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Paper 3 Theory (Core)

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The Periodic Table is printed in the question paper.

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1 Fig. 1.1 shows the structures of seven substances, **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**, **E**, **F** and **G**.

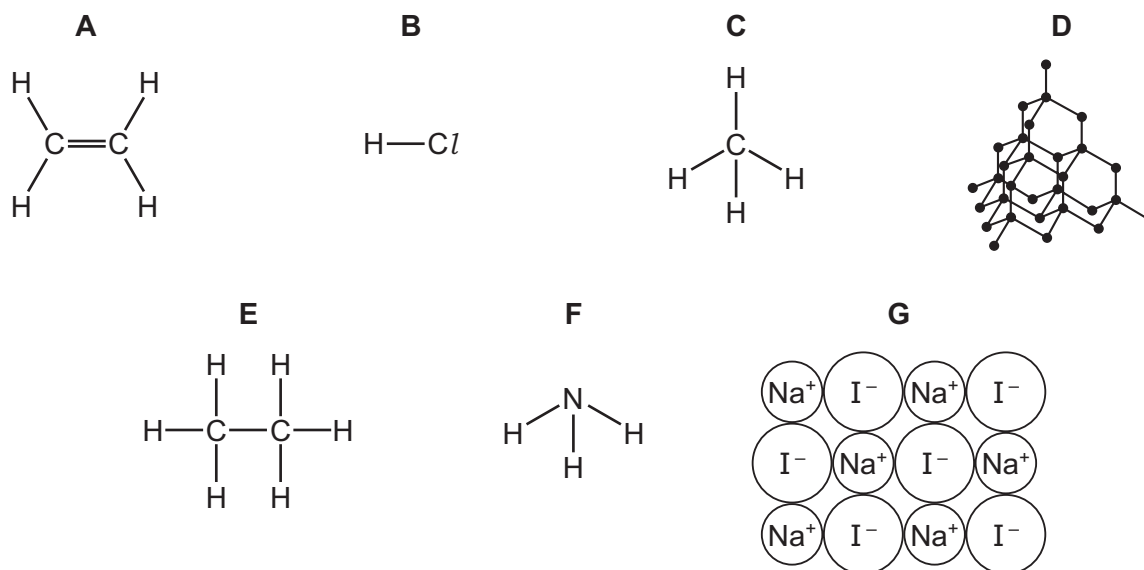


Fig. 1.1

(a) Answer the following questions using only the structures in Fig. 1.1. Each structure may be used once, more than once or not at all.

State which structure represents:

(i) a compound that is the main constituent of natural gas

..... [1]

(ii) the monomer used to produce poly(ethene)

..... [1]

(iii) a giant covalent structure

..... [1]

(iv) a compound that has a high melting point

..... [1]

(v) a waste gas from digestion in animals

..... [1]

(vi) a solid at room temperature that conducts electricity when dissolved in water.

..... [1]

- (b) Complete Fig. 1.2 to show the dot-and-cross diagram for structure **B**. Show the outer electron shells only.

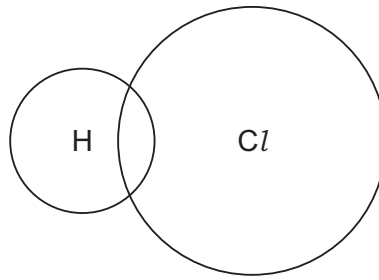


Fig. 1.2

[2]

[Total: 8]

- 2 (a) Intracellular fluid is the solution between the cells in the human body.

Table 2.1 shows the masses, in mg, of some ions in 100 cm³ of intracellular fluid.

Table 2.1

name of ion	formula of ion	mass of ion in 100 cm ³ of intracellular fluid / mg
calcium	Ca ²⁺	6
chloride	Cl ⁻	7
hydrogencarbonate	HCO ₃ ⁻	49
phosphate	PO ₄ ³⁻	547
magnesium	Mg ²⁺	31
potassium	K ⁺	624
sodium	Na ⁺	23
sulfate	SO ₄ ²⁻	96

Answer these questions using information from Table 2.1.

- (i) Name the positive ion that is present in the lowest concentration.

..... [1]

- (ii) Name the ion that contains an element in Group IV of the Periodic Table.

