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CHEMISTRY

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Paper 3 Theory (Core)

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The Periodic Table is printed in the question paper.

This document has **20** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

- 1 A list of substances is shown.

$$\text{CH}_4 = 5.$$

ammonium nitrate
carbon monoxide
copper(II) chloride

chloride = -1

sulfate = -2

ethane
ethene
litmus X
methane ✓
methyl orange X → red/pink
sodium chloride
sodium sulfate
sulfur dioxide
thymolphthalein

acid base indicator.
Alkaline solution → blue
Acidic solution → colourless

Answer the following questions using only the substances from the list.
Each substance may be used once, more than once or not at all.

Give the name of the substance that:

- (a) turns from blue to colourless when an acid is added

Thymolphthalein

[1]

→ Nitrogen phosphorus potassium.

- (b) is in many fertilisers

Ammonium nitrate

[1]

- (c) is a salt which has a negative ion with a charge of 2-

Sodium sulfate (SO_4^{2-})

[1]

- (d) is a waste gas from digestion in animals

Methane

[1]

- (e) is a hydrocarbon with a total of five atoms in a molecule

Methane.

[1]

- (f) is a compound of a transition element.

Copper (II) chloride

[1]

[Total: 6]

- 2 (a) Fig. 2.1 shows the distillation apparatus that can be used to separate water from aqueous copper(II) sulfate.

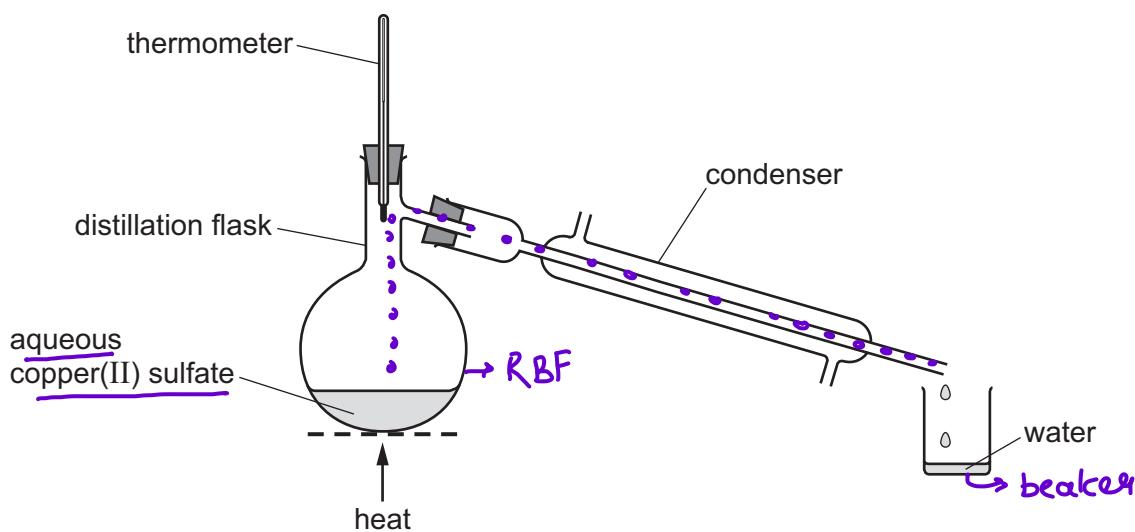


Fig. 2.1

Explain how distillation separates water from aqueous copper(II) sulfate.

On heating aqueous copper sulphate in round bottom flask water will evaporate and pass through condenser where it will condense and get collected in beaker and [2] copper sulfate will remain in RBF from where it can be collected.

- (b) Fig. 2.2 shows a fractionating column for separating petroleum into different hydrocarbon fractions.

