plot for formation of  $SiO_2$  and MgO are parallel. However, above  $1100^{\circ}$ C the plot for MgO changes slope owing to the increased entropy effect, and above  $1700^{\circ}$ C the reaction between Si and MgO proceeds with decrease in free energy. In practice, the reaction is further enhanced by the distillation of Mg metal from the reaction mixture.

$$2 \text{ MgO} + \text{Si} \longrightarrow 2 \text{ Mg} + \text{SiO}_2$$

#### Carbon or carbon monoxide as reducing agent.

In figure the plot corresponding to the change  $C(s) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow CO_2(g)$  is shown by a horizontal line. For this reaction  $\Delta S$  is relatively small because in this case one mole of gaseous product is formed while one mole of gaseous reactant is used up.  $\Delta G$  for this reaction is almost independent of temperature. The plot for  $CO_2$  is relatively high in the figure, and at low temperature C will reduce only a few of metal oxides shown. However, the slopes of the plots for several of the metals are such that they cross the  $CO_2$  plot; hence theoretically these metals can be reduced by C at elevated temperature. An alternative reaction involving carbon and oxygen is the formation of CO.

$$2 C(s) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2 CO(g)$$

Since two of gaseous product is formed from one mole of gaseous reactant, this process is accompanied by an increase in entropy. Hence, the slope of the corresponding line is negative as shown by the downward sloping line in the figure. If the temperature is high enough, C should reduce all the metal oxides, being converted into CO. The plot for the reaction of CO with oxygen is also shown.

There are three curves for carbon, corresponding to complete oxidation of C to CO<sub>2</sub>, partial oxidation to carbon monoxide, and oxidation of CO to carbon dioxide. The three curves pass through a common point at 710°C. Thus, the free energies of formation of CO<sub>2</sub> from carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide from carbon are identical.

$$2CO(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2 CO_2(g)$$

$$C(s) + O_2(s) \longrightarrow CO_2(s)$$

$$\Delta G = x \text{ kJ/mol}$$

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Subtracting one equation from the other and rearranging, the following is obtained:

$$CO_2(g) + C(s) \Longrightarrow 2CO(g)$$
  $\Delta G = 0$ 

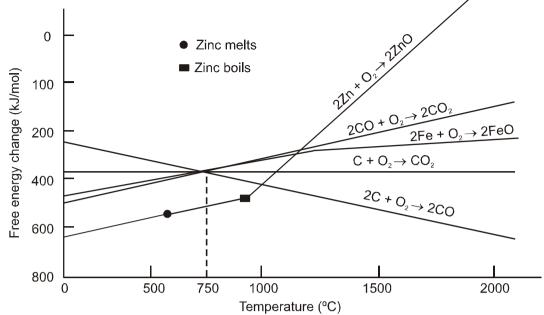
That is, an equilibrium is set. It is clear below a temperature of 710°C, CO is a more effective reducing agent than carbon, but above this temperature the reverse is true. All three oxidation curves for the carbon system lie above that for oxidation of zinc, until a temperature of approximately 1000°C is reached. At this point, carbon is thermodynamically capable of reducing ZnO to Zn. Since this temperature is greater than the boiling point of Zn (907°C), it will be formed as a vapour. The overall equation for reduction is

$$ZnO(s) + C(s) \longrightarrow Zn(g) + CO(g)$$



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It is interesting to note that the value of carbon as reducing agent is due to marked increase in disorder that takes place when carbon (an ordered solid) reacts with one mole of oxygen to give two moles of CO. The net effect is an extra mole of gas and hence an increase in disorder (an increase in entropy). It is a fact that in the region of 2000°C, carbon is thermodynamically capable of reducing most metal oxides to metal.

Thus, for most metal oxides, a reducing agent is required and we should consider the overall reaction obtained by subtracting the metal oxidation from one of carbon oxidation as

$$\Delta G_{\text{overall}} = \Delta G_{(C)} - \Delta G_{(M)}$$

#### Metals as reducing agents:

Metal oxide reduction is thermodynamically favourable for temperatures at which the line for the metal oxide is above any one of the lines for carbon oxidation, for the  $\Delta G$  for metal oxide reduction by carbon is negative.

**Note :** The Gibb's energies of formation of most sulphides are greater than that for  $CS_2$ . In fact,  $CS_2$  is an endothermic compound. There, the  $\Delta_f G^\Theta$  of M<sub>x</sub>S is not compensated. So reduction of M<sub>x</sub>S is difficult. Hence it is common practice to roast sulphide ores to corresponding oxides prior to reduction.

Similar principles apply to other types of reduction. For instances if the plot of  $\Delta G_{(M)}$  lies above  $\Delta G_{(M')}$  from M' is now taking the place of C. When  $\Delta G = \Delta G_{(M')} - \Delta G_{(M)}$  is negative, the reaction, MO + M'  $\longrightarrow$  M + M'O is feasible.

#### Hydrogen as a reducing agent :

Hydrogen is not very effective reducing agent for obtaining metals from their oxides.

The reason is that  $\Delta S$  is negative for the reaction :

$$\begin{array}{ll} 2H_2(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow & 2H_2O(g) \\ 3 \text{ moles of gas} & 2 \text{ moles of gas} \end{array}$$

as the products are less disordered. The plot of  $\Delta G$  against T therefore rises with temperature, meaning that not many metal oxide plots are intersected. H<sub>2</sub> will therefore reduces oxides such as Cu(I) oxide and Cu(II) oxide, but not the oxides of AI, Mg, and Ca. Oxides of iron are reduced only with difficulty. In the case of magnetic iron oxide Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> an equilibrium composition is readily established.

In the case of W. Mo, and Co  $\Delta G$  is above that of H<sub>2</sub>O so H<sub>2</sub> can be reduce these oxides.

$$MoO_3 + 3H_2 \longrightarrow Mo + 3H_2O$$
  
 $GeO_2 + 2H_2 \longrightarrow Ge + 2H_2O$   
 $Co_3O_4 + 4H_2 \longrightarrow 3Co + 4H_2O$   
 $WO_3 + 3H_2 \longrightarrow W + 3H_2O$ 

This method is not widely used because many metals react with  $H_2$  at elevated temperature forming hydride. There is also a risk of explosion for  $H_2$  and oxygen in the air.



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## Solved Examples

- **Ex-5** The reaction  $Cr_2O_3 + 2AI \longrightarrow Al_2O_3 + 2Cr$  ( $\triangle G^2 = -421$  kJ) is thermodynamically feasible as is apparent from the Gibb's energy value. Why does it not take place at room temperature?
- **Sol.** Certain amount of activation energy is essential even for such reactions which are thermodynamically feasible, therefore heating is required.
- Ex-6 Is it true that under certain conditions, Mg can reduce Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Al can reduce MgO? What are those conditions?
- **Sol.** Below 1350°C Mg can reduce Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and above 1350°C. Al can reduce MgO as evident from the Ellingham diagram.

## Section (C): Metallurgy of some useful metals

#### Smelting:

**Slag formation**: In many extraction processes, an oxide is added deliberately to combine with other impurities and form a stable molten phase immiscible with molten metal called a slag. The process is termed smelting.

The principle of slag formation is essentially the following:

Removal of unwanted basic and acidic oxides: For example, FeO is the impurity in extraction of Cu from copper pyrite.

Matte also contains a very small amount of iron(II) sulphide.

To remove unwanted acidic impurities like sand and P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>, smelting is done in the presence of limestone.

$$\begin{array}{l} CaCO_{3} \longrightarrow CaO + CO_{2} \\ CaO + SiO_{2} \longrightarrow CaSiO_{3} \text{ (fusible slag)} \\ 6CaO + P_{4}O_{10} \longrightarrow 2Ca_{3}(PO_{4})_{2} \text{ (fusible slag - Thomas slag)} \end{array}$$

#### Properties of a slag:

- (i) Slag is a fusible mass.
- (ii) It has low melting point.
- (iii) It is lighter than and immiscible with the molten metal. It is due to these impurities that the slag floats as a separate layer on the molten metal and can thus be easily separated from the metal. The layer of the slag on the molten metal prevents the metal from being oxidised.

**Type of flux :** Fluxes are of two types viz., acidic flux and basic flux.

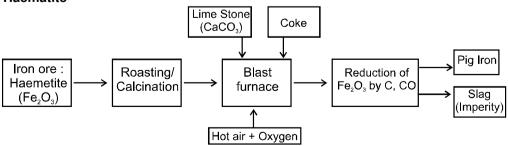
- (a) Acidic flux: It is an acidic oxide (oxide of a non-metal) like SiO<sub>2</sub>, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (from borax). It is used to remove the basic impurity like CaO, FeO, MgO etc. The acidic flux combines with the basic impurity and forms a slag.
- **(b) Basic flux :** It is a basic oxide (i.e., oxide of a metal) like CaO (obtained from lime stone, CaCO<sub>3</sub>), MgO (from magnesite, MgCO<sub>3</sub>), haematite (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) etc. It is used to remove the acidic impurity like SiO<sub>2</sub>,  $P_2O_5$  etc. The basic flux combines with the acidic impurity and forms a slag.

Thus, slag can be defined as a fusible mass, which is obtained when a flux reacts with an infusible acidic or basic impurity present in the oxide ore.

#### **Metallurgy of Some Important Metals**

#### 1. Extraction of iron (Fe)

Ore: Haematite





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Oxide ores of iron, after concentration through calcination/roasting in reverberatory furnace (to remove water, to decompose carbonates and to oxidise sulphides) are mixed with lime stone and coke and fed into a Blast furnace from its top with the help of a cup and cone arrangement. Here, the oxide is reduced to the metal.

Thermodynamics helps us to understand how coke reduces the oxide and why this furnace is chosen. One of the main reduction steps in this process is :

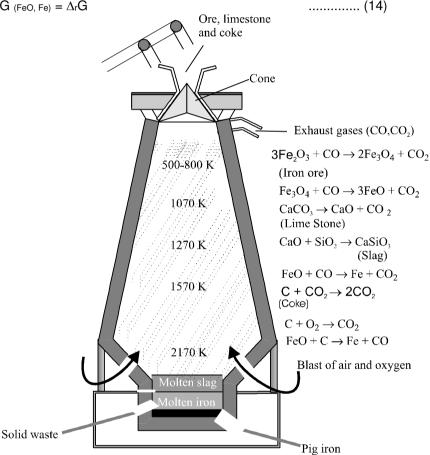
$$FeO(s) + C(s) \longrightarrow Fe(s/l) + CO(g)$$
 .....(11)

It can be seen as a couple of two simpler reactions. In one, the reduction of FeO is taking place and in the other, C is being oxidised to CO:

$$FeO(s) \longrightarrow Fe(s) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \qquad [\Delta G_{(FeO, Fe)}]$$
 .....(12)

When both the reactions take place to yield the equation (10), the net Gibbs energy change becomes:

 $\Delta G$  (C, CO) +  $\Delta G$  (FeO, Fe) =  $\Delta rG$ Naturally, the resultant reaction will take place when the right hand side equation (14)negative. In  $\Delta G^{\varrho}$  vs T plot representing reaction plot (12), the goes upward and that representing the change C, CO (C, CO) goes downward. temperatures above 1073K (approx.), the C, CO line comes below the Fe, FeO line  $[\Delta G_{(C, CO)}] <$  $\Delta G(Fe, FeO)$ ]. So in this range, coke will reducing the FeO and will itself be oxidised to CO. In a similar way the reduction of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> at relatively lower temperatures by CO can be explained on the basis of lower lying points of intersection of their curves with the CO, CO2 curve in the given figure.



In the Blast furnace, reduction of iron oxides takes place in different temperature ranges. Hot air is blown from the bottom of the furnace and coke is burnt to give temperature upto about 2200K in the lower portion itself. The burning of coke therefore supplies most of the heat required in the process. The CO and heat moves to upper part of the furnace. In upper part, the temperature is lower and the iron oxides ( $Fe_2O_3$  and  $Fe_3O_4$ ) coming from the top are reduced in steps to FeO.

**Reactions involved :** The reactions proceed in several stages at different temperatures. Since the air passes through in a few seconds, the individual reactions does not reach equilibrium.

At 500 – 800 K (lower temperature range in the blast furnace)

$$3 \text{ Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{CO} \longrightarrow 2 \text{ Fe}_3\text{O}_4 + \text{CO}_2$$

$$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4 + \text{CO} \longrightarrow 3\text{Fe} + 4 \text{CO}_2$$

 $Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow 2FeO + CO_2$ 

At 900 – 1500 K (higher temperature range in the blast furnace):

$$C + CO_2 \longrightarrow 2 CO$$
;

FeO + CO 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 Fe + CO<sub>2</sub>



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Limestone is also decomposed tom CaO which removes silicate impurity of the ore as slag. The slag is in molten state and separates out from iron.

$$CaCO_3 \longrightarrow CaO + CO_2$$
;  $CaO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow CaSiO_3$ 

The iron obtained from blast furnace contains about 4% carbon and many impurities in smaller amount (e.g., S, P, Si, Mn). This is known as pig iron and cast into variety of shapes. Cast iron is different from pig iron and is made by melting pig iron with scrap iron and coke using hot air blast. It has slightly lower carbon content (about 3%) and is extremely hard and brittle.

**Further Reductions:** Wrought iron or malleable iron is the purest form of commercial iron and is prepared from cast iron by oxidising impurities in a reverberatory furnace lined with haematite. This haematite oxidises carbon to carbon monoxide:

$$Fe_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 2Fe + 3CO$$

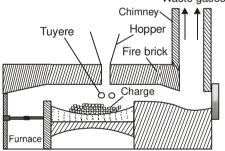
Limestone is added as a flux and sulphur, silicon and phosphorus are oxidised and passed into the slag. The metal is removed and freed from the slag by passing through rollers.

#### 2. Extraction of copper:

(a) From cuprous oxide [Copper(I) oxide]: In the graph of  $\Delta_r G^0$  vs T for formation of oxides the Cu<sub>2</sub>O line is almost at the top. So it is quite easy to reduce oxide ores of copper directly to the metal by heating with coke (both the lines of C, CO and C, CO<sub>2</sub> are at much lower positions in the graph particularly after 500-600K). However most of the ores are sulphide and some may also contain iron. The sulphide ores are roasted/smelted to give oxides:  $2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$ 

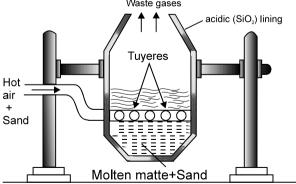
The oxide can then be easily reduced to metallic copper using coke: Cu<sub>2</sub>O + C → 2Cu + CO

(b) From copper glance / copper pyrite (self reduction): In actual process the ore is heated in a reverberatory furnace after mixing with silica. In the furnace, iron oxide 'slags of' as iron silicate and copper is produced in the form of copper matte. This contains mostly  $Cu_2S$  and some FeS.



Reverberatory furnace

Copper matte is then charged into silica lined convertor (Bessemer convertor). Some silica is also added and hot air blast is blown to convert the remaining FeS<sub>2</sub>, FeO and Cu<sub>2</sub>S/Cu<sub>2</sub>O to the metallic copper. Following reactions take place:



**Bessemer convertor** 

The solidified copper obtained has blistered appearance due to the evolution of SO<sub>2</sub> and so it is called blister copper.



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### (c) From low grade ores and scraps:

Leaching of cuprite (Cu<sub>2</sub>O) or copper glance (Cu<sub>2</sub>S) with dil. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in presence of air, gives a solution of CuSO<sub>4</sub> and the impurities present in the ores remain undissolved in the acid. Leaching of malachite green, Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub>. CuCO<sub>3</sub> with dil. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> also gives a solution of CuSO<sub>4</sub>.

$$2Cu_2O + 4H_2SO_4 + O_2 \longrightarrow 4CuSO_4 + 4H_2O \\ cuprite \qquad solution \\ Cu_2S + 4H_2SO_4 + 4O_2 \longrightarrow 4CuSO_4 + 4H_2O + 2SO_2 \uparrow \\ copper glance \qquad solution \\ Cu(OH)_2.CuCO_3 + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2CuSO_4 + 3H_2O + CO_2 \uparrow \\ malachite green \qquad solution$$

Copper metal can be recovered from CuSO<sub>4</sub> solution (obtained as above) either by electrolysing it (cathode is of Cu-metal and anode is of lead) Cu-metal is collected at cathode or by treating it with scrap iron which, being more reactive than Cu, displaces Cu from CuSO<sub>4</sub> solution and Cu gets precipitated (Metal displacement method).

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CuSO}_4 \text{ (aq)} + \text{Fe(s)} \longrightarrow \text{FeSO}_4 \text{ (aq)} + \text{Cu(s)} \downarrow . \\ \text{Cu$^{2+}$ (aq)} + \text{H}_2(g) \longrightarrow \text{Cu(s)} + 2\text{H}^+ \text{ (aq)} & .... \text{ (15)} \end{array}$$

#### 3. Extraction of lead:

#### Ore: PbS (Lead sulphide)

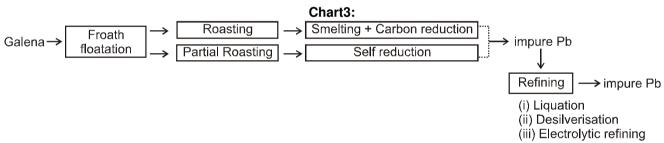
There are two methods of extracting the element:

(i) Roast in air to give PbO, and then reduce with coke or CO in a blast furnace.

$$2PbS(s) + 3O_2(g) \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2PbO(s) \xrightarrow{+C} 2Pb(\ell) + CO_2(g)$$

(ii) PbS is partially oxidized by heating and blowing air through it. After some time the air is turned off and heating is continued. The mixture undergoes self reduction as given below.

$$3PbS(s) \xrightarrow{\text{heat in}} PbS(s) + 2PbO(s) \xrightarrow{\text{absence of air}} 3Pb(\ell) + SO_2(g)$$



## -Solved Examples

**Ex-7** Auto reduction process is used in extraction of :

**Sol.** (A) and (B) : 
$$Cu_2S + 2Cu_2O \longrightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$$
 ;  $HgS + 2HgO \longrightarrow 3Hg + SO_2$ 

**Ex-8** Why the sulphide ore is roasted to convert it in to the oxide before reduction?

**Sol.**  $\Delta_f G^\Theta$  of most sulphide ore are greater than those of  $CS_2$  and  $H_2S$ . Hence neither carbon nor hydrogen is a suitable reducing agent for the metal sulphides. Moreover, the roasting of a sulphide to the oxide is quite advantageous thermodynamically because  $\Delta_f G^\Theta$  of oxides are much lower than those of  $SO_2$ .

#### 4. Extraction of zinc:

#### Ore: ZnS (Zinc blende)

The ore is roasted in presence of excess of air at temperature 1200 K.

$$2 \text{ ZnS} + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2 \text{ ZnO} + 2SO_2$$

The reduction of zinc oxide is done using coke. The temperature in this case is higher than that in case of copper. For the purpose of heating, the oxide is made into brickettes with coke and clay.

$$ZnO + C \xrightarrow{Coke, 1673 \text{ K}} Zn + CO$$

The metal is distilled off and collected by rapid chilling.

**Note :** ZnO may be reduced by carbon monoxide at 1473 K (i.e. 1200°C) in smelter. The reaction is reversible, and the high temperature is required to move the equilibrium to the right. At this temperature the Zn is

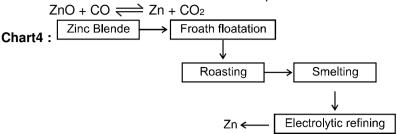


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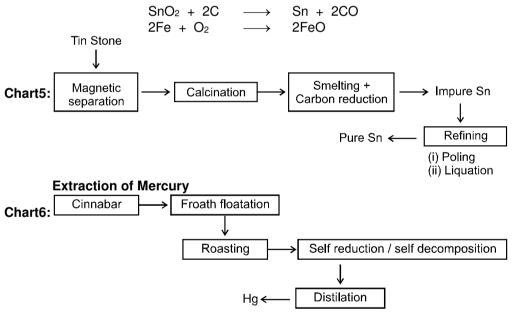
gaseous. If the gaseous mixture of Zn and CO<sub>2</sub> was simply removed from the furnace and cooled, then reoxidation of Zn would occur. Thus the zinc powder obtained would contain large amounts of ZnO.



- 5. Extraction of tin from cassiterite (SnO<sub>2</sub>): It involves following steps.
  - (A) Purification:
    - **Crushing and concentration :** The ore is crushed and washed with a stream of running water to remove the lighter earthy and silicious impurities.
    - (ii) **Electromagnetic separation**: The concentrated ore is subjected to the electromagnetic separation to remove magnetic impurity of Wolframite.
    - (iii) Roasting: The ore is then heated in presence of air, when volatile impurities (S as SO<sub>2</sub>, As as As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Sb as Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) are removed. The impurities of pyrites of copper and iron are converted into their respective oxides and sulphates

$$CuS + 2O_2 \rightarrow CuSO_4$$
; FeS +  $2O_2 \rightarrow FeSO_4$ 

- (iv) Leaching: Sulphates of copper and iron are dissolved in water.
- (v) Washing: The ore is washed with running water to remove the finer iron oxide produced in roasting. The ore thus obtained contains 60–70% SnO<sub>2</sub> and is called as black tin.
- **Smelting :** SnO<sub>2</sub> is reduced to metal using carbon at 1200–1300°C in an electric furnace. The product often contains traces of Fe, which is removed by blowing air through the molten mixture to oxidise FeO which then floats to the surface.



