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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.

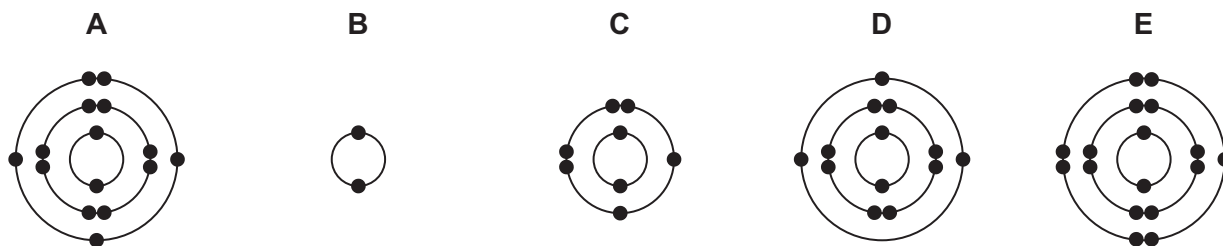
### INFORMATION

- 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.

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- 1 (a) The electronic structures of five atoms, **A**, **B**, **C**, **D** and **E**, are shown.



Answer the following questions about these electronic structures.  
Each electronic structure may be used once, more than once or not at all.

State which electronic structure, **A**, **B**, **C**, **D** or **E**, represents:

- (i) an atom in Group V of the Periodic Table

..... [1]

- (ii) an atom which contains only two shells of electrons

..... [1]

- (iii) an atom that forms a stable ion with a charge of 2-

..... [1]

- (iv) an atom of an element that exists as a monoatomic gas

..... [1]

- (v) an atom of the metal that is extracted from bauxite.

..... [1]

- (b) Complete the table to show the number of electrons, neutrons and protons in the uranium atom and rubidium ion shown.

	number of electrons	number of neutrons	number of protons
${}_{92}^{235}\text{U}$	92		
${}_{37}^{87}\text{Rb}^+$		50	

[3]

[Total: 8]

- 2 (a) Biogas is a mixture of gases produced when agricultural waste is broken down in the absence of oxygen.

The table compares the percentage by mass of the gases present in two samples of biogas, **X** and **Y**.

gas	biogas <b>X</b> /% by mass	biogas <b>Y</b> /% by mass
carbon dioxide	26	32
hydrogen	1	1
hydrogen sulfide	0.5	0.5
methane	67	56
nitrogen	4	9.5
oxygen	0.5	0.5
other gases		0.5

Answer these questions using only the information in the table.

- (i) Deduce the percentage by mass of the other gases in biogas **X**.

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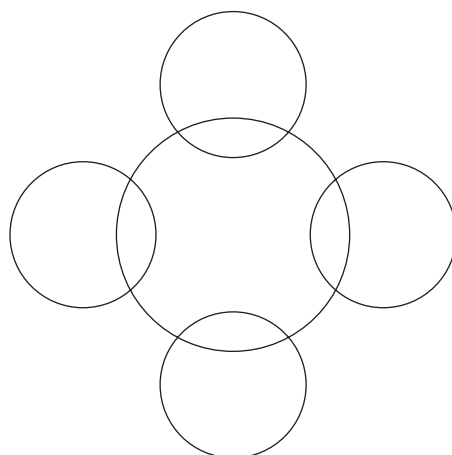
- (ii) Describe **two** major differences in the compositions of biogas **X** and biogas **Y**.

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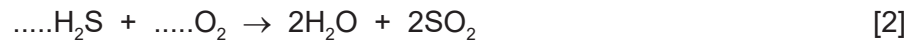
- (b) Complete the diagram to show the electronic structure in a methane molecule. Show only the outer shell electrons.



[1]

(c) Hydrogen sulfide burns in air to produce sulfur dioxide and water.

(i) Complete the chemical equation for this reaction.



(ii) Explain how this equation shows that hydrogen sulfide is oxidised.

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..... [1]

[Total: 7]

3 This question is about metals.

(a) State **three** general physical properties common to most metals.

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 ..... [3]

(b) Metals are often used in the form of alloys.

(i) State the meaning of the term *alloy*.

..... [1]

(ii) Explain in terms of their properties why alloys are used instead of pure metals.

..... [1]

(iii) Stainless steel is an alloy.

Give **one** use of stainless steel.

..... [1]

(c) Place these metals in order of their reactivity with oxygen.

**copper**  
**magnesium**  
**potassium**  
**zinc**

Put the least reactive metal first.

least reactive  $\xrightarrow{\hspace{15em}}$  most reactive

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[2]

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- (d) When 4.8 g of magnesium reacts with excess oxygen, 8.0 g of magnesium oxide is formed.  
Calculate the minimum mass of magnesium needed to produce 24.0 g of magnesium oxide.

minimum mass = ..... g [1]

[Total: 9]

4 This question is about acids, bases and salts.

(a) Sodium hydroxide is a base.