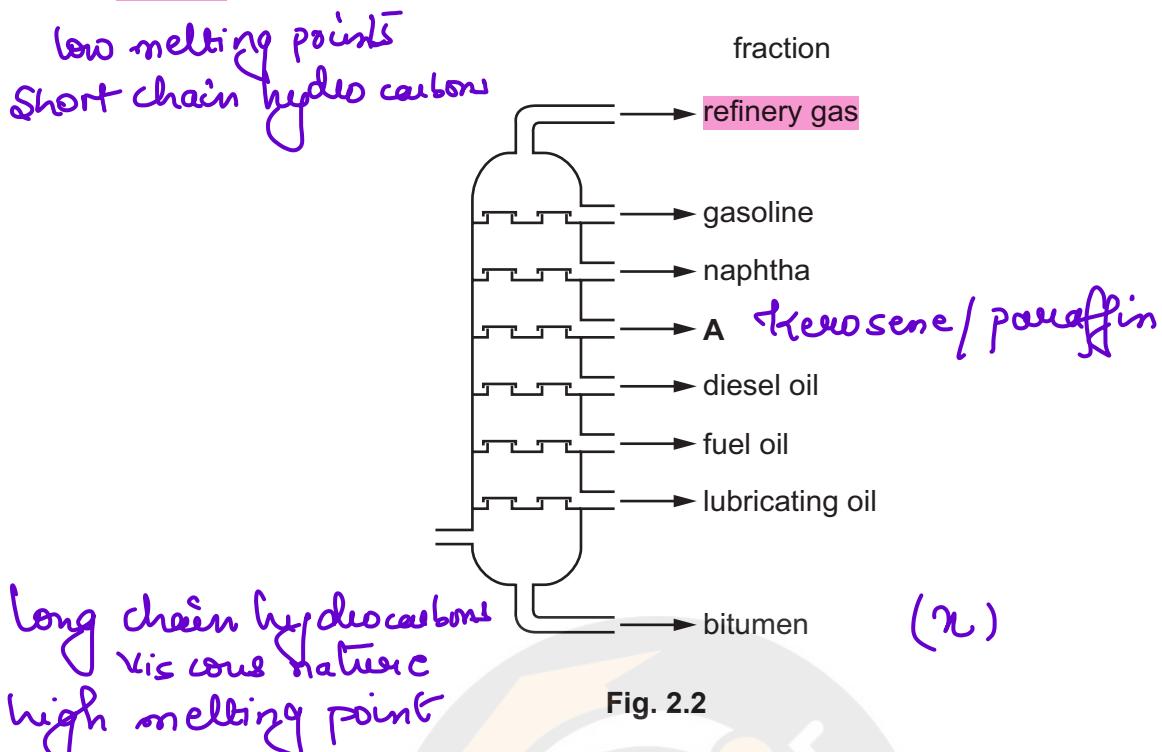


Fig. 2.2

- (i) On Fig. 2.2, draw an X inside the column to show where the hydrocarbon with the highest viscosity collects. [1]

- (ii) Name the fraction labelled A in Fig. 2.2.

kerosene [1]

- (iii) State the name of the fraction in Fig. 2.2 which has the lowest boiling point.

refinery gas [1]

- (iv) State one use of the bitumen fraction.

for making roads [1]

[Total: 6]

- 3 (a) Table 3.1 shows the average concentrations, in ng/1000 cm³, of air pollutants in four different years.

Table 3.1

year	concentration of air pollutant in ng / 1000 cm ³				
	ammonia	hydrocarbons	oxides of nitrogen	particulates	sulfur dioxide
2019	10.6	12.0	15.3	30.1	20.5
2020	11.2	13.0	21.6	28.2	20.0
2021	14.3	15.2	23.5	26.5	25.0
2022	15.5	9.0	14.0	25.2	18.2

- (i) Name the pollutant that has the lowest concentration in 2019.

..... Ammonia [1]

- (ii) Name the pollutant that shows a continuous decrease in concentration from 2019 to 2022.

..... Particulates [1]

- (iii) Calculate the average mass, in ng, of sulfur dioxide in a 250 cm³ sample of polluted air in 2020.

$$\text{Average mass} = \frac{250 \times 20}{1000}$$

$$= \frac{50}{10} = 5$$

mass = 5 ng [1]

- (b) (i) State one source of sulfur dioxide in the atmosphere.