# Section (D): Electrochemical principles of metallurgy Medium:

- 1. In aqueous solution: Electrolysis can be carried out conveniently and cheaply in aqueous solution that the products do not react with water. Copper and zinc are obtained by electrolysis of aqueous solution of their sulphates.
- 2. In other solvents: Electrolysis can be carried out in solvents other than water. Fluorine reacts violently with water and it is produced by electrolysis of KHF<sub>2</sub> dissolved in anhydrous HF.
- 3. In fused melts: Elements that react with water are often extracted from fused melts of their ionic salts. Aluminum is obtained by electrolysis of a fused mixture of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and cryolite Na<sub>3</sub>[AlF<sub>6</sub>]. Both sodium and chlorine are obtained from the electrolysis of fused NaCl. In this case upto two-third by weight of CaCl<sub>2</sub> is added as an impurity to lower the melting point from 803 to 505°C.



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**Electrochemical principles of metallurgy:** Electrolytic reduction can be regarded as a technique for driving a reduction by coupling it through electrodes and external circuit to a reactive or a physical process with a more negative  $\Delta G$ . The free energy available from the external source can be assessed from the potential it produces across the electrodes using the thermodynamic relation:

$$\Delta G = -nFE$$
 .....(i)

where n is the number of electrons transferred, F is Faraday's constant (F = 96.5 kJ/mol) and  $E^{o}$  is electrode potential of the redox coupled formed in the system.

Hence, the total Gibb's energy of the coupled internal and external process is

$$\Delta G + \Delta G$$
 (external) =  $\Delta G - nFE_{ext}$ 

If the potential difference of the external source exceeds,  $E_{ext} = -\frac{\Delta G}{nF}$ 

The reduction is thermodynamically feasible; thus, the overall process occurs with a decrease in free energy. More reactive metals have large negative values of the electrode potential. So their reduction is difficult. If the difference of two  $E^{\varrho}$  values corresponds to a positive  $E^{\varrho}$  and consequently negative  $\Delta G^{\varrho}$  in equation (i), then the less reactive metal will come out of the solution and the more reactive metal will go to the solution, e.g.,  $Cu^{2+}$  (ag) +  $Fe(s) \longrightarrow Cu(s) + Fe^{2+}$ (ag)

In simple electrolysis, the M<sup>n+</sup> ions are discharged at negative electrodes (cathodes) and deposited there. Precautions are taken considering the reactivity of the metal produced and suitable materials are used as electrodes. Sometimes a flux is added for making the molten mass more conducting.

**Hydrometallurgy**: The processing of ores and minerals as well as metals and their compounds at relatively low, often ambient temperatures employing aqueous solution is known as hydrometallurgy. Occasionally, organic reagents are also used. This method of extraction is generally used for low grade ores. Copper is extracted by hydrometallurgy from low grade ore it is leached out using acid and bacteria. The solution containing  $Cu^{2+}$  is treated with scrap iron or  $H_2$ .

$$CuSO_4 + Fe \longrightarrow Cu(s) + FeSO_4$$

A hydrometallurgical process for the extraction of metals from ores, concentrates, or secondary materials essentially contains three basic steps-dissolution of the valuable metal in the aqueous solution (leaching) purification of leach solution and subsequent recovery of metal from the purified solutions either by electrolysis or by adding some electropositive metal to it.

### Some of the metals obtained by hydrometallurgy are as follows:

(A) Extraction of Ag and Au: Metals like Au and Ag can be precipitated for their salt solution by electropositive metals for example, Zn.

Metallic Ag is dissolved from its ore in dilute NaCN solution, and the solute so obtained is treated with scrap Zn when Ag is precipitated. Air is blown into the solution oxidize Na<sub>2</sub>S. Leaching the metals like silver, gold with CN<sup>-</sup> is an oxidation reaction (Ag  $\rightarrow$  Ag<sup>+</sup> or Au  $\rightarrow$  Au<sup>+</sup>)

$$\begin{array}{l} Ag_2S(s) + 4CN^-(aq) & \longrightarrow 2[Ag(CN)_2]^-(aq) + S^{2-}(aq) \\ 2[Ag(CN)_2]^-(aq) + Zn(s) & \longrightarrow [Zn(CN)_4]^{2-}(aq) + 2Ag(s) \\ 4Au(s) + 8CN^-(aq) + O_2(g) + 2H_2O(I) & \longrightarrow 4[Au(CN)_2]^-(aq) + 4OH^-(aq) \\ 2[Au(CN)_2]^-(aq) + Zn(s) & \longrightarrow [Zn(CN)_4]^{2-}(aq) + 2Au(s) \end{array}$$

Here Zn acts as reducing agent.

- (B) Extraction of Aluminium: It involves the following processes
- (a) Purification of bauxite:

#### (i) Bayer's Method

(used for red bauxite containing Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and silicates as impurities)

Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O + 2NaOH 
$$\xrightarrow{190^{\circ}\text{C}}$$
 8 atm

2NaAlO<sub>2</sub>(soluble) + 3H<sub>2</sub>O Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (insoluble) separated as red mud by filteration solution is diluted with water and seeded with freshly prepared Al(OH)<sub>3</sub>. It induces the precipitation of Al(OH)<sub>3</sub>. Al(OH)<sub>3</sub> is filtered leaving behind silicates in solution.

NaAlO<sub>2</sub>+2H<sub>2</sub>O $\rightarrow$  NaOH+Al(OH)<sub>3</sub> $\downarrow$ 

 $2AI(OH)_3 \xrightarrow{1473 \text{ K } \Delta} AI_2O_3 + 3H_2O$ 

#### (ii) Hall's Method

(used for red bauxite containing Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and silicates as impurities)

Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O + Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> — Fuse

2NaAlO<sub>2</sub>(soluble) + CO<sub>2</sub> + 2H<sub>2</sub>O  
2NaAlO<sub>2</sub> + 3H<sub>2</sub>O + CO<sub>2</sub> 
$$\xrightarrow{60^{\circ}\text{C}}$$
  $\rightarrow$  2Al(OH)<sub>3</sub> $\downarrow$  + Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

$$2AI(OH)_3 \xrightarrow{1473 \text{ K } \Delta} AI_2O_3 + 3H_2O_3$$

#### (iii) Serpeck's Method

(used for white bauxite containing silica as impurities)

$$2AIN + 3H2O \rightarrow AI(OH)3 \downarrow + NH3$$
  
 $SiO2 + 2CO \rightarrow 2CO2 + Si$ 

$$2AI(OH)_3 \xrightarrow{\phantom{-}1473 \text{ K } \Delta} AI_2O_3 + 3H_2O$$



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## (b) Electrolytic reduction (Hall-Heroult process) :

The purified Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is mixed with Na<sub>3</sub>AlF<sub>6</sub> (cryolite) or CaF<sub>2</sub> (fluorspar) which lowers the melting point of the mixture and brings conductivity. The fused matrix is electrolysed. Steel cathode and graphite anode are used. The graphite anode is useful here for reduction to the metal. The overall reaction may be taken as:  $2Al_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 4Al + 3CO_2$ 

The electolysis of the molten mass is carried out in an electrolytic cell using carbon electrodes. The oxygen liberated at anode reacts with the carbon of anode producing CO and CO2. This way for each kg of aluminium produced, about 0.5 kg of carbon anode is burnt away. The electrolytic reactions are:

Cathode:  $Al^{3+}$  (melt) +  $3e^{-} \longrightarrow Al(1)$  $C(s) + O^{2-}$  (melt)  $\longrightarrow CO(g) + 2e^{-}$ Anode:  $C(s) + 2O^{2-}$  (melt)  $\longrightarrow CO_2$  (q) + 4e<sup>-</sup> Electric Frozen crust of Control alumina and insulation electrolyte lamp Carbon Copper clamp anode Iron pot Molten Electrolyte: Dynamo Molten aluminium Carbon lining (cathode)

Extraction of Na: The fused mixture of NaCl and CaCl2 is taken in Down's cell which consists of circular iron cathode and carbon anode. On passing the electric current the following reactions take place:

Ionisation of NaCl NaCl <del>C</del> Na<sup>+</sup> + Cl<sup>−</sup>

Collection of Na at cathode

 $\begin{array}{l} Na^+ + e^- {\longrightarrow} \ Na(Reduction). \\ Cl^- + e^- {\longrightarrow} \ Cl \ (Oxidation), \ \ Cl + Cl {\longrightarrow} \ Cl_2 \ . \end{array}$ Collection of Cl2 at anode

Na can also be obtained by electrolysing molten NaOH in Castner's cell.

## Solved Examples.

- Common impurities present in Bauxite are: Ex-9
  - (A) CuO (B) ZnO (C) Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
- Sol. (C) Red Bauxite contains Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> as impurity. (D) white Bauxite contains SiO<sub>2</sub> as impurity. Therefore, (C) and (D) are correct options.
- Ex-10 Which metals are generally extracted by the electrolytic reduction and why?
- Sol. Sodium, aluminium, magnesium etc. are extracted by the electrolytic reduction of their fused salts because being more reactive and electropositive elements they themselves acts as strong reducing agents. Hence they can not be extracted by any of the chemical methods.

#### **Extraction of Magnesium:** 6.

- From Carnallite: The ore is dehydrated in a current of hydrogen chloride and the mixture of (i) fused chlorides is electrolysed.
- (ii) From Sea water (Dow's process):

Sea water contains 0.13% magnesium as chloride and sulphate. It involves following steps.

Precipitation of magnesium as magnesium hydroxide by slaked lime: (a)

 $MgCl_2 + Ca(OH)_2 \longrightarrow Mg(OH)_2 + CaCl_2$ 

(b) Preparation of hexahydrated magnesium chloride:

 $Mg(OH)_2 + 2HCI(aq) \longrightarrow MgCI_2 + 2H_2O$ 

The solution on concentration and crystallisation gives the crystals of MgCl<sub>2</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O

Preparation of anhydrous magnesium chloride: (c)

MgCl<sub>2</sub>. 
$$6H_2O \xrightarrow{\Delta \text{ (calcination)}} \text{MgCl}_2 + 6H_2O$$

It is not made anhydrous by simple heating because it gets hydrolysed

MgCl<sub>2</sub>.  $6H_2O \xrightarrow{\Delta} MgO + 5H_2O + 2HCl$ 



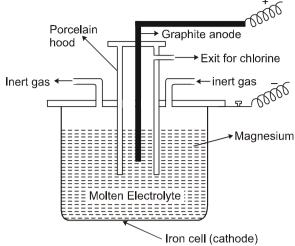
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(D) SiO<sub>2</sub>

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### (d) Electrolysis of fused anhydrous MgCl<sub>2</sub>:



Magnesium chloride obtained by any of the above methods is fused and mixed with sodium chloride and calcium chloride in the temperature range of 973–1023 K. The molten mixture is electrolysed. Magnesium is liberated at the cathode (iron pot) and chlorine is evolved at graphite anode.

$$MgCl_2 \longrightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2Cl^{-}$$

At cathode: 
$$Mg^{2+} + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Mg(99\% \text{ pure})$$
;

At anode: 
$$2CI^- \longrightarrow CI_2 + 2e^-$$

A stream of coal gas is passed through the pot to prevent oxidation of magnesium metal. The magnesium obtained in liquid state is purified by distillation under reduced pressure. (1 mm of Hg at 873 K).

#### (iii) From dolomite:

The concentrated ore is calcined at higher temperature

$$CaCO_3.MgCO_3 \xrightarrow{\Delta} CaO.MgO + 2CO_2$$

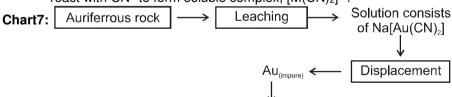
It is then reduced by ferrosilicon at 1273 K under reduced pressure.

### 7. Extraction of gold and silver (MacArthur-Forrest cyanide process) :

(a) From native ores: Extraction of gold and silver involves leaching the metal with CN $^-$ . This is also an oxidation reaction (Ag  $\rightarrow$  Ag $^+$  or Au  $\rightarrow$  Au $^+$ ). The metal is later recovered by displacement method.

$$4Au / Ag (s) + 8CN^{-}(aq) + 2H_2O(aq) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 4[Au / Ag (CN)_2]^{-}(aq) + 4OH^{-}(aq)$$
  
 $2[Au / Ag (CN)_2]^{-}(aq) + Zn(s) \longrightarrow 2Au / Ag (s) + [Zn(CN)_4]^{2-}(aq)$ 

**Note:** The leaching is carried out in presence of air or oxygen to oxidise metal, M (Ag / Au) to M+ which then react with CN- to form soluble complex, [M(CN)<sub>2</sub>] -.



Amalgamation / electrorefining  $\longrightarrow$  Au<sub>(pure)</sub>

#### (b) From argentite ore:

Ag<sub>2</sub>S (conc. ore) + 2NaCN 
$$\rightleftharpoons$$
 2AgCN + Na<sub>2</sub>S.

Ag<sub>2</sub>S and AgCN are in equilibrium so Na<sub>2</sub>S is oxidised by air in to Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Hence equilibrium shifts towards right side.

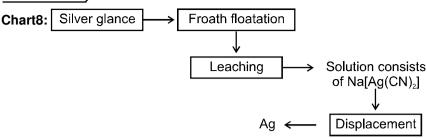
$$4Na_2S + 5O_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2Na_2SO_4 + 4NaOH + 2S$$
  
 $AgCN + NaCN \longrightarrow Na[Ag(CN)_2]$  (soluble complex)  
 $2Na[Ag(CN)_2] + Zn$  (dust)  $\longrightarrow 2Ag \downarrow + Na_2[Zn(CN)_4]$ .



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## Section (E): Purification or Refining of Impure Metals

#### (D) Purification or Refining of metals :

Metals obtained by reduction processes still contain some objectionable impurities and have to be refined. Refining techniques vary widely from metal to metal and also depend on the use to which a metal has to be put. Sometimes during refining some substances may have to be added to impart some desirable characteristic to the metal. In some cases a metal is refined to recover some valuable byproducts, for example, Ag, Au, Pt etc., may be present as impurities. Numerous techniques are available, including the following:

**Physical methods:** These methods include the following processes:

(I) Liquation process: This process is used for the purification of the metal, which itself is readily fusible, but the impurities present in it are not, i.e., the impurities are infusible. In other words, we can say that the melting point of the metal to be purified should be lower than that of each of the impurities associated with the metal. This process is used for the purification of Sn and Zn, and for removing Pb from Zn-Ag alloy, which is obtained at the end of Parke's process and contains Pb as impurity.

#### **Examples:**

Purification of impure tin metal: The impure tine metal contains Cu, Fe, W etc. as impurities This meals is placed on the slopping heat of a reverberatory furnace and gently heated. When the temperature of the furnace reaches the melting point of tin metal, this metal, on account of its lower melting point melts earlier than the impurities and hence flows down the inclined hearth and the solid infusible (non-fusible) impurities (called dross) are left behind on the hearth. The pure tin metal is collected in a cast iron vessel in the molten state. The metal obtained in this manner is called pig tin.

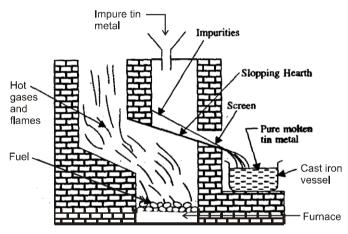


Fig. Purification of tin metal by liquation process.

**Purification of crude zinc :** The crude zinc or the spelter is melted on the slopping hearth of a reverberatory furnace. Molten zinc flows down while the non-fusible impurities are left on the hearth.

(II) Fractional distillation process: This process is used to purify those metals which themselves are volatile and the impurities in them are nonvolatile and vice-versa. Zn, Cd and Hg are purified by this process.

#### (III) Zone refining method (Fractional crystallisation method):

This process is used when metals are required in very high purity, for specific application. For example pure Si and Ge are used in semiconductors and hence are purified by this method. Zone refining method is based on the principle that an impure molten metal on gradual cooling will deposit crystals of the pure metal, while the impurities will be left in the remaining part of the molten metal.

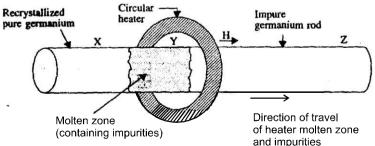


Fig. Zone refining of germanium metal



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Germanium metal, which is used in semiconductor devices, is refined (purified) by the zone refining method. The impure germanium metal to be refined is taken in the form of a rod. A circular heater H is fitted around this rod and this heater is slowly moved along the length of the rod. When the heater is at the extreme left end of the impure germanium rod, it melts a narrow zone (narrow region) of the germanium rod at that place. Now, when the heater moves on a little to the right side, then the molten metal at the previous position cools down and crystallizes to give pure metal at region X of the rod. The impurities, which were initially present in region X of germanium rod, now pass on to the region Y in the adjacent molten zone. Now, as the heater is shifted more and more to the right side on the germanium rod, the impurities also keep on shifting to the right side in to the newer and newer molten zones. Ultimately, the impurities reach the extreme right end Z of the germanium rod. This end Z of the germanium rod containing all the impurities is then discarded. The remaining rod is now of highly pure germanium metal. In addition to germanium, silicon and gallium used as semiconductors are also refined by the zone refining method.

#### (IV) Chromatographic methods:

This method is based on the principle that different components of a mixture are differently adsorbed on an adsorbent. The mixture is put in a liquid or gaseous medium which is moved through the adsorbent. Different components are adsorbed at different levels on the column. Later the adsorbed components are removed (eluted) by using suitable solvent (eluant). Depending upon the physical state of the moving medium and the adsorbent material and also on the process of passage of the moving medium, the chromatographic method is given the name. In one such method the column of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is prepared in a glass tube and the moving medium containing a solution of the components is in liquid form. This is an example of column chromatography. This is very useful for purification of the elements which are available in minute quantities and the impurities are not very different in chemical properties from the element to be purified. There are several chromatographic techniques such as paper chromatography, column chromatography, gas chromatography, etc. Procedures followed in column chromatography have been depicted in the following figures.

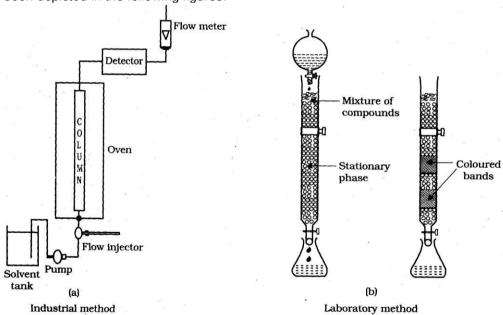


Fig. Schematic diagrams showing column chromatography

Chemical methods: These methods include the following methods:

#### (I) OXIDATIVE REFINING:

The method is used when the impurities present in the metal have a greater affinity for oxygen and are more readily oxidized than the metal. Then these oxides may be removed as follows:

- (a) These oxide may form a scum on the surface of the metal. This scum can easily be removed by skimming.
- (b) If the oxides are volatile, they escape from the mouth of the furnace.
- (c) The oxides may form a slag with the lining on the inside surface of the furnace and may thus be removed. In the formation of the slag, the lining acts as a flux.

This method is usually employed for refining metals like **Pb**, **Ag**, **Cu**, **Fe**, etc. In this method the molten impure metal is subjected to oxidation by various ways.



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### (i) Bessemerisation (Purification of iron):

The **iron** obtained from a blast furnace is a brittle material called cast iron or pig iron. It contains about 4% elemental C and smaller amounts of other impurities such as elemental Si, P, S and Mn that are formed from their compounds in the reducing atmosphere of the furnace. The most important of several methods for purifying the iron and converting it to steel is the basic oxygen process or oxidative refining. Molten iron from blast furnace is exposed to a jet of pure  $O_2$  gas for about 20 minutes in a furnace that is lined with basic oxide such as CaO. The impurities in the iron are oxidized and the acidic oxides that form react with basic CaO to yield a molten slag that can be poured off. Phosphorous, for example, is oxidized to  $P_4O_{10}$ , which then reacts with CaO to give molten  $Ca_3$  ( $PO_4$ )<sub>2</sub>.

$$\begin{array}{ll} P_4(I) + 5O_2(g) & \longrightarrow & P_4O_{10}(I) \\ 6 \ CaO(g) + P_4O_{10}(I) & \longrightarrow & 2Ca_3(PO_4)_2(I) \\ \text{Basic oxide} & \text{acidic oxide} & \text{slag} \end{array}$$

Mn also passes into the slag because its oxide is basic and reacts with SiO<sub>2</sub> yielding molten manganese silicate.

This process produces steel that contains about 1% carbon but only very small amount of P and S. Usually the composition of liquid steel is monitored by chemical analysis and the amount of oxygen and impure iron used are adjusted to achieve the desired concentration of carbon and other impurities.

#### (ii) Cupellation (removal of lead):

In this process the molten impure metal is heated in a cupel, which is boat-shaped dish made of bone ash or cement, and a blast of air is passed over the molten metal. The impurities are oxidized and the volatile oxides thus produced escape with the blast of air. The pure metal remains behind in the cupel. Pb present in silver is removed by cupellation process.

$$2 Pb(g) + O_2 \longrightarrow 2 PbO(g)$$

#### (II) PARTING PROCESS:

Crude gold obtained by MacArthur-Forrest cyanide and chlorination process contains **Ag, Cu, Zn, and sometimes Pb as impurity**. **Zn and Pb are** removed by cupellation process. Cu and Ag are removed by parting process.

