#### Chemistry of the environment – 2020 O Level

#### Nov/2021/Paper 11/No.7

Why does a balloon full of helium gas become smaller as the temperature changes from 30 °C to 10°C?

- The gas condenses to a liquid and so takes up less space.
- В The gas particles become smaller at lower temperatures.
- С The gas particles diffuse through the balloon and escape.
- D The gas particles move more slowly so reducing the pressure.

#### 2. Nov/2021/Paper 11/No.25

The Haber process is used to make ammonia.

Which catalyst is used in the Haber process?

- Α iron
- В nickel
- С platinum
- D vanadium(V) oxide

#### 3. Nov/2021/Paper 11/No.26

Some compounds containing nitrogen are used as fertilisers.

The table shows some nitrogen-containing compounds, whether they are used as a fertiliser or not and a reason for this.

Which row is correct?

	compound	used as a fertiliser	reason
Α	aqueous ammonia, NH₃(aq)	yes	lowers the pH of the soil
В	ammonium carbonate, (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	no	is insoluble in water
С	ammonium chloride, NH₄C <i>l</i>	yes	is made from the products of the Haber process and the Contact process
D	ammonium nitrate, NH₄NO₃	yes	is soluble in water



#### **4.** Nov/2021/Paper\_11/No.32

Carbon dioxide, methane and oxygen are gases involved in the carbon cycle.

Which of these gases may contribute to global warming?

- A carbon dioxide only
- B carbon dioxide and methane
- C carbon dioxide and oxygen
- **D** methane only

### **5.** Nov/2021/Paper\_11/No.33

Two statements about the water in lakes are given.

statement 1 Fish are unable to live in some lakes because there is insufficient oxygen in the water.

statement 2 Fertilisers can be washed into lakes where they cause eutrophication.

What is correct?

- A Both statements are correct and statement 2 explains statement 1.
- **B** Both statements are correct but statement 2 does not explain statement 1.
- C Statement 1 is correct but statement 2 is incorrect.
- **D** Statement 2 is correct but statement 1 is incorrect.

### 6. Nov/2021/Paper 12/No.26

The table contains some facts about sulfur dioxide and sulfuric acid and comments on these facts.

Which row is correct?

	fact	comment
Α	In the manufacture of sulfuric acid, sulfur reacts with oxygen to make sulfur trioxide.	The equation for this reaction is $2S(s) + 3O_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2SO_3(g)$ .
В	Nickel is used as the catalyst in the Contact process.	Catalysts speed up a reaction by lowering the activation energy, $E_{\rm a}$ .
С	Sulfuric acid is used in car batteries.	This increases the efficiency of the petrol engine.
D	The use of low sulfur petrol is beneficial because it minimises the formation of acid rain.	Sulfur dioxide is acidic because it is the oxide of a non-metal.

# **7.** Nov/2021/Paper\_12/No.32

Gas X is present in dry air and may contribute to global warming.

What is X?

- A carbon monoxide
- **B** methane
- C nitrogen oxide
- D sulfur dioxide

### 8. Nov/2021/Paper 12/No.33

Four processes are used during the purification of water.

- use of carbon
- desalination
- chlorination
- filtration

The purposes, W, X, Y and Z, for these processes are listed.

- W disinfection
- X removal of solids
- Y removal of dissolved salts
- Z removal of tastes and odours

What is the purpose for each process?

	use of carbon	desalination	chlorination	filtration
Α	Y	z	W	Χ
В	••Z	Y	W	Χ
С	Z	Y	×	W
D	Υ	Z	X	W

### **9.** Nov/2021/Paper\_2S2/No.4a

Water from natural sources contains dissolved substances which are not pollutants, such as mineral salts.

(8	1)	Name another	substance	found na	aturally in v	water whi	ch is <b>not</b>	a mineral	salt or	a poll	utant.

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## 10. Jun/2020/Paper 11/No.20

Nitrogenous fertilisers promote plant growth and crop yield.

Which compound contains the greatest mass of nitrogen in 100 g of fertiliser?

A KNO<sub>3</sub>

B NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>

С  $(NH_4)_2SO_4$   $\mathbf{D}$  (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>

#### 11. Jun/2020/Paper 11/No.22

Which statement about sulfuric acid is correct?

- It is manufactured by heating hydrogen, oxygen and sulfur together.
- В It is used as a battery acid.
- С It is used as a detergent.
- D It is used to neutralise alkaline soils.

### 12. Jun/2020/Paper 11/No.31

ridge Which row correctly compares carbon dioxide and methane?

	both contain carbon	both are described as a greenhouse gas	both lower the pH of water when they dissolve in it
Α	✓	-7	✓
В	✓		x
С	X		✓
D	х	✓	X

# 13. Jun/2020/Paper 11/No.32

Sea water is not safe to drink. It can be converted into drinkable water by desalination.