..... By combustion of fossil fuels [1]

- (ii) State one adverse effect of sulfur dioxide in the atmosphere.

..... Acid rain [1]

- (iii) Choose the compound used to remove sulfur dioxide in flue gas desulfurisation.

Tick (✓) one box.

aluminium chloride	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Basic oxide ← calcium oxide	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
methane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
sulfuric acid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

[1]

- (iv) Hydrochloric acid reacts with sodium sulfite.

The products are sodium chloride, sulfur dioxide and a liquid which turns anhydrous cobalt(II) chloride pink.

Complete the symbol equation for this reaction.



MnO₄⁻ to Mn²⁺

purple colour [2]

- (v) Name the acidified solution used to test for sulfur dioxide gas and state the observations.

acidified solution Potassium permanganate

observations colourless

[2]

- (c) Ammonia forms an alkaline solution in water.

- (i) Give the formula of the ion that is present in all alkaline solutions.



[1]

- (ii) Choose from the list the pH value for an alkaline solution.

Draw a circle around your chosen answer.

pH 1

pH 4

pH 7

pH 13

[1]

[Total: 12]

Acidic below 7

Neutral pH 7

Basic above 7

- 4 Bromine is a liquid at room temperature.

- (a) State two general properties of a liquid.

- 1 liquids have flowing properties, particles of liquids are not as compactly packed as solids.
- 2 liquid particles can slide over each other
liquids are not compressible easily.

[2]

- (b) Fig. 4.1 shows the physical states of bromine.

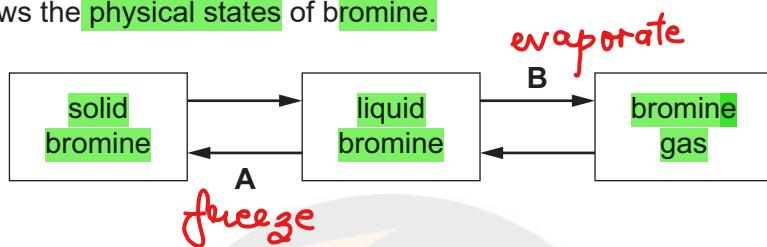


Fig. 4.1

Name the changes of physical states A and B.

A Freezing

B Evaporation

[2]

- (c) Describe liquid bromine and bromine gas in terms of the arrangement and motion of the particles.

liquid bromine

arrangement ... Particles are not compactly arranged

motion ...

Particles can slide over

bromine gas

arrangement ... Particles are very far apart

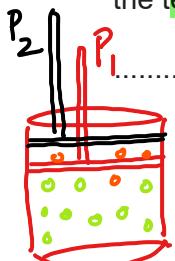
motion ...

Particles are freely movable

[4]

(d) A sealed gas syringe contains 80 cm³ of bromine gas.

State how decreasing the pressure affects the volume of bromine gas in the gas syringe when the temperature remains constant.



Volume of bromine gas increases.

[1]

[Total: 9]



5 This question is about metals and metal compounds.

(a) Table 5.1 shows some properties of some Group I metals.

Table 5.1

metal	melting point in °C	boiling point in °C	observations on reaction with water	solubility of metal hydroxide in g/dm ³ at room temperature
sodium	98	883	bubbles form rapidly but no flame	
potassium	63	760		1130
rubidium		686	explodes	1980
caesium	29	669	explodes	3860

Use the information in Table 5.1 to predict:

- (i) the melting point of rubidium *varies between 63 and 29* [1]
- (ii) the solubility of sodium hydroxide at room temperature *it is less than 1130*. [1]
- (iii) the observations when potassium reacts with water
bubbles will form rapidly
..... [1]
- (iv) the physical state of caesium at 20 °C. Give a reason for your answer.
physical state *Solid*.
reason *it is much lower than its melting point* [2]

(b) Iron is extracted in a blast furnace by reduction of iron(III) oxide, Fe_2O_3 , with carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide is produced by the reaction of carbon with carbon dioxide.



