

NCERT solutions for Metals and Non Metals

Question 1

- Give an example of a metal which
- (i) is a liquid at room temperature.
 - (ii) can be easily cut with a knife.
 - (iii) is the best conductor of heat.
 - (iv) is a poor conductor of heat.

Answer

- i) Mercury
- ii) Sodium
- iii) Silver
- iv) Mercury and Lead

Question 2

Explain the meanings of malleable and ductile.

Answer

Malleable	Ductile
Substances that can be beaten into thin sheets are called malleable. For example, most of the metals are malleable.	Substances that can be drawn into thin wires are called ductile. For example, most of the metals are ductile.

Question 3

Why is sodium kept immersed in kerosene oil?

Answer

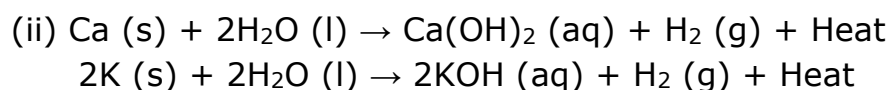
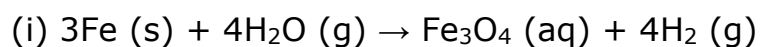
Sodium is kept immersed in kerosene as it is a high reactive element. If it is kept in open it can explosively react with oxygen to catch fire. Hence to prevent accidental damage sodium is immersed in kerosene oil.

Question 4.

Write equations for the reactions of

- (i) iron with steam
- (ii) calcium and potassium with water

Answer



Question 5

Samples of four metals A, B, C and D were taken and added to the following solution one by one. The results obtained have been tabulated as follows.

Metal	Iron (II) sulphate	Cooper (II) sulphate	Zinc sulphate	Silver nitrate
A.	No reaction	Displacement		
B.	Displacement		No reaction	

C.	No reaction	No reaction	No reaction	Displacement
D.	No reaction	No reaction	No reaction	No reaction

Use the Table above to answer the following questions about metals A, B, C and D.

(i) Which is the most reactive metal?

(ii) What would you observe if B is added to a solution of copper (II) sulphate?

(iii) Arrange the metals A, B, C and D in the order of decreasing reactivity.

Answer

We know that based on activity series, the relative position of the metals involved in solutions is

$Zn > Fe > Cu > Ag$

Now based on table given above, the reactive series is like

$A > Cu$ and $A < Fe$

$B > Fe$ and $B < Zn$

$C > Ag$ and $C < Fe, Zn, Cu$

$D < Fe, Zn, Cu, Ag$

So the Final reactivity series will be like this

$Zn > B > Fe > A > Cu > C > Ag > D$

(i) B is most reactive metal.

(ii) B will displace copper from copper sulphate.

(iii) Arrangement of metals in the order of decreasing reactivity $B > A > C > D$.

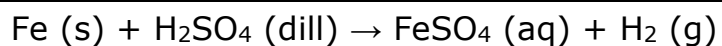
Question 6.

Which gas is produced when dilute hydrochloric acid is added to a reactive metal? Write the chemical reaction when iron reacts with dilute H_2SO_4 .

Answer

Hydrogen gas is evolved when dilute hydrochloric acid is added to a reactive metal.

When iron reacts with dilute H_2SO_4 , iron (II) sulphate with the evolution of hydrogen gas is formed.



Question 7

What would you observe when zinc is added to a solution of iron (II) sulphate? Write the chemical reaction that takes place.

Answer

When zinc is added to iron (II) sulphate then it will displace the iron from iron sulphate solution as shown in the following chemical reaction.



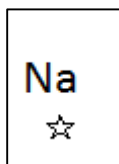
Question 8

- (i) Write the electron-dot structures for sodium, oxygen and magnesium.
- (ii) Show the formation of Na_2O and MgO by the transfer of electrons.
- (iii) What are the ions present in these compounds?

