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# CHEMISTRY

## UNIT 4

# TRIAL EXAM

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## CHEMISTRY Common Assessment Task 3: Analysis and evaluation 1993 TRIAL CAT

(not to be used before Friday October 8, 1993)

**Reading time: 15 minutes**

**Total writing time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

### QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOKLET

#### Structure of booklet

<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>
11	11

#### Directions to students

##### **Materials**

Question and answer booklet of 16 pages.

Double-sided data sheet

An approved calculator may be used.

##### **The task**

Answer **all** questions.

Questions should be answered in the spaces provided in this booklet

The marks allotted to each question are indicated at the end of the question.

There is a total of 75 marks available.

All written responses should be in English.

##### **At the end of the task**

Please ensure that you write your **student number** in the space provided on this page.

Hand in this question and answer booklet.

# DATA

**TABLE 1: RELATIVE ATOMIC MASS ( $^{12}\text{C} = 12.00$ )**

<i>Element</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Relative Atomic Mass</i>
Aluminium	Al	27.0
Calcium	Ca	40.1
Carbon	C	12.0
Copper	Cu	63.5
Hydrogen	H	1.0
Magnesium	Mg	24.3
Nitrogen	N	14.0
Oxygen	O	16.0
Sodium	Na	23.0
Zinc	Zn	65.4

**TABLE 2: PHYSICAL CONSTANTS**

Avogadro constant ( $N_A$ )	$6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Faraday (F)	$96\,500 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
Ideal gas molar volume at STP ( $0^\circ\text{C}$ and 1 atmosphere pressure)	$= 22.4 \text{ L}$
Universal gas constant (R)	$8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

**TABLE 3: THE ELECTROCHEMICAL SERIES**

(the states of the substances have been omitted deliberately)

$\text{Ag}^+$	+	$\text{e}^-$	=	Ag	+0.80				
$\text{Al}^{3+}$	+	$3\text{e}^-$	=	Al	-1.67				
$\text{Au}^{3+}$	+	$3\text{e}^-$	=	Au	+1.29				
$\text{Br}_2$	+	$2\text{e}^-$	=	$2\text{Br}^-$	+1.08				
$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	+	$2\text{e}^-$	=	Ca	-2.87				
$\text{Cd}^{2+}$	+	$2\text{e}^-$	=	Cd	-0.403				
$\text{Ce}^{4+}$	+	$\text{e}^-$	=	$\text{Ce}^{3+}$	+1.44				
$\text{Cl}_2$	+	$2\text{e}^-$	=	$2\text{Cl}^-$	+1.36				
$\text{Co}^{2+}$	+	$2\text{e}^-$	=	Co	-0.28				
$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$	+	$14\text{H}^+$	+	$6\text{e}^-$	=	$2\text{Cr}^{3+}$	+	$7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	+1.36
$\text{Cu}^{2+}$	+	$2\text{e}^-$	=	Cu	+0.34				
$\text{Cu}^{2+}$	+	$\text{e}^-$	=	Cu+	+0.158				
$\text{Cu}^+$	+	$\text{e}^-$	=	Cu	+0.522				

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**TABLE 3: THE ELECTROCHEMICAL SERIES (continued)**  
 (the states of the substances have been omitted deliberately)

$F_2$	+	$2e^-$	=	$2F^-$	+2.87
$Fe^{3+}$	+	$e^-$	=	$Fe^{2+}$	+0.77
$Fe^{2+}$	+	$2e^-$	=	Fe	-0.44
$2H^+$	+	$2e^-$	=	$H_2$ (defined)	0.00
$2H_2O$	+	$2e^-$	=	$H_2 + 2OH^-$	-0.83
$H_2O_2$	+	$2H^+ + 2e^-$	=	$2H_2O$	+1.77
$I_2$	+	$2e^-$	=	$2I^-$	+0.54
$K^+$	+	$e^-$	=	K	-2.93
$Li^+$	+	$e^-$	=	Li	-3.02
$Mg^{2+}$	+	$2e^-$	=	Mg	-2.34
$MnO_4^-$	+	$8H^+ + 5e^-$	=	$Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$	+1.52
$Mn^{2+}$	+	$2e^-$	=	Mn	-1.03
$Na^+$	+	$e^-$	=	Na	-2.71
$Ni^{2+}$	+	$2e^-$	=	Ni	-0.25
$NO_3^-$	+	$4H^+ + 3e^-$	=	$NO + 2H_2O$	+0.96
$NO_3^-$	+	$2H^+ + e^-$	=	$NO_2 + H_2O$	+0.81
$O_2$	+	$4H^+ + 4e^-$	=	$2H_2O$	+1.23
$O_2$	+	$2H^+ + 2e^-$	=	$H_2O_2$	+0.68
$O_2$	+	$2H_2O + 4e^-$	=	$4OH^-$	+0.40
$Pb^{2+}$	+	$2e^-$	=	Pb	-0.13
$PbO_2$	+	$HSO_4^- + 3H^+ + 2e^-$	=	$PbSO_4 + 2H_2O$	+1.69
$PbSO_4$	+	$H^+ + 2e^-$	=	$Pb + HSO_4^-$	-0.36
S	+	$2H^+ + 2e^-$	=	$H_2S$	+0.14
$SO_2$	+	$4H^+ + 4e^-$	=	$S + 2H_2O$	+0.45
$SO_4^{2-}$	+	$4H^+ + 2e^-$	=	$SO_2 + 2H_2O$	+0.20
$Sn^{4+}$	+	$2e^-$	=	$Sn^{2+}$	+0.15
$Sn^{2+}$	+	$2e^-$	=	Sn	-0.14
$Sr^{2+}$	+	$2e^-$	=	Sr	-2.89
$Zn^{2+}$	+	$2e^-$	=	Zn	-0.76

