

CH#2

S-Block Elements



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Chapter 2

S-BLOCK ELEMENTS

Introduction:- The elements of groups IA and IIA are called S-Block elements because their valence electrons are present in S-Orbitals. The elements of group IA except hydrogen are called **Alkali metals** because they produce strong alkalis with water. The alkali metals are Lithium, Sodium, Potassium, Rubidium, Caesium and Francium. The word alkali is an Arabic which means "The Ashes". The reason is that Sodium and Potassium are present in the ashes of plants.

The elements of group IIA are called **Alkaline earth metals** because they produce alkalis with water and are widely distributed in earth's crust (قشر الارض). The alkaline earth metals are Beryllium, Magnesium, Calcium, Strontium, Barium and Radium.

Electronic Configuration of alkali-Metals

Alkali metals have one electron in their valence "s" orbital. They lose their valence electron to form monovalent ion M^+ . They show oxidation state of +1.

Occurrence of Alkali Metals

Alkali metals are very reactive. So they are not found in free state. They are found in Combined state. Their important minerals (ores) are given below.

Lithium occurs as Spodumene $\text{LiAl}(\text{SiO}_3)_2$

Sodium occurs as Rock salt (Halite) NaCl ,

Chile salt petre NaNO_3 , Natron $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Trona $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot 2\text{NaHCO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$,

Borax $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Potassium occurs as Sylvite KCl ,

Carnallite $\text{KCl} \cdot \text{MgCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$,

Alumstone (Alunite) $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 4\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$,

Out of alkali metals Francium is not found in nature. It has been prepared by artificial means. It is very unstable. So that a very little is known about this metal.

Occurrence of Alkaline Earth Metals

Like alkali metals, the alkaline earth metals are also very reactive. So they are not found in free state. They are found in Combined state. Magnesium is an important component of Chlorophyll. Calcium is

found in bones, teeth, sea shells and egg shells.
Radium is rare and radioactive element.
The important minerals (ores) of alkaline earth metals are given below.

Beryllium occurs as

Beryl $\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_3)_6$

Chrysoberyl Al_2BeO_4

Magnesium occurs as

Magnesite MgCO_3

Dolomite $\text{MgCO}_3\text{CaCO}_3$

Carnallite $\text{KCl MgCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Epsom Salt $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Asbestos $\text{CaMg}_3(\text{SiO}_3)_4$

Soap stone (talc) $\text{H}_2\text{Mg}_3(\text{SiO}_3)_4$

Calcium occurs as

Calcite (Lime stone, Marble) CaCO_3

Gypsum $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Fluorite CaF_2

Phosphorite $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$

Strontium occurs as Strontionite SrCO_3

Barium occurs as Barite BaSO_4

Electronic Configuration of Alkali Metals

Alkali Metal	Li	Na	K	Rb	Cs
Atomic number	3	11	19	37	55
Electronic Configuration	$1s^2 2s^1$	$[Ne] 3s^1$	$[Ar] 4s^1$	$[Kr] 5s^1$	$[Xe] 6s^1$
Melting point ($^{\circ}C$)	186.1	97.5	62.7	39.0	26.0
Ionization Energy ($KJ mol^{-1}$)	520	495	420	400	380
Ionic radius (pm)	60	95	133	148	169
Density (g/cm^3)	0.53	0.97	0.86	1.53	1.93
Heat of Hydration ($KJ mol^{-1}$)	505	475	384	345	310

Electronic Configuration of Alkaline Earth Metals

Alkaline earth metals have two electrons in their valence s -orbitals. They lose two electrons to form divalent ion M^{+2} .

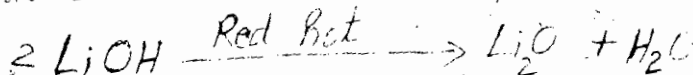
Alkaline earth metal:-	Be	Mg	Ca	Sr	Ba
Atomic number:-	4	12	20	38	56
Electronic Configuration:-	$1s^2 2s^2$	$[Ne] 4s^2$	$[Ar] 4s^2$	$[Kr] 4s^2$	$[Xe] 4s^2$
Melting Point ($^{\circ}C$)	1289	651	851	771	844
2nd Ionization Energy ($KJ mol^{-1}$)	1800	1450	1150	1060	970
Ionic Radius (pm)	31	65	99	113	135
Density (g/cm^3)	1.85	1.74	1.55	2.6	3.5
Heat of Hydration ($KJ mol^{-1}$)	2337	1897	1619	1455	1250

Peculiar behaviour of Lithium (Differences of Li from other members)

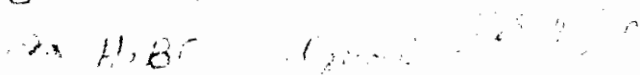
- 1:- Lithium has small size and high charge density than other alkali metals.
- 2:- Lithium is much harder than the other alkali metals.
- 3:- Lithium forms water less soluble salts with anions of high charge density. e.g. LiOH , LiF , Li_2CO_3 , Li_3PO_4 etc.
- 4:- Lithium is the least reactive alkali metal.
- 5:- Lithium reacts slowly with water but other alkali metals react violently.
- 6:- Lithium forms Carbide but other alkali metals do not form Carbides.
- 7:- Lithium forms nitride but other alkali metals do not form nitrides.



- 8:- Lithium hydroxide shows thermal decomposition but other alkali metals hydroxides do not.



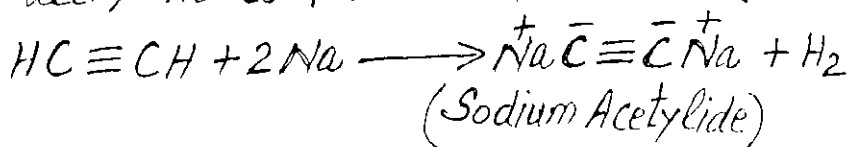
- 9:- Lithium Chloride gives an exothermic heat of solution but other alkali metals chlorides give endothermic heat of solution.



10 :- Lithium forms only normal oxide but other alkali metals form Peroxides and Superoxides.