- (i) Parting with sulfuric acid or nitric acid: Gold is not attacked by these acids while Cu and Ag dissolve. If, however, the Au content in an impure sample is more than 30%, the Cu and Ag are also not attacked by the acid of any strength. Hence, before the acid treatment, the impure sample is melted with necessary amount of Ag to reduce its gold content to about 25% (quartation). The resulting alloy, after being granulated in water, is boiled with H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or nitric acid when Cu and Ag pass into solution, leaving Au undissolved. Au is separated and fused again with borax and nitre when 100% Au is obtained.
- (ii) Parting with Cl<sub>2</sub>: Sometimes chlorine is used for the purification of Au. The impure sample of Au is fused with borax and Cl<sub>2</sub> gas is forced through it. The base metals are converted into chlorides that pass out as fumes at this high temperature, and AgCl forms a separate layer between the fused layer of Au and borax, which is skimmed off and the Au left behind cast into ingots.

#### (III) POLING PROCESS:

This process is used for the purification of **copper and tin**.

(i) Purification of impure copper: Impure copper is remelted in a reverberatory furnace lined with SiO<sub>2</sub> and a blast of O<sub>2</sub> is blows into the furnace. O<sub>2</sub> oxidises S, Sb and As to their respective oxides which, being, volatile, get volatilised and are thus removed. Fe is oxidised to FeO which forms a slag of FeSiO<sub>3</sub> with SiO<sub>2</sub> lining of the furnace. Molten copper left behind contains CuO as impurity. This molten copper is treated with powdered anthracite and then stirred with a pole of green wood. Green wood, at high temperature, liberates hydrocarbon gases, which are converted into methane (CH<sub>4</sub>). Methane thus obtained reduces CuO to free Cu-metal, which is about 99.5% pure and is called tough pitch copper.

Green wood 
$$\rightarrow$$
 Hydrocarbons  $\rightarrow$  CH<sub>4</sub>  
4CuO + CH<sub>4</sub>  $\rightarrow$  4Cu (pure metal) + CO<sub>2</sub> + 2H<sub>2</sub>O

(ii) Purification of impure tin: Impure tin metal contains the impurities of Cu, Fe, W and SnO<sub>2</sub>. The impurity of SnO<sub>2</sub> is due to the incomplete reduction of tin stone ore (SnO<sub>2</sub>) during smelting.



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In order to remove these impurities, the impure molten tin metal is taken in a big pot and stirred with a pole of green wood. Green wood, at high temperature liberates hydrocarbon gases, which are converted into methane CH<sub>4</sub>. Methane thus obtained reduces SnO<sub>2</sub> to pure metal while the impurities of Cu, Fe, W etc. come up to the surface, where they come in contact with air and are oxidised to their respective oxides. The oxides form a scum on the surface of pure tin metal. This scum is removed from the surface. Tin metal obtained by this method is 99% pure.

Green wood  $\rightarrow$  Hydrocarbon  $\rightarrow$  CH<sub>4</sub> 2SnO<sub>2</sub> + CH<sub>4</sub>  $\rightarrow$  2Sn + CO<sub>2</sub> + 2H<sub>2</sub>O

### (IV) ELECTROLYTIC REFINING:

Some metals such as **Cu**, **Ni**, **and Al** are refined electrolytically. The Hooper process is a process for the electrolytic refining of aluminum. Impure Al forms the anode and pure Al forms the cathode of the Hooper's cell which contains three liquid layers. The bottom layer is molten impure Al, the middle is a fused salt layer containing aluminum fluoride, and the top layer is pure Al. At the anode (bottom layer), Al passes with solution as aluminum ion (Al<sup>3+</sup>), and at the cathode (top layer), these ions are reduced to the pure metal. In operation, molten metal is added to the bottom of the cell and pure aluminum is drawn off the top.

At anode :  $AI \longrightarrow AI^{3+} + 3e^{-}$ At cathode :  $AI^{3+} + 3e^{-} \longrightarrow AI$ 

Copper obtained from the reduction of ores must be purified for use in making electrical wiring because impurities increase its electrical resistance. The method used is electro-refining.

Impure Cu obtained from ores is converted to pure Cu in an electrolyte cell that the impure copper as the anode an pure copper as the cathode. The electrolyte is an aqueous solution of  $CuSO_4$ . At the impure Cu anode, Cu is oxidized along with the more easily oxidized metallic impurities such as Zn and Fe. The less easily oxidized impurities such as Ag, Au, and Pt fall to the bottom of the cell as anode mud, which is reprocessed to recover the precious metals. At the pure Cu cathode,  $Cu^{2+}$  ions get reduced to pure copper metal, but the less easily reduced metal ions ( $Zn^{2+}$ ,  $Fe^{2+}$  and so forth) remain in the solution.

Anode (oxidation):  $M(s) \longrightarrow M^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-}$  (M = Cu, Zn, Fe) Cathode (reduction):  $Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Cu(s)$ 

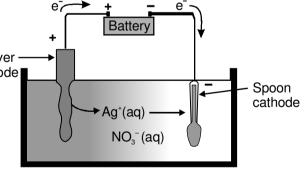
Thus, the net cell reaction simply involves transfer of Cu metal from the impure anode to the pure cathode, Cu obtained by this process is 99.95% pure.

## Solved Examples

**Ex-11** Sketch an electrolytic cell suitable for electroplating a silver spoon. Describe the electrode and the electrolyte. Label the anode and cathode, and indicate the direction of electron and Silverion flow. Write balanced equations for the anode anode and cathode half reaction.

**Sol.** Anode:  $Ag(s) \longrightarrow Ag^{+}(aq) + e^{-}$ Cathode:  $Ag^{+}(aq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow Ag(s)$ 

The overall reaction is transfer of Ag metal from silver anode to the silver spoon.



### (V) KROLL'S PROCESS:

$$TiCI_4 + 2 Mg \xrightarrow{1000-150^{\circ}C} Ti + 2 MgCI_2 \text{ (Kroll's process)}$$

$$TiCI_4 + 4 Na \xrightarrow[\text{under atmosphere of Ar}]{} Ti + 4 NaCI \text{ (Imperial metal industries (IMI) process)}$$

NaCl is leached with  $H_2O$ . Ti is in the form of small granules. These can be fabricated into metal parts using "powder forming" techniques and sintering in an inert atmosphere. Zr is also produced by Kroll's process.



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#### (VI) VAPOR PHASE REFINING:

#### (i) Extraction of Nickel (Mond's process):

**Nickel** is extracted from sulfide ore by roasting followed by reduction with carbon, but the process is complicated by the fact that nickel is found in association with other metals. The refining is rather unusual, for nickel forms a complex with carbon monoxide tetracarbonylnickel (O) [Ni(CO)4]. This substance is molecular in molecular in structure and readily volatilized (boiling point 43°C). It is made by heating nickel powder to 50°C, in a stream of CO and then decomposed at 200°C. Any impurity in the nickel sample remains in the solid state and the gas is heated to 230°C, when it decomposes, giving pure metal and CO, which is recycled. Ni(CO)4 is gaseous and may be produced by warming nickel with CO at 50°C.

The sequence of reaction is

$$H_2O(g) + C \longrightarrow CO(g) + H_2$$
  
 $Ni(s) + 4 CO(s) \xrightarrow{50^{\circ}C} [Ni(CO_4)] (g)$   
 $[Ni (CO)_4](g) \xrightarrow{200^{\circ}C} Ni + 4CO(g)$ 

#### (ii) Van Arkel-De Boer process :

Small amounts of very pure metals (**Ti, Zr, or Bi**) can be produced by this method. This process is based on the fact that iodides are the least stable of the halides. The impure element is heated with iodine, producing a volatile iodide, Til<sub>4</sub>, Zrl<sub>4</sub> or Bil<sub>3</sub>. These are decomposed by passing the gas over an electrically heated filament of tungsten or tantalum that is white hot. The element is deposited on the filament and the iodine is recycled. As more metal is deposited on the filament, it conducts electricity better. Thus, more electric current must be passed to keep it white hot. Thus the filament grows fatter and eventually the metal is recovered. The tungsten core is distilled out of the center and a small amount of high purity metal is obtained.

Impure Ti + 
$$2I_2 \xrightarrow{50-250^{\circ}C}$$
 TiI<sub>4</sub>  $\xrightarrow{1400^{\circ}C}$  Ti +  $2I_2$ 

The method is very expensive and is employed for the preparation of very pure metal for specific use.

#### (VII) PARKE'S PROCESS:

The removal of the impurities of Ag from the commercial **lead** is called desilverisation of lead and is done by **Parke's process**. Thus, Parke's process is the desilverisation of lead.

In Parke's process, the commercial lead, which contains Ag as impurities, is melted in iron pots and 1% of Zn is added to it. The molten mass is thoroughly agitated. Since Ag is about 300 times more soluble in Zn than in Pb, most of the Ag present in the commercial lead as impurity mixes with Zn, to form Zn–Ag alloy. When the whole is cooled, two layers are obtained. The upper layer contains Zn–Ag alloy in the solid state, while the lower layer has lead in the molten state. This lead contains only 0.0004% of Ag and hence is almost pure. Lead obtained after removing most of Ag from it (desilverisation of lead) by Parke's process, is called desilverised lead. This lead contains the impurities of metals like Zn, Au, Sb etc. These metal impurities are removed from desilverised lead by **Bett's electrolytic process.** 

Zn–Ag alloy, formed in the upper layer, is skimmed off from the surface of the molten lead by perforate ladles. This alloy contains lead as impurity. This impurity of Pb is removed from the alloy by **liquation process**, in which Zn–Ag alloy is heated in a slopping furnace, when the impurity of Pb melts and hence drains away from the solid alloy. Thus purified Zn–Ag is obtained. Now Ag can be obtained from this purified Zn–Ag alloy by **distillation process**, in which the alloy is heated strongly in presence of little carbon in a fire–clay retort. Zn, being more volatile, distills off while Ag remains in the retort, carbon used in the process reuses the oxide of Zn, if formed. Ag obtained from Zn–Ag alloy is contaminated with a little of Pb as impurity. This impurity of Pb placed in a cupel (cupel is a boat–shaped) dish made of bone ash which is porous in nature) in a reverberatory furnace and heated in the presence of air. By doing so, lead (impurity) is oxidised to PbO(litharge) which volatilises and pure Ag is left behind in the cupel. Last traces of PbO are absorbed by the porous mass of the cupel.

(VIII) Pudding process: This process is used for the manufacture of wrought iron from cast iron. We know that cast iron contains the impurities of C, S, Si, Mn and P. When these impurities are removed from cast iron, we get wrought iron. In this process the impurities are oxidised to their oxides not by blast of air but by the haematite (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) lining of the furnace.



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## **MISCELLANEOUS SOLVED PROBLEMS (MSPs)**

- 1. At a site, low grade copper ores are available and zinc and iron scraps are also available. Which of the two scraps would be more suitable for reducing the leached copper ore and why?
- **Sol.** Since zinc lies above iron in electrochemical series, it is more reactive than iron. As a result, if zinc scraps are used the reduction will be faster. However, zinc is a coastiler metal than iron. Therefore, it will be advisable and advantageous to use iron scraps.
- 2. A metal is extracted from its sulphide ore and the process of extraction involves the following steps.

Metal sulphide  $\xrightarrow{(A)}$  Concentrated ore  $\xrightarrow{(B)}$  Matte  $\xrightarrow{(C)}$  Impure metal  $\xrightarrow{(D)}$  Pure metal Identify the steps (A), (B), (C) and (D).

- **Sol.** (A) Froth floatation process. Sulphide ores are concentrated by froth-floatation process.
  - (B) Roasting. Metal sulphides are roasted to convert into metal oxide and to remove impurities.

In roasting;  $2CuFeS_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow Cu_2S + 2FeS + SO_2.$   $2FeS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2FeO + 2SO_2.$   $2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2.$   $FeO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow FeSiO_3$ 

(C) Bessemerisation/self reduction. Reduction of metal oxide by its sulphide takes place in Bessemer converter.

In Bessemerisation ;  $2Cu_2O + Cu_2S \longrightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$  (self - reduction)

- (D) Electro-refining. Pure metal is obtained at cathode;  $M^{n+} + ne^- \longrightarrow m$
- **3.** Write chemical equations for metallurgical processes to represent :
  - (i) roasting of galena (PbS) in limited supply of air at moderate temperature.
    - (ii) reduction of Cu<sub>2</sub>O using coke as a reducing agent.
    - (iii) deposition of pure silver from an aqueous solution of Ag+.
- Sol. (i) 2PbS + 3O<sub>2</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  2PbO + 2SO<sub>2</sub>; PbS + 2O<sub>2</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  PbSO<sub>4</sub> (ii) Cu<sub>2</sub>O + C  $\longrightarrow$  2Cu + CO (iii) Ag<sup>+</sup> + e<sup>-</sup>  $\xrightarrow{\text{(Electrolysis)}}$  Ag $\downarrow$  (at cathode)
- 4. Using data given below, predict whether the reduction of MgO with C is spontaneous or not at 1500°C.

**Sol.** The positive value of  $\Delta G^{\varrho}$  indicates that the reduction of MgO with C dose not occur to a significant extent at 1500°C .

 $\begin{array}{c} 2 \ C + O_2 \longrightarrow 2 \ CO \\ 2 \ MgO \longrightarrow 2 \ Mg + O_2 \\ \hline 2 \ MgO + 2C \longrightarrow 2Mg + 2CO \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \Delta G^2 \approx -530 \ kJ \\ \Delta G^2 \approx +730 \ kJ \\ \end{array}$  or  $\begin{array}{c} MgO + C \longrightarrow Mg + CO \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \Delta G^2 \approx -530 \ kJ \\ \Delta G^2 \approx +730 \ kJ \\ \end{array}$ 

- 5. Sea water  $\xrightarrow{(A)}$  Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>  $\xrightarrow{(B)}$  Mg CI<sub>2</sub>. 6H<sub>2</sub>O  $\xrightarrow{(C)}$  MgCI<sub>2</sub>  $\xrightarrow{(D)}$  Mg + CI<sub>2</sub>↑ Identify the reagents and processes (A) to (D) and give the name of this process.
- **Sol.** MgCl<sub>2</sub> (from sea water) + Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> (A)  $\rightarrow$  Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> $\downarrow$  + CaCl<sub>2</sub>;

 $\begin{array}{l} Mg(OH)_2 + 2HCI~(B) \rightarrow ~MgCl_2~(aq.) + 2H_2O \\ Crystallisation~of~MgCl_2(aq)~yields~MgCl_2.6H_2O \end{array}$ 

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{MgCI}_2 \text{ 6H}_2\text{O} & \xrightarrow{Calcination (C)} & \text{MgCI}_2 + \text{6H}_2\text{O} \\ & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & \text{Dry HCI} \end{array}$ 

Name of the process is Dow's process.

- **6.** Convert magnesite into anhydrous MgCl<sub>2</sub>.
- **Sol.** Mg CO<sub>3</sub>  $\stackrel{\triangle}{\longrightarrow}$  MgO + CO<sub>2</sub>. ; MgO + C + Cl<sub>2</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  MgCl<sub>2</sub> + CO



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- 7. Which is not the correct process-mineral matching in metallurgical extraction.
  - (A) Leaching
- silver
- (B) Zone refining

:

lead.

- (C) Liquation
- tin
- (D) Van Arkel
- Zr
- Sol. Lead is purified by Electro-refining. Zone refining is used for the purification of Si and Ge. Therefore, (B) option is correct.
- Tin stone, an oxide or of tin is amphoteric in nature. Explain. 8.
- Sol. Tin stone is cassiterite i.e. SnO<sub>2</sub>. SnO<sub>2</sub> dissolves in acid and alkali both, hence amphoteric oxide.

$$SnO_2 + 4HCI \longrightarrow SnCI_4 + 2H_2O$$

$$SnO_2 + 2NaOH \longrightarrow Na_2SnO_3 + H_2O$$

- 9. Select the incorrect statement.
  - (A) In the Bayer's Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> goes in to solution as soluble [Al(OH)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup> while other basic oxides as TiO<sub>2</sub> and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> remain insoluble
  - (B) Extraction of zinc from zinc blende is achieved by roasting followed by reduction with carbon.
  - (C) The methods chiefly used for the extraction of lead and tin are respectively carbon reduction and electrolytic reduction.
  - (D) Extractive metallurgy of magnesium involves fused salt electrolysis.
- Sol. Lead → self reduction: 2PbO + PbS - 3Pb + SO<sub>2</sub>

Tin  $\rightarrow$  carbon reduction, SnO<sub>2</sub> + 2C  $\longrightarrow$  Sn + 2CO

Therefore, (C) option is correct.

- 10. Which of the following is not an ore of iron?
  - (A) limonite
- (B) cassiterite
- (C) magnetite
- (D) none of these

Sol. SnO<sub>2</sub>, cassiterite is an ore of tin.

Therefore, (B) option is correct.

- In the extraction of copper from sulphide ore the metal is formed by reduction of Cu<sub>2</sub>O with: 11.
  - (A) FeS
- (B) CO
- (C) Cu<sub>2</sub>S
- (D) SO<sub>2</sub>

 $2Cu_2O + Cu_2S \xrightarrow{\Delta} 6Cu + SO_2$ Sol.

Therefore, (C) option is correct.

- 12. Which of the following is a carbonate ore?
  - (A) pyrolusite
- (B) malachite
- (C) diaspore
- (D) cassiterite

(A) pyrolusite (B) malach CuCO<sub>3</sub>.Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub> Malachite. Sol.

Therefore, (B) option is correct.

13. Column-I and column-II contains four entries each. Entries of column-I are to be matched with some entries of column-II. Each entry of column-I may have the matching with one or more than one entries of column-II.

	Column-I		Column-II
(A)	Pb	(p)	Bessemerisation
(B)	Cu	(q)	Roasting
(C)	Zn	(r)	Pyrometallurgy
(D)	Fe (pig iron)	(s)	Self-reduction method

- Ans.
- (A) q, r, s; (B) p, q, r, s; (C) q, r; (D) r;
- Sol.
- (A)  $2PbS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2PbO + 2SO_2$  (Roasting)

PbS + PbO<sub>2</sub>  $\xrightarrow{\Delta}$  2Pb + SO<sub>2</sub> (Self-reduction method)

(B)  $2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$  (Roasting)

 $Cu_2S + 2Cu_2O \xrightarrow{\Delta} 6Cu + SO_2$  (Self-reduction takes place in Bessemer converter)

(C)  $2ZnS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2ZnO + 2SO_2$  (Roasting)

 $ZnO + C \xrightarrow{\Delta} Zn + CO$  (Carbon reduction)

(D) Haematite ore is calcined.

$$3Fe_2O_3 + CO \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2Fe_3O_4 + CO_2$$

$$Fe_3O_4 + CO \xrightarrow{\Delta} 3FeO + CO_2$$

FeO + CO 
$$\stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow}$$
 Fe + CO<sub>2</sub>

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## **Exercise-1**

Marked questions are recommended for Revision.

## **PART - I: SUBJECTIVE QUESTIONS**

### Section (A): ORES & Method of concentration

- **A-1.** Name three ores which are concentrated by froth-floatation process.
- **A-2.** What is meant by a depressant?
- A-3. Which concentration method is used for separating tungsten ore particles from cassiterite ore (SnO<sub>2</sub>)?
- A-4. Which metals are obtained by self reduction of their ores?
- A-5. How carnallite ore is made anhydrous?
- **A-6.** What is the role of a stabiliser in froth-floatation process?

### Section (B): Thermodynamic Principles of metallurgy

- **B-1.** Out of C and CO, which is a better reducing agent for ZnO?
- B-2. Why the HgO decomposes into its constituent elements on heating?
- **B-3.** CuO is less reduced by carbon but more reduced by H<sub>2</sub>. Explain in terms of thermodynamics, given:  $\Delta G^{0}f$  for CuO = -129.7 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>, CO = -137.2 kJ mole<sup>-1</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O = -237.2 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>

### Section (C): Metallurgy of some useful metals

- **C-1.** Cinnabar (HgS) and galena (PbS) on roasting often give their respective metals but zinc blende (ZnS) does not. explain.
- C-2. Magnesium oxide is often used as the lining in steel making furnace, Explain.
- C-3. In the extraction of tin from tin stone addition of excess lime stone should be avoided. Why?
- C-4. In the extraction of lead from galena lime stone is added, why?
- **C-5.** Why excess of carbon is added in the zinc metallurgy?
- **C-6.** In the extractive metallurgy of iron from haematite ore, lime stone is added during smelting. Explain why.
- C-7. State the role of silica in the metallurgy of copper.

### Section (D): Electrochemical principles of metallurgy

- **D-1.** Why air is continuously passed through the suspension of the concentrated ore of silver, the argentite during leaching with the aqueous solution of sodium cyanide?
- **D-2.** Alkali metals and alkaline earth metals can only be extracted by electrolytic reduction of their fused salts, why?
- **D-3.** What is the role of cryolite in the metallurgy of aluminium?

### Section (E): Purification or Refining of Impure Metals

- E-1. Name the physical processes which are used for the purification of impure metals?
- **E-2.** Which impure metals are purified by Poling process?
- **E-3.** Give the name of the metals which are purified using vapour phase thermal decomposition method.

