

GCSE CHEMISTRY ACADEMIC SCHEME OF WORK

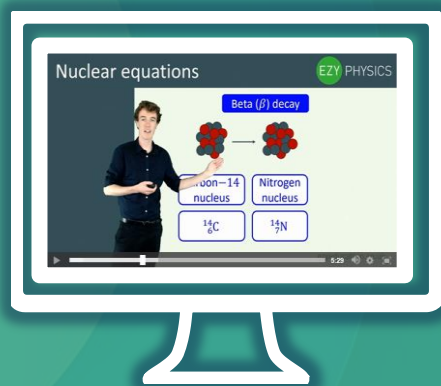
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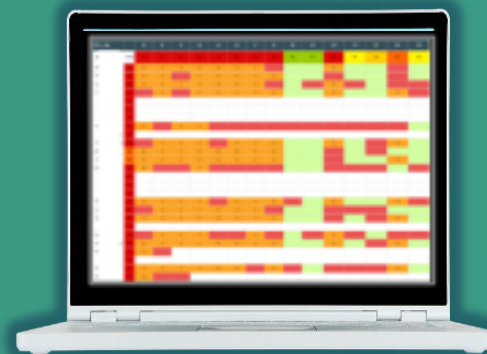
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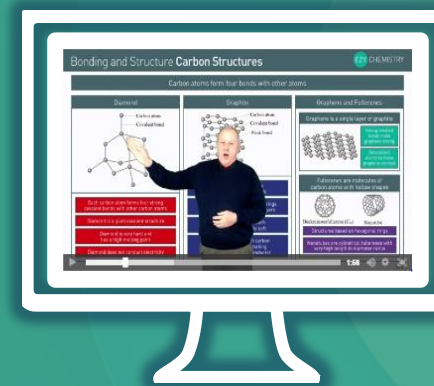
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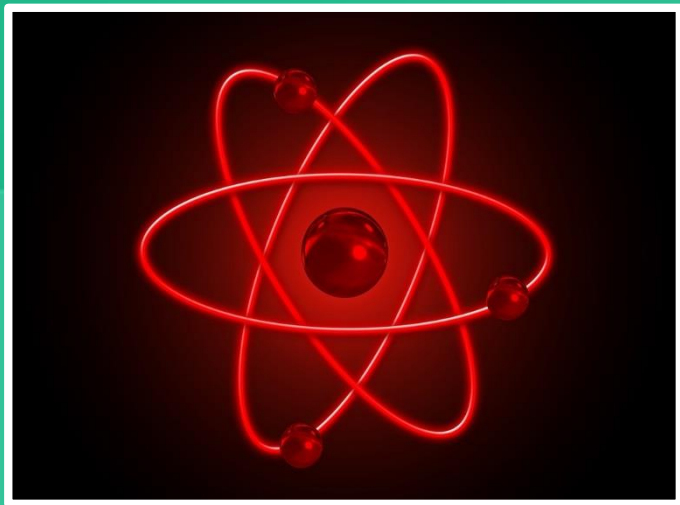
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Videos that round up the key knowledge requirements of the main topic areas across the full course. The videos draw upon the key specification points that students need to know.

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ATOMIC STRUCTURE SECTION

All of the content in this section of the scheme of work relates to Section 4.1: Atomic Structure in the AQA GCSE Chemistry Specification

TOPIC 1

ATOMS, ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS

Specification Reference

4.1.1.1 Atoms, elements and compounds

All substances are made of atoms. An atom is the smallest part of an element that can exist.

Atoms of each element are represented by a chemical symbol, eg O represents an atom of oxygen, Na represents an atom of sodium.

There are about 100 different elements. Elements are shown in the periodic table.

Compounds are formed from elements by chemical reactions.

Chemical reactions always involve the formation of one or more new substances, and often involve a detectable energy change.

Compounds contain two or more elements chemically combined in fixed proportions and can be represented by formulae using the symbols of the atoms from which they were formed. Compounds can only be separated into elements by chemical reactions.

Chemical reactions can be represented by word equations or equations using symbols and formulae.

Students will be supplied with a periodic table for the exam and should be able to:

- use the names and symbols of the first 20 elements in the periodic table, the elements in Groups 1 and 7, and other elements in this specification
- name compounds of these elements from given formulae or symbol equations
- write word equations for the reactions in this specification
- write formulae and balanced chemical equations for the reactions in this specification.

4.1.1.2 Mixtures

A mixture consists of two or more elements or compounds not chemically combined together. The chemical properties of each substance in the mixture are unchanged.

Mixtures can be separated by physical processes such as filtration, crystallisation, simple distillation, fractional distillation and chromatography. These physical processes do not involve chemical reactions and no new substances are made.

Students should be able to:

- describe, explain and give examples of the specified processes of separation
- suggest suitable separation and purification techniques for mixtures when given appropriate information.

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AS1.1.1 – Atoms, Elements and Compounds



AS1.1.2 - Mixtures



AS1.1a – Elements, Compounds and Mixtures Assessment



TOPIC 2

ATOMIC STRUCTURE

Specification Reference

4.1.1.4 Relative electrical charges of subatomic particles

Name of particle	Relative charge
proton	+1
neutron	0
electron	-1

In an atom, the number of electrons is equal to the number of protons in the nucleus. Atoms have no overall electrical charge. The number of protons in an atom of an element is its atomic number. All atoms of an element have the same number of protons. Atoms of different elements have different numbers of protons.

Students should be able to use the nuclear model to describe atoms.

4.1.1.5 Size and mass of atoms

Atoms are very small, having a radius of about 0.1 nm (1×10^{-10} m). The radius of a nucleus is less than 1/10 000 of that of the atom (about 1×10^{-14} m).

Name of particle	Relative mass
proton	1
neutron	1
electron	very small

The sum of the protons and neutrons in an atom is its mass number. Atoms of the same element can have different numbers of neutrons; these atoms are called isotopes of that element.

Atoms can be represented as shown in this example: $\begin{matrix} \text{(Mass number)} & 23 \\ \text{(Atomic number)} & 11 \end{matrix} \text{Na}$

Students should be able to calculate the numbers of protons, neutrons and electrons in an atom or ion, given its atomic number and mass number.

Students should be able to relate size and scale of atoms to objects in the physical world.

EzyScience Activity

AS1.2.1 – Atomic Structure



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AS1.2.2 – Mass Number, Atomic Number and Isotopes



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Activity Link

TOPIC 2

ATOMIC STRUCTURE

Specification Reference

4.1.1.3 The development of the model of the atom (common content with physics)

Before the discovery of the electron, atoms were thought to be tiny spheres that could not be divided.

The discovery of the electron led to the plum pudding model of the atom. The plum pudding model suggested that the atom is a ball of positive charge with negative electrons embedded in it.

The results from the alpha particle scattering experiment led to the conclusion that the mass of an atom was concentrated at the centre (nucleus) and that the nucleus was charged. This nuclear model

replaced the plum pudding model.

Niels Bohr adapted the nuclear model by suggesting that electrons orbit the nucleus at specific distances. The theoretical calculations of Bohr agreed with experimental observations.

Later experiments led to the idea that the positive charge of any nucleus could be subdivided into a whole number of smaller particles, each particle having the same amount of positive charge. The name proton was given to these particles.

The experimental work of James Chadwick provided the evidence to show the existence of neutrons within the nucleus. This was about 20 years after the nucleus became an accepted scientific idea.

Students should be able to describe:

- why the new evidence from the scattering experiment led to a change in the atomic model
- the difference between the plum pudding model of the atom and the nuclear model of the atom.

Details of experimental work supporting the Bohr model are not required.

Details of Chadwick's experimental work are not required.

Students should be able to relate size and scale of atoms to objects in the physical world.

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

The relative atomic mass of an element is an average value that takes account of the abundance of the isotopes of the element.

Students should be able to calculate the relative atomic mass of an element given the percentage abundance of its isotopes.

EzyScience Activity

AS1.2.3 – The Development of the Model of the Atom

AS1.2a – The Atom Assessment

AS1.3 – Relative Atomic Mass

AS1.3a – Relative Atomic Mass Assessment

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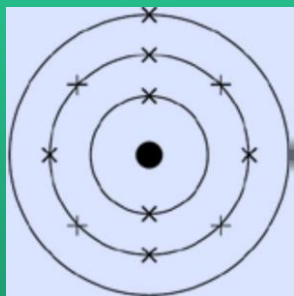
TOPIC 3

THE PERIODIC TABLE

Specification Reference

4.1.1.7 Electronic structure

The electrons in an atom occupy the lowest available energy levels (innermost available shells). The electronic structure of an atom can be represented by numbers or by a diagram. For example, the electronic structure of sodium is 2,8,1 or



Students may answer questions in terms of either energy levels or shells.

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

The elements in the periodic table are arranged in order of atomic (proton) number and so that elements with similar properties are in columns, known as groups. The table is called a periodic table because similar properties occur at regular intervals. Elements in the same group in the periodic table have the same number of electrons in their outer shell (outer electrons) and this gives them similar chemical properties.

Students should be able to:

- explain how the position of an element in the periodic table is related to the arrangement of electrons in its atoms and hence to its atomic number
- predict possible reactions and probable reactivity of elements from their positions in the periodic table.

4.1.2.2 Development of the periodic table

Before the discovery of protons, neutrons and electrons, scientists attempted to classify the elements by arranging them in order of their atomic weights. The early periodic tables were incomplete and some elements were placed in inappropriate groups if the strict order of atomic weights was followed. Mendeleev overcame some of the problems by leaving gaps for elements that he thought had not been discovered and in some places changed the order based on atomic weights. Elements with properties predicted by Mendeleev were discovered and filled the gaps. Knowledge of isotopes made it possible to explain why the order based on atomic weights was not always correct.

Students should be able to describe these steps in the development of the periodic table.

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AS1.4.1 – History of the Periodic Table



AS1.4.2 – The Periodic Table



AS1.4.3 – Electronic Structure and the Periodic Table



AS1.4a – The Periodic Table Assessment



TOPIC 3

THE PERIODIC TABLE

Specification Reference

EzyScience Activity

Activity Link

4.1.2.4 Group 0

The elements in Group 0 of the periodic table are called the noble gases. They are unreactive and do not easily form molecules because their atoms have stable arrangements of electrons. The noble gases have eight electrons in their outer shell, except for helium, which has only two electrons. The boiling points of the noble gases increase with increasing relative atomic mass (going down the group).

Students should be able to:

- explain how properties of the elements in Group 0 depend on the outer shell of electrons of the atoms
- predict properties from given trends down the group.

