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# History of Chemistry:

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## Principles & Methods in Chemistry:

To do science, scientists must follow set principles & techniques, sharing ideas & building knowledge in a systematic way.

### a) Conservation of Mass & Energy:

- Law: Mass & energy can neither be created nor destroyed, but they can change from one form to another. This means the total amount of mass & energy in a closed system always remains constant.
- Example: In a closed system, the total mass of products equals the total mass of reactants.
- Introduced by Antoine Lavoisier in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

### b) Using observation & logical thinking:

- Scientists form theories & models from observations.
- Logical thinking helps interpret results.
- Example: Dimitri Mendeleev predicted elements in the periodic table based on patterns.

### c) Controlled Experiments:

- Only one variable is changed at a time, all others remain constant.

- Common in pharmaceuticals to set medicine safety.
- Used across sciences (biology, physics) to find cause-effect relationships -

#### d) Peer Review:

- Work is reviewed by other scientists before publications.
- Ensures accuracy, detect mistakes, & confirms findings.
- Example: New catalyst discovery must be independently verified.

#### e) Being Objective:

- Based on facts, not opinions or biases.
- Example: Using spectrometry for identifying molecules depends on measurements, not guesses.

#### f) Skepticism & Proof:

- Scientists are skeptical & recheck findings.
- Others must replicate experiments before acceptance.
- Helps ensure trustworthy & verified information becomes part of science.

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## Evolution of scientific ideas:

- What is a scientific paradigm?
- A set of ideas, methods & rules guiding scientific research.
- Helps provide structures to explain discoveries.

- Paradigm can change when new evidence appears.

### 1. Phlogiston Theory:

- 1700 ideas: Substances burn by releasing a material called phlogiston.
- Disproved by Lavoisier, who introduced oxidation & reduction instead.

### 2. Historical models of the atom:

- Plum Pudding Model (1904) - J.J. Thomson: Electrons in a positively charged "pudding".
- Rutherford Model (1911) - Small dense nucleus, electrons orbit around it.
- Bohr's & Quantum Models added energy levels & quantum mechanics.

### 3. The Periodic Table:

- Created by Dmitri Mendeleev in 1869.
- Organized by atomic masses & properties.
- Predicted undiscovered elements.

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## Scientific paradigms in Chemistry:

- Paradigm helps scientists understand substances & how they interact.
- Aid in experimentation, testing & interpreting results.
- Help in developing new materials & technologies Pearl

- Essential in fields like medicine, materials science & environmental protection -

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## Confidence & uncertainty in Chemistry:

Scientists use tools to measure how precise or reliable data is.

### 1. Confidence Intervals:

- Shows how precise measurement is-
- Example:  $0.50 \text{ molar} \pm 0.02$  with 95% confidence = result is within  $0.48\text{--}0.52$ .

### 2. P-values:

- Check if results are statistically meaningful.
- Lower p-values (e.g., 0.01) = more confidence in the results.

### 3. Standard error & standard deviation:

- Measure how data varies.
- Example: Average =  $120^\circ\text{C}$ , Standard deviation =  $0.5^\circ\text{C} \Rightarrow$  results are consistent.
- Standard error (e.g.,  $0.1^\circ\text{C}$ ) = more accurate average.

#### 4. Bayesian Probability:

- Updates confidence based on new evidence.
- Example: Initial belief = 60%, new evidence  $\Rightarrow$  80%.

#### 5. Quantifying uncertainty:

- Tells how reliable a measurement is.
- Example: 0.250 molar  $\pm$  0.005 molar = actual values lies near 0.250.

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## Repeatability & Reproducibility

#### • Definition & Importance:

In chemistry, repeatability & reproducibility are essential to ensure that experimental results are reliable. They help verify that findings are trustworthy, accurate & accepted by the scientific community.

### 1. Repeatability:

Definition:

- Getting the same result when repeating an experiment under the same conditions.
- Involves using the same tools, same procedures, & same setting.

