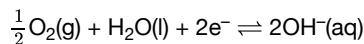
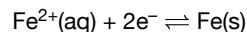


# HL Paper 2

An acidic sample of a waste solution containing  $\text{Sn}^{2+}(\text{aq})$  reacted completely with  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$  solution to form  $\text{Sn}^{4+}(\text{aq})$ .

a.v.Identify one organic functional group that can react with acidified  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7(\text{aq})$ . [1]

b.i.Corrosion of iron is similar to the processes that occur in a voltaic cell. The initial steps involve the following half-equations: [1]



Calculate  $E^\theta$ , in V, for the spontaneous reaction using section 24 of the data booklet.

b.ii.Calculate the Gibbs free energy,  $\Delta G^\theta$ , in kJ, which is released by the corrosion of 1 mole of iron. Use section 1 of the data booklet. [2]

b.iii.Explain why iron forms many different coloured complex ions. [3]

c. Zinc is used to galvanize iron pipes, forming a protective coating. Outline how this process prevents corrosion of the iron pipes. [1]

## Markscheme

a.v.hydroxyl/OH

**OR**

aldehyde/CHO

Accept "hydroxy/alcohol" for "hydroxyl".

Accept amino/amine/ $\text{NH}_2$ .

**[1 mark]**

b.i. $E^\theta = +0.85 \text{ V}$

Accept 0.85 V.

**[1 mark]**

b.ii $\Delta G^\theta = -nFE^\theta = -2 \text{ mol e}^- \times 96500 \text{ C mol}^{-1} \times 0.85 \text{ V}$

$\Delta G^\theta = -164 \text{ kJ}$

Accept " $+164 \text{ kJ}$ " as question states energy released.

Award **[1 max]** for "+" or "-" 82  $\text{kJ}$ .

Do not accept answer in J.

**[2 marks]**

b.iii incompletely filled d-orbitals

colour depends upon the energy difference between the split d-orbitals

variable/multiple/different oxidation states

different «nature/identity of» ligands

different number of ligands

**[3 marks]**

- c. Zn/zinc is a stronger reducing agent than Fe/iron

**OR**

Zn/zinc is oxidized instead of Fe/iron

**OR**

Zn/zinc is the sacrificial anode

Accept "Zn is more reactive than Fe".

Accept "Zn oxide layer limits further corrosion".

Do not accept "Zn layer limits further corrosion".

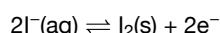
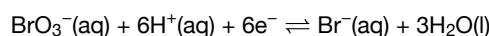
**[1 mark]**

## Examiners report

- a.v. [N/A]  
b.i. [N/A]  
b.ii. [N/A]  
b.iii. [N/A]  
c. [N/A]

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- a. In acidic solution, bromate ions,  $\text{BrO}_3^-$ (aq), oxidize iodide ions,  $\text{I}^-$ (aq).

[1]



Formulate the equation for the redox reaction.

- b. The change in the free energy for the reaction under standard conditions,  $\Delta G^\ominus$ , is  $-514 \text{ kJ}$  at  $298 \text{ K}$ .

[2]

Determine the value of  $E^\ominus$ , in V, for the reaction using sections 1 and 2 of the data booklet.

- c. Calculate the standard electrode potential, in V, for the  $\text{BrO}_3^-/\text{Br}^-$  reduction half-equation using section 24 of the data booklet.

[1]

## Markscheme

- a.  $\text{BrO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + 6\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 6\text{I}^-(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Br}^-(\text{aq}) + 3\text{I}_2(\text{s}) + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$

Accept  $\rightarrow$  for  $\rightleftharpoons$ .

[1 mark]

b.  $n = 6$

$$\Delta G^\ominus = -nFE^\ominus,$$

$$E^\ominus = -\frac{\Delta G^\ominus}{nF} = \frac{514 \times 10^3 \text{ J mol}^{-1}}{6 \times 9.65 \times 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}} \Rightarrow 0.888 \text{ V}$$

[2 marks]

c.  $E^\ominus = E^\ominus(\text{BrO}_3^-/\text{Br}^-) - E^\ominus(\text{I}_2/\text{I}^-)$

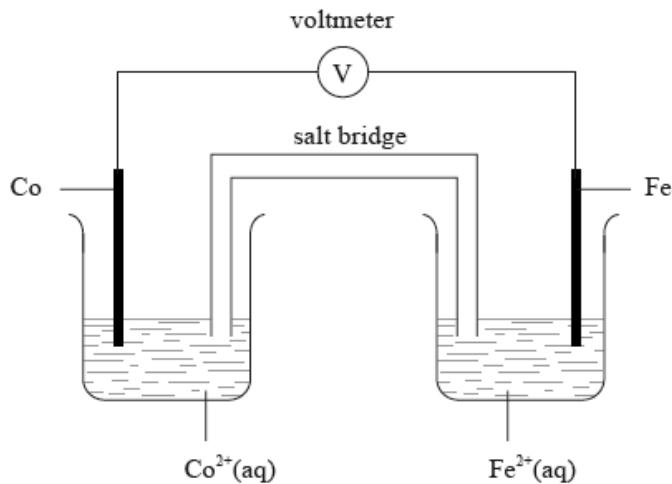
$$E^\ominus(\text{BrO}_3^-/\text{Br}^-) = E^\ominus + E^\ominus(\text{I}_2/\text{I}^-) = 0.888 + 0.54 \Rightarrow 1.43 \text{ V}$$

[1 mark]

## Examiners report

- a. [N/A]
- b. [N/A]
- c. [N/A]

An electrochemical cell is made from an iron half-cell connected to a cobalt half-cell:



The standard electrode potential for  $\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Fe}(\text{s})$  is  $-0.45 \text{ V}$ . The total cell potential obtained when the cell is operating under standard conditions is  $0.17 \text{ V}$ . Cobalt is produced during the spontaneous reaction.

An electrolytic cell is made using a very dilute solution of sodium chloride.

Predict the products by giving the relevant half-equation for the reaction occurring at each electrode if the electrolyte of the cell described in part (c) was changed to:

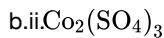
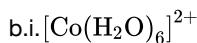
a.i. Define the term *standard electrode potential* and state the meaning of the minus sign in the value of  $-0.45 \text{ V}$ . [3]

a.ii. Calculate the value for the standard electrode potential for the cobalt half-cell. [1]

a.iii Deduce which species acts as the oxidizing agent when the cell is operating. [1]

a.iv Deduce the equation for the spontaneous reaction taking place when the iron half-cell is connected instead to an aluminium half-cell. [2]

a.v Explain the function of the salt bridge in an electrochemical cell. [2]



c.i. Draw a labelled diagram of the cell. Use an arrow to show the direction of the electron flow and identify the positive and negative electrodes. [3]

c.ii. Give the formulas of all the ions present in the solution. [2]

c.iii. Predict the products obtained at each electrode and state the half-equation for the formation of each product. [3]

c.iv. Deduce the molar ratios of the products obtained at the two electrodes. [1]

d.i. concentrated sodium chloride [2]

d.ii. molten sodium bromide [2]

## Markscheme

a.i. the voltage obtained when the half-cell is connected to the standard hydrogen electrode;

under standard conditions of 298 K **and**  $1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  solutions;

electrons flow (in the external circuit) from the half-cell to the hydrogen electrode / the metal in the half-cell is above hydrogen in the ECS / Fe is a better reducing agent than  $\text{H}_2$  / Fe is oxidised more readily than  $\text{H}_2$ ;

a.ii. -0.28 V;

a.iii.  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ /cobalt(II) ion;

a.iv.  $2\text{Al} + 3\text{Fe}^{2+} \rightarrow 3\text{Fe} + 2\text{Al}^{3+}$ ;

*Award [1] for correct reactants and products and [1] for correctly balanced, ignore states.*

*Do not accept  $\rightleftharpoons$*

a.v. to complete the electrical circuit / OWTTE;

by allowing the movement of ions;

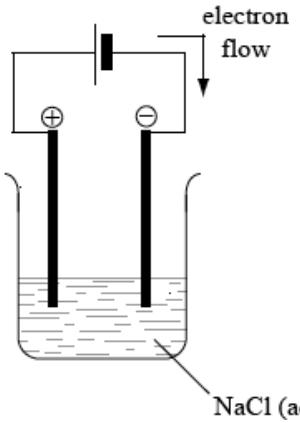
b.i.+2;

b.ii.+3;

b.iii.+2;

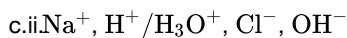
*Only penalize once if roman numerals are used or if written as 2+ or 3+.*

c.i. diagram to show:

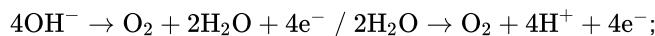


battery/source of electricity connected to two electrodes in the solution with positive **and** negative electrodes correctly labelled;  
 electrons/current flowing from the cell to the negative electrode;  
 labelled solution of sodium chloride;

*If the connecting wires to electrodes are immersed in the solution [1 max].*

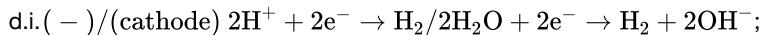
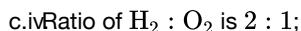


*All four correct [2], any three correct [1].*



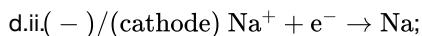
*Accept e instead of e<sup>-</sup>*

*If electrodes omitted or wrong way round [2 max].*



*Accept e instead of e<sup>-</sup>.*

*If electrodes omitted or wrong way round [1 max]*



*Accept e instead of e<sup>-</sup>.*

*If electrodes omitted or wrong way round [1 max].*

## Examiners report

a.i.This question was poorly answered. In part (a), the definition of standard electrode potential was poorly stated, with the standard hydrogen electrode rarely mentioned.

a.ii.Many candidates had difficulty determining the value of the standard electrode potential for the cobalt half-cell.

a.iiiFew gave Co<sup>2+</sup> as the oxidizing agent.

a.iv If a penalty had already been incurred in Question 4, no further penalty was applied; otherwise the use of the equilibrium arrow in this question was penalized once only.

a.v [N/A]

b.i.In part (b), most candidates correctly determined the oxidation states, although they were frequently written incorrectly as 2+ or 3+.

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c.i.In part (c) many candidates drew a voltaic cell instead of an electrolytic cell.

c.ii [N/A]

c.iii [N/A]

c.iv [N/A]

d.i.Half-equations were frequently the wrong way round, and electrodes were not identified. Candidates who included states of matter in their equations frequently wrote the wrong state and were penalized.

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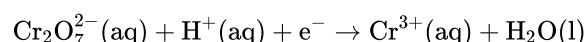
The standard electrode potential for a half-cell made from iron metal in a solution of iron(II) ions,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ (aq), has the value  $-0.45$  V.

Consider the following table of standard electrode potentials.

	$E^\ominus / \text{V}$
$\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Fe}(\text{s})$	-0.45
$\text{Sn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Sn}(\text{s})$	-0.14
$\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2(\text{g})$	0.00
$\text{Sn}^{4+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Sn}^{2+}(\text{aq})$	+0.15
$\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{aq}) + \text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})$	+0.77
$\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Ag}(\text{s})$	+0.80
$\frac{1}{2}\text{Br}_2(\text{l}) + \text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Br}^-(\text{aq})$	+1.07

From the list above:

An acidified solution of potassium dichromate is often used as an oxidizing agent in organic chemistry. During the oxidation reaction of ethanol to ethanal the dichromate ion is reduced to chromium(III) ions according to the following **unbalanced** half-equation.

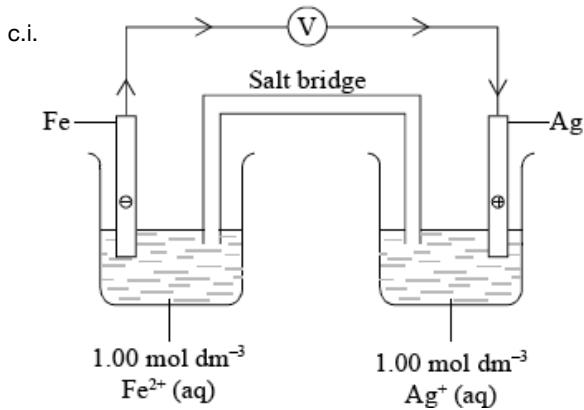


Sodium metal can be obtained by the electrolysis of molten sodium chloride.

- a.i. Define standard electrode potential. [2]
- a.ii. Explain the significance of the minus sign in  $-0.45\text{ V}$ . [1]
- b.i. State the species which is the strongest oxidizing agent. [1]
- b.ii Deduce which species can reduce  $\text{Sn}^{4+}(\text{aq})$  to  $\text{Sn}^{2+}(\text{aq})$  but will not reduce  $\text{Sn}^{2+}(\text{aq})$  to  $\text{Sn}(\text{s})$  under standard conditions. [1]
- b.iii Deduce which species can reduce  $\text{Sn}^{2+}(\text{aq})$  to  $\text{Sn}(\text{s})$  under standard conditions. [1]
- c.i. Draw a labelled diagram of a voltaic cell made from an  $\text{Fe}(\text{s}) / \text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})$  half-cell connected to an  $\text{Ag}(\text{s}) / \text{Ag}^+(\text{aq})$  half-cell operating under standard conditions. In your diagram identify the positive electrode (cathode), the negative electrode (anode) and the direction of electron flow in the external circuit. [5]
- c.ii. Deduce the equation for the chemical reaction occurring when the cell in part (c) (i) is operating under standard conditions and calculate the voltage produced by the cell. [2]
- d.i. Describe the colour change that will be observed in the reaction. [1]
- d.ii Deduce the oxidation number of chromium in  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ . [1]
- d.iii State the balanced half-equation for the reduction of dichromate ions to chromium(III) ions. [1]
- d.iv Deduce the half-equation for the oxidation of ethanol to ethanal and hence the overall redox equation for the oxidation of ethanol to ethanal by acidified dichromate ions. [3]
- d.v Explain why it is necessary to carry out the reaction under acidic conditions. [1]
- d.vi Identify the organic product formed if excess potassium dichromate is used and the reaction is carried out under reflux. [1]
- e.i. Explain why it is very difficult to obtain sodium from sodium chloride by any other method. [2]
- e.ii. Explain why an aqueous solution of sodium chloride cannot be used to obtain sodium metal by electrolysis. [2]

## Markscheme

- a.i. the potential difference/voltage obtained when a half-cell is connected to a standard hydrogen electrode;  
under standard conditions /  $1.00\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  solutions,  $298\text{ K}$ ;
- a.ii. the electrons flow from the half-cell to the standard hydrogen electrode / the half-cell forms the negative electrode when connected to the standard half-cell / Fe is a better reducing agent than  $\text{H}_2$  / Fe is above  $\text{H}_2$  in electrochemical series;  
*Accept "the half reaction is not spontaneous".*
- b.i. bromine/  $\text{Br}_2$ ;
- b.ii hydrogen/  $\text{H}_2$ ;
- b.iii iron/Fe;
- Ignore coefficients for  $\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2$  or Fe.*



correct diagram including voltmeter;

*No credit if wires to electrodes immersed in the solutions.*

labelled salt bridge;

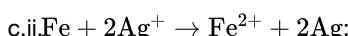
*Do not accept name of salt (e.g. potassium nitrate) in place of salt bridge.*

correctly labelled (+) and (-) electrodes / cathode and anode;

1 or 1.00 mol dm⁻³ concentrations/298 K;

flow of electrons from Fe to Ag in external circuit;

*Award [2 max] if battery shown instead of voltmeter.*



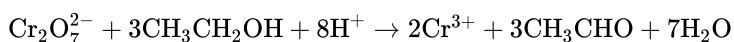
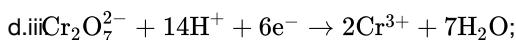
$$E_{\text{cell}}^{\Theta} (= 0.80 - (-0.45) =) 1.25 \text{ V};$$

*Ignore state symbols.*

d.i.(the solution changes) from orange to green;

d.ii.+6;

*Do not accept 6, 6+ or the use of Roman numerals unless they have already been penalized in (2)(a).*



*For second equation award [1] for correct reactants and products and [1] for correct balancing.*

d.v $\text{H}^+$  is a reactant / OWTTE;

d.viethanoic acid /  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  / acid;

*Accept acetic acid.*

e.i. sodium is a very powerful reducing agent/high in electrochemical series;

any chemical reducing agent would need to be even higher in ECS to reduce  $\text{Na}^+$  / OWTTE;

e.ii. $\text{H}^+$  ions gain electrons more readily than  $\text{Na}^+$  / hydrogen is evolved instead;

hydrogen is below Na in ECS;

if sodium were to be formed it would react with the water in the solution / OWTTE;

# Examiners report

a.i. This was the third most popular question. Most candidates were able to give only an incomplete definition of the *standard electrode potential*; the need for standard conditions was often omitted.

a.ii. Only the strongest candidates were able to clearly explain the significance of the negative sign for the standard electrode potential of the half cell.

b.i.7(b) proved to be confusing for some candidates with many giving the half-equation instead of a specific species.

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b.iii.7(b) proved to be confusing for some candidates with many giving the half-equation instead of a specific species.

c.i. Labelling the voltaic cell was generally well done in (c) (i) but some responses mixed up the cathode and anode or gave a battery instead off a voltmeter. The most common omission, however, involved the concentrations ( $1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) of the solution and the temperature of 298 K.

c.ii. A minority of candidates gave an equilibrium sign for the cell reaction and some candidates forgot the V units.

d.i. In (d) a surprising number of candidates were unable to give the colour change observed when dichromate(VI) ions are reduced to chromium(III) ions by ethanol.

d.ii. [N/A]

d.iii. The majority of candidates were not able to write the balanced redox reaction for the production of ethanal.

d.iv. Most candidates were able to identify ethanoic acid as the product of further oxidation under reflux.

d.v. Many were unable to explain the need to carry out the reaction under acidic conditions.

d.vi. The presence of  $\text{H}^+$  as a reactant in the equation was the expected response.

e.i.(e) proved to be very challenging with not many able to explain why it is difficult to obtain sodium from the electrolysis of aqueous sodium chloride.

e.ii. All sorts of misunderstandings were in evidence, many involving a discussion of the compound's high lattice enthalpy.

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Chromium is a typical transition metal with many uses.