(i) Explain how this equation shows that carbon dioxide is reduced.

Carbon dioxide is reduced as there is removal of oxygen. [1]

(ii) Name the type of chemical reaction where oxidation and reduction take place simultaneously.

Redox reaction [1]

(iii) Calcium carbonate is added to the blast furnace.



The calcium carbonate undergoes thermal decomposition.

State the meaning of the term thermal decomposition.

Decomposing of single reactant into two or more products on heating. [2]

(c) Stainless steel is an alloy of iron.

(i) Give one reason why alloys are more useful than pure metals.

As alloys are much more hard than pure metals. [1]

(ii) Brass is an alloy of Cu & Zn.

Choose the diagram, A, B, C or D, in Fig. 5.1 that best shows the structure of brass.

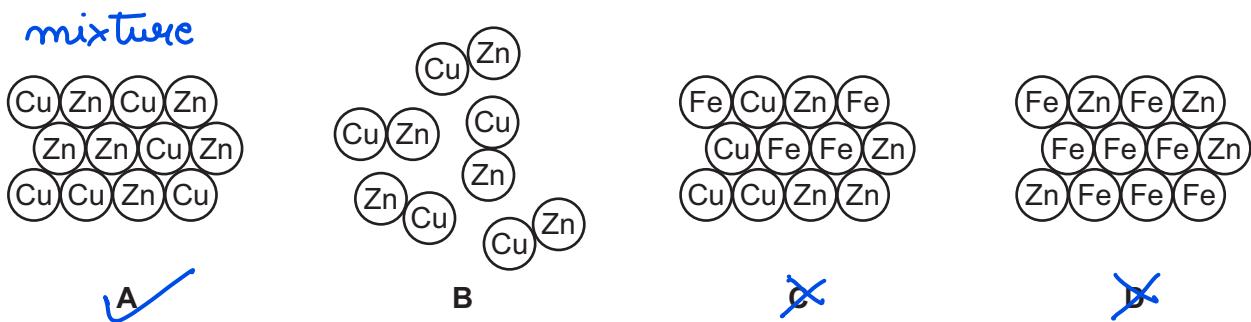


Fig. 5.1

diagram [1]

- (d) Table 5.2 gives some observations about the reactivity of four metals with dilute hydrochloric acid.

Table 5.2

metal	observations
iron	bubbles form slowly
magnesium	bubbles form very quickly
mercury	no bubbles form
tin	bubbles form very slowly

Put the four metals in order of their reactivity.

Put the least reactive metal first.

least reactive → most reactive

Mercury Tin Iron Magnesium

[2]

[Total: 13]

12

→ Small surface area

- 6 A student investigates the reaction of large pieces of magnesium carbonate with dilute hydrochloric acid at 20°C . The magnesium carbonate is in excess.

- (a) Fig. 6.1 shows the volume of carbon dioxide gas released as the reaction proceeds.