**Instructions for students**

Answer **all** questions.

To obtain full credit for your responses you should

- (1) give simplified answers with an appropriate number of significant figures to all numerical questions; unsimplified answers will not be given full credit.
- (2) show all working in your answers to numerical questions. No credit can be given for an incorrect answer unless it is accompanied by details of the working.
- (3) make sure chemical equations are balanced and that the formulas for individual substances include an indication of state, for example  $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$ ;  $\text{NaCl}(\text{s})$ .

**QUESTION 1**

- (a) The chemical properties of an element depend on the electron configuration of its atoms. For example, the element sodium has atomic number 11 and the electron configuration  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$ .

Complete the following table for each of the elements listed.

**TABLE 1.1**

<i>Element</i>	<i>Atomic number</i>	<i>Electron configuration</i>
HELIUM	2	
CARBON	6	
MAGNESIUM	12	
SULFUR	16	
SCANDIUM	21	

- (b) An element can form ions by gaining or losing electrons. For example, an atom of the element sodium can lose one electron to form the ion  $\text{Na}^+$ . Three elements from **TABLE 1.1** which **readily** form ions are listed. Write the symbol for the ion and the electron configuration of the ion in **TABLE 1.2**.

**TABLE 1.2**

<i>Element</i>	<i>Ion formed</i>	<i>Electron configuration</i>
MAGNESIUM		
SULFUR		
SCANDIUM		

$2\frac{1}{2} + 1\frac{1}{2} = 4$  marks  
(suggested time: 5 minutes)

**QUESTION 2**

- (a) Most carbon atoms are carbon-12. The element carbon also forms a radioactive isotope, carbon-14. Explain the difference between carbon-12 and carbon-14.

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- (b) It is believed that carbon nuclei are formed from helium nuclei in the Sun. Write a balanced nuclear equation for this reaction.

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(c) The Sun is  $1.5 \times 10^8$  km from the Earth. No one has been there to collect samples for analysis! Explain how we know of the existence of the elements helium and carbon in the Sun?

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(c) Structures of the elements.