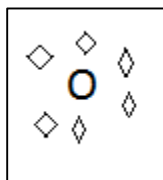
Answer

(i) The representation of elements with valence electrons as dots around the elements is referred to as electron-dot structure for elements.

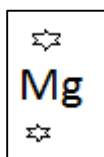
Sodium (2,8,1)



Oxygen (2,6)



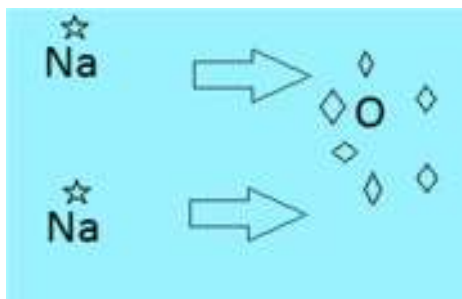
Magnesium (2,8,2)



(ii)

Na_2O

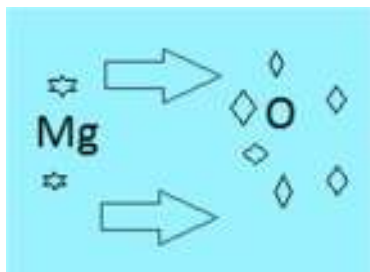
The two electron from 2 Na atoms are transferred to Oxygen



MgO

The two electron from Mg are transferred to Oxygen

Mg^{2+} and O^{2-} ions are formed



(iii) The ions present in Na_2O are Na^+ and O^{2-} ions and in MgO are Mg^{2+} and O^{2-} ions.

Question 9

Why do ionic compounds have high melting points?

Answer

Ionic compounds have strong electrostatic forces of attraction between the ions. Therefore, it requires a lot of energy to overcome these forces. That is why ionic compounds have high melting points.

Question 10

Define the following terms.

- (i) Mineral
- (ii) Ore
- (iii) Gangue

Answer

Mineral	The naturally occurring compounds of elements are known
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	as Mineral.
Ore	Minerals from which metals can be extracted profitably are known as ores.
Gangue	The impurities present in the ore such as sand, rocks etc. are non as gangue.

Question 11

Name two metals which are found in nature in the free state.

Answer

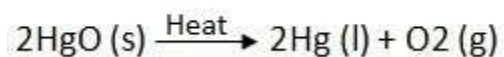
The metals at the bottom of the reactivity series are mostly found in free state. For example: gold, silver, and platinum.

Question 12

What chemical process is used for obtaining a metal from its oxide?

Answer

A metal can be extracted from its oxide by the process of reduction.



Question 13

Metallic oxides of zinc, magnesium and copper were heated with the following metals.

Metal	Zinc	Magnesium	Copper
Zinc oxide	-	-	-
Magnesium oxide	-	-	-
Copper oxide	-	-	-

In which cases will you find displacement reactions taking place?

Answer

Metal	Zinc	Magnesium	Copper
Zinc oxide	No reaction	Displacement	No reaction
Magnesium oxide	No reaction	No reaction	No reaction
Copper oxide	Displacement	Displacement	No reaction

Question 14

Which metals do not corrode easily?

Answer

Metals which have low reactivity i.e. which are present at the bottom of the activity series such as silver, gold does not corrode easily.

Question 15

What are alloys?

Answer

An alloy is the homogeneous mixture of two or more metals or metals and nonmetals. For example, brass is an alloy of copper and zinc.

Question 16

Which of the following pairs will give displacement reactions?

- (a) NaCl solution and copper metal
- (b) $MgCl_2$ solution and aluminum metal
- (c) $FeSO_4$ solution and silver metal
- (d) $AgNO_3$ solution and copper metal.

Answer

(d) $AgNO_3$ solution and copper metal as Cu is placed above Ag in activity series

Question 17

Which of the following methods is suitable for preventing an iron frying pan from rusting?

- (a) Applying grease
- (b) Applying paint
- (c) Applying a coating of zinc
- (d) all of the above.