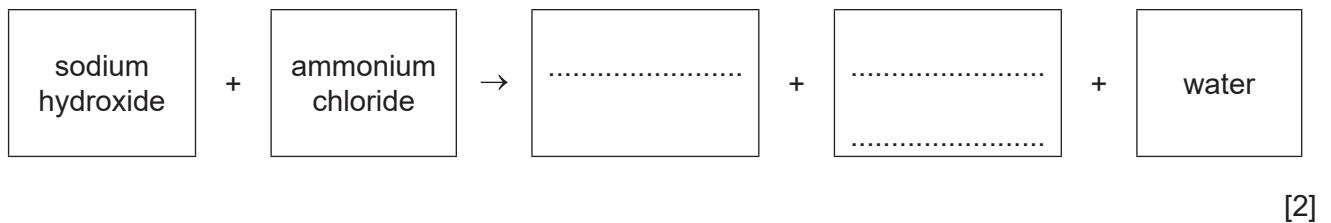
(i) Name the products formed when sodium hydroxide reacts with dilute nitric acid.

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 ..... [2]

(ii) Describe the effect of sodium hydroxide on a named indicator.

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 ..... [2]

(iii) Complete the word equation for the reaction of sodium hydroxide with ammonium chloride.



(b) Describe how to prepare pure, dry crystals of the salt zinc sulfate from an aqueous solution of zinc sulfate.

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 .....  
 ..... [2]

- (c) The rate of reaction of zinc powder with dilute sulfuric acid is found by measuring the increase in volume of hydrogen gas produced as time increases.

Describe the effect, if any, of each of the following on the rate of this reaction.

- The reaction is carried out with large pieces of zinc instead of zinc powder.

All other conditions stay the same.

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- The reaction is carried out using a catalyst.

All other conditions stay the same.

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- The reaction is carried out with dilute sulfuric acid of a lower concentration.

All other conditions stay the same.

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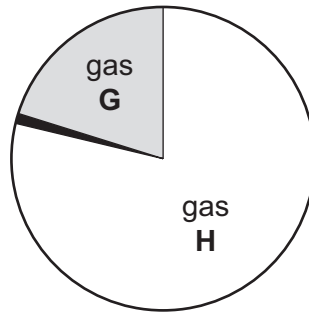
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5 This question is about air.

(a) The pie chart shows the proportions of the main gases in clean, dry air.



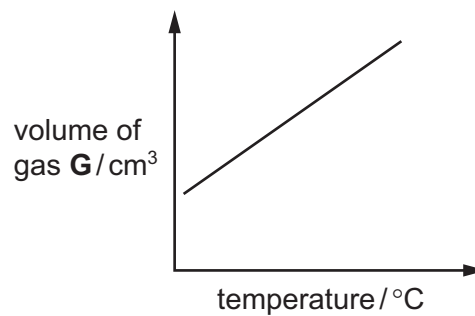
(i) Name the gases **G** and **H**.

gas **G** .....

gas **H** .....

[2]

(ii) The graph shows how the volume of a sample of gas **G** changes as temperature increases. The pressure is kept constant.



Describe how the volume of gas **G** changes as temperature increases.

..... [1]

(iii) There is a small percentage of noble gases in the air. The noble gases are unreactive.

Explain why the noble gases are unreactive in terms of their electronic structure.

.....

..... [1]

(iv) Describe the arrangement and separation of the particles in a gas.

arrangement .....

separation .....

[2]

(b) Two of the pollutants in air are oxides of nitrogen and lead compounds.

(i) Give **one** effect of each of these pollutants on health.

oxides of nitrogen .....

lead compounds .....

[2]

(ii) Name **two** other pollutants present in air.

State the source of each of these pollutants.

pollutant 1 .....

source of pollutant 1 .....

pollutant 2 .....

source of pollutant 2 .....

[4]

[Total: 12]

6 The table shows some properties of four Group I elements.

element	melting point /°C	boiling point /°C	relative hardness
lithium	181	1342	.....
sodium	98	.....	0.70
potassium	63	760	0.36
rubidium	39	686	0.22

(a) (i) Complete the table by estimating:

- the boiling point of sodium
- the relative hardness of lithium.

[2]

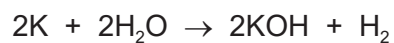
(ii) Predict the physical state of lithium at 200 °C.

Give a reason for your answer.

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..... [2]

(b) Potassium reacts with water.



Describe **two** observations when potassium reacts with water.

1 .....

2 .....

[2]

(c) Lithium is extracted by the electrolysis of molten lithium chloride.