11 :- Lithium forms complexes but other alkali metals do not form such complexes. e.g. $\text{Li}(\text{NH}_3)_4$.

12 :- Lithium does not react with acetylene but other alkali metals react with acetylene to form acetylides. e.g.

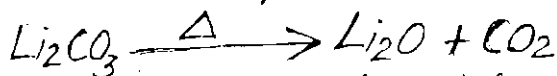


13 :- Compounds of Lithium are covalent but the compounds of other alkali metals are ionic.

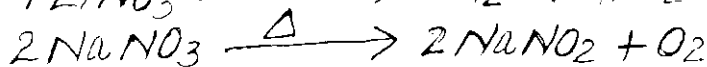
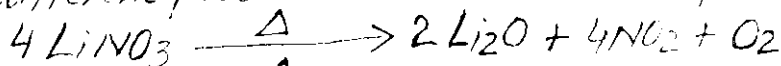
14 :- Lithium hydride is more stable than the hydrides of other alkali metals.

15 :- Lithium does not form bicarbonate and tri-iodide but other alkali metals form such compounds. e.g. KHCO_3 and KI_3 .

16 :- Lithium carbonate shows thermal decomposition but other alkali metal carbonates do not show thermal decomposition.



17 :- LiNO_3 and other alkali metal nitrates give different products on thermal decomposition.



Peculiar behaviour of Beryllium

(Differences between Be and other members)

- 1:- Be has small size and high electronegativity as compared to other members of its family.
- 2:- Be has high melting and boiling point than other members of its family (except Li).
- 3:- Be is much harder than other members of its own family. Be is as hard as iron and can scratch glass.
- 4:- Be reacts with alkalis but other members of its family do not.
$$\text{Be} + 2\text{NaOH} \longrightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{BeO}_2 + \text{H}_2$$

(Sodium beryllate)
- 5:- Be does not oxidize completely to form BeO. Contrary to this, other alkali earth metals act as powerful reducing agents for water.

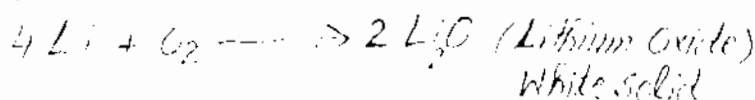
General behaviour of alkali metals

A substance which can lose electrons is called reducing agent. Alkali metals are strong reducing agents due to low ionization enthalpy. They are highly electropositive and form ionic halides.

Chemical Properties of alkali-metals

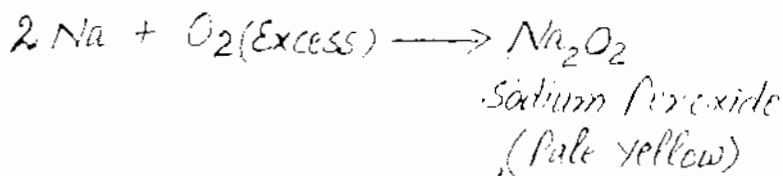
- 1 :- Alkali metals are very reactive due to their low ionization energies.
- 2 :- The oxidation number of alkali metals is +1 (not higher than one) due to very high second ionization energy.
- 3 :- The alkali metal cations have low charge, and big size. So they have low charge density. Thus salts of alkali metals have low values of lattice energies. Hence most of the salts of alkali metals are dissociated and completely soluble in water.
- 4 :- Reaction with oxygen :-

Alkali metals react with oxygen and their surface turns discoloured. Lithium forms normal oxide.



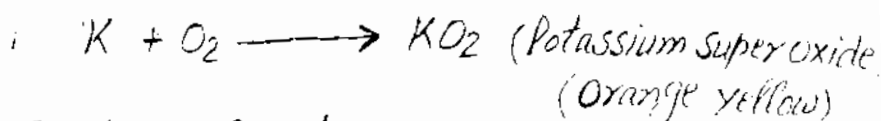
The Li_2O reacts with atmospheric CO_2 to form Carbonate $\text{Li}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2 \longrightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$

Sodium forms Sodium peroxide in an excess of O_2



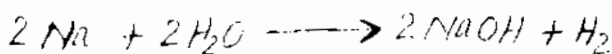
Potassium, Rubidium and Caesium react with

Oxygen to form Super oxides.



5:- Reaction with Water:-

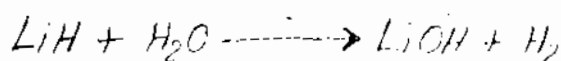
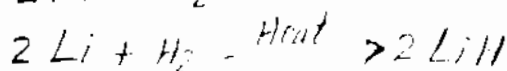
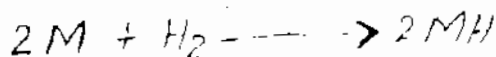
Alkali metals react with water rapidly. They produce hydrogen and metal hydroxide. The reaction is highly exothermic so that produced hydrogen catches fire (ignites).
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The reaction becomes more and more vigorous from Li to Cs. The K, Rb and Cs can react with ice at $-100^\circ C$.

6:- Reaction with Hydrogen

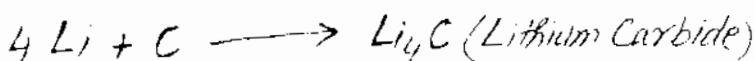
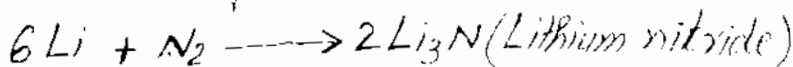
Alkali metals react with hydrogen to form ionic hydrides.



Due to presence of (H^-) hydride ion, the ionic hydrides are used as powerful reducing agents.

7:- Reaction with Carbon and Nitrogen

Out of alkali metals only Lithium reacts with Carbon and Nitrogen.



8:- Reaction with Halogens

Alkali metals react with halogens to form halides
e.g. Sodium burns with a brilliant yellow flame
in the atmosphere of Chlorine.



The reaction of Li and Na is slow but K,

Rb and Cs react vigorously with halogens.

