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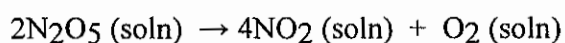
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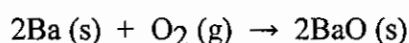
**QUESTION ONE**

- a. Explain why the dissolution of water in octane (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>18</sub>) is inhibited? [4 Marks]
- b. The decomposition of N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> in the presence of carbon tetrachloride proceeds via the reaction



The reaction is first order and has a rate constant of  $4.82 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at 64°C. Write the rate law for this reaction. [5 Marks]

- c. The value of  $\Delta H^\circ$  for the reaction below is -1107 kJ:



How many kJ of heat are released when 15.75 g of Ba (s) reacts completely with oxygen to form BaO (s)? [6 Marks]

- d. Of the acids in the table below, which one is the strongest?

Acid	K <sub>a</sub>
HOAc	$1.8 \times 10^{-5}$
HCHO <sub>2</sub>	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$
HClO	$3.0 \times 10^{-8}$
HF	$6.8 \times 10^{-4}$

[3 Marks]

- e. The K<sub>a</sub> of hypochlorous acid (HClO) is  $3.0 \times 10^{-8}$  at 25.0°C. What is the % ionization of hypochlorous acid in a 0.015 M aqueous solution of HClO at 25.0°C? [7 Marks]

**QUESTION TWO**

a. Complete the following statements;

- (i) Bond polarity refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) Polar covalent bond refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) An oxidizing reagent is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) Gases and liquids share the property of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) A common English set of units for expressing volume is gallon. The SI unit for volume is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vi) An atom of the most common isotope of gold,  $^{197}\text{Au}$ , has \_\_\_\_\_ protons, \_\_\_\_\_ neutrons, and \_\_\_\_\_ electrons
- (vii) The elements in groups 1A, 3-8B, and 6A are called, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, respectively.
- (viii) The specific gravity of 55% nitric acid is 1.40 at room temperature. What volume (in  $\text{cm}^3$ ) would be occupied by a 44 g sample of nitric acid?
- (ix) Aluminium reacts with a certain non-metallic element to form a compound with the general formula  $\text{Al}_2\text{X}_3$ . Element X must be from Group \_\_\_\_\_ of the Periodic Table of Elements.
- (x) The oxidation number of Cl in  $\text{NaClO}_4$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

[1 × 10 Marks]

b. What is the difference between a physical and a chemical change? [3 Marks]

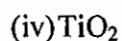
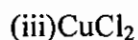
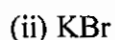
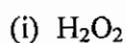
c. Give the charge and electron configuration on the ion which is underlined in the following compounds:

- (i) Pb( $\text{NO}_3$ )<sub>2</sub>
- (ii) CsCl
- (iii) SiO<sub>2</sub>

[3 × 4 Marks]

**QUESTION THREE**

a. Use the electronegativity table to determine whether the following compounds are ionic or covalent (pure or polar) compounds. Provide a reason for each answer.



[4×3 Marks]

b. State the first law of thermodynamics.

[3 Marks]

c. With reference to enthalpy changes, what does the term “standard conditions” mean?

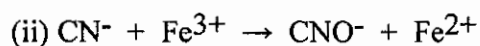
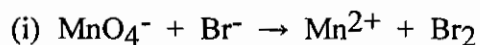
[6 Marks]

d. State Hess’s Law.

[4 Marks]

**QUESTION FOUR**

a. Balance the following redox reaction equations in acidic media. For each equation, identify the reducing agent.



[2 × 10 Marks]

b. What are; an Arrhenius acid, a Brønsted-Lowry acid and a Lewis acid?

[5 Marks]

**QUESTION FIVE**

- a. If a sample containing only phosphorous and oxygen has percent composition 56.34% P and 43.66% O, could the sample be  $P_4O_{10}$ ? **[10 Marks]**
- b. When a 0.2312 g sample of a compound was analyzed, it was found to contain 0.0894 g of C, 0.0375 g of H, and 0.1043 g of N. Calculate the empirical formula of this compound. **[8 Marks]**
- c. In an experiment, 40.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.270 M barium hydroxide were mixed with 20.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.330 M aluminium sulphate. What is the total mass of the precipitate that is formed?