## PART - II: ONLY ONE OPTION CORRECT TYPE

#### Section (A): ORES & Method of Concentration

A-1. Calamine is an ore of :

(A) Zn (B) Mg

(C) Ca

(D) Pb



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A-2. Which of the following is not the ore of aluminium?

(A) Bauxite

(B) Corundum

(C) Langbeinite

(D) Kaolinite

**A-3.** Which of the following is not an ore?

(A) Malachite

(B) Calamine

(C) Salt cake

(D) Cerussite

A-4. Which of the following set of metals mostly found as sulphide ores:

(A) Zn, Cu, Mg

(B) Zn, Cu, Pb

(C) Fe, Al, Ti

(D) Cu, Ag, Au

A-5. The formula of carnallite is:

(A) LiAl(Si<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

(B) KCI.MgCl<sub>2</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O

(C) K<sub>2</sub>O.Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.6SiO<sub>2</sub>

(D) KCI.MgCl<sub>2</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O

A-6. Magnetic separation process may be used for the concentration of :

(A) chalcopyrite

(B) bauxite

(C) haematite

(D) calamine

A-7. Which mineral has been named incorrectly?

(A) Bauxite

Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>,2H<sub>2</sub>O

(B) Corundum:

Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

(C) Cryolite : 3NaF .AIF<sub>3</sub>

(D) Feldspar :

Be<sub>3</sub>Al<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>6</sub>O<sub>18</sub>

A-8. Black tin is

(A) an alloy of Sn

(B) an allotrope of Sn

(C) 60-70 percent SnO<sub>2</sub>

(D) 100 percent SnO<sub>2</sub>

A-9. NaCN is sometimes added in the froth flotation process as a depressant when ZnS and PbS minerals are expected because :

(A) Pb(CN)<sub>2</sub> is precipitated while no effect on ZnS.

(B) ZnS forms soluble complex Na<sub>2</sub>[Zn(CN)<sub>4</sub>] while PbS forms froth

(C) PbS forms soluble complex Na<sub>2</sub>[Pb(CN)<sub>4</sub>] while ZnS forms froth.

(D) NaCN is never added in froth floatation process.

A-10. Which one of the following reactions represents a calcination reaction?

(A) HgS +  $O_2 \rightarrow Hg + SO_2$ 

(B) AgNO<sub>3</sub> + NaCl → AgCl + NaNO<sub>3</sub>

(C)  $CuCO_3$ . $Cu(OH)_2 \rightarrow CuO + CO_2 + H_2O$ 

(D)  $Al_2O_3 + NaOH \rightarrow NaAlO_2 + H_2O$ 

## Section (B): Thermodynamic Principles of Metallurgy

**B-1.** Selection of temperature to carry out a reduction process depends so as to make :

(A)  $\Delta G$  negative

(B)  $\Delta G$  positive

(C) ∆H negative

(D)  $\Delta H$  positive

B-2.> Ellingham diagram represents:

(A) change of  $\Delta G$  with temperature.

(B) change of  $\Delta H$  with temperature.

(C) change of  $\Delta G$  with pressure.

(D) change of  $(\Delta G - T\Delta S)$  with temperature.

B-3. Which of the following represents the thermite reaction?

(A)  $3Mn_3O_4 + 8AI \rightarrow 9Mn + 4AI_2O_3$ 

(B)  $MgCO_3 + SiO_2 \rightarrow MgSiO_3 + CO_2$ 

(C)  $Cu_2S + 2Cu_2O \rightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$ 

(D)  $Fe_2O_3 + 3CO \rightarrow 2Fe + 3CO_2$ 

## Section (C): Metallurgy of some useful metals

C-1. Self-reduction of Cu<sub>2</sub>S to Cu can be carried out in.

(A) bessemer convertor

(B) blast furnace

(C) both (A) and (B)

(D) none of these

**C-2.** Blister copper is:

(A) impure copper.

(B) obtained in self reduction process during bessemerisation.

(C) both (A) and (B) are correct.

(D) none is correct.



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#### C-3. Main source of lead is PbS. It is converted to Pb by :

(X): 
$$PbS \xrightarrow{air} PbO + SO_2$$
  
 $\downarrow C \longrightarrow Pb + CO_2$ 

$$(Y): PbS \xrightarrow{air} PbO + PbS \xrightarrow{\Delta} Pb + SO_2$$

$$(Z): PbS \xrightarrow{air} PbO + SO_2$$

$$\xrightarrow{\Delta} PbO + SO_2$$

$$\xrightarrow{LCO} Pb + CO_2$$

Self - reduction process is :

- (A) X
- (B) Y
- (C) Z
- (D) none

### C-4. Identify the metal M whose extraction is based on the following reactions :

$$MS + 2O_2 \rightarrow MSO_4$$

$$2MS + 3O_2 \rightarrow 2MO + 2SO_2$$

$$MS + 2MO \rightarrow 3M + SO_2$$

$$MS + MSO_4 \rightarrow 2M + 2SO_2$$

- (A) magnesium
- (B) aluminium
- (C) lead
- (D) tin

#### C-5. Which of the following reactions represents the self-reduction process?

- $\lceil HgS + O_2 \rightarrow HgO + SO_2 \rceil$  $HgO + HgS \rightarrow Hg + SO_2$

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{(B)} \ \begin{cases} Cu_2S+O_2 \rightarrow Cu_2O+SO_2 \\ Cu_2S+Cu_2O \rightarrow Cu+SO_2 \end{cases} \end{array}$ 

(C)  $\begin{cases} PbS + O_2 \rightarrow PbO + SO_2 \\ PbO + PbS \rightarrow Pb + SO_2 \end{cases}$ 

(D) All of these

## Section (D): Electrochemical Principles of Metallurgy

#### Magnesium is extracted from ore carnallite by:

- (A) the self-reduction process
- (B) the carbon-reduction process
- (C) the electrolytic process
- (D) treating the ore with aqueous NaCN and then reducing the mixture

#### NaCl and CaCl<sub>2</sub> are added to fused MgCl<sub>2</sub> in the electrolysis of MgCl<sub>2</sub> since: D-2.

- (A) melting point is decreased and conductivity is increased.
- (B) melting point is increased and conductivity is decreased.
- (C) melting point and conductivity both are decreased.
- (D) melting point and conductivity both are increased.

#### D-3. Which of the following metals cannot be extracted by the carbon reduction process?

- (A) Zn
- (B) Fe
- (C) AI
- (D) Sn

### **D-4.** ■ In electrolysis of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> by Hall-Heroult process :

- (A) cryolite Na<sub>3</sub>[AIF<sub>6</sub>] lowers the melting point of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and increases its electrical conductivity.
- (B) Al is obtained at cathode and probably CO<sub>2</sub> at anode
- (C) both (A) and (B) are correct
- (D) none of the above is correct

#### D-5. During the electrolytic reduction of aluminium, the carbon anodes are replaced from time to time because:

- (A) the carbon anodes get decayed
- (B) the carbon prevents atmospheric oxygen from coming in contact with aluminium
- (C) oxygen liberated at the carbon anodes reacts with anodes to form CO and CO<sub>2</sub>
- (D) carbon converts Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> to Al

## Section (E): Purification or Refining of Impure Metals

- E-1. Poling process:
  - (A) reduces SnO<sub>2</sub> to Sn

(B) oxidises impurities like iron and removes as scum

(C) uses green poles

(D) all of the above are correct

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**E-2.** Aluminium metal is purified by :

(A) Hoop's process
(C) Serpeck's process
(D) Baeyer's process

E-3. High purity copper metal is obtained by:

(A) carbon reduction (B) hydrogen reduction (C) electrolytic reduction (D) thermite reduction

**E-4.** In the electrolytic refining of lead, Sb, Cu, Ag and Au are found:

(A) on anode (B) in electrolyte solution (C) in anode mud (D) in cathode mud

**E-5.** The anode mud in the electrolytic refining of silver contains :

(A) Zn, Cu, Ag, Au (B) Zn, Ag, Au (C

(C) Cu, Ag, Au

(D) Au only

**E-6.** Silver can be separated from lead by :

(A) fractional crystallisation (B) liquation

(C) cupellation (D) addition of zinc (Parke's method)

E-7. The method of zone refining of metals is based on the principle of :

(A) greater mobility of the pure metal than that of impurity

(B) higher melting point of the impurity than that of the pure metal

(C) greater noble character of the solid metal than that of the impurity

(D) greater solubility of the impurity in the molten state than in the solid

E-8. Which does not represent correct method?

(A)  $TiCl_2 + 2Mg \xrightarrow{\cdot} Ti + 2MgCl_2$  : Kroll (B)  $Ni(CO)_4 \longrightarrow Ni + 4CO$  : Mond (C)  $Ag_2CO_3 \longrightarrow 2Ag + CO_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2$  : Van Arkel (D)  $Zrl_4 \longrightarrow Zr + 2l_2$  : Van Arkel

## PART - III: MATCH THE COLUMN

1. Match the reactions listed in column (I) with processes listed in column (II).

	Column-I		Column-II
	(reactions)		(processes)
(A)	$4 \text{ Au} + 8 \text{ NaCN} + 2 \text{ H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2 \text{ (air)} \longrightarrow 4 \text{ Na[Au(CN)}_2] + 4 \text{ NaOH}$	(p)	Leaching
(B)	$CuFeS_2 + 2 H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow CuSO_4 + FeSO_4 + 2H_2S$	(q)	Smelting
(C)	$CaO + SiO_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} CaSiO_3$	(r)	Hydrometallurgy
(D)	$MgCl_2.6H_2O \xrightarrow{\Delta} MgCl_2 + 6H_2O$	(s)	Calcination

2. Column-I and Column-II contains four entries each. Entries of Column-I are to be matched with some entries of Column-II. One or more than one entries of Column-I may have the matching with the same entries of Column-II.

	Column-I		Column-II
	(Reaction)		(Process)
(A)	$FeO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow FeSiO_3$	(p)	Calcination
(B)	$3Mn_3O_4 + 8Al \longrightarrow 4Al_2O_3 + 9Mn$	(q)	Displacement method
(C)	$Cu_2S + 2Cu_2O \xrightarrow{\Delta} 6 Cu + SO_2$	(r)	Smelting
(D)	$2AI(OH)_3 \xrightarrow{\Delta} AI_2O_3 + 3H_2O$	(s)	Thermite process
(E)	$2Na[Ag(CN)_2] + Zn \longrightarrow Na_2[Zn(CN)_4] + 2Ag$	(t)	Bessemerisation



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3. Match the purification processes given in Column-I with the metal(s) given in Column-II.

	Column-I		Column-II
(A)	Poling	(p)	Titanium
(B)	Cupellation	(q)	Copper
(C)	Liquation	(r)	Silver
(D)	Van Arkel method	(s)	Tin

4.a Match the ores given in column-I with type(s) of processes given in column-II.

	Column-I		Column-II
(A)	Haematite	(p)	Slag formation during roasting/smelting and bessemerisation.
(B)	Copper pyrites	(q)	Reduction by carbon monoxide/carbon at different temperatures.
(C)	Carnallite	(r)	Electrolytic reduction.
(D)	Bauxite	(s)	Calcination.

## Exercise-2

Marked questions are recommended for Revision.

## PART - I: ONLY ONE OPTION CORRECT TYPE

1. Match Column-I with Column-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below:

	Column-I		Column-II
	(Metals)		(Ores)
(A)	Tin	(p)	Calamine
(B)	Zinc	(q)	Cassiterite
(C)	Iron	(r)	Cerrusite
(D)	Lead	(s)	Siderite

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	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
(A)	р	q	r	S	(B)	q	р	S	r
(C)	S	r	q	р	(D)	q	р	r	s

- 2. Which is not correct statement?
  - (A) Cassiterite, chromite and haematite may be concentrated by hydraulic washing (Tabling).
  - (B) Pure Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is obtained from the bauxite ore by leaching in the Bayer's process.
  - (C) Sulphide ore is concentrated by calcination method.
  - (D) Roasting can convert sulphide into oxide or sulphate and part of sulphide may also act as a reducing agent.
- 3. Bauxite is leached with:

(A) KCI

(B) NaCN

(C) NaOH

(D) Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

**4.** Froth floatation process for the concentration of sulphide ores is an illustration of the practical application of:

(A) adsorption

(B) absorption

(C) sedimentation

(D) coagulation

5.a Which one of the following is not a method of concentration of ore?

(A) electromagnetic separation

(B) smelting

(C) gravity separation

(D) froth floatation process

**6.** The metal which mainly occurs as oxide ore in nature is :

(A) gold

(B) lead

(C) aluminium

(D) magnesium

7. The reason, for floating of ore particles in concentration by froth floatation process is that :

(A) they are light

(B) they are insoluble

(C) they are charged

(D) they are hydrophobic



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- 8.<sub>28</sub> Choose the correct option using the code regarding roasting process.
  - (I) It is the process of heating the ore in air in a reverberatory furnace to obtain the oxide.
  - (II) It is an exothermic process.
  - (III) It is used for the concentration of sulphide ore.
  - (IV) It removes easily oxidisable volatile impurities present in the concentrated ore.
  - (A) I, II and III
- (B) I, II and IV
- (C) I, III and IV
- (D) I, II, III and IV
- Select correct statement for decomposition of metal oxide into solid/liquid metal and oxygen? 9.3
  - (A) Entropy increases.
  - (B) It is an endothermic change.
  - (C) To make  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  negative, temperature should be high enough so that  $T\Delta S^{\circ} > \Delta H^{\circ}$ .
  - (D) All are correct statements.
- هز.10 A sulphide ore like ZnS is first roasted into its oxide prior to reduction by carbon because:
  - (A) a sulphide ore cannot be reduced to metal at all
  - (B) no reducing agent is found suitable for reducing a sulphide ore.
  - (C) the Gibb's free energy of formation of most sulphides are less than that for CS<sub>2</sub>.
  - (D) a metal oxide is generally less stable than the metal sulphide.
- 11. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the slag obtained during the extraction of a metal like copper or iron?
  - (A) The slag is lighter and has lower melting point than the metal
  - (B) The slag is heavier and has lower melting point than the metal
  - (C) The slag is lighter and has higher melting point than the metal
  - (D) The slag is heavier and has higher melting point than the metal
- 12. The slag consists of molten impurities, generally, in the form of:
  - (A) metal carbonate
- (B) metal silicate
- (C) metal oxide
- (D) metal nitrate
- In the metallurgy of iron, the upper layer obtained in the bottom of blast furnace mainly contains: 13.
  - (A) CaSiO<sub>3</sub>
- (B) spongy iron
- (C) Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
- (D) FeSiO<sub>3</sub>
- Which one of the following reactions occurs during smelting in the reduction zone at lower temperature 14.5 (in the top zone in blast furnace in iron metallurgy)?
  - (A) CaO + SiO<sub>2</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  CaSiO<sub>3</sub> (slag) (B) Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + 3C  $\longrightarrow$  2Fe + CO

  - (C)  $3Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow 2Fe_3O_4 + CO_2$
  - (D)  $CO_2 + C \longrightarrow 2CO$
- Magnesium is extracted by electrolysing fused magnesium chloride containing NaCl & CaCl2 using: 15.8
  - (A) a nickel cathode and a graphite anode.
  - (B) the iron container as anode and a nickel cathode.
  - (C) the iron container as cathode and a graphite rod as anode.
  - (D) the nickel container as cathode and iron anode.
- 16. The process of the isolation of a metal by dissolving the ore in a suitable chemical reagent followed by precipitation of the metal by a more electropositive metal is called:
  - (A) hydrometallurgy

(B) electrometallurgy

(C) zone refining

- (D) electro-refining
- 17.5 Which method of purification is represented by the equations?

nethod of purification is represented by the Ti+2I<sub>2</sub> 
$$\xrightarrow{500~\text{K}}$$
 TiI<sub>4</sub>  $\xrightarrow{1675~\text{K}}$  Ti+2I<sub>2</sub> (Pure)

- (A) Cupellation
- (B) Poling
- (C) Van Arkel
- (D) Zone refining
- Select correct statement regarding silver extraction / purification process. 18.es
  - (A) When the lead-silver alloy is rich in silver, lead is removed by the cupellation process.
  - (B) Lead is removed from argentiferous lead by Parke's process.
  - (C) Zinc forms an alloy with lead, from which lead is separated by distillation.
  - (D) Zinc forms an alloy with silver, from which zinc is separated by distillation.

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19. Formation of volatile Ni(CO)4 and then its subsequent decomposition into Ni and CO makes basis of Mond's process:

Ni + 4CO  $\xrightarrow{T_1}$  Ni(CO)<sub>4</sub>  $\xrightarrow{T_2}$  Ni + 4CO, T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>2</sub> are:

- (A) 100°C, 50°C
- (B) 50°C, 100°C
- (C) 50°C, 200°C
- (D) 200°C, 50°C
- 20. Which one of the following processes involves the principle of fractional crystallisation for the refining of impure metals?
  - (A) Parke's process
- (B) Mond's process
- (C) Van Arkel process (D) Zone refining
- 21.5 In Van Arkel method, if I<sub>2</sub> is introduced at 1800 K over impure zirconium metal, the product will be:
  - (A) iodide of the metal

- (B) pure metal
- (C) impurities react with iodine
- (D) none of these

## PART - II : SINGLE AND DOUBLE VALUE INTEGER TYPE

- 1. How many of the following are oxides ores.
  - (i) Carnallite
- (ii) Cuprite
- (iii) Cassiterite
- (iv) Chromite
- (v) Cinnabar

- (vi) Calamine
- (vii) Cerussite
- (viii) Chalcopyrite
- (ix) Chalcocite.
- In an ore of iron, iron is present in two oxidation state, Fe<sup>n+</sup> and Fe<sup>(n+1)+</sup> 2.3 Number of  $Fe^{(n+1)+}$  is twice the number of  $Fe^{n+}$ .

If empirical formula of ore is Fe<sub>x</sub>O. Calculate value of  $[x \times 100]$ .

- 3. In extraction of metal how many of the following ores involve calcination process.
  - (i) Dolomite
- (ii) Malachite
- (iii) Calcite
- (iv) Copperpyrites
- (v) Sylvine

- (vi) Cryolite
- (vii) Siderite
- (viii) Iron pyrite (ix) Argentite
- How many of the following metallurgies involve leaching? 4.8
  - (i)  $Al_2O_3 \longrightarrow Al$ ; (ii)  $Ag_2S \longrightarrow Ag$ ; (iii)  $Au \longrightarrow Au$ ; (iv)  $CuFeS_2 \longrightarrow Cu$ ; (v)  $PbS \longrightarrow Pb$ (vi) MgCl<sub>2</sub> → Mg; (vii) FeCO<sub>3</sub> → Fe; (viii) Low grade copper ore → Cu; (ix) HgS → Hg
- 5.3 Among the following metals how many metals are extracted by self-reduction method from their respective ores. Hg, Zn, Cu, Al, Mg, Pb, Fe, Sn.
- 6. Number of metals among following which are obtained by electrometallurgy in molten state are. Li, Ba, Na, Al, Fe, Cu, Pb, Sn, Ag, Au, Zn, Ca, Mg
- 7. The number of reducing agents involved in the extraction of iron (as pig iron) using blast furnace from ore haematite is(are).
- 8. How many of following are correctly matched for electrolytic reduction in molten state.

	Ore	Reagent / Process	Remark
(a)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	AIF <sub>3</sub> and CaF <sub>2</sub> added	Decrease M.P.
(b)	MgCl <sub>2</sub>	KCI, CaCl <sub>2</sub>	Increase conductivity
(c)	NaCl	AICI <sub>3</sub>	Decrease M.P.
(d)	AIF <sub>3</sub>	Haroult process	Al form at anode
(e)	MgBr <sub>2</sub>	Dow process	Br <sub>2</sub> form at anode
(f)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	conc. NaOH	Leaching process
(g)	Carnallite	Dow process	Directly applied to carnallite crystals.

