# Topic 9.1AB Oxidation & Reduction

## Past Exam Questions (Paper 1)

### **1.** [1 mark]

Which are redox reactions?

$$\text{I.} \quad 2FeCl_2 + Cl_2 \rightarrow 2FeCl_3$$

II. 
$$Mg + 2HNO_3 \rightarrow Mg(NO_3)_2 + H_2$$

III. 
$$H_2O + SO_3 \rightarrow H_2SO_4$$

- A. I and II only
- B. I and III only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II and III

## **2.** [1 mark]

Metal M has only one oxidation number and forms a compound with the formula  $\mbox{\it MCO}_3$ . Which formula is correct?

- A.  $MNO_3$
- B.  $MNH_4$
- C. MSO<sub>4</sub>
- D.  $MPO_4$

# **3.** [1 mark]

Which species is oxidized in the following reaction?

$$2Ag^{+}(aq) + Cu(s) \rightarrow 2Ag(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq)$$

- A.  $Ag^+$
- B. Cu
- C. Ag
- D.  $Cu^{2+}$

Which compound contains nitrogen with an oxidation number of +3?

- A. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl
- B. HNO<sub>3</sub>
- C.  $N_2O_4$
- D. KNO<sub>2</sub>

#### **5.** [1 mark]

Consider the following reaction.

$$MnO_{4}^{-}(aq) + 8H^{+}(aq) + 5Fe^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow Mn^{2+}(aq) + 5Fe^{3+}(aq) + 4H_{2}O(l)$$

Which statement is correct?

- A.  $MnO_4^-$  is the oxidizing agent and it loses electrons.
- B.  $MnO_4^-$  is the reducing agent and it loses electrons.
- C.  $MnO_4^-$  is the oxidizing agent and it gains electrons.
- D.  $MnO_4^-$  is the reducing agent and it gains electrons.

## **6.** [1 mark]

In which species does sulfur have an oxidation number of 0?

- A.  $SO_3$
- B. *S*<sub>8</sub>
- C.  $Na_2SO_4$
- D.  $H_2S$

Which of the following redox reactions take place?

$$I. \quad {\it Cl}_2(aq) \, + \, 2NaI(aq) \rightarrow I_2(aq) \, + \, 2NaCl(aq)$$

II. 
$$Br_2(aq) + 2NaI(aq) \rightarrow I_2(aq) + 2NaBr(aq)$$

III. 
$$I_2(aq) + 2NaBr(aq) \rightarrow Br_2(aq) + 2NaI(aq)$$

- A. I and II only
- B. I and III only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II and III

#### **8.** [1 mark]

Which species could be reduced to form  $NO_2$ ?

- A.  $N_2O$
- B.  $NO_3^-$
- C.  $HNO_2$
- D. NO

## **9.** [1 mark]

What happens to the manganese in the following reaction?

$$2MnO_4^-(aq) + 5H_2O_2(aq) + 6H^+(aq) \rightarrow 2Mn^{2+}(aq) + 8H_2O(l) + 5O_2(g)$$

- A. It is oxidized and its oxidation number increases.
- B. It is oxidized and its oxidation number decreases.
- C. It is reduced and its oxidation number increases.
- D. It is reduced and its oxidation number decreases.

What happens to iodine when iodate ions,  $IO_3^-$ , are converted to iodine molecules,  $I_2$ ?

- A. It undergoes reduction and its oxidation number changes from -1 to 0
- B. It undergoes oxidation and its oxidation number changes from -1 to 0
- C. It undergoes reduction and its oxidation number changes from + 5 to 0
- D. It undergoes oxidation and its oxidation number changes from + 5 to 0

## **11.** [1 mark]

What is the correct systematic name of MnO<sub>2</sub>?

- A. Manganese(II) oxide
- B. Manganese(IV) oxide
- C. Magnesium(II) oxide
- D. Magnesium(IV) oxide

## **12.** [1 mark]

What is the name of  $Cu_{2}S$ ?