**[7 Marks]**

### SI Units and Conversions

Unit	Symbol	SI units
Newton	N	$\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$
Pascal	Pa	$\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$ or $\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$
Joule	J	$\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$ or $\text{N}\cdot\text{m}$ or $\text{AVs}$
Watt	W	$\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-3}$ or $\text{J}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$
Coulomb	C	A.s
Volt	V	$\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-3}\cdot\text{A}^{-1}$ or $\text{J}\cdot\text{C}^{-1}$
Ohm	$\Omega$	$\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-3}\cdot\text{A}^{-2}$ or $\text{V}\cdot\text{A}^{-1}$
Amp	A	$1\text{C}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

### Pressure Units and conversion factors

Pa	1 Pa = 1 $\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$
Bar	1 bar = $10^5$ Pa
Atmosphere	1 atm = 101.325 kPa
Torr	760 Torr = 1 atm
	760 Torr = 760 mmHg = 101.325 kPa

### General data and Fundamental Constants

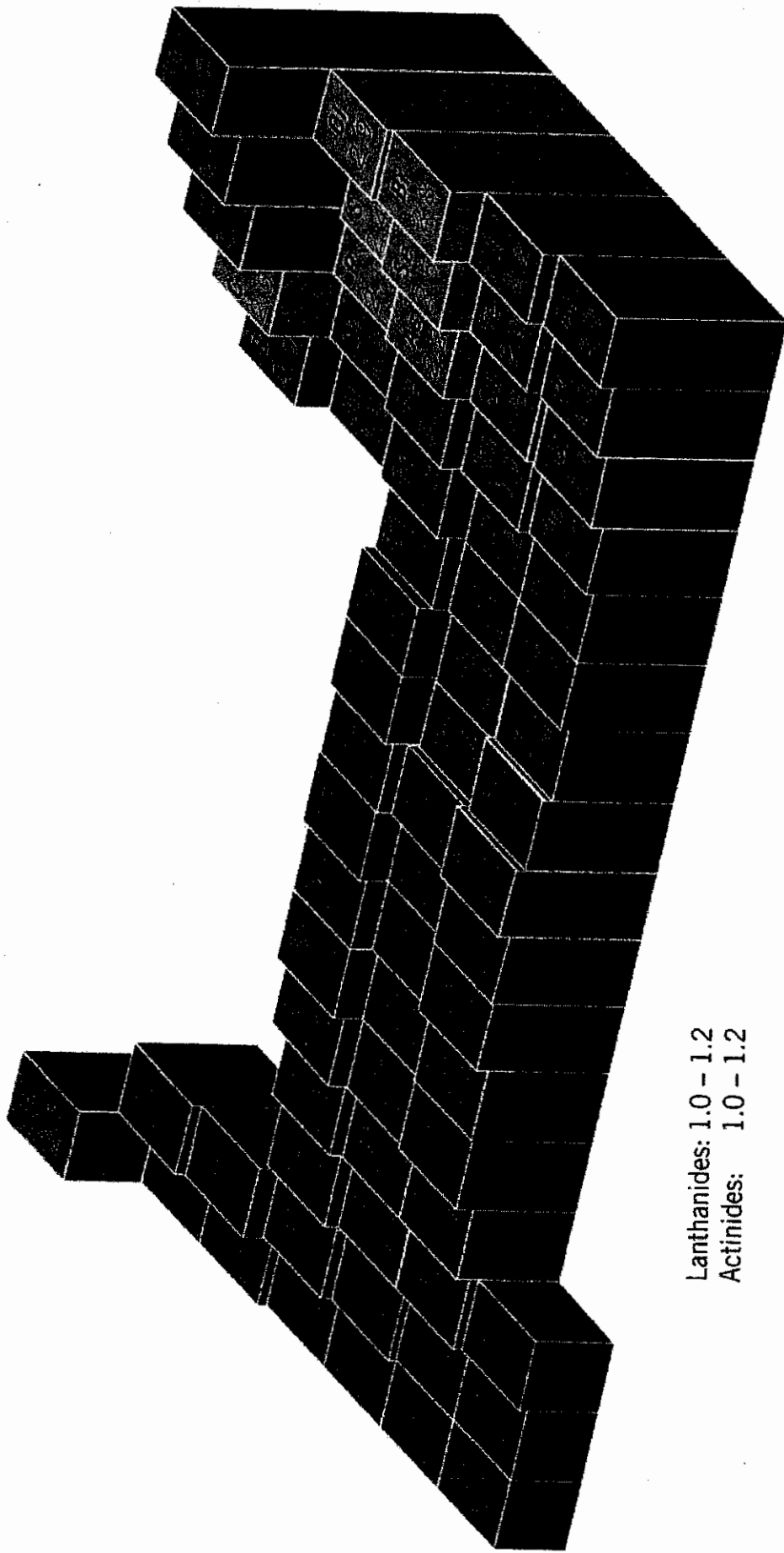
Gas constant	R	8.314 51 $\text{J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ 8.314 51 $\times 10^{-2}$ $\text{L}\cdot\text{bar}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ 8.205 78 $\times 10^{-2}$ $\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ 62.364 $\text{L}\cdot\text{Torr}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$
Avogadro constant	$N_A$	$6.022169 \times 10^{23} \text{mol}^{-1}$
Molar volume of an ideal gas at 0°C and 1 atm	$V_m$	22.414 $\text{dm}^3$