A voltaic cell is constructed as follows. One half-cell contains a platinum electrode in a solution containing  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The other half-cell contains an iron electrode in a solution containing  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  ions. The two electrodes are connected to a voltmeter and the two solutions by a salt bridge.

a. Distinguish between the terms *oxidation* and *reduction* in terms of oxidation numbers. [1]

b. State the names of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{CrO}_3$ . [2]

$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ :

$\text{CrO}_3$ :

c.i. Define the term *oxidizing agent*. [1]

c.ii.  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$  (aq) and  $\text{I}^-$  (aq) ions react together in the **presence of acid** to form  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  (aq) and  $\text{IO}_3^-$  (aq) ions. Deduce the balanced chemical equation for this redox reaction and identify the species that acts as the oxidizing agent. [3]

d.i. Draw a diagram of the voltaic cell, labelling the positive and negative electrodes (cathode and anode) and showing the direction of movement of electrons and ions. Deduce an equation for the reaction occurring in each of the half-cells, and the equation for the overall cell reaction. [5]

d.ii. Define the term *standard electrode potential*. [1]

d.iii. Calculate the cell potential, in V, under standard conditions, using information from Table 14 of the Data Booklet. [1]

e.i. State **two** characteristic properties of transition elements. [2]

e.ii. State the type of bond formed by a ligand and identify the feature that enables it to form this bond. [2]

e.iii. Explain why the complex  $[\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$  is coloured. [3]

e.iv. Draw an orbital box diagram (arrow-in-box notation) showing the electrons in the 4s and 3d sub-levels in chromium metal. [1]

f. Chromium is often used in electroplating. State what is used as the positive electrode (anode), the negative electrode (cathode) and the electrolyte in the chromium electroplating process. [3]

## Markscheme

a. *Oxidation:* increase in oxidation number **and** *Reduction:* decrease in oxidation number / OWTTE;

b.  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ :

chromium(III) oxide;

*Do not award mark for chromium oxide.*

$\text{CrO}_3$ :

chromium(VI) oxide;

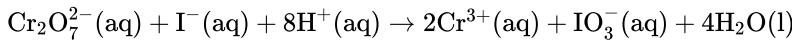
*Do not award mark for chromium oxide.*

*Do not award any marks if chromium oxide without Roman numerals is given for both.*

c.i. substance reduced / causes other substance to be oxidized / increase oxidation number of another species / gains electrons / OWTTE;

c.ii. *Oxidizing agent:*

$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$  / dichromate (ion);



*Award [1] for coefficients:  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ (aq),  $\text{I}^-$ (aq),  $2\text{Cr}^{3+}$ (aq),  $\text{IO}_3^-$ (aq).*

*Award [1] for coefficients:  $8\text{H}^+$ (aq),  $4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (l).*

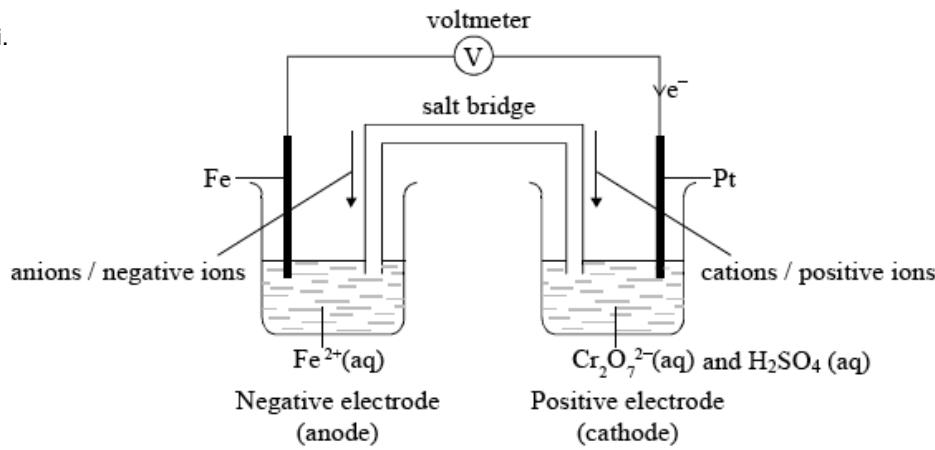
*Award [1 max] if coefficients of reactants only correct i.e.  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ ,  $\text{I}^-$  and  $8\text{H}^+$ .*

*Award [1 max] if coefficients of products only correct i.e.  $2\text{Cr}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{IO}_3^-$  and  $4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .*

*Award [1 max] for correct reactants and products.*

*Ignore state symbols.*

d.i.



Voltaic cell showing:

labelled positive electrode (cathode) **and** negative electrode (anode);

direction of electrons in external circuit **and** direction of ions in salt bridge;

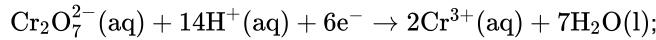
*Award mark if correct direction of electrons is indicated but e<sup>-</sup> not labelled in external circuit.*

Allow e instead of e<sup>-</sup>.

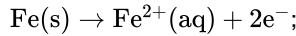
Cations/positive ions and anions/negative ions must be identified in salt bridge. Allow correct movement of ions in electrolyte instead of movement of ions in salt bridge (e.g.  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  from Fe at negative electrode/anode etc.).

If both movement of ions in salt bridge and movement of ions in electrolyte is given but one is incorrect do not award mark.

Positive electrode (cathode):



Negative electrode (anode):

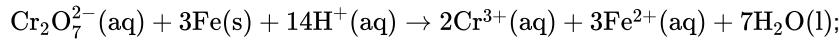


Penalize once only.

Penalize once only if electrodes or equations reversed.

For both electrodes allow e instead of e<sup>-</sup>.

Overall cell reaction:



Ignore state symbols throughout (d) (i).

d.ii potential under standard conditions relative to standard hydrogen electrode/SHE;

Reference must be made to standard conditions.

Instead of standard conditions allow either solute concentration of 1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>/1 M/1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> or 100 kPa/10<sup>5</sup> Pa for gases.

Allow 1 bar for 100 kPa/10<sup>5</sup> Pa.

Allow 1 atm/1.01 × 10<sup>5</sup> Pa.

Allow voltage instead of potential.

d.iii(+)1.78 (V);

e.i. catalysts;

variable oxidation state/numbers;

Allow variable valency.

magnetic (properties);

(form) coloured ions/compounds;

*Allow just coloured.*

(form) complexes/complex ions;

*Allow other metallic physical properties such as high densities/high melting points etc.*

*Allow partially filled/incomplete d subshell/sub-level.*

e.ii.dative (covalent)/coordinate;

Lewis base / (species/ion/molecule with) lone/non-bonding pair;

e.iii partially filled/incomplete d subshell/sub-level/orbitals;

d orbitals split (into two sets of different energies);

colour due to electron transition between (split) d orbitals / frequencies of visible light absorbed by electrons moving from lower to higher d levels;

colour due to remaining frequencies / complementary colour seen;

*Allow wavelength as well as frequency.*

e.iv.



4s

3d

*Accept half-arrows or full arrows and boxes in reverse order.*

*Do not penalize if additional sub-levels are shown, if sub-levels are not labelled or if no boxes are drawn (providing system of arrows correct).*

*Do not award mark if sub-levels are incorrectly labelled.*

*Orbital diagram may also be represented with sub-levels shown at different relative energy positions.*

f. Positive electrode (anode): chromium;

Allow lead/titanium/platinum/graphite.

Negative electrode (cathode): object to be plated;

Allow specific example here e.g. spoon.

Electrolyte:  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  (aq);

Allow (mixture of)  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  (aq) **and**  $\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  (aq)/chromate/chromic acid/ $\text{H}_2\text{CrO}_4$ .

Ignore state symbols.

Allow any soluble salt of  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ .

## Examiners report

a. Candidates generally knew that oxidation involves an increase in oxidation number and reduction a decrease.

b. Some forgot to include the Roman Numerals here and a large majority simply got the Roman Numeral incorrect. One G2 comment suggested that it would have been better if systematic was included in the question which is a fair point, though typically candidates simply put chromium oxide for both compounds which showed misunderstanding of what was really required.

c.i. The definition of an oxidizing agent was well answered.

c.ii. Most candidates knew that the dichromate ion acted as the oxidizing agent but many made lots of errors in deducing the balanced chemical equation.

d.i. Only the best candidates scored all five marks, though most candidates scored at least two marks. Some candidates mixed up the cathode and anode. Equilibrium signs were often written and very few gave the correct direction of the movement of ions. Some G2 comments stated that it was not clear what ion movement was required – flow of ions through the salt bridge or just movement of ions towards the electrodes in the electrolyte. In fact most candidates could not write either and the markscheme in fact allowed credit for either of these to be fair to candidates.

d.ii Standard conditions often was omitted.

d.iii(iii) was well answered.

e.i. Most candidates scored full marks here.

e.ii. Most candidates scored full marks here.

e.iii Many candidates scored two out of three marks.

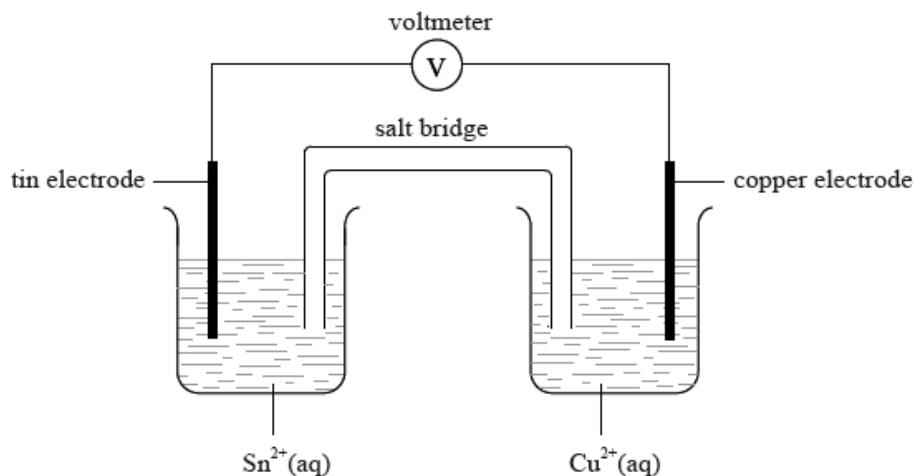
e.iv Many candidates put two electrons in the 4s level and four electrons in the 3d level which was incorrect in the orbital diagram.

f. Candidates often scored two out of three marks here with the most common error relating to the electrolyte.

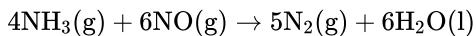
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The conditions used in an electrolytic cell can determine the products formed.

A voltaic cell is constructed from two half-cells as illustrated below.



Nitrogen monoxide may be removed from industrial emissions via a reaction with ammonia as shown by the equation below.



a.i. Draw an electrolytic cell illustrating the electrolysis of molten nickel(II) bromide,  $\text{NiBr}_2$ . Include in the diagram the direction of the electron flow, [5] the polarity of electrodes and state the half-equations for the product formed at each electrode.

a.ii. Deduce the equations for the formation of the major product at the positive electrode (anode) when the following aqueous solutions are electrolysed. [2]

• dilute sodium chloride

• concentrated sodium chloride

b.i. Use Table 14 of the Data Booklet to deduce the equation for the spontaneous reaction occurring in this cell. [1]

b.ii. Calculate the standard potential for this cell. [1]

b.iii. State the conditions necessary for the potential of the cell to equal that calculated in part (b) (ii) using the data from Table 14. [1]

c. Using the data below and data from Table 14 of the Data Booklet, predict and explain which metal, cadmium or chromium, may be obtained by electrolysis of separate aqueous solutions of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ (aq) ions and  $\text{Cr}^{2+}$ (aq) ions. [2]

d.i. Electrolysis is used in the electroplating of metals. The same amount of current is passed through separate aqueous solutions of  $\text{NiSO}_4$ ,  $\text{Sn}(\text{SO}_4)_2$  and  $\text{Cr}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$  in separate electrolytic cells for the same amount of time. State and explain which cell would deposit the greatest amount (in mol) of metal. Identify the electrode at which the metal is deposited. [3]

d.ii. For the  $\text{Sn}(\text{SO}_4)_2$  cell, suggest **two** factors, other than time and current, that would affect the amount of metal deposited during electroplating. [2]

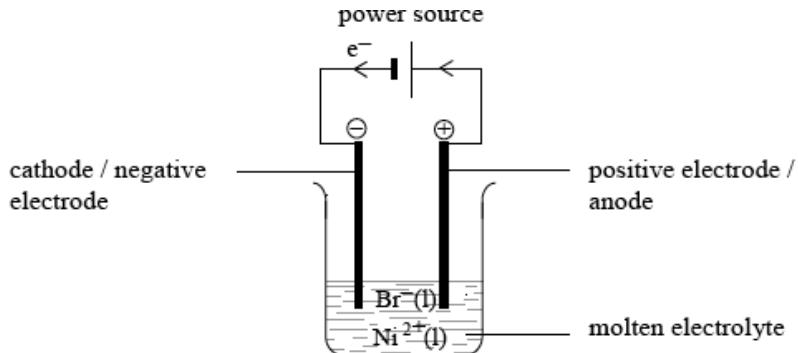
e.i. Deduce the oxidation number of the nitrogen in the reactants and product. [3]

e.ii. Deduce the oxidation and reduction half-equations and identify the oxidizing agent for the reaction. [3]

e.iii. 30.0 dm<sup>3</sup> of ammonia reacts with 30.0 dm<sup>3</sup> of nitrogen monoxide at 100 °C. Identify which gas is in excess and by how much and calculate the volume of nitrogen produced. [2]

## Markscheme

a.i.



labelled polarities of positive **and** negative electrodes;

*Electrodes can be labelled positive or negative or + and - signs can be used.*

direction of electron flow;

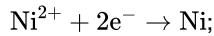
*$e^-$  does not have to be labelled but arrow essential.*

power source **and** molten electrolyte/ $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ (l) **and**  $\text{Br}^-$ (l)/ $\text{NiBr}_2$ (l);

*State symbol necessary for M3 unless molten electrolyte stated.*

*Power source does not need to be labelled if correct symbol used (i.e. short line and long line).*

*Cathode/negative electrode equation:*



*Anode/positive electrode equation:*



Accept balanced half-equation with one  $e^-$ .

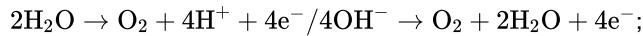
Award [1 max] for M4 and M5 if electrodes are not identified or if equations are given wrong way round or incorrectly labelled.

Penalize  $\rightleftharpoons$  once only in Q.9.

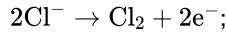
Allow e instead of  $e^-$ .

Ignore state symbols for M4 and M5.

a.ii Dilute sodium chloride:



Concentrated sodium chloride:



Accept alternative balanced half-equations with correct number of electrons.

Award [1 max] if equations are given the wrong way round.

Award [2] if correct equations are written in order with dilute sodium chloride first and concentrated sodium chloride second but processes not stated explicitly.

Penalize  $\rightleftharpoons$  once only in Q.9.

Allow e instead of  $e^-$ .

Ignore state symbols.

b.i.  $\text{Sn} + \text{Cu}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Sn}^{2+} + \text{Cu}$ ;

Ignore state symbols.

Penalize  $\rightleftharpoons$  once only in Q.9.

b.ii.  $(0.34 - -0.14) = (+)0.48 \text{ V}$ ;

b.iii 1.0 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> solutions and 25 °C/298 K;

c.  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  is a stronger oxidizing agent than  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and will be displaced to produce Cd / OWTTE;

$\text{Cr}^{2+}$  is a weaker oxidizing agent than  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and H<sub>2</sub> will displace in preference to Cr / OWTTE;

Award [1 max] for stating  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  stronger oxidizing agent than  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Cr}^{2+}$  weaker oxidizing agent than  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  / OWTTE.

d.i. Ni;

only requires 2 mol of  $e^-$  for each mol of Ni / Sn requires 4 mol of  $e^-$  / Cr requires 3 mol of  $e^-$  /  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  needs least number of  $e^-$  to produce 1 mol of Ni metal;

Allow e instead of  $e^-$ .

cathode / negative electrode;

Do not award M3 for "metal deposited at cathode where oxidation occurs".

d.ii temperature of solution;

$[\text{Sn}^{4+}]$ ;

surface area/size of electrode;

material of electrodes;

Do not allow nature of electrodes.

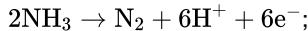
e.i.  $\text{NH}_3: -3$ ;

NO: +2;

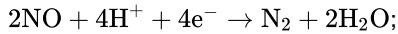
N<sub>2</sub>: 0;

Penalize incorrect notation such as 3-, III, 2+, 2, II once only.

e.ii.Oxidation:



Reduction:



Award [1 max] for M1 and M2 if redox processes are not identified or if equations are given wrong way round.

Penalize  $\rightleftharpoons$  once only in Q.9.

Allow e instead of  $e^-$ .

Ignore state symbols.

Oxidizing agent: NO;

Allow either formula or name.

e.iiiNH<sub>3</sub>/ammonia (in excess by) and 10 (dm<sup>3</sup>);

25.0 (dm<sup>3</sup>);

## Examiners report

a.i. This was also a popular question but candidates often struggled to do well. In (a) (i), a number of candidates confused this question with one on voltaic cells and drew two half-cells connected rather than that of an electrolytic cell for the electrolysis of nickel bromide. The half-equations on the whole were poor and most were unlabelled. Use of equilibrium signs was widespread and many candidates did not realise that reduction takes place at the cathode leading to the formation of Ni etc.

a.ii.Few correctly answered correctly the equation for dilute solutions in (ii).

b.i.In (b) (i) most candidates got the correct equation though Cu<sup>+</sup> was often given.

b.iiIn (ii) some candidates forgot to include V as the unit.

b.iiiFew scored one mark in (iii).

c. Most candidates did not have any clue about part (c). Few spotted that they needed to compare the oxidizing/reducing power to that of water.

Most simply made a comparison between the two electrode potentials given. Most candidates scored zero on this question.

d.i.(d) (i) was often well answered though many did not state that 2 mol of electrons are required for each mol of Ni.

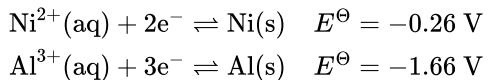
d.ii(ii) proved difficult and there were a number of G2 comments stating that this went somewhat beyond the syllabus. These points were valid and this was taken into account during Grade Award.

e.i.In (e), although most candidates scored full marks, incorrect notations such as 3-, III were sometimes seen.

e.ii.In contrast to (e) (i) both (ii) and (iii) were very well answered.

e.iiiln contrast to (e) (i) both (ii) and (iii) were very well answered.

Consider the following half-cell reactions and their standard electrode potentials.