4.1.2.5 Group 1

The elements in Group 1 of the periodic table are known as the alkali metals and have characteristic properties because of the single electron in their outer shell. In Group 1, the reactivity of the elements increases going down the group.

Students should be able to describe the reactions of the first three alkali metals with oxygen, chlorine and water.

Students should be able to:

- explain how properties of the elements in Group 1 depend on the outer shell of electrons of the atoms
- predict properties from given trends down the group.

4.1.2.6 Group 7

The elements in Group 7 of the periodic table are known as the halogens and have similar reactions because they all have seven electrons in their outer shell. The halogens are non-metals and consist of molecules made of pairs of atoms.

Students should be able to describe the nature of the compounds formed when chlorine, bromine and iodine react with metals and non-metals.

In Group 7, the further down the group an element is the higher its relative molecular mass, melting point and boiling point. In Group 7, the reactivity of the elements decreases going down the group.

A more reactive halogen can displace a less reactive halogen from an aqueous solution of its salt.

Students should be able to:

- explain how properties of the elements in Group 7 depend on the outer shell of electrons of the atoms
- predict properties from given trends down the group.

AS2.1.1 – Group 0



AS2.1.2 – Group 1



AS2.1.3 – Group 7



AS2.1a – Groups 0, 1 and 7 Assessment



TOPIC 4

PROPERTIES OF TRANSITION METALS

Specification Reference

4.1.3 Properties of transition metals (chemistry only)

4.1.3.1 Comparison with Group 1 elements

The transition elements are metals with similar properties which are different from those of the elements in Group 1.

Students should be able to describe the difference compared with Group 1 in melting points, densities, strength, hardness and reactivity with oxygen, water and halogens.

Students should be able to exemplify these general properties by reference to Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu.

4.1.3.2 Typical properties

Many transition elements have ions with different charges, form coloured compounds and are useful as catalysts.

Students should be able to exemplify these general properties by reference to compounds of Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu.

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AS2.2 – Properties of Transition Metals

AS2.2a – Properties of Transition Metals Assessment

Activity Link



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SNAPSHOT VIDEOS

Atomic Structure Atoms, Elements and Compounds

All substances are made of atoms

Compounds are formed from elements by chemical reactions

Chemical Equations

Chemical reactions can be represented by word equations or equations containing symbols and formulae

Carbon + oxygen → carbon dioxide

$C + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2$

Balancing Equations

Atoms are conserved in chemical reactions

Hydrogen + oxygen → water

$2H_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O$

Hydrogen + chlorine → hydrogen chloride

$H_2 + Cl_2 \rightarrow 2HCl$

Carbon + oxygen → carbon dioxide

$C + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2$

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Atomic Structure Development of the Periodic Table

Before nuclear atom model, scientists used to arrange elements in order of atomic weights

Early periodic tables were incomplete and had some elements in wrong groups

Mendeleev left gaps and changed the order of some elements

Periodic table

Periodic table

Periodic table

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Watch 7 recap videos that re-visit the main elements of the main topic areas.

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END OF SECTION ASSESSMENT

Identify the regions on the periodic table:

Match the general properties to metals or non-metals:

- Brittle
- Low melting points
- Malleable
- Good insulators
- Good conductors

The diagrams below show how an electron can absorb or emit electromagnetic radiation to move between electron shells.

Identify the two correct diagrams:

Diagram A

Diagram B

Diagram C

Diagram D

Diagrams and correctly show how an electron can move between electron shells.

Identify whether the following statements refer to compounds or mixtures:

Statement	Compound	Mixture
Good conductors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Can be made from molecules	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Strong intermolecular forces	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Simple molecular formulae	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No chemical reactions required for separate components	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Fractional distillation can be used to separate two or more miscible liquids.

When physical property (boiling point) is used to separate liquids, it is called fractional distillation.

Xylenes are one of the three isomers of dimethylbenzene. They are all colourless, flammable liquids, some of which have important industrial purposes.

All three isomers will mix together with water. Separation of the isomers is an industrially difficult process.

The physical properties of the xylenes are given in the table below:

Isomer	Density (g cm ⁻³)	Melting point (°C)	Boiling point (°C)
o-xylene	0.88	-25	144
m-xylene	0.86	-48	138
p-xylene	0.86	13	138

Why would fractional distillation be unsuitable for separating o-xylene from a mixture of xylenes?

Give another physical property of o-xylene in the region of its boiling point.

If a mixture of all three xylenes was cooled to 0 °C, what state would the liquid exist in?

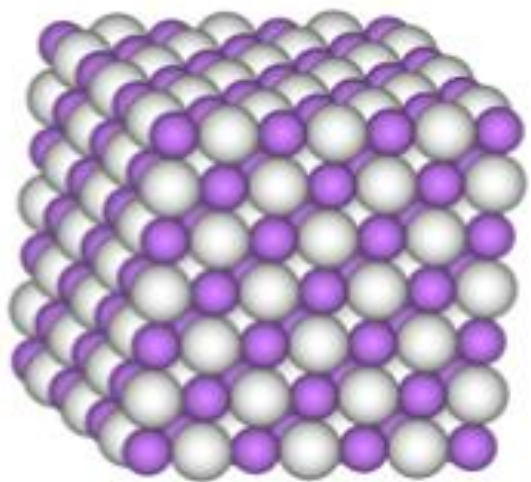
o-xylene

m-xylene

p-xylene

Attempt a comprehensive 40-question assessment testing you on each topic in this section.

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BONDING AND STRUCTURES SECTION

All of the content in this section of the scheme of work relates to Section 4.2: Bonding and Structures in the AQA GCSE Chemistry Specification.

TOPIC 1

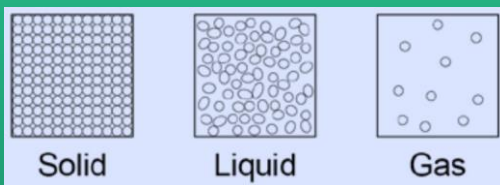
STATES OF MATTER

Specification Reference

4.2.2.1 The three states of matter

The three states of matter are solid, liquid and gas. Melting and freezing take place at the melting point, boiling and condensing take place at the boiling point.

The three states of matter can be represented by a simple model. In this model, particles are represented by small solid spheres. Particle theory can help to explain melting, boiling, freezing and condensing.



The amount of energy needed to change state from solid to liquid and from liquid to gas depends on the strength of the forces between the particles of the substance. The nature of the particles involved depends on the type of bonding and the structure of the substance. The stronger the forces between the particles the higher the melting point and boiling point of the substance.

(HT only) Limitations of the simple model above include that in the model there are no forces, that all particles are represented as spheres and that the spheres are solid.

Students should be able to:

- predict the states of substances at different temperatures given appropriate data
- explain the different temperatures at which changes of state occur in terms of energy transfers and types of bonding
- recognise that atoms themselves do not have the bulk properties of materials
- (HT only) explain the limitations of the particle theory in relation to changes of state when particles are represented by solid inelastic spheres which have no forces between them.

4.2.2.2 State symbols

In chemical equations, the three states of matter are shown as (s), (l) and (g), with (aq) for aqueous solutions.

Students should be able to include appropriate state symbols in chemical equations for the reactions in this specification.

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BS1.1 – States of Matter

Activity Link



BS1.1a – States of Matter Assessment



TOPIC 2

IONIC BONDING AND COMPOUNDS

Specification Reference

4.2.1.2 Ionic bonding

When a metal atom reacts with a non-metal atom electrons in the outer shell of the metal atom are transferred. Metal atoms lose electrons to become positively charged ions. Non-metal atoms gain electrons to become negatively charged ions. The ions produced by metals in Groups 1 and 2 and by non-metals in Groups 6 and 7 have the electronic structure of a noble gas (Group 0).

The electron transfer during the formation of an ionic compound can be represented by a dot and cross diagram, eg for sodium chloride.

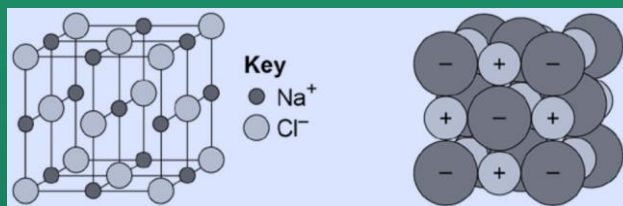


The charge on the ions produced by metals in Groups 1 and 2 and by non-metals in Groups 6 and 7 relates to the group number of the element in the periodic table.

Students should be able to draw dot and cross diagrams for ionic compounds formed by metals in Groups 1 and 2 with non-metals in Groups 6 and 7. Students should be able to work out the charge on the ions of metals and non-metals from the group number of the element, limited to the metals in Groups 1 and 2, and non-metals in Groups 6 and 7.

An ionic compound is a giant structure of ions. Ionic compounds are held together by strong electrostatic forces of attraction between oppositely charged ions. These forces act in all directions in the lattice and this is called ionic bonding.

The structure of sodium chloride can be represented in the following forms:



Students should be able to:

- deduce that a compound is ionic from a diagram of its structure in one of the specified forms
- describe the limitations of using dot and cross, ball and stick, two and three-dimensional diagrams to represent a giant ionic structure
- work out the empirical formula of an ionic compound from a given model or diagram that shows the ions in the structure.

Students should be familiar with the structure of sodium chloride but do not need to know the structures of other ionic compounds.

EzyScience Activity

Activity Link

BS1.2.1 - Ionic Bonding



TOPIC 2

IONIC BONDING AND COMPOUNDS

Specification Reference

4.2.2.3 Properties of ionic compounds

Ionic compounds have regular structures (giant ionic lattices) in which there are strong electrostatic forces of attraction in all directions between oppositely charged ions.

These compounds have high melting points and high boiling points because of the large amounts of energy needed to break the many strong bonds.

When melted or dissolved in water, ionic compounds conduct electricity because the ions are free to move and so charge can flow.

Knowledge of the structures of specific ionic compounds other than sodium chloride is not required.

EzyScience Activity

BS1.2.2 – Ionic Compounds

BS1.2a – Ionic Bonding and Compounds Assessment

Activity Link



TOPIC 3

COVALENT BONDING AND SUBSTANCES

Specification Reference

4.2.1.4 Covalent bonding

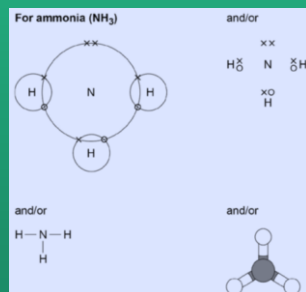
When atoms share pairs of electrons, they form covalent bonds. These bonds between atoms are strong.