Answer

(c) Applying a coating of zinc

Question 18

An element reacts with oxygen to give a compound with a high melting point. This compound is also soluble in water. The element is likely to be

- (a) calcium
- (b) carbon
- (c) silicon
- (d) iron

Answer

(a) calcium

Question 19

Food cans are coated with tin and not with zinc because

- (a) zinc is costlier than tin.
- (b) zinc has a higher melting point than tin.
- (c) zinc is more reactive than tin.
- (d) zinc is less reactive than tin.

Answer

(c) zinc is more reactive than tin.

Question 20

You are given a hammer, a battery, a bulb, wires and a switch.

- (a) How could you use them to distinguish between samples of metals and non-metals?
- (b) Assess the usefulness of these tests in distinguishing between metals and non-metals.

Answer

(a) With the hammer, we can beat the sample and if it can be beaten into thin sheets (that is, it is malleable), then it is a metal otherwise a non-metal. Similarly, we can use the battery, bulb, wires, and a switch to set up a circuit with the sample. If the sample conducts electricity, then it is a metal otherwise a non-metal.

(b) The above tests are useful in distinguishing between metals and non-metals as these are based on the physical properties. No chemical reactions are involved in these tests.

Question 21

What are amphoteric oxides? Give two examples of amphoteric oxides.

Answer

Those oxides that behave as both acidic and basic oxides are called amphoteric oxides.

Examples: aluminum oxide (Al_2O_3), zinc oxide (ZnO)

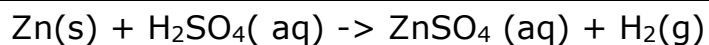
Question 22

Name two metals which will displace hydrogen from dilute acids, and two metals which will not.

Answer

Iron and aluminum will displace hydrogen from dilute acids as they are more reactive than hydrogen i.e. they are above hydrogen in the activity series

Example



Mercury and copper cannot displace hydrogen from dilute acids as they are less reactive than hydrogen i.e. they are below hydrogen in the activity series

Question 23

In the electrolytic refining of a metal M, what would you take as the anode, the cathode and the electrolyte?

Answer

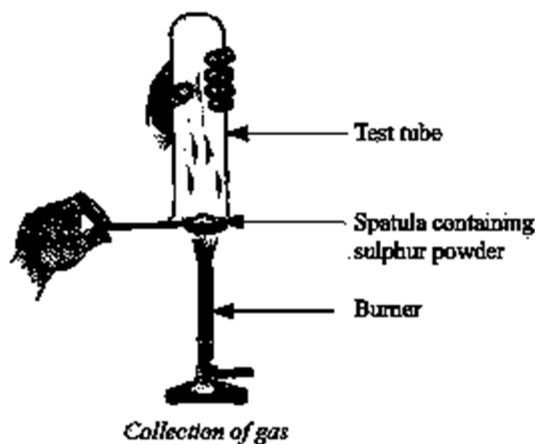
In the electrolytic refining of a metal M:
Anode \rightarrow Impure metal M i.e., Crude metal

Cathode → Thin strip of pure metal M

Electrolyte → Solution of stable salt of the metal M

Question 24

Pratyush took sulphur powder on a spatula and heated it. He collected the gas evolved by inverting a test tube over it, as shown in figure below.



(a) What will be the action of gas on

(i) dry litmus paper?

(ii) moist litmus paper?

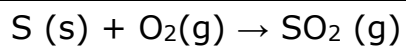
(b) Write a balanced chemical equation for the reaction taking place.

Answer

(a)(i) There will be no action on dry litmus paper.

(ii) The colour of litmus paper will turn red because sulphur is a non-metal and the oxides of non-metal are acidic in nature.

(b)



Question 25

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State two ways to prevent the rusting of iron.

Answer

Two ways to prevent the rusting of iron are:

- 1) By applying oil, grease, or paint, the surface becomes water proof and the moisture and oxygen present in the air cannot come into direct contact with iron. Hence, rusting is prevented.
- 2) By coating with a layer of zinc metal, which prevents the iron to come in contact with oxygen and moisture. Hence, rusting is prevented. This is called galvanization

Question 26

What type of oxides are formed when non-metals combine with oxygen?