- A. Copper(I) sulfide
- B. Copper(I) sulfate
- C. Copper(II) sulfide
- D. Copper(II) sulfate

Consider the following reaction:

$$3Sn^{2+}(aq) + Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + 2H^+(aq) \rightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3SnO_2(s) + H_2O(l)$$

Which statement is correct?

- A.  $Sn^{2+}$  is the oxidizing agent because it undergoes oxidation.
- B.  $Sn^{2+}$  is the reducing agent because it undergoes oxidation.
- C.  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$  is the oxidizing agent because it undergoes oxidation.
- D.  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$  is the reducing agent because it undergoes oxidation.

#### **14.** [1 mark]

What is the name of  $Co_3(PO_4)_2$ ?

- A. Cobalt(II) phosphite
- B. Cobalt(II) phosphate
- C. Cobalt(III) phosphite
- D. Cobalt(III) phosphate

# **15.** [1 mark]

Consider the following reaction.

$$Sn(s) + 4HNO_3(aq) \rightarrow SnO_2(s) + 4NO_2(g) + 2H_2O(g)$$

Which statement is correct?

- A.  $HNO_3$  is the oxidizing agent because it undergoes oxidation.
- B.  $HNO_3$  is the reducing agent because the oxidation number of nitrogen changes from + 5 to + 4.
- C. Sn is the oxidizing agent because it undergoes reduction.
- D. Sn is the reducing agent because the oxidation number of tin changes from 0 to +4.

Which statement is correct about a reducing agent?

- A. It is reduced by gaining electrons.
- B. It is oxidized by gaining electrons.
- C. It is oxidized by losing electrons.
- D. It is reduced by losing electrons.

### **17.** [1 mark]

Which statement describes a reducing agent?

- A. It is reduced and gains electrons.
- B. It is reduced and loses electrons.
- C. It is oxidized and gains electrons.
- D. It is oxidized and loses electrons.

## **18.** [1 mark]

Which is the oxidizing agent in the following reaction?

$$5SO_2(g) + 2IO_3^-(aq) + 4H_2O(l) \rightarrow 5SO_4^{2-}(aq) + I_2(aq) + 8H^+(aq)$$

- A.  $SO_2$
- B.  $IO_{3}^{-}$
- C.  $H_2O$
- D.  $SO_4^{2-}$

## **19.** [1 mark]

What is the name of  $MnO_2$ ?

- A. Manganese(II) oxide
- B. Magnesium(II) oxide
- C. Manganese(IV) oxide
- D. Magnesium(IV) oxide

Consider the following reaction.

$$2Cr(OH)_{3}(s) \ + \ 6ClO^{-}(aq) \rightarrow 2CrO_{4}^{2-}(aq) \ + \ 3Cl_{2}(g) \ + \ 2OH^{-}(aq) \ + \ 2H_{2}O(l)$$

Which statement is correct?

- A.  $Cr(OH)_3$  is the oxidizing agent and the oxidation number of chromium changes from +3 to +6.
- B.  $Cr(OH)_3$  is the reducing agent and undergoes reduction.
- C.  $ClO^{-}$  is the oxidizing agent and the oxidation number of chlorine changes from +1 to 0.
- D.  $ClO^{-}$  is the reducing agent and the oxidation number of chlorine changes from -1 to 0.

#### **21.** [1 mark]

Which species of vanadium has a different oxidation number from the rest?

- A.  $VO_2^+$
- B.  $VO_3^-$
- C.  $V_{2}O_{5}$
- D. *VO*<sup>2+</sup>

### **22.** [1 mark]

Which statement is correct for the following reaction?

$$2ClO_{3}^{-}(aq) + SO_{2}(aq) + H^{+}(aq) \rightarrow 2ClO_{2}(g) + HSO_{4}^{-}(aq)$$

- A.  $ClO_3^-$  is the oxidizing agent and it undergoes reduction.
- B.  $ClO_3^-$  is the reducing agent and it undergoes oxidation.
- C.  $SO_2$  is the oxidizing agent and it undergoes oxidation.
- D.  $SO_2$  is the reducing agent and it undergoes reduction.