- 9.3 How many of the following reduction processes are correct:
  - (1)  $B_2O_3 + AI \xrightarrow{\Delta} B$ .
- (2)  $Cr_2O_3 + 2AI \xrightarrow{\Delta} Cr$ .
- (3) TiCl<sub>4</sub> + Mg  $\stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow}$  Ti.
- (4) PbS + PbO  $\stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow}$  Pb.
- (5)  $3\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{CO} \longrightarrow 2\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4 + \text{CO}_2$ (7)  $2Cu_2O + Cu_2S \longrightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$
- (6)  $Fe_3O_4 + CO \longrightarrow 3FeO + CO_2$ (8)  $SnO_2 + C \longrightarrow SnO + CO$
- 10. The minimum voltage required to electrolyse of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in the Hall-Heroult process is

Given :  $\Delta G^{\circ}_{f}$  (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) = -1520 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> ;

 $\Delta G^{\circ}_{f}$  (CO<sub>2</sub>) = -394 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>

If net reaction in Hall-Heroult process is: 3C + 2Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ---> 4Al + 3CO<sub>2</sub>

(Report your answer as voltage × 10)



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- 11.3 Calculate mass of Zn (at. mass = 65) required to recover Ag from a 500 ml solution of 0.5 M sodium argento cyanide (Give your answer by multiplying 8).
- What is the value of  $\frac{\Delta G^2}{10}$  required in kJ/mole for prepration of Mg from Dow's process using 2.02 12. voltage.
- 13. Oxidation state of Zr in the compound formed by it in Van Arkel process: '\ell'

Bond order of the gas involved in Mond's process = 'm'

Total number of ions present in one formula unit of Thomas slag obtained during Bassemerisation of iron = 'n'

Report your answer as  $(\ell \times m \times n)$ 

How many of the following process of refining is/are chemical methods. 14.5

(i) Liquation process

(ii) Fractional distillation process

(iii) Zone refining method (vi) Poling process

(iv) Chromato graphic method (vii) Hoop's process

(viii) Kroll's process

(v) Cupellation

(ix) Mond's process

## PART - III: ONE OR MORE THAN ONE OPTIONS CORRECT TYPE

1. Which of the following manufactured by the electrolysis of their fused salts.

(A) Copper

(B) Sodium

(C) Aluminium

(D) Platinum

- 2.3 On the basis of ellingham diagram plotted for formation of metal oxide from metal and one mole of oxygen, which of the following is/are correct.
  - (A) Entropy change for all metal oxides is roughly same.
  - (B) Below the boiling point, 'T $\Delta$ S' factor is nearly same irrespective of metal.
  - (C) Above  $\Delta G = 0$  line, oxide decomposes into metal & oxygen.
  - (D) If randomness increases the slope increases
- The smelting of iron in a blast furnace involves, which of the following process/(es)? 3.3

(A) Combustion

(B) Reduction

(C) Slag formation

(D) Sublimation

- 4. Addition of high proportion of manganese makes steel useful in making rails of rail roads, because manganese:
  - (A) gives hardness to steel

(B) helps the formation of oxides of iron

(C) can remove oxygen and sulphur

- (D) can show highest oxidation state of +7
- Complexes formed in the cynide process are: 5.3

 $(A) [Au(CN)_2]^-$ 

(B)  $[Ag(CN)_2]^-$ 

(C) [Cu(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2-</sup>

(D) [Zn(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2-</sup>

In poling process of purification of Cu, O<sub>2</sub> oxidises following group of elements: 6.

(A) S, Sb, As

(B) Sb, As, Fe

(C) S, Sb, As

(D) As, Ag, Au

Which of the following process(es) occur(s) during the extraction of copper from chalcopyrites? 7.3

(A) Froth floatation

(B) Roasting

(C) Bessemerisation

(D) calcination

- Calcium silicate (slag) formed in the slag formation zone in extraction of iron from haematite ore: 8.3
  - (A) does not dissolve in molten iron.
  - (B) being lighter floats on the molten iron
  - (C) is used in cement industry and as building material.
  - (D) prevents the re-oxidation of molten iron.
- Which of the following statement(s) is (are) incorrect? 9.3
  - (A) In Serpeck's process silica is removed by heating the bauxite to 1800°C with coke in a current of N<sub>2</sub>
  - (B) In extraction of lead from galena roasting and self reduction takes place in the same furnace but under different conditions of temperature and supply of air
  - (C) The tin is obtained by the carbon reduction of black tin.
  - (D) None
- 10. Parting of gold may be done with:

(A) Sulphuric acid

(B) Sodium hydroxide (C) Borax

(D) Chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>)



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- **11.** Liquation process may be applied for the purification of :
  - (A) copper
- (B) tin
- (C) iron
- (D) zinc
- **12.** Of the following reduction processes, the correct process(es) is/are:
  - (A)  $Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow Fe + CO_2$
- (B)  $ZnO + C \longrightarrow Zn + CO$
- (C)  $Cu_2O + Cu_2S \longrightarrow Cu + SO_2$
- (D)  $PbO + C \longrightarrow Pb + CO$
- **13.** Roasting of copper pyrites is done:
  - (A) to remove moisture.
  - (B) to oxidise free sulphur and antimony.
  - (C) to convert pyrites completely into Cu<sub>2</sub>O and FeO.
  - (D) to remove volatile organic impurities.
- 14. Select the correct statement(s) with respect to the differences between roasting and calcination.
  - (A) In roasting at higher temperature sulphide ores of the some metal like Cu, Pb, Hg etc. are reduced directly to metal but not in calcination.
  - (B) Partial fusion occurs in calcination but not in roasting.
  - (C) Calcination is done in limited supply of air or absence of air but in roasting supply of excess air is required.
  - (D) Combustion reaction occurs in roasting but not in calcination.

## **PART - IV : COMPREHENSION**

#### Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.

### Comprehension # 1

Amongst the various ores of a metal (M) (sulphide, carbonates, oxides, hydrated or hydroxides) two ores [X] and [Y] show the following reactivity.

- (i) [X] on calcination gives a black solid (S), water and a colourless gas which produces milkyness when passed through lime water. But this colourless gas does not decolourise the acidified KMNO<sub>4</sub>.
- (ii) [X] dissolved in dilute HCl on reaction with KI gives a white precipitate (P) and iodine gas.
- (iii)  $[\dot{Y}]$  on roasting at high temperature gives metal (M) and a gas  $(\dot{G}_1)$  which turns starch iodate solution blue.
- (iv) [Y] on reaction with dilute HCl gives a white precipitate (MS) and another gas  $(G_2)$  which turns lead acetate solution black and also reacts with gas  $(G_1)$  to precipitate colloidal sulphur in presence of moisture.

The M, S, [X] and [Y] gives greenish blue flame.

- **1.** The metal ores [X] and [Y] are respectively :
  - (A) Carbonate and sulphide ores
- (B) Sulphide and carbonate ores
- (C) Carbonate and hydroxide ores
- (D) Carbonate and oxide ores
- 2. Which of the following statements is correct about [Y]?
  - (A) [Y] is converted to metal (M) by self reduction.
  - (B) Carbonate extract of [Y] gives yellow precipitate with suspension of CdCO<sub>3</sub>.
  - (C) [Y] is copper glance or copper pyrite
  - (D) All of these
- 3. The gas  $(G_1)$  acts as
  - (A) oxidising agent

- (B) reducing agent
- (C) oxidising and reducing agent
- (D) fluxing agent
- **4.** The white precipitate (P) is of :
  - (A)  $Cu_2I_2$
- (B) Cul<sub>2</sub>
- (C)  $K_2[Cul_4]$
- (D) none

- **5.** Identify the correct statement about [X].
  - (A) It is malachite or azurite ore
  - (B) Its solution in dil. HCl gives white ppt of Cu<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub> with KI
  - (C) It on calcination gives black cupric oxide
  - (D) All of these



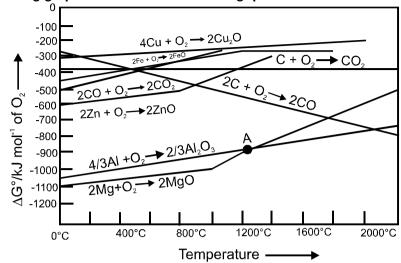
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#### Comprehension # 2

### Read the following graph and answer the following questions.



**6.** At what approximate temperature, zinc and carbon have equal affinity for oxygen.

(A) 1000°C

(B) 1500°C

(C) 500°C

(D) 1200°C

7. To make the following reduction process spontaneous, temperature should be:

 $ZnO + C \longrightarrow Zn + CO$ 

 $(A) < 1000^{\circ}C$ 

 $(B) > 1000^{\circ}C$ 

(C) < 500°C

(D)  $> 500^{\circ}$ C but  $< 1000^{\circ}$ C

- 8.a Which of the following statement is true?
  - (A) In the extractive metallurgy of iron, the reduction of calcined / roasted haematite ore in blast furnace takes place in the lower temperature range as well as in the higher temperature range by carbon monoxide and carbon respectively.
  - (B) The reduction of zinc oxide by carbon takes place at higher temperature than that in case of copper.
  - (C) It is quite easy to reduce oxide ores of copper directly to the metal by heating with coke after 500-600K.
  - (D) All of these

#### Comprehension #3

# Answer Q.9, Q.10 and Q.11 by appropriately matching the information given in the three columns of the following table.

The scientific and technological process used for the extraction isolation of the metal from its are is called as metallurgy. Following information is given in columns:

Column-1 : Ore

Column-2: Process desirable in metallurgy.

Column-3: Process involved in column-II.

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	Column-1	Column-2		Column-3			
(I)	Copper pyrite	(i)	Dow's process	(P)	Electrolytic reduction in fused state		
(II)	Bauxite	(ii)	Mac-Arthur Forrest process	(Q)	Molten MgCl <sub>2</sub> + CaCl <sub>2</sub> + NaCl electrolysis		
(III)	Silver argentite	(iii)	Hall-Heroult process	(R)	Molten impure aluminum + fluorides of Na+, Ba <sup>2+</sup> and Al <sup>3+</sup> electrolysis		
(IV)	MgCl <sub>2</sub> from sea water	(iv)	Hoop's process	(S)	Complex formation and displacement by metal.		

**9.** For Ag, the only correct combination is :

(A) (III) (i) (S)

(B) (III) (iv) (P)

(C) (III) (ii) (S)

(D) (III) (iii) (R)

10. Metal which is obtained from carnallite can be extracted by following combination:

(A) (III) (iii) (R)

(B) (II) (iv) (S)

(C) (IV) (i) (S)

(D) (IV) (i) (Q)

**11.** Select the only correct combination for Al:

(A) (II) (iv) (P)

(B) (II) (iii) (R)

(C) (II) (iii) (S)

(D) (II) (iv) (R)



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## Exercise-3

\* Marked Questions may have more than one correct option.

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

1. In the process of extraction of gold,

Roasted gold ore + 
$$CN^- + H_2O \xrightarrow{O_2} [X] + OH^-$$

$$[X] + Zn \longrightarrow [Y] + Au$$

Identify the complexes [X] and [Y].

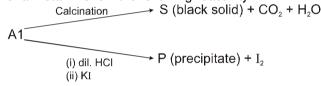
[JEE-2003(S), 3/84]

(B)  $X = [Au(CN)_4]^{3-}, Y = [Zn(CN)_4]^{2-}$ (D)  $X = [Au(CN)_4]^-, Y = [Zn(CN)_4]^{2-}$ 

- (A)  $X = [Au(CN)_2]^-$ ,  $Y = [Zn(CN)_4]^{2-}$ (C)  $X = [Au(CN)_2]^-$ ,  $Y = [Zn(CN)_5]^{4-}$
- 2. Write down the reaction involved in the extraction of lead. What is the oxidation number of lead in litharge? [JEE-2003(M), 2/60]
- 3. Pb and Sn are extracted from their chief ores by:

[JEE-2004(S), 3/84]

- (A) carbon reduction and self reduction.
- (B) self reduction and carbon reduction.
- (C) electrolytic reduction and self reduction.
- (D) self reduction and electrolysis.
- 4. Two ores A1 and A2 of a metal M show the following reactivity:



G Acidified K₂Cr₂O₁ solution green solution

Write the chemical formulae of A1, A2, S, P and G. Explain using required chemical reactions.

[JEE-2004, 4/144]

5. Which of the following ore contains both Fe and Cu? [JEE - 2005, 3/144]

- (A) Chalcopyrite
- (B) Malachite
- (C) Cuprite
- (D) Azurite
- 6. Match the extraction processes listed in column-I with metals listed in column-II. [JEE - 2006, 6/184]

	Column-I		Column-II
(A)	Self reduction	(p)	Lead
(B)	Carbon reduction	(q)	Silver
(C)	Complex formation and displacement by metal	(r)	Copper
(D)	Decomposition of iodide	(s)	Boron

7. Extraction of zinc from zinc blende is achieved by : [JEE - 2007, 3/162]

- (A) electrolytic reduction
- (B) roasting followed by reduction with carbon
- (C) roasting followed by reduction with another metal
- (D) roasting followed by self-reduction
- 8. Native silver metal forms a water soluble complex with a dilute aqueous solution of NaCN in the presence of: [JEE - 2008, 3/163]
  - (A) nitrogen
- (B) oxygen
- (C) carbon dioxide
- (D) argon

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9. Match the conversions in Column-I with the type(s) of reaction(s) given in Column-II. [JEE-2008, 6/163]

	Column-I		Column-II
(A)	$PbS \rightarrow PbO$	(p)	Roasting
(B)	CaCO <sub>3</sub> → CaO	(q)	Calcination
(C)	$ZnS \rightarrow Zn$	(r)	Carbon reduction
(D)	$Cu_2S \rightarrow Cu$	(s)	Self reduction

#### Comprehension:

Copper is the most noble of the first row transition metals and occurs in small deposits in several countries, Ores of copper include chalcanthite (CuSO<sub>4</sub>.5H<sub>2</sub>O), atacamite (Cu<sub>2</sub>Cl(OH)<sub>3</sub>), cuprite (Cu<sub>2</sub>O), copper glance (Cu<sub>2</sub>S) and malachite (Cu<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>). However, 80% of the world copper production comes from the ore chalcopyrite (CuFeS<sub>2</sub>). The extraction of copper from chalcopyrite involves partial roasting, removal of iron and self-reduction.

10.	Partial roasting of Chalcopyrite produces:	[JEE - 2010, 3/163]
		[,]

(A) Cu<sub>2</sub>S and FeO (B) Cu<sub>2</sub>O and FeO (C) CuS and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (D) Cu<sub>2</sub>O and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

11. Iron is removed from chalcopyrite as : [JEE - 2010, 3/163]

(A) FeO (B) FeS (C) Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (D) FeSiO<sub>3</sub>

12. In self-reduction, the reducing species is : [JEE - 2010, 3/163] (A) S (B)  $O^{2-}$  (C)  $S^{2-}$  (D)  $SO_2$ 

13.\* Extraction of metal from the ore **cassiterite** involves [JEE - 2011, 4/180]

(A) carbon reduction of an oxide ore
(B) self-reduction of a sulphide ore
(C) removal of copper impurity
(D) removal of iron impurity

14. Oxidation states of the metal in the minerals haematite and magnetite, respectively, are :

[JEE - 2011, 3/180]

(A) II, III in haematite and III in magnetite
(C) II in haematite and II, III in magnetite
(D) III in haematite and II, III in magnetite

15. In the cyanide extraction process of silver from argentite ore, the oxidizing and reducing agents used are

(A) O<sub>2</sub> and CO respectively (B) O<sub>2</sub> and Zn dust respectively

(C) HNO<sub>3</sub> and Zn dust respectively. (D) HNO<sub>3</sub> and CO respectively [JEE-2012, 3/136]

16. Sulfide ores are common for the metals : [JEE(Advanced) 2013, 2/120]
(A) Ag, Cu and Pb
(B) Ag, Cu and Sn
(C) Ag, Mg and Pb
(D) Al, Cu and Pb

17.\* The carbon-based reduction method is **NOT** used for the extraction of: [JEE(Advanced) 2013, 3/120]

(A) tin from SnO<sub>2</sub> (B) iron from Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (C) aluminium from Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (D) magnesium from MgCO<sub>3</sub>, CaCO<sub>3</sub>

18.\* Upon heating with Cu<sub>2</sub>S, the reagent(s) that give copper metal is/are: [JEE(Advanced) 2014, 3/120]

(A)  $CuFeS_2$  (B) CuO (C)  $Cu_2O$  (D)  $CuSO_4$ 

19.\* Copper is purified by electrolytic refining of blister copper. The correct statement(s) about this process is (are): [JEE(Advanced) 2015, 4/168]

(A) Impure Cu strip is used as cathode
(B) Acidified aqueous CuSO<sub>4</sub> is used as electrolyte
(C) Pure Cu deposits at cathode
(D) Impurities settle as anode-mud

20. Match the anionic species given in Column-I that are present in the ore(s) given in Column-II.

[JEE(Advanced) 2015, 8/168]

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	Column-I		Column-II
(A)	Carbonate	(P)	Siderite
(B)	Sulphide	(Q)	Malachite
(C)	Hydroxide	(R)	Bauxite
(D)	Oxide	(S)	Calamine
		(T)	Argentite



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	allurgy			$\wedge$
21.*	Extraction of copper (A) crushing follower (B) removal of iron a (C) self-reduction st (D) refining of 'blister	[JEE(Advanced) 2016, 4/124] of SO <sub>2</sub>		
22.	passage of air is sto undergo self-reduct		continued in a closed fu f Pb produced per kg of	temperature. After some time, the irnace such that the contents O <sub>2</sub> consumed is [JEE(Advanced) 2018, 3/120]
	PART - II : JE	E (MAIN) / AIEE	E PROBLEMS (F	PREVIOUS YEARS)
		JEE(MAIN) OI	FFLINE PROBLEMS	S
1.			·	lysis using electrodes as : [AIEEE-2002, 3/225]
	Cathode (1) pure copper (3) pure copper imp	Anode pure zinc oure copper	Cathode (2) pure zinc (4) pure zinc	Anode pure copper impure zinc
2.	Aluminium is extrac (1) alumina (3) molten cryolite	ted by the electrolysis of	(2) bauxite	[AIEEE-2002, 3/225] with molten cryolite
3.	The metal extracted (1) Mg	l by leaching with a cyan (2) Ag	ide is : (3) Cu	[AIEEE-2002, 3/225] (4) Na
4.	Which one of the fo (1) magnetite	llowing ores is best cond (2) cassiterite	entrated by froth floatati (3) galena	ion method ? [AIEEE-2004, 3/225] (4) malachite.
5.	Heating mixture of $(1)$ Cu <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	Cu <sub>2</sub> O and Cu <sub>2</sub> S will give (2) CuO + CuS	: (3) Cu + SO <sub>3</sub>	[AIEEE-2005, 3/225] (4) Cu + SO <sub>2</sub>
6.	During the process These are: (1) Sn and Ag	of electro-refining of cop (2) Pb and Zn	oper some metals prese (3) Ag and Au	ent as impurity settle as anode mud. [AIEEE-2005, 3/225] (4) Fe and Ni
7.	subjecting the sulph (1) CO <sub>2</sub> is thermody (2) Metal sulphides (3) CO <sub>2</sub> is more vola	nide ores to carbon reduc mamically more stable th are less stable than the	etion directly ? nan CS <sub>2</sub> corresponding oxides	ulphide ores to the oxides and not [AIEEE-2008, 3/105]
8.	Ti (s) + 2I <sub>2</sub> (	urification is represented g) $\xrightarrow{523K}$ TiI <sub>4</sub> (g) $\xrightarrow{170}$	$\stackrel{\text{00 K}}{\longrightarrow} \text{Ti (s)} + 2I_2(g)$	-
9.	false? (1) CO and CO <sub>2</sub> are (2) Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> is mixed w	produced in this proces with CaF <sub>2</sub> which lowers that the cathode to form Al	or the extraction of AI,	(4) Van Arkel which of the following statements is  [JEE-Main 2015, 4/120] ixture and brings conductivity
10.	` ,	llowing ores is best conc	entrated by froth floatati	
	(1) Siderite	(2) Galena	(3) Malachite	[JEE-Main 2016, 4/120]

(1) AI

as an adsorbent. The metal 'M' is :

(2) Fe

11.

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(4) Ca

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When metal 'M' is treated with NaOH, a white gelatinous precipitate 'X' is obtained, which is soluble in excess of NaOH. Compound 'X' when heated strongly gives an oxide which is used in chromatography

(3) Zn

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[JEE-Main 2018, 4/120]

# **JEE(MAIN) ONLINE PROBLEMS**

The form of iron obtained from blast furnace is : 1.

[JEE(Main) 2014 Online (09-04-14), 4/120]

- (1) Steel
- (2) Cast Iron
- (3) Pig Iron
- (4) Wrough Iron

- 2. (1) Cu<sub>2</sub>O

- Which One of the following ores is known as Malachite: [JEE(Main) 2014 Online (19-04-14), 4/120]
- (2) Cu<sub>2</sub>S
- (3) CuFeS<sub>2</sub>
- (4) Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub>.CuCO<sub>3</sub>
- 3. In the isolation of metals, reaction process usually results in:

[JEE(Main) 2015 Online (10-04-15), 4/120]

(1) Metal sulphide

(2) metal carbonate

(3) metal hydroxide

(4) metal oxide

Calamine is an ore of: 4.