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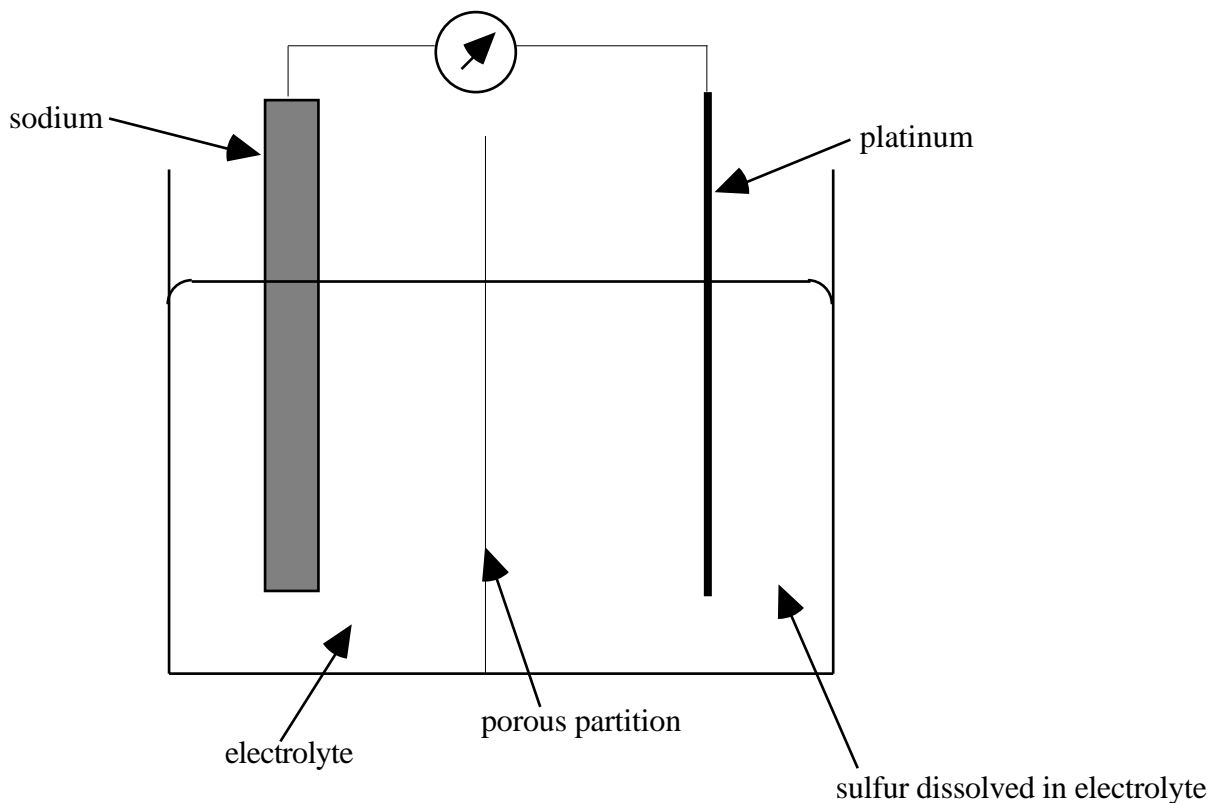
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**QUESTION 5**

It has been suggested that the elements sodium and sulfur could be used in a galvanic cell to produce electrical energy as illustrated below.



(a) Write an equation for a half-reaction which could occur at the sodium electrode.

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(b) Write an equation for a half-reaction which could occur at the platinum electrode.

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(c) Write the overall reaction occurring in the galvanic cell.

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(d) What is the maximum potential that could be generated by this galvanic cell?  
(use the values given in TABLE 3 of the DATA)

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(e) The electrolyte plays a vital role in the operation of this cell. Describe some of the characteristics required of the electrolyte in this cell so that the cell could operate properly.

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**The following information refers to Questions 6, 7 and 8**

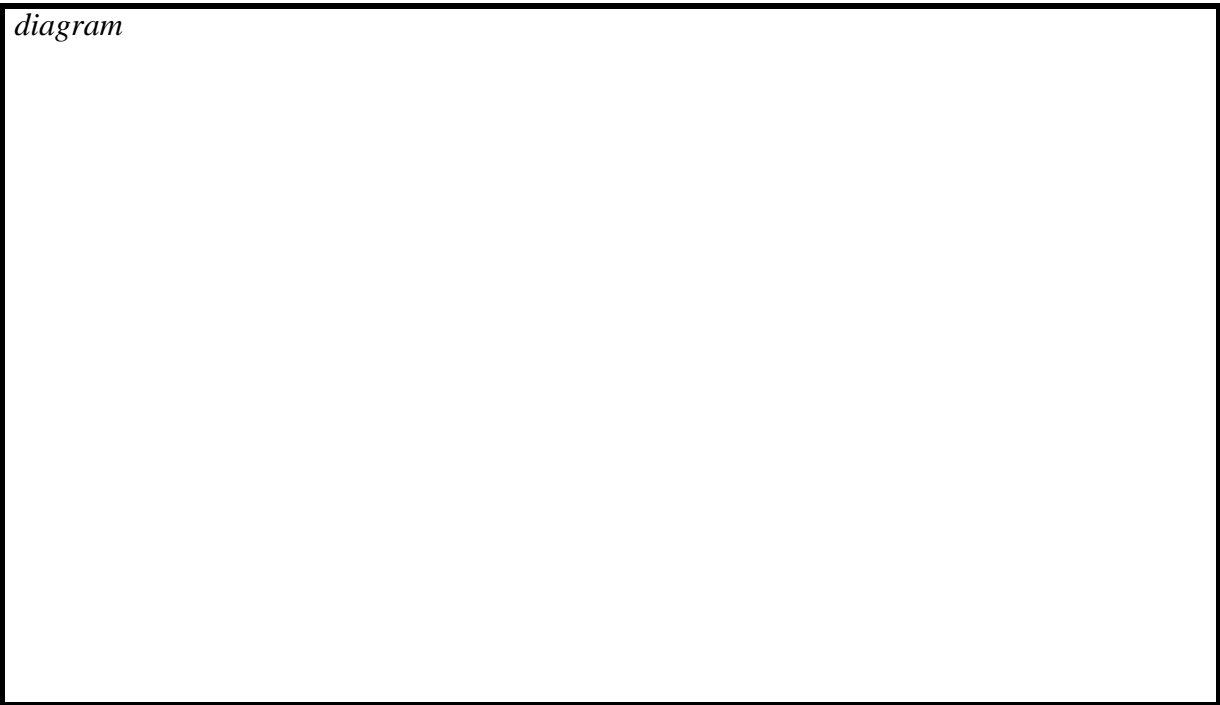
A chemist in an industrial laboratory is asked to produce small samples of each of the elements: sodium, chlorine, hydrogen and oxygen for a customer. The chemist has access to the following list of materials.