..... [1]

- (b) Describe a test for sulfate ions.

test

.....

observations

.....

[2]

- (c) Small amounts of ammonium ions and chloride ions are formed in some cells of the body.

State the formula of the compound formed from ammonium ions and chloride ions.

..... [1]

(d) Choose from the list the salt that is insoluble in water.

Tick (✓) **one** box.

copper(II) nitrate	<input type="checkbox"/>
lead(II) chloride	<input type="checkbox"/>
potassium nitrate	<input type="checkbox"/>
sodium chloride	<input type="checkbox"/>

[1]

(e) Table 2.2 shows some properties of the Group I metals.

Table 2.2

metal	hardness /MPa	observations on reaction with water
lithium	5.0	bubbles form very slowly and no flame
sodium	0.69	bubbles form very slowly and no flame
potassium		bubbles form very rapidly and flame
rubidium	0.22	

Use the information in Table 2.2 to:

- predict the hardness of potassium

.....

- describe the observations when rubidium reacts with water.

.....

[2]

(f) Sodium reacts with hydrogen to produce sodium hydride, NaH.

Complete the symbol equation for this reaction.



[Total: 10]

3 (a) Molten calcium bromide is electrolysed.

(i) Define the term electrolysis.

.....
 [2]

(ii) Name an inert metal that can be used for the electrodes.

..... [1]

(iii) Name the product formed at each electrode.

positive electrode

negative electrode [2]

(b) Calcium reacts with water. An alkaline solution is produced.

(i) Name the ion which causes a solution to be alkaline.

..... [1]

(ii) Choose the pH value of an alkaline solution.

Draw a circle around your chosen answer.

pH 1 pH 5 pH 7 pH 9 [1]

(iii) Dilute hydrochloric acid is added to a solution of litmus in alkaline solution until the acid is in excess.

State the colour change of the litmus.

from to [2]

(c) Calcium carbonate is added to the blast furnace in the production of iron.

Calcium carbonate breaks down when heated to produce calcium oxide and a gas that turns limewater milky.

(i) Name the gas that turns limewater milky.

..... [1]

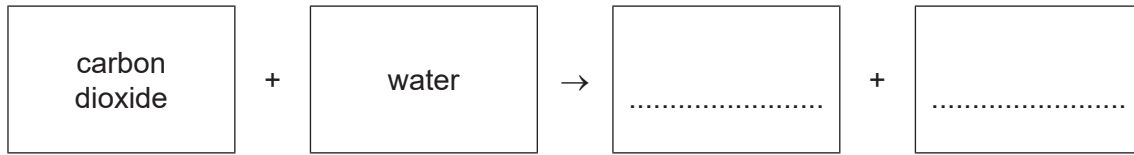
(ii) Name the type of chemical reaction that takes place when calcium carbonate is heated.

..... [1]

[Total: 11]

4 (a) Chlorophyll is a coloured compound found in plants. Chlorophyll is needed for photosynthesis.

(i) Complete the word equation for photosynthesis.



[2]

(ii) State one **other** condition that is essential for photosynthesis.

..... [1]

(b) Several other coloured compounds are found in plant leaves.

A student extracts a mixture of coloured compounds from a plant leaf.

Fig. 4.1 shows the apparatus used to separate the coloured compounds.

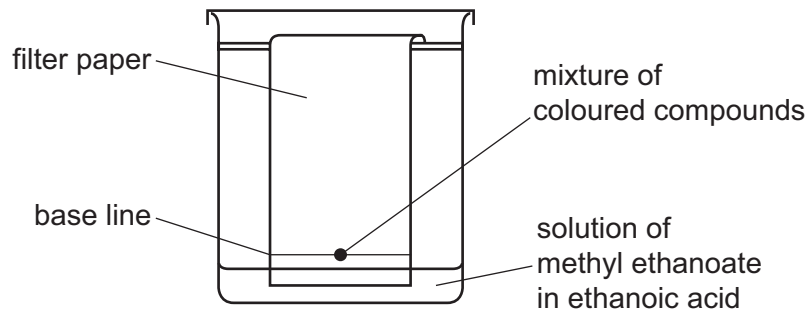


Fig. 4.1

(i) Name this method of separation.

..... [1]

(ii) Suggest why the base line is drawn in pencil and **not** in ink.

