

QUESTIONS on Oxidation Reduction Equations

Oxidation involves an increase in oxidation number (state)

Reduction involves a decrease in oxidation number (state)

Set 1:

Q1. Which of the following equations are oxidation-reduction reactions and which are not? Explain your decisions.

- A. $\text{Zn}_{(s)} + 2 \text{MnO}_{2(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)} \rightarrow \text{Zn(OH)}_{2(s)} + \text{Mn}_2\text{O}_{3(s)}$
- B. $\text{HCl}_{(aq)} + \text{NaOH}_{(aq)} \rightarrow \text{NaCl}_{(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}$
- C. $\text{CH}_{4(g)} + 2 \text{O}_{2(g)} \rightarrow \text{CO}_{2(g)} + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(g)}$
- D. $\text{Na}_{(s)} + \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(s)} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{O}_{(s)} + \text{Fe}_{(s)}$
- E. $\text{Ag}^{+}_{(aq)} + \text{I}^{-}_{(aq)} \rightarrow \text{AgI}_{(s)}$
- F. $\text{HNO}_{3(aq)} + \text{H}_3\text{AsO}_{3(aq)} \rightarrow \text{NO}_{(g)} + \text{H}_3\text{AsO}_{4(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}$
- G. $2\text{Cu}^{2+}_{(aq)} + 4 \text{I}^{-}_{(aq)} \rightarrow 2 \text{CuI}_{(s)} + \text{I}_2(s)$
- H. $\text{CaCO}_{3(s)} + 2\text{H}^{+}_{(aq)} \rightarrow \text{Ca}^{2+}_{(aq)} + \text{CO}_{2(g)} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}$
- I. $\text{SO}_{2(g)} + 2\text{H}_2\text{S}_{(g)} \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)} + 3\text{S}_{(s)}$
- J. $\text{H}^{+}_{(aq)} + \text{OH}^{-}_{(aq)} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}$
- K. $\text{Ca(OH)}_{2(aq)} + \text{CO}_{2(g)} \rightarrow \text{CaCO}_{3(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}$
- L. $3\text{SO}_{2(g)} + \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_{7^{2-}(aq)} + 2\text{H}^{+}_{(aq)} \rightarrow 3\text{SO}_{4^{2-}(aq)} + 2\text{Cr}^{3+}_{(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}$
- M. $\text{BaO}_{(s)} + \text{SO}_{2(g)} \rightarrow \text{BaSO}_{3(s)}$
- N. $\text{SO}_{2(g)} + 2\text{NO}_{3(aq)} \rightarrow \text{SO}_{4^{2-}(aq)} + 2\text{NO}_{2(g)}$
- O. $2\text{NaHCO}_{3(s)} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_{3(s)} + \text{CO}_{2(g)} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}$
- P. $2\text{Mg}_{(s)} + \text{SO}_{2(g)} \rightarrow 2\text{MgO}_{(s)} + \text{S}_{(s)}$
- Q. $\text{MnO}_{4(aq)} + 5\text{Fe}^{2+}_{(aq)} + 8\text{H}^{+}_{(aq)} \rightarrow \text{Mn}^{2+}_{(aq)} + 5\text{Fe}^{3+}_{(aq)} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}$

Q2. Which of these half-reactions represent oxidation and which reduction? Explain your reasoning.

- A. $\text{Fe}_{(s)} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}_{(aq)} + 2\text{e}^{-}$
- B. $\text{Ni}^{4+}_{(aq)} + 2\text{e}^{-} \rightarrow \text{Ni}^{2+}_{(aq)}$
- C. $2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)} + 2\text{e}^{-} \rightarrow \text{H}_{2(g)} + 2\text{OH}^{-}_{(aq)}$
- D. $\text{Cu}_{(s)} \rightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+}_{(aq)} + 2\text{e}^{-}$
- E. $\text{Pb}^{2+}_{(aq)} + 2\text{e}^{-} \rightarrow \text{Pb}_{(s)}$
- F. $\text{Cl}_{2(g)} + 2\text{e}^{-} \rightarrow 2\text{Cl}^{-}_{(aq)}$
- G. $\text{Cr}^{3+}_{(aq)} + 3\text{e}^{-} \rightarrow \text{Cr}_{(s)}$
- H. $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_{7^{2-}(aq)} + 14\text{H}^{+}_{(aq)} + 6\text{e}^{-} \rightarrow 2\text{Cr}^{3+}_{(aq)} + 7\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}$

