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# Oxidation Number 1

Essential Pre-Uni Chemistry K1.1

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A Level



Give the oxidation number of nitrogen in the following compounds:

**Part A**     $\text{NH}_3$

$\text{NH}_3$

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**Part B**     $\text{NO}$

$\text{NO}$

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**Part C**     $\text{N}_2$

$\text{N}_2$

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**Part D**     $\text{NO}_2$

$\text{NO}_2$

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**Part E**     $\text{HNO}_3$

$\text{HNO}_3$

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**Part F**     $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$

$\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$

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**Part G**     $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4$

$\text{N}_2\text{H}_4$

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**Part H**     $\text{Mg}_3\text{N}_2$

$\text{Mg}_3\text{N}_2$

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**Part I**     $\text{NCl}_3$

$\text{NCl}_3$

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**Part J**     $\text{NO}^+$

$\text{NO}^+$

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# Oxidation Number 2

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Write down the oxidation number of:

**Part A**     $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Oxygen in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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**Part B**     $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

Sulfur in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

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**Part C**     $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$

Phosphorus in  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$

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**Part D**     $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$

Phosphorus in  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$

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**Part E**     $\text{ClO}_2$

Chlorine in  $\text{ClO}_2$

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**Part F**     $\text{OF}_2$

Oxygen in  $\text{OF}_2$

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**Part G**    **Sodium nitrite**

Nitrogen in sodium nitrite  $\text{NaNO}_2$

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**Part H**    **Ammonium sulfate**

Nitrogen in ammonium sulfate  $(\text{NH}_4)_2(\text{SO}_4)$

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**Part I**    **Hydrogen peroxide**

Oxygen in hydrogen peroxide  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

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**Part J**     $\text{VO}_2^+$

V in  $\text{VO}_2^+$

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**Part K**     $\text{VO}^{2+}$

V in  $\text{VO}^{2+}$

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**Part L**     $\text{Hg}_2^{2+}$

Hg in  $\text{Hg}_2^{2+}$

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**Part M**     $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$

Cr in  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$

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**Part N**     $\text{MnO}_4^-$

Mn in  $\text{MnO}_4^-$

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**Part O**     $\text{I}_3^-$

I in  $\text{I}_3^-$

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# Oxidation Number 3

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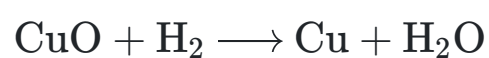
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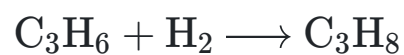
Select the element or species that is being reduced in the following reactions

### Part A (a)



- ☐ O in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
  - ☐ H in  $\text{H}_2$
  - ☐ Cu in  $\text{CuO}$
  - ☐ O in  $\text{CuO}$
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### Part B (b)

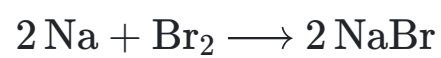


- ☐  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$
  - ☐  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8$
  - ☐ H in  $\text{H}_2$
  - ☐ H in  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$
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**Part C (c)**



- ☐ Na
  - ☐ Br<sub>2</sub>
  - ☐ Br in NaBr
  - ☐ Na in NaBr
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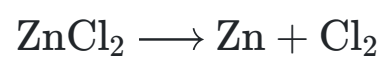
**Part D (d)**



- ☐ S in H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>
  - ☐ Fe in FeSO<sub>4</sub>
  - ☐ S in FeSO<sub>4</sub>
  - ☐ H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>
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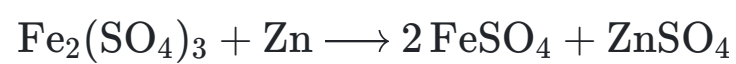
**Part E (e)**



- ☐ Cl in ZnCl<sub>2</sub>
  - ☐ Zn in ZnCl<sub>2</sub>
  - ☐ Cl in Cl<sub>2</sub>
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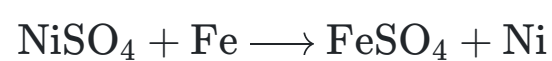
**Part F (f)**



- ☐ Fe in  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$
  - ☐ Zn in  $\text{ZnSO}_4$
  - ☐ S in  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$
  - ☐ Zn
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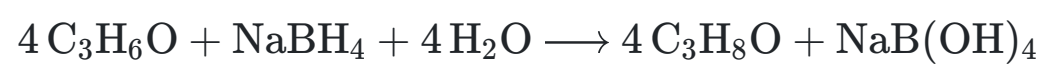
**Part G (g)**



- ☐ S in  $\text{NiSO}_4$
  - ☐ O in  $\text{NiSO}_4$
  - ☐ Fe
  - ☐ Ni in  $\text{NiSO}_4$
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**Part H (h)**



- ☐  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}$
  - ☐ H in  $\text{NaBH}_4$
  - ☐ H in  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}$
  - ☐ B in  $\text{NaBH}_4$
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# Oxidation Number 4

## Essential Pre-Uni Chemistry K1.4

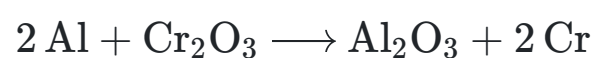
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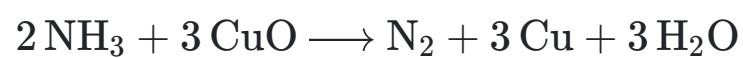
Select the element or species that is being oxidised in the following reactions.