..... [1]

(iii) The liquid used to separate the coloured compounds is a solution of methyl ethanoate in ethanoic acid.

State the meaning of the term solution.

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 [1]

(c) Fig. 4.2 shows the displayed formula of a compound found in plant cells.

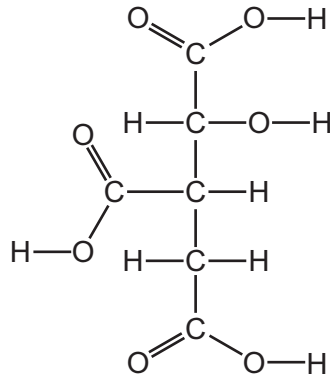


Fig. 4.2

On Fig. 4.2, draw a circle around the alcohol functional group.

[1]

[Total: 7]

- 5 (a) An atom of phosphorus is represented by the symbol shown.



Describe this atom of phosphorus in terms of:

- the position of the electrons, neutrons and protons in the atom

.....

- the number of neutrons and the number of protons

.....

- the electronic configuration.

..... [5]

- (b) Complete the symbol equation for the reaction of phosphorus with oxygen.



- (c) Fig. 5.1 shows the displayed formula of a compound of phosphorus.

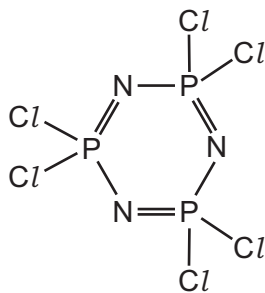


Fig. 5.1

Deduce the molecular formula of this compound.

..... [1]

(d) Another compound of phosphorus has the formula Na_3PO_4 .

Complete Table 5.1 to calculate the relative formula mass of Na_3PO_4 .

Table 5.1

type of atom	number of atoms	relative atomic mass	
sodium	3	23	$3 \times 23 = 69$
phosphorus		31	
oxygen		16	

relative formula mass = [2]

(e) Phosphates in rivers can cause deoxygenation of water.

State **one** source of phosphates in river water.

..... [1]

[Total: 11]

- 6 Dilute hydrochloric acid reacts with small pieces of calcium carbonate.



- (a) State the meaning of the state symbol (aq).

..... [1]

- (b) Fig. 6.1 shows how the mass of small pieces of calcium carbonate changes as the reaction proceeds. The calcium carbonate is in excess.