Example:

- A chemist measures the melting point of substance several times in the same lab,

& gets the same result each time →  
the experiment is repeatable.

## 2. Reproducibility:

Definition:

- Getting the same results even when the experiment is conducted in different labs by different scientists, using different tools & methods.

Example:

Scientists in different labs measure the same substances melting point & get similar results → The experiment is reproducible.

Q. Why are these important?

### • Repeatability:

Shows the experiment is well-controlled & consistent in one setting.

### • Reproducibility:

Proves that the findings are reliable across multiple labs & different methods.

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## Short Questions Answers

1. Explain the principle of conservation of mass in chemical reaction?
- A<sub>1</sub>: The law of conservation of mass states that mass can neither be created nor destroyed in a chemical reaction. The total mass of the reactants equals the total mass of the products. For example, if 10 g of Hydrogen reacts with 80 g of Oxygen, the total mass of water produced will be 90 g.
2. What is the role of empirical evidence in scientific research?
- A<sub>2</sub>: Empirical evidence refers to data collected through observation & experimentation. It helps scientists validate or reject hypotheses. Without empirical evidence, scientific claims would be unstable & unreliable.
3. Describe the peer review process & its importance

in science -

A. Peer review is the evaluation of scientific work by independent experts in the same field. It ensures that the research is credible, accurate, & free from bias before publication. This process maintains the quality & integrity of scientific knowledge.

4. How did the phlogiston theory explain combustion?

A<sub>2</sub> The phlogiston theory proposed that a substance called phlogiston was released during burning. According to this theory, combustible materials contain phlogiston, which escaped during combustion, leaving behind a residue. However, this theory was later disproved by the oxygen theory of combustion.

5. What is the significance of Rutherford's model of the atom?

A<sub>3</sub> Rutherford's model proposed that atoms consist of a dense, positively charged nucleus surrounded by electrons. This revolutionized atomic theory by introducing the concept of the nucleus, replacing the earlier plum-pudding model.

6. How does the periodic table organize elements?

A<sub>4</sub> The periodic table arranges elements in

increasing order of atomic number - Elements with similar chemical properties are grouped into columns (groups), & periods (rows) represent element with increasing energy levels - This structure helps predict chemical behavior -

7. Define scientific paradigm with an example?
- A. A scientific paradigm is a widely accepted scientific theory or framework that guides research & understanding.
- Example The atomic model is a paradigm in chemistry that explains the structure & behavior of matter.
8. What does a confidence level in scientific research indicate?
- A. A confidence level expresses how certain scientists are that the results of their searches are not due to chance. A 95% confidence level means there is a 95% probability the results are correct & only 5% chance they occurred randomly.
9. Differentiate between repeatability & reproducibility in experiments?

Aspect	Repeatability	Reproducibility
• Definition	Ability to get the same result under same conditions.	Ability to get the same result under different conditions.
• Who performs it?	Same person.	Different people.
• Conditions -	Same equipment, same lab, same method. "	Different equipment, diff lab, possibly different method.
• Purpose	Checks consistency of one persons method.	Check reliability across scientists & environments.

Q1. Why is skepticism important in scientific community?

A2. (Speech) \* Skepticism promotes critical thinking & questioning of ideas - It prevents blind acceptance & encourages scientists to test, verify, & challenge claims before accepting them - This ensures scientific accuracy & integrity.

# Long Question Answers

1. Discuss the transition from the phlogiston theory to oxygen theory of combustion & its impact on chemistry.

## 1. Introduction:

The phlogiston theory was a historical explanation for combustion - It stated that all flammable substances contained a substance called phlogiston, which was released during burning.

## • The Phlogiston Theory:

According to this theory, when a material burned, it gave off phlogiston into the air, & the leftover material (ash or residue) was "dephlogisticated". This theory couldn't explain why metal gain mass after burning (forming oxides).