Q3. How many electrons are in the following $\frac{1}{2}$ equations

- A. $\text{Al} \rightarrow \text{Al}^{3+} + ?\text{e}^{-}$
- B. $\text{MnO}_4^{-} + 8\text{H}^{+} + ?\text{e}^{-} \rightarrow \text{Mn}^{2+}_{(aq)} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}$
- C. $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}^{+} + \text{O}_2 + ?\text{e}^{-}$
- D. $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + ?\text{e}^{-} \rightarrow 2\text{OH}^{-}$
- E. $\text{S}_8 + ?\text{e}^{-} \rightarrow 8\text{S}^{2-}$
- F. $\text{NO}_3^{-} + 2\text{H}^{+} + ?\text{e}^{-} \rightarrow \text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Q4. Identify the reducing agent (reductant) in the following reactions.

- A. $2\text{Cr}^{3+} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 6\text{ClO}_3^{-} \rightarrow \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_{7^{2-}} + 6\text{ClO}_2 + 2\text{H}^{+}$
- B. $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_{7^{2-}} + \text{HCHO} \rightarrow \text{HCOOH} + \text{Cr}^{3+}$
- C. $7\text{CN}^{-} + 2\text{OH}^{-} + 2\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4^{2+} \rightarrow 2\text{Cu(CN)}_3^{2-} + 8\text{NH}_3 + \text{CNO}^{-} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- D. $2\text{Li} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{LiOH} + \text{H}_2$
- E. $\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{KI} \rightarrow 2\text{KCl} + \text{I}_2$
- F. $\text{SO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 3\text{S}$

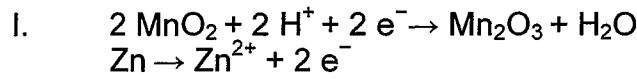
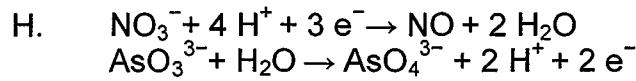
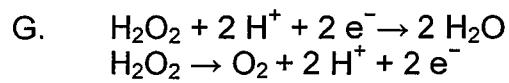
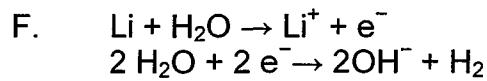
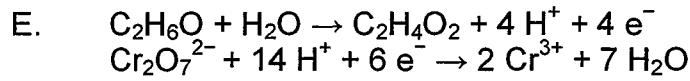
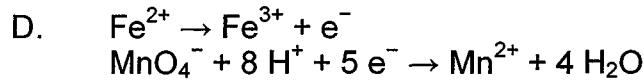
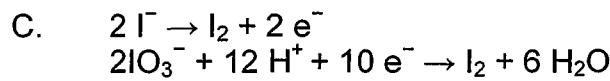
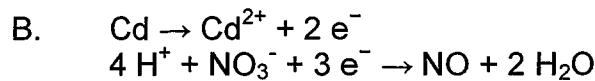
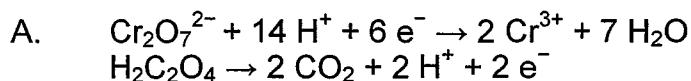
Q5. Identify the oxidising agent (oxidant) in the following reactions.

- A. $\text{Ni} + \text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \rightarrow \text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2(aq) + \text{Pb}(s)$
- B. $2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2$
- C. $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Al} \rightarrow \text{Cr} + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$
- D. $\text{FeO} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{Fe} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- E. $\text{MnO}_4^- + 5\text{Fe}^{2+} + 8\text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{Mn}^{2+} + 5\text{Fe}^{3+} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- F. $2\text{Cu}^{2+} + 4\text{I}^- \rightarrow 2\text{CuI} + \text{I}_2$

Q6. Write the full oxidation-reduction equation from the following two half-reactions:

$$\text{number of e}^- \text{ s lost} = \text{number of e}^- \text{ s gained}$$

- Since charge is conserved, one or both $\frac{1}{2}$ equations may need to be multiplied by an integer so that number of e^- s lost = number of e^- s gained.
- Like terms such as H^+ ions and H_2O molecules may need to be collected if they appear on both sides of the equation