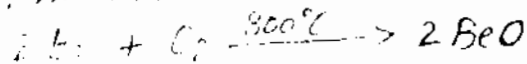
9:- Reaction with Sulphur:-

All alkali metals react with molten sulphur to form sulphides



Chemical Properties of Alkaline earth metals

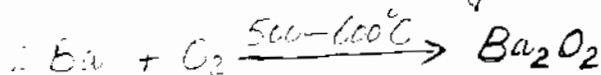
1:- Reaction with Oxygen:- Out of alkaline earth metals only Ba forms Peroxide, but all other metals form normal oxides



When Mg burns in air a small amount of Mg peroxide is also formed along with MgO.



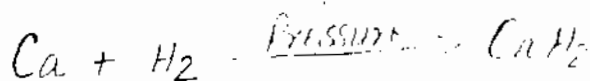
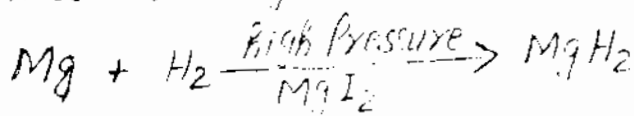
Magnesium Nitride



(Barium Peroxide)

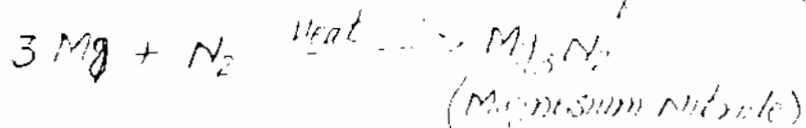
2:- Reaction with Hydrogen

Alkali earth metals react with hydrogen to give hydrides under high pressure

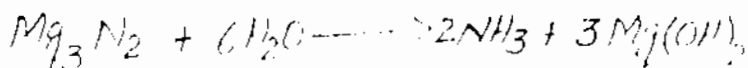


3:- Reaction with Nitrogen

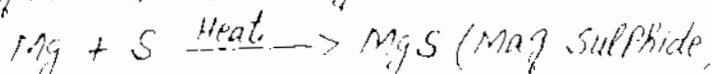
Alkali earth metals react with N_2 to give nitride.



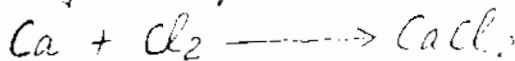
The Magnesium nitride shows vigorous hydrolysis,



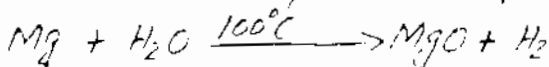
4:- Reaction with Sulphur Alkali earth metals react with Sulphur to give sulphides. e.g.



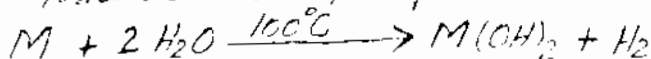
5:- Reaction with Halogens Alkali earth metals react with halogens to give halides. e.g.



6:- Reaction with water:- Be does not react with water. Mg reacts with boiling water to give MgO and H_2 .

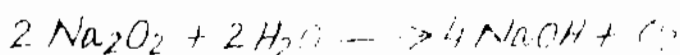
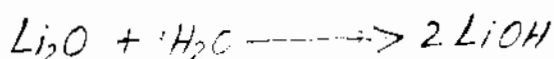


Other alkali earth metals react with water to produce metal hydroxide and hydrogen

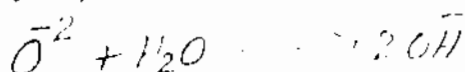


Compounds of alkali and alkaline earth Metals

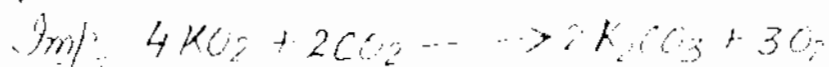
1:- Oxides Alkali metal oxides react with water to produce hydroxide. This reaction is considered as an acid-base reaction but not a oxidation reduction reaction because there is no change in oxidation number of any element.



In these reactions water molecule decomposes by an oxide ion



The Potassium Superoxide (KO_2) reacts with CO_2 to give K_2CO_3 and Oxygen.

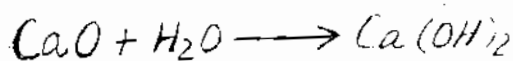


Due to above reaction KO_2 is used in breathing equipments (SCUBA) for mountaineers and in

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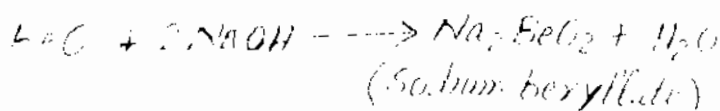
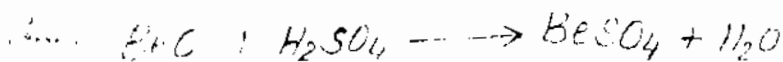
In IIA group, BeO and MgO are insoluble in water but CaO , SrO and BaO are soluble in water and react to give hydroxide.



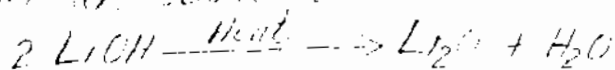
Amphoteric nature of BeO :-

A substance which shows both acidic and basic properties is called an amphoteric. e.g. BeO

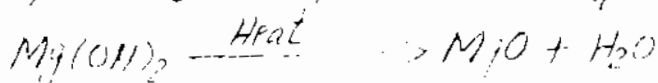
BeO reacts with both acids and bases.



2:- **Hydroxides**:- The alkali metal hydroxides are crystalline solids. Except LiOH, all other are water soluble. Because they absorb water moisture so they are **Hygroscopic**. Except LiOH all other are stable to heat.



The solubility of alkali earth metal hydroxides increases down the group. Be(OH)_2 is insoluble, Mg(OH)_2 is sparingly (10^{-4}) soluble and Ba(OH)_2 is more soluble. The reason is that ionic size increases from top to bottom of group. So lattice energy of hydroxides decreases. Hence solubility increases down the group. The alkali earth metals hydroxides decompose on heating.