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1	<b>H</b> 1.0079	2	<b>He</b> 4.0026	3	<b>Li</b> 6.941	4	<b>Be</b> 9.0122	5	<b>B</b> 10.811	6	<b>C</b> 12.011	7	<b>N</b> 14.007	8	<b>O</b> 15.999	9	<b>F</b> 18.998	10	<b>Ne</b> 20.179																																																		
11	<b>Na</b> 22.990	12	<b>Mg</b> 24.305	13	<b>Al</b> 26.982	14	<b>Si</b> 28.086	15	<b>P</b> 30.974	16	<b>S</b> 32.064	17	<b>Cl</b> 35.453	18	<b>Ar</b> 39.948	19	<b>K</b> 39.098	20	<b>Ca</b> 40.078	21	<b>Sc</b> 44.956	22	<b>Ti</b> 47.88	23	<b>V</b> 50.942	24	<b>Cr</b> 51.996	25	<b>Mn</b> 54.938	26	<b>Fe</b> 55.847	27	<b>Co</b> 58.933	28	<b>Ni</b> 58.69	29	<b>Cu</b> 63.546	30	<b>Zn</b> 65.39																														
37	<b>Rb</b> 85.47	38	<b>Sr</b> 87.62	39	<b>Y</b> 88.906	40	<b>Zr</b> 91.224	41	<b>Nb</b> 92.906	42	<b>Mo</b> 95.94	43	<b>Tc</b> (98)	44	<b>Ru</b> 101.07	45	<b>Rh</b> 102.91	46	<b>Pd</b> 106.42	47	<b>Ag</b> 107.87	48	<b>Cd</b> 112.41	49	<b>In</b> 114.82	50	<b>Sn</b> 118.71	51	<b>Sb</b> 121.75	52	<b>Te</b> 127.60	53	<b>I</b> 126.90	54	<b>Xe</b> 131.29	55	<b>Cs</b> 132.91	56	<b>Ba</b> 137.33	57	<b>La</b> 138.91	58	<b>Ce</b> 140.12	59	<b>Pr</b> 140.91	60	<b>Nd</b> 144.24	61	<b>Pm</b> 146.92	62	<b>Sm</b> 150.36	63	<b>Eu</b> 151.97	64	<b>Gd</b> 157.25	65	<b>Tb</b> 158.93	66	<b>Dy</b> 162.50	67	<b>Ho</b> 164.93	68	<b>Er</b> 167.26	69	<b>Tm</b> 168.93	70	<b>Yb</b> 173.04	71	<b>Lu</b> 174.97
87	<b>Fr</b> (223)	88	<b>Ra</b> 226.03	89	<b>Ac</b> 227.03	72	<b>Hf</b> 178.49	73	<b>Ta</b> 180.95	74	<b>W</b> 183.85	75	<b>Re</b> 186.2	76	<b>Os</b> 190.2	77	<b>Ir</b> 192.22	78	<b>Pt</b> 195.08	79	<b>Au</b> 196.97	80	<b>Hg</b> 200.59	81	<b>Tl</b> 204.38	82	<b>Pb</b> 207.2	83	<b>Bi</b> 208.98	84	<b>Po</b> (209)	85	<b>At</b> (210)	86	<b>Rn</b> (222)	87	<b>Th</b> 232.04	88	<b>Pa</b> 231.04	89	<b>U</b> 238.03	90	<b>Np</b> 237.05	91	<b>Pu</b> (244)	92	<b>Am</b> (243)	93	<b>Cm</b> (247)	94	<b>Bk</b> 247	95	<b>Cf</b> (251)	96	<b>Es</b> (252)	97	<b>Fm</b> (257)	98	<b>Md</b> (258)	99	<b>No</b> (259)	100	<b>Lr</b> (260)						

Atomic Number: 2 **He** 4.0026  
Atomic Weight

# Electronegativity Table



Lanthanides: 1.0 – 1.2  
Actinides: 1.0 – 1.2

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