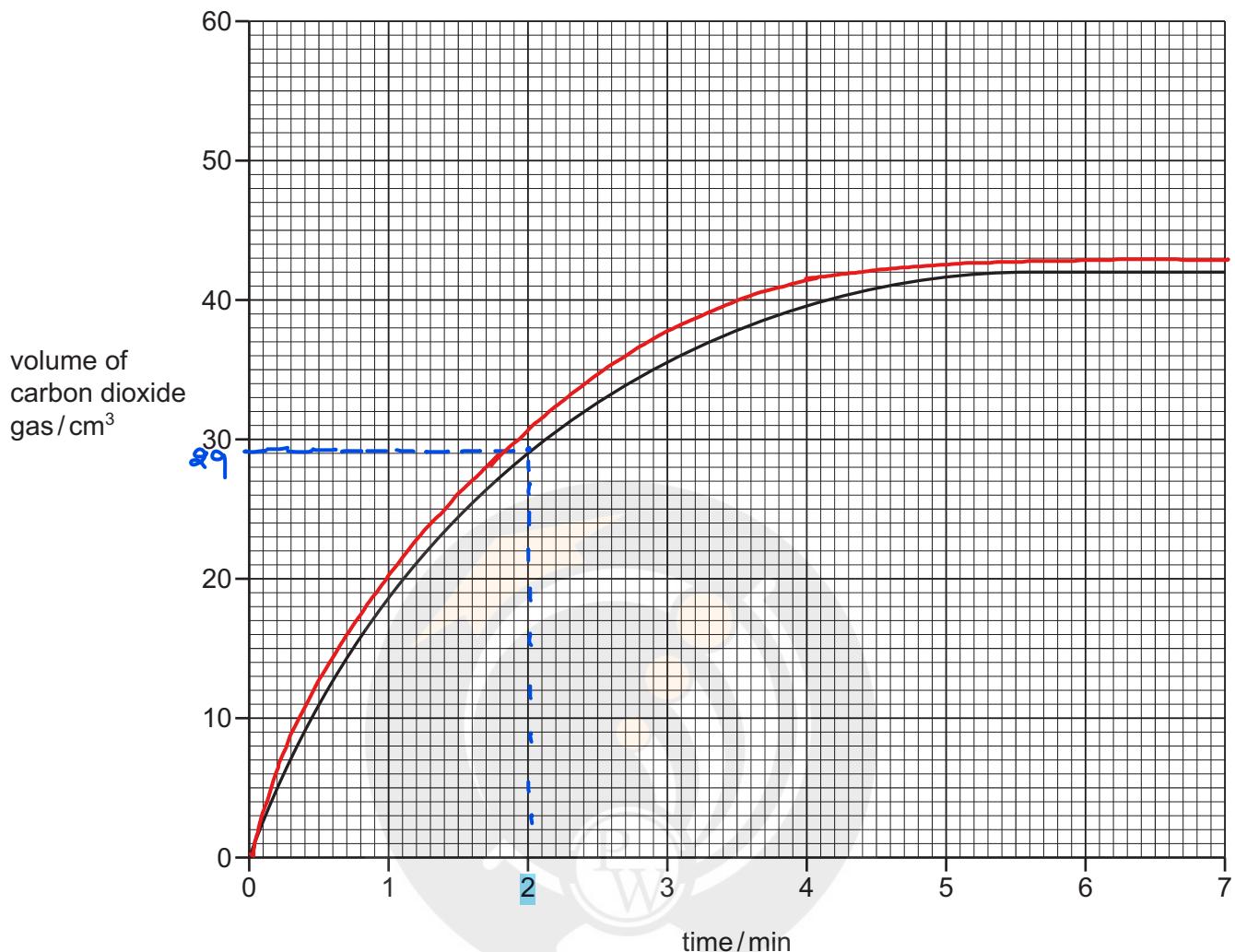


Fig. 6.1

- (i) Deduce the volume of carbon dioxide gas released after 2 minutes.

$$\text{volume of carbon dioxide} = \dots \text{cm}^3 \quad [1]$$

- (ii) The student repeats the experiment using the same volume of hydrochloric acid but with a higher concentration. The magnesium carbonate is still in excess.

All other conditions stay the same.

Draw a line on the grid in Fig. 6.1 to show the volume of carbon dioxide released when hydrochloric acid with a higher concentration is used. [2]

→ Larger Surface area

- (b) (i) The student repeats the experiment using smaller pieces of magnesium carbonate.

All other conditions stay the same.

Describe how the rate of reaction differs when smaller pieces of magnesium carbonate are used.

Rate of reaction increases

[1]

- (ii) The student repeats the experiment at 10 °C.

All other conditions stay the same.

Reduce the temp. velocity of particle reduce

Describe how the rate of reaction differs when the temperature is 10 °C.

Rate of reaction decreases

[1]

- (c) Hydrochloric acid reacts with iron.

Complete the word equation for this reaction.