Q7. Balance the following equations

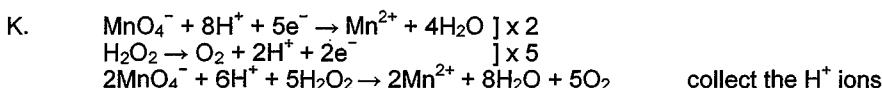
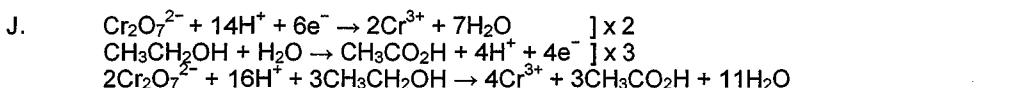
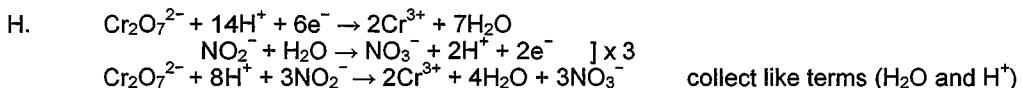
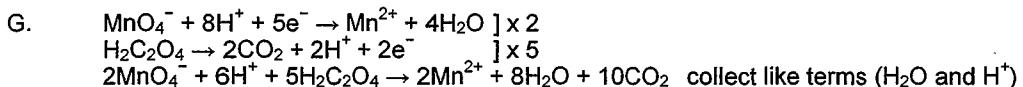
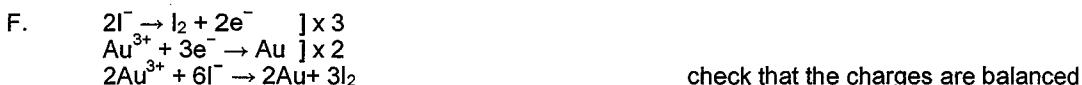
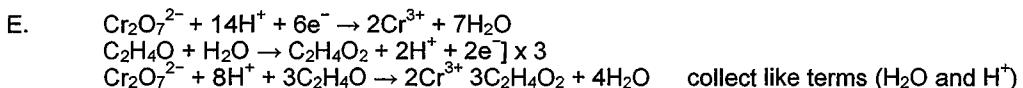
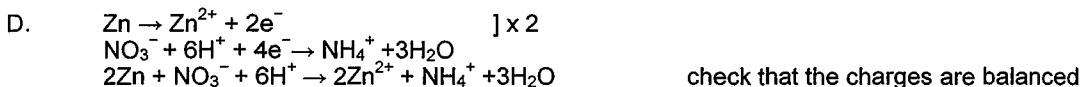
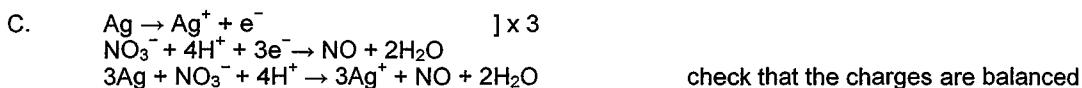
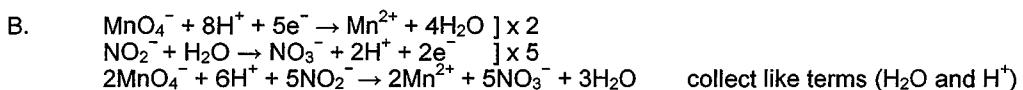
- A. $\text{Al} + \text{Cu}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Cu} + \text{Al}^{3+}$
- B. $\text{MnO}_4^- + \text{NO}_2^- \rightarrow \text{NO}_3^- + \text{Mn}^{2+}$
- C. $\text{Ag} + \text{NO}_3^- \rightarrow \text{Ag}^+ + \text{NO}$
- D. $\text{Zn} + \text{NO}_3^- \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+} + \text{NH}_4^+$
- E. $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O} \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2 + \text{Cr}^{3+}$
- F. $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 + \text{MnO}_4^- \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{Mn}^{2+}$
- F. $\text{Au}^{3+} + \text{I}^- \rightarrow \text{Au} + \text{I}_2$
- G. $\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3 + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- H. $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} + \text{NO}_2^- \rightarrow \text{Cr}^{3+} + \text{NO}_3^-$
- I. $\text{I}_3^- + \text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-} \rightarrow \text{I}^- + \text{S}_4\text{O}_6^{2-}$
- J. $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH} + \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H} + \text{Cr}^{3+}$
- J. $\text{SO}_2 + \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} \rightarrow \text{SO}_4^{2-} + \text{Cr}^{3+}$
- K. $\text{MnO}_4^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Mn}^{2+} + \text{O}_2$
- L. $\text{I}^- + \text{OCl}^- \rightarrow \text{I}_2 + \text{Cl}^-$
- M. $\text{P} + \text{Cu}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Cu} + \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$
- N. $\text{SO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 3\text{S}$
- O. $\text{Pb} + \text{PbO}_2 + \text{SO}_4^{2-} \rightarrow \text{PbSO}_4$
- P. $\text{Cr}^{3+} + \text{Cl}^- \rightarrow \text{Cr} + \text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})}$
- Q. $\text{Cu} + \text{NO}_3^- \rightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+} + \text{NO}_2$
- R. $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} + \text{Cl}^- \rightarrow \text{Cr}^{3+} + \text{Cl}_2$
- S. $\text{MnO}_4^- + \text{I}^- \rightarrow \text{I}_2 + \text{Mn}^{2+}$
- T. $\text{Cr}^{3+} + \text{ClO}_3^- \rightarrow \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} + \text{ClO}_2$
- U. $\text{Mn}^{2+} + \text{BiO}_3^- \rightarrow \text{MnO}_4^- + \text{Bi}^{3+}$
- V. $\text{ClO}_3^- + \text{Cl}^- \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{ClO}_2$
- W. $\text{MnO}_4^- + \text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-} \rightarrow \text{S}_4\text{O}_6^{2-} + \text{Mn}^{2+}$
- X. $\text{PH}_3 + \text{I}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{PO}_2^- + \text{I}^-$
- Y. $\text{NO}_2 \rightarrow \text{NO}_3^- + \text{NO}$
- Z. $\text{I}^- + \text{IO}_3^- \rightarrow \text{I}_2$

