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CHEMISTRY

Paper 1 Multiple Choice (Core)

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45 minutes

You must answer on the multiple choice answer sheet.

You will need: Multiple choice answer sheet
Soft clean eraser
Soft pencil (type B or HB is recommended)

INSTRUCTIONS

- There are **forty** questions on this paper. Answer **all** questions.
- For each question there are four possible answers **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**. Choose the **one** you consider correct and record your choice in soft pencil on the multiple choice answer sheet.
- Follow the instructions on the multiple choice answer sheet.
- Write in soft pencil.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on the multiple choice answer sheet in the spaces provided unless this has been done for you.
- Do **not** use correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- Each correct answer will score one mark.
- Any rough working should be done on this question paper.
- The Periodic Table is printed in the question paper.

This document has **16** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.



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1 Which statement about gases is correct?

- A Gases are difficult to compress when pressure is applied.
- B The particles in gases are close together.
- C The particles in gases have a random arrangement.
- D The particles in gases move slowly past each other.

2 A sample of argon gas is heated in a closed container.

Which row describes what happens to the pressure and the size of the argon atoms?

	pressure	size
A	decreases	increases
B	decreases	stays the same
C	increases	increases
D	increases	stays the same

3 Which statement is correct?

- A Air is a mixture of gaseous elements only.
- B Alloys are formed when a metal is ionically bonded to other elements.
- C Carbon dioxide is a mixture of carbon and oxygen.
- D Potassium bromide is an ionic compound.

4 Which row identifies methods of testing the purity of a compound?

	melting point	boiling point	chromatography
A	✓	✓	✓
B	✓	✗	✗
C	✓	✓	✗
D	✗	✓	✓

- 5 Which row shows the number of protons, neutrons and electrons in the ion $^{18}_8\text{O}^{2-}$?

	protons	neutrons	electrons
A	10	8	8
B	8	10	8
C	10	8	10
D	8	10	10

- 6 Isotopes of the same element have some features that are the same and some that are different.

Which row shows the features that are the same and those that are different?

	nucleon number	proton number	number of outer shell electrons
A	✓	✓	✗
B	✗	✓	✓
C	✓	✗	✗
D	✗	✗	✓

key

✓ = same

✗ = different

- 7 The electronic configurations of four atoms, W, X, Y and Z, are shown.

atom	electronic configuration
W	2
X	2,6
Y	2,8,2
Z	2,8,6

Which atoms form an ion with a charge of 2– when they react?

- A** W and Y **B** W only **C** X and Z **D** Y only

8 Which statement about bonding is correct?

- A All the atoms in CH_4 , NH_3 and H_2O molecules have noble gas electronic configurations.
- B Calcium chloride is a covalent molecule.
- C Group I metals gain electrons when they bond with Group VII elements.
- D Oxide ions in calcium oxide are positively charged.

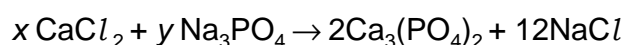
9 Which statement about diamond is correct?

- A It is a giant covalent structure consisting of carbon atoms and each atom is bonded to four other atoms.
- B It is a giant covalent structure consisting of flat sheets of carbon atoms.
- C It is a structure held together by ionic bonds and each ion is bonded to four other ions.
- D It is a structure held together by ionic bonds and each ion is bonded to three other ions.

10 Which row shows the correct formulae of lead(II) bromide and butane?

	lead(II) bromide	butane
A	PbBr_2	C_4H_8
B	PbBr_2	C_4H_{10}
C	Pb_2Br	C_4H_8
D	Pb_2Br	C_4H_{10}

11 Calcium phosphate forms when calcium chloride and sodium phosphate solutions react together.



Which values of x and y balance the equation?

	x	y
A	2	2
B	3	4
C	6	3
D	6	4

12 What is the definition of relative molecular mass, M_r ?

- A** It is the average mass of the isotopes in a compound.
- B** It is the sum of the atomic numbers in a compound.
- C** It is the sum of the relative atomic masses in a compound.
- D** It is the total number of atoms in a compound.

13 In an experiment, a molten compound is broken down using electricity.

Which row identifies the negative electrode and the general name for the molten compound being broken down?

	negative electrode	general name for the molten compound
A	anode	electrolysis
B	anode	electrolyte
C	cathode	electrolyte
D	cathode	electrolysis

14 Hydrogen–oxygen fuel cells can be used to power vehicles.

What is produced by the fuel cells?

- 1 carbon dioxide
- 2 electricity
- 3 water

- A** 1, 2 and 3 **B** 1 and 2 only **C** 1 and 3 only **D** 2 and 3 only

15 Three reactions are described.

- 1 An acid is added to substance H. Rapid fizzing happens and the temperature decreases.
- 2 When substance J is ignited, it produces large quantities of heat.
- 3 Substance K reacts slowly with air and becomes warmer.