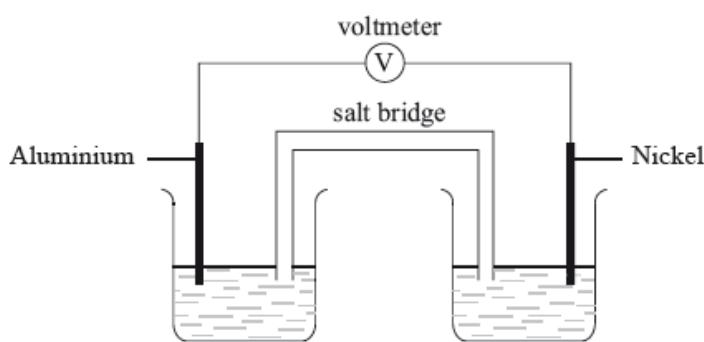


a. Outline **two** differences between an electrolytic cell and a voltaic cell. [2]

b.i. Deduce a balanced equation for the overall reaction which will occur spontaneously when these two half-cells are connected. [2]

b.ii. Determine the cell potential when the two half-cells are connected. [1]

b.iii. On the cell diagram below, label the negative electrode (anode), the positive electrode (cathode) and the directions of the movement of electrons and ion flow. [4]



## Markscheme

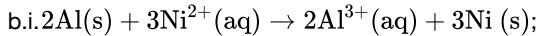
a. electrolytic cell converts electrical energy to chemical energy **and** voltaic cell converts chemical energy to electrical energy / electrolytic cell uses electricity to carry out a (redox) chemical reaction **and** voltaic cell uses a (redox) chemical reaction to produce electricity / electrolytic cell requires a power supply **and** voltaic cell does not;

electrolytic cell involves a non-spontaneous (redox) reaction **and** voltaic cell involves a spontaneous (redox) reaction;

in an electrolytic cell, cathode is negative and anode is positive **and** vice-versa for a voltaic cell / electrolytic cell, anode is positive and voltaic cell, anode is negative / electrolytic cell, cathode is negative and voltaic cell, cathode is positive;

voltaic cell has two separate solutions **and** electrolytic cell has one solution / voltaic cell has salt bridge and electrolytic cell has no salt bridge; electrolytic cell, oxidation occurs at the positive electrode/anode **and** voltaic cell, oxidation occurs at the negative electrode/anode/vice-versa;

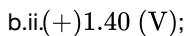
*If descriptions are reversed for electrolytic and voltaic cell, penalize first marking point but award second marking point as ECF.*



*Correct reactants and products, award [1]*

*Balancing award [1].*

*Ignore state symbols and equilibrium sign.*



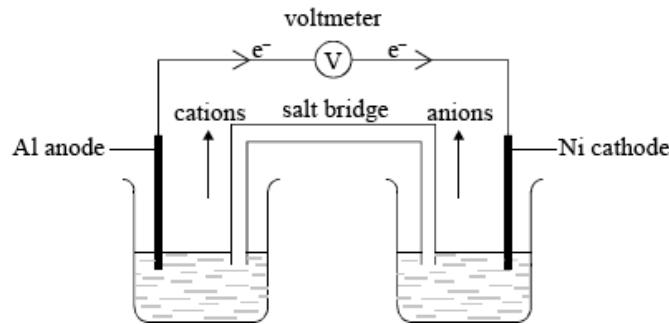
b.iii aluminium anode/negative electrode;

nickel cathode/positive electrode;

electron movement from Al to Ni;

correct movement of cations and anions through salt bridge;

If electron movement shown correctly but not labelled, award the mark



## Examiners report

a. This question was generally well answered. The majority of candidates were able to state two differences between a voltaic and an electrolytic cell.

b.i In part (b), a balanced equation and cell potential were correctly deduced by most candidates.

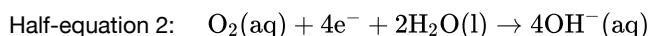
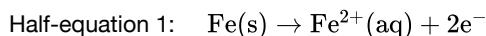
b.ii In part (b), a balanced equation and cell potential were correctly deduced by most candidates.

b.iii The ability to label the direction of the movement of cations and anions through the salt bridge proved to be the most difficult question on the paper.

Iron rusts in the presence of oxygen and water. Rusting is a redox process involving several steps that produces hydrated iron(III) oxide,

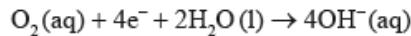
$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \bullet n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , as the final product.

The half-equations involved for the first step of rusting are given below.



a. (i) Identify whether half-equation 1 represents oxidation or reduction, giving a reason for your answer. [5]

(ii) Identify the oxidation number of each atom in the three species in half-equation 2.



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(iii) Deduce the overall redox equation for the first step of rusting by combining half-equations 1 and 2.

(iv) Identify the reducing agent in the redox equation in part (iii).

b. The oxygen in half-equation 2 is atmospheric oxygen that is found dissolved in water in very small concentrations. Explain, in terms of intermolecular forces, why oxygen is not very soluble in water. [2]

c. State the relationship between the electron arrangement of an element and its group and period in the periodic table. [2]

d. Transition metals and their compounds often catalyse reactions. The catalyzed decomposition of hydrogen peroxide by CuO is an example. [2]

State **two other** examples of catalyzed reactions giving the transition metal or its compound acting as catalyst.

e. (i) State a chemical equation for the partial dissociation of water into ions, including state symbols. [6]

(ii) The dissociation of water into ions is reversible. State the expression for the ionic product constant of water.

(iii) The ionic product constant of water was measured at three different temperatures.

Temperature / K	$K_w$
298	$1.00 \times 10^{-14}$
313	$2.92 \times 10^{-14}$
373	$5.13 \times 10^{-13}$

Deduce whether the ionization of water is exothermic or endothermic, giving your reason.

(iv) Use the data in part (iii) to determine the pH of water at 373 K, correct to **two** decimal places.

f. (i) An aqueous solution of sodium chloride is electrolysed using inert electrodes. Explain which product is obtained at the positive electrode (anode) if the concentration of sodium chloride is high. [5]

(ii) State the half-equations occurring at the electrodes during the electrolysis of the **concentrated** aqueous solution of sodium chloride.

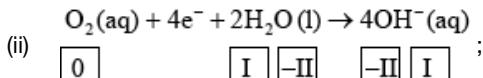
Negative electrode (cathode):

Positive electrode (anode):

g. Describe how electrolysis can be used to electroplate a bracelet with a layer of silver metal. Include the choice of electrodes and electrolyte needed in your description. [3]

## Markscheme

a. (i) oxidation **and** (iron/Fe) loses electrons/increases in oxidation number/state;

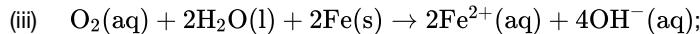


Award **[2]** for five correct.

*Award [1] for four correct.*

*Accept use of oxidation states (0, +1, -2, -2, +1) for oxidation numbers.*

*Penalize once for incorrect notation (eg, 2, 2-).*



*Ignore state symbols.*

(iv) Fe/iron;

b. needs to break strong hydrogen bonds/H–bonds between water molecules (to dissolve) / oxygen cannot form hydrogen bonds/H–bonds with water;

oxygen can only form (weak) van der Waals'/vdW/LDF/London/dispersion forces with water;

c. groups indicate the number of electrons in the highest energy level/outer/valence shell;

periods indicate the number of (occupied) energy levels/shells (in the atom);

d.  $V_2O_5$  catalyses oxidation of  $SO_2$  /  $V_2O_5$  is a catalyst in the Contact Process;

Fe catalyses the reaction between  $N_2$  and  $H_2$  / Fe is a catalyst in the Haber Process;

Ni/Pd/Pt catalyses hydrogenation / manufacture of margarine / addition of hydrogen to C=C / conversion of alkenes to alkanes;

Pd/Pt is a catalyst in catalytic converters / Pd/Pt catalyzes reaction of  $NO_2$  and CO/ $NO_2$  and (unburnt) fuel/exhaust gases;

*Accept other correct examples.*

*Accept formulas or names of substances.*

e. (i)  $H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons H^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$  /  $2H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+(aq) + OH^-(aq);$

$\rightleftharpoons$  and state symbols are necessary for the mark.

(ii)  $K_w = [H^+][OH^-]/K_w = [H_3O^+][OH^-];$

(iii) at higher temperatures ionization increases / at higher temperatures equilibrium shifts to right;

ionization is endothermic;

*Do not allow ECF for M2.*

(iv)  $5.13 \times 10^{-13} = [H_3O^+]^2/[H^+]^2/[H_3O^+]/[H^+] = 7.16 \times 10^{-7}$  (mol dm<sup>-3</sup>);

pH = 6.14/6.15;

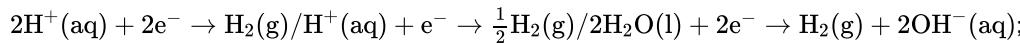
*Award [2] for correct final answer.*

f. (i) chlorine/ $Cl_2$  (is produced at the positive electrode/anode);

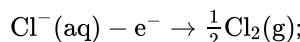
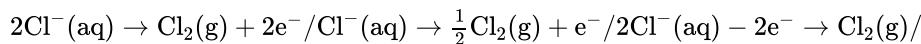
according to electrochemical series/  $E^\circ$  values/ease of oxidation  $OH^-/H_2O$  reacts/oxygen is released / OWTTE / at low chloride concentration  $OH^-/H_2O$  reacts/oxygen is released;

high concentration makes  $Cl^-$  oxidize/react in preference to  $OH^-/H_2O$  / OWTTE;

(ii) Negative electrode (cathode):



Positive electrode (anode):



*Ignore state symbols.*

*Accept e instead of e<sup>-</sup>.*

*Award [1] if half-equations are correct but placed at the wrong electrodes.*

g. bracelet/object to be electroplated is the cathode/negative electrode;

silver anode/positive electrode;

Accept Pt anode.

Electrolyte: liquid Na[Ag(CN<sub>2</sub>)]/sodium dicyanoargentate/[Ag(CN)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>/ solution of an appropriate silver salt;

Accept AgNO<sub>3</sub>/silver nitrate.

All marks can be scored with a labelled diagram.

## Examiners report

a. (i) Very well answered.

(ii) Most candidates answered correctly. The most common mistakes were doubling the oxidation number of H in H<sub>2</sub>O, and entering a wrong oxidation number for elemental oxygen.

(iii) A well-answered question.

b. The aqueous solubility of oxygen gas was often poorly explained, with the discussion focussing on the intermolecular forces found in each substance separately and then stating that “like dissolves like”.

c. Well answered by most candidates.

d. The majority of candidates were able to give two valid examples of transition metals or their compounds acting as catalysts.

e. (i) Very well answered.

(ii) Well answered.

(iii) About half of the candidates were able to gain full marks. Some candidates found difficulty in connecting the increase in K<sub>w</sub> to the position of equilibrium.

(iv) About half of the candidates were able to calculate the pH from the K<sub>w</sub> value.

f. (i) Many candidates identified chlorine as the product, but the other two marks were more discriminating. Some candidates clarified that Cl<sup>-</sup> was oxidized in preference to OH<sup>-</sup> because of its high concentration, but very few related the situation to the electrochemical series.

(ii) This was poorly answered by many candidates. Common mistakes included releasing sodium at the cathode, reversing electrodes and unbalanced redox half-reactions where the electrons were sometimes on the wrong side of the equation.

g. Very well answered. Most candidates determined both electrodes correctly. The main difficulty for some candidates was choosing a suitable electrolyte.

The standard electrode potentials for three other electrode systems are given below.

	$E^\ominus / \text{V}$
MnO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> (aq) + 8H <sup>+</sup> (aq) + 5e <sup>-</sup> ⇌ Mn <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 4H <sub>2</sub> O(l)	+1.51
Fe <sup>3+</sup> (aq) + e <sup>-</sup> ⇌ Fe <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	+0.77
Cd <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup> ⇌ Cd(s)	-0.40

a.iii Using Table 14 of the Data Booklet, calculate the cell potential for this cell.

[2]

b. The standard electrode potentials for three other electrode systems are given below.

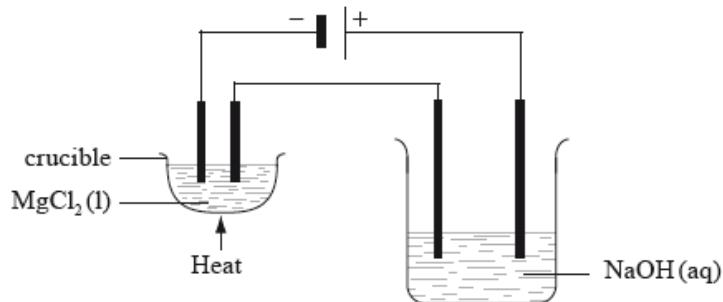
[3]

	$E^\ominus / \text{V}$
$\text{MnO}_4^-(\text{aq}) + 8\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 5\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Mn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$	+1.51
$\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{aq}) + \text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})$	+0.77
$\text{Cd}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Cd}(\text{s})$	-0.40

- (i) Identify which species in the table above is the best reducing agent.  
(ii) Deduce the equation for the overall reaction with the greatest cell potential.

c. These values were obtained using a standard hydrogen electrode. Describe the materials and conditions used in the standard hydrogen electrode. (A suitably labelled diagram is acceptable).

d.iii Two electrolytic cells are connected in series as shown in the diagram below. In one there is molten magnesium chloride and in the other, dilute sodium hydroxide solution. Both cells have inert electrodes. If 12.16 g of magnesium is produced in the first cell, deduce the identity and mass of products produced at the positive and negative electrodes in the second cell.



## Markscheme

a.iii  $+0.80 - (-2.37) = 3.17 \text{ V}$

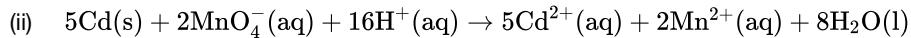
correct data;

answer with unit;

*Award [1] for -3.17 V or correct working of wrong values.*

b. (i) Cd/Cd(s);

*Do not allow Cd<sup>2+</sup>.*



correct reactants and products;

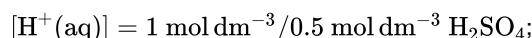
balancing;

*If wrong equation is given, award [1] for correct balancing.*

*Ignore state symbols.*

c. Accept suitable diagram with the following indicated:

Pt electrode;



*Accept Molar, M or mol L<sup>-1</sup> instead of mol dm<sup>-3</sup>.*

H<sub>2</sub> gas;

at 1 atm /  $1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ ;

*Do not award mark for pressure if no hydrogen gas given.*

d.iii Products:

oxygen at positive electrode **and** hydrogen at negative electrode;

Moles of Mg = 0.5 / mole ratio of O<sub>2</sub> : H<sub>2</sub> is 1 : 2;

*Can be implied by calculation.*

$$\text{mass oxygen} = \left( \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{12.16}{24.31} \times 32.00 \right) \text{ g} = 8.00 \text{ g};$$

$$\text{mass hydrogen} = \left( \frac{12.16}{24.31} \times 2.02 \right) \text{ g} = 1.01 \text{ g};$$

*Do not apply SD rule here.*

## Examiners report

a.iii Attempts at the equations were disappointing, with many written the wrong way round, or not identified as oxidation or reduction and some candidates gave equilibrium signs.

b. In (b)(i) the most common mistake was stating Cd<sup>2+</sup> instead of Cd. In (b) (ii) many candidates were tempted to write the more familiar equation involving Fe<sup>2+</sup> and MnO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> ions even if they identified Cd.

c. The hydrogen electrode did not seem to be well known, with few diagrams resembling the real thing, rarely were all 4 marks scored – often candidates mentioned 1 atm but not H<sub>2</sub>(g), or 1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> but not H<sup>+</sup>.

d.ii The calculation was poorly done - in most cases it involved the wrong products, which usually included sodium, very few candidates realised that the products would be hydrogen and oxygen.

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A voltaic cell was set up, using the standard hydrogen electrode as a reference electrode and a standard Cu<sup>2+</sup>(aq)/Cu(s) electrode.

Another voltaic cell was set up, using a Sn<sup>2+</sup>(aq)/Sn(s) half-cell and a Cu<sup>2+</sup>(aq)/Cu(s) half-cell under standard conditions.

Water in a beaker at a pressure of  $1.01 \times 10^5$  Pa and a temperature of 298 K will not spontaneously decompose. However, decomposition of water can be induced by means of electrolysis.

a. Define *oxidation* in terms of oxidation number. [1]

b.i. Deduce the balanced chemical equation for the redox reaction of copper, Cu(s), with nitrate ions, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>(aq), **in acid**, to produce copper(II) ions, Cu<sup>2+</sup>(aq), and nitrogen(IV) oxide, NO<sub>2</sub>(g). [2]

b.ii Deduce the oxidizing and reducing agents in this reaction. [1]

Oxidizing agent:

Reducing agent:

c.i. Describe the standard hydrogen electrode including a fully labelled diagram. [3]

c.ii. Define the term *standard electrode potential*,  $E^\ominus$ . [1]

c.iii Deduce a balanced chemical equation, including state symbols, for the overall reaction which will occur spontaneously when the two half-cells are connected. [2]

d.i. Draw a fully labelled diagram of the voltaic cell, showing the positive electrode (cathode), the negative electrode (anode) and the direction of electron movement through the external circuit. [3]

d.ii. Using Table 14 of the Data Booklet, calculate the cell potential,  $E_{\text{cell}}^\ominus$ , in V, when the two half-cells are connected. [1]

e.i. Deduce the sign of the standard free energy change,  $\Delta G^\ominus$ , for any non-spontaneous reaction. [1]

e.ii. State why dilute sulfuric acid needs to be added in order for the current to flow in the electrolytic cell. [1]

e.iii. State why copper electrodes cannot be used in the electrolysis of water. Suggest instead suitable **metallic** electrodes for this electrolysis process. [1]

e.iv. Deduce the half-equations for the reactions occurring at the positive electrode (anode) and the negative electrode (cathode). [2]

Positive electrode (anode):

Negative electrode (cathode):

e.v. Deduce the overall cell reaction, including state symbols. [1]

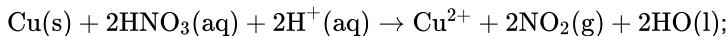
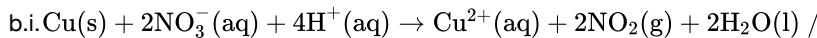
e.vi. Draw a fully labelled diagram of the electrolytic cell, showing the positive electrode (anode) and the negative electrode (cathode). [2]

e.vii. Comment on what is observed at both electrodes. [1]

f. Two electrolytic cells are connected in series (the same current passes through each cell). One cell for the electrolysis of water produces  $100 \text{ cm}^3$  of oxygen, measured at  $273 \text{ K}$  and  $1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ . The second cell contains molten lead(II) bromide,  $\text{PbBr}_2$ . Determine the mass, in g, of lead produced. [2]

## Markscheme

a. increase (in oxidation number);



correct reactants and products;

fully balanced chemical equation;

*Ignore state symbols.*

M1 can be scored if there are unbalanced electrons in equation.

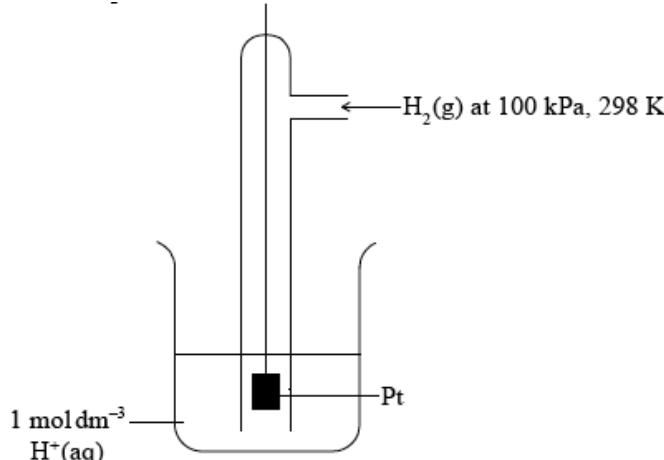
M2 can only be scored if M1 is correct.