<i>CHEMICALS</i>	<i>APPARATUS</i>
(1) solid sodium chloride	(1) container to hold molten materials
(2) water	(2) heat source to melt solids
(3) platinum electrodes	(3) source of electrical energy
(4) concentrated sulfuric acid	(4) container to hold aqueous solutions

**QUESTION 6**

Describe, with the aid of a diagram, how both sodium metal and chlorine gas could be produced from **one** electrolytic cell.

*diagram*



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6 marks

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**QUESTION 8**

The customer requires exactly 10 g of sodium metal. For how long would the chemist have to pass a current of 10 A through the electrolytic cell to produce this amount of sodium?

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**QUESTION 9**

Many people like their coffee or tea to taste sweet. Sarah uses sucrose, Ross prefers glucose while Emilia chooses "Equal" which contains the chemical Aspartame with the molecular formula  $C_{14}H_{18}N_2O_5$ .

(a) Describe the differences between the structures of the two sugars glucose and sucrose.

<i>Glucose</i>	<i>Sucrose</i>

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(b) Write the balanced chemical equation that occurs when the sucrose used by Sarah undergoes hydrolysis.

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(c) Write the balanced chemical equation when the product formed in (b) is used in respiration.

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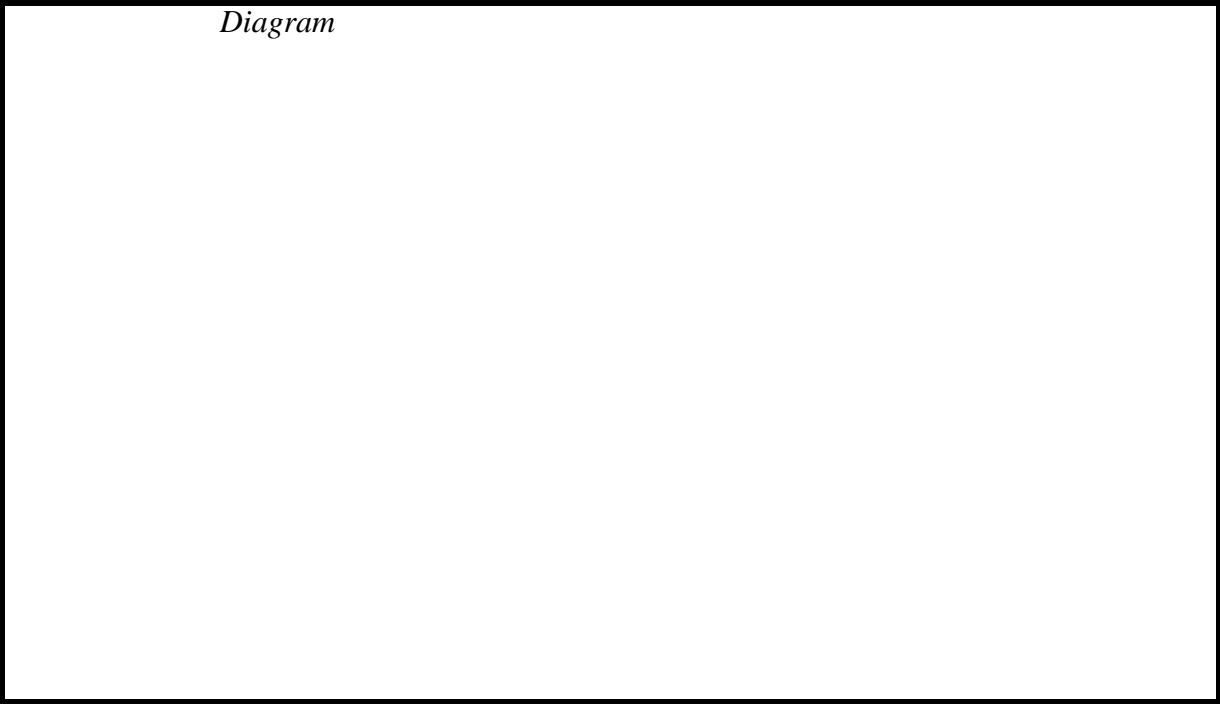




QUESTION 11 (continued)

(b) Nuclear fusion.