Answers:

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| Q1. | A. Yes, Zn and Mn change oxidation state
C. Yes, C and O change oxidation state
E. No, no change in oxidation state
G. Yes, Cu ²⁺ and I ⁻ change oxidation state
I. Yes, S and S change oxidation state
K. No, no change in oxidation state
M. No, no change in oxidation state
P. Yes, Mg and S change oxidation state | B. No, no change in oxidation state
D. Yes, Na and Fe change oxidation state
F. Yes, N and As change oxidation state
H. No, no change in oxidation state
J. No, no change in oxidation state
L. Yes, S and Cr change oxidation state
O. No, no change in oxidation state
Q. Yes, Mn and Fe ²⁺ change oxidation state |
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| Q2. | Oxidation: electrons on the right hand side | Reduction: electrons on the left hand side | | | | |
| | A. Oxidation, increase in oxidation state
C. Reduction, decrease in oxidation state
E. Reduction, decrease in oxidation state
G. Reduction, decrease in oxidation state | B. Reduction, decrease in oxidation state
D. Oxidation, increase in oxidation state
F. Reduction, decrease in oxidation state
H. Reduction, decrease in oxidation state | | | | |
| Q3. | A. $3e^-$ | D. $2 e^-$ | | | | |
| Q4. | A. Cr^{3+} | B. HCHO | C. CN^- | D. Li | E. $\text{I}^- (\text{KI})$ | F. $\text{S}(\text{H}_2\text{S})$ |
| Q5. | A. Pb^{2+} | B. $\text{H}(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ | C. $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ | D. FeO | E. MnO_4^- | F. Cu^{2+} |

- Q6.
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| A. $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} + 8\text{H}^+ + 3\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \rightarrow 2\text{Cr}^{3+} + 7\text{H}_2\text{O} + 6\text{CO}_2$ |
| B. $3\text{Cd} + 8\text{H}^+ + 2\text{NO}_3^- \rightarrow 3\text{Cd}^{2+} + 2\text{NO} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ |
| C. $6\text{H}^+ + 5\text{I}^- + \text{IO}_3^- \rightarrow 3\text{I}_2 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ |
| D. $\text{MnO}_4^- + 8\text{H}^+ + \text{Fe}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Mn}^{2+} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O} + 5\text{Fe}^{3+}$ |
| E. $2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} + 16\text{H}^+ + 3\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O} \rightarrow 4\text{Cr}^{3+} + 3\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2 + 11\text{H}_2\text{O}$ |
| F. $2\text{Li} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{LiOH} + \text{H}_2$ |
| G. $2\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$ |
| H. $2\text{NO}_3^- + 2\text{H}^+ + 3\text{AsO}_3^{3-} \rightarrow 2\text{NO} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 3\text{AsO}_4^{3-}$ |
| I. $\text{Zn} + 2\text{MnO}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{Mn}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Zn}^{2+}$ |