- [JEE(Main) 2015 Online (11-04-15), 4/120]

- (1) Zinc
- (2) Aluminium
- (3) Iron
- (4) Copper
- The plot shows the variation of -In Kp versus temperature for the two 5. reactions.

$$M(s) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \longrightarrow MO(s)$$

and 
$$C(s) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \longrightarrow CO(s)$$

Identify the correct statement:

# [JEE(Main) 2016 Online (09-04-16), 4/120]

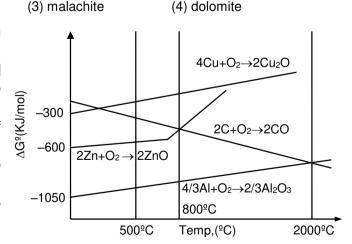
- (1) At T > 1200 K, carbon will reduce MO(s) to M(s).
- (2) At T < 1200 K, oxidation of carbon is unfavourable.
- (3) Oxidation of carbon is favourable at all temperatures.
- (4) At T < 1200 K, the reaction  $MO(s) + C(s) \rightarrow M(s) + CO(q)$  is spontaneous.
- $M \rightarrow MO$ *\_l n* Kp  $C \rightarrow CO$ 20 0 1200 T (K)
- 6. Extraction of copper by smelting uses silica as an additive to remove:
  - [JEE(Main) 2016 Online (10-04-16), 4/120]

- (1) FeS
- (2) FeO
- (3) Cu<sub>2</sub>S
- (4) Cu<sub>2</sub>O
- 7. In the leaching method, bauxite ore is digested with a concentrated solution of NaOH that produces 'X'. When CO<sub>2</sub> gas is passed through the aqueous solution of 'X', a hydrated compound 'Y' is precipitated. 'X' and 'Y' respectively are: [JEE(Main) 2018 Online (15-04-18), 4/120]
  - (1) NaAlO<sub>2</sub> and Al<sub>2</sub>(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3.x</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O
- (2) Al(OH)<sub>3</sub> and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.xH<sub>2</sub>O
- (3) Na[Al(OH)<sub>4</sub>] and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3.x</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O
- (4) Na[Al(OH)<sub>4</sub>] and Al<sub>2</sub>(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3.x</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O
- In the extraction of copper from its sulphide ore, metal is finally obtained by the oxidation of cuprous 8. sulphide with: [JEE(Main) 2018 Online (16-04-18), 4/120]
  - (1) SO<sub>2</sub>
- (2) Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
- (3) Cu<sub>2</sub>O
- (4) CO

- 9. The ore that contains both iron and copper is:
  - (1) azurite
- (2) copper pyrites
- [JEE(Main) 2019 Online (09-01-19), 4/120]
- 10. The correct statement regarding the given Ellingham diagram is:

# [JEE(Main)2019 Online (09-01-19), 4/120]

- (1) At 1400°C, Al can be used for the extraction of Zn from ZnO
- (2) Coke cannot be used for the extraction of Cu from Cu<sub>2</sub>O
- (3) At 800°C. Cu can be used for the extraction of Zn from ZnO
- (4) At 500°C, coke can be used for the extraction of Zn from ZnO



**(I)** 

- 11. Hall-Heroult's process is given by :
  - (1)  $2Al_2O_3 + 3C \rightarrow 4Al + 3CO_2$
- (2)  $Cu^{+2}(aq) + H_2(g) \rightarrow Cu(s) + 2H^+(aq)$

[JEE(Main) 2019 Online (10-01-19), 4/120]

- (3)  $ZnO + C \xrightarrow{Coke, 1673 \text{ K}} Zn + CO$
- (4)  $Cr_2O_3 + 2AI \rightarrow AI_2O_3 + 2Cr$
- 12. Match the ores (column A) with the metals (column B): (Column A)

[JEE(Main) 2019 Online (11-01-19), 4/120]

(Column B) Metals

Zinc

Iron

Copper

**Aluminium** 

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

Òres

- Siderite
- (II) Kaolinite
- (III)Malachite
- (IV) Calamine
- (1)  $(I) \rightarrow (c)$ ;  $(II) \rightarrow (d)$ ;  $(III) \rightarrow (b)$ ;  $(IV) \rightarrow (a)$
- (2) (I)  $\rightarrow$  (b); (II)  $\rightarrow$  (c); (III)  $\rightarrow$  (d); (IV)  $\rightarrow$  (a)
- $(3) (I) \rightarrow (c); (II) \rightarrow (d); (III) \rightarrow (a); (IV) \rightarrow (b)$
- (4) (I)  $\rightarrow$  (a); (II)  $\rightarrow$  (b); (III)  $\rightarrow$  (c); (IV)  $\rightarrow$  (d)
- The reaction that does NOT define calcination is: 13.

[JEE(Main) 2019 Online (11-01-19), 4/120]

- (1) CaCO<sub>3</sub>. MgCO<sub>3</sub>  $\xrightarrow{\Delta}$  CaO + MgO + 2CO<sub>2</sub>
  - (2)  $2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$
  - (3)  $Fe_2O_3.XH_2O \xrightarrow{\Delta} Fe_2O_3 + XH_2O$
  - (4)  $ZnCO_3 \xrightarrow{\Delta} ZnO + CO_2$
- 14. In the Hall-Heroult process, aluminium is formed at the cathode. The cathode is made out of:

[JEE(Main) 2019 Online (12-01-19), 4/120]

- (1) Carbon
- (2) Copper
- (3) Pure aluminium
- (4) Platinum

15. The pair that does NOT require calcination is: (1) ZnO and MgO

[JEE(Main) 2019 Online (12-01-19), 4/120] (2) ZnCO3 and CaO

- (3) Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and CaCO<sub>3</sub>.MgCO<sub>3</sub>
- (4) ZnO and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.xH<sub>2</sub>O



# **Answers**

# **EXERCISE - 1**

## PART - I

- A-1. This method is commonly used for the concentration of low grade sulphide ores like. ZnS, Cu<sub>2</sub>S, PbS.
- **A-2.** Substances which are used to prevent certain type of particles, from forming the froth with the bubbles by complexation.
- **A-3.** By magnetic separation as wolframite (FeWO<sub>4</sub> + MnWO<sub>4</sub>) has magnetic property.
- A-4. Copper, Lead, Mercury etc.
- **A-5.** By heating in a current of dry hydrogen chloride gas.
- **A-6.** Stabiliser like cresol and aniline tend to stabilise the froth (i.e. the froth last for longer period).
- **B-1.** All three oxidation curves for the carbon system lie above that for oxidation of zinc, until a temperature of approximately 1000°C is reached. At this point, C is thermodynamically capable of reducing ZnO to Zn. Since this temperature is greater than the boiling point of Zn (907°C), it will be formed as a vapour. The overall equation for reduction is, ZnO(s) + C(s)  $\longrightarrow$  Zn(g) + CO(g).
- **B-2.** When the temperature is raised a point will be reached where the graph crossed the  $\Delta G = 0$  line. Below this temperature the free energy of formation of oxide is negative, so the oxide is stable. Above this temperature the free energy of formation of the oxide is positive, and the oxide becomes unstable and should decompose into metal and oxygen. This explains why HgO, for instance, decomposes spontaneously into its elements when heated.
- **B-3.** CuO + H<sub>2</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  Cu + H<sub>2</sub>O CuO + C  $\longrightarrow$  Cu + CO  $\triangle G^{\varrho}{}_f = -237.2 (-129.7)$   $\triangle G^{\varrho}{}_f = -107.9 \text{ kJ}$   $\triangle G^{\varrho}{}_f = -7.5 \text{ kJ}$  So, reduction of CuO is quite feasible with H<sub>2</sub> than C.
- **C-1.** Oxide of Pb and Hg are unstable while that of zinc is stable towards heat, therefore, oxides of mercury and lead are reduced by their respective sulphides to the corresponding metals but zinc oxide does not.
- C-2. MgO acts as a basic flux and removes certain acidic impurities present in steel in the form of slag. MgO + SiO<sub>2</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  MgSiO<sub>3</sub>; 3MgO + P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  Mg<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

- C-4. CaO + SiO₂ → CaSiO₃(slag); PbO + SiO₂ → PbSiO₃
  CaO converts the PbSiO₃ to PbO, PbSiO₃ + CaO → PbO + CaSiO₃, and also prevents the formation of PbSO₄.
- C-5. It reduces ZnO to Zn and also reduces CO<sub>2</sub> to CO which is used as a fuel.
- **C-6.** Remove the infusible impurities of silica as slag  $CaCO_3 \longrightarrow CaO + CO_2 \; ; \; CaO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow CaSiO_3 \; (slag)$  formed  $CO_2$  reacts with carbon and form CO which works as reducing agent  $CO_2 + C \longrightarrow 2CO$
- C-7. Silica removes iron oxide impurity remaining in the matte by forming silicate, FeSiO<sub>3</sub>.

C-3.

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**D-1.** Na<sub>2</sub>S is oxidised to Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in the presence of air and thus equilibrium is shifted in the forward direction according to the following reactions.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 2\text{NaCN} & \stackrel{\text{Air}}{\longleftarrow} 2\text{Ag}\text{CN} + \text{Na}_2\text{S} \ ; \ 4\text{Na}_2\text{S} + 5\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 2\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 + 4\text{Na}\text{OH} + 2\text{S} \downarrow \\ \text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 4\text{ Na}\text{CN} & \underset{}{\longleftarrow} 2\text{Na} \ [\text{Ag}(\text{CN})_2] + \text{Na}_2\text{S} \end{array}$$

- **D-2.** As they have low ionisation energies and are more electropositive elements, they themselves act as strong reducing agent.
- **D-3.** To lower the melting point and increase conductivity of the mixture.
- **E-1.** (A) liquation process, (B) fractional distillation process,
  - (C) zone refining method and (D) chromatographic methods.
- **E-2.** This method is used for the purification of those impure metals which contain their own oxides as one of the impurities. This process is used for the purification of copper and tin.
- **E-3.** Ni, Zr, Ti etc.

# PART - II

- **A-1.** (A) **A-2.** (C) **A-3.** (C) **A-4.** (B) **A-5.** (B)
- **A-6.** (C) **A-7.** (D) **A-8.** (C) **A-9.** (B) **A-10.** (C)
- **B-1.** (A) **B-2.** (A) **B-3.** (A) **C-1.** (A) **C-2.** (C)
- **C-3.** (B) **C-4.** (C) **C-5.** (D) **D-1.** (C) **D-2.** (A)
- **D-3.** (C) **D-4.** (C) **D-5.** (C) **E-1.** (D) **E-2.** (A)
- **E-3.** (C) **E-4.** (C) **E-5.** (D) **E-6.** (D) **E-7.** (D)
- **E-8.** (C)

# PART - III

- $\textbf{1.} \hspace{1cm} (A \rightarrow p,r); \ (B \rightarrow p,r); \ (C \rightarrow q); \ (D \rightarrow s) \\ \textbf{2.} \hspace{1cm} (A \rightarrow r,t); \ (B \rightarrow q,s); \ (C \rightarrow t); \ (D \rightarrow p); \ (E \rightarrow q).$
- 3.  $(A \rightarrow q,s); (B \rightarrow r); (C \rightarrow s); (D \rightarrow p)$  4.  $(A \rightarrow p,q,s); (B \rightarrow p); (C \rightarrow r,s); (D \rightarrow r,s)$

# **EXERCISE - 2**

#### PART - I

- **1.** (B) **2.** (C) **3.** (C) **4.** (A) **5.** (B)
- **6.** (C) **7.** (D) **8.** (B) **9.** (D) **10.** (C)
- **11.** (A) **12.** (B) **13.** (A) **14.** (C) **15.** (C)
- **16.** (A) **17.** (C) **18.** (D) **19.** (C) **20.** (D)

## PART - II

- 1. 3 (ii, iii, iv)
- 2. 75

3.

- 4 (i, ii, iii & vii)
- 4 (i, ii, iii, viii)

- 5. 3 (Hg, Cu, Pb) 6.
- 6 (Li, Ba, Na, Al, Ca, Mg)
- 7. 2

- 8. 4 (a, b, e, f)
- 7 (except 8) 9.
- 10. 16
- 11. 65
- 12. 39

- 13. 60
- 14. 5 (v, vi, viil, viii, ix)

## PART - III

- 1. (BC)
- 2. (BCD)
- 3. (ABC)
- 4. (AC)
- (ABD) 5.

- 6. (ABC)
- 7. (ABC)
- 8.
- 9. (D)
- 10. (AD)

- 11. (BD)
- 12. (ABCD)
- 13. (ABD)

(ABCD)

- 14.
- (AC)

# **PART-IV**

- 1. (A)
- 2.
- (D)
- 3.
  - (C)
- 4. (A)
- 5. (D)

- 6. (A)
- 7.
- (B)
- 8. (D)
- 9. (C)
- 10. (D)

11. (D)

# **EXERCISE - 3**

# PART - I

- 1. (A)
- 2. O.N. is +2, litharge is PbO.
- 3. (B)

4.

9.

- 6. (A - p,r), (B - p), (C - q), (D - s).
- $A1 = CuCO_3 \cdot Cu(OH)_2$  or  $2CuCO_3 \cdot Cu(OH)_2$ ;  $A2 = Cu_2S$ ; S = CuO;  $P = Cu_2I_2$ ;  $G = SO_2$

(B)

(B)

- 5. (A)
- 11. (D)

- 13.\*
- 14. (D)

- 12. (C)

- (AD)

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

15.

10.

(B)

(A)

- 16. (A)
- 17.\* (CD)

- 18.\*
- (BCD)
- 19.\* (BCD)
- 20.
  - (A P,Q,S); (B T); (C Q,R); (D R)

7.

21.\* (ABC)

22. 6.47 kg

# **PART - II**

# **JEE(MAIN) OFFLINE PROBLEMS**

(2)

(4)

- 1. (3)
- 2.

7.

(4)

(3)

- 3.

4.

9.

(3)

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(1)

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5. (4)

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10.

6. (3)

(1)

(1)

11.

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

8.

- (4)
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- - 5. (4)

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- 10. (1)

- 11.
- 12.
- (1)
- 13. (2)
- 14.
- 15. (1)

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# Additional Problems for Self Practice (APSP)

Marked questions are recommended for Revision.

This Section is not meant for classroom discussion. It is being given to promote selfstudy and self testing amongst the Resonance students.

# PART - I : PRACTICE TEST-1 (IIT-JEE (MAIN Pattern))

Max. Time: 1 Hr. Max. Marks: 120

Impo	rtant	Instru	ctions

- 1. The test is of 1 hour duration.
- 2. The Test Booklet consists of 30 questions. The maximum marks are 120.
- Each question is allotted 4 (four) marks for correct response.
- Candidates will be awarded marks as stated above in Instructions No. 3 for correct response of each question. 1/4 (one fourth) marks will be deducted for indicating incorrect response of each question. No
- r

5.	There is only one correct	response for each quest	tion. Filling up more than	n item in the answer sheet. I one response in any question e deducted accordingly as pe
1.	The rocky and silicious (1) slag	s matter associated with a (2) mineral	n ore is called : (3) matrix or gangue	(4) flux
2.	The process of removi (1) levigation	ng lighter gangue particle (2) liquation	es by washing in a current (3) leaching	t of water is called : (4) cupellation.
3.	(2) difference in densit	thod is based upon: g of ores and gangue par ies of ore particles and in cal properties of ore parti	npurities.	
4.	(1) they are light.	rocess for the purification ferentially wetted by oil.	of minerals the particles (2) they are insoluble. (4) they bear an electro	
5.	An ore of tin containing (1) magnetic separatio (3) leaching method	g FeCr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> is concentrated n	B by : (2) froth floatation (4) gravity separation.	
6.≽.	Process of heating ore (1) calcination	in air to remove sulphur (2) roasting	is: (3) smelting	(4) none of these.
7. 🖎	In roasting : (1) moisture is remove (3) ore becomes porou		(2) non-metals as their (4) all the above.	volatile oxide are removed.
8.	Which one of the follow (1) $2Ag + 2HCI + [O] -$ (3) $2ZnS + 3O_2 \rightarrow 2Zn$		pple of calcination process (2) $2Zn + O_2 \rightarrow 2ZnO$ . (4) $MgCO_3 \rightarrow MgO + C$	
9.≽	Roasting is carried out (1) galena	in case of : (2) iron pyrites	(3) copper glance	(4) all.
10.	Slag is a product of : (1) flux and coke. (3) flux and impurities.		(2) coke and metal oxid (4) metal and flux.	e.
11.	An ore after levigation during smelting? (1) H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	n is found to have basic (2) CaCO <sub>3</sub>	impurities. Which of the $(3) SiO_2$	following can be used as flux (4) Both CaO and SiO <sub>2</sub> .



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- 12. Among the following statements, the incorrect one is :
  - (1) calamine and siderite are carbonates
- (2) argentite and cuprite are oxides
- (3) zinc blende and iron pyrites are sulphides
- (4) malachite and azurite are ores of copper
- **13.** Electrolytic reduction method is used in the extraction of :
  - (1) highly electronegative elements.
- (2) highly electropositive elements.

(3) transition metals.

- (4) noble metals.
- 14. Which one of the following metals cannot be extracted by carbon reduction?
  - (1) Pb
- (2) Fe
- (3) Zn
- (4) Al.
- 15. Among the following groups of oxides, the group that cannot be reduced by carbon to give the respective metals.
  - (1) Cu<sub>2</sub>O, SnO<sub>2</sub>
- (2) Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, ZnO
- (3) CuO, K<sub>2</sub>O
- (4) PbO, FeO.
- 16. The process of bringing the metal or its ore into solution by the action of a suitable chemical reagent followed by extraction of the metal either by electrolysis or by a suitable precipitating agent i.e. more electropositive metal is called:
  - (1) electrometallurgy

(2) hydrometallurgy

(3) electro-refining

(4) zone refining.

- 17. Cryolite is:
  - (1) Na<sub>3</sub>AlF<sub>6</sub> and is used in the electrolysis of alumina for decreasing electrical conductivity.
  - (2) Na<sub>3</sub>AlF<sub>6</sub> and is used in the electrolysis of alumina for lowering the melting point of alumina.
  - (3) Na<sub>3</sub>AlF<sub>6</sub> and is used in the electrolytic purification of alumina.
  - (4) Na<sub>3</sub>AlF<sub>6</sub> and is used in the electrolysis of alumina for increasing the melting point and electrical conductivity.
- 18. In the extraction of Cu the reaction takes place in Bessemer converter is :
  - (1)  $2Cu_2O + Cu_2S \rightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$
- (2)  $2CuFeS_2 + O_2 \rightarrow Cu_2S + FeS + SO_2$
- (3)  $2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \rightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$
- (4)  $2FeS + 3O_2 \rightarrow 2FeO + 2SO_2$
- 19. Which of the following statement is incorrect about the extractive metallurgy of copper?
  - (1) Matte chiefly consists of iron sulphide and some ferrous oxide.
  - (2) The impurity of iron sulphide is removed as fusible slag, FeSiO<sub>3</sub> during roasting.
  - (3) The copper pyrite is concentrated by froth floatation process.
  - (4) Copper is obtained by self reduction in bessemer converter.
- 20. Van Arkel method of purification of metals involves converting the metal to:
  - (1) volatile stable compound.

- (2) volatile unstable compound.
- (3) non-volatile stable compound.
- (4) none of these.
- 21. Copper and tin are refined by:
  - (1) liquation
- (2) cupellation
- (3) bessemerisation
- (4) poling.

- **22.** The process of zone refining is used for :
  - (1) silicon
- (2) germanium
- (3) gallium
- (4) all the above.

- 23. Tin and zinc can be refined by:
  - (1) cupellation
- (2) liquation
- (3) poling
- (4) bessemerisation.
- 24. Match column I with column II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

	Column I		Column II
I.	Cyanide process.	(a)	Ultra pure Ge
II.	Froth floatation process.	(b)	Pine oil.
III.	Electrolytic reduction.	(c)	Extraction of Al.
IV.	Zone refining.	(d)	Extraction of Au.



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# Code:

- (1) I-(c), II-(a), III-(d), IV-(b)
- (2) I-(d), II-(b), III-(c), IV-(a)
- (3) I-(c), II-(b), III-(d), IV-(a)
- (4) I-(d), II-(a), III-(c), IV-(b)
- 25. Match the ores listed in column-I with the type of ores listed in column-II and select the correct. alternate.

	Column-I		Column-II
(a)	Limonite.	(p)	Carbonate ore.
(b)	Argentite.	(q)	Halide ore.
(c)	Carnallite	(r)	Sulphide ore.
(d)	Calamine.	(s)	Oxide ore.

# Code:

- (a) (b) (s)
- (c) (d)
- (b) (a) (p)
- (c)
- (d) (r)

- (1) (3)(p)
- (r) (q)
- (q) (p) (r) (s)
- (2)(4)
- (s) (s) (r)
- (q) (q) (q)
- 26.2 Match the method of concentration of the ore in column I with the ore in column II and select the correct alternate.

	Column I		Column II
(a)	Leaching.	(p)	Copper pyrite.
(b)	Calcination.	(q)	Siderite.
(c)	Froth floatation.	(r)	Bauxite.
(d)	Magnetic separation.	(s)	Chromite.

(s)

#### Code:

(3)

(a) (1) (s)

(p)

(b) (c) (d) (q) (p) (r)

(r)

(q)

(a) (2)(r)

(q)

- (b) (q) (r)
- (c) (p)

(p)

- (d) (s) (s).
- 27. Match the extraction process listed in column I with metals listed in column II and choose the correct option.

(4)

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	Column I		Column II
(a)	Self reduction.	(p)	Copper from copper glance
(b)	Carbon and carbon monoxide reduction.	(q)	Silver from argentite.
(c)	Electrolytic reduction in fused state.	(r)	Aluminium from bauxite.
(d)	Complex formation and displacement by metal.	(s)	Iron from haematite.

## Code:

- (a) (b) (1)(p) (s)
- (c) (r) (q)
- (d)
- (a) (b)
- (c)

(3)(s) (p) (r)

- (2)(p) (r) (4) (p) (r)
- (d) (s) (q)

(q)

- (q) The iron obtained from the blast furnace is called:
- (1) pig iron

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- (2) cast iron
- (3) wrought iron
- (4) steel

(s)

- 29. The extraction of zinc from zinc blende involves :
  - (1) the electrolytic reduction.
  - (2) the roasting followed by reduction with carbon.
  - (3) the calcination followed by reduction with another metal.
  - (4) the roasting at molten temperature.
- 30. Carbon cannot be used in the reduction of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> because :
  - (1) it is non-metal
  - (2) the heat of formation of CO<sub>2</sub> is more than that of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
  - (3) pure carbon is not easily available
  - (4) the heat of formation of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is too high



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# Practice Test-1 (IIT-JEE (Main Pattern)) OBJECTIVE RESPONSE SHEET (ORS)

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Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ans.										
Que.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Ans.										
Que.	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Ans.										