M2 can be scored if there are balanced electrons on both sides of equation.

b.ii Oxidizing agent:  $\text{NO}_3^-$ /nitrate/ $\text{HNO}_3$ /nitric acid **and** Reducing agent: Cu/copper;

c.i. Diagram showing gas, solution and solid electrode;

For example,



1 mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$   $\text{H}^+$ (aq) and Pt;

Allow 1 mol  $\text{L}^{-1}$  or 1 M.

Allow 1 mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$   $\text{HCl}$  (aq) or other source of 1 mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$   $\text{H}^+$ (aq) ions.

100 kPa/ $10^5$  Pa/1 bar ( $\text{H}_2$  (g) pressure) **and** 298K / 25 °C;

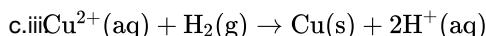
Ignore state symbols throughout.

Allow  $1.01 \times 10^5$  Pa/1 atm.

c.ii. potential of reduction half-reaction under standard conditions measured relative to standard hydrogen electrode/SHE / potential under standard conditions relative to standard hydrogen electrode/SHE;

Instead of standard conditions allow either solute concentration of 1 mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$  or 100 kPa/ $10^5$  Pa/1 bar (pressure) for gases (allow 1 atm).

Allow voltage/EMF instead of potential.



reactants and products;

fully balanced chemical equation, including state symbols;

M2 cannot be scored if M1 is incorrect.

d.i. Voltaic cell showing:

Labelled positive electrode (cathode):  $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}$  **and** negative electrode (anode):  $\text{Sn}^{2+}/\text{Sn}$ ;

Do not penalize if state symbols are not included (since given in question).

voltmeter and salt bridge;

Voltmeter can be labelled or drawn as a circle with a V.

Allow ammeter/A.

*Salt bridge can be labelled, represented with drawing connecting the two half-cells, labelled as potassium nitrate or using its chemical formula (for example, KNO<sub>3</sub>) etc.*

*correct direction of electron movement from Sn to Cu in external circuit;*

d.ii.(+)0.48 (V);

e.i. positive;

e.ii.provides ions (to carry current) / water poor conductor (of electricity);

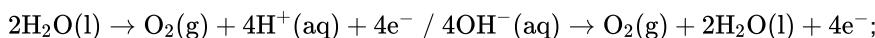
*Do not accept electrons instead of ions.*

e.iii copper reacts so (nonreactive metal such as) Pt used;

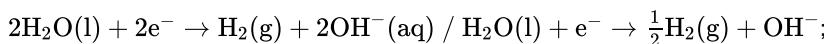
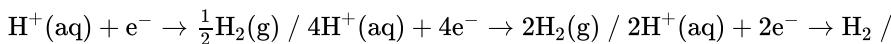
*Accept Ag, Au or any named metal less reactive than copper as electrode.*

*Do not accept Cu reacts with water or graphite as electrode.*

e.iv Positive electrode (anode):



Negative electrode (cathode):



*Award [1 max] if M1 and M2 reversed.*

*Ignore state symbols.*

*Allow e instead of e-.*

*Do not penalize use of equilibrium sign instead of →.*

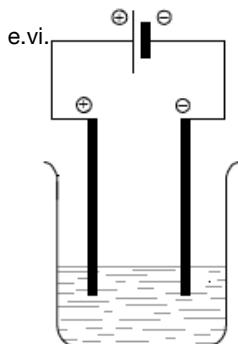
*Accept a multiple of the equations.*

e.v.  $2\text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) / \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow \text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2(\text{g});$

*State symbols required as asked for in question.*

*Do not penalize use of equilibrium sign instead of →.*

*Do not accept any multiple of  $2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 2\text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g})$ .*



*electrolytic cell showing solid electrodes immersed in solution;*

*positive electrode (anode) connected to positive terminal of battery and*

*negative electrode (cathode) to negative terminal;*

*Allow graphite or metal given in e(iii) as electrodes.*

e.vii bubbles /gas produced;

*Do not accept hydrogen is formed at cathode and oxygen formed at anode.*

f.  $n(\text{O}_2) \left( = \left( \frac{100}{22.4 \times 1000} \right) \right) = 4.46 \times 10^{-3}$  (mol);

$m \left( = (4.46 \times 10^{-3}) \times 2 \times 207.19 \right) = 1.85$  (g);

**OR**

$n(\text{O}_2) \left( = \frac{\text{PV}}{\text{RT}} \right) = 4.45 \times 10^{-3}$  (mol);

$m \left( = 4.45 \times 10^{-3} \times 2 \times 207.19 \right) = 1.84$  (g);

## Examiners report

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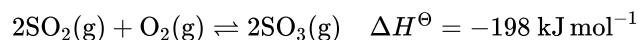
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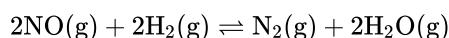
Consider the following equilibrium.



a.ii. State and explain the effect of increasing the pressure on the yield of sulfur trioxide. [2]

a.iv. State the effects of a catalyst on the forward and reverse reactions, on the position of equilibrium and on the value of K<sub>c</sub>. [3]

b. When a mixture of 0.100 mol NO, 0.051 mol H<sub>2</sub> and 0.100 mol H<sub>2</sub>O were placed in a 1.0 dm<sup>3</sup> flask at 300 K, the following equilibrium was established. [4]



At equilibrium, the concentration of NO was found to be 0.062 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>. Determine the equilibrium constant,  $K_c$ , of the reaction at this temperature.

c.i. Outline **two** differences between an electrolytic cell and a voltaic cell. [2]

c.v. Electroplating is an important application of electrolysis. State the composition of the electrodes and the electrolyte used in the silver electroplating process. [3]

## Markscheme

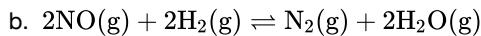
a.ii. yield (of SO<sub>3</sub>) increases / equilibrium moves to right / more SO<sub>3</sub> formed;

3 gaseous molecules → 2 gaseous molecules / decrease in volume of gaseous molecules / fewer gaseous molecules on right hand side;  
Do not allow ECF.

a.iv. rates of both forward and reverse reactions increase equally;

no effect on position of equilibrium;

no effect on value of **[3]**  $K_c$ ;



	NO(g)	H <sub>2</sub> (g)	N <sub>2</sub> (g)	H <sub>2</sub> O(g)
Initial/mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	0.100	0.051	0.000	0.100
Change/mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	-0.038	-0.038	+0.019	+0.038
Equilibrium/mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	0.062	0.013	0.019	0.138

[H<sub>2</sub>] at equilibrium = 0.013 (mol dm<sup>-3</sup>);

[N<sub>2</sub>] at equilibrium = 0.019 (mol dm<sup>-3</sup>);

[H<sub>2</sub>O] at equilibrium = 0.138 (mol dm<sup>-3</sup>);

$$K_c = [\text{N}_2][\text{H}_2\text{O}]^2/[\text{NO}]^2[\text{H}_2]^2 = (0.019)(0.138)^2/(0.062)^2(0.013)^2 = 5.6 \times 10^2;$$

Award **[4]** for final correct answer.

Accept any value also in range 557–560.

Do not penalize significant figures.

c.i. electrolytic cell converts electrical energy to chemical energy **and** voltaic cell converts chemical energy to electrical energy / electrolytic cell uses electricity to carry out a (redox) chemical reaction **and** voltaic cell uses a (redox) chemical reaction to produce electricity / electrolytic cell requires a power supply **and** voltaic cell does not;

electrolytic cell involves a non-spontaneous (redox) reaction **and** voltaic cell involves a spontaneous (redox) reaction;

in an electrolytic cell, cathode is negative and anode is positive **and vice-versa** for a voltaic cell / electrolytic cell, anode is positive and voltaic cell, anode is negative / electrolytic cell, cathode is negative and voltaic cell, cathode is positive;

voltaic cell has two separate solutions **and** electrolytic cell has one solution / voltaic cell has salt bridge and electrolytic cell has no salt bridge;

electrolytic cell, oxidation occurs at the positive electrode/anode **and** voltaic cell, oxidation occurs at the negative electrode/anode and **vice-versa**;

c.v.Cathode/negative electrode:

object to be plated;

*Allow a specific example here e.g. spoon.*

Accept inert metal/graphite.

*Do not accept silver halides or their formulae.*

Anode/positive electrode:

Silver/Ag;

Electrolyte:

$[\text{Ag}(\text{CN})_2]^-$ ;

*Allow silver nitrate/ $\text{AgNO}_3$  / silver cyanide/any other suitable silver salt/solution.*

*Do not accept  $\text{AgCl}$ .*

## Examiners report

a.ii.In (ii) an overwhelming number of candidates were able to score the first mark but did not refer to the gaseous state and hence lost the second mark.

a.ivPart (iv) was another question where candidates easily scored the second and third mark. Although this has been asked a number of times in recent sessions, some candidates still do not state that the rates of both the forward and reverse reactions increase **equally**.

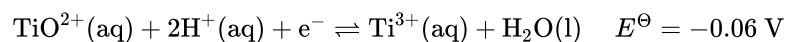
b. (b) was considered a very challenging question for candidates, and usually only the better candidates scored all four marks.

c.i.In (c) (i) most candidates scored two marks.

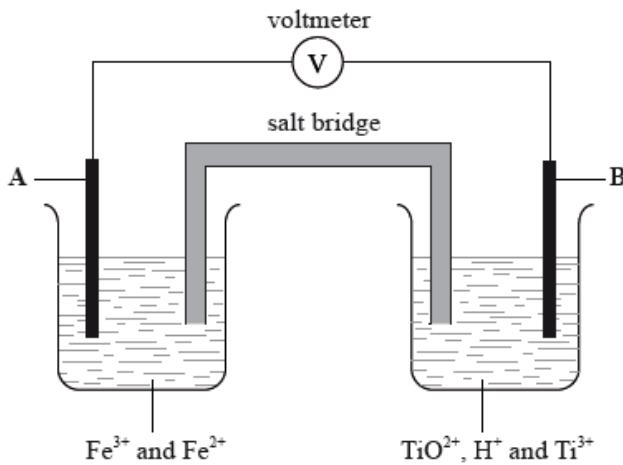
c.v.Electroplating was a topic only partially understood by candidates, and so only a few candidates obtained all three marks in (v). Often the nature of the electrode was mixed up or in many cases incorrect electrolytes were given.

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In acidic solution, ions containing titanium can react according to the half-equation below.



In the diagram below, **A** and **B** are inert electrodes and, in the aqueous solutions, all ions have a concentration of  $1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .



Sodium, silicon and sulfur are elements in period 3 of the periodic table that all form oxides.

Although carbon and silicon both belong to group 4 of the periodic table, carbon dioxide and silicon dioxide are different in many ways.

a. Define the term *standard electrode potential*,  $E^\ominus$ .

[1]

b.i. State the initial and final oxidation numbers of titanium and hence deduce whether it is oxidized or reduced in this change.

[2]

Initial oxidation number	Final oxidation number	Oxidized / reduced

b.ii. Considering the above equilibrium, predict, giving a reason, how adding more acid would affect the strength of the  $\text{TiO}^{2+}$  ion as an oxidizing agent.

c. In the two experiments below, predict whether a reaction would occur and deduce an equation for any reaction that takes place. Refer to Table 14 of the Data Booklet if necessary.

KI(aq) is added to a solution containing  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ (aq) ions:

Zn (s) is added to a solution containing  $\text{TiO}^{2+}$ (aq) and  $\text{H}^+$ (aq) ions:

d.i. Using Table 14 of the Data Booklet, state the balanced half-equation for the reaction that occurs at electrode A and whether it involves oxidation or reduction.

[2]

d.ii. Calculate the cell potential in V.

[1]

d.iii. On the diagram above label with an arrow

[1]

- the direction of electron flow in the wire
- the direction in which the positive ions flow in the salt bridge.

e.i. Compare the properties of the three oxides by completing the table below.

[3]

	$\text{Na}_2\text{O}$	$\text{SiO}_2$	$\text{SO}_2$
<b>Bonding type</b>			
<b>Standard state</b>			
<b>Effect on pH of water</b>			

e.ii.Sulfur dioxide is a significant contributor to acid deposition. Identify a major, man-made source of this pollutant. [1]

e.iiiAs well as the oxide above, sodium forms a peroxide that contains the peroxide ion,  $\text{O}_2^{2-}$ . Draw the Lewis (electron dot) structure of the peroxide ion. [2]

f.i. Describe the differences in the hybridization of these group 4 elements and the precise nature of the bonds that they form with the oxygen atoms. [3]

f.ii.Xenon, although a noble gas, forms an oxide,  $\text{XeO}_2$ , that has a structure related to that of  $\text{SiO}_2$ . Compare the geometry around the silicon atoms in  $\text{SiO}_2$  with the geometry around the xenon atoms in  $\text{XeO}_2$ , using the valence shell electron pair repulsion (VSEPR) theory. [3]

## Markscheme

a. potential of the half-cell / reduction half-reaction under standard conditions measured relative to standard hydrogen electrode/SHE;

*Allow instead of standard conditions, solute concentration of 1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> or 1 bar/1 atm (pressure) for gases.*

b.i.	<b>Initial oxidation number</b>	<b>Final oxidation number</b>	<b>Oxidized / reduced</b>
	IV/+4 and	III/+3;	reduced;

+ sign must be present. Do not award mark for incorrect notation 4, 4+, 3, 3+ etc.

Do not award M2 if inconsistent with M1.

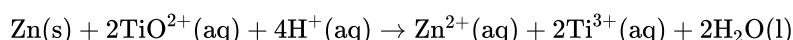
b.iiincreases / makes it stronger;

(more  $\text{H}^+$  would) drive/shift equilibrium to the right/towards products (accepting more electrons);

c.  $\text{KI(aq)}$  is added to a solution containing  $\text{Ti}^{3+}(\text{aq})$  ions:

no reaction;

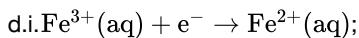
$\text{Zn(s)}$  is added to a solution containing  $\text{TiO}^{2+}(\text{aq})$  and  $\text{H}^+(\text{aq})$  ions:



correct reactants **and** products;

balanced equation;

*Ignore state symbols.*

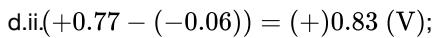


*Ignore state symbols.*

*Accept equilibrium arrow.*

reduction;

*Do not apply ECF.*



*Do not accept -0.83 V.*

d.iii wire and salt bridge **both** have arrows from B to A;

*Accept arrows above or below each provided it is obvious which they refer to.*

*Apply ECF from part (i).*

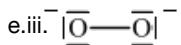
e.i.	$\text{Na}_2\text{O}$	$\text{SiO}_2$	$\text{SO}_2$	
Bonding type	ionic and 	(giant/network) covalent and 	(molecular) covalent and 	;
State	solid and 	solid and 	gas 	;
Effect on pH	increase and <i>Accept basic/alkaline.</i>	no effect <i>Accept small decrease.</i> <i>Accept neutral.</i>	and <i>Accept acidic.</i>	;

*For any parts (properties) where mark not awarded, award [1] for every three correct responses.*

e.ii.(combustion of) coal / diesel;

*Accept "burning of fossil fuels", "industrial processes" or "combustion/car engines".*

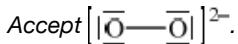
*Do not accept "Contact process".*



e-pairs correct;

charges in correct positions;

*Accept lines, or pairs of dots or crosses, for electron pairs.*



f.i. C is sp hybridized **and** Si is  $\text{sp}^3$  hybridized;

C–O bond in  $\text{CO}_2$  has one  $\sigma$ -bond and one  $\pi$ -bond;

Si–O bond in  $\text{SiO}_2$  has one  $\sigma$ -bond only;

*Award [1 max] for last two marking points for "C–O double bond and Si–O single bond".*

f.ii. silicon-oxygen bonds will have a tetrahedral distribution;

xenon-oxygen bonds will have a square planar distribution;

xenon dioxide has **two** non-bonding/lone pairs of electrons;

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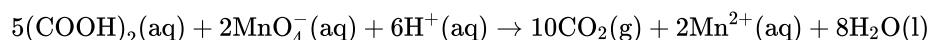
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Ethanedioic acid (oxalic acid),  $(\text{COOH})_2$ , reacts with acidified potassium permanganate solution,  $\text{KMnO}_4$ , according to the following equation.



The reaction is a redox reaction.

d. Deduce the half-equation involving ethanedioic acid.

[1]

e.i. The standard electrode potential for the half-equation involving ethanedioic acid is  $E^\ominus = -0.49\text{V}$ . Using Table 14 of the Data Booklet, calculate the standard electrode potential for the equation on page 10.

[2]

e.ii. Explain the sign of the calculated standard electrode potential.

[1]

f. Predict the sign of  $\Delta G^\ominus$  for this reaction.

[1]

## Markscheme

d.  $(\text{COOH})_2 \rightleftharpoons 2\text{CO}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$ ;

Accept either  $\rightarrow$  or  $\rightleftharpoons$ .

Allow equation times 5.

Allow e instead of  $\text{e}^-$ .

e.i.  $\text{MnO}_4^-(\text{aq}) + 8\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 5\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Mn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \quad E^\ominus = 1.51\text{ V}$ ;

$\Delta E^\ominus (= 1.51 + 0.49) = 2.00\text{ V}$ ;

First mark may be implied in the calculation.

Allow e instead of  $\text{e}^-$ .

Accept either  $\rightarrow$  or  $\rightleftharpoons$ .

e.ii.positive sign, spontaneous reaction;

Allow ECF from (e) (i).

f. negative/< 0;

Do not allow ECF. This mark is independent of the answer in (e)(ii).

## Examiners report

d. Even when candidates appeared to be getting (d) correct, electrons were omitted or the equation was unbalanced (usually electrons).

e.i.The standard electrode potential in (e) was given in standard form and 1.51 V was usually found in the Data Booklet but a significant minority gave the wrong manganese potential and many gave the answer as +1.02 V. Candidates should note that the sign of  $E^\ominus$  should be given in any answer.

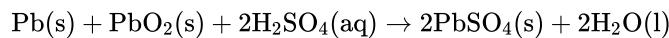
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The word *redox* comes from a combination of the terms *reduction* and *oxidation*. Redox reactions affect our daily lives.

The overall reaction that takes place in a voltaic cell is shown below.



a.iv Use information from Table 14 of the Data Booklet to deduce the oxidizing agent that can oxidize chloride ions but not fluoride ions. State the [4]  
redox equation for the reaction and determine its cell potential.

b. (i) **Molten** sodium chloride is electrolysed in a cell using inert electrodes. State the half-equation, with state symbols, for the reaction taking [7]  
place at the positive electrode (anode) and for the reaction taking place at the negative electrode (cathode). Determine the mole ratio of the  
products formed.