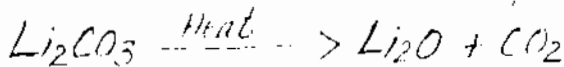
Lime Water:- The Saturated Solution of Ca(OH)_2 in water is called lime water. It is used as a test for CO_2 . The CO_2 turns lime-water milky due to formation of Calcium Carbonate.



Milk of magnesia:- A Suspension of Mg(OH)_2 is called milk of magnesia. It is used for acidity treatment in Stomach.

3:- Carbonates:- The Carbonates of alkali metals except Li_2CO_3 are Soluble in water. All alkali metal Carbonates except Li_2CO_3 are stable to heat.

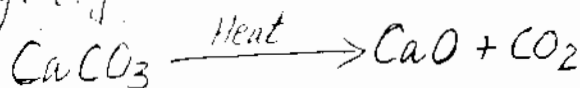
Li_2CO_3 is insoluble in water and decomposes on heating



Sodium Carbonate (Na_2CO_3) is called Soda ash.

$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ is called Washing Soda. It is crystallized from aqueous solution of Na_2CO_3 below 35.2°C . In air $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ slowly loses water and changes into white powder. $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$

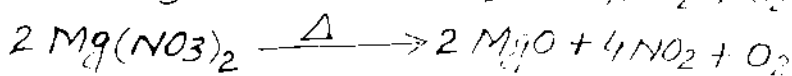
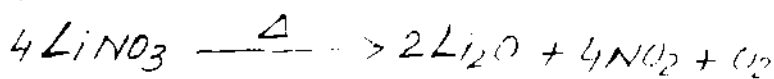
The alkali earth metal Carbonates are very slightly soluble (insoluble) in water. They decompose on heating, e.g.



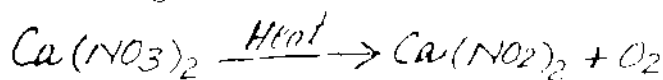
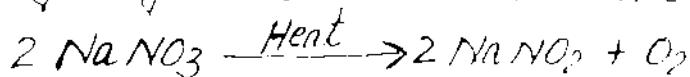
The ease of decomposition of Carbonates decreases down the group.

4: **Nitrates**:- Nitrates of alkali and alkaline earth metals are soluble in water.

The nitrates of Li, Mg and Ba decompose on heating and give O_2 , NO_2 and metal oxide.

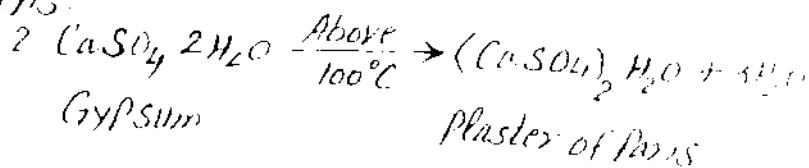


The nitrates of Na, K and Ca decompose on heating to give O_2 and metal nitrite.



5:- **Sulphates**:- All alkali metal sulphates are soluble in water. In case of alkali earth metals sulphates, the solubility decreases down the group. $BaSO_4$, $MgSO_4$ are more soluble in water, $CaSO_4$ is slightly soluble and $SrSO_4$ and $BaSO_4$ are insoluble.

Calcium sulphate occurs as gypsum $CaSO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$. When gypsum is heated above $100^\circ C$, it loses three quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$ th) of its water to give plaster of Paris.



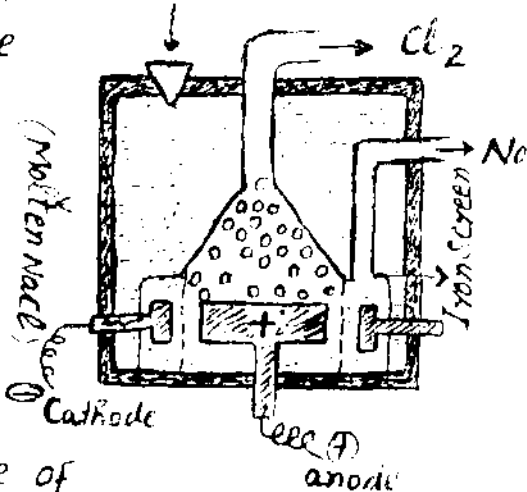
Commercial Preparation of Sodium by Down's Cell (V. Imp)

In down's cell Sodium is prepared by electrolysis of molten (fused) Sodium chloride. Some CaCl_2 is added to lower the melting point of NaCl from 801°C to 600°C .

The cell consists of an

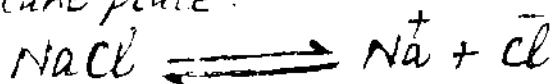
iron vessel. A large block of graphite acts as an anode. Above the anode

there is an iron dome (کپڑا) for the collection of Chlorine.



The cathode is made of iron or copper. It is separated

from anode by iron gauze screen. When electric current passes through molten NaCl , following reactions take place.



The Sodium collects over Cathode and Chlorine collects over anode. They are taken out from different holes. This process has following

advantages.

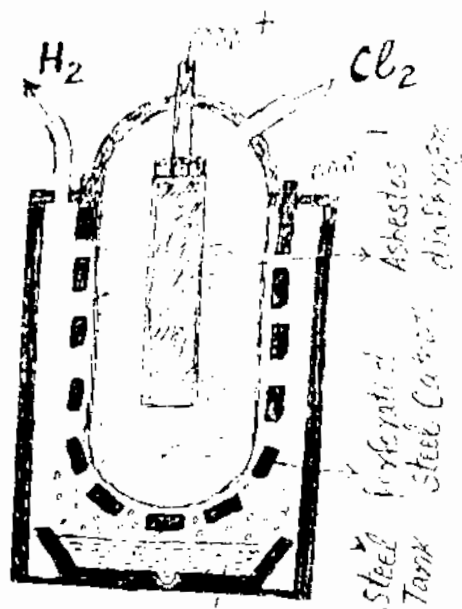
- i) The metallic fog is not produced
- ii) Liquid Sodium is collected at 600°C
- iii) It gives 99.4% pure Sodium.
- (iv) Material of the cell is not attacked by the products formed during electrolysis.