Covalently bonded substances may consist of small molecules.

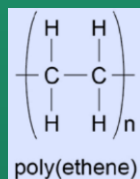
Students should be able to recognise common substances that consist of small molecules from their chemical formula.

Some covalently bonded substances have very large molecules, such as polymers. Some covalently bonded substances have giant covalent structures, such as diamond and silicon dioxide.

The covalent bonds in molecules and giant structures can be represented in the following forms:



Polymers can be represented in the form, where n is a large number:



Students should be able to:

- draw dot and cross diagrams for the molecules of hydrogen, chlorine, oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen chloride, water, ammonia and methane
- represent the covalent bonds in small molecules, in the repeating units of polymers and in part of giant covalent structures, using a line to represent a single bond
- describe the limitations of using dot and cross, ball and stick, two and three-dimensional diagrams to represent molecules
- deduce the molecular formula of a substance from a given model or diagram in these forms showing the atoms and bonds in the molecule.

EzyScience Activity

Activity Link

BS1.3.1 – Covalent Bonding



TOPIC 3

COVALENT BONDING AND SUBSTANCES

Specification Reference

4.2.2.4 Properties of small molecules

Substances that consist of small molecules are usually gases or liquids that have relatively low melting points and boiling points.

These substances have only weak forces between the molecules (intermolecular forces). It is these intermolecular forces that are overcome, not the covalent bonds, when the substance melts or boils.

The intermolecular forces increase with the size of the molecules, so larger molecules have higher melting and boiling points.

These substances do not conduct electricity because the molecules do not have an overall electric charge.

Students should be able to use the idea that intermolecular forces are weak compared with covalent bonds to explain the bulk properties of molecular substances.

4.2.2.6 Giant covalent structures

Substances that consist of giant covalent structures are solids with very high melting points. All of the atoms in these structures are linked to other atoms by strong covalent bonds. These bonds must be overcome to melt or boil these substances. Diamond and graphite (forms of carbon) and silicon dioxide (silica) are examples of giant covalent structures.

Students should be able to recognise giant covalent structures from diagrams showing their bonding and structure.

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BS1.3.2 – Covalent Substances

BS1.3a – Covalent Bonding and Substances Assessment

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TOPIC 4

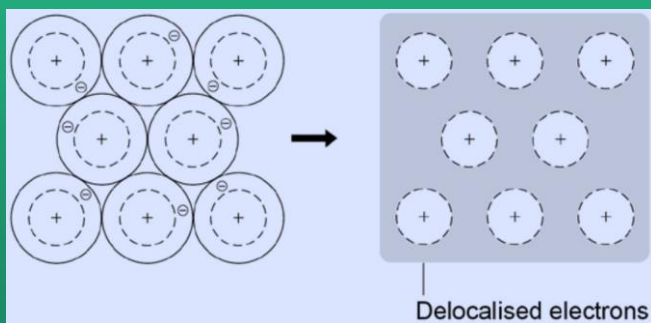
METALLIC BONDING

Specification Reference

4.2.1.5 Metallic bonding

Metals consist of giant structures of atoms arranged in a regular pattern.

The electrons in the outer shell of metal atoms are delocalised and so are free to move through the whole structure. The sharing of delocalised electrons gives rise to strong metallic bonds. The bonding in metals may be represented in the following form:



4.2.2.7 Properties of metals and alloys

Metals have giant structures of atoms with strong metallic bonding.

This means that most metals have high melting and boiling points.

4.2.2.8 Metals as conductors

Metals are good conductors of electricity because the delocalised electrons in the metal carry electrical charge through the metal. Metals are good conductors of thermal energy because energy is transferred by the delocalised electrons.

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BS1.4 – Metallic Bonding and Structures

Activity Link



B1.4a – Metallic Bonding and Structures Assessment



TOPIC 5

CARBON BONDING AND STRUCTURES

Specification Reference

4.2.3.1 Diamond

In diamond, each carbon atom forms four covalent bonds with other carbon atoms in a giant covalent structure, so diamond is very hard, has a very high melting point and does not conduct electricity.

Students should be able to explain the properties of diamond in terms of its structure and bonding.

4.2.3.2 Graphite

In graphite, each carbon atom forms three covalent bonds with three other carbon atoms, forming layers of hexagonal rings which have no covalent bonds between the layers.

In graphite, one electron from each carbon atom is delocalised.

Students should be able to explain the properties of graphite in terms of its structure and bonding.

Students should know that graphite is similar to metals in that it has delocalised electrons.

4.2.3.3 Graphene and fullerenes

Graphene is a single layer of graphite and has properties that make it useful in electronics and composites.

Students should be able to explain the properties of graphene in terms of its structure and bonding.

Fullerenes are molecules of carbon atoms with hollow shapes. The structure of fullerenes is based on hexagonal rings of carbon atoms but they may also contain rings with five or seven carbon atoms. The first fullerene to be discovered was Buckminsterfullerene (C_{60}) which has a spherical shape.

Carbon nanotubes are cylindrical fullerenes with very high length to diameter ratios. Their properties make them useful for nanotechnology, electronics and materials.

Students should be able to:

- recognise graphene and fullerenes from diagrams and descriptions of their bonding and structure
- give examples of the uses of fullerenes, including carbon nanotubes.

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BS1.5 – Forms of Carbon



Activity Link

BS1.5a – Forms of Carbon Assessment



TOPIC 6

NANOPARTICLES

Specification Reference

4.2.4.1 Sizes of particles and their properties

Nanoscience refers to structures that are 1–100 nm in size, of the order of a few hundred atoms. Nanoparticles, are smaller than fine particles ($PM_{2.5}$), which have diameters between 100 and 2500 nm (1×10^{-7} m and 2.5×10^{-6} m). Coarse particles (PM_{10}) have diameters between 1×10^{-5} m and 2.5×10^{-6} m. Coarse particles are often referred to as dust.

As the side of cube decreases by a factor of 10 the surface area to volume ratio increases by a factor of 10.

Nanoparticles may have properties different from those for the same materials in bulk because of their high surface area to volume ratio. It may also mean that smaller quantities are needed to be effective than for materials with normal particle sizes.

Students should be able to compare 'nano' dimensions to typical dimensions of atoms and molecules.

4.2.4.2 Uses of nanoparticles

Nanoparticles have many applications in medicine, in electronics, in cosmetics and sun creams, as deodorants, and as catalysts. New applications for nanoparticulate materials are an important area of research.

Students should consider advantages and disadvantages of the applications of these nanoparticulate materials, but do not need to know specific examples or properties other than those specified.

Students should be able to:

- given appropriate information, evaluate the use of nanoparticles for a specified purpose
- explain that there are possible risks associated with the use of nanoparticles.

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BS1.6.1 - Nanoparticles



BS1.6.2 – Uses of Nanoparticles



BS1.6a – Nanoparticles Assessment



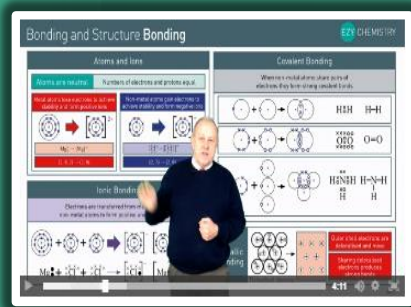
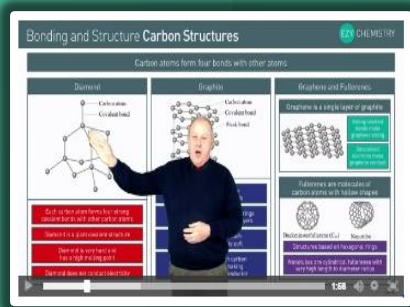
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END OF SECTION ASSESSMENT

The melting and boiling points of several metals are given in the following table.

Metal	Melting point (°C)	Boiling point (°C)
Aluminium (Al)	933	2557
Mercury (Hg)	-38	357
Nickel (Ni)	1455	2865
Nickelium (Ni)	2023	4639

From the states of the metals, identify what temperatures they are heated to:

Metals: Al, Hg, Ni, Ni

Identify the properties of solids, liquids and gases, and tick the correct boxes in the table:

	Solids	Liquids	Gases
Fixed structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Closely packed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Can be compressed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Irregular structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The graph below shows what happens when a substance is heated.

Match the statement to the point on the graph it represents:

- This is the boiling point
- The substance is a solid
- The substance is melting
- The substance is a liquid
- Upon cooling, the substance will solidify at this point
- Energy is being supplied to separate particles from the liquid to boil it

How many covalent bonds can a single carbon atom form (up to 4)?

Name the different allotropes of carbon.

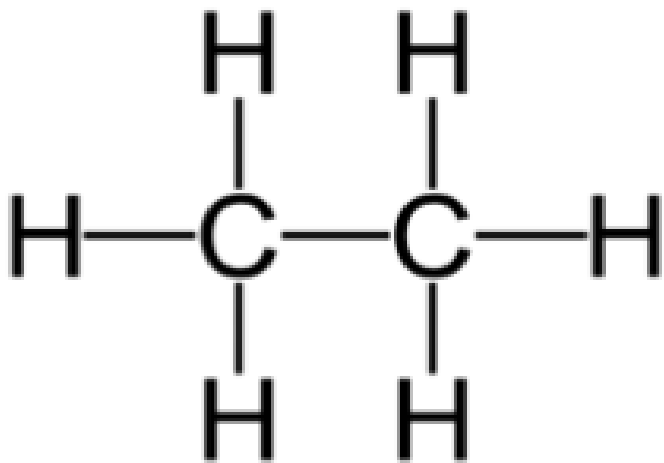
Identify the correct statements about nanoparticles:

- Nanoparticles have an extremely low S.A.:V ratio
- Nanoparticles have an extremely high S.A.:V ratio
- Nanoparticles have low reactivity due to their low S.A.:V ratios
- Nanoparticles have high reactivity due to their high S.A.:V ratios
- Dust is an example of a nanoparticle

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EZY CHEMISTRY



QUANTITATIVE CHEMISTRY SECTION

All of the content in this section of the scheme of work relates to Section 4.3: Quantitative Chemistry in the AQA GCSE Chemistry Specification.

TOPIC 1

CHEMICAL MEASUREMENTS

Specification Reference

4.3.1 Chemical measurements, conservation of mass and the quantitative interpretation of chemical equations

4.3.1.1 Conservation of mass and balanced chemical equations

The law of conservation of mass states that no atoms are lost or made during a chemical reaction so the mass of the products equals the mass of the reactants.

This means that chemical reactions can be represented by symbol equations which are balanced in terms of the numbers of atoms of each element involved on both sides of the equation.