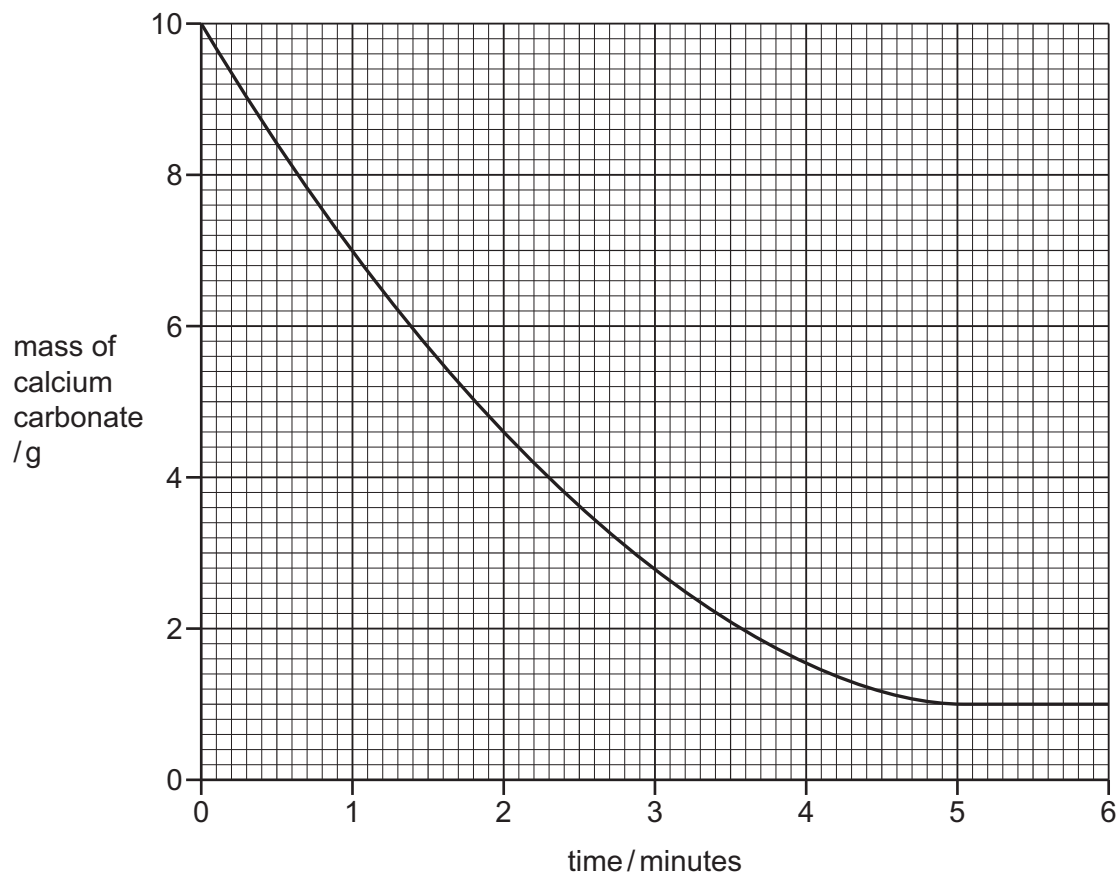


Fig. 6.1

- (i) Deduce the mass of calcium carbonate two minutes from the start of the reaction.

..... [1]

- (ii) Explain how the graph shows that the calcium carbonate is in excess.

..... [1]

- (iii) The experiment is repeated at a higher temperature.

All other conditions stay the same.

Draw a line on Fig. 6.1 to show how the mass of calcium carbonate changes at a higher temperature as the time increases. [2]

- (c) (i) Describe the effect, if any, on the rate of reaction when large pieces of calcium carbonate are used instead of small pieces of calcium carbonate.

All other conditions stay the same.

..... [1]

- (ii) Increasing the concentration of dilute hydrochloric acid increases the rate of reaction of dilute hydrochloric acid with calcium carbonate.

Choose the correct unit of concentration from the list.

Draw a circle around your chosen answer.

dm^3/g g/dm^2 mol/dm mol/dm^3 [1]

- (d) Concentrated hydrochloric acid gives off hydrogen chloride gas.
Hydrogen chloride is an acidic gas that turns damp universal indicator paper red.

A long glass tube is set up as shown in Fig. 6.2.

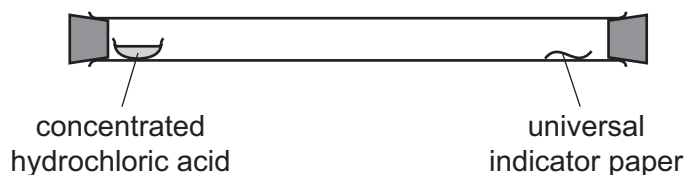


Fig. 6.2

At first, the universal indicator paper does not change colour.
The universal indicator paper turns red after a short time.

Explain these results in terms of kinetic particle theory.

.....

 [3]

- (e) Hydrogen chloride breaks down to form hydrogen and chlorine at 1500 °C.
The reaction is endothermic.

State the meaning of the term endothermic.

..... [1]

[Total: 11]

7 Chromium and iron are transition elements. They are ductile and have high melting and boiling points.

(a) State three **other** physical properties of chromium.

1

2

3

[3]

(b) The formula for rust is $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

(i) State the chemical name of rust.

..... [2]

(ii) An iron object is coated with plastic.

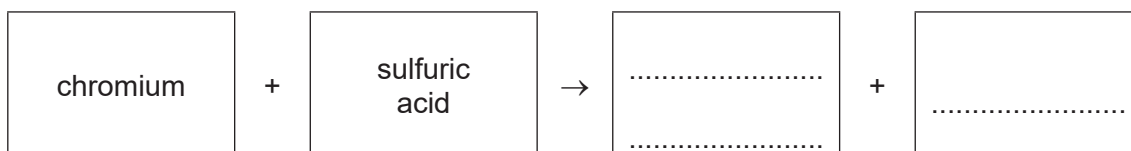
Explain how this prevents the iron from rusting.