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PAR	T - II : NATIONAL S	STANDARD EXAM	NATION IN CHEMI	STRY (NSEC) STAGE-I
1.	Which of the following n	metal is extracted by ther (B) Fe	mal reduction process : (C) Cu	[NSEC-2000] (D) Mg
2.	because	•		lectrolyte instead of nitric acid
	(B) sodium cyanide is a (C) cyanide binds with i	better solvent for gold ic	he impurities in solution.	of gold. [NSEC-2003]
3.	a flame, through which (A) heat and air conversable which can be separated (B) gold oxide formed b (C) air increases the recrystallised in pure for	air is passed using a bloomert the impurities into the from gold y heat and air gets reducting temperature at the state of	w pipe because eir oxides that react with ced by borax to pure gold which gold dissolves in	of a gold sample and borax on  [NSEC-2003] In molten borax forming a slag In borax, and on cooling gets In be stretched to form jewelry
4.	High purity germanium (A) fractional distillation (C) fractional crystallisa		ue that is based on (B) recrystallization (D) diffusion.	[NSEC-2004]
5.	The metal that cannot b	pe displaced from its aque (B) Ag	eous solution by zine is (C) Al	[NSEC-2004] (C) Hg.
6.	Stainless steel contains (A) Cr + Cu + C	iron along with (B) Ni + Zn + Cr	(C) Cr + Ni + C	[NSEC-2006] (D) Ni + Cu + Mn.
7.	Sapphire is a mineral of (A) Cu	f : (B) Zn	(C) Al	[NSEC-2008] (D) Mg
8.	Van Arkel method of put (A) Volatile compound (C) Non-volatile stable of		ves converting the metal (B) Volatile unstable co (D) Non-volatile unstabl	mpound -
9.	not used are	·		based reduction methods are [NSEC-2014]
	(I) Sn from SnO <sub>2</sub> (A) (I) and (IV)	(II) Fe from Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (B) (II) and (III)	(III) AI from Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (C) (III) and (IV)	(IV) Mg from MgCO <sub>3</sub> .CaCO <sub>3</sub> (D) (II) and (IV)



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- 10. Aluminium and copper are extracted from their oxide and sulphide ores respectively. Which of the following is correct? [NSEC-2018]
  - I. Copper is extracted by the auto reduction of copper oxide by copper sulphide

II. Aluminium cannot be obtained by chemical reduction due to its strong affinity for oxygen

III. In electrometallurgy of AI, graphite is used as cathode to avoid reoxidation of AI into AI<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> by preventing formation of O<sub>2</sub>.

IV. Sulphide ores of copper are difficult to be reduced than the oxide ores

(A) I, II, IV

(B) II and III

(C) II and III

(D) II and IV

# **PART - III: ADDITIONAL THEORY**

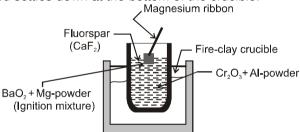
 $Cr_2O_3$  is mixed with requisite amount of Al-powder (this mixture is called thermite mixture) and is placed in a large fire-clay crucible. An intimate mixture of  $Na_2O_2$  or  $BaO_2$  and Mg powder (called *ignition mixture* or *igniter*) is placed in a small depression made in the thermite mixture. The crucible is surrounded by sand which prevents the loss of heat by radiation. A piece of Mg ribbon is struck into the ignition mixture and the charge is covered by a layer of fluorspar ( $CaF_2$ ) which acts as a heat insulator. Now Mg-ribbon is ignited so that ignition mixture catches fire and flame is produced, leading to a violent reaction between Mg and  $BaO_2$  with the evolution of large amount of heat.

$$Mg + BaO_2 \rightarrow BaO + MgO + Heat$$

Heat produced in the above reaction makes Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Al-powder react together.

$$Cr_2O_3 + AI \rightarrow 2Cr (\ell) + AI_2O_3$$

Molten Cr-metal formed settles down at the bottom of the crucible.



Reduction of Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> by Al-powder (Aluminothermic process).

An application of aluminothermic process has been used for joining the broken pieces of iron (welding). In this process thermite mixture consisting of  $Fe_2O_3$  and Al-powder in 3:1 ratio is placed in a funnel shaped crucible lined internally with magnesite and having a plug hole at its bottom. The thermite mixture is covered with a mixture of  $BaO_2$  plus Mg-powder (ignition mixture) in which a piece of Mg ribbon is inserted. The ends of the iron pieces to be welded are thoroughly cleaned and surrounded by a fire-clay mould. When Mg ribbon is ignited, ignition mixture catches fire and  $Fe_2O_3$  gets reduced to Fe by Al-powder.

Leaching pitch blends with H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or sodium carbonate to dissolve uranium:

$$U_3O_8 + 3 Na_2CO_3 + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow 3 Na_2UO_4 + 3 CO_2$$
  
 $U_3O_8 + 3 H_2SO_4 + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow 3 UO_2SO_4 + 3 H_2O$ 

Precipitation of Mg (OH)<sub>2</sub> from sea water using lime solution :

$$MgCl_2 + Ca(OH)_2 \longrightarrow Mg(OH)_2 + CaCl_2$$
.

## **Oxidation Reduction:**

Besides reductions, some extractions are based on oxidation particularly for non-metals.

(a) A very common example of extraction based on oxidation is the extraction of chlorine from brine (chlorine is abundant in sea water as common salt).

$$2CI^{-}(aq) + 2H_2O(I) \longrightarrow 2OH^{-}(aq) + H_2(g) + CI_2(g)$$

The  $\Delta G^2$  for this reaction is + 422 kJ. When it is converted to  $E^2$  (using  $\Delta G^2 = -nE^2F$ ), we get  $E^2 = -2.2$  V. Naturally, it will require an external e.m.f. that is greater than 2.2 V. But the electrolysis requires an excess potential to overcome some other hindering reactions. Thus,  $Cl_2$  is obtained by electrolysis giving out  $H_2$  and aqueous NaOH as by-products. Electrolysis of molten NaCl is also carried out. But in that case, Na metal is produced and not NaOH.



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From Magnesite: The concentrated ore is calcined at higher temperature

$$MgCO_3 \xrightarrow{Heated} MgO + CO_2$$

The calcined ore is heated with coke in a current of dry chlorine gas.

$$MgO + C + Cl_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} MgCl_2 + CO$$

The magnesium chloride is fused and then electrolysed.

MgO + C (Other reducing agents like Si, Al can be used)  $\xrightarrow{2000^{\circ}\text{C}}$  Mg + CO

# PART - IV : PRACTICE TEST-2 (IIT-JEE (ADVANCED Pattern))

Max. Time: 1 Hr. Max. Marks: 66

# **Important Instructions**

# A. General:

- 1. The test is of 1 hour duration.
- 2. The Test Booklet consists of 22 questions. The maximum marks are 66.

## B. Question Paper Format:

- 3. Each part consists of five sections.
- 4. Section-1 contains 7 multiple choice questions. Each question has four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) out of which ONE is correct.
- 5. Section-2 contains 5 multiple choice questions. Each question has four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) out of which ONE OR MORE THAN ONE are correct.
- 6. Section-3 contains 6 questions. The answer to each of the questions is a single-digit integer, ranging from 0 to 9 (both inclusive).
- 7. Section-4 contains 1 paragraphs each describing theory, experiment and data etc. 3 questions relate to paragraph. Each question pertaining to a partcular passage should have only one correct answer among the four given choices (A), (B), (C) and (D).
- 8. Section-5 contains 1 multiple choice questions. Question has two lists (list-1: P, Q, R and S; List-2: 1, 2, 3 and 4). The options for the correct match are provided as (A), (B), (C) and (D) out of which ONLY ONE is correct.

#### C. Marking Scheme:

- 9. For each question in Section-1, 4 and 5 you will be awarded 3 marks if you darken the bubble corresponding to the correct answer and zero mark if no bubble is darkened. In all other cases, minus one (–1) mark will be awarded.
- 10. For each question in Section-2, you will be awarded 3 marks. If you darken all the bubble(s) corresponding to the correct answer(s) and zero mark. If no bubbles are darkened. No negative marks will be answered for incorrect answer in this section.
- 11. For each question in Section-3, you will be awarded 3 marks if you darken only the bubble corresponding to the correct answer and zero mark if no bubble is darkened. No negative marks will be awarded for incorrect answer in this section.

#### **SECTION-1**: (Only One option correct Type)

This section contains 7 multiple choice questions. Each questions has four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) out of which Only ONE option is correct.

- 1. Give the correct order of initials **T** or **F** for following statements. Use **T** if statement is true and **F** if it is false.
  - (i) In Gold Schmidt thermite process aluminium acts as a reducing agent.
  - (ii) Mg is extracted by electrolysis of aqueous solution of MgCl<sub>2</sub>
  - (iii) Extraction of Pb is possible by carbon reduction of PbO in smelting.
  - (iv) Red bauxite is purified by Serpeck's process
  - (A) TTTF
- (B) TFFT
- (C) FTTT
- (D) TFTF
- 2. Leaching of Ag<sub>2</sub>S is carried out by heating it with a dilute solution of :
  - (A) NaCN only
- (B) HCI
- (C) NaOH
- (D) NaCN in presence of O2
- 3.b. In which of the following pair of metals, both are commercially extracted from their respective ores by self reduction method?
  - (A) Zn, Cu
- (B) Pb, Cu
- (C) Sn, Zn
- (D) Al, Ag



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- **4.** Consider the following isolation / purification processes.
  - (I) Heating impure metal with I<sub>2</sub> at 150–200°C and passing the resulting volatile iodide on hot tungsten filament at 1400°C to get the pure metal.
  - (II) Heating the sulphide ore in air until a part is converted to oxide and then further heating in the absence of air to let the oxide react with unchanged metal sulphide to get the metal.
  - (III) Electrolysis of the molten electrolyte containing metal oxide and cryolite or florspar to obtain the metal.

The processes used for obtaining aluminium, titanium and lead are respectively:

(A) (I), (II) and (III)

(B) (II), (III) and (I)

(C) (III), (I) and (II)

(D) (II), (I) and (III)

## 5. Consider the following statements:

 $S_1$ : In extraction of iron from haematite ore, the reduction reactions take place only in the lower temperature range in the blast furnace.

S<sub>2</sub>: Calamine is an carbonate ore of zinc.

 $S_3$ : The principal ore of aluminium, bauxite, usually contains silica, iron oxides and titanium oxide as impurities.

 $\mathbf{S}_4$ : Solidified copper obtained from silica lined convertor (Bessemer converter) has blistered appearance due to the evolution of  $SO_2$ .

and arrange in the order of true/false.

(A) FTTT

(B) FTFF

(C) FFTT

(D) TFFT

## 6. In the extraction of aluminium

Process X: employed for red bauxite to remove iron oxide (main impurity)

Process Y: (Serpeck's process): used for white bauxite to remove Z (main impurity) then,

Select correct option for the process X and impurity Z.

- (A) X = Hall and Heroult's process and Z = SiO<sub>2</sub>
- (B) X = Bayer's process and Z = SiO<sub>2</sub>
- (C) X = Serpeck's process and Y = iron oxide
- (D) X = Bayer's process and Y = iron oxide
- 7.3 Which of the following metals may be present in the anode mud during electrorefining of copper?

I. Gold; II. Iron, III. Silver; IV Magnesium

(A) I and II

(B) II and IV

(C) I and III

(D) III and IV

#### Section-2: (One or More than one options correct Type)

This section contains 5 multipole choice questions. Each questions has four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) out of which ONE or MORE THAN ONE are correct.

## 8. Select the correct statement :

- (A) Dolomite contains both magnesium and calcium.
- (B) Extraction of lead from galena involves roasting in limited supply of air at moderate temperature followed by self reduction at higher temperature (to melt the charge).
- (C) Extraction of zinc from zinc blende involves roasting followed by reduction with carbon.
- (D) The chemical composition of 'slag' formed during the extraction of iron and copper is FeSiO<sub>3</sub>.
- **9.** The reaction(s) which does (do) not occur in the reduction zone in the extraction of iron from haematite ore is (are):

(A)  $Fe_2O_3 + CO \rightarrow 2 FeO + CO_2$ 

(B) FeO + CO  $\rightarrow$  Fe + CO<sub>2</sub>

(C)  $Fe_2O_3 + 3C \rightarrow 2Fe + 3CO$ 

(D) CaO + SiO<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  CaSiO<sub>3</sub>

- **10.** Which of the following is a correct statement?
  - (A) Calamine is the ore of zinc.

(B) Proustite is the ore of silver.

(C) Cassiterite is the ore of tin.

(D) Diaspore is the ore of aluminium.

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- 11. Froth floatation:
  - (A) is a physical method of separating mineral from the gangue
  - (B) is a method of concentration of ore depending on the difference in wetability of gangue and the ore particles.
  - (C) is used for the concentration of sulphide ores
  - (D) is a method in which impurities sink to the bottom and ore particles pass on to the surface with froth.
- 12. Which of the following reduction reactions are actually employed in commercial extraction of metals?
  - (A)  $Fe_2O_3 + 2AI \rightarrow AI_2O_3 + 2Fe$
  - (B)  $Cr_2O_3 + 2AI \rightarrow Al_2O_3 + 2Cr$
  - (C)  $2Na[Au(CN)_2] + Zn \rightarrow Na_2[Zn(CN)_4] + 2Au$
  - (D)  $Cu_2S + 2CuO \rightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$

# Section-3: (One Integer Value Correct Type.)

This section contains 6 questions. Each question, when worked out will result in one integer from 0 to 9 (both inclusive)

13. The minimum potential difference needed to reduce Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> at 500°C is:

The reaction for decomposition is:

$$\frac{2}{3} \operatorname{AI}_2 \operatorname{O}_3 \longrightarrow \frac{4}{3} \operatorname{AI} + \operatorname{O}_2$$

 $\Delta G = + 960 \text{ kJ at } 500^{\circ}\text{C}.$ 

(Report your answer as potential difference × 2)

14. How many of the following minerals are oxides of metals/metalloids.

(i) Bauxite (iv) Malachi

(ii) Corundum

(iii) Dolomite

(iv) Malachite (vii) Argentite (v) Magnetite (viii) Horn silver (vi) Pyrolucite (ix) Quartz

(x) Cryolite (xiii) Calamine (xi) Siderite (xiv) Syline

(xii) Zincite (xv) Carnellite

15. Calculate number of metals which can be extracted by self reduction method –

Cu, Al, Fe, Mg, Zn, Sb, Sn, Pb

- 17. How many of following metals can be purified by electro refining by using metal as impure anode. Cu, Al, Pb, Sn, Ag, Zn, Ca, Mg
- 18. How many of the following refining processes are correctly matched with their element?

  Liquation-Tin, Fractional distillation-Zinc, Zone refining-Germanium, Poling-Tin, Van Arkel-Titanium,
  Cupellation-Silver.

#### **SECTION-4**: Comprehension Type (Only One options correct)

This section contains 1 paragraphs, each describing theory, experiments, data etc. 3 questions relate to the paragraph. Each question has only one correct answer among the four given options (A), (B), (C) and (D)

# Paragraph for Questions 19 to 21

Metallic gold frequently is found in aluminosilicate rocks and it is finely dispersed among other minerals. It may be extracted by treating the crushed rock with aerated sodium cyanide solution. During this process metallic gold is slowly converted to [Au(CN)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>, which is soluble in water. After equilibrium has been reached, the aqueous phase is pumped off and the metallic gold is recovered from it by reacting the gold complex with zinc, which is converted to [Zn(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2-</sup>. Gold in nature is frequently alloyed with silver which is also oxidised by aerated sodium cyanide solution.



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- **19.** The correct ionic reaction for the process are
  - (A)  $4Au + 8CN^{-} + 2H_{2}O + O_{2}$  (air)  $\rightarrow 4[Au(CN)_{2}]^{-}$  (soluble)  $+ 4OH^{-}$
  - (B) Au + 2CN $^ \longrightarrow$  Au[(CN)<sub>2</sub>] $^-$
  - (C)  $Zn + 2CN^- \longrightarrow Zn[(CN)_2]^-$
  - (D)  $Zn + 4CN^- \longrightarrow Zn[(CN)_4]^{2-}$
- **20.** There have been several efforts to develop alternative gold extraction processes which could replace this one. Why?
  - (A) Sodium cyanide solutions corrode mining machinery
  - (B) Sodium cyanide escapes into ground water and produces hydrogen cyanide which is toxic to many animals.
  - (C) Gold obtained by this process is not pure.
  - (D) The amount of gold in aluminosilicate rocks is very less.
- **21.** The process described above in the passage is represents :
  - (A) ore concentration

(B) pyrometallurgical extraction

(C) hydrometallurgical extraction

(D) purification of metal

# SECTION-5: Matching List Type (Only One options correct)

This section contains 1 questions, each having two matching lists. Choices for the correct combination of elements from List-I and List-II are given as options (A), (B), (C) and (D) out of which one is correct.

22. Match the name of the processes given in **column-I** with type(s) of metallurgical methods given in **column-II**.

	Column – I		Column – II				
(P)	Hall-Heroult process	(1)	Molten Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> + Na <sub>3</sub> AlF <sub>6</sub> electrolysis.				
(Q)	Dow's sea water process	(2)	Molten MgCl <sub>2</sub> + CaCl <sub>2</sub> + NaCl electrolysis.				
(R)	Hoop's process	(3)	Molten impure aluminium + fluorides of Na <sup>+</sup> , Ba <sup>2+</sup> and Al <sup>3+</sup> electrolysis.				
(S)	Mac-Arthur Forrest process	(4)	Complex formation and displacement method.				

Code:

	Р	Q	R	S		Р	Q	R	S
(A)	4	2	3	1	(B)	1	2	4	3
					(D)				

# Practice Test-2 ((IIT-JEE (ADVANCED Pattern))

**OBJECTIVE RESPONSE SHEET (ORS)** 

Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ans.										
Que.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Ans.										
Que.	21	22								
Ans.										

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# **APSP Answers**

				PA	RT - I				
1.	(3)	2.	(1)	3.	(2)	4.	(3)	5.	(1)
6.	(2)	7.	(4)	8.	(4)	9.	(4)	10.	(3)
11.	(3)	12.	(2)	13.	(2)	14.	(4)	15.	(3)
16.	(2)	17.	(2)	18.	(1)	19.	(1)	20.	(2)
21.	(4)	22.	(4)	23.	(2)	24.	(2)	25.	(1)
26.	(2)	27.	(1)	28.	(1)	29.	(2)	30.	(4)
				PA	RT - II				
1.	(B)	2.	(A)	3.	(A)	4.	(C)	5.	(C)
6.	(C)	7.	(C)	8.	(B)	9.	(C)	10.	(A)
				PAF	RT - IV				
1.	(D)	2.	(D)	3.	(B)	4.	(C)	5.	(A)
6.	(B)	7.	(C)	8.	(ABC)	9.	(CD)	10.	(ABCD)
11.	(ABCD)	12.	(BCD)	13.	5	14.	06	15.	3
16.	8	17.	08	18.	6	19.	(A)	20.	(B)
21.	(C)	22.	(D)						

# **APSP Solutions**

# PART - I

- 1. The rocky and silicious impurities associated with an ore is called matrix or gangue.
- 2. Lighter gangue particles are washed in a current of water by a process called levigation. In levigation the powdered ore is agitated with water or washed with a upward stream of running water, the lighter particles of sand, clay etc are washed away leaving behind heavier ore particles.
- **3.** Hydraulic washing or Gravity separation or Levigation method is based on the difference in the densities of the gangue and ore particles.
- 4. This method is commonly used for the concentration of the low grade sulphide ores like galena, PbS (ore of Pb); copper pyrites CuFeS<sub>2</sub> (ore of copper); zinc blende, ZnS (ore of zinc) etc., and is based on the fact that gangue and ore particles have different degree of wettability with water and pine oil; the gangue particles are preferentially wetted by water while the ore particles are wetted by oil.
- **5.** An ore of tin containing FeCr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> is concentrated by magnetic separation as FeCr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> is ferromagnetic.
- Roasting is a process of heating the concentrated ore (generally sulphide ore) strongly in the excess of air or  $O_2$  below its melting point. During roasting impurities of As, Sb, P and S escape as their volatile oxides.  $S(s) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow SO_2(g)$
- **7.** Roasting removes easily oxidisable volatile impurities like arsenic (as As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>), sulphur (as SO<sub>2</sub>), phosphorus (as P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>) and antimony (as Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>).

4M (M = As, Sb) + 
$$3O_2 \longrightarrow 2M_2O_3 \uparrow$$
  
S +  $O_2 \longrightarrow SO_2 \uparrow$ ;  $P_4 + 4O_2 \longrightarrow P_4O_{10} \uparrow$ 

Organic matter, moisture if present in the ore, also get expelled and the ore becomes porous.