Students should understand the use of the multipliers in equations in normal script before a formula and in subscript within a formula.

4.3.1.2 Relative formula mass

The relative formula mass (M_r) of a compound is the sum of the relative atomic masses of the atoms in the numbers shown in the formula.

In a balanced chemical equation, the sum of the relative formula masses of the reactants in the quantities shown equals the sum of the relative formula masses of the products in the quantities shown.

4.3.1.3 Mass changes when a reactant or product is a gas

Some reactions may appear to involve a change in mass but this can usually be explained because a reactant or product is a gas and its mass has not been taken into account. For example: when a metal reacts with oxygen the mass of the oxide produced is greater than the mass of the metal or in thermal decompositions of metal carbonates carbon dioxide is produced and escapes into the atmosphere leaving the metal oxide as the only solid product.

Students should be able to explain any observed changes in mass in non-enclosed systems during a chemical reaction given the balanced symbol equation for the reaction and explain these changes in terms of the particle model.

4.3.1.4 Chemical measurements

Whenever a measurement is made there is always some uncertainty about the result obtained.

Students should be able to:

- represent the distribution of results and make estimations of uncertainty
- use the range of a set of measurements about the mean as a measure of uncertainty.

EzyScience Activity

Activity Link

QC1.1.1 – Balanced Chemical Equations



QC1.1.2 – Relative Formula Mass



QC1.1a – Balanced Chemical Equations and Relative Formula Mass Assessment



QC1.2.1 – Mass Changes



QC1.2.2 – Chemical Measurements



QC1.2a – Mass Changes and Chemical Measurements Assessment



TOPIC 2

MOLES

Specification Reference

4.3.2.1 Moles (HT only)

Chemical amounts are measured in moles. The symbol for the unit mole is mol.

The mass of one mole of a substance in grams is numerically equal to its relative formula mass. One mole of a substance contains the same number of the stated particles, atoms, molecules or ions as one mole of any other substance.

The number of atoms, molecules or ions in a mole of a given substance is the Avogadro constant. The value of the Avogadro constant is 6.02×10^{23} per mole.

Students should understand that the measurement of amounts in moles can apply to atoms, molecules, ions, electrons, formulae and equations, for example that in one mole of carbon (C) the number of atoms is the same as the number of molecules in one mole of carbon dioxide (CO_2).

Students should be able to use the relative formula mass of a substance to calculate the number of moles in a given mass of that substance and vice versa.

4.3.2.2 Amounts of substances in equations (HT only)

The masses of reactants and products can be calculated from balanced symbol equations.

Chemical equations can be interpreted in terms of moles. For example: $\text{Mg} + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{MgCl}_2 + \text{H}_2$ shows that one mole of magnesium reacts with two moles of hydrochloric acid to produce one mole of magnesium chloride and one mole of hydrogen gas.

Students should be able to:

- calculate the masses of substances shown in a balanced symbol equation
- calculate the masses of reactants and products from the balanced symbol equation and the mass of a given reactant or product

4.3.2.3 Using moles to balance equations (HT only)

The balancing numbers in a symbol equation can be calculated from the masses of reactants and products by converting the masses in grams to amounts in moles and converting the numbers of moles to simple whole number ratios.

Students should be able to balance an equation given the masses of reactants and products. Students should be able to change the subject of a mathematical equation.

4.3.2.4 Limiting reactants (HT only)

In a chemical reaction involving two reactants, it is common to use an excess of one of the reactants to ensure that all of the other reactant is used. The reactant that is completely used up is called the limiting reactant because it limits the amount of products.

Students should be able to explain the effect of a limiting quantity of a reactant on the amount of products it is possible to obtain in terms of amounts in moles or masses in grams.

EzyScience Activity

Activity Link

QC1.3.1 - Moles



QC1.3.2 - Masses of Reactants and Products



QC1.3.3- Using Moles to Balance Equations



QC1.3a - Moles Assessment



TOPIC 3

CONCENTRATION OF SOLUTIONS

Specification Reference

4.3.2.5 Concentration of solutions

Many chemical reactions take place in solutions. The concentration of a solution can be measured in mass per given volume of solution, e.g. grams per dm^3 (g/dm^3).

Students should be able to:

- calculate the mass of solute in a given volume of solution of known concentration in terms of mass per given volume of solution
- (HT only) explain how the mass of a solute and the volume of a solution is related to the concentration of the solution.

EzyScience Activity

QC1.4 – Concentration of Solutions

QC1.4a – Concentration of Solutions

Activity Link



TOPIC 4

YIELD AND ATOM ECONOMY

Specification Reference

4.3.3.1 Percentage yield

Even though no atoms are gained or lost in a chemical reaction, it is not always possible to obtain the calculated amount of a product because:

- the reaction may not go to completion because it is reversible
- some of the product may be lost when it is separated from the reaction mixture
- some of the reactants may react in ways different to the expected reaction.

The amount of a product obtained is known as the yield. When compared with the maximum theoretical amount as a percentage, it is called the percentage yield.

$$\% \text{ Yield} = (\text{Mass of product actually made}) / (\text{Maximum theoretical mass of product}) \times 100$$

Students should be able to:

- calculate the percentage yield of a product from the actual yield of a reaction
- (HT only) calculate the theoretical mass of a product from a given mass of reactant and the balanced equation for the reaction.

4.3.3.2 Atom economy

The atom economy (atom utilisation) is a measure of the amount of starting materials that end up as useful products. It is important for sustainable development and for economic reasons to use reactions with high atom economy.

The percentage atom economy of a reaction is calculated using the balanced equation for the reaction as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Relative formula mass of desired products from equation}}{\text{Sum of relative formula masses of all reactants from equation}} \times 100$$

Students should be able to:

- calculate the atom economy of a reaction to form a desired product from the balanced equation

Students should be able to:

- (HT only) explain why a particular reaction pathway is chosen to produce a specified product given appropriate data such as atom economy (if not calculated), yield, rate, equilibrium position and usefulness of by-products.

EzyScience Activity

Activity Link

QC2.1 - Yields



QC2.1 - Yields Assessment



QC2.2 - Calculating Theoretical Yields



QC2.2a - Calculating Theoretical Yields Assessment



QC2.3 - Atom Economy



QC2.3a - Atom Economy Assessment



QC2.4 - Reaction Pathways







QC2.4a - Reaction Pathways Assessment



TOPIC 5

CONCENTRATIONS AND VOLUMES OF GASES

Specification Reference	EzyScience Activity	Activity Link
<p>4.3.4 Using concentrations of solutions in mol/dm³ (chemistry only) (HT only)</p> <p>The concentration of a solution can be measured in mol/dm³.</p> <p>The amount in moles of solute or the mass in grams of solute in a given volume of solution can be calculated from its concentration in mol/dm³.</p> <p>If the volumes of two solutions that react completely are known and the concentration of one solution is known, the concentration of the other solution can be calculated.</p> <p>Students should be able to explain how the concentration of a solution in mol/dm³ is related to the mass of the solute and the volume of the solution.</p>	QC2.5 – Concentration in mol/dm³	 WATCH VIDEO
<p>4.3.5 Use of amount of substance in relation to volumes of gases (chemistry only) (HT only)</p> <p>Equal amounts in moles of gases occupy the same volume under the same conditions of temperature and pressure.</p> <p>The volume of one mole of any gas at room temperature and pressure (20°C and 1 atmosphere pressure) is 24 dm³.</p> <p>The volumes of gaseous reactants and products can be calculated from the balanced equation for the reaction.</p> <p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ calculate the volume of a gas at room temperature and pressure from its mass and relative formula mass▪ calculate volumes of gaseous reactants and products from a balanced equation and a given volume of a gaseous reactant or product▪ change the subject of a mathematical equation.	QC2.5a – Concentrations in mol/dm³ Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF
	QC2.6 – Volumes of Gases	 WATCH VIDEO
	QC2.6a – Volumes of Gases Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF

REVISION MATERIALS

QUANTITATIVE CHEMISTRY

Alongside our scheme of work, we have a collection of different resources to help you recap all of the core themes and topics from this Chemistry Section. These materials can be used at the end of teaching of this section and can be revisited at later dates to refresh your understanding of these topics before an in-class test, mock exam or a summer examination.

SNAPSHOT VIDEOS

Quantitative Chemistry: Balancing Chemical Equations

Multipliers and Subscripts: Multipliers give the number of each formula in an equation. Subscripts give the relative number of atoms within a molecule.

The multipliers in an equation can be changed to balance an equation.

EXAMPLES

Lithium reacts with oxygen to produce lithium oxide.	Calcium reacts with hydrochloric acid to produce calcium chloride and hydrogen gas.	Ethane reacts with oxygen to produce carbon dioxide and water.
$2\text{Li} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Li}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Ca} + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{CaCl}_2 + \text{H}_2$	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_6 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{CO}_2 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$
$4\text{Li} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Li}_2\text{O}$	$\text{CaCO}_3 \rightarrow \text{CaO} + \text{CO}_2$	$2\text{C}_2\text{H}_6 + 7\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 4\text{CO}_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Quantitative Chemistry: Conservation of Mass

No atoms are lost or made during a chemical reaction. Chemical equations are used to represent chemical reactions. The numbers of atoms of each element involved in the reaction are equal on both sides of the equation.

Mass of products = Mass of reactants

EXAMPLES

48 g magnesium is heated in air to produce 80 g magnesium oxide.	Hydrochloric acid reacts with an aqueous solution of magnesium chloride to produce hydrogen gas.	Hydrochloric acid reacts with an aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid to form chlorine, sodium sulfate, sulfur dioxide gas and liquid water.
$2\text{Mg} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{MgO}$	$2\text{HCl}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{Cl}_2(\text{g})$	$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3 + 2\text{Al} \rightarrow 2\text{Cr} + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$
Mass of oxygen used = $80 - 48 = 32\text{ g}$	Mass of carbon dioxide produced = $180 - 60 = 120\text{ g}$	

Watch 7 recap videos that re-visit the main elements of the main topic areas.

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END OF SECTION ASSESSMENT

Calculate the relative formula masses (M_r) of these compounds.

MgCl_2 $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$ K_3PO_4

$M_r = \dots$ $M_r = \dots$ $M_r = \dots$

20 g of a salt was dissolved in water to make a solution with a concentration of 80 g/dm³. What volume of water was required to make this solution?

volume = $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{concentration}}$

volume = $\frac{\dots}{\dots}$ dm³

Chromium metal is extracted from chromium oxide by heating with aluminium.

$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3 + 2\text{Al} \rightarrow 2\text{Cr} + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

What is the atom economy of producing chromium?