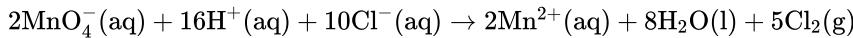
(ii) Predict and explain the products of electrolysis of a **concentrated** solution of NaCl (aq) using inert electrodes. Your answer should include  
half-equations with state symbols for the reaction at **each** electrode.

c. Electroplating is an important application of electrolytic cells with commercial implications. Copper may be plated using an electrolytic cell with [4]  
an aqueous acidified copper(II) sulfate electrolyte.

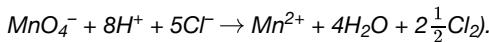
For the copper plating of tin to make jewellery, state the half-equation at **each** electrode. Assume the other electrode is also inert. Suggest **two**  
observations that you would be able to make as the electroplating progresses.

# Markscheme

a.iv  $\text{MnO}_4^-$ ;



Accept equation with all coefficients divided by 2 (i.e.



Award [1] for correct reactants and products, [1] for correct balancing.

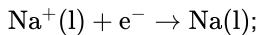
Ignore state symbols.

$$E_{\text{cell}}^\ominus = (1.51 - 1.36) = (+)0.15 \text{ (V)};$$

b. (i) Positive/+/anode



Negative/-/cathode



Penalize missing or incorrect states such as (aq) or (s) once only.

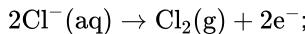
Award only [1] if electrodes not specified or if equations switched.

1  $\text{Cl}_2$  to 2  $\text{Na}$ ;

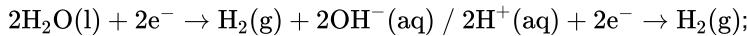
(ii) (choice of  $\text{Cl}^-$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{OH}^-$  to be oxidized),  $\text{Cl}^-$  oxidized because of concentrated solution/higher concentration / OWTTE;

(choice of  $\text{Na}^+$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}^+$  to be reduced),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}^+$  reduced because  $\text{Na}^+$  is a (much) weaker oxidizing agent/  $\text{Na}^+$  not reduced to Na in water /  $\text{H}^+$  easier to reduce than  $\text{Na}^+$  / OWTTE;

positive/+/anode



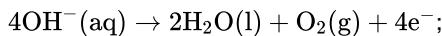
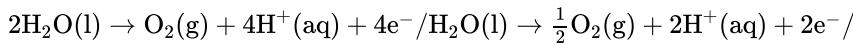
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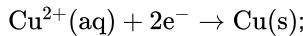
Penalize missing or incorrect states once only.

Award only [1] out of the last two marks if electrodes not specified or if equations switched.

c. Positive/+/anode



Negative/-/cathode



Ignore state symbols.

Award only [1] if electrodes not specified or if equations switched.

Observations:

blue colour of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq})$  fades;

Cu/metal deposited on negative/-/cathode/tin (jewellery);

gas produced/bubbles formed (at positive/+/anode);

pH of solution decreases/acidity increases (observed with indicator/pH paper);

# Examiners report

a.iv Most candidates were able to place Ag, Cu and Pb in the correct order with the strongest reducing agent first although some equations given were not balanced. However, explanations were sometimes sloppy with statements such as "Pb is the strongest reducing agent because it reduces Cu and Ag" instead of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ag}^+$ . Most candidates chose the correct oxidizing agent that could oxidize  $\text{Cl}^-$  but not  $\text{F}^-$ .

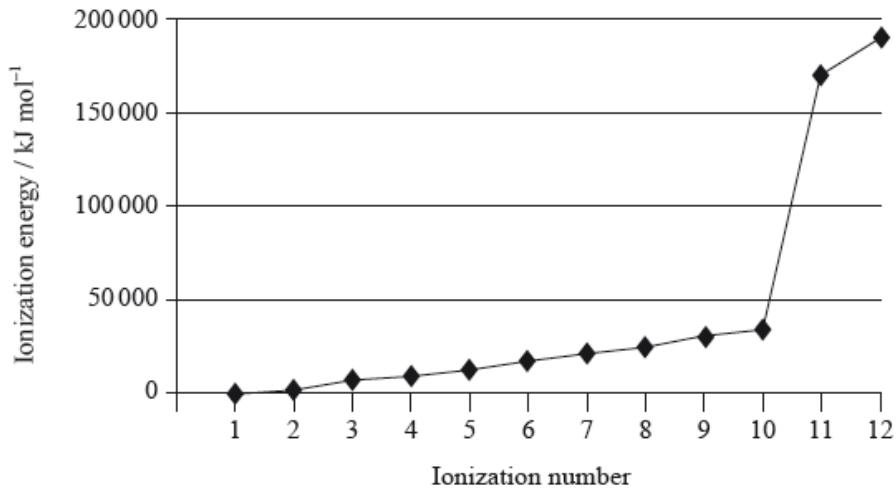
b. Electrolysis of molten sodium chloride was less well answered with incorrect use of states of matter and a lack of appreciation of their significance.

In electrolysis of a concentrated solution of NaCl, many attempted to give explanations in terms of position in the electrochemical series without explaining the significance in terms of oxidising/reducing strength or the concentration of chloride ion. The half-equations taking place were not always correct. Sometimes the electrons were on the wrong side or the electrodes were reversed.

c. The part on electroplating was well answered although many did not pick up on the fact that, in this question, the anode is inert, leading to incorrect oxidation half-equation for the reaction at the positive anode. This question is an alert for teachers as it shows how easy candidates are taken by surprise by unexpected situations which are intrinsic to Aim 8.

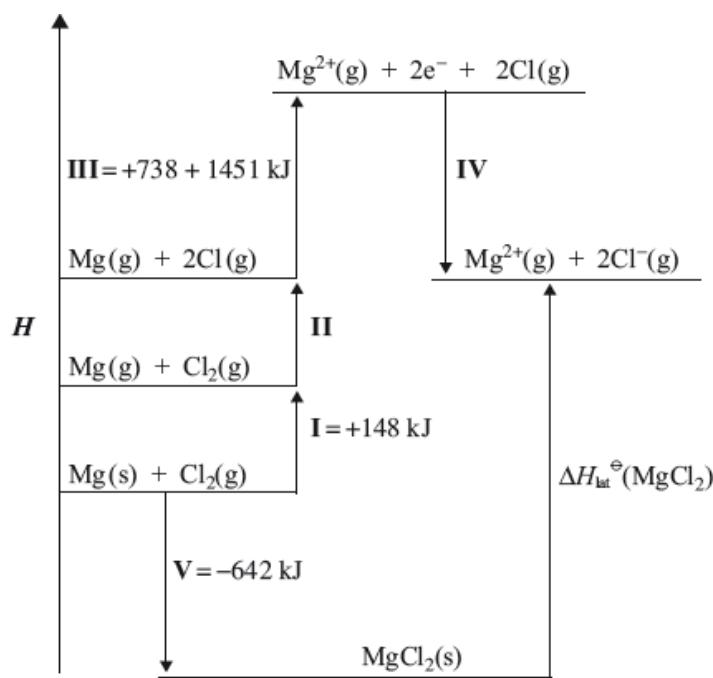
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Magnesium is the eighth most abundant element in the earth's crust. The successive ionization energies of the element are shown below.



Magnesium can be produced from the electrolysis of molten magnesium chloride,  $\text{MgCl}_2$ .

The lattice enthalpy of magnesium chloride can be calculated from the Born-Haber cycle shown below.



- a. (i) Define the term *first ionization energy* and state the equation for the first ionization of magnesium. [8]
- (ii) Explain the general increase in successive ionization energies of the element.
- (iii) Explain the large increase between the tenth and eleventh ionization energies.
- b. (i) Explain how molten magnesium chloride conducts an electric current. [5]
- (ii) Identify the electrode where oxidation occurs during electrolysis of molten magnesium chloride and state an equation for the half-reaction.
- (iii) Explain why magnesium is not formed during the electrolysis of aqueous magnesium chloride solution.
- c. (i) Identify the enthalpy changes labelled by I and V in the cycle. [10]
- (ii) Use the ionization energies given in the cycle above and further data from the Data Booklet to calculate a value for the lattice enthalpy of magnesium chloride.
- (iii) The theoretically calculated value for the lattice enthalpy of magnesium chloride is +2326 kJ. Explain the difference between the theoretically calculated value and the experimental value.
- (iv) The experimental lattice enthalpy of magnesium oxide is given in Table 13 of the Data Booklet. Explain why magnesium oxide has a higher lattice enthalpy than magnesium chloride.
- d. (i) State whether aqueous solutions of magnesium oxide and magnesium chloride are acidic, alkaline or neutral. [2]
- (ii) State an equation for the reaction between magnesium oxide and water.

## Markscheme

- a. (i) energy (per mole) needed to remove one/first/most loosely bound electron from a (neutral) atom;

in the gaseous state;



*Gaseous state symbols needed.*

*Accept e instead of e<sup>-</sup>.*

*Only penalize omission of gas phase once in either the second marking point or the third marking point.*

- (ii) successive electrons (are more difficult to remove because each is) taken from more positively charged ion/ OWTTE;

increased electrostatic attraction;

(iii) 10<sup>th</sup> electron comes from 2<sup>nd</sup> energy level/ $n = 2$  **and** 11<sup>th</sup> electron comes from 1<sup>st</sup> first energy level/ $n = 1$  / OWTTE;

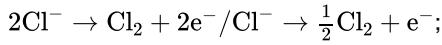
electron in 1<sup>st</sup> energy level closer to nucleus;

electron in 1<sup>st</sup> energy level not shielded by inner electrons / exposed to greater effective nuclear charge;

b. (i) contains ions which are free to move (only) in molten state;

$\text{Mg}^{2+}$  move to cathode/negative electrode and  $\text{Cl}^-$  move to anode/positive electrode / OWTTE;

(ii) anode/positive electrode;



*Accept e instead of e<sup>-</sup>.*

*Do not accept Cl<sup>-</sup> → Cl + e<sup>-</sup>.*

*Ignore state symbols.*

(iii) magnesium has large negative electrode potential /  $E^\ominus$ ;

reduction of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}^+$  to  $\text{H}_2$  has less negative electrode potential;

$\text{Mg}^{2+}$  not readily reduced (in comparison to  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ );

if formed, magnesium would (immediately) react with water to form  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ;

magnesium more reactive than hydrogen;

*Do not accept Mg too reactive.*

c. (i) I:

atomization/sublimation (of Mg) /  $\Delta H_{\text{atomization}}^\Theta(\text{Mg})$  /  $\Delta H_{\text{sublimation}}^\Theta(\text{Mg})$ ;

V:

enthalpy change of formation of ( $\text{MgCl}_2$ ) /  $\Delta H_{\text{formation}}^\Theta(\text{MgCl}_2)$ ;

(ii) Energy value for II:

+243;

Energy value for III:

$738 + 1451 = 2189$ ;

Energy value for IV:

$2(-349)$ ;

$$\Delta H_{\text{lat}}^\Theta(\text{MgCl}_2) = 642 + 148 + 243 + 2189 - 2(349) = (-)2524 \text{ (kJ)}$$

(iii) theoretical value assumes ionic model;

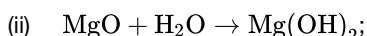
experimental value greater due to (additional) covalent character;

(iv) oxide greater charge;

oxide smaller radius;

*Accept opposite arguments.*

d. (i)  $\text{MgCl}_2$  (weakly) acidic **and**  $\text{MgO}$  alkaline;



*Ignore state symbols.*

## Examiners report

- a. In (a) several candidates failed to mention atoms in their definition of first ionization energy and others neglected to state that the gaseous state is involved. Only the strongest students mentioned the electrostatic nature of the attraction between the nucleus and the electrons in explaining trends in ionisation energies. Several candidates lost a mark in explaining the increase between the tenth and eleventh ionisation energies as their arguments were incomplete, with no reference to the change from  $n = 2$  energy level to the  $n = 1$  level.
- b. In (b) many candidates stated that free electrons rather than ions were responsible for the conductivity of magnesium chloride and others did not refer to the movement of both  $Mg^{2+}$  and  $Cl^-$  ions. The anode was generally identified as the electrode where oxidation occurs but some had difficulties giving the balanced equation for the half reaction. Only the strongest candidates were able to explain why magnesium is not formed during the electrolysis of aqueous solutions.
- c. In (c) most candidates were familiar with the enthalpy changes of atomization and formation but some struggled with the Born Haber Cycle. Only the strongest candidates were able to relate differences in experimental and theoretical lattice energies to the covalent character of the solid with a significant number mistakenly giving "heat loss" as the reason for the difference.
- d. In (d) many were able to correctly describe the basic nature of magnesium oxide but the acidity of magnesium chloride was less well known. Some gave hydrogen gas as a product in the reaction between magnesium oxide and water.

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Bromine is a member of group 7, the halogens.

Iron is a transition metal.

Freshly prepared iron(II) bromide can be electrolysed both in the liquid state and in aqueous solution.

- a.i. Explain the trend in reactivity of the halogens. [3]
- a.ii. Deduce, using equations where appropriate, if bromine reacts with sodium chloride solution and with sodium iodide solution. [2]
- b.i. Describe the bonding in metals and explain their malleability. [3]
- b.ii. List **three** characteristic properties of transition elements. [2]
- b.iii. Identify the type of bonding between iron and cyanide in  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ . [1]
- b.iv. Deduce the oxidation number of iron in  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ . [1]
- b.v. Draw the abbreviated orbital diagram for an **iron atom** using the arrow-in-box notation to represent electrons. [1]
- b.vi. Draw the abbreviated orbital diagram for the **iron ion in  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$**  using the arrow-in-box notation to represent electrons. [1]
- c.i. Describe, using a diagram, the essential components of an electrolytic cell. [3]
- c.ii. Describe the **two** ways in which current is conducted in an electrolytic cell. [2]

c.iii Predict and explain the products of electrolysis of a **dilute** iron(II) bromide solution.

[4]

c.iv Identify another product that is formed if the solution of iron(II) bromide is **concentrated**.

[1]

c.v Explain why this other product is formed.

[1]

## Markscheme

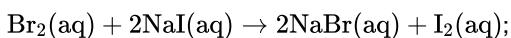
a.i. reactivity decreases down group;

as atomic radius increases / more electron shells;

attraction of nucleus on electrons decreases / electron affinity decreases;

*Accept opposite argument for “up the group”.*

a.ii. no reaction with NaCl;



*Accept ionic equation.*

*Ignore state symbols.*

b.i. (electrostatic attraction between a) lattice of positive ions/cations **and** delocalized/sea of electrons;

*Accept suitable diagram.*

atoms/ions/layers (of positive ions) can slide over each other / OWTTE;

without change in the bonding forces / OWTTE;

b.ii. variable oxidation numbers/valency

form complex (ions)

form coloured compounds/ions

catalytic (behaviour)

*Award [2] for any three, [1] for any two.*

b.iii. ionic (covalent)/coordinate;

b.iv. II / +3;

*Penalize incorrect format such as 3+ only if not penalized in 4 (b).*

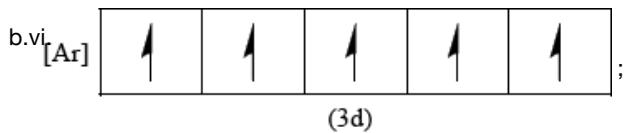


*Penalise missing [Ar] only once in (v) and (vi).*

*Do not accept full orbital diagram; penalise only once in (v) and (vi).*

*Accept full or half-arrows in (v) and (vi).*

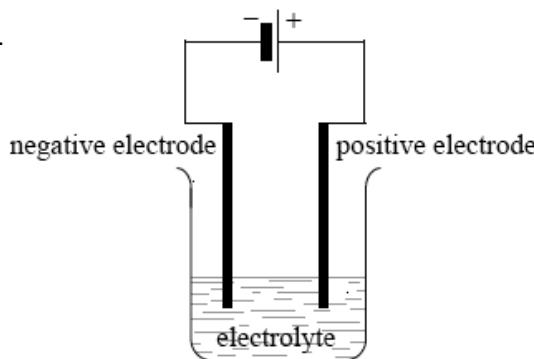
*Ignore absence of labels 4s and 3d.*



*Accept empty 4s box in (vi).*

No ECF from (iv).

c.i.



clear diagram containing all elements (power supply, connecting wires, electrodes, container and electrolyte);

Accept power supply if shown as conventional long/short lines (as in diagram above) or clearly labelled DC power supply.

labelled positive electrode/anode **and** negative electrode/cathode;

Accept positive and negative by correct symbols near power supply.

labelled electrolyte/FeBr<sub>2</sub>(l)/FeBr<sub>2</sub>(aq);

State must be included for FeBr<sub>2</sub>.

c.ii Electrolyte: positive ions/cations move to negative electrode/cathode **and** negative ions/anions to positive electrode/anode;

Conductors: electrons flow from negative pole of battery to positive pole of battery / OWTTE;

Look at diagram in (i) for possible clarification of electron flow.

Award [1 max] for "electrons in wire/external circuit **and** ions in solution".

c.iii Negative electrode/cathode:

H<sub>2</sub>;

E<sup>θ</sup>(H<sub>2</sub>) is less negative than E<sup>θ</sup>(Fe) / Fe is more reactive than H<sub>2</sub> / H<sub>2</sub> is lower in reactivity series / H<sup>+</sup> more easily reduced than Fe<sup>2+</sup> / OWTTE;

Positive electrode/anode:

O<sub>2</sub>;

E<sup>θ</sup>(O<sub>2</sub>) is less positive than E<sup>θ</sup>(Br<sub>2</sub>) / in a dilute Br<sup>-</sup> solution OH<sup>-</sup>/H<sub>2</sub>O is preferably discharged / OWTTE;

Award [3 max] if electrodes reversed or omitted.

c.iv Br<sub>2</sub>;

Accept Fe.

c.v. 2Br<sup>-</sup> ⇌ Br<sub>2</sub> + 2e<sup>-</sup> shifts to the right;

Accept similar reason for Fe.

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b.iiiThe bonding in (iii) was not well known but the oxidation number was generally answered correctly.

b.iv.[N/A]

b.v.In (v), some candidates gave the *full* orbital diagram, some omitted [Ar] – and some just got it wrong!

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Magnesium, a reactive metal found in many common minerals, is also an essential nutrient for both plants and animals.

Successive ionization energies of magnesium are given in the table below.

	First	Second	Third
Energy required / $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	738	1450	7730

Magnesium metal is mainly used as a component in lightweight alloys, particularly in combination with aluminium and titanium.

Magnesium is usually produced by the electrolysis of molten magnesium chloride.

a. Define the term *first ionization energy*.

[2]

b. (i) Explain why the second ionization energy is greater than the first ionization energy.

[4]

(ii) Explain why the third ionization energy is much greater than the second ionization energy.

- c. Although magnesium is usually found as  $Mg^{2+}$  in its compounds, it is possible to use the Born-Haber cycle to investigate the possibility of  $Mg^+$  being able to form stable compounds. [3]

Use the ionization energy data from part (b), along with the other data provided below, to determine the enthalpy change of formation of  $MgCl(s)$ . Assume that, because  $Mg^+$  would be similar in size to  $Na^+$ ,  $MgCl$  would have a similar lattice enthalpy to  $NaCl$ .

