

**A Level Chemistry A**  
**H432/03** Unified chemistry

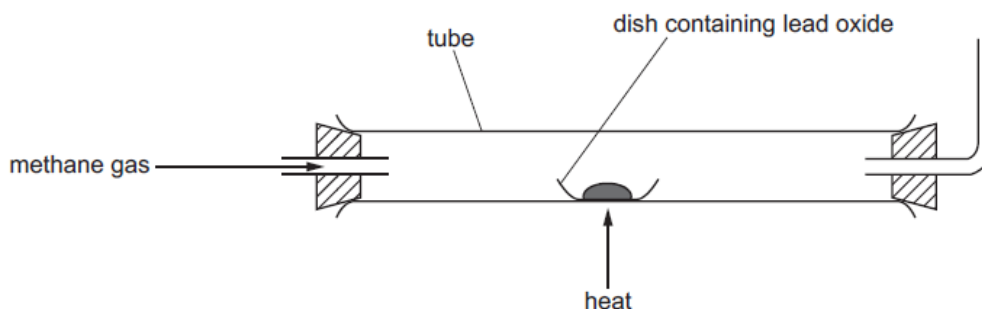
**Question Set 14**

1 This question is about elements and compounds in Group 14 (Group 4) of the periodic table.

(a) There are four oxides of lead:  $\text{PbO}$ ,  $\text{PbO}_2$ ,  $\text{Pb}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4$ .

A student carries out an experiment to identify an unknown lead oxide, which is one of the four oxides of lead shown above.

The student plans to reduce the unknown lead oxide to lead by heating the lead oxide in a stream of methane gas,  $\text{CH}_4$ . The apparatus is shown below.



#### Student's method

- Weigh an empty dish.  
Add the lead oxide to the dish and reweigh.
- Set up the apparatus and pass methane gas through the tube as shown.  
Heat the dish for 10 minutes.
- Pass cold air through the tube to cool the dish and contents.
- Weigh the dish and contents.

(i) Write the equation for the reduction of  $\text{Pb}_2\text{O}_3$  with  $\text{CH}_4$ . [1]

(ii) The student uses safety glasses and a lab coat.

State, with a reason, **one** other important safety precaution the student should take when carrying out this experiment. [1]

(iii) The student was not sure that all the oxygen had been removed from the lead oxide.

Suggest **two** modifications that the student could make to their method to be confident that all the oxygen had been removed. Explain your reasoning. [2]

- (iv) The student makes suitable modifications to the method and repeats the experiment to obtain the accurate results shown below.

Mass of dish/g	8.364
Mass of dish + lead oxide/g	11.818
Mass of dish + lead at end of experiment/g	11.496

Calculate the empirical formula of the lead oxide.

[2]

- (b)  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  are oxides of other Group 14 (Group 4) elements.

Solid  $\text{SiO}_2$  melts at  $2156^\circ\text{C}$ . Solid  $\text{CO}_2$  melts at  $-56^\circ\text{C}$ .

Suggest the type of lattice structure in solid  $\text{SiO}_2$  and in solid  $\text{CO}_2$  and explain the difference in melting points in terms of the types of force within each lattice structure.

[4]

**Total Marks for Question Set 14: 10**

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