(i) Name a non-metal used to make the electrodes.

..... [1]

(ii) Give one property, **other** than the conduction of electricity, that makes this substance suitable for use as an electrode.

..... [1]

(iii) State the products of the electrolysis of molten lithium chloride at:

the negative electrode (cathode) .....

the positive electrode (anode). .....

[2]

(d) Lithium chloride conducts electricity when molten and when in aqueous solution.

Give two **other** physical properties of lithium chloride that show it is an ionic compound.

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2 .....

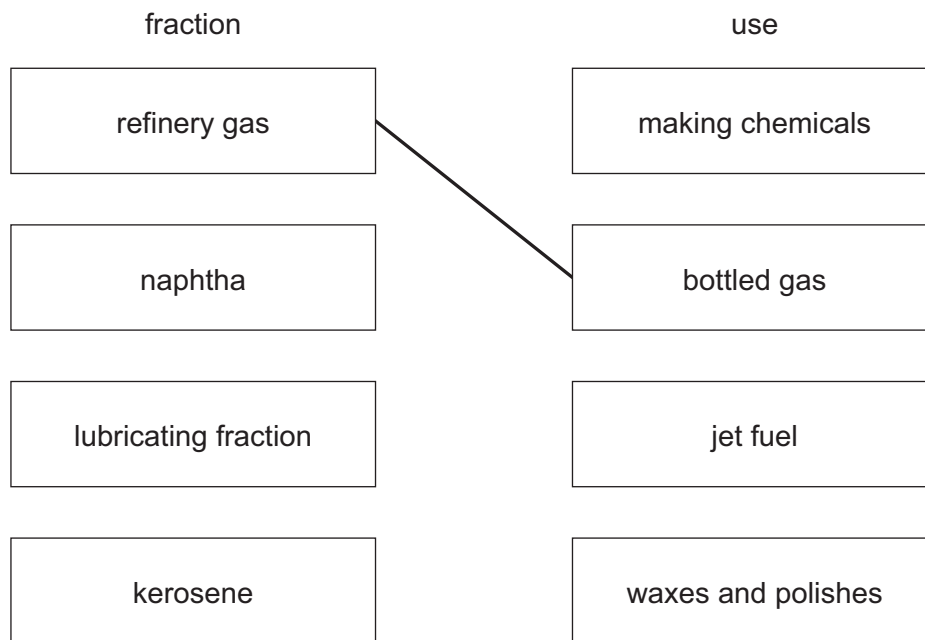
[2]

[Total: 12]



(c) Link each petroleum fraction on the left to its use on the right.

The first one has been done for you.



[2]

[Total: 9]

8 This question is about chlorine and compounds of chlorine.

(a) Chlorine is an element in Group VII of the Periodic Table.

State the meaning of the term *element*.

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 ..... [1]

(b) State **one** use of chlorine.

..... [1]

(c) Chlorine reacts with phosphorus to produce phosphorus(V) chloride.

(i) Balance the equation for this reaction.



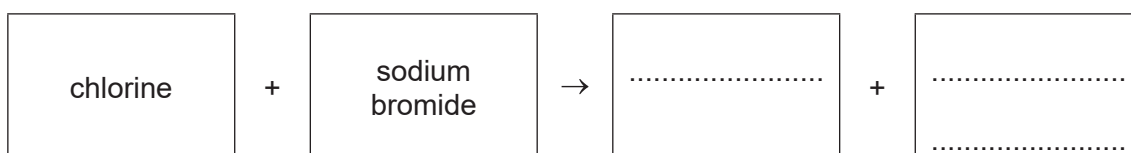
(ii) This reaction is exothermic.

State the meaning of the term *exothermic*.

..... [1]

(d) Chlorine reacts with aqueous sodium bromide.

(i) Complete the word equation for this reaction.



[2]

(ii) Describe a test for bromide ions.

test .....

observations .....

[2]

(iii) When bromine is mixed with aqueous sodium chloride there is no reaction.

Suggest in terms of chemical reactivity why there is no reaction.

..... [1]

(e) A compound of chlorine has the formula  $C_3H_6Cl_2$ .