Commercial Preparation of Sodium Hydroxide by Nelson Cell (Diaphragm cell)

Sodium hydroxide is prepared on a large scale by electrolysis of aqueous solution of Sodium Chloride. It is done in a cell called Nelson or diaphragm cell. It is shown in Figure.

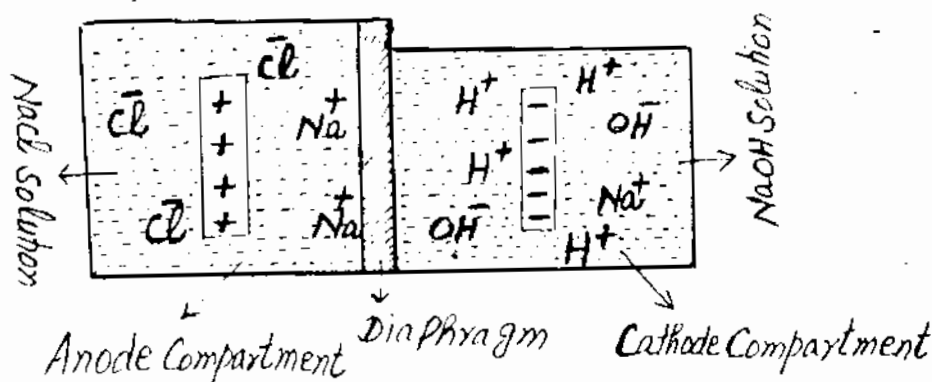
The cell consists of a steel tank provided with a constant level device. This device keeps the brine level in inner part at a specific height (1m).

An oblong (U-shaped) perforated steel vessel is lined inside with porous asbestos diaphragm. It acts as cathode. A graphite rod is suspended into U-shaped diaphragm containing

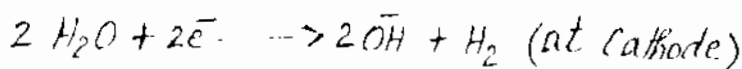
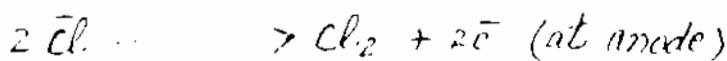


brine (salt solution). It acts as anode.

The Purpose of diaphragm becomes clear from following figure.



Reactions:- When electric current passes through solution of NaCl, then Cl^- , OH^- , Na^+ and H^+ ions are produced.

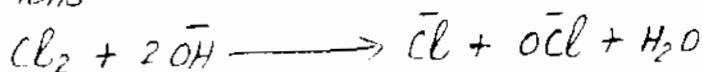


The Na^+ ions migrate to the cathode through the asbestos diaphragm. The Cl_2 and H_2 gases are taken out from different outlets. The aqueous solution of NaOH remains in cathode compartment.

Two Problems and their solution:-

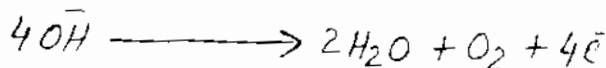
During the working of cell we can face two major problems.

(i) In anode compartment the Cl_2 can react with OH^- ions.



(ii) The OH^- ions may collect over anode. Their oxidation gives oxygen which contaminates (Cl_2).

the Cl_2 .



The First Problem is solved by using asbestos diaphragm. It keeps the two solutions separate and migrates Na^+ ions towards the Cathode.

The Second Problem is solved by keeping the brine level slightly higher in anode compartment. So flow of liquid continues towards the Cathode and OH^- ions can not reach the anode.

The solution which flows out of the Cathode collects in Catch basin. It contains 11% NaOH and 16% NaCl. By evaporation, NaCl forms crystals and NaOH remains in solution. The solid NaCl is filtered off and mother liquor contains 50% NaOH and 1% NaCl as an impurity.

Role of Gypsum in Agriculture (کھیتی باڑی)

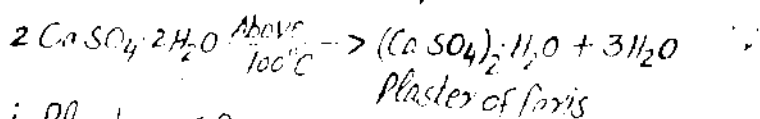
Gypsum ($CaSO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$) is used as fertilizer (کھاد).

It provides Calcium and Sulphur to the soil (زمین).

Calcium is important for crop production in the saline soils. The Sulphur compounds have good effect on plant growth. The Sulphur affects the function of Chlorophyll in plant leaves. If a plant has deficiency (کم) of Sulphur, its colour becomes pale green. The Sulphur also affects the root system of many plants.

Role of Gypsum in Industries

When gypsum is heated above 100°C , it loses three quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$ th) of its water. The resulting product is called Plaster of Paris.



- (i) Plaster of Paris is used for making Plaster Walls
- (ii) Plaster of Paris is used in moulding and casting of coins and Statuary (سنگ تراشی)
- (iii) Plaster of Paris is used in surgical bandages of fractured bones
- (iv) Gypsum is used as filler and glaze in paper industries

(v) Gypsum is used in Chalk pencils

(vi) The Plaster of Paris is used in making special types of plasters, (a) Cement Plaster, (b) Hard Plasters

(a) **Cement Plaster**:- When Plaster of Paris is mixed with glue or other oils its setting time decreases. It is called Cement Plaster.

(b) **Hard Finish Plaster**:- When Gypsum is calcinated (heated) with aluminium or borax, the product is called hard finish plaster. This plaster sets very slowly. It is used to make wall boards and partitions.

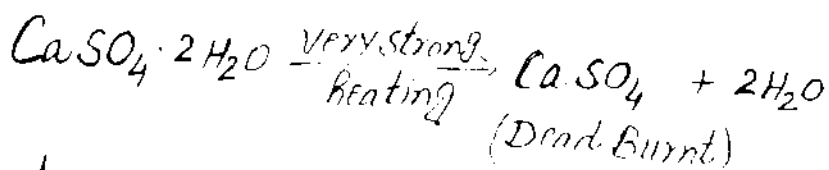
(vii) Gypsum is very important component of cement because it increases setting time of cement.