Give your answer to the nearest percent.

atom economy = $\dots\%$

Photosynthesis is used by plants to turn carbon dioxide into glucose.

Balance the chemical equation by changing the coefficients.

$\square \text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + \square \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow \square \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + \square \text{O}_2(\text{g})$

A electrolysis process uses 90 kg of water to make 6.5 kg of hydrogen. The maximum yield of this reaction is 10 kg.

What is the percentage yield of this reaction?

percentage yield = $\frac{\dots}{\dots} \times 100 = \dots\%$

Zinc chloride can be made by reacting zinc oxide with hydrochloric acid.

$\text{ZnO} + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{ZnCl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

What is the atom economy of making zinc chloride in this reaction?

Give your answer to the nearest percent.

atom economy = $\frac{M_r \text{ of the desired product}}{\text{sum of } M_r \text{ of the reactants}} \times 100 = \dots\%$

Two reaction schemes for the synthesis of the chemical, Q, are given below.

1. $\text{A} + \text{B} \xrightarrow{200^\circ\text{C}, 20 \text{ atm}} \text{Q}$

2. $\text{X} + \text{Y} \xrightarrow{40^\circ\text{C}, 2 \text{ atm}} \text{Q} + \text{R}$

The second reaction is safely used industrially, despite being a lower average yield of Q.

Each of the statements below makes three points. Each correct point made can be awarded one mark. Give each of these statements a mark out of three.

Reaction 1 has a higher atom economy than reaction 2, but a lower yield of Q. The reaction conditions make reaction 1 more economically viable.

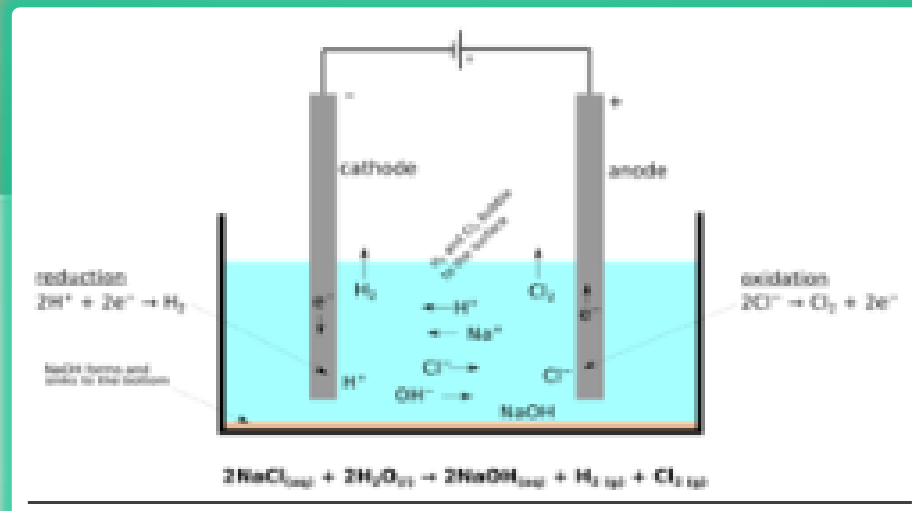
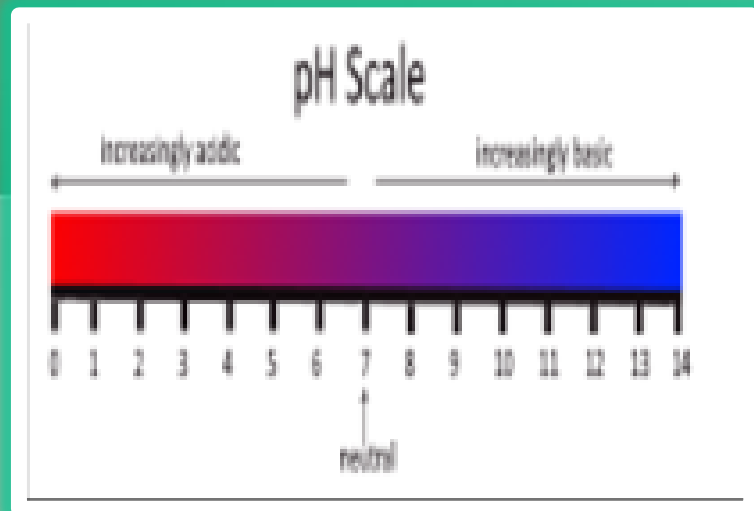
If the reactants used in reaction 1 are expensive, the economic benefits of a higher yield are outweighed by the reactant cost. Reaction 1 makes less efficient use of its reactants.

If it is feasible, both reactions have the same atom economy. The reaction conditions for reaction 2 are cheaper to maintain and easier to scale up to an industrial scale.

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EZY CHEMISTRY



CHEMICAL CHANGES SECTION

All of the content in this section of the scheme of work relates to Section 4.4: Chemical Changes in the AQA GCSE Chemistry Specification.

TOPIC 1

REACTIVITY OF METALS AND ACIDS

AQA Specification Reference

4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

Students should be able to explain reduction and oxidation in terms of loss or gain of oxygen.

4.4.2.1 Reactions of acids with metals

(HT only) Students should be able to:

- explain in terms of gain or loss of electrons, that these are redox reactions
- identify which species are oxidised and which are reduced in given chemical equations.

Knowledge of reactions limited to those of magnesium, zinc and iron with hydrochloric and sulfuric acids.

4.4.1.2 The reactivity series

When metals react with other substances the metal atoms form positive ions. The reactivity of a metal is related to its tendency to form positive ions. Metals can be arranged in order of their reactivity in a reactivity series. The metals potassium, sodium, lithium, calcium, magnesium, zinc, iron and copper can be put in order of their reactivity from their reactions with water and dilute acids.

The non-metals hydrogen and carbon are often included in the reactivity series. A more reactive metal can displace a less reactive metal from a compound.

Students should be able to:

- recall and describe the reactions, if any, of potassium, sodium, lithium, calcium, magnesium, zinc, iron and copper with water or dilute acids and where appropriate, to place these metals in order of reactivity
- explain how the reactivity of metals with water or dilute acids is related to the tendency of the metal to form its positive ion
- deduce an order of reactivity of metals based on experimental results.

4.4.1.3 Extraction of metals and reduction

Unreactive metals such as gold are found in the Earth as the metal itself but most metals are found as compounds that require chemical reactions to extract the metal.

Knowledge and understanding are limited to the reduction of oxides using carbon.

Knowledge of the details of processes used in the extraction of metals is not required.

Students should be able to:

- interpret or evaluate specific metal extraction processes when given appropriate information
- identify the substances which are oxidised or reduced in terms of gain or loss of oxygen.

EzyScience Activity

Activity Link

CC1.1 – Reactions of Metals



CC1.1a – Reactions of Metals Assessment



CC1.2.1 - Reactivity



CC1.2.2 – Displacement Reactions



CC1.2a – The Reactivity Series Assessment



CC1.2b – The Reactivity Series Assessment



CC1.3 – Extraction of Metals







CC1.3a – Extraction of Metals Assessment











TOPIC 2

BALANCING EQUATIONS AND OXIDATION

AQA Specification Reference	EzyScience Activity	Activity Link
<p>4.1.1.1 Atoms, elements and compounds</p> <p>Students will be supplied with a periodic table for the exam and should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ use the names and symbols of the first 20 elements in the periodic table, the elements in Groups 1 and 7, and other elements in this specification▪ name compounds of these elements from given formulae or symbol equations▪ write word equations for the reactions in this specification▪ write formulae and balanced chemical equations for the reactions in this specification.	CC1.4 – Balancing Equations	 WATCH VIDEO
<p>4.4.1.4 Oxidation and reduction in terms of electrons (HT only)</p> <p>Oxidation is the loss of electrons and reduction is the gain of electrons.</p> <p>Student should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ write ionic equations for displacement reactions▪ identify in a given reaction, symbol equation or half equation which species are oxidised and which are reduced.	CC1.4a – Balancing Equations Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF
	CC1.5 – Oxidation and Reduction in Terms of Electrons	 WATCH VIDEO
	CC1.5a – Oxidation and Reduction in Terms of Electrons Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF










TOPIC 3

REACTIONS OF ACIDS WITH METALS AND SOLUBLE SALTS

AQA Specification Reference	EzyScience Activity	Activity Link
4.4.2.1 Reactions of acids with metals Acids react with some metals to produce salts and hydrogen. (HT only) Students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">explain in terms of gain or loss of electrons, that these are redox reactionsidentify which species are oxidised and which are reduced in given chemical equations. Knowledge of reactions limited to those of magnesium, zinc and iron with hydrochloric and sulfuric acids.	CC2.1 – Acids and Metals	 WATCH VIDEO
	CC2.1a – Acids and Metals Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF
4.4.2.2 Neutralisation of acids and salt production Acids are neutralised by alkalis (eg soluble metal hydroxides) and bases (eg insoluble metal hydroxides and metal oxides) to produce salts and water, and by metal carbonates to produce salts, water and carbon dioxide. The particular salt produced in any reaction between an acid and a base or alkali depends on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">the acid used (hydrochloric acid produces chlorides, nitric acid produces nitrates, sulfuric acid produces sulfates)the positive ions in the base, alkali or carbonate. Students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">predict products from given reactantsuse the formulae of common ions to deduce the formulae of salts.	CC2.2 – Neutralisation and Salt Production	 WATCH VIDEO
	CC2.2a Neutralisation and Salt Production Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF
4.4.2.3 Soluble salts Soluble salts can be made from acids by reacting them with solid insoluble substances, such as metals, metal oxides, hydroxides or carbonates. The solid is added to the acid until no more reacts and the excess solid is filtered off to produce a solution of the salt. Salt solutions can be crystallised to produce solid salts. Students should be able to describe how to make pure, dry samples of named soluble salts from information provided. Required practical 1: preparation of a pure, dry sample of a soluble salt from an insoluble oxide or carbonate using a Bunsen burner to heat dilute acid and a water bath or electric heater to evaporate the solution.	CC2.3 – Salt Production	 WATCH VIDEO
	CC2.3a – Salt Production Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF
	CC2.3b – Salt Production Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF
	Salt Production Required Practical Questions	 EXAM PRACTICE