*Diagram*



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*SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS*

**Question 1**

(a)

<i>Element</i>	<i>Atomic number</i>	<i>Electron configuration</i>
HELIUM	2	$1s^2$
CARBON	6	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^2$
MAGNESIUM	12	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2$
SULFUR	16	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^4$
SCANDIUM	21	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^1 4s^2$

(b)

<i>Element</i>	<i>Ion formed</i>	<i>Electron configuration</i>
MAGNESIUM	$Mg^{2+}$	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^6$
SULFUR	$S^{2-}$	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$
SCANDIUM	$Sc^+$ or $Sc^{3+}$	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2$ $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$

$$2\frac{1}{2} + 1\frac{1}{2} = 4 \text{ marks}$$

(suggested time: 5 minutes)

**Question 2**

(a) Carbon-12 has 6 protons and 6 neutrons in its nucleus. It has an atomic number of 6 and a mass number of 12. Carbon-14 has 6 protons and 8 neutrons in its nucleus. It has an atomic number of 6 and a mass number of 14. Carbon-12 and carbon-14 are isotopes. The extra neutrons in carbon-14 make its nucleus unstable and it undergoes radioactive decay.

(b) The simple nuclear equation is:  $3 \text{ } ^4\text{He}_2 \quad ^{12}\text{C}_6$

(c) Every element shows a unique pattern of spectral lines. These lines may be either coloured (emission spectrum) or black (absorption spectrum). The examination of the emission and absorption spectra of atoms provides easy identification of these atoms.

When helium and carbon atoms are given energy, some electrons are promoted to higher energy levels. When these electrons drop back into lower energy levels, energy is emitted in the form of electromagnetic radiation. This energy is emitted only in discrete packets called quanta and is equal to the difference in energy between the energy levels in the atom. Each of these discrete energy packets corresponds with one particular wavelength (or frequency) of light since  $E_2 - E_1 = E = hf$ .

$$2 + 1 + 3 = 6 \text{ marks}$$

(suggested time: 7 minutes)

*SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS*

**Question 3**

**(a) Electronegativity.**

Electronegativity is a measure of the electron attracting power of an atom. Sodium has a low electronegativity and chlorine has a high electronegativity. Electronegativity increases steadily across Period 3 as the the number of protons in the nucleus increases while electrons are being added to the same outershell. Hence, sodium easily loses one electron to form  $\text{Na}^+$  and chlorine easily gains one electron to form  $\text{Cl}^-$ .

**(b) Melting temperature. (*actual values of temperatures not required*)**

Sodium has a relatively low melting temperature ( $98^\circ\text{C}$ ) since the positive sodium ions in the metal structure are only loosely held together by the mobile outershell electrons. Chlorine is a gas at room temperature and pressure with very weak forces of attraction between the diatomic chlorine molecules. Hence, the melting temperature is low at  $-101^\circ\text{C}$ . The melting temperatures for the Period 3 elements increase to a maximum with silicon at  $1423^\circ\text{C}$  and then decrease (although not in a perfectly regular fashion) to argon at  $-189^\circ\text{C}$ .

**(c) Structures of the elements.**

Sodium, magnesium and aluminium have metallic structures with a three dimensional lattice of positive ions in a 'sea of electrons'. Silicon has a three dimensional lattice structure with strong covalent bonding. Phosphorus  $\text{P}_4$ , sulfur  $\text{S}_8$ , and chlorine  $\text{Cl}_2$  are molecular solids (at sufficiently low temperatures) with strong covalent bonding within the molecules but weak dispersion forces between the molecules. Phosphorus and sulfur have a variety of allotropic forms with different structures. Argon is a monatomic solid (below its melting temperature) with weak dispersion forces between the atoms.

3 + 3 + 3 = 9 marks

*(suggested time: 11 minutes)*

**Question 4**

**(a) Hydrides of the elements.**

*(This answer contains much more than would be required to gain full marks.)*

Sodium hydride ( $\text{NaH}$ ) is an ionic white solid that reacts violently with water according to the equation:  $\text{NaH(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow \text{NaOH(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{(g)}$ . The solution produced is strongly basic. On the other hand, hydrogen chloride ( $\text{HCl}$ ) is a colourless, molecular, covalently bonded gas at room temperature and pressure.