A fine mixture of Clay and Limestone is strongly

heated to give a product called clinker. The clinker is cooled and finely ground with 2% gypsum. It is called Portland cement.

Dead burnt plaster:-

When gypsum ($\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$) is very strongly heated, it becomes anhydrous. This anhydrous salt absorbs water very slowly. It is called "dead burnt" plaster.

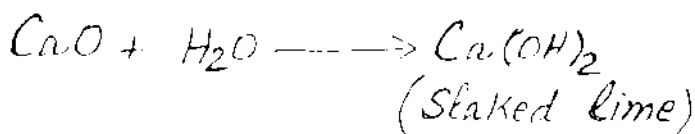


"Plaster of Paris is used in moulding. Why?"

When plaster of Paris is mixed with water, it forms plastic type viscous mass. This process completes in 10--15 minutes. During this process about 1% volume expansion takes place. So moulds fill completely and give sharp casting.

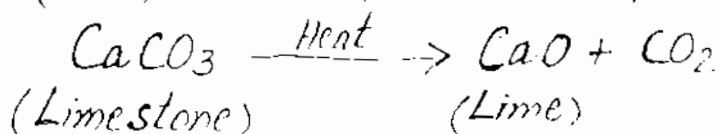
Slaking of lime (Slaked lime)

When calcium oxide reacts with water, then calcium hydroxide is produced. This process is called slaking of lime. It is an exothermic reaction.



Role of Lime in Agriculture

Lime (CaO) is a soft white compound.



- (i) Lime is used as a fertilizer. It is the best fertilizer for acidic soils because it neutralizes the soil acidity.
- (ii) Lime is used for Preparation of agri sprays e.g. Lime-Sulfur Spray has a strong fungicidal action.
- (iii) Calcium is an essential element for the normal growth of plants.
- (iv) Calcium has a good effect on the root system of plants. e.g. it stimulates the growth of root hair.
- (v) Calcium regulates the supply of phosphorous in the soil.
- (vi) Calcium is essential for growth of leaves.
- (vii) Calcium is essential for the activity of nitrifying bacteria (micro-organisms).
- (viii) Calcium regulates supply of other essential elements in plants. e.g. Deficiency of Calcium accumulates Aluminium and Manganese upto harmful concentration.

Role of Lime in Industries

- 1:- Lime is used in Paper industry
- 2:- Lime is used in leather industry
- 3:- Lime is used in preparation of bleaching Powder
- 4:- Lime is used in refining of Sugar.
- 5:- Lime is used in Ceramic industry (earthenware)
- 6:- Slaked lime is used as a white wash.
- 7:- Lime is used in manufacturing of glass
- 8:- Lime is used in extraction and refining of metals.
- 9:- Lime is used for preparation of Calcium Carbide whose hydrolysis gives acetylene.
$$\text{CaO} + 3\text{C} \xrightarrow[2800^\circ\text{C}]{\text{electric furnace}} \text{CaC}_2 + \text{CO}$$

$$\text{CaC}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{Hydrolysis}} \text{Ca(OH)}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2$$
- 10:- Lime is used as dehydrating agent.
e.g. Preparation of absolute alcohol and drying of NH_3 .

A mixture of NaOH and Ca(OH)_2 is called Soda lime. It is used to remove both water and CO_2 from some gases.

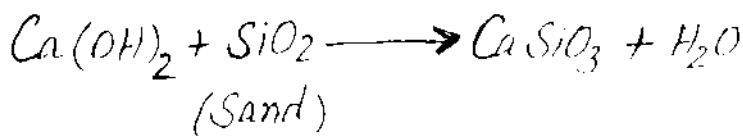
11:- Lime is used in making lime Mortar.

When Slaked lime (one Volume) and Sand (three or four Volumes) are mixed with water, a thick Paste is formed. It is

called Lime mortar. The mortar binds the Stones or bricks (پیش) firmly together.

When mortar hardens سخت ہوتا ہے, then

following chemical reactions take place.



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EXERCISE

Q.1. Fill in the Blanks.

- (i) Alkali metals are _____ reactive than alkaline-earth metals.
- (ii) Alkali metals decompose water vigorously producing _____ hydrogen.
- (iii) When heated in a current of dry hydrogen, alkaline earth metals form white crystalline _____ of the type MH_2 .
- (iv) The beryllium hydroxide, like the hydroxide of aluminum is amphoteric while the hydroxide of the other members of the group are _____.
- (v) The elements of the group IA are termed as alkali metals, because their _____ are alkaline.
- (vi) Spodumene is an ore of _____ metal.
- (vii) Alkali metal nitrates on heating give the corresponding _____ oxygen.
- (viii) $Na_2CO_3 \cdot H_2O$ is the chemical formula of an ore of sodium which is known as _____.
- (ix) Metallic bicarbonates are decomposed on heating into their carbonates along with _____ and _____.
- (x) Metal nitrates other than the alkali metals on heating decompose to give the corresponding metal _____ along with the evolution of nitrogen peroxide and oxygen.

ANSWERS

(i) More	(ii) Metal Hydroxide	(iii) Hydrides		
(iv) Basic	(v) Oxides	(vi) Lithium	(vii) Nitride	(viii)
Natron	(ix) CO_2, H_2O	(x) Nitrite		

Q.2. Indicate True or False.

- (i) Group IA elements are called alkali metals because their chlorides are alkaline in nature.
- (ii) Alkali metals are very good conductors of electricity.
- (iii) The hydroxides of alkali metals and alkaline earth metals are soluble in water.
- (iv) Plaster of Paris is a hemihydrate.
- (v) Alkali metals have low melting and boiling points as compared to those of alkaline earth metals.
- (vi) Lithium carbonate is decomposed to its oxide, but the carbonates of other alkali metals are stable towards heat.
- (vii) All alkali metal sulphates are insoluble in water.
- (viii) Lithium combines with nitrogen to form lithium nitride but other alkali metals do not react with nitrogen.
- (ix) Trona is an ore of Lithium.
- (x) Alkaline earth metals are stronger reducing agents than alkali metals.