Answer

When non-metals are combined with oxygen then neutral or acidic oxides are formed. Examples of acidic oxides are NO_2 , SO_2 and examples of neutral oxides are NO , CO etc.

Question 27

Give reasons

- (a) Platinum, gold and silver are used to make jewelry.
- (b) Sodium, potassium and lithium are stored under oil.
- (c) Aluminum is a highly reactive metal, yet it is used to make utensils for cooking.
- (d) Carbonate and sulphide ores are usually converted into oxides during the process of extraction.

Answer

- (a) Platinum, gold, and silver are used to make jewellery because they are very lustrous. Also, they are very less reactive and do not corrode easily as

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they are placed at the bottom of the activity series

(b) Sodium, potassium, and lithium are very reactive metals and react very vigorously with air as well as water. Therefore, they are kept immersed in kerosene oil in order to prevent their contact with air and moisture.

(c) Though aluminum is a highly reactive metal, it is resistant to corrosion. This is because aluminum reacts with oxygen present in air to form a thin layer of aluminum oxide. This oxide layer is very stable and prevents further reaction of aluminum with oxygen. Also, it is light in weight and a good conductor of heat. Hence, it is used to make cooking utensils.

(d) Carbonate and sulphide ores are usually converted into oxides during the process of extraction because metals can be easily extracted from their oxides rather than from their carbonates and sulphides.

Question 28

You must have seen tarnished copper vessels being cleaned with lemon or tamarind juice. Explain why these sour substances are effective in cleaning the vessels.

Answer

Copper reacts with moist carbon dioxide in air to form copper carbonate and as a result, copper vessel loses its shiny brown surface forming a green layer of copper carbonate.



Now The citric acid present in the lemon or tamarind neutralizes the basic copper carbonate and dissolves the layer. The acid basically reacts with Copper carbonate to form a salt which is easily washed away with water.

That is why, tarnished copper vessels are cleaned with lemon with tamarind juice to give the surface of the copper vessel its characteristic lustre.

Question 29

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Differentiate between metal and non-metal on the basis of their chemical properties.

Answer

Metal	Non-metal
Metals are electropositive.	Non-metals are electronegative.
Oxides of metal are alkaline in nature.	Oxides of non-metals are acidic or neutral in nature.
Metals displace hydrogen from dilute acids.	They can't replace hydrogen from dilute acids.
Metals form chlorides which are electrovalent or ionic compounds.	Non-metals form chlorides which are covalent compounds.
Metals are reducing agents	Non-metals are oxidizing agents except carbon and hydrogen

Question 30

A man went door to door posing as a goldsmith. He promised to bring back the glitter of old and dull gold ornaments. An unsuspecting lady gave a set of gold bangles to him which he dipped in a particular solution. The bangles sparkled like new but their weight was reduced drastically. The lady was upset but after a futile argument the man beat a hasty retreat. Can you play the detective to find out the nature of the solution he had used?

Answer

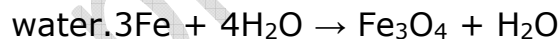
The solution he had used was Aqua regia. Aqua regia is Latin word which means 'Royal Water'. It is the mixture of concentrated Hydrochloric acid(HCL) and concentrated nitric acid(HNO₃) in the ratio of 3:1. It is capable of dissolving metals like Gold by forming soluble auric chloride(AuCl₃) Since the outer layer of the gold bangles is dissolved in aqua regia so their weight was reduced drastically.

Question 31

Give reasons why copper is used to make hot water tanks and not steel (an alloy of iron).

Answer

Copper does not react with cold water, hot water, or steam. However, iron reacts with steam. If the hot water tanks are made of steel (an alloy of iron), then iron would react vigorously with the steam formed from hot water.



That is why copper is used to make hot water tanks, and not steel.