Which reactions are endothermic?

- A** 1, 2 and 3 **B** 1 and 2 only **C** 1 only **D** 2 and 3 only

16 Which of the processes produces a physical change?

- A thermal decomposition of calcium carbonate
- B addition of sodium chloride to water
- C addition of magnesium to hydrochloric acid
- D combustion of sodium

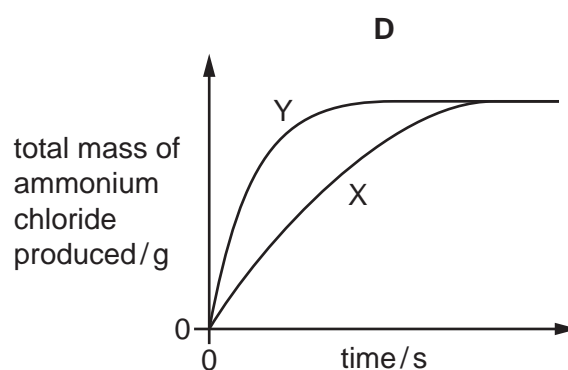
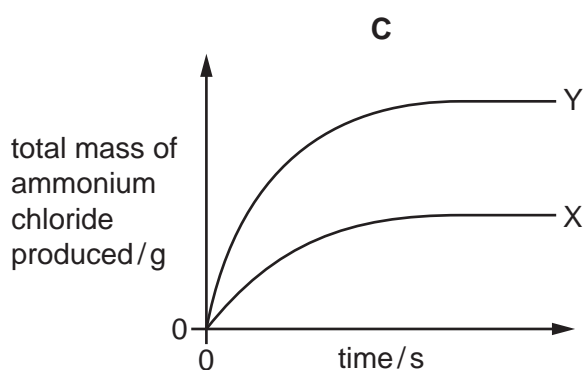
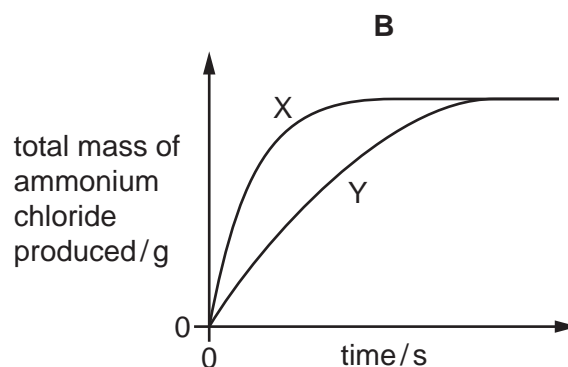
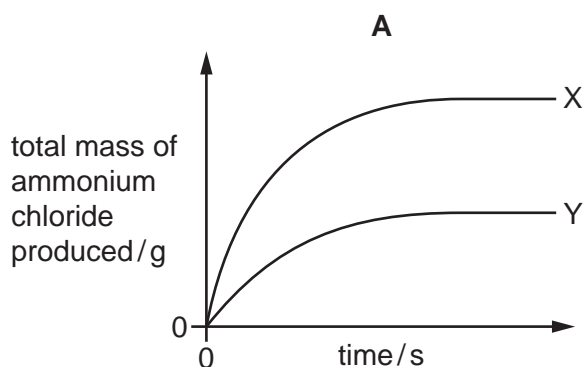
17 A known mass of gaseous ammonia and excess gaseous hydrogen chloride react together to make solid ammonium chloride.

Line X shows the total mass of ammonium chloride produced over time.

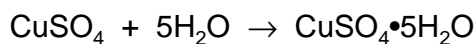
The reaction is repeated at a higher pressure. All other conditions are kept the same.

Line Y shows the total mass of ammonium chloride produced over time at the higher pressure.

Which diagram is correct?

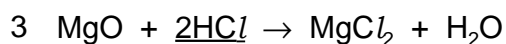
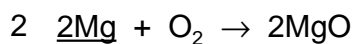
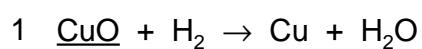


- 18 The equation for the hydration of anhydrous copper(II) sulfate is shown.



Which colour change is observed in this reaction?

- A blue to white
 B white to blue
 C pink to blue
 D blue to pink
- 19 Which of the reactions show the underlined substance being reduced?



- A 1 and 2 B 1 only C 2 and 3 D 3 only
- 20 Four different solutions are separately tested with blue litmus and with methyl orange. Each solution is known to be either acidic or alkaline. The results are shown.

solution	result with blue litmus	result with methyl orange
1	red	red
2	red	yellow
3	blue	yellow
4	blue	yellow

Which statement is correct?

- A Solutions 1 and 4 are acidic.
 B Solutions 1 and 2 are alkaline.
 C Solutions 3 and 4 are acidic.
 D Solutions 3 and 4 are alkaline.