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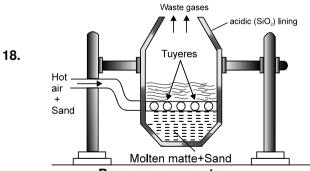
- 8. Conversion of a carbonate into oxide is an example of calcination  $MgCO_3 \xrightarrow[absenceofair]{\Delta} MgO + CO_2 \uparrow$ .
- **9.** Generally the sulphides of Zn, Pb, Fe, Cu etc. are subjected to roasting to convert in to their oxides prior to reduction by carbon.
- 10. In many extraction processes, an oxide is added deliberately to combine with other impurities and form a stable molten phase immiscible with molten metal called a slag. The principle of slag formation is essentially the following.

Nonmetal oxide (acidic oxide) + Metal oxide (basic oxide) ----> Fusible (easily melted) slag.

- 11. Acidic flux is used. It is an acidic oxide (oxide of a non-metal) like SiO<sub>2</sub>, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (from borax). It is used to remove the basic impurity like CaO, FeO, MgO etc. The acidic flux combines with the basic impurity and forms a slag.
- 12. (1) Calamine is ZnCO<sub>3</sub> and siderite is FeCO<sub>3</sub>.
  - (2) Argentite is Ag<sub>2</sub>S while cuprite is Cu<sub>2</sub>O.
  - (3) Zinc blende is ZnS and iron pyrites is FeS<sub>2</sub>.
  - (4) Malachite is CuCO<sub>3</sub> Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub> and azurite is 2CuCO<sub>3</sub> Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub>.
- **13.** Electrolytic reduction method is used in the extraction of highly electropositive elements as they themselves are stronger reducing agents. They lie above hydrogen in electrochemical series.
- 14. Electrolytic reduction method is used in the extraction of highly electropositive elements as they themselves are stronger reducing agents. They lie above hydrogen in electrochemical series. The heat of formation of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is very high and therefore, at higher temperature there will be the possibility of formation of Al<sub>4</sub>C<sub>3</sub> with carbon.
- 15. (1)  $Cu_2O + C \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2Cu + CO$ ;  $SnO_2 + 2C$  (anthracite)  $\xrightarrow{1800^{\circ}C} Sn + 2CO$ .
  - (2)  $2Fe_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 4Fe$  (spongy iron) +  $3CO_2$ ;  $ZnO + C \xrightarrow{1200^{\circ}C} Zn + CO$ .
  - (3) Oxides of highly reactive metals (like  $K_2O$ ) are not reduced by carbon. K lie above hydrogen in electrochemical series and so it acts as strong reducing agent. K is obtained by electrolytic reduction of their fused salts.

(4) FeO + C 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 Fe + CO ; PbO + C  $\longrightarrow$  Pb + CO

- 16. A hydrometallurgical process for the extraction of metals from ores, concentrates, or secondary materials essentially contains three basic steps—dissolution of the valuable metal in the aqueous solution (leaching) purification of leach solution and subsequent recovery of metal from the purified solutions either by electrolysis or by adding some electropositive metal to it.
- 17. Cryolite is Na<sub>3</sub>AlF<sub>6</sub> and is used in the electrolysis of alumina. It reduces the melting point of alumina and increase the electrical conductivity of electrolyte.



Bessemer convertor

 $2FeS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2FeO + 2SO_2$ ;  $FeO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow FeSiO_3$ 

 $2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$ ;  $2Cu_2O + Cu_2S \longrightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$  (self reduction)

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- 19. In actual process the ore is heated in a reverberatory furnace after mixing with silica. In the furnace, iron oxide 'slags off' as iron silicate and copper is produced in the form of copper matte which contains mostly Cu<sub>2</sub>S and some FeS.
- **20.** Ti (impure) +  $2I_2(g) \xrightarrow{50-250^{\circ}C}$  Ti $I_4(g) \xrightarrow{1400^{\circ}C}$  Ti(pure) +  $2I_2(g)$
- **21.** This process is used for the purification of copper and tin to remove the impurities of their oxides. Green wood  $\rightarrow$  Hydrocarbons  $\rightarrow$  CH<sub>4</sub>; 4CuO + CH<sub>4</sub>  $\rightarrow$  4Cu (pure metal) + CO<sub>2</sub> + 2H<sub>2</sub>O Green wood  $\rightarrow$  Hydrocarbon  $\rightarrow$  CH<sub>4</sub>: 2SnO<sub>2</sub> + CH<sub>4</sub>  $\rightarrow$  2Sn + CO<sub>2</sub> + 2H<sub>2</sub>O
- 22. This process is used when metals are required in very high purity, for specific application. For example pure Si and Ge are used in semiconductors and hence are purified by this method. Zone refining method is based on the principle that an impure molten metal on gradual cooling will deposit crystals of the pure metal, while the impurities will be left in the remaining part of the molten metal.
- 23. This process is used for the purification of the metal, which itself is readily fusible, but the impurities present in it are not, i.e., the impurities are infusible. This process is used for the purification of Sn and Zn, and for removing Pb from Zn-Ag alloy, which is obtained at the end of Parke's process and contains Pb as impurity.
- **24.** (I)  $4Au / Ag (s) + 8CN^{-}(aq) + 2H_2O(aq) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 4[Au / Ag (CN)_2]^{-}(aq) + 4OH^{-}(aq) + 2[Au / Ag (CN)_2]^{-}(aq) + Zn(s) \longrightarrow 2Au / Ag (s) + [Zn(CN)_4]^{2-}(aq)$ 
  - (II) This method is based on the fact that gangue and ore particles have different degree of wettability with water and pine oil; the gangue particles are preferentially wetted by water while the ore particles are wetted by oil.
  - (III) Electrolytic reduction (Hall-Heroult process) :

The purified  $Al_2O_3$  is mixed with  $Na_3AlF_6$  (cryolite) or  $CaF_2$  (fluorspar) ) which lowers the melting point of the mixture and increases conductivity. The fused matrix is electrolysed. The electrolytic reactions are :

Cathode :  $Al^{3+}$  (melt) +  $3e^- \longrightarrow Al(l)$ Anode :  $C(s) + O^{2-}$  (melt)  $\longrightarrow CO(g) + 2e^ C(s) + 2O^{2-}$  (melt)  $\longrightarrow CO_2(g) + 4e^-$ 

- (IV) This process is used when metals are required in very high purity, for specific application. For example pure Si and Ge are used in semiconductors and hence are purified by this method. Zone refining method is based on the principle that an impure molten metal on gradual cooling will deposit crystals of the pure metal, while the impurities will be left in the remaining part of the molten metal.
- 25. (a) Limonite is Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.3H<sub>2</sub>O. (b) Argentite is Ag<sub>2</sub>S. (c) Carnallite is KCI.MqCl<sub>2</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O. (d) Calamine is ZnCO<sub>3</sub>.
- 26. (a) Bauxite is leached with NaOH (concentrated) to form soluble Na[Al(OH)<sub>4</sub>] complex and insoluble impurities are filtered off.
  - (b) Carbonate and hydroxide ores are heated in absence of air below their melting point to convert in to their oxides in reverberatory furnace. This is called calcination. So siderite, FeCO<sub>3</sub> is subjected to calcination.
  - (c) This method is commonly used for the concentration of the low grade sulphide ores like galena, PbS (ore of Pb); copper pyrites CuFeS<sub>2</sub> (ore of copper); zinc blende, ZnS (ore of zinc) etc., and is based on the fact that gangue and ore particles have different degree of wettability with water and pine oil; the gangue particles are preferentially wetted by water while the ore particles are wetted by oil.
  - (d) Chromite ore (FeO.Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) having magnetic properties is separated from non-magnetic silicious impurities by magnetic separator.
- 27. (a) Self-reduction method: This method is also called auto-reduction method or air reduction method. If the sulphide ore of some of the less electropositive metals like Hg, Cu, Pb etc. are heated in air, a part of these is changed into oxide or sulphate that then reacts with the remaining part of the sulphide ore to give its metal and SO<sub>2</sub>.

$$Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 3Cu_2O + 2SO_2$$
  
 $2Cu_2O + Cu_2S \longrightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$ 



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(b) Reduction with carbon / carbon monoxide:

$$2Fe_2O_3 + 3C \longrightarrow 4Fe \text{ (spongy iron)} + 3CO_2$$
  
 $Fe_2O_3 + 3CO \longrightarrow 2Fe + 3CO_2$   
 $Fe_3O_4 + 4CO \longrightarrow 3Fe + CO_2$ 

(c) Electrolytic reduction (Hall-Heroult process): The purified  $Al_2O_3$  is mixed with  $Na_3AlF_6$  (cryolite) or  $CaF_2$  (fluorspar) which lowers the melting point of the mixture and increases conductivity. The fused matrix is electrolysed.

The electolysis of the molten mass is carried out in an electrolytic cell using carbon electrodes. The oxygen liberated at anode reacts with the carbon of anode producing CO and CO<sub>2</sub>.

Cathode : 
$$Al^{3+}$$
 (melt) +  $3e^- \longrightarrow Al(l)$   
Anode :  $C(s) + O^{2-}$  (melt)  $\longrightarrow CO(g) + 2e^-$   
 $C(s) + 2O^{2-}$  (melt)  $\longrightarrow CO_2$  (g) +  $4e^-$ 

(d) Complex formation and displacement by metal: Extraction of Ag and Au. Metals like Au and Ag can be precipitated for their salt solution by electropositive metals for example, Zn.

Metallic Ag is dissolved from its ore in dilute NaCN solution, and the solute so obtained is treated with scrap Zn when Ag is precipitated. Air is blown into the solution oxidize Na<sub>2</sub>S. Leaching the metals like silver, gold with  $CN^-$  is an oxidation reaction (Ag  $\rightarrow$  Ag<sup>+</sup> or Au  $\rightarrow$  Au<sup>+</sup>)

$$\begin{array}{l} Ag_2S~(s)~+~4CN^-~(aq) \longrightarrow 2[Ag(CN)_2]^-~(aq)~+~S^{2-}~(aq) \\ 2Ag(CN)_2^-~(aq)~+~Zn~(s) \longrightarrow [Zn~(Cn)_4]^{2-}~(aq)~+~2Ag~(s) \end{array}$$

Here Zn acts as reducing agent.

- **28.** Molten iron from blast furnace is taken in to sand pigs for solidification. Therefore iron obtained from blast furnace is called pig iron.
- 29.  $2ZnS + 3O_2 \xrightarrow{roasting} 2ZnO + 2SO_2$ ;  $ZnO + C \xrightarrow{1100^{\circ}C} Zn + CO$ . Therefore, (2) option is correct.
- 30. In Ellingham diagram, the  $\Delta_f G^{\circ}$  of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> lies below that of CO<sub>2</sub>. If reduction is carried out at very high temperature, the Al produced will react with carbon forming Al<sub>4</sub>C<sub>3</sub>.

# **PART - IV**

- 1. (i)  $\overset{+3}{C}r_2 O_3 + 2\overset{0}{A} I \xrightarrow{\Delta} \overset{+3}{A} I_2 O_3 + 2\overset{0}{C} r$ 
  - (ii) Mg is extracted by electrolytic reduction of fused MgCl<sub>2</sub>. As Mg lies above hydrogen in electrochemical series.
  - (iii) PbO + C  $\stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow}$  Pb + CO ; CaO + SiO<sub>2</sub>  $\stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow}$  CaSiO<sub>3</sub>
  - (iv) Red bauxite (contains impurity of iron oxide) is purified by Bayer's / Hall's process.
- 2. Ag<sub>2</sub>S (conc. ore) + 2NaCN  $\stackrel{Air}{\longleftarrow}$  2AgCN + Na<sub>2</sub>S.

 $Ag_2S$  and AgCN are in equilibrium so  $Na_2S$  is oxidised by air in to  $Na_2SO_4$ . Hence equilibrium shifts towards right side.

$$4Na_2S + 5O_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2Na_2SO_4 + 4NaOH + 2S$$
  
 $AgCN + NaCN \longrightarrow Na[Ag(CN)_2]$  (soluble complex)  
 $2Na[Ag(CN)_2] + Zn$  (dust)  $\longrightarrow 2Ag \downarrow + Na_2[Zn(CN)_4]$ .

**3.** (i) Extraction of tin (carbon reduction) :

$$SnO_2 + C \rightarrow SnO + CO^{\uparrow}$$

(ii) Extraction of zinc (carbon reduction):

$$ZnO + C \xrightarrow{coke,673} Zn + CO$$

(iii) Extraction of lead (self reduction):

$$PbS + 2O_2 \longrightarrow PbSO_4 \quad ; \qquad PbS + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2PbO + 2SO_2$$

PbS + 2PbO 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 3Pb + SO<sub>2</sub> ; PbS + PbSO<sub>4</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  2Pb + 2SO<sub>2</sub>

(iv) Extraction of copper (self reduction):

$$2CuFeS_2 + 4O_2 \longrightarrow Cu_2S + 2FeO + 3SO_2$$

$$Cu_2S + FeO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow FeSiO_3$$
 (fusible slag) +  $Cu_2S$  (matte)

$$2Cu_2S + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu_2O + 2SO_2$$
;  $2Cu_2O + Cu_2S \longrightarrow 6Cu + SO_2$ 



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(v) Extraction of aluminium (electrolytic reduction, Hall-Heroult process) :

The purified Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is mixed with Na<sub>3</sub>AlF<sub>6</sub> (cryolite) or CaF<sub>2</sub> (fluorspar) ) which lowers the melting point of the mixture and increases conductivity. The fused matrix is electrolysed.

Cathode :  $AI^{3+}$  (melt) +  $3e^{-} \longrightarrow AI(I)$ 

Anode:  $C(s) + O^{2-} (melt) \longrightarrow CO(g) + 2e^{-}$ 

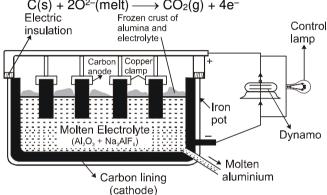
 $C(s) + 2O^{2-} (melt) \longrightarrow CO_2 (g) + 4e^{-}$ 

(vi) Extraction of gold/silver (leaching and displacement method):

 $4Au / Ag (s) + 8CN^{-}(aq) + 2H_2O(aq) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 4[Au / Ag (CN)_2]^{-}(aq) + 4OH^{-}(aq)$ 

 $2[Au / Ag (CN)_2]^-(aq) + Zn(s) \longrightarrow 2Au / Ag (s) + [Zn(CN)_4]^{2-} (aq)$ 

- 4. (I) Ti (s) (impure) +  $2I_2(g) \xrightarrow{150-250^{\circ}C} TiI_4$  (volatile)  $\xrightarrow[\text{tungsten filament}]{1400^{\circ}C} Ti$  (s) (pure) +  $2I_2$  (g)
  - (II) 2PbS +  $3O_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta}$  2PbO +  $2SO_2$ PbS +  $2PbO \xrightarrow{high}$  3Pb +  $SO_2$
  - (III) Cathode:  $Al^{3+}(melt) + 3e^{-} \longrightarrow Al(l)$ Anode:  $C(s) + O^{2-}(melt) \longrightarrow CO_{2}(g) + 2e^{-}$  $C(s) + 2O^{2-}(melt) \longrightarrow CO_{2}(g) + 4e^{-}$



**5.**  $S_1$ : At 500–800 K (lower temperature range in the blast furnace)

$$3 \text{ Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{CO} \longrightarrow 2 \text{ Fe}_3\text{O}_4 + \text{CO}_2$$

$$Fe_3O_4 + CO \longrightarrow 3Fe + 4CO_2$$

$$Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow 2FeO + CO_2$$

At 900–1500 K (higher temperature range in the blast furnance): FeO + CO → Fe + CO<sub>2</sub>

S<sub>2</sub>: calamine is ZnCO<sub>3</sub>

S<sub>3</sub>: It contains Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> as impurities

S<sub>4</sub>: The surface of solidified copper has blistered like appearances due to the evolution of SO<sub>2</sub> and so it is called blister copper.

- **6.** (X) Red bauxite contains the impurities of oxides of iron and silicates. In Bayer process, alumina is dissolved by reacting sodium hydroxide solution leaving behind the insoluble oxide of iron.
  - (Y) White bauxite contains the impurity of silica which is removed by Serpeck's method.

$$Al_2O_3 + N_2 + 3C \xrightarrow{1800^{\circ}C} 2AIN + 3CO$$
;  $SiO_2 + 2C \xrightarrow{1800^{\circ}C} Si\uparrow + 2CO\uparrow$ 

$$AIN + 3H2O \longrightarrow AI(OH)3 \downarrow + NH3 ;  $2AI(OH)3 \stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow} AI2O3 + 3H2O$ .$$

- **7.** Anode mud contains Ag, Au as impurities.
- **8.** (A) dolomite is CaCO<sub>3</sub>.MgCO<sub>3</sub>
  - (B)  $2PbS + 3O_2 \xrightarrow{Roasting} 2PbO + 2SO_2$ :  $PbS + 2PbO \xrightarrow{Self reduction} 3Pb + SO_2$
  - (C)  $2ZnS + 3O_2 \xrightarrow{Roasting} 2ZnO + 2SO_2$ ;  $ZnO + C \xrightarrow{Carbon reduction} Zn + CO$
  - (D) In extraction of iron the slag obtained is CaSiO<sub>3</sub> where as in copper it is FeSiO<sub>3</sub>.
- 9.  $C + O_2 \longrightarrow CO_2$  (combustion zone)

$$C + CO_2 \longrightarrow 2CO$$
 (fusion zone); FeO + C  $\longrightarrow$  Fe + CO (fusion zone)

 $CaO + SiO_2 \longrightarrow CaSiO_3$  (slag formation zone); FeO + CO  $\longrightarrow$  Fe + CO<sub>2</sub> (slag formation zone)

 $3Fe_2O_3 + CO \longrightarrow 2Fe_3O_4 + CO_2$  (reduction zone);  $Fe_3O_4 + CO \longrightarrow 3FeO + CO_2$  (reduction zone)

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- **10.** (A) Calamine, ZnCO<sub>3</sub> is the ore of zinc.
  - (C) Cassiterite, SnO<sub>2</sub> is the ore of tin.
- (B) Proustite, Ag<sub>3</sub>AsS<sub>3</sub> is the ore of silver.
- (D) Diaspore, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O is the ore of aluminium.
- 11. This method is commonly used for the concentration of the low grade sulphide ores like galena, PbS (ore of Pb); copper pyrites CuFeS<sub>2</sub> (ore of copper); zinc blende, ZnS (ore of zinc) etc., and is based on the fact that gangue and ore particles have different degree of wettability with water and pine oil; the gangue particles are preferentially wetted by water while the ore particles are wetted by oil.
- 12. (A)  $2AI + Fe_2O_3 \longrightarrow AI_2O_3 + 2Fe$  (molten);  $\Delta H = -3230$  kJ (The reaction is used for thermite welding)
  - (B) Aluminonthermic process :  $Cr_2O_3 + AI \rightarrow 2Cr \text{ (molten)} + AI_2O_3$
  - (C) Extraction of gold : 4Au (s) +  $8CN^{-}$  (aq) +  $O_2$  (g) +  $2H_2O$  (l)  $\longrightarrow 4[Au(CN)_2]^{-}$  (aq) +  $4OH^{-}$  (aq)
  - $2[Au(CN)_2]^-$  (aq) + Zn (s)  $\longrightarrow$  [Zn(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> (aq) + 2 Au (s) (D) Self-reduction method : Cu<sub>2</sub>S + 3O<sub>2</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  3Cu<sub>2</sub>O + 2 SO<sub>2</sub> : 2Cu<sub>2</sub>O + Cu<sub>2</sub>S  $\longrightarrow$  6Cu + SO<sub>2</sub>
- 13. Hence, the change in oxidation number of aluminium is 3 per mole. Since 4/3 moles of Al are produced  $n = 3 \times 4/3 = 4$

$$E_{ext} = \frac{960000}{4 \times 96490} = 2.5 \text{ V}$$

A potential difference of at least 2.5 V must be applied to the oxide to bring about reduction.

- **14.** (i), (ii), (v), (vi), (ix), (xii)
- 15. Self reduction method can be used for Cu, Pb, and Sb
- **16.** Impurity is of metal oxide.
- 17. Cu, Pb, Sn, Zn, Ag : In aqueous medium Al, Ca, Mg : In molten state
- **19.** Dissolution of gold in NaCN forming soluble complex is reversible, so it is carried out in presence of air bubbling. Oxygen contained in air oxidises Au to Au<sup>+</sup> which then complexes with CN<sup>-</sup> to form soluble complex.
- 20. (B) HCN produced with water by NaCN and KCN is poisonous and have carcinogenic activity.
- 21. The process which involves the dissolution of ore in to a suitable reagent and then extraction of metal from the solution by more electropositive element is called hydrometallurgy.
- 22. (A) Hall- Heroult process is the electrolytic reduction of molten Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> dissolved in cryolite or fluorspar.
  - (B) Dow's sea water process involves the isolation of Mg from sea water as MgCl<sub>2</sub> and then electrolytic reduction of molten MgCl<sub>2</sub> dissolved in CaCl<sub>2</sub> and NaCl.
  - (C) Hoop's process is the electrolytic purification of impure aluminium. The cell has three liquid layers upper most layer containts impure Al, middle one contains fluorides of Na<sup>+</sup>, Ba<sup>2+</sup> and Al<sup>3+</sup>, lower most layer has pure Al (obtained by cathodic oxidation).
  - (D) Mac-Arthur forest cyanide process is the process used for the extraction of gold and silver. Extraction of gold and silver involves leaching the metal with CN-. The metal is later recovered by displacement method.