L.	$2I^- \rightarrow I_2 + 2e^-$ $OCl^- + 2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow Cl^- + H_2O$ $OCl^- + 2H^+ + 2I^- \rightarrow Cl^- + H_2O + I_2$	check that the charges are balanced
M.	$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Cu$] x 5 $P + 4H_2O \rightarrow H_2PO_4^- + 6H^+ + 5e^-$] x 2 $2P + 8H_2O + 5Cu^{2+} \rightarrow 2H_2PO_4^- + 12H^+ + 5Cu$	check that the charges are balanced
N.	$SO_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^- \rightarrow S + 2H_2O$ $H_2S \rightarrow S + 2H^+ + 2e^-$] x 2 $SO_2 + 2H_2S \rightarrow 2H_2O + 3S$	collect the H^+ ions and the S atoms
O.	$Pb + SO_4^{2-} \rightarrow PbSO_4 + 2e^-$ $PbO_2 + SO_4^{2-} + 4H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow PbSO_4 + 2H_2O$ $Pb + PbO_2 + 2SO_4^{2-} + 4H^+ \rightarrow 2PbSO_4 + 2H_2O$	collect the $PbSO_4$
P.	$Cr^{3+} + 3e^- \rightarrow Cr$] x 2 $2Cl^- \rightarrow Cl_2 + 2e^-$] x 3 $2Cr^{3+} + 6Cl^- \rightarrow 2Cr + 3Cl_2$	check that the charges are balanced
Q.	$Cu \rightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^-$ $NO_3^- + 2H^+ + e^- \rightarrow NO_2 + H_2O$] x 2 $Cu + 2NO_3^- + 4H^+ \rightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$	check that the charges are balanced
R.	$2Cl^- \rightarrow Cl_2 + 2e^-$] x 3 $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6e^- \rightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$ $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6Cl^- \rightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O + 3Cl_2$	check that the charges are balanced
S.	$2I^- \rightarrow I_2 + 2e^-$] x 5 $MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \rightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$] x 2 $2MnO_4^- + 16H^+ + 10I^- \rightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 5I_2$	check that the charges are balanced
T.	$2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O \rightarrow Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6e^-$ $ClO_3^- + 2H^+ + e^- \rightarrow ClO_2 + H_2O$] x 6 $2Cr^{3+} + H_2O + 6ClO_3^- \rightarrow Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 6ClO_2 + 2H^+$	collect like terms (H_2O and H^+)
U.	$BiO_3^- + 6H^+ + 5e^- \rightarrow Bi^{3+} + 3H_2O$ $Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O \rightarrow MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^-$ $Mn^{2+} + H_2O + BiO_3^- \rightarrow MnO_4^- + 2H^+ + Bi^{3+}$	check that the charges are balanced
V.	$ClO_3^- + 2H^+ + e^- \rightarrow ClO_2 + H_2O$] x 2 $2Cl^- \rightarrow Cl_2 + 2e^-$ $2ClO_3^- + 4H^+ + 2Cl^- \rightarrow 2ClO_2 + 2H_2O + Cl_2$	check that the charges are balanced
W.	$2S_2O_3^{2-} \rightarrow S_4O_6^{2-} + 2e^-$] x 5 $MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \rightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$] x 2 $2MnO_4^- + 16H^+ + 10S_2O_3^{2-} \rightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 5S_4O_6^{2-}$	
X.	$PH_3 + 2H_2O \rightarrow H_3PO_2^- + 4H^+ + 3e^-$] x 2 $I_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow 2I^-$] x 3 $2PH_3 + 4H_2O + 3I_2 \rightarrow 2H_3PO_2^- + 8H^+ + 6I^-$	check that the charges are balanced
Y.	$NO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow NO_3^- + 2H^+ + e^-$] x 2 $NO_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow NO + H_2O$ $3NO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow 2NO_3^- + NO + 2H^+$	collect like terms (H_2O and H^+)
Z.	$2I^- \rightarrow I_2 + 2e^-$] x 5 $2IO_3^- + 12H^+ + 10e^- \rightarrow I_2 + 6H_2O$ $2IO_3^- + 12H^+ + 10I^- \rightarrow 5I_2 + I_2 + 6H_2O$ $2IO_3^- + 12H^+ + 10I^- \rightarrow 6I_2 + 6H_2O$] $IO_3^- + 6H^+ + 5I^- \rightarrow 3I_2 + 3H_2O$	collect the I_2 molecules $\div 2$ to get the smallest coefficients check that the charges are balanced