TOPIC 4

THE pH SCALE AND TITRATIONS

AQA Specification Reference	EzyScience Activity	Activity Link
<p>4.4.2.4 The pH scale and neutralisation</p> <p>Acids produce hydrogen ions (H⁺) in aqueous solutions.</p> <p>Aqueous solutions of alkalis contain hydroxide ions (OH⁻).</p> <p>The pH scale, from 0 to 14, is a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a solution and can be measured using universal indicator or a pH probe.</p> <p>A solution with pH 7 is neutral. Aqueous solutions of acids have pH values of less than 7 and aqueous solutions of alkalis have pH values greater than 7.</p> <p>In neutralisation reactions between an acid and an alkali, hydrogen ions react with hydroxide ions to produce water.</p> <p>This reaction can be represented by the equation:</p> $\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$ <p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">describe the use of universal indicator or a wide range indicator to measure the approximate pH of a solutionuse the pH scale to identify acidic or alkaline solutions.	CC2.4 – The pH Scale and Neutralisation	 WATCH VIDEO
	CC2.4a – The pH Scale and Neutralisation Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF
	CC2.5 - Titrations	 WATCH VIDEO
	CC2.5a – Titrations Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF
	CC2.5b – Titrations Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF
	Titrations Required Practical Questions	 EXAM PRACTICE
<p>4.4.2.5 Titrations (chemistry only)</p> <p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">describe how to carry out titrations using strong acids and strong alkalis only (sulfuric, hydrochloric and nitric acids only) to find the reacting volumes accurately <p>Required practical 2: (chemistry only) determination of the reacting volumes of solutions of a strong acid and a strong alkali by titration.</p>	CC2.6.1 – Concentration and Molar Concentration	 WATCH VIDEO
<p>4.3.4 Using concentrations of solutions in mol/dm³ (chemistry only) (HT only)</p> <p>Students should be able to explain how the concentration of a solution in mol/dm³</p>	CC2.6.2 – Titration Calculations	 WATCH VIDEO
<p>4.4.2.5 Titrations (chemistry only)</p> <p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(HT Only) calculate the chemical quantities in titrations involving concentrations in mol/dm³ and in g/dm³. <p>(HT only) determination of the concentration of one of the solutions in mol/dm³ and g/dm³ from the reacting volumes and the known concentration of the other solution.</p>	CC2.6a – Titration Calculations Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF

TOPIC 5

STRONG AND WEAK ACIDS

AQA Specification Reference

4.4.2.6 Strong and weak acids (HT only)

A strong acid is completely ionised in aqueous solution. Examples of strong acids are hydrochloric, nitric and sulfuric acids.

A weak acid is only partially ionised in aqueous solution. Examples of weak acids are ethanoic, citric and carbonic acids.

For a given concentration of aqueous solutions, the stronger an acid, the lower the pH.

As the pH decreases by one unit, the hydrogen ion concentration of the solution increases by a factor of 10.

Students should be able to:

- use and explain the terms dilute and concentrated (in terms of amount of substance), and weak and strong (in terms of the degree of ionisation) in relation to acids
- describe neutrality and relative acidity in terms of the effect on hydrogen ion concentration and the numerical value of pH (whole numbers only).

EzyScience Activity

CC2.7 – Strong and Weak Acids



Activity Link

CC2.7a – Strong and Weak Acids Assessment



TOPIC 6

ELECTROLYSIS

AQA Specification Reference

4.4.3.1 The process of electrolysis

When an ionic compound is melted or dissolved in water, the ions are free to move about within the liquid or solution. These liquids and solutions are able to conduct electricity and are called electrolytes.

Passing an electric current through electrolytes causes the ions to move to the electrodes. Positively charged ions move to the negative electrode (the cathode), and negatively charged ions move to the positive electrode (the anode). Ions are discharged at the electrodes producing elements. This process is called electrolysis.

4.4.3.2 Electrolysis of molten ionic compounds

When a simple ionic compound (eg lead bromide) is electrolysed in the molten state using inert electrodes, the metal (lead) is produced at the cathode and the non-metal (bromine) is produced at the anode.

Students should be able to predict the products of the electrolysis of binary ionic compounds in the molten state.

4.4.3.3 Using electrolysis to extract metals

Electrolysis is used if the metal is too reactive to be extracted by reduction with carbon or if the metal reacts with carbon. Large amounts of energy are used in the extraction process to melt the compounds and to produce the electrical current.

Aluminium is manufactured by the electrolysis of a molten mixture of aluminium oxide and cryolite using carbon as the positive electrode (anode).

Students should be able to:

- explain why a mixture is used as the electrolyte
- explain why the positive electrode must be continually replaced.

4.4.3.4 Electrolysis of aqueous solutions

The ions discharged when an aqueous solution is electrolysed using inert electrodes depend on the relative reactivity of the elements involved.

At the negative electrode (cathode), hydrogen is produced if the metal is more reactive than hydrogen.

At the positive electrode (anode), oxygen is produced unless the solution contains halide ions when the halogen is produced.

Students should be able to predict the products of the electrolysis of aqueous solutions containing a single ionic compound.

Required practical 3: investigate what happens when aqueous solutions are electrolysed using inert electrodes. This should be an investigation involving developing a hypothesis.

EzyScience Activity

Activity Link

CC3.1 – Electrolysis of Molten Ionic Compounds



CC3.1a – Electrolysis of Molten Ionic Compounds Assessment



CC3.2 – Electrolysis of Aqueous Solutions



CC3.2a – Electrolysis of Aqueous Solutions Assessment



CC3.3 – Electrolysis of Aqueous Solutions (Experiment)



CC3.3a – Electrolysis of Aqueous Solutions (Experiment) Assessment



CC3.3b – Electrolysis of Aqueous Solutions (Experiment) Assessment



Electrolysis Required Practical Questions



TOPIC 7

HALF-EQUATIONS

AQA Specification Reference

4.4.3.5 Representation of reactions at electrodes as half equations (HT only)

During electrolysis, at the cathode (negative electrode), positively charged ions gain electrons and so the reactions are reductions.

At the anode (positive electrode), negatively charged ions lose electrons and so the reactions are oxidations.

Reactions at electrodes can be represented by half equations, for example:



and



or



EzyScience Activity

CC3.4 – Half-Equations



Activity Link

CC3.4 – Half-Equations Assessment

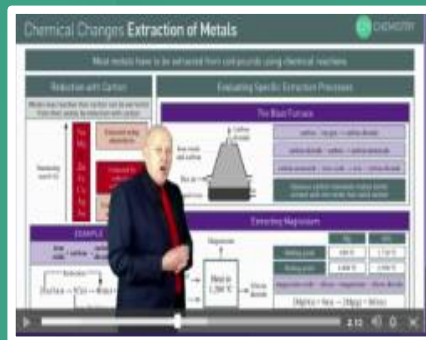
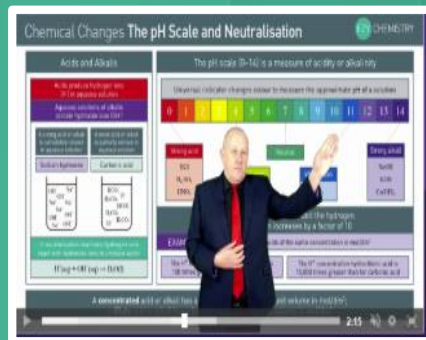


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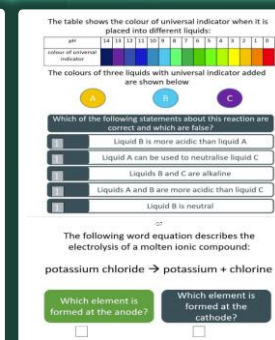
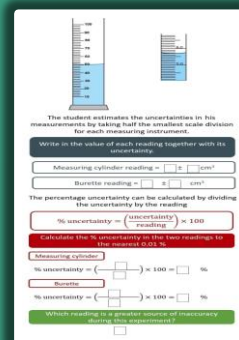
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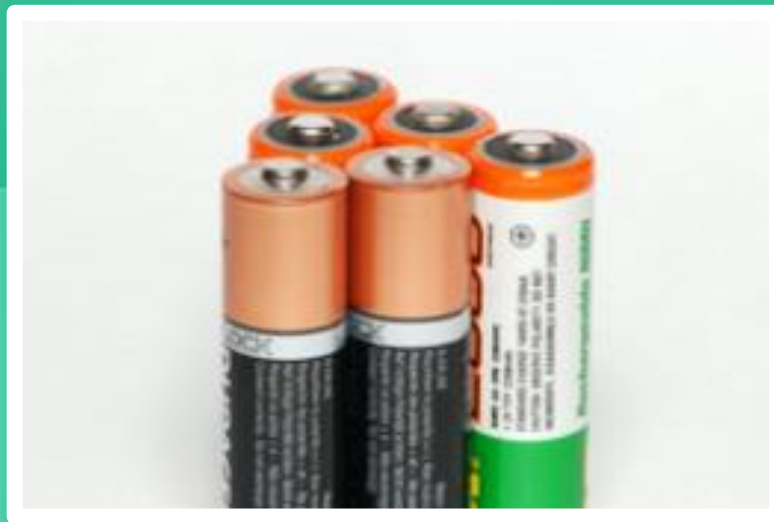


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EZY CHEMISTRY



PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY SECTION

All of the content in this section of the scheme of work relates to Section 4.5 and 4.6 in the AQA GCSE Chemistry Specification.

TOPIC 1

ENERGY TRANSFERS IN REACTIONS

AQA Specification Reference

4.5.1.1 Energy transfer during exothermic and endothermic reactions

Energy is conserved in chemical reactions. The amount of energy in the universe at the end of a chemical reaction is the same as before the reaction takes place. If a reaction transfers energy to the surroundings the product molecules must have less energy than the reactants, by the amount transferred.

An exothermic reaction is one that transfers energy to the surroundings so the temperature of the surroundings increases.

Exothermic reactions include combustion, many oxidation reactions and neutralisation.

Everyday uses of exothermic reactions include self-heating cans and hand warmers.

An endothermic reaction is one that takes in energy from the surroundings so the temperature of the surroundings decreases.

Endothermic reactions include thermal decompositions and the reaction of citric acid and sodium hydrogencarbonate. Some sports injury packs are based on endothermic reactions.

Students should be able to:

- distinguish between exothermic and endothermic reactions on the basis of the temperature change of the surroundings
- evaluate uses and applications of exothermic and endothermic reactions given appropriate information.

Limited to measurement of temperature change. Calculation of energy changes or ΔH is not required.

Required practical 4: investigate the variables that affect temperature changes in reacting solutions such as, eg acid plus metals, acid plus carbonates, neutralisations, displacement of metals.

4.5.1.2 Reaction profiles

Chemical reactions can occur only when reacting particles collide with each other and with sufficient energy. The minimum amount of energy that particles must have to react is called the activation energy.

Reaction profiles can be used to show the relative energies of reactants and products, the activation energy and the overall energy change of a reaction.