ANSWERS

(i)	False	(ii)	True	(iii)	True
(iv)	True	(v)	True	(vi)	True
(viii)	True	(ix)	False	(x)	False

Q.3 Multiple choice questions. Encircle the correct answer.

- (i) Which one of the following does not belong to alkaline earth metals?
(a) Be (b) Ra (c) Ba (d) Rn
- (ii) The oxides of beryllium are.
(a) Acidic (b) Basic
(c) Amphoteric (d) None of the above
- (iii) Which ion will have the maximum value of heat of hydration.
(a) Na⁺ (b) Cs⁺ (c) Ba²⁺ (d) Mg²⁺
- (iv) Which one of the following is not an alkali metal?
(a) Francium (b) Caesium
(c) Rubidium (d) Radium
- (v) Which of the following sulphates is not soluble in Water
(a) Sodium sulphate (b) Potassium sulphate
(c) Zinc sulphate (d) Barium sulphate
- (vi) The element caesium bears resemblance with
(a) Ca (b) Cr (c) Both of the above (d) None of the above
- (vii) Chile saltpeter has the chemical formula.
(a) NaNO₃ (b) KNO₃ (c) Na₂B₄O₇ (d) Na₂CO₃ · H₂O
- (viii) The ore CaSO₄ · 2H₂O has the general name.
(a) Gypsum (b) Dolomite (c) Calcite (d) Epsom salt
- (ix) Down's cell is used to prepare.
(a) Sodium carbonate (b) Sodium bicarbonate
(c) Sodium metal (d) Sodium hydroxide
- (x) Which element is deposited at the cathode during the electrolysis of brine in Nelson's cell?
(a) H₂ (b) Na (c) Cl₂ (d) O₂

ANSWER	(i) d	(ii) c	(iii) d	(iv) d	(v) d
	(vi) d	(vii) a	(viii) a	(ix) c	(x) b

Q.4. (a) Give the names, electronic configurations and occurrence of s-block elements.



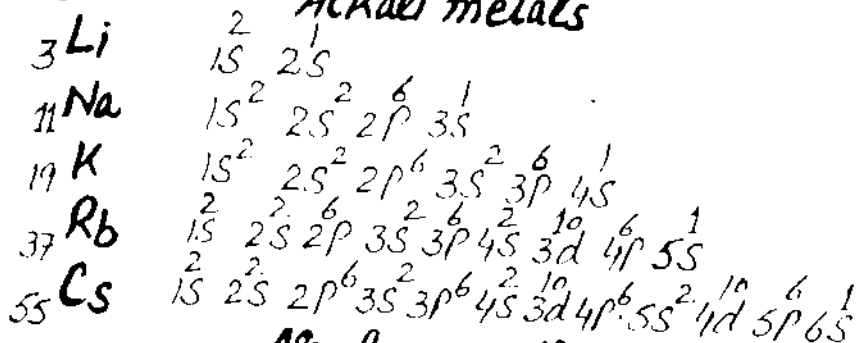
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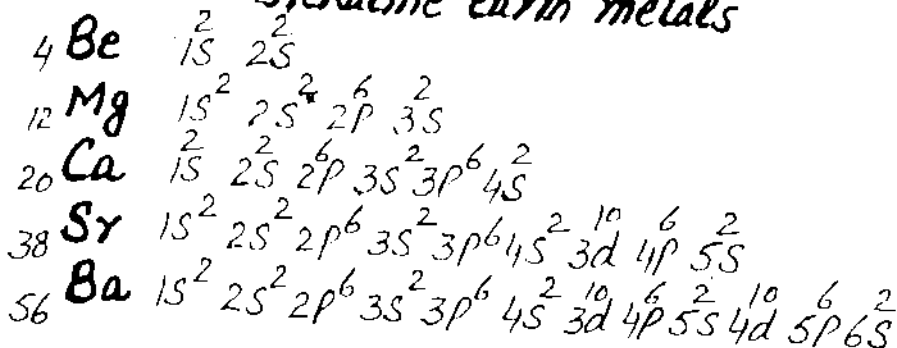
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Ans:- s-block contains two groups of elements. They are IA and IIA groups. The members of group IA are Lithium, Sodium, Potassium, Rubidium, Caesium and Francium. They are also called alkali metals. The members of group IIA are Beryllium, Magnesium, Calcium, Strontium, Barium and Radium. They are also called alkaline earth metals.

Alkali metals



Alkaline earth metals



(b) Discuss the peculiar behaviour of lithium with respect to the other members of alkali metals.

Ans. See on Page No. 41

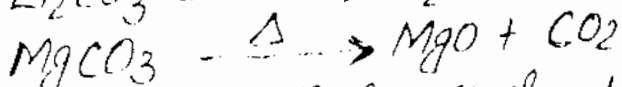
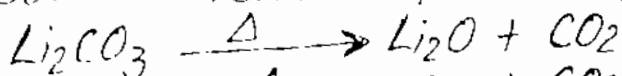
15. Discuss the trends in chemical properties of compounds like oxides, hydroxides, carbonates, nitrates and sulphates of IA and IIA group elements.

Ans. See on Page No. 48, 49, 50

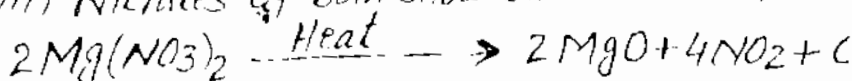
Q6. Compare the chemical behaviour of lithium with magnesium.

- Ans. Both Li and Mg are more electropositive than Be and less electropositive than Na
(ii) Both Li and Mg form normal oxides
(iii) Both Li^+ and Mg^{+2} ions have nearly equal s
(iv) Both Li^+ and Mg^{+2} ion show easy hydration
(v) Both Li and Mg can form nitrides.

(vi) Both the carbonates of Li and Mg decompose



(vii) Nitrates of both show similar decomposition

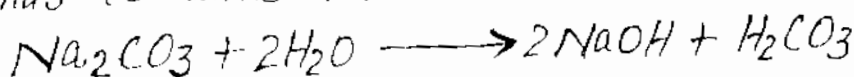


Q7. (a) Mention the properties of beryllium in which it does not resemble with its own family.