Enthalpy of atomization of Mg  $+146 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

Bond enthalpy in  $Cl_2$   $+243 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

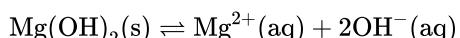
Electron affinity of Cl  $+349 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

Lattice enthalpy of  $NaCl$   $+790 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

- d. Consider the lattice enthalpies of  $MgF_2$ ,  $MgCl_2$  and  $CaCl_2$ . List these from the most endothermic to the least endothermic and explain your order. [3]

Most endothermic  $\rightarrow$  Least endothermic

- e. Magnesium hydroxide,  $Mg(OH)_2$ , is only sparingly soluble in water and the equilibrium below exists when excess solid is in contact with a saturated solution. [2]



Outline how the solubility of magnesium hydroxide will vary with pH.

- f. (i) Describe the bonding present in magnesium metal. [4]

(ii) Suggest why magnesium is harder than sodium.

(iii) Outline why alloys are generally less malleable than their component metals.

- g. (i) Draw a labelled diagram of a suitable apparatus for the electrolysis. [7]

(ii) State equations for the reactions that take place at the electrodes.

Negative electrode (cathode) reaction:

Positive electrode (anode) reaction:

(iii) When dilute aqueous magnesium chloride is used as the electrolyte, the reactions at both electrodes are different. State equations for the reactions that occur in aqueous solution.

Negative electrode (cathode) reaction:

Positive electrode (anode) reaction:

(iv) Outline why magnesium metal is not produced in the electrolysis of aqueous magnesium chloride.

## Markscheme

a. minimum energy required to remove one electron / energy required to remove most loosely bound/outermost electron;

from gaseous/isolated atom;

Accept "gaseous state".

More extensive definitions involving one mole may be given.

b. (i) electrons lost in same orbital/valence shell;

(second) electron/electron (being lost from  $\text{Mg}^+$  is) closer to the nucleus;

(second) electron/electron (being lost from  $\text{Mg}^+$ ) not subject to e-e repulsion from others in same level;

Apply OWTTE for all marking points.

Do **not** accept "less electrons to share the charge" or answers employing this concept.

(ii) electron in lower energy level / more stable electron shell;

electron closer to nucleus;

less shielding by complete inner shells / increase in effective nuclear charge;

Apply OWTTE for all marking points.

c.  $\Delta H_{\text{at}}(\text{Cl}) = \frac{1}{2} \times 243 \text{ (kJ mol}^{-1}\text{)};$

Correct calculation of atomization enthalpy of Cl.

$$\Delta H_f = +146 + \frac{1}{2}243 + 738 + (-349) + (-790);$$

Correct sign and magnitude of all terms.

$$= -134 \text{ (kJ mol}^{-1}\text{)};$$

Award [3] for correct final answer.

Final mark involves correct computation of equation the student has produced.

Award [2] for -12 (bond enthalpy of Cl not halved) or +134 (signs wrong).

Award [1] for +12 (bond enthalpy of Cl not halved and signs wrong).

d.  $\text{MgF}_2 - \text{MgCl}_2 - \text{CaCl}_2$ ;

$\text{F}^-$  smaller (ionic radius) than  $\text{Cl}^-$  /  $\text{Cl}^-$  larger (ionic radius) than  $\text{F}^-$ ;

$\text{Mg}^{2+}$  smaller (ionic radius) than  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  /  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  larger (ionic radius) than  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ;

Accept use of atomic radius rather than ionic radius.

e. more soluble at low pH / less soluble at high pH;

higher pH /  $\text{OH}^-$  will shift the equilibrium to the left / lower pH /  $\text{H}^+$  will (react with  $\text{OH}^-$  and) shift the equilibrium to the right;

f. (i) lattice/layers/framework of cations/magnesium ions/Mg<sup>2+</sup>;

surrounded by delocalized electrons / in a sea/flux of delocalized electrons;

Accept "mobile" instead of "delocalized".

(ii) Mg has more delocalized electrons (than Na);

Accept "Mg has more valence electrons than Na" / "Mg is Mg<sup>2+</sup> but Na is only Na<sup>+</sup>".

(iii) layers of ions/atoms/particles cannot slide over each other so easily (as different sized ions/atoms/particles) / OWTTE;

g.

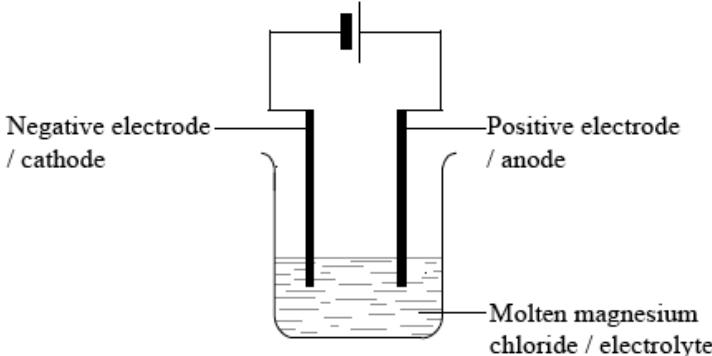


Diagram:

two electrodes connected to a power pack/battery and immersed in an electrolyte;

Do **not** award mark if salt bridge included in diagram.

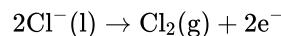
Labelling:

anode/positive electrode, cathode/negative electrode, molten magnesium chloride/MgCl<sub>2</sub> (l)/electrolyte correctly labelled;

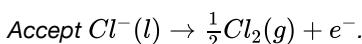
Check candidates know which end of a battery symbol is which charge.

(ii) Negative electrode (cathode): Mg<sup>2+</sup>(l) + 2e<sup>-</sup> → Mg (s);

Positive electrode (anode):



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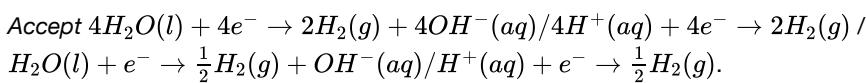
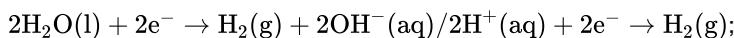


Ignore state symbols.

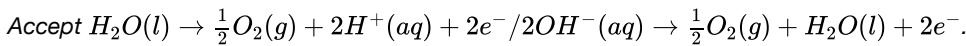
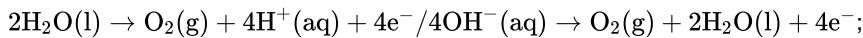
Allow e instead of e<sup>-</sup>.

If both correct equations are given for the wrong electrodes award [1 max].

(iii) Negative electrode (cathode):



Positive electrode (anode):



State symbols not required.

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(iv) water/hydrogen ions more easily reduced/better oxidizing agents/have a more positive E<sup>⊖</sup> (than magnesium ions);

Accept converse statements for magnesium ions.

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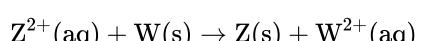
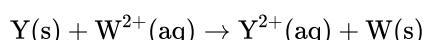
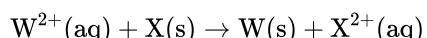
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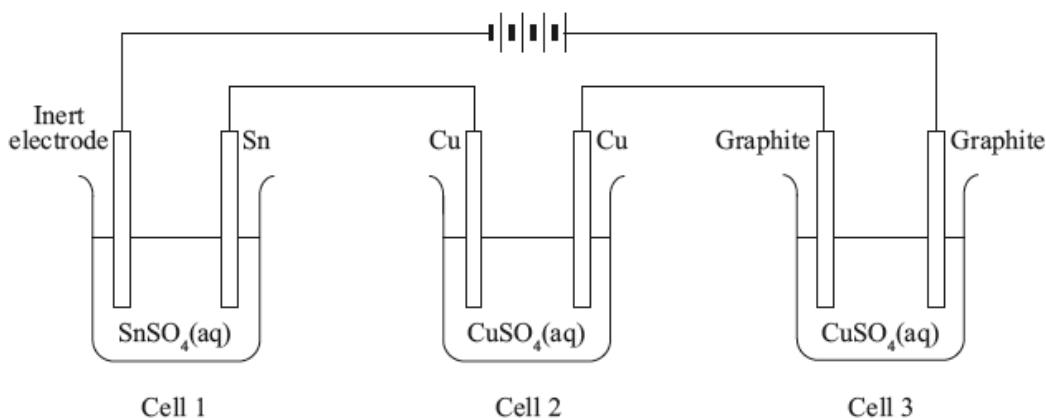
A reactivity series can be experimentally determined by adding the metals W, X, Y and Z to solutions of these metal ions. The following reactions were observed:



A student carries out the electrolysis of aqueous potassium iodide, KI, using inert electrodes.

Three electrolytic cells were set up in series (one cell after the other), as shown below.

All of the solutions had a concentration of  $1.00 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .



a. Alcohols with the molecular formula  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OH}$  occur as four structural isomers. Three of the isomers can be oxidized with acidified potassium dichromate solution to form compounds with the molecular formula  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}$ . [9]

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(ii) Deduce the overall equation for the redox reaction.

(iii) Two of the isomers with the molecular formula  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OH}$  can be oxidized further to form compounds with the molecular formula  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$ . Deduce the structural formulas of these two isomers.

(iv) One isomer cannot be oxidized by acidified potassium dichromate solution.

Deduce its structural formula, state its name and identify it as a primary, secondary or tertiary alcohol.

Name:

Alcohol:

- (v) All isomers of the alcohol  $C_4H_9OH$  undergo complete combustion. State an equation for the complete combustion of  $C_4H_9OH$ .
- b. (i) Deduce the order of reactivity of these four metals, from the least to the most reactive. [6]
- (ii) A voltaic cell is made by connecting a half-cell of X in  $XCl_2(aq)$  to a half-cell of Z in  $ZCl_2(aq)$ . Deduce the overall equation for the reaction taking place when the cell is operating.
- (iii) The standard electrode potential for  $Z^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons Z(s)$  is +0.20 V. State which species is oxidized when this half-cell is connected to a standard hydrogen electrode.
- (iv) Describe the standard hydrogen electrode including a fully labelled diagram.
- c. (i) State the half-equation for the reaction that occurs at each electrode. [4]

Positive electrode (anode):

Negative electrode (cathode):

- (ii) Suggest, giving a reason, what would happen if the electrodes were changed to aluminium.
- d. (i) Determine the mass of copper produced at one of the electrodes in cell 2 if the tin electrode in cell 1 decreased in mass by 0.034 g. [6]
- (ii) Compare the colour and the pH of the solutions in cells 2 and 3 after the current has been flowing for one hour.
- (iii) Explain your answer given for part (d) (ii).

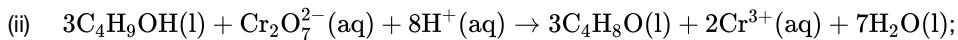
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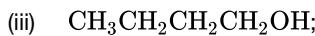
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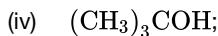
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*Accept full or condensed structural formulas.*



*Allow 2-methyl-2-propanol, methylpropan-2-ol, methyl-2-propanol.*

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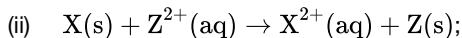


correct reactants and products;

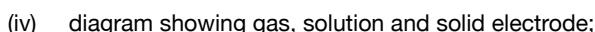
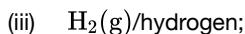
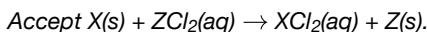
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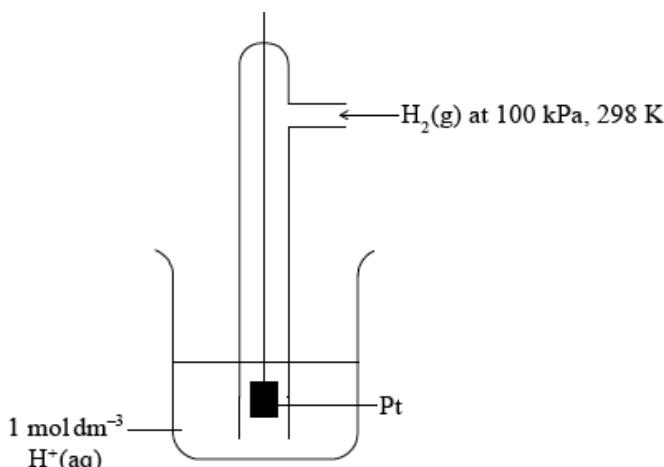
*Accept  $Y > X > W > Z$ .*



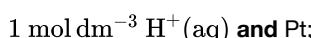
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*For example,*



*This diagram scores [3].*



*Allow 1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> or 1 M.*

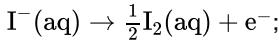
*Allow 1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> HCl (aq) or other source of 1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> H<sup>+</sup>(aq) ions.*

100 kPa/ $10^5$  Pa/1 bar ( $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$  pressure) **and** 298K / 25 °C;

*Ignore state symbols throughout.*

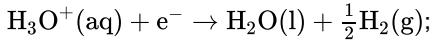
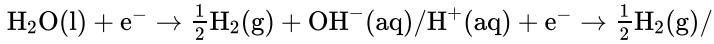
Allow  $1.01 \times 10^5$  Pa/1 atm.

- c. (i) *Positive electrode (anode):*



*Accept correct equation involving 2 mols of  $\text{I}^-$ .*

*Negative electrode (cathode):*



*Award [1 max] if correct equations are given at the wrong electrodes.*

*Ignore state symbols.*

Allow e instead of  $\text{e}^-$ .

*Penalize equilibrium sign once only.*

*Accept correct equation involving 2 mols of  $\text{H}^+$ .*

- (ii) aluminium will be oxidized (instead of  $\text{I}^-$ ) at positive electrode (anode);

aluminium is a reactive metal / oxidation of aluminium has a positive  $E^\ominus$  /

aluminium is higher on the reactivity series than  $\text{I}^-$  / OWTTE;

- d. (i)  $n_{\text{Sn}} = n_{\text{Cu}} = 2.86 \times 10^{-4} / 0.000286$  (mol);

$$m(\text{Cu}) = 2.86 \times 10^{-4} \times 63.55 = 0.0182 \text{ (g)};$$

- (ii) blue colour persists in second cell **and** fades in third cell;

pH does not change in second cell **and** decreases in third cell;

*Award [1 max] if both colour and pH are correctly stated for one only of either second or third cell.*

- (iii) Colour:

positive Cu electrode (anode) is oxidized to maintain colour in second cell /  $\text{Cu}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^-$ ;

pH:

in third cell,  $\text{H}^+$  ions are produced as water is oxidized at positive electrode (anode) /  $\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^-$  / solution becomes acidic as hydroxide ions are oxidized at positive electrode (anode) /  $2\text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2(\text{g}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + 2\text{e}^-$ ;

*Ignore state symbols.*

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Bromomethane was used as a pesticide until it was found to be ozone-depleting.

- a. State the equation for the reaction between methane and bromine to form bromomethane. [1]
- b.i.Explain, using equations, the complete free-radical mechanism for the reaction of methane with bromine, including necessary reaction conditions. [4]
- b.ii.Bromomethane reacts with aqueous sodium hydroxide. State the organic product of this reaction. [1]
- c. Explain why the rate of the reaction between iodomethane,  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$ , and  $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$  is faster than the rate of the reaction between  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  and  $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$ . [2]
- d.i.Bromine can be produced by the electrolysis of **molten** sodium bromide. [2]

Deduce the half-equation for the reaction at each electrode.

Positive electrode (anode):

Negative electrode (cathode):

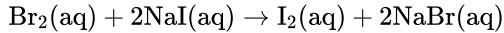
- d.ii.Predict the products formed at the electrodes during the electrolysis of concentrated **aqueous** sodium bromide. [2]

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- e. Bromine reacts with aqueous sodium iodide.

[1]



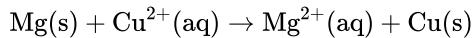
Identify the oxidizing agent in this reaction.

- f.i. Define the term *standard electrode potential*,  $E^\ominus$ .

[1]

- f.ii. Draw a labelled diagram for the voltaic cell in which the following reaction occurs.

[4]



Include in your answer the direction of electron flow and the polarity of the electrodes.

- f.iii. A student measures a voltage of 2.65 V in the voltaic cell formed between magnesium and copper half-cells using a digital voltmeter.

[2]

State the random uncertainty of this value, in V, and the number of significant figures in the answer.

Random uncertainty:

Significant figures:

- f.iv. Outline how the student can reduce the random error in her results.

[1]

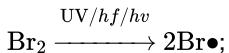
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[4]

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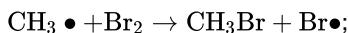
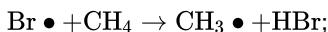
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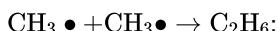
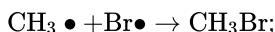
*Reference to UV/light or high temperatures must be included.*

*Propagation:*



*Termination:*

*Award [1 max] for any one of:*



*Allow representation of radical without • (eg Br, CH<sub>3</sub>) if consistent throughout mechanism.*

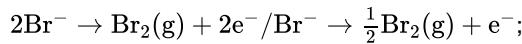
*Award [3 max] if initiation, propagation and termination are not stated or are incorrectly labelled for equations.*

b.ii.methanol/CH<sub>3</sub>OH;

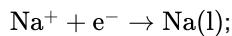
c. C–I bond is weaker than the C–Br bond so more easily broken;

C–I bond is longer than the C–Br bond / I larger than Br so bonding electrons not as tightly held / I<sup>–</sup> is better leaving group than Br<sup>–</sup>;

d.i. Positive electrode (anode):



Negative electrode (cathode):



Award [1 max] for correct equations at incorrect electrodes.

Ignore state symbols.

Accept e instead of e<sup>–</sup>.

Penalize use of equilibrium signs once only.

d.ii Positive electrode (anode):

bromine/Br<sub>2</sub>;

Negative electrode (cathode):

hydrogen/H<sub>2</sub>;

Allow sodium hydroxide/NaOH/hydroxide/OH<sup>–</sup> formation.

e. bromine/Br<sub>2</sub>;

Do not accept bromide/Br<sup>–</sup>.

f.i. potential of reduction half-reaction under standard conditions measured relative to standard hydrogen electrode/SHE/potential under standard conditions relative to standard hydrogen electrode/SHE;

Instead of standard state allow either solute concentration of 1 mol dm<sup>–3</sup> or

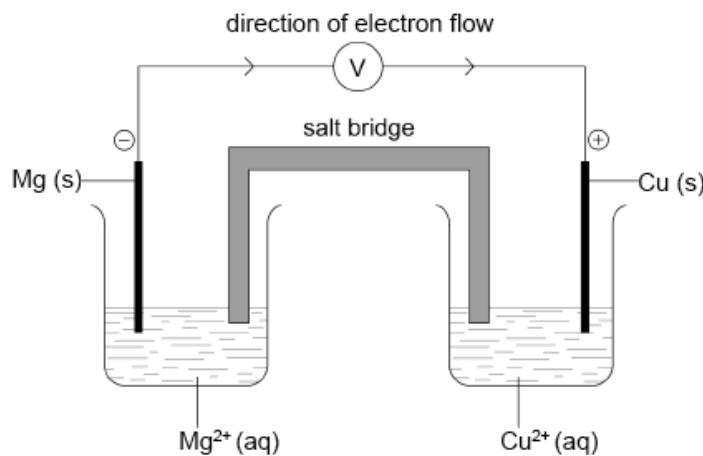
100 kPa/1.00 × 10<sup>5</sup> Pa for gases.

