SHORT QUESTIONS

Q.1 How nitrogen differ from other elements of its group?

- **Ans.** (i) Nitrogen is gas while other elements of group V-A are solids.
 - (ii) Nitrogen has no allotropic form while other member have allotropic forms.
 - (iii) Oxidation states of nitrogen are -3, +1, +2, +3, +4 and +5 in its compound while other elements have -3, +3 and +5 oxidation states.
 - (iv) Nitrogen does not use its d-orbitals for bond formation while other elements uses their empty d-orbitals for bond formation.
 - (v) It exists in diatomic state (N₂) while phosphorous exists as P₄.

Q.2 How does aqua regia dissolves gold and platinum?

Ans. Aqua Regia is 3 parts of concentrated HCl and one part of concentrated HNO₃. Metals like gold and platinum can dissolve in aqua regia by the formation of their chlorides.

$$3HCl + HNO_3 \longrightarrow NOCl + Cl_2 + 2H_2O$$

$$2NOC1 \longrightarrow 2NO + Cl_2$$

This liberated chlorine gas converts noble metals to their chlorides.

$$2Au + 3Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2AuCl_3$$

Over all reaction is as follows:

$$2Au + 3HCl + HNO_3 \longrightarrow AuCl_3 + NO + 2H_2O$$

Q.3 Write down the equation for the reaction between concentrated HNO₃ and copper. Explain what type of reaction it is?

Ans.
$$Cu + 4HNO_3 \longrightarrow Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$$

It is a redox reaction in which HNO₃ acts as oxidizing agent and Cu acts as reducing agent. Oxidation state of copper changes from zero to +2. Oxidation state of nitrogen changes from +5 to +4 and it is reduced.

- Q.4 What is meant by fuming nitric acid and fuming sulphuric acid?
- **Ans.** The mixture of HNO₃ and NO₂ is called fuming nitric acid. The mixture of H₂SO₄ and SO₃ is called fuming sulphuric acid.
- Q.5 Why is SO₃ dissolved in H₂SO₄ and not in water in contact process?
- Ans. In contact process, SO₃ is dissolved in conc. H₂SO₄ to form oleum.

$$SO_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow H_2S_2O_7$$

A measured quantity of water can be added to liquid oleum to change it into H₂SO₄.

$$H_2S_2O_7 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2H_2SO_4$$

When SO₃ is directly dissolved in water, the reaction is highly exothermic and metallic fog is formed in the chamber.

Q.6 How ring test is performed for nitrate radical?

Ans. In this test, some drops of freshly prepared FeSO₄ are added to metal nitrate solution. Then few drops of concentrated H₂SO₄ are added along the side of test tube. A brown coloured ring is formed at the junction of acid and aqueous solution. This brown ring is chemically FeSO₄. NO.

Q.7 Give one reaction of HNO₂ in which it behave as oxidising agent and one reaction in which it behave as reducing agent?

Ans. HNO₂ acts as oxidising agent as well as reducing agent. HNO₂ when reacts with HI and oxidation state of N changes from $+4 \rightarrow +2$. HNO₂ acts as oxidising agent.

$$H_2S + 2HNO_2 \longrightarrow S + 2NO + 2H_2O$$

 $2HNO_2 + 2HI \longrightarrow 2H_2O + 2NO + I_2$

HNO₂ when reacts with aqueous bromine, the oxidation state of nitrogen changes from +4 to +5. In this reaction, HNO₂ acts as reducing agent.

$$HNO_2 + Br_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow HNO_3 + 2HBr$$

 $2KMnO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 + 5HNO_2 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2MnSO_4 + 5HNO_3 + 3H_2O$

Q.8 Why white phosphorus is more reactive than red phosphorus?

Ans. White phosphorus consists of individual P₄ molecules. The bond angle of P.P.P. in P₄ molecule is of 60°. Due to smaller angle it has strain and more reactive because bond can be broken down easily. Red phosphorus is less reactive. It is macromolecule formed by the combination of P₄ molecules.

Q.9 P₂O₅ is a good dehydrating agent. Justify this statement by some reactions.

Ans. The substance which is used to remove water from a substance is called dehydrating agent.

$$2HNO_3 + P_2O_5 \longrightarrow N_2O_5 + 2HPO_3$$
 $H_2SO_4 + P_2O_5 \longrightarrow SO_3 + 2HPO_3$
 $2CH_3COOH + P_2O_5 \longrightarrow (CH_3CO)_2O + 2HPO_3$
 $C_2H_5OH + P_2O_5 \longrightarrow C_2H_4 + 2HPO_3$

Q.10 What is effect of heat on H₃PO₃ and H₃PO₄?

Ans. H₃PO₃ on heating changes to orthophosphoric acid and phosphine.

$$4H_3PO_3 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 3H_3PO_4 + PH_3$$

H₃PO₄ on heating changes to pyrophosphoric acid and finally to metaphosphoric acid.

$$2H_3PO_4 \xrightarrow{-H_2O} H_4P_2O_7 \xrightarrow{-H_2O} 2HPO_3$$

Orthophosphoric acid Pyrophosphoric acid

Metaphosphoric acid

Q.11 H₃PO₃ acts as reducing as well as oxidising agent. Give one reaction to support this statement.

Ans. H₃PO₃ acts as reducing agent when reacts with aqueous copper sulphate.

$$H_3PO_3 + CuSO_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_3PO_4 + H_2SO_4 + Cu$$

H₃PO₃ acts as oxidising agent when reacts with nascent hydrogen.

$$Zn + 2HCl \longrightarrow ZnCl_2 + 2[H]$$

$$H_3PO_3 + 6[H] \longrightarrow PH_3 + 3H_2O$$

Q.12 H₂SO₄ acts as dehydrating agent. Give three reactions to support this statement.