## • Lavoisier's Oxygen Theory:

Antoine Lavoisier, a French chemist, disproved the phlogiston theory in the 1770s. Through careful experimentation, he showed that oxygen is required for combustion. He proved that combustion is a chemical reaction between a substance & oxygen, not the release of phlogiston.

### • Impact on chemistry:

- Introduced the law of conservation of mass.
- Marked the end of alchemy & beginning of modern chemistry -
- Improved understanding of oxidation, respiration, & chemical reactions -
- Emphasize the use of quantitative experiments in science -

2. Explain the development of atomic models from plum-pudding to quantum mechanical model?

#### A. Plum-Pudding model:

In 1904, J.J. Thomson proposed that atoms are spheres of positive charges with negatively charged electrons embedded in them like raisins in a pudding.

#### • Rutherford's nuclear model:

In 1911, Ernest Rutherford conducted the gold foil experiment & discovered that atoms have a tiny, dense, positively charged nucleus - Electrons orbit the nucleus, like planets orbit the sun.

#### • Bohr's model:

In 1913, Niels Bohr refined Rutherford's model by suggesting that electrons orbit the nucleus.

in fixed energy levels (shells). Electrons can jump between level by absorbing or emitting energy.

- Quantum mechanical model:

Modern atomic theory developed by Schrodinger, Heisenberg & others, describes electrons as cloud of probability within orbitals. It no longer views electrons as moving in fixed paths.

- Summary:

Each model improved our understanding of atomic structure - The quantum model is the most accurate & widely accept today.

- 3- Analyze how the periodic table serve as paradigm in chemistry, guiding research & discovery of new elements?

#### A. Introduction:

The periodic table is not just a list of elements - it is a scientific paradigm that organizes & predicts chemical behavior.

- Organization:

Elements are arranged by increasing atomic number - Vertical columns (groups) contains elements with similar

chemical properties - Horizontal row (periods) show trends like atomic size & reactivity.

- **Predictive power:**

Mendeleev left gaps for undiscovered elements & currently predicted properties of Gallium & Germanium.

Trends such as electronegativity, ionization energy & metallic character help in predicting chemical behavior.

- **Role in research:**

- Helps in discovering new elements.
- Assists in studying chemical bonding.
- Guides material science & modern chemical industries.

- **Conclusion:**

The periodic table is a powerful tool that guides research, discovery & understanding in all branches of chemistry.

Q- Evaluate the importance, repeatability & reproducibility in maintaining scientific integrity & process?

A: **Introduction:**

Scientific knowledge must be reliable. This reliability depends on two key principles: repeatability

↳ reproducibility -

- Repeatability :

Means that the same person, under the same condition, can get the same results multiple times.

- Reproducibility :

Means that different scientists, under different conditions, can repeat an experiment & obtain the same results.

- Why they're important :

- Build trust in scientific data.
- Helps detect errors or fraud.
- Ensures results are not accidental.
- Form the basis of scientific progress & new discoveries.

- Example in chemistry:

If two chemists titrate the same acid & base & get the same concentration, it shows reproducibility & confirms the method is reliable.

S. Describe the levels of confidence & uncertainty

are expressed & interpreted in - - - - ?

### A. Introduction :

In science, especially in chemistry, every measurement include some level of uncertainty. To understand how much we can trust a result, scientist use confidence levels.

#### • Confidence Level:

It shows how sure scientists are about their results. For example, a 95% confidence level means there's a 95% chance the result is correct.

#### • Uncertainty:

It refers to the range of errors in measurements. For example, a volume may be recorded as  $25.0 \pm 0.2 \text{ mL}$ , meaning the true value could lie between 24.8 mL & 25.2 mL.

#### • Importance in Chemistry:

- Helps evaluate the accuracy of experimental results.
- Allows scientists to compare results.
- Makes research more transparent.
- Prevents false conclusions.

#### • Conclusions

Confidence & uncertainty help scientists report results clearly, ensuring the quality & reliability of their work.