Allow 1 bar for 100 kPa/1.00 × 10<sup>5</sup> Pa.

Allow 1 atm.

Allow voltage instead of potential.

f.ii.



correct diagram including (voltmeter), 4 correct species (state symbols not required) and connecting wires;

No credit if wires to electrodes immersed in the solutions.

Accept ammeter/meter/lamp instead of voltmeter.

labelled salt bridge;

Accept an appropriate salt (name or formula) instead of salt bridge (eg, potassium nitrate).

correctly labelled electrodes as +/cathode and -/anode;

flow of electrons from Mg to Cu in external circuit;

f.iii. Random uncertainty: ( $\pm$ ) 0.01 (V);

Significant figures: 3;

f.iv. repeat readings and take an average / use more precise equipment;

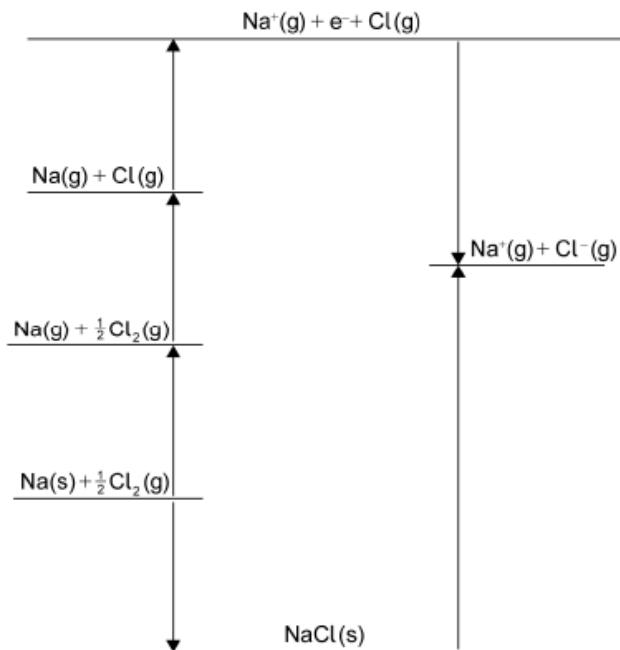
g. atomization of chlorine =  $\frac{1}{2}$  bond enthalpy /  $\frac{1}{2} 243 / 121.5$  (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>);

correct values for ionization Na (+496 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>) and electron affinity Cl (-349 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>)

and lattice enthalpy of NaCl (+790 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> / + 769 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>);

Born-Haber energy cycle;

Accept lines or arrows in energy cycle.



$\Delta H_f^\ominus(\text{NaCl(s)}) = -413.5 / -413 / -414$  (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>);

Accept -392.5 / -392 / -393 if + 769 used for lattice enthalpy.

Award [4] for correct final answer.

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The electrolysis of aqueous copper(II) sulfate is an example of an electrolysis process where the nature of the electrodes can determine which products form. Platinum electrodes were used in **process 1** and copper electrodes in **process 2**.

- (i) Draw an annotated diagram of the electrolytic cell in **process 1** and identify the direction of electron flow.

(ii) For **process 1** (platinum electrodes), state the half-equations occurring at the positive electrode (anode) and negative electrode (cathode). **Include state symbols for all species.** Describe what is observed at each electrode and comment on any change in the colour and the acidity of the solution.

Half-equation at positive electrode (anode):

Half-equation at negative electrode (cathode):

Observation at positive electrode (anode):

Observation at negative electrode (cathode):

Change in colour (if any) of the solution:

Change in acidity (if any) of the solution:

(iii) For **process 2** (copper electrodes), state the half-equations occurring at the positive electrode (anode) and negative electrode (cathode). **Include state symbols for all species.** Describe what is observed at each electrode and comment on any change in the colour and the acidity of the solution.

Half-equation at positive electrode (anode):

Half-equation at negative electrode (cathode):

Observation at positive electrode (anode):

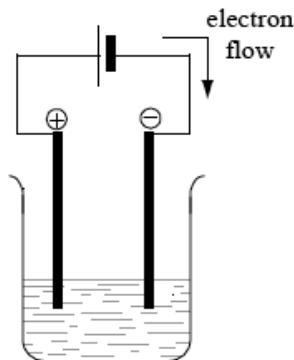
Observation at negative electrode (cathode):

Change in colour (if any) of the solution:

Change in acidity (if any) of the solution:

# Markscheme

(i) Diagram to show:



Labels are not required.

one container, two electrodes, battery (and electrolyte);

Allow + and - for representation of battery (could be long and short lines for example) but M1 is not scored if a voltmeter/V is shown or labelled.

Ignore designation of electrodes (e.g. do not penalize Cu electrodes).

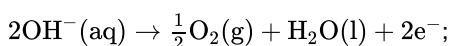
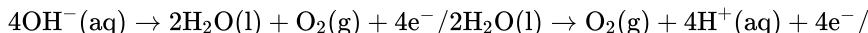
correct direction of electron flow (from negative pole to positive pole);

Allow arrow without stating  $e^-$  explicitly.

To score M2, the polarity of the battery or the cathode and anode must be shown.

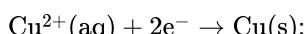
If a voltmeter/V is shown, M1 is not awarded but M2 may be scored if the cathode and anode are identified with the correct direction of electron flow.

(ii) Half-equation at positive electrode (anode):



Allow e instead of  $e^-$ .

Half-equation at negative electrode (cathode):



Allow e instead of  $e^-$ .

Award [1 max] for M1 and M2 if correct equations are given but at wrong electrodes.

Penalize  $\rightleftharpoons$  once only in (b)(ii) and (b)(iii).

correct state symbols in all equations;

M3 can only be scored if the correct species are given in M1 and M2 (i.e. do not award ECF from M1 and M2 for incorrect species).

Observation at positive electrode (anode):

bubbles / gas;

Award mark for observation even if type of gas is incorrect (e.g. hydrogen).

Observation at negative electrode (cathode):

red/brown/copper/metal (deposit);

Allow mass increases / gets thicker/larger / OWTTE.

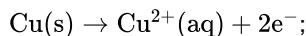
Change in colour (in any) of the solution:

solution loses blue colour/becomes paler;

Change in acidity (if any) of the solution:

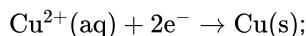
becomes (more) acidic / pH decreases;

(iii) Half-equation at positive electrode (anode):



Allow e instead of  $\text{e}^-$ .

Half-equation at negative electrode (cathode):



Allow e instead of  $\text{e}^-$ .

Award [1 max] for M1 and M2 if correct equations are given but at wrong electrodes.

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correct state symbols in all equations;

M3 can only be scored if the correct species are given in M1 and M2 (i.e. do not award ECF from M1 and M2 for incorrect species).

Observation at positive electrode (anode):

(slowly) dissolves / OWTTE;

Allow mass decreases / gets smaller/thinner / OWTTE;

Accept impurities deposited under positive electrode/anode.

Observation at negative electrode (cathode):

red/brown/copper/metal deposit;

Allow mass increases / gets thicker/larger / OWTTE.

Change in colour (if any) of the solution:

blue colour remains;

Allow no change or solution remains same colour.

Change in acidity (if any) of the solution:

solution does not become (more) acidic / no change / OWTTE;

## Examiners report

In part (b), the most common mistake involved the incorrect direction of electron flow. Some candidates also failed to include a battery for the electrolytic cell. The weaker students drew voltaic cells with salt bridges. In part (ii) and part (iii) the very best students often scored full marks. However, a significant majority of candidates only gained partial marks on these two parts and the correct half-equation at the anode in part (ii) was particularly troublesome. Other mistakes included writing equilibrium signs and half-equations involving platinum which showed weak overall understanding of the two processes.

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Magnesium is a group 2 metal which exists as a number of isotopes and forms many compounds.

- c. Magnesium ions produce no emission or absorption lines in the visible region of the electromagnetic spectrum. Suggest why most magnesium [1] compounds tested in a school laboratory show traces of yellow in the flame.
- d. (i) Explain the convergence of lines in a hydrogen emission spectrum. [2]
- (ii) State what can be determined from the frequency of the convergence limit.

- i. Magnesium chloride can be electrolysed.

[5]

- (i) Deduce the half-equations for the reactions at each electrode when **molten** magnesium chloride is electrolysed, showing the state symbols of the products. The melting points of magnesium and magnesium chloride are 922K and 987K respectively.

Anode (positive electrode):  
.....

Cathode (negative electrode):  
.....

- (ii) Identify the type of reaction occurring at the cathode (negative electrode).

- (iii) State the products when a very **dilute** aqueous solution of magnesium chloride is electrolysed.

Anode (positive electrode):  
.....

Cathode (negative electrode):  
.....

- j. Standard electrode potentials are measured relative to the standard hydrogen electrode. Describe a standard hydrogen electrode. [2]

- k. A magnesium half-cell, Mg(s)/Mg<sup>2+</sup>(aq), can be connected to a copper half-cell, Cu(s)/Cu<sup>2+</sup>(aq). [4]

- (i) Formulate an equation for the spontaneous reaction that occurs when the circuit is completed.

- (ii) Determine the standard cell potential, in V, for the cell. Refer to section 24 of the data booklet.

- (iii) Predict, giving a reason, the change in cell potential when the concentration of copper ions increases.

## Markscheme

- c. contamination with sodium/other «compounds»

- d. i

energy levels are closer together at high energy / high frequency / short wavelength

ii

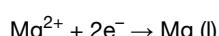
ionisation energy

- i. i)

Anode (positive electrode):



Cathode (negative electrode):



*Penalize missing/incorrect state symbols at  $\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{Mg}$  once only.*

*Award [1 max] if equations are at wrong electrodes.*

*Accept  $\text{Mg}(\text{g})$ .*

ii)

reduction

iii)

*Anode (positive electrode):*

oxygen/ $\text{O}_2$

**OR**

hydrogen ion/proton/ $\text{H}^+$  **AND** oxygen/ $\text{O}_2$

*Cathode (negative electrode):*

hydrogen/ $\text{H}_2$

**OR**

hydroxide «ion»/ $\text{OH}^-$  **AND** hydrogen/ $\text{H}_2$

*Award [1 max] if correct products given at wrong electrodes.*

j. Any two of:

«inert» Pt electrode

**OR**

platinum black conductor

$1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ H}^+(\text{aq})$

$\text{H}_2(\text{g})$  at 100 kPa

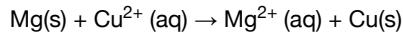
*Accept 1 atm  $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$ .*

*Accept 1 bar  $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$*

*Accept a labelled diagram.*

*Ignore temperature if it is specified.*

k. i



ii

$$«+0.34\text{V} - (-2.37\text{V}) = +»2.71\text{ «V»}$$

iii

cell potential increases

reaction «in Q4(k)(i)» moves to the right

**OR**

potential of the copper half-cell increases/becomes more positive

*Accept correct answers based on the Nernst equation*

## Examiners report

c. [N/A]

d. [N/A]

[N/A]

- j. [N/A]  
k. [N/A]

The emission spectrum of an element can be used to identify it.

a.iii Hydrogen spectral data give the frequency of  $3.28 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for its convergence limit. [1]

Calculate the ionization energy, in J, for a single atom of hydrogen using sections 1 and 2 of the data booklet.

a.iv Calculate the wavelength, in m, for the electron transition corresponding to the frequency in (a)(iii) using section 1 of the data booklet. [1]

c.iv Deduce any change in the colour of the electrolyte during electrolysis. [1]

c.v Deduce the gas formed at the anode (positive electrode) when graphite is used in place of copper. [1]

d. Explain why transition metals exhibit variable oxidation states in contrast to alkali metals. [2]

Transition metals:

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.....

Alkali metals:

.....

.....

## Markscheme

a.iii  $E = \Delta E = h\nu = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s} \times 3.28 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1} = 2.17 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$

[1 mark]

a.iv  $\lambda = \frac{C}{v} = \frac{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}}{3.28 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}} = 9.15 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}$

[1 mark]

c.iv no change «in colour»

*Do not accept “solution around cathode will become paler and solution around the anode will become darker”.*

[1 mark]

c.v oxygen/O<sub>2</sub>

*Accept “carbon dioxide/CO<sub>2</sub>”.*

[1 mark]

d. *Transition metals:*

«contain» d and s orbitals «which are close in energy»

**OR**

«successive» ionization energies increase gradually

*Alkali metals:*

second electron removed from «much» lower energy level

**OR**

removal of second electron requires large increase in ionization energy

**[2 marks]**

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a.iii. [N/A]  
a.iv. [N/A]

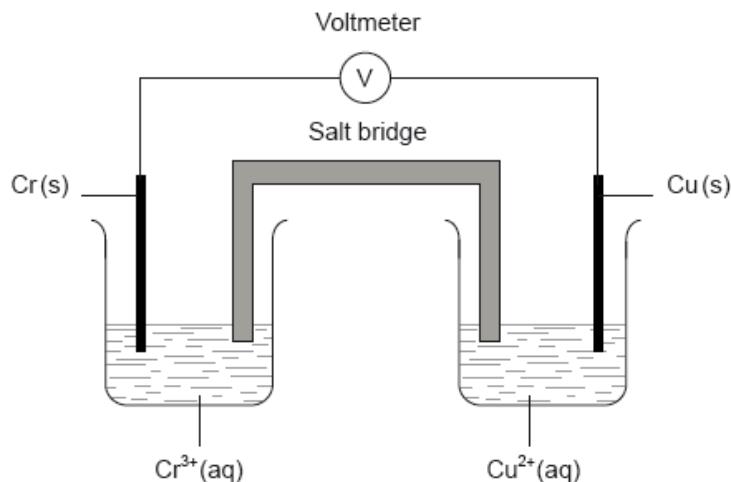
c.iv. [N/A]

c.v. [N/A]

d. [N/A]

Chromium is a transition metal with many uses.

A voltaic cell is constructed as follows. One half-cell contains a chromium electrode immersed in a solution containing  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  (aq) ions. The other half-cell contains a copper electrode immersed in a solution containing  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  (aq) ions. The two electrodes are connected to a voltmeter and the two solutions by a salt bridge.



a.i. Draw an orbital diagram (using the arrow-in-box notation) showing the electrons in the 4s and 3d sub-levels in chromium metal. [1]

a.ii. Outline the nature of the metallic bonding present in chromium. [1]

a.iii Explain why chromium metal is malleable. [1]

b.i. State the name of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ . [1]

b.ii Describe the ionic bonding present in  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  and how the ions are formed.

[2]

b.iii Suggest why solid  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  does **not** conduct electricity.

[1]

c.i. Chromium forms the complex ion  $[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2]^+$ .

[1]

Deduce the oxidation number of chromium in this complex.

c.ii. Chromium forms the complex ion  $[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2]^+$ .

[2]

Describe the nature of the ligand-chromium ion bonds in terms of acid-base theory.

c.iii Chromium forms the complex ion  $[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2]^+$ .

[4]

Explain why  $[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2]^+$  is coloured.

c.iv Chromium forms the complex ion  $[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2]^+$ .

[2]

Draw the structures of **two** possible isomers of this complex ion.

d.i. The dichromate ion,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$  (aq), and the iodide ion,  $\text{I}^-$  (aq), react together in the presence of an acid to form  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  (aq) and  $\text{IO}_3^-$  (aq) ions. [2]

Deduce the half-equation for the reaction of  $\text{I}^-$  to  $\text{IO}_3^-$  and the overall equation for this reaction.

Half-equation:

Overall equation:

d.ii Explain in terms of oxidation numbers whether iodine is oxidized or reduced in part (d) (i).

[1]

e.i. Define the term *standard electrode potential*.

[1]

e.ii. Calculate the cell potential, in V, under standard conditions, for this voltaic cell, using table 14 of the data booklet and  $E_{\text{Cr}^{3+}/\text{Cr}}^\Theta = -0.74 \text{ V}$ .

[1]

e.iii Predict the balanced equation for the spontaneous reaction which will produce a current in this voltaic cell.

[1]

e.iv Identify the negative and the positive electrodes in this cell.

[1]

e.v. Predict the direction of movement of electrons in the external circuit.

[1]

e.vi State the directions in which the negative ions (anions) and the positive ions (cations) flow in the salt bridge.

[1]

## Markscheme

a.i. 

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 4s                          3d

Accept full-arrows.

Accept boxes in reverse order or at different energy levels.

Do not award the mark if sub-levels are incorrectly labelled or if no boxes are drawn.

a.ii.(electrostatic) attraction between (lattice of) cations/positive/ $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ions and delocalized electrons;

a.iii(delocalized electrons allows) the layers/rows of cations/positive/Cr<sup>3+</sup> ions to slide past each other (without disrupting the metallic bonding);

*Accept atoms instead of ions.*

b.i.chromium(III) oxide;

*Do not award the mark for chromium oxide.*

b.ii(electrostatic) attraction between positive and negative ions/oppositely charged ions/Cr<sup>3+</sup> and O<sup>2-</sup>;

formed as a result of electron transfer from chromium atoms to oxygen atoms / OWTTE;

*Ignore reference to number of electrons transferred or charges of ion for M2.*

b.iiions are not free to move (when solid) / ions in rigid lattice / OWTTE;

c.i.III / +3;

*Do not accept incorrect notation such as 3+/3.*

c.ii.ligand has lone/non-bonding electron pair /

dative (covalent)/coordinate/coordination bond forms;

ligand is Lewis base / ion is Lewis acid;

c.iiipartially filled/incomplete d sub levels/orbitals;

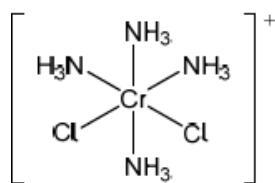
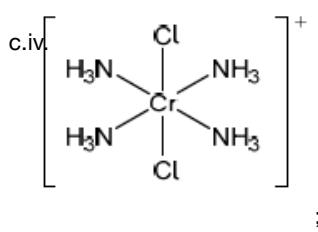
d orbitals split into two levels;

energy difference is in visible part of spectrum / electrons absorb visible light/one colour/frequency/wavelength;

electron transitions occur from lower to higher energy level (within d sub-level);

complementary colour/colour not absorbed is seen;

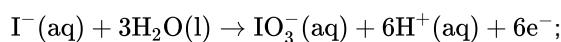
*Do not accept complementary colour "emitted".*



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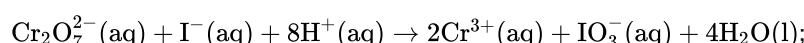
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*Overall equation:*



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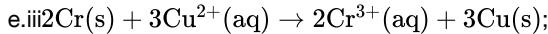
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e.i. potential (of reduction half-reaction) under standard conditions measured relative to standard hydrogen electrode/SHE / OWTTE;

Accept "solute concentration of 1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>" or "1 bar/1 atm (pressure) for gases" instead of "standard conditions".