At which side of the equation are electrons,  $H^+$  ions and  $H_2^-$ 0 needed to complete the half-equation?

$$MnO_4^-(aq) \to Mn^{2+}(aq)$$

	Electrons	H⁺ ions	H <sub>2</sub> O
A.	reactant side	reactant side	product side
B.	reactant side	product side	reactant side
C.	product side	reactant side	product side
D.	product side	product side	reactant side

#### **24.** [1 mark]

What are the correct names for  $KMnO_4$  and  $K_2Cr_2O_7$ , using oxidation numbers?

- A. Potassium permanganate and potassium dichromate
- B. Potassium manganate(IV) and potassium chromate(VII)
- C. Potassium permanganate(IV) and potassium dichromate(VII)
- D. Potassium manganate(VII) and potassium dichromate(VI)

# **25.** [1 mark]

What are the correct oxidation numbers of chromium in  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$  and manganese in  $KMnO_4$ ?

	Chromium in Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	Manganese in KMnO <sub>4</sub>	
A.	+7	+7	
B.	+6	+7	
C.	+6	+4	
D.	+7	+4	

Which species are the oxidizing and reducing agents in the following reaction?

$$SO_3^{2-}(aq) + PbO_2(s) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow SO_4^{2-}(aq) + Pb(OH)_2(s)$$

	Oxidizing agent	Reducing agent
A.	PbO <sub>2</sub>	$\rm H_2O$
B.	SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	PbO <sub>2</sub>
C.	H <sub>2</sub> O	SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
D.	PbO <sub>2</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>

## **27.** [1 mark]

Which represents a redox reaction?

A. 
$$NaH(s) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow NaOH(aq) + H_2(g)$$

B. 
$$CaCO_3(s) \rightarrow CaO(s) + CO_2(g)$$

C. 
$$CuCl_2(aq) + K_2S(aq) \rightarrow CuS(s) + 2KCl(aq)$$

D. 
$$HCl(aq) + NH_3(aq) \rightarrow NH_4^+CL^-(aq)$$

#### **28.** [1 mark]

What are the oxidation states of each element in  $K_2CrO_4$ ?

	Potassium	Chromium	Oxygen
A.	+1	+6	-2
B.	-1	+6	-2
C.	+1	-6	+2
D.	-1	-6	+2

What is the coefficient for I<sup>-</sup> when the following equation is balanced using the smallest possible whole numbers?

$$IO_{3}^{-}(aq) + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} I^{-}(aq) + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} H^{+}(aq) \rightarrow \underline{\hspace{1cm}} I_{2}(aq) + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} H_{2}O(l)$$

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 5

#### **30.** [1 mark]

Which represents a redox reaction?

A. 
$$NaH(s) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow NaOH(aq) + H_2(g)$$

B. 
$$CaCO_3(s) \rightarrow CaO(s) + CO_2(g)$$

C. 
$$CuCl_2(aq) + K_2S(aq) \rightarrow CuS(s) + 2KCl(aq)$$

D. 
$$HCl(aq) + NH_3(aq) \rightarrow NH_4^+Cl^-(aq)$$

#### **31.** [1 mark]

Which is a redox reaction?

A. 
$$[Cu(H_2O)_4]^{2+}(aq) + 4Cl^{-}(aq) \rightarrow [CuCl_4]^{2-}(aq) + 4H_2O(l)$$

B. 
$$Ag^{+}(aq) + Cl^{-}(aq) \rightarrow AgCl(s)$$

C. 
$$Zn(s) + 2HCl(aq) \rightarrow ZnCl_2(aq) + H_2(g)$$

$${\rm D.} \quad 2K_{2}CrO_{4}(aq) \ + \ 2HCl(aq) \rightarrow K_{2}Cr_{2}O_{7}(aq) \ + \ H_{2}O(l) \ + \ 2KCl(aq)$$

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