Complete the table to calculate the relative molecular mass of  $C_3H_6Cl_2$ .

atom	number of atoms	relative atomic mass	
carbon	3	12	$3 \times 12 = 36$
hydrogen		1	
chlorine		35.5	

relative molecular mass = ..... [2]

[Total: 12]



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## The Periodic Table of Elements

		Group							
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII		
3 <b>Li</b> lithium 7	4 <b>Be</b> beryllium 9	1 <b>H</b> hydrogen 1	5 <b>B</b> boron 11	6 <b>C</b> carbon 12	7 <b>N</b> nitrogen 14	8 <b>O</b> oxygen 16	9 <b>F</b> fluorine 19	10 <b>Ne</b> neon 20	2
11 <b>Na</b> sodium 23	12 <b>Mg</b> magnesium 24	<b>Key</b> atomic number atomic symbol name relative atomic mass							
19 <b>K</b> potassium 39	20 <b>Ca</b> calcium 40	13 <b>Al</b> aluminium 27	14 <b>Si</b> silicon 28	15 <b>P</b> phosphorus 31	16 <b>S</b> sulfur 32	17 <b>Cl</b> chlorine 35.5	18 <b>Ar</b> argon 40	36 <b>Kr</b> krypton 84	36
37 <b>Rb</b> rubidium 85	38 <b>Sr</b> strontium 88	30 <b>Zn</b> zinc 65	31 <b>Ga</b> gallium 70	32 <b>Ge</b> germanium 73	33 <b>As</b> arsenic 75	34 <b>Se</b> selenium 79	35 <b>Br</b> bromine 80	54 <b>Xe</b> xenon 131	54
55 <b>Cs</b> caesium 133	56 <b>Ba</b> barium 137	49 <b>In</b> indium 115	48 <b>Cd</b> cadmium 112	50 <b>Sn</b> tin 119	51 <b>Sb</b> antimony 122	52 <b>Te</b> tellurium 128	53 <b>I</b> iodine 127	86 <b>Rn</b> radon —	86
87 <b>Fr</b> francium —	88 <b>Ra</b> radium —	81 <b>Tl</b> thallium 204	80 <b>Hg</b> mercury 201	82 <b>Pb</b> lead 207	83 <b>Bi</b> bismuth 209	84 <b>Po</b> polonium —	85 <b>At</b> astatine —	—	—
57 <b>La</b> lanthanum 139	58 <b>Ce</b> cerium 140	29 <b>Cu</b> copper 64	28 <b>Ni</b> nickel 59	27 <b>Co</b> cobalt 59	26 <b>Fe</b> iron 56	25 <b>Mn</b> manganese 55	24 <b>Cr</b> chromium 52	23 <b>V</b> vanadium 51	22 <b>Ti</b> titanium 48
89 <b>Ac</b> actinium —	90 <b>Th</b> thorium 232	47 <b>Ag</b> silver 108	46 <b>Pd</b> palladium 106	45 <b>Rh</b> rhodium 103	44 <b>Ru</b> ruthenium 101	43 <b>Tc</b> technetium —	42 <b>Mo</b> molybdenum 96	41 <b>Nb</b> niobium 93	40 <b>Zr</b> zirconium 91
—	—	89–103 actinoids	77 <b>Ir</b> iridium 192	78 <b>Pt</b> platinum 195	76 <b>Os</b> osmium 190	75 <b>Re</b> rhenium 186	74 <b>W</b> tungsten 184	73 <b>Ta</b> tantalum 181	72 <b>Hf</b> hafnium 178
—	—	112 <b>Cn</b> copernicium —	111 <b>Rg</b> roentgenium —	110 <b>Ds</b> darmstadtium —	108 <b>Hs</b> hassium —	107 <b>Bh</b> bohrium —	106 <b>Sg</b> seaborgium —	105 <b>Db</b> dubnium —	104 <b>Rf</b> rutherfordium —
lanthanoids	—	67 <b>Ho</b> holmium 165	66 <b>Dy</b> dysprosium 163	65 <b>Tb</b> terbium 159	64 <b>Gd</b> gadolinium 157	63 <b>Eu</b> europium 152	62 <b>Sm</b> samarium 150	61 <b>Pm</b> promethium —	60 <b>Nd</b> neodymium 144
actinoids	—	101 <b>Md</b> mendelevium —	100 <b>No</b> nobelium —	99 <b>Es</b> einsteinium —	98 <b>Cf</b> californium —	97 <b>Bk</b> berkelium —	96 <b>Cm</b> curium —	95 <b>Am</b> americium —	94 <b>Pu</b> plutonium 238
—	—	71 <b>Lu</b> lutetium 175	70 <b>Yb</b> ytterbium 173	69 <b>Tm</b> thulium 169	68 <b>Er</b> erbium 167	67 <b>Ho</b> holmium 165	66 <b>Dy</b> dysprosium 163	65 <b>Tb</b> terbium 159	64 <b>Gd</b> gadolinium 157
—	—	116 <b>Lv</b> livermorium —	115 <b>Fl</b> flerovium —	114 <b>Pf</b> pferovium —	113 <b>Nh</b> nihonium —	112 <b>Cn</b> copernicium —	111 <b>Rg</b> roentgenium —	110 <b>Ds</b> darmstadtium —	109 <b>Mt</b> meitnerium —

lanthanoids

actinoids

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