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..... [2]

(c) Chromium behaves as a typical metal when it reacts with sulfuric acid.

Complete the word equation for this reaction.



[2]

(d) The list shows five metals.

aluminium calcium copper iron zinc

Put these metals in order of their reactivity.
Put the most reactive metal at the top.

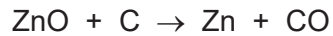
most reactive

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least reactive

[2]

(e) Zinc can be produced by heating zinc oxide with carbon.



Describe how this equation shows that zinc oxide is reduced.

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..... [1]

[Total: 12]

8 This question is about hydrocarbons.

(a) Table 8.1 shows the names, formulae and boiling points of methane, ethane, propane and butane.

Table 8.1

name	formula	boiling point/°C
methane	CH ₄	-164
ethane	C ₂ H ₆	-88
propane	C ₃ H ₈	-42
butane	C ₄ H ₁₀	0

Use the information in Table 8.1 to answer these questions.

(i) Name the homologous series that includes methane, ethane, propane and butane.

..... [1]

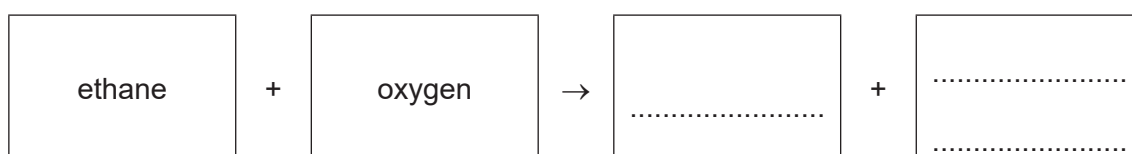
(ii) State the trend in the boiling point of this homologous series as the number of carbon atoms increases.

..... [1]

(iii) Deduce the general formula of this homologous series.

..... [1]

(b) Complete the word equation for the complete combustion of ethane.



[2]

(c) Long-chain hydrocarbons can be cracked to produce alkenes and hydrogen.

(i) State **two** conditions for cracking.

1

2 [2]

(ii) The diesel oil fraction from the fractional distillation of petroleum can be used for cracking.

Give one **other** use of the diesel oil fraction.

..... [1]

(d) Alkene molecules can react together to produce polymers.

Define the term polymer.

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..... [2]

[Total: 10]

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The Periodic Table of Elements

		Group							
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII		
3 Li lithium 7	4 Be beryllium 9	1 H hydrogen 1	5 B boron 11	6 C carbon 12	7 N nitrogen 14	8 O oxygen 16	9 F fluorine 19	10 Ne neon 20	2
11 Na sodium 23	12 Mg magnesium 24	Key atomic number atomic symbol name relative atomic mass							
19 K potassium 39	20 Ca calcium 40	26 Fe iron 56	27 Co cobalt 59	28 Ni nickel 59	29 Cu copper 64	30 Zn zinc 65	31 Al aluminium 27	32 Si silicon 28	33 P phosphorus 31
37 Rb rubidium 85	38 Sr strontium 88	44 Ru ruthenium 101	45 Rh rhodium 103	46 Pd palladium 106	47 Ag silver 108	48 Cd cadmium 112	13 Al aluminium 27	14 Si silicon 28	15 P phosphorus 31
55 Cs caesium 133	56 Ba barium 137	76 Os osmium 190	77 Ir iridium 192	78 Pt platinum 195	79 Au gold 197	80 Hg mercury 201	13 Al aluminium 27	14 Si silicon 28	15 P phosphorus 31
87 Fr francium	88 Ra radium	108 Hs hassium	109 Mt meitnerium	110 Ds darmstadtium	111 Rg roentgenium	112 Cn copernicium	113 Nh nihonium	114 Fl flerovium	116 Lv livermorium
57 La lanthanum 139	58 Ce cerium 140	62 Sm samarium 150	63 Eu europium 152	64 Gd gadolinium 157	65 Tb terbium 159	66 Dy dysprosium 163	67 Ho holmium 165	68 Er erbium 167	69 Tm thulium 169
89 Ac actinium	90 Th thorium 232	94 Pu plutonium	95 Am americium	96 Cm curium	97 Bk berkelium	98 Cf californium	99 Es einsteinium	100 Fm fermium	101 Md mendelevium
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