- 25** An alloy contains aluminium, copper, magnesium, manganese, silver and zirconium.

Which row identifies the number of transition elements in the alloy and the relative density of the transition elements compared to sodium?

	number of transition elements in the alloy	relative density of transition elements compared to sodium
A	4	higher
B	4	lower
C	5	higher
D	5	lower

- 26** Which statement about the halogens and their compounds is correct?

- A** The colour of the element gets lighter going down Group VII.
- B** The elements get less dense going down Group VII.
- C** When chlorine is added to sodium iodide solution, iodine is formed.
- D** When iodine is added to sodium bromide solution, bromine is formed.

- 27** Which row describes an element in Group VIII of the Periodic Table?

	boiling point / °C	structure
A	–107	diatomic
B	–107	monatomic
C	107	diatomic
D	107	monatomic

- 28** Magnesium reacts with dilute hydrochloric acid.

Which gas is given off in this reaction?

- A** carbon dioxide
- B** chlorine
- C** hydrogen
- D** oxygen

29 Which statement about aluminium is correct?

- A Aluminium is easy to extract from its ore because it is near the bottom of the reactivity series.
- B Aluminium is formed when aluminium oxide is heated with carbon.
- C Bauxite is an important ore of aluminium.
- D Hematite is an important ore of aluminium.

30 Which statement shows that a liquid is pure water?

- A It boils at 100 °C.
- B It has a pH value of 7.
- C It turns blue cobalt(II) chloride pink.
- D It turns white copper(II) sulfate blue.

31 Which compound can be added to ammonium sulfate to make an NPK fertiliser?

- A $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{PO}_4$
- B KNO_3
- C K_3PO_4
- D $\text{CO}(\text{NH}_2)_2$

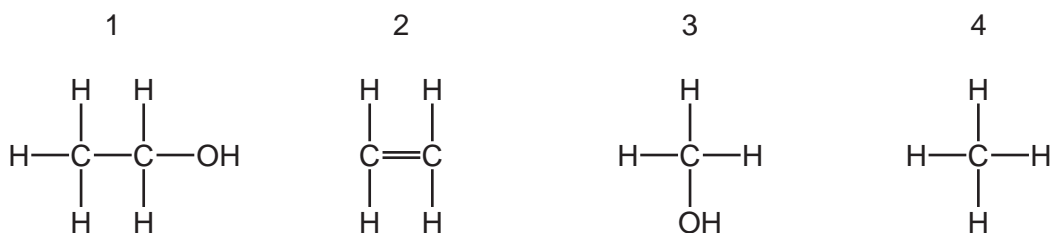
32 Four gases found in air are listed.

- 1 carbon dioxide
- 2 carbon monoxide
- 3 methane
- 4 sulfur dioxide

Which gases lead directly to global warming when their concentrations are increased?

- A 1 and 3 B 1 and 4 C 2 and 3 D 2 and 4

33 The structures of four organic compounds are shown.



Which compounds are members of the same homologous series?

- A** 1, 2 and 3 **B** 1 and 2 only **C** 1 and 3 only **D** 3 and 4

34 Which of the statements about propene are correct?

- 1 Propene contains only single bonds.
- 2 Propene decolourises aqueous bromine.
- 3 Propene is obtained by cracking large alkanes.
- 4 Propene is a hydrocarbon.

- A** 1, 3 and 4 **B** 1 only **C** 2, 3 and 4 **D** 2 and 4 only

35 Petroleum is a mixture.

Which method is used to separate petroleum into its components?

- A** chromatography
B cracking
C filtration
D fractional distillation

36 The equation for a reaction that produces ethanol is shown.



Which type of reaction does the equation represent?

- A** addition
B combustion
C fermentation
D polymerisation

37 Four statements about ethene or poly(ethene) are listed.

- 1 Poly(ethene) is produced by an addition reaction.
- 2 Ethene is a monomer.
- 3 Poly(ethene) is a monomer.
- 4 Poly(ethene) decolourises aqueous bromine.

Which statements are correct?

- A** 1 and 2 **B** 1 and 3 **C** 2 and 4 **D** 3 and 4

38 Sea water contains dissolved sodium chloride.

Which method is used to obtain pure water from sea water?

- A** chromatography
B distillation
C evaporation
D filtration

39 Which piece of apparatus is used to measure exactly 21.4 cm^3 of water?

- A** a 25 cm^3 beaker
B a 25 cm^3 pipette
C a 50 cm^3 burette
D a 50 cm^3 measuring cylinder

40 An aqueous solution of compound M is tested.

The results are shown.

- a lilac colour in a flame test
- a white precipitate when tested with acidified barium nitrate

What is compound M?

- A** copper(II) chloride
B copper(II) sulfate
C potassium carbonate
D potassium sulfate

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The Periodic Table of Elements

Group													
I	II						III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	
							1 H hydrogen 1						2 He helium 4