### Part A (a)



- ☐ Al
  - ☐ O in  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$
  - ☐ Cr in  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_4$
  - ☐ Al in  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$
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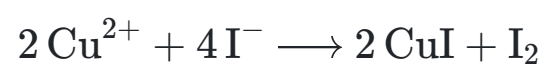
### Part B (b)



- ☐  $\text{NH}_3$
  - ☐ O in CuO
  - ☐ N in  $\text{N}_2$
  - ☐ Cu in CuO
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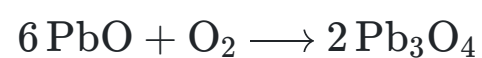
**Part C** (c)



- ☐  $\text{I}^{-}$
  - ☐ Cu in CuI
  - ☐ I in CuI
  - ☐  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$
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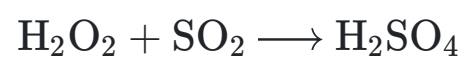
**Part D** (d)



- ☐ Pb in PbO
  - ☐ O in PbO
  - ☐ Pb in  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4$
  - ☐ O in  $\text{O}_2$
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**Part E** (e)



- ☐ H in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
  - ☐  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$
  - ☐  $\text{SO}_2$
  - ☐ S in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
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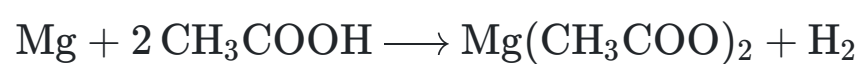
**Part F (f)**



- ☐ Br in NaBr
  - ☐ H in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
  - ☐ S in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
  - ☐ Na in NaBr
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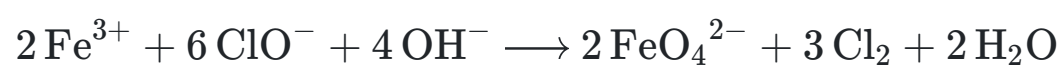
**Part G (g)**



- ☐ Mg
  - ☐  $\text{H}_2$
  - ☐ C in  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$
  - ☐ Mg in  $\text{Mg}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2$
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**Part H (h)**



- ☐  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$
  - ☐  $\text{OH}^-$
  - ☐ O in  $\text{ClO}^-$
  - ☐ Cl in  $\text{ClO}^-$
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# Oxidation States of S and N

A Level



## Part A Oxidation states of sulfur

In which of the following pairs of species is the sulfur in the same oxidation state in both members of the pair?

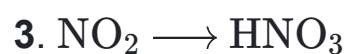
1.  $\text{SF}_6$  and  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$
2.  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{HSO}_3^-$
3.  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$  and  $\text{S}_4\text{O}_6^{2-}$

- ☐ 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- ☐ 1 and 2 only are correct
- ☐ 2 and 3 only are correct
- ☐ 1 only is correct
- ☐ 3 only is correct

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## Part B    Oxidation states of nitrogen

In which of the following conversions does the oxidation number of the nitrogen change by two?



- ☐ 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- ☐ 1 and 2 only are correct
- ☐ 2 and 3 only are correct
- ☐ 1 only is correct
- ☐ 3 only is correct
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# Rocket and Metal Reduction

A Level



## Part A Solid rocket booster

The propellant used in the solid rocket booster of a space shuttle is a mixture of aluminium and compound **X**. Compound **X** contains chlorine in an oxidation state of +7.

Which of the following could be compound **X**?

- ☐  $\text{N}_2\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$
- ☐  $\text{NCl}_3$
- ☐  $\text{NH}_4\text{ClO}_3$
- ☐  $\text{NH}_4\text{ClO}_4$
- ☐  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$

## Part B Metals and reduction

In which of the following changes has the metal undergone reduction?

- ☐  $[\text{Al}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+} \longrightarrow [\text{Al}(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^+$
- ☐  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+} \longrightarrow [\text{CoCl}_4]^{2-}$
- ☐  $[\text{CuCl}_4]^{2-} \longrightarrow [\text{CuCl}_2]^-$
- ☐  $\text{MnO}_4^{2-} \longrightarrow \text{MnO}_4^-$
- ☐  $[\text{Cr}(\text{OH})_6]^{3-} \longrightarrow \text{CrO}_4^{2-}$





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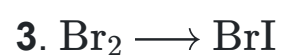
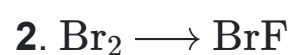
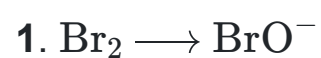
# Oxidation Numbers of Halides

A Level



## Part A Oxidation of bromine

What changes can be regarded as oxidation of bromine?