Ans.

$$C_{6}H_{12}O_{6} \xrightarrow{Conc. H_{2}SO_{4}} 6C + 6H_{2}O$$

$$C_{2}H_{5}OH \xrightarrow{Conc. H_{2}SO_{4}} C_{2}H_{4} + H_{2}O$$

HCOOH
$$\xrightarrow{\text{Conc. H}_2\text{SO}_4}$$
 CO + H₂O

Q.13 H₂SO₄ acts as oxidising agent. Give some examples?

Ans.

$$C + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow CO_2 + 2SO_2 + 2H_2O$$

$$S + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 3SO_2 + 2H_2O$$

$$H_2S + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow S + SO_2 + 2H_2O$$

Q.14 Sulphuric acid is dibasic acid. Explain it.

Ans. The acid which furnishes two protons when dissolved in water is called dibasic acid. H₂SO₄, H₂S and oxalic acid are examples.

$$H_2SO_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_3O^+ + HSO_4^-$$

$$HSO_4^- + H_2O \longrightarrow H_3O^+ + SO_4^{-2}$$

Q.15 What is poisoning of catalyst? How V_2O_5 is prevented from poisoning in contact process?

Ans. The phenomenon in which catalytic activity of a substance is reduced is called poisoning of catalyst. Vanadium pentoxide is poisoned by arsenic. Before going to contact chamber, the gases are passed through arsenic purifier which contains Fe(OH)₃ to remove arsenic.

Q.16 Which gases cannot be dried over sulphuric acid?

Ans. H₂SO₄ is good dehydrating agent and can be used to dry many gases. However, H₂S, SO₃ and NH₃ cannot be dried with H₂SO₄ because these gases react with conc. H₂SO₄.

$$H_2SO_4 + SO_3 \longrightarrow H_2S_2O_7$$

$$H_2SO_4 + 2NH_3 \longrightarrow (NH_4)_2SO_4$$

$$H_2SO_4 + H_2S \longrightarrow S + SO_2 + 2H_2O$$

- Q.17 Why HNO₃ and H₂SO₄ acts as oxidising agents and never reducing agents? Give reason for it.
- **Ans.** Oxidation of N in HNO₃ is +5 and S in H₂SO₄ is +6. During redox reaction charge of S or N always reduces or decreases and they always acts as oxidising agent. Maximum oxidation state of the element is equal to its group No. Nitrogen belongs to group VA and sulphur belongs to group VIA.
- Q.18 Give two chemical reactions in which NO behave as oxidising agent.
- **Ans.** Oxidation state of N in NO is +2. If charge of nitrogen reduces, it is called reduction. In these reactions, NO acts as oxidising agent and H₂S or H₂SO₃ are reducing agents.

$$H_2S + 2NO \longrightarrow H_2O + N_2O + S$$

 $H_2SO_3 + 2NO \longrightarrow H_2SO_4 + N_2O$

- Q.19 Give two chemical reactions of NO, in which it behaves as reducing agent.
- **Ans.** Oxidation state of N in NO is +2. If in a chemical reaction, the oxidation number of nitrogen increases then NO will be a reducing agent.

$$2HNO_3 + NO \longrightarrow H_2O + 3NO_2$$

 $3I_2 + 4H_2O + 2NO \longrightarrow 6HI + 2HNO_3$

FORMULAS OF ORES OF SULPHUR

- (i) Galena PbS
- (ii) Zinc blende ZnS
- (iii) Cinnabar HgS
- (iv) Stibinite Sb_2S_3
- (v) Copper pyrites Cu_2S , Fe_2S_3 (CuFeS₂)
- (vi) Iron pyrites FeS_2 (Fool's gold)
- (vii) Heavy spar BaSO₄
- (viii) Gypsum CaSO₄ . 2H₂O
- Q.1 Formula of the ores of phosphorous.
- **Ans.** Phosphate rock $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$

Fluor-apatite $CaF_2 \cdot 3Ca_3(PO_4)_2$

Chlor-apatite CaCl₂ . 3Ca₃(PO₄)₂

- Q.2 Complete and balance the following:
- Ans. $2P + 5NO_2 \longrightarrow P_2O_5 + 5NO$

$$2NO + Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2NOCl$$

 $H_2S + 2NO \longrightarrow S + N_2O + 2H_2O$

 $2NO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow HNO_2 + HNO_3$

 $NO_2 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow H_2SO_4 + NO + \lceil O \rceil$

Q.3 Action of heat on the following:

Ans.
$$NH_4NO_3 \xrightarrow{200^{\circ}C} N_2O + 2H_2O$$
 $NH_4NO_2 \longrightarrow N_2 + 2H_2O$
 $2NO \xrightarrow{1000^{\circ}C} N_2 + O_2$
 $2Pb(NO_3)_2 \longrightarrow 2PbO + 4NO_2 + O_2$
 $4H_3PO_3 \xrightarrow{200^{\circ}C} 3H_3PO_4 + PH_3$

Q.4 What is the effect of temperature on NO₂?

Ans. There is equilibrium between NO_2 and N_2O_4 . When temperature of the gas is increased, then it is in the NO_2 state. At lower temperature it is in the N_2O_4 state.



Q.5 Complete and balance the following.

Ans.
$$2HNO_2 + 2HI \longrightarrow I_2 + 2NO + 2H_2O$$

 $HNO_2 + NH_3 \longrightarrow NH_4NO_2 \longrightarrow N_2 + 2H_2O$
 $2HNO_2 + CO(NH_2)_2 \longrightarrow 2N_2 + CO_2 + 3H_2O$
 $KNO_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow KHSO_4 + HNO_3$