It dissolves readily in water to produce a strongly acidic solution according to the equation:  $\text{HCl(g)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{O}^+\text{(aq)} + \text{Cl}^-\text{(aq)}$ .  $\text{MgH}_2$  is similar in structure and reactions to  $\text{NaH}$ .  $\text{AlH}_3$  is partly covalent and reacts with water similarly to  $\text{NaH}$ .

$\text{SiH}_4$ ,  $\text{PH}_3$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  are colourless, molecular, covalently bonded gases at room temperature and pressure.  $\text{SiH}_4$  is neutral.  $\text{PH}_3$  is slightly basic.  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  is poisonous and produces a weakly acidic solution in water. The element argon does not form a hydride.

*SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS***(b) Oxides of the elements.**

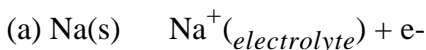
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Sodium oxide ( $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ) is an ionic white solid with a high melting temperature that dissolves in water to form a basic solution according to the equation:

$\text{Na}_2\text{O}(\text{s}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow 2\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$ . In sharp contrast to this, dichlorine heptoxide ( $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_7$ ) is a colourless, molecular, covalently bonded liquid at room temperature and pressure. It dissolves readily in water to form a highly acidic solution according to the equation:  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_7(\text{l}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow 2\text{HClO}_4(\text{aq})$ .  $\text{MgO}$  is an ionic white solid with a very high melting temperature and forms a basic solution in water.  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  is an ionic white solid with a very high melting temperature. It is insoluble in water but reacts with both acids and alkalis.  $\text{SiO}_2$  is a colourless solid with a high melting temperature. It is insoluble in water but reacts with concentrated  $\text{NaOH}$ .  $\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}$  is a white, molecular, covalently bonded solid with a much lower melting temperature. It dissolves in water to form a strong acid ( $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ ).  $\text{SO}_3$  is a colourless, molecular, covalently bonded liquid at room temperature and pressure. It dissolves in water to form a strong acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ).

3 + 3 = 6 marks

*(suggested time: 7 minutes)*

**Question 5**

Notice that it is **not** correct to write  $\text{Na}^+(\text{aq})$  since there is no water present.



(d) The maximum potential =  $E^\circ(\text{oxidant}) - E^\circ(\text{reductant}) = +0.14 - (-2.71) = 2.85 \text{ V}$  **ANS**

(e) The electrolyte in this cell must

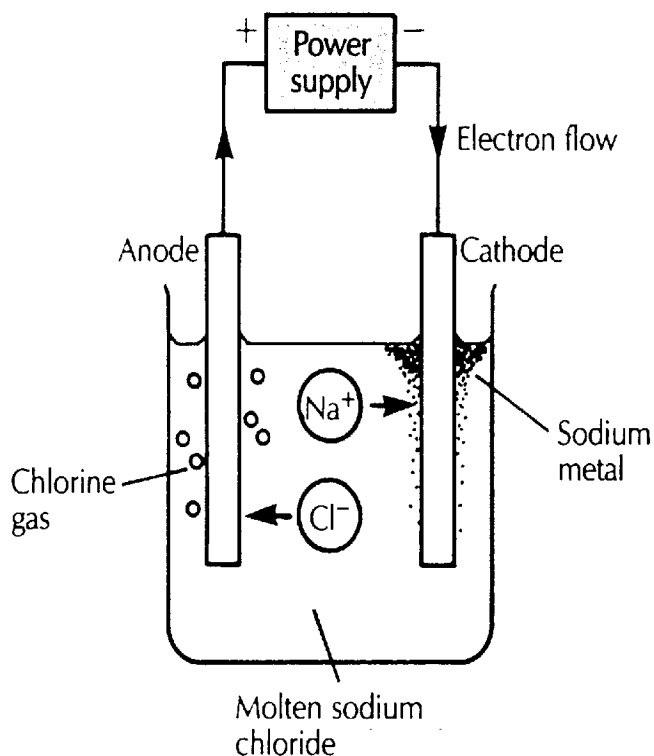
- (1) allow charge to pass through it to complete the electrical circuit.
- (2) be able to dissolve sulfur.
- (3) not contain any water since sodium metal reacts violently with water.
- (4) not react with the products of the electrode reactions.