Students should be able to:

- draw simple reaction profiles (energy level diagrams) for exothermic and endothermic reactions showing the relative energies of reactants and products, the activation energy and the overall energy change, with a curved line to show the energy as the reaction proceeds
- use reaction profiles to identify reactions as exothermic or endothermic
- explain that the activation energy is the energy needed for a reaction to occur.

EzyScience Activity

Activity Link

PC1.1 – Exothermic and Endothermic Reactions



PC1.1a – Exothermic and Endothermic Reactions Assessment



Temperature Changes in Reactions Required Practical Questions



PC1.2 – Reaction Profiles



PC1.2a – Reaction Profiles Assessment



TOPIC 2

CALCULATING ENERGY CHANGES IN REACTIONS

AQA Specification Reference

4.5.1.3 The energy change of reactions (HT only)

During a chemical reaction:

- energy must be supplied to break bonds in the reactants
- energy is released when bonds in the products are formed.

The energy needed to break bonds and the energy released when bonds are formed can be calculated from bond energies.

The difference between the sum of the energy needed to break bonds in the reactants and the sum of the energy released when bonds in the products are formed is the overall energy change of the reaction.

In an exothermic reaction, the energy released from forming new bonds is greater than the energy needed to break existing bonds.

In an endothermic reaction, the energy needed to break existing bonds is greater than the energy released from forming new bonds.

Students should be able to calculate the energy transferred in chemical reactions using bond energies supplied.

EzyScience Activity

PC1.3 – Calculating Energy Changes in Reactions

PC1.3a – Calculating Energy Changes in Reactions Assessment

Activity Link



TOPIC 3

CHEMICAL CELLS AND FUEL CELLS

AQA Specification Reference

4.5.2 Chemical cells and fuel cells (chemistry only)

4.5.2.1 Cells and batteries

Cells contain chemicals which react to produce electricity.

The voltage produced by a cell is dependent upon a number of factors including the type of electrode and electrolyte.

A simple cell can be made by connecting two different metals in contact with an electrolyte.

Batteries consist of two or more cells connected together in series to provide a greater voltage.

In non-rechargeable cells and batteries the chemical reactions stop when one of the reactants has been used up. Alkaline batteries are non-rechargeable.

Rechargeable cells and batteries can be recharged because the chemical reactions are reversed when an external electrical current is supplied.

Students should be able to interpret data for relative reactivity of different metals and evaluate the use of cells.

Students do not need to know details of cells and batteries other than those specified.

4.5.2.2 Fuel cells

Fuel cells are supplied by an external source of fuel (eg hydrogen) and oxygen or air. The fuel is oxidised electrochemically within the fuel cell to produce a potential difference.

The overall reaction in a hydrogen fuel cell involves the oxidation of hydrogen to produce water.

Hydrogen fuel cells offer a potential alternative to rechargeable cells and batteries.

Students should be able to:

- evaluate the use of hydrogen fuel cells in comparison with rechargeable cells and batteries
- (HT only) write the half equations for the electrode reactions in the hydrogen fuel cell.

EzyScience Activity

PC1.4.1 – Cells and Batteries



PC1.4.2 – Fuel Cells



PC1.4a – Cells Assessment



Activity Link

TOPIC 4

RATES OF REACTION

AQA Specification Reference

4.6.1.1 Calculating rates of reactions

The rate of a chemical reaction can be found by measuring the quantity of a reactant used or the quantity of product formed over time:

$$\text{mean rate of reaction} = \frac{\text{quantity of reactant used}}{\text{time taken}}$$

$$\text{mean rate of reaction} = \frac{\text{quantity of product formed}}{\text{time taken}}$$

The quantity of reactant or product can be measured by the mass in grams or by a volume in cm^3 . The units of rate of reaction may be given as g/s or cm^3/s .

For the Higher Tier, students are also required to use quantity of reactants in terms of moles and units for rate of reaction in mol/s .

Students should be able to:

- calculate the mean rate of a reaction from given information about the quantity of a reactant used or the quantity of a product formed and the time taken
- draw, and interpret, graphs showing the quantity of product formed or quantity of reactant used up against time
- draw tangents to the curves on these graphs and use the slope of the tangent as a measure of the rate of reaction
- (HT only) calculate the gradient of a tangent to the curve on these graphs as a measure of rate of reaction at a specific time.

Required practical 5: investigate how changes in concentration affect the rates of reactions by a method involving measuring the volume of a gas produced and a method involving a change in colour or turbidity. This should be an investigation involving developing a hypothesis.

EzyScience Activity

Activity Link

PC2.1 – Rates of Reaction



PC1.2a – Rates of Reaction Assessment



PC2.2 – Calculating Rates of Reaction



PC2.2a – Calculating Rates of Reaction Assessment



PC2.3.1 – Investigating Rates of Reaction (Collecting a Gas)



PC2.3.2 – Investigating Rates of Reaction (Formation of a Precipitate)



PC2.3a – Investigating Rates of Reaction Assessment



Rates of Reaction Required Practical Questions



TOPIC 5

FACTORS AFFECTING RATES OF REACTION

AQA Specification Reference

4.6.1.2 Factors which affect the rates of chemical reactions

Factors which affect the rates of chemical reactions include: the concentrations of reactants in solution, the pressure of reacting gases, the surface area of solid reactants, the temperature and the presence of catalysts.

Students should be able to recall how changing these factors affects the rate of chemical reactions.

4.6.1.3 Collision theory and activation energy

Collision theory explains how various factors affect rates of reactions. According to this theory, chemical reactions can occur only when reacting particles collide with each other and with sufficient energy.

Students should be able to :

- predict and explain using collision theory the effects of changing conditions of concentration, pressure and temperature on the rate of a reaction
- predict and explain the effects of changes in the size of pieces of a reacting solid in terms of surface area to volume ratio
- use simple ideas about proportionality when using collision theory to explain the effect of a factor on the rate of a reaction.

4.6.1.4 Catalysts

Students should be able to identify catalysts in reactions from their effect on the rate of reaction and because they are not included in the chemical equation for the reaction.

Students should be able to explain catalytic action in terms of activation energy.

Students do not need to know the names of catalysts other than those specified in the subject content.

EzyScience Activity

PC2.4.1 – Collision Theory and Activation Energy



PC2.4.2 – Factors Affecting Rates of Reaction



PC2.4.3 - Catalysts



PC2.4a – Factors Affecting Rates of Reaction Assessment



TOPIC 6

REVERSIBLE REACTIONS AND DYNAMIC EQUILIBRIUM

AQA Specification Reference

4.6.2.1 Reversible reactions

In some chemical reactions, the products of the reaction can react to produce the original reactants. Such reactions are called reversible reactions and are represented: $A + B \rightleftharpoons C + D$

The direction of reversible reactions can be changed by changing the conditions.

For example: ammonium chloride \rightleftharpoons ammonia + hydrogen chloride

4.6.2.2 Energy changes and reversible reactions

If a reversible reaction is exothermic in one direction, it is endothermic in the opposite direction. The same amount of energy is transferred.

For example: hydrated copper sulfate \rightleftharpoons anhydrous copper sulfate + water

4.6.2.3 Equilibrium

When a reversible reaction occurs in apparatus which prevents the escape of reactants and products, equilibrium is reached when the forward and reverse reactions occur at exactly the same rate.

4.6.2.4 The effect of changing conditions on equilibrium (HT only)

The relative amounts of all the reactants and products at equilibrium depend on the conditions of the reaction.

If a system is at equilibrium and a change is made to any of the conditions, then the system responds to counteract the change.

The effects of changing conditions on a system at equilibrium can be predicted using Le Chatelier's Principle.

Students should be able to make qualitative predictions about the effect of changes on systems at equilibrium when given appropriate information.

4.6.2.5 The effect of changing concentration (HT only)

If the concentration of a reactant is increased, more products will be formed until equilibrium is reached again.

If the concentration of a product is decreased, more reactants will react until equilibrium is reached again.

Students should be able to interpret appropriate given data to predict the effect of a change in concentration of a reactant or product on given reactions at equilibrium.

4.6.2.6 The effect of temperature changes on equilibrium (HT only)

If the temperature of a system at equilibrium is increased:

- the relative amount of products at equilibrium increases for an endothermic reaction
- the relative amount of products at equilibrium decreases for an exothermic reaction.

If the temperature of a system at equilibrium is decreased:

- the relative amount of products at equilibrium decreases for an endothermic reaction
- the relative amount of products at equilibrium increases for an exothermic reaction.

Students should be able to interpret appropriate given data to predict the effect of a change in temperature on given reactions at equilibrium.

4.6.2.7 The effect of pressure changes on equilibrium (HT only)

For gaseous reactions at equilibrium:

- an increase in pressure causes the equilibrium position to shift towards the side with the smaller number of molecules as shown by the symbol equation for that reaction
- a decrease in pressure causes the equilibrium position to shift towards the side with the larger number of molecules as shown by the symbol equation for that reaction.

Students should be able to interpret appropriate given data to predict the effect of pressure changes on given reactions at equilibrium.

EzyScience Activity

Activity Link

PC3.1 – Reversible Reactions and Dynamic Equilibrium



PC3.1 – Reversible Reactions and Dynamic Equilibrium Assessment



PC3.2 – Factors Affecting Dynamic Equilibrium



PC3.2a – Factors Affecting Dynamic Equilibrium Assessment

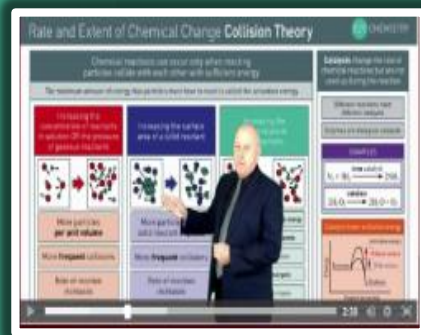
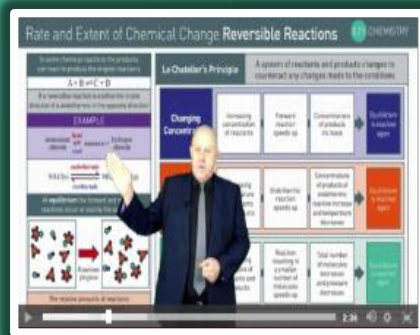