Accept voltage/emf for potential.

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Accept "Cr is the anode **and** Cu the cathode".

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Accept "from negative electrode/anode to positive electrode/cathode" if electrodes correctly identified in (iv).

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Consider the following half-cell reactions and their standard electrode potentials.

	$E^\ominus / \text{V}$
$\text{Mn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Mn}(\text{s})$	-1.18
$\text{Ni}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Ni}(\text{s})$	-0.26
$\text{I}_2(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons 2\text{I}^-(\text{aq})$	+0.54

- Deduce a balanced equation for the overall reaction when the standard nickel and iodine half-cells are connected. [1]
- Predict, giving a reason, the direction of movement of electrons when the standard nickel and manganese half-cells are connected. [2]
- Calculate the cell potential, in V, when the standard iodine and manganese half-cells are connected. [1]
- Identify the best reducing agent in the table above. [1]
- State and explain the products of electrolysis of a concentrated aqueous solution of sodium chloride using inert electrodes. Your answer should include half-equations for the reaction at each electrode. [4]

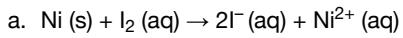
Positive electrode (anode):

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Negative electrode (cathode):

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## Markscheme



b. electron movement «in the wire» from Mn(s) to Ni(s)

$E^\theta$  «for reduction» of  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  is greater/less negative than  $E^\theta$  «for reduction» of  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$

**OR**

$\text{Ni}^{2+}$  is stronger oxidizing agent than  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$

**OR**

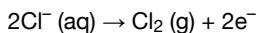
Mn is stronger reducing agent than Ni



*Do not accept -1.72 V.*

d. Mn «(s)»

e. Positive electrode (anode):



$\text{Cl}^-$  oxidized because higher concentration

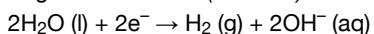
**OR**

electrode potential/E depends on concentration

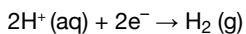
**OR**

electrode potential values «of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$ » are close

Negative electrode (cathode):



**OR**



$\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}^+$  reduced because  $\text{Na}^+$  is a weaker oxidizing agent

**OR**

$\text{Na}^+$  not reduced to Na in water

**OR**

H<sup>+</sup> easier to reduce than Na<sup>+</sup>

**OR**

H lower in activity series «than Na»

Accept  $\rightleftharpoons$ .

## Examiners report

- a. [N/A]
- b. [N/A]
- c. [N/A]
- d. [N/A]
- e. [N/A]

Vanadium has a number of different oxidation states.

Electrode potentials for the reactions of vanadium and other species are shown below.

$V^{3+}(aq) + e^- \rightleftharpoons V^{2+}(aq)$	-0.26 V
$VO^{2+}(aq) + 2H^+(aq) + e^- \rightleftharpoons V^{3+}(aq) + H_2O(l)$	+0.34 V
$VO_2^+(aq) + 2H^+(aq) + e^- \rightleftharpoons VO^{2+}(aq) + H_2O(l)$	+1.0 V
$Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons Zn(s)$	-0.76 V
$Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons Pb(s)$	-0.13 V
$SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 4H^+(aq) + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons H_2SO_3(aq) + H_2O(l)$	+0.17 V
$Ag^+(aq) + e^- \rightleftharpoons Ag(s)$	+0.80 V
$\frac{1}{2}Cl_2(g) + e^- \rightleftharpoons Cl^-(aq)$	+1.36 V

- a. Determine the oxidation state of vanadium in each of the following species.

[2]



- b.i. Identify, from the table, a non-vanadium species that can reduce  $VO^{2+}(aq)$  to  $V^{3+}(aq)$  but no further.

[1]

- b.ii. Identify, from the table, a non-vanadium species that could convert  $VO_2^+(aq)$  to  $V^{2+}(aq)$ .

[1]

- c.i. Formulate an equation for the reaction between  $VO^{2+}(aq)$  and  $V^{2+}(aq)$  in acidic solution to form  $V^{3+}(aq)$ .

[1]

## Markscheme

a.  $V_2O_5$  : + 5

$VO^{2+}$  : + 4

*Do not penalize incorrect notation twice.*

**[2 marks]**

b.i. $H_2SO_3(aq)$

**OR**

$Pb(s)$

**[1 mark]**

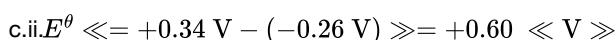
b.ii. $Zn(s)$

**[1 mark]**



*Accept equilibrium sign.*

**[1 mark]**



$$\Delta G^\theta = \ll -nFE^\theta = -9.65 \times 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1} \times 0.60 \text{ J C}^{-1} \gg = -57900 \ll \text{J mol}^{-1} \gg / -57.9 \ll \text{kJ mol}^{-1} \gg$$

spontaneous as  $\Delta G^\theta$  is negative

*Do not award M3 as a stand-alone answer.*

Accept "spontaneous" for M3 if answer given for M2 is negative.

Accept "spontaneous as  $E^\theta$  is positive" for M3.

**[3 marks]**

## Examiners report

a. [N/A]

b.i. [N/A]

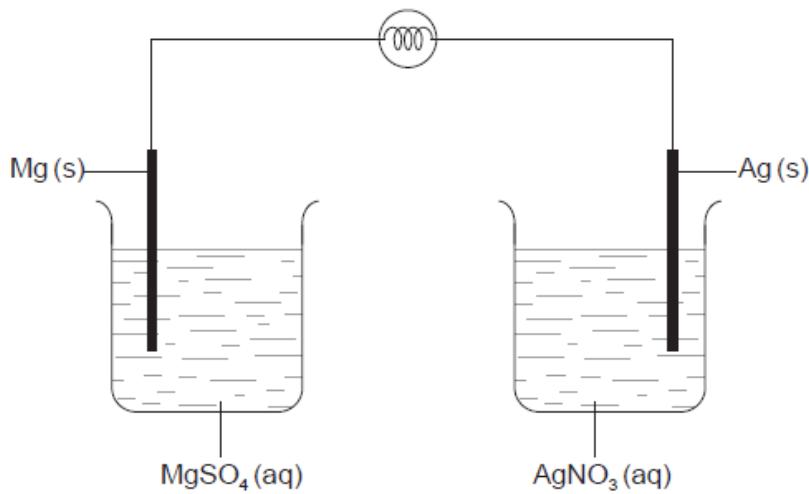
b.ii. [N/A]

c.i. [N/A]

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The diagram shows an incomplete voltaic cell with a light bulb in the circuit.



a. Identify the missing component of the cell and its function.

[2]

b. Deduce the half-equations for the reaction at each electrode when current flows.

[2]

Positive electrode (cathode):  
.....

Negative electrode (anode):  
.....

c. Annotate the diagram with the location and direction of electron movement when current flows.

[1]

d. Calculate the cell potential, in V, using section 24 of the data booklet.

[1]

e. Determine the loss in mass of one electrode if the mass of the other electrode increases by 0.10 g.

[2]

## Markscheme

a. salt bridge

movement of ions

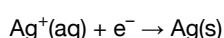
**OR**

balance charge

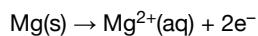
*Do not accept "to complete circuit" unless ion movement is mentioned for M2.*

**[2 marks]**

b. Positive electrode (cathode):



Negative electrode (anode):



Award [1 max] if correct equations given at wrong electrodes.

[2 marks]

- c. in external wire from left to right

[1 mark]

d.  $\langle E = +0.80 \text{ V} - (-2.37 \text{ V}) = +3.17 \text{ V} \rangle$

[1 mark]

e. «moles of silver  $\frac{0.10 \text{ g}}{107.87 \text{ g mol}^{-1}}$ »

$$\text{moles of magnesium} = \frac{0.5 \times 0.10 \text{ g}}{107.87 \text{ g mol}^{-1}}$$

$$\langle \text{loss in mass of magnesium} = \frac{24.31 \text{ g mol} \times 0.5 \times 0.10 \text{ g}}{107.87 \text{ g mol}^{-1}} = 0.011 \text{ g} \rangle$$

Award [2] for correct final answer.

[2 marks]

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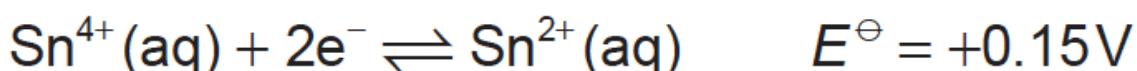
Tin(II) chloride is a white solid that is commonly used as a reducing agent.

- a. (i) State why you would expect tin(II) chloride to have a similar lattice enthalpy to strontium chloride, using section 9 of the data booklet. [4]
- (ii) Calculate the molar enthalpy change when strontium chloride is dissolved in water, using sections 18 and 20 of the data booklet.
- (iii) Tin(II) chloride reacts with water to precipitate the insoluble basic chloride,  $\text{Sn(OH)Cl}$ .

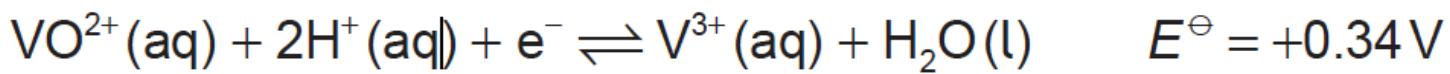


Suggest why tin(II) chloride is usually dissolved in dilute hydrochloric acid.

- b. Tin can also exist in the +4 oxidation state. [3]



Vanadium can be reduced from an oxidation state of +4 to +3 according to the equation:



(i) Calculate the cell potential,  $E^\ominus$ , and the standard free energy,  $\Delta G^\ominus$ , change for the reaction between the  $\text{VO}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Sn}^{2+}$  ions, using sections 1 and 2 of the data booklet.

$$E^\ominus:$$

$$\Delta G^\ominus:$$

(ii) Deduce, giving your reason, whether a reaction between  $\text{Sn}^{2+}(\text{aq})$  and  $\text{VO}^{2+}(\text{aq})$  would be spontaneous.

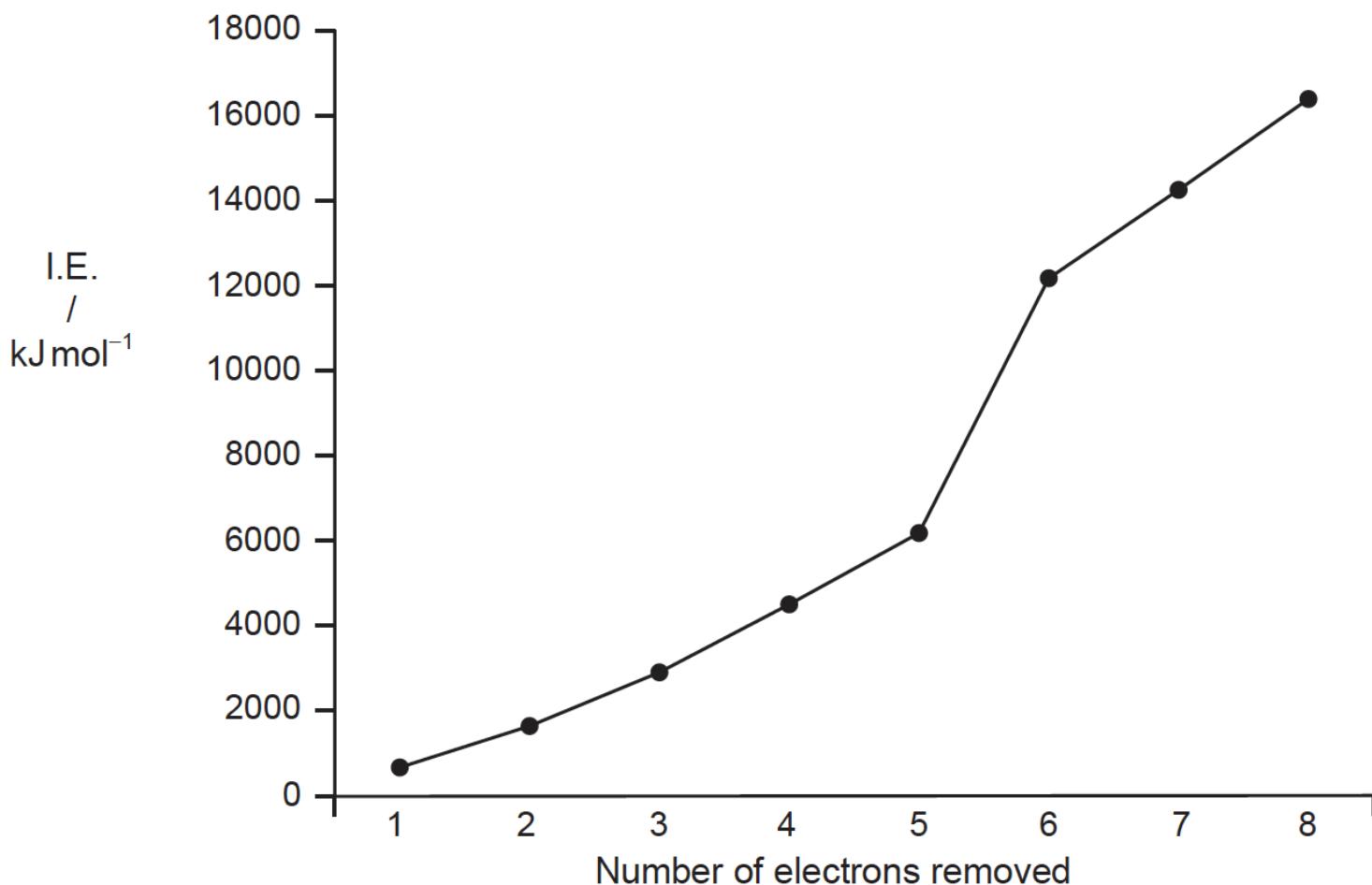
c. Outline, giving the **full** electron configuration of the vanadium atom, what is meant by the term transition metal. [2]

d. In an aqueous solution of vanadium(III) chloride, the vanadium exists as  $[\text{V}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$ ,  $[\text{VCl}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]^{2+}$  or  $[\text{VCl}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^+$  depending on the concentration of chloride ions in the solution. [3]

(i) Describe how  $\text{Cl}^-$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  bond to the vanadium ion.

(ii) Outline what would happen to the wavelength at which the vanadium complex ions would absorb light as the water molecules are gradually replaced by chloride ions, using section 15 of the data booklet.

e. Eight successive ionisation energies of vanadium are shown in the graph below: [6]



(i) State the sub-levels from which each of the first four electrons are lost.

First: Second: Third: Fourth:

(ii) Outline why there is an increase in ionization energy from electron 3 to electron 5.

(iii) Explain why there is a large increase in the ionization energy between electrons 5 and 6.

(iv) Vanadium is comprised almost entirely of  $^{51}\text{V}$ . State the number of neutrons an atom of  $^{51}\text{V}$  has in its nucleus.

# Markscheme

a. (i)

same charge **AND** same/similar ionic radius

(ii)

$$\text{enthalpy of hydration} \lll -1483 + 2(-359) \rrr = -2201 \text{ kJmol}^{-1}$$

$$\text{enthalpy of solution} \lll 2170 - 2201 \rrr = -31 \text{ kJmol}^{-1}$$

*Award [2] for correct final answer.*

*Award [1 max] for +31 kJmol<sup>-1</sup>.*

*Award [1 max] for ±4371.*

(iii)

hydrochloric acid shifts equilibrium to left

**OR**

hydrochloric acid prevents the basic chloride forming/precipitating

*Accept "hydrochloric acid reacts with «basic» chloride" OR "hydrochloric acid suppresses salt hydrolysis".*

b. (i)

$$E^\ominus \lll 0.34 - 0.15 \rrr = 0.19 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta G^\ominus \lll - nFE^\ominus \rrr = -2 \times 96500 \times 0.19 \rrr = -36670 / -37000 \text{ J} / -37 \text{ kJ}$$

*Accept -18335 J or -18 kJ as equation not specified.*

(ii)

yes **AND**  $\Delta G^\ominus$  is negative

**OR**

yes **AND**  $E^\ominus$  for the cell is positive

**OR**

yes **AND**  $\text{Sn}^{2+}$  (aq) is a stronger reducing agent than  $\text{V}^{3+}$  (aq)

**OR**

yes **AND**  $E^\ominus$   $\text{Sn}^{4+}$  (aq) is more negative than  $E^\ominus$  or  $\text{VO}^{2+}$  (aq)

**OR**

yes **AND**  $\text{VO}^{2+}$  (aq) is a stronger oxidizing agent than  $\text{Sn}^{4+}$  (aq)

**OR**

yes **AND**  $E^\ominus$  for  $\text{VO}^{2+}$  (aq) is more positive than  $E^\ominus$  for  $\text{Sn}^{4+}$  (aq)

*Do not accept reference to anti-clockwise rule.*

c.  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^3 4s^2$

**OR**

$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^3$

incomplete d «sub-» level/orbital/shell «in its compounds/ions»

d. (i)

give/donate a lone/non-bonding electron pair

Accept “through the formation of a dative/ coordinate bond”.

Accept “by acting as Lewis bases”.

*Do not accept “act as ligands”.*

(ii)

«more chlorido ligands» smaller energy gap between split d-orbitals

**OR**

$\text{Cl}^-$  is lower than  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in spectrochemical series

**OR**

$\text{Cl}^-$  is a weaker ligand/has lower charge density

the absorption will move to longer wavelengths

**OR**

the absorption wavelength will increase

*Do not accept answers in terms of change of frequency.*

e. (i)

First: 4s **AND** Second: 4s **AND** Third: 3d **AND** Fourth: 3d

*Do not apply ECF from (c).*

(ii)

«in the same sub-shell and a» decrease in electron-electron repulsion

**OR**

«in the same sub-shell and» as more electrons removed, the pull of the nucleus/positive ions holds the remaining electrons more tightly

*Do not accept “greater nuclear charge/ effective nuclear charge”.*

(iii)

electron 5 is lost from the 3d orbital

**OR**

electron 5 is lost from the valence shell

electron 6 is lost from a 3p orbital

**OR**

electron 6 is lost from a «complete» inner shell

3p orbital/complete inner shell experiences a much larger effective nuclear charge

**OR**

3p orbital/complete inner shell is less well shielded

**OR**

3p orbital/complete inner shell is nearer the nucleus

*Award [1 max] (for M1/M2) (**ECF**) if candidate recognises electrons 5 and 6 are from different levels.*

(iv)

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## Examiners report

- a. [N/A]
  - b. [N/A]
  - c. [N/A]
  - d. [N/A]
  - e. [N/A]
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