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Question 6

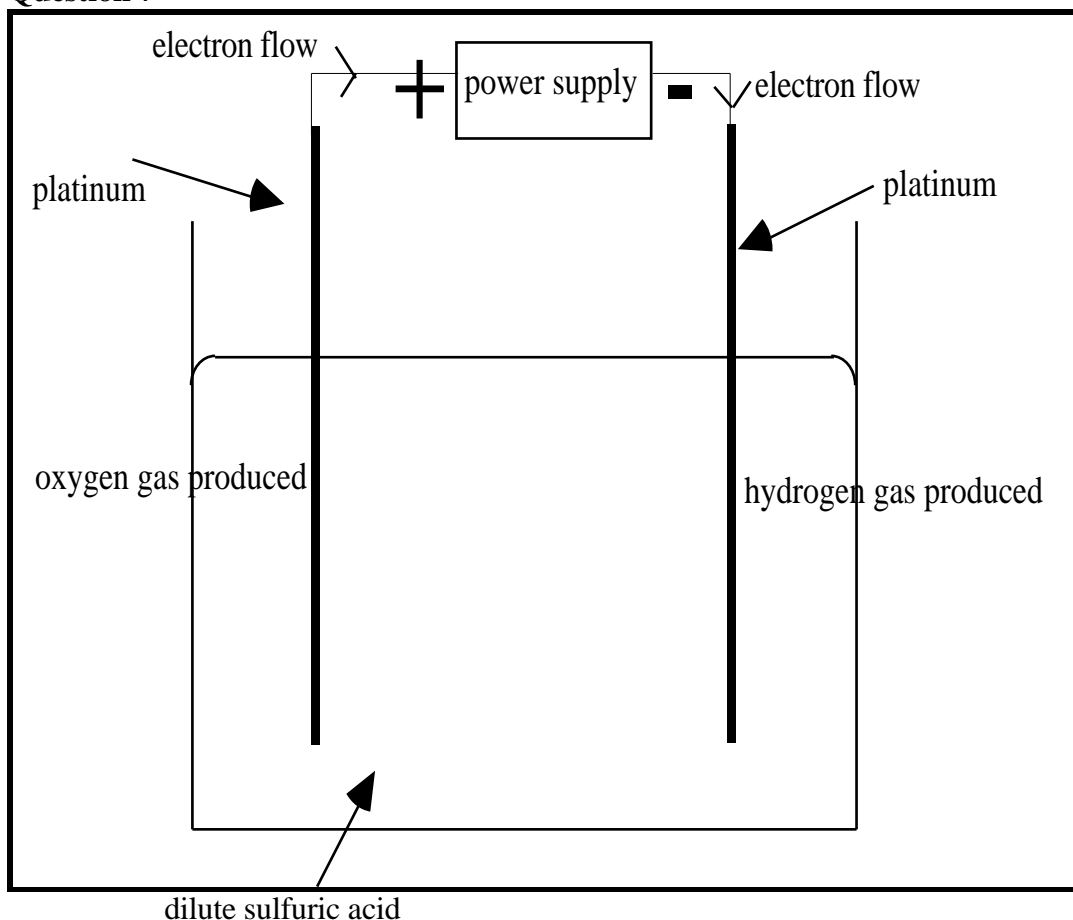


The solid sodium chloride must be made molten by the application of heat. Two platinum electrodes are connected to the power supply and then immersed in the molten NaCl. The chlorine gas is produced at the positive electrode by oxidation according to the equation:  $2\text{Cl}^-(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{e}^-$ . This is the anode. Sodium metal is produced at the negative electrode by reduction according to the equation:  $\text{Na}^+(\text{l}) + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Na}(\text{l})$ . This is the cathode.

6 marks  
(suggested time: 7 minutes)

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**Question 7**



Use the concentrated sulfuric acid and water to produce a dilute solution of sulfuric acid. Immerse the platinum electrodes in the dilute sulfuric acid and connect the power supply. Oxygen gas is produced at the positive electrode by oxidation according to the equation:  $2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{O}_2(\text{g}) + 4\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 4\text{e}^-$ . This is the anode. Hydrogen gas is produced at the negative electrode by reduction according to the equation:

$2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2(\text{g})$ . This is the cathode.