What does desalination involve?

- adding chlorine to kill bacteria
- В boiling the water to sterilise it
- С removing the salt by filtration
- D separating the water by distillation

## **14.** Jun/2020/Paper 12/No.22

Two fertilisers are made by mixing chemical compounds.

Fertiliser X contains 500 g of NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> and 500 g of (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> per kilogram.

Fertiliser Y contains 700 g of NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> and 300 g of CaSO<sub>4</sub> per kilogram.

Which fertiliser contains the higher percentage of nitrogen by mass and which contains the higher percentage of sulfur by mass?

 $[M_r: NH_4NO_3, 80; (NH_4)_2SO_4, 132; CaSO_4, 136]$ 

	fertiliser with higher percentage N	fertiliser with higher percentage S
Α	X	×
В	X	Y
С	Y	X
D	Y	Υ
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### **15.** Jun/2020/Paper\_12/No.23

Which processes occur in the manufacture of sulfuric acid?

- 1 burning sulfur in air
- dissolving sulfur dioxide in sulfuric acid
- dissolving sulfur dioxide in water 3
- reacting sulfur dioxide with air
- 1 and 2
- 1 and 3
- 1 and 4
- 2 and 4

## **16.** Jun/2020/Paper\_12/No.31

Which row correctly compares carbon dioxide and methane?

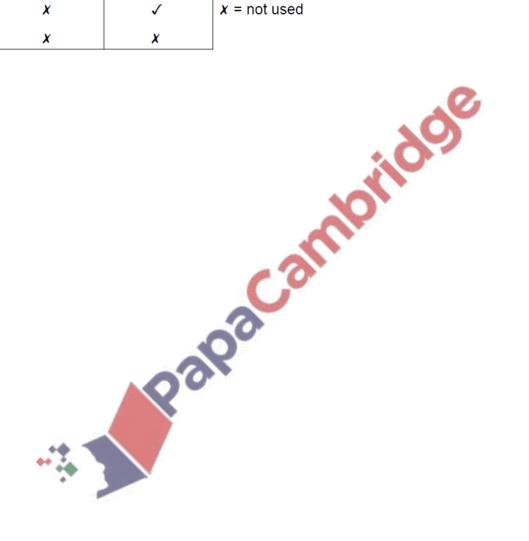
	both contain carbon	both are described as a greenhouse gas	both lower the pH of water when they dissolve in it
Α	✓	X	✓
В	✓	✓	x
С	x	✓	✓
D	X	✓	X

# **17.** Jun/2020/Paper\_12/No.32

Sea water has to be purified in order to obtain drinking water from it.

Which processes are used to purify the sea water?

	fractional distillation	desalination	
Α	✓	✓	key
В	✓	X	√ = used
С	X	✓	x = not used
D	×	×	



(a)	The percentage of carbon dioxide in the air is increasing.	
	State one environmental problem caused by this increase.	
	[1	1]
(b)	Carbon dioxide is a product of the complete combustion of octane, $\mathrm{C_8H_{18}}$ .	
	Construct the equation for this reaction.	
	[2	2]
(c)	Fermentation of glucose produces carbon dioxide.	
	(i) Give the equation for the fermentation of glucose.	
	[1	]
	(ii) State two essential conditions needed for fermentation.	
	[2	2]
(d)	When warmed, solid carbon dioxide changes directly into a gas. It does <b>not</b> become a liquid	l.
	Use the kinetic particle theory to describe the changes in <b>movement</b> and <b>arrangement</b> of the particles during this change of state.	)f
	[3	3]
(e)	Explain why solid carbon dioxide does not conduct electricity.	
	[1	1]
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**18.** Jun/2020/Paper\_21/No.7 Carbon dioxide is a colourless gas found in air.

(a)	State one environmental problem caused by the presence of sulfur dioxide in air.
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(b)	When heated in air iron pyrite, FeS <sub>2</sub> , reacts with oxygen.
	Sulfur dioxide and iron(III) oxide, $Fe_2O_3$ , are the products of this reaction.
	Construct the equation for this reaction.
	[2
(c)	Give one use for sulfur dioxide.
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(d)	Liquid sulfur dioxide is stored in cylinders.
	When the cylinder is opened the liquid quickly changes into a gas.
	Use the kinetic particle theory to describe the changes in <b>movement</b> and <b>arrangement</b> of the particles when liquid sulfur dioxide becomes a gas.
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(e)	Sulfur dioxide has a low melting point.
` '	Suggest, in terms of structure and bonding, why sulfur dioxide has a low melting point.
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19. Jun/2020/Paper\_22/No.9

Sulfur dioxide is a colourless gas which can be found in air.

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Describe the chemical test for sulfur dioxide.

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