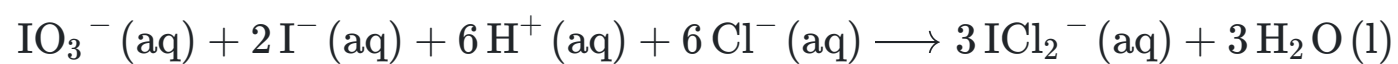


- ☐ 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- ☐ 1 and 2 only are correct
- ☐ 2 and 3 only are correct
- ☐ 1 only is correct

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## Part B    Oxidation numbers of halides

Which of the statements about the reaction below are correct?



1. The oxidation number of chlorine changes from  $-1$  to  $-2$ .
2. The oxidation number of the iodine in the iodide ion  $\text{I}^- (\text{aq})$  changes from  $-1$  to  $+1$ .
3. The oxidation number of the iodine in the iodate ion  $\text{IO}_3^- (\text{aq})$  changes from  $+5$  to  $+1$ .

- ☐ 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- ☐ 1 and 2 only are correct
- ☐ 2 and 3 only are correct
- ☐ 1 only is correct
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# Platinum, Hydroquinone and Silver

## Part A Oxidation numbers of platinum

The anti-cancer drug *cis-platin* has the formula  $\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ .

In the human body, one of the chloride ions of *cis-platin* is replaced by one water molecule.



What is the oxidation number of platinum in each of these complexes?

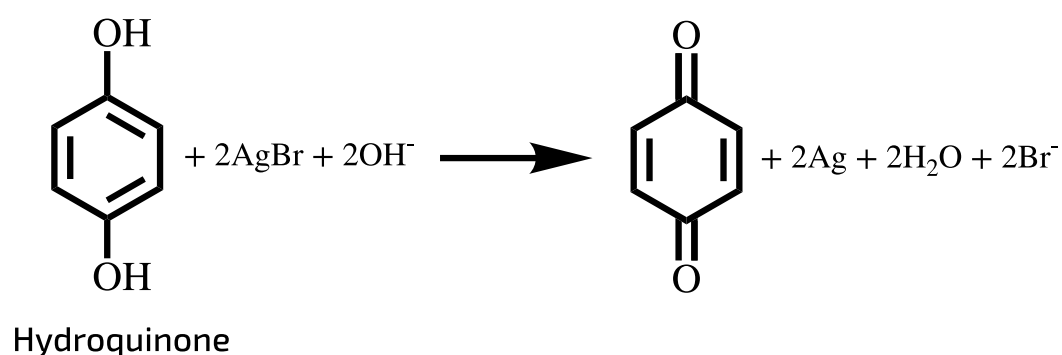
	<i>cis-platin</i>	<i>in the aquo complex</i>
<b>A</b>	+2	+1
<b>B</b>	+2	+2
<b>C</b>	+4	+3
<b>D</b>	+4	+4

- ☐ A  
☐ B  
☐ C  
☐ D

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## Part B Hydroquinone and silver bromide

When exposed film from a camera is developed, one step involves reacting the light-activated silver bromide crystals with hydroquinone in alkali according to the following equation:



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**Figure 1:** Hydroquinone and silver bromide in presence of base.

Which of the following describes the role of hydroquinone?

- ☐ It acts only as a reducing agent
  - ☐ It acts as both a base and a reducing agent
  - ☐ It acts only as an oxidising agent
  - ☐ It acts only as an acid
  - ☐ It acts as both an acid and a reducing agent
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# Ferrite

**A Level**

Aerials in portable radios are made of a mixed oxide of calcium and iron known as 'Ferrite'. It contains 18.5 % calcium and 51.9 % iron by mass. Calculate the empirical formula of 'Ferrite' and hence deduce the oxidation number of the iron it contains.

## Part A Empirical formula

Empirical Formula:

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## Part B Oxidation number

Oxidation number:

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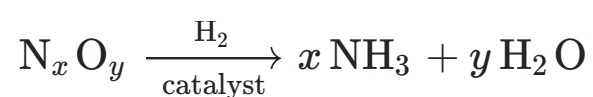
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# Oxides of Nitrogen

**A Level**

## Part A Oxides of nitrogen

In an attempt to establish the formula of an oxide of nitrogen, a known volume of the pure gas was mixed with hydrogen and passed over a catalyst at a suitable temperature. 100% conversion of the oxide to ammonia and water was shown to have taken place.



2400 cm<sup>3</sup> of the nitrogen oxide, measured at room temperature and pressure (RTP) produced 7.200 g of water. The ammonia produced was neutralised by 200 cm<sup>3</sup> of 1.0 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> HCl.

[Molar volume of gas at RTP = 24000 cm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>]

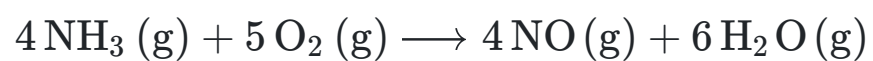
What was the oxidation number of nitrogen in the solid oxide?

- ☐ +1
- ☐ +2
- ☐ +3
- ☐ +4
- ☐ +5

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## Part B    Oxidation numbers of nitrogen

The key stage in the manufacture of nitric acid is the reaction of ammonia with air in the presence of a platinum-rhodium gauze:



What is the oxidation number of nitrogen in

$\text{NH}_3$

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$\text{NO}$

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