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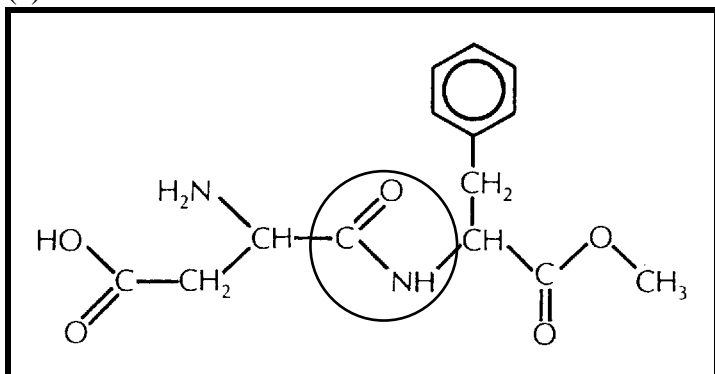




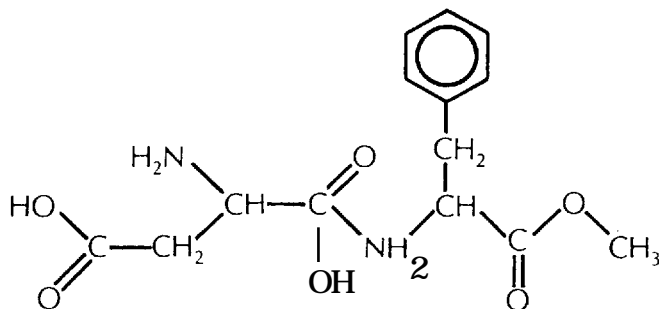
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Question 10

(a)



(b) When Aspartame undergoes hydrolysis, water is added and the peptide link is broken to give the two molecules below.



Molecule 1

Molecule 2

(c) The nitrogen atoms are converted to ammonia which in turn is changed to urea. Urea has the formula  $(\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO}$ . Urea is non-toxic, readily soluble in water and is easily eliminated from the body.

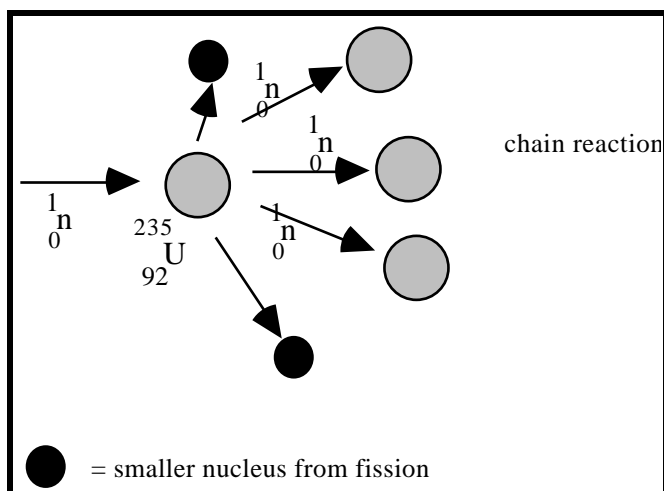
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**Question 11**

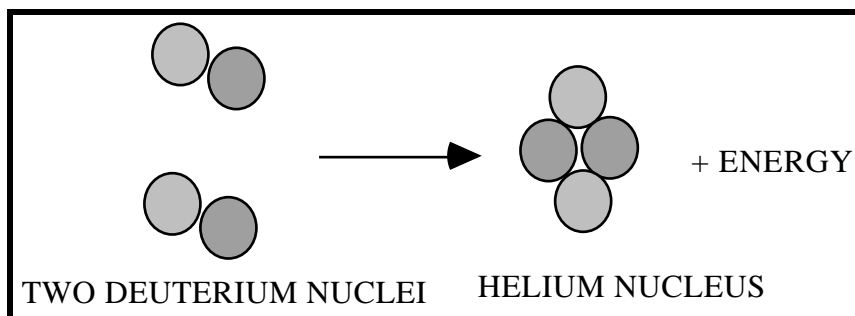
**(a) Nuclear fission**



When a heavy nucleus such as  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  absorbs a neutron, the nucleus splits into smaller nuclei and releases energy and more neutrons. When a sufficient amount of  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  is present, a chain reaction can occur. In a controlled chain reaction, the energy released is used to turn water into steam which drives a turbine to produce electricity. Nuclear fission gives a net energy gain when large nuclei are split.

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**(b) Nuclear fusion**



In a nuclear fusion reaction such as  $2\ ^2\text{H}_1 \rightarrow\ ^4\text{He}_2$ , energy is released which is equivalent to the mass difference between the reactants and product according to the equation  $E = mc^2$  where  $E$  = energy,  $m$  = difference in mass and  $c$  = speed of light. The energy released could be used to produce steam to drive a turbine to produce electricity. However, fusion reactions have not yet been produced in a controlled way.

Nuclear fusion gives a net energy gain when small nuclei are combined.

5 + 5 = 10 marks

*(suggested time: 12 minutes)*

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