[2]

- (d) Acids are used as catalysts in many chemical reactions.

State the meaning of the term catalyst.

Catalyst is a substance which is placed in a reaction to increase rate of reaction and it itself do not get consumed.

[2]

[Total: 9]

- 7 (a) Fig. 7.1 shows the displayed formula of compound S.

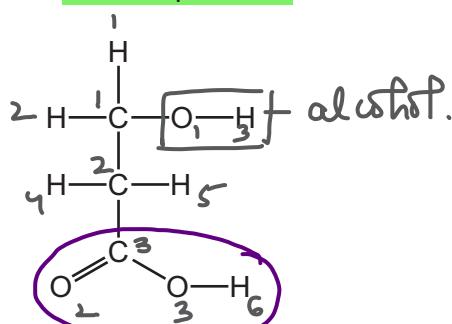


Fig. 7.1

$\rightarrow \text{COOH}$

- (i) On Fig. 7.1, draw a circle around the carboxylic acid functional group.
[1]
- \rightarrow exact no. of atoms.
- (ii) Deduce the molecular formula of compound S.



[1]

- (b) Compound S can be converted to acrylic acid.
The molecular formula of acrylic acid is $\text{C}_3\text{H}_4\text{O}_2$.

- (i) Complete Table 7.1 to calculate the relative molecular mass of acrylic acid.

Table 7.1

atom	number of atoms	relative atomic mass	
carbon	3	12	$3 \times 12 = 36$
hydrogen	4	1	$4 \times 1 = 4$
oxygen	2	16	$2 \times 16 = 32$

relative molecular mass = [2]

72.

- (ii) Acrylic acid is an unsaturated compound.

Describe a test for an unsaturated compound.

test Bromine test

observations Reddish brown to colourless

Bromine + unsaturated compound \rightarrow colourless.
 ↓
reddish orange

[2]

many.

- (iii) When left in the air, acrylic acid forms a polymer.

State the meaning of the term polymer.

Polymer is defined as a large unit, OR combination of many smaller units (monomer) [2]

- (iv) Poly(ethene) is also a polymer.

Choose from the list the type of polymerisation that occurs when poly(ethene) is made.

Draw a circle around your chosen answer.

substitution

oxidation

neutralisation

addition

[1]

- (c) Ethanoic acid is a carboxylic acid.

Complete the word equation for the reaction of ethanoic acid with sodium hydroxide.



[2]

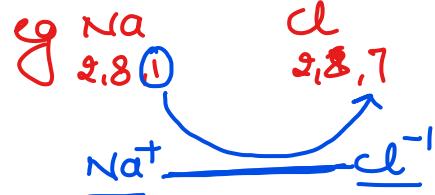
- (d) Ethanoic acid can be converted to ethanol.

Name the two products formed when ethanol undergoes complete combustion.

Carbon dioxide and water [2]

[Total: 13]





- 8 Lithium bromide is a compound with ionic bonding.

- (a) State the meaning of the term ionic bond.

Ionic bond refers to bond which is formed due to electrostatic force of attraction between ions [2]

- (b) Complete Fig. 8.1 to show:

$$\text{Li} = 2,1$$

- the electronic configuration of a lithium ion
- the charge on the ion.

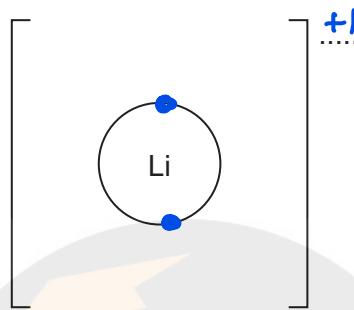


Fig. 8.1

[2]

- (c) Deduce the number of protons and neutrons in the bromide ion shown.

number of protons 35

number of neutrons 44

Br^{79}
mass no
at no

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{no. of p} &= \text{at. no} \\
 \text{no. of n} &= \text{mass no.} - \text{no. of p} \\
 &= 79 - 35 \\
 &= 44
 \end{aligned}$$

[2]

- (d) Molten lithium bromide is electrolysed using graphite electrodes.