Ans. See on Page No. 43

(b) Why the aqueous solution of Na_2CO_3 is alkaline in nature.

Ans. Aqueous solution of Na_2CO_3 is alkaline due to hydrolysis. During hydrolysis a weak acid (H_2CO_3) and strong alkali (NaOH) are formed. Due to strong alkali the aqueous solution of Na_2CO_3 shows alkaline property. Thus it turns red litmus to blue.



Q8. (a) Describe with diagram the manufacture of sodium by Down's cell.

Ans. See on Page No. 52

(b) Point out the three advantages of this process.

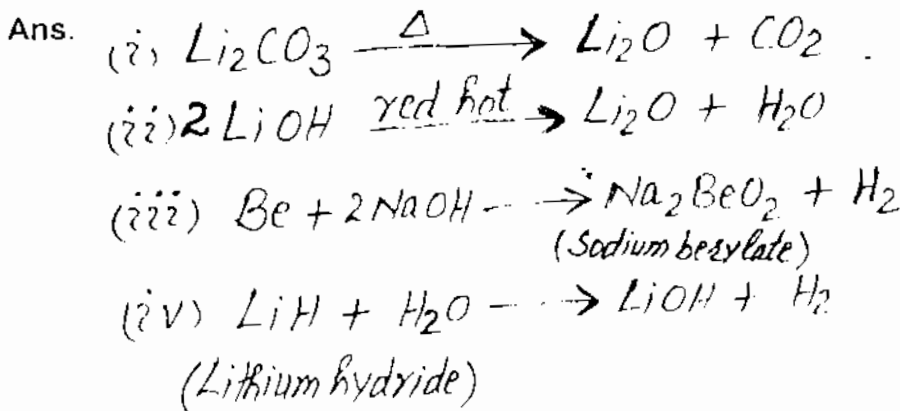
Ans. See on Page No. 53

Q9. (a) Compare the physical and chemical properties of alkali metals with those of alkaline-earth metals.

Ans. See on Page No. 44, 45, 46, 47

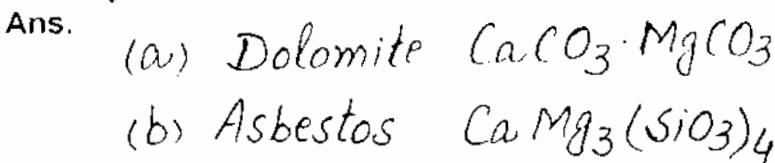
(b) What happens when.

- (i) Lithium carbonate is heated
- (ii) Lithium hydroxide is heated to red hot.
- (iii) Beryllium is treated with sodium hydroxide.
- (iv) Lithium hydride is treated with water.



Q10. Give formulas of the following ores.

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| (a) Dolomite | (b) Asbestos |
| (c) Halite | (d) Natron |
| (e) Beryl | (f) Sylvite |
| (g) Phosphorite | (h) Chile salt peter |



- (C) Halite NaCl (d) Natron $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$
(e) Beryl $\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_3)_6$ (f) Sylvite KCl
(g) Phosphorite $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ (h) Chile salt Peter NaNO_3

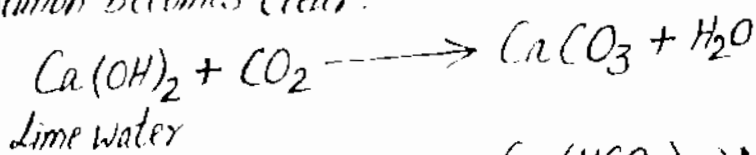
Q. 11: Answer the following questions briefly.

- a) Why alkali and alkaline earth metals are among the reactive elements of the periodic tables

Alkali metals have one valence electron and alkaline earth metals have two valence electrons. Moreover they have very low ionization energies. So their valence electrons can be easily removed. It is the reason that alkali and alkaline earth metals are very reactive metals in periodic table.

- b) Why lime water turns milky with CO_2 but becomes clear with excess CO_2 ?

When CO_2 passes through lime water, it becomes milky due to formation of insoluble CaCO_3 . When excess CO_2 is passed, then soluble $\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$ is formed. So solution becomes clear.



- c) How gypsum is converted into plaster of paris. Ans: See Page No. 64

- d) Why 2% gypsum is added in the cement?

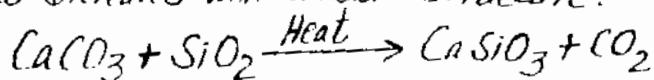
Gypsum is very important component of cement. It increases the setting time of cement and prevents very rapid hardening of cement. It is the reason that 2% gypsum is added in cement.

e) Why lime is added to an acidic soil?

Lime is a good fertilizer for acidic soils because it neutralizes soil acidity. So amount (content) of soluble phosphates increases in soil. It is the reason that lime is added to acidic soil.

f) How lime and sand are used to make glass?

Lime reacts with sand to form calcium silicate. Glass is a mixture of alkali and alkaline earth metals silicates with random structure.



Lime Stone Sand Calcium Silicate

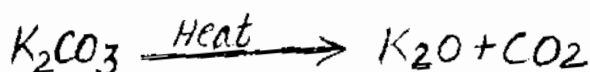
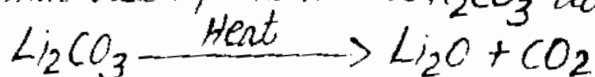
Because Calcium Silicate is the main component of glass. It is the reason that lime and sand are used to make glass.

g) How lime mortar is prepared?

Ans: See Page No. 68

h) Why Li_2CO_3 shows easy thermal decomposition but decomposition of K_2CO_3 is more difficult.

Li^+ ion has small ionic size than K^+ ion. So in Li_2O there is strong electrostatic attraction as compared to K_2O . Thus Li_2O has more lattice energy and high stability. It is the reason why Li_2CO_3 shows easy thermal decomposition and K_2CO_3 does not.



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