State the names of the product at each electrode and give the observations at the positive electrode.

product at the negative electrode Lithium

product at the positive electrode Bromide

observations at the positive electrode

Reddish orange vapours

[3]

- (e) Fig. 8.2 shows the structure of graphite.

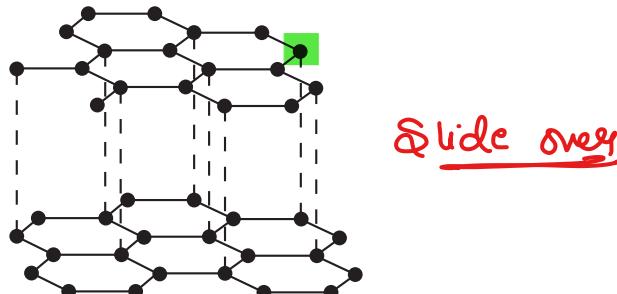


Fig. 8.2

→ allotrope of carbon

- (i) State the type of bonding in graphite.

Covalent

[1]

- (ii) Explain by referring to Fig. 8.2 why graphite is used as a lubricant.

Because of its sliding over structure

[1]

- (iii) Graphite and diamond are both forms of carbon.

State one use of diamond.

It is used for cutting tools.

[1]

[Total: 12]





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The Periodic Table of Elements

		Group												
		I		II		III		IV		V	VI	VII	VIII	
3	Li	4	Be	5	H	6	C	7	O	8	F	9	He	
lithium	beryllium	9	hydrogen	1	hydrogen	carbon	nitrogen	oxygen	fluorine	19	neon	20	helium	
7						boron	14	16	19				4	
11	Na	12	Mg	13		14	Si	15	P	16	S	17	Ar	
sodium	magnesium	23				silicon	28	31	32	33	chlorine	35.5	argon	
19	K	20	Ca	21	Sc	22	Ti	23	V	24	Cr	25	Mn	
potassium	calcium	40	scandium	45	titanium	48	vanadium	51	chromium	52	cobalt	55	iron	
39														
37	Rb	38	Sr	39	Y	40	Zr	41	Mo	42	Tc	43	Ru	
rubidium	strontium	85	yttrium	89	zirconium	91	niobium	93	molybdenum	96	technetium	—	ruthenium	
85														
55	Cs	56	Ba	57–71	Hf	72	Ta	73	Re	74	W	75	Ir	
caesium	barium	137	lanthanoids	lanthanoids	hafnium	178	tantalum	181	rhenium	184	tungsten	186	osmium	190
133														
87	Fr	88	Ra	89–103	Rf	104	Db	105	Sg	106	Bh	107	Rs	
francium	radium	—	actinoids	actinoids	netherfordium	—	dubnium	—	seaborgium	—	bohrium	—	roentgenium	—

Key

atomic number
atomic symbol
name
relative atomic mass

57	La	58	Ce	59	Pr	60	Nd	61	Pm	62	Sm	63	Eu	64	Gd	65	Tb	66	Dy	67	Ho	68	Tm	69	Er	70	Yb	71	Lu		
lanthanum	cerium	140	praseodymium	141	neodymium	144	promethium	—	—	150	europium	152	gadolinium	157	terbium	159	dysprosium	163	holmium	165	erbium	167	thulium	169	yterbium	173	lutetium	175			
139																															
89	Ac	90	Th	91	Pa	92	U	93	Np	94	Pu	95	Am	96	Cm	97	Bk	98	Cf	99	Fm	100	Md	101	No	102	Lr	103			
actinoids	actinium	—	thorium	231	protactinium	231	uraniium	238	neptunium	—	plutonium	—	americium	—	curium	—	berkelium	—	einsteinium	—	californium	—	fermium	—	mendelevium	—	nobelium	—	lawrencium	—	

The volume of one mole of any gas is 24 dm^3 at room temperature and pressure (r.t.p.).