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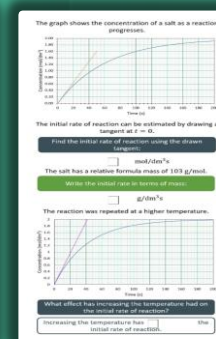
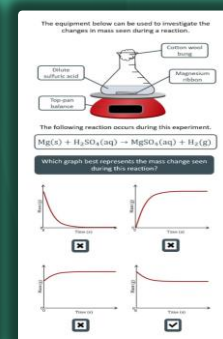
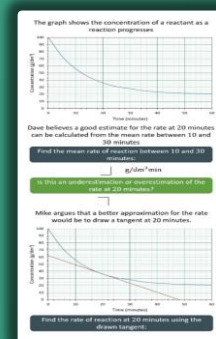
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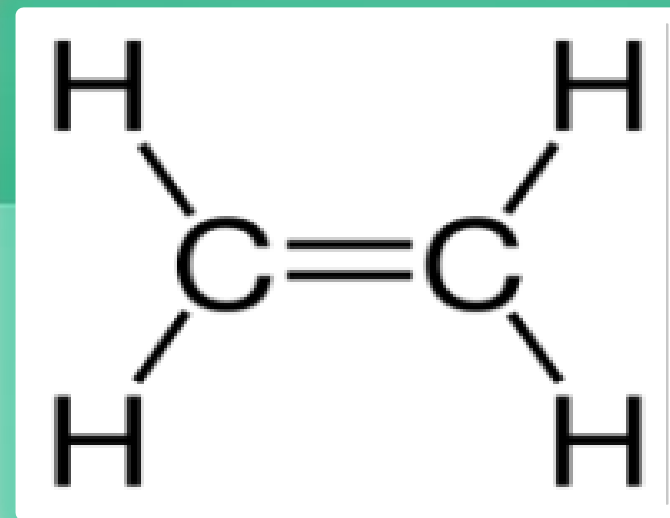
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ORGANIC CHEMISTRY SECTION

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TOPIC 1

CARBON COMPOUNDS AS FUELS

AQA Specification Reference

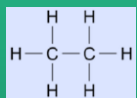
4.7.1.1 Crude oil, hydrocarbons and alkanes

Crude oil is a finite resource found in rocks. Crude oil is the remains of an ancient biomass consisting mainly of plankton that was buried in mud. Crude oil is a mixture of a very large number of compounds. Most of the compounds in crude oil are hydrocarbons, which are molecules made up of hydrogen and carbon atoms only.

Most of the hydrocarbons in crude oil are hydrocarbons called alkanes. The general formula for the homologous series of alkanes is C_nH_{2n+2}

The first four members of the alkanes are methane, ethane, propane and butane.

Alkane molecules can be represented in the following forms: C_2H_6 or



Students should be able to recognise substances as alkanes given their formulae in these forms.

Students do not need to know the names of specific alkanes other than methane, ethane, propane and butane.

4.7.1.2 Fractional distillation and petrochemicals

Students should be able to explain how fractional distillation works in terms of evaporation and condensation.

Knowledge of the names of other specific fractions or fuels is not required.

4.7.1.3 Properties of hydrocarbons

Students should be able to recall how boiling point, viscosity and flammability change with increasing molecular size.

Students should be able to write balanced equations for the complete combustion of hydrocarbons with a given formula.

4.7.1.4 Cracking and alkenes

Hydrocarbons can be broken down (cracked) to produce smaller, more useful molecules.

Cracking can be done by various methods including catalytic cracking and steam cracking.

Students should be able to describe in general terms the conditions used for catalytic cracking and steam cracking.

Students should be able to recall the colour change when bromine water reacts with an alkene.

Students should be able to balance chemical equations as examples of cracking given the formulae of the reactants and products.

Students should be able to give examples to illustrate the usefulness of cracking. They should also be able to explain how modern life depends on the uses of hydrocarbons.

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Activity Link

OC1.1.1 - Hydrocarbons



OC1.1.2 - Alkanes



OC1.1.3 - Crude Oil



OC1.1.4 - Cracking



OC1.1a - Crude Oil and Hydrocarbons Assessment



TOPIC 2

REACTIONS OF ALKENES AND ACIDS

AQA Specification Reference

4.7.2.1 Structure and formulae of alkenes

Alkenes are hydrocarbons with a double carbon-carbon bond. The general formula for the homologous series of alkenes is C_nH_{2n} .

The first four members of the homologous series of alkenes are ethene, propene, butene and pentene.

Students do not need to know the names of individual alkenes other than ethene, propene, butene and pentene.

4.7.2.2 Reactions of alkenes

Students should be able to:

- describe the reactions and conditions for the addition of hydrogen, water and halogens to alkenes
- draw fully displayed structural formulae of the first four members of the alkenes and the products of their addition reactions with hydrogen, water, chlorine, bromine and iodine.

4.7.2.3 Alcohols

Students should be able to:

- describe what happens when any of the first four alcohols react with sodium, burn in air, are added to water, react with an oxidising agent
- recall the main uses of these alcohols.

Aqueous solutions of ethanol are produced when sugar solutions are fermented using yeast.

Students should know the conditions used for fermentation of sugar using yeast.

Students should be able to recognise alcohols from their names or from given formulae.

Students do not need to know the names of individual alcohols other than methanol, ethanol, propanol and butanol.

Students are not expected to write balanced chemical equations for the reactions of alcohols other than for combustion reactions.

4.7.2.4 Carboxylic acids

Students should be able to:

- describe what happens when any of the first four carboxylic acids react with carbonates, dissolve in water, react with alcohols
- (HT only) explain why carboxylic acids are weak acids in terms of ionisation and pH (see Strong and weak acids (HT only)).

Students should be able to recognise carboxylic acids from their names or from given formulae. Students do not need to know the names of individual carboxylic acids other than methanoic acid, ethanoic acid, propanoic acid and butanoic acid. Students are not expected to write balanced chemical equations for the reactions of carboxylic acids. Students do not need to know the names of esters other than ethyl ethanoate.

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OC1.2.1 - Alkenes



OC1.2.2 - Reactions of Alkenes



OC1.2.3 - Alcohols



OC1.2.4 - Carboxylic Acids



OC1.2a - Alkenes, Alcohols and Carboxylic Acids Assessment



TOPIC 3

POLYMERS

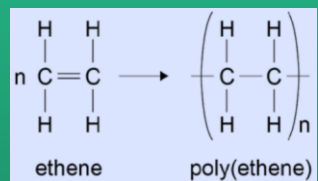
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4.7.3.1 Addition polymerisation

Alkenes can be used to make polymers such as poly(ethene) and poly(propene) by addition polymerisation.

In addition polymerisation reactions, many small molecules (monomers) join together to form very large molecules (polymers).

For example:



In addition polymers the repeating unit has the same atoms as the monomer because no other molecule is formed in the reaction.

Students should be able to:

- recognise addition polymers and monomers from diagrams in the forms shown and from the presence of the functional group $C=C$ in the monomers
- draw diagrams to represent the formation of a polymer from a given alkene monomer
- relate the repeating unit to the monomer.

4.2.2.5 Polymers

Polymers have very large molecules. The atoms in the polymer molecules are linked to other atoms by strong covalent bonds. The intermolecular forces between polymer molecules are relatively strong and so these substances are solids at room temperature.

Students should be able to recognise polymers from diagrams showing their bonding and structure.

EzyScience Activity

DC2.1 – Addition Polymerisation



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DC2.1 – Addition Polymerisation Assessment



TOPIC 3

POLYMERS

AQA Specification Reference

4.7.3.2 Condensation polymerisation (HT only)

Condensation polymerisation involves monomers with two functional groups. When these types of monomers react they join together, usually losing small molecules such as water, and so the reactions are called condensation reactions.

The simplest polymers are produced from two different monomers with two of the same functional groups on each monomer.

For example:

ethane diol $\text{HO}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{OH}$ or $\text{HO}-\square-\text{OH}$

and

hexanedioic acid $\text{HOOC}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{COOH}$ or $\text{HOOC}-\square-\text{COOH}$

polymerise to produce a polyester:

$$n\text{HO}-\square-\text{OH} + n\text{HOOC}-\square-\text{COOH} \rightarrow \left(\square-\text{OOC}-\square-\text{COO} \right)_n + 2n\text{H}_2\text{O}$$

Students should be able to explain the basic principles of condensation polymerisation by reference to the functional groups in the monomers and the repeating units in the polymers.

4.7.3.3 Amino acids (HT only)

Amino acids have two different functional groups in a molecule. Amino acids react by condensation polymerisation to produce polypeptides.

For example: glycine is $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{COOH}$ and polymerises to produce the polypeptide

$(-\text{HNCH}_2\text{COO}-)_n$ and $n\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Different amino acids can be combined in the same chain to produce proteins.

4.7.3.4 DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) and other naturally occurring polymers

DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) is a large molecule essential for life. DNA encodes genetic instructions for the development and functioning of living organisms and viruses.

Most DNA molecules are two polymer chains, made from four different monomers called nucleotides, in the form of a double helix. Other naturally occurring polymers important for life include proteins, starch and cellulose.

Students should be able to name the types of monomers from which these naturally occurring polymers are made.

EzyScience Activity

OC2.2.1 – Condensation Polymerisation



OC2.2.2 – Amino Acids



OC2.2a – Condensation Polymerisation and Amino Acids Assessment



OC2.3 – Natural Polymers



OC2.3 – Natural Polymers Assessment



Activity Link

TOPIC 4

REACTIONS OF ALKENES AND ACIDS

AQA Specification Reference

4.10.1.1 Using the Earth's resources and sustainable development

Humans use the Earth's resources to provide warmth, shelter, food and transport.

Natural resources, supplemented by agriculture, provide food, timber, clothing and fuels.

Finite resources from the Earth, oceans and atmosphere are processed to provide energy and materials.

Chemistry plays an important role in improving agricultural and industrial processes to provide new products and in sustainable development, which is development that meets the needs of current generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Students should be able to:

- state examples of natural products that are supplemented or replaced by agricultural and synthetic products
- distinguish between finite and renewable resources given appropriate information.

Students should be able to:

- extract and interpret information about resources from charts, graphs and tables
- use orders of magnitude to evaluate the significance of data.

EzyScience Activity

OC2.4.1 – Uses of Polymers

OC2.4.2 – Problems with Polymers

OC2.4a – Uses of Polymers Assessment

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Organic Chemistry Crude Oil

Crude oil is a mixture of many compounds and is the remains of an ancient biomass and contains many of compounds called hydrocarbons. Hydrocarbons are molecules made up of hydrogen and carbon atoms only.

Identify the hydrocarbons (C₁ to C₁₀) and alkenes:

Alkanes contain single bonds only	Alkenes contain double bonds
$\text{H}-\text{C}-\text{H}$ $ $ H CH₄ methane	$\text{H}-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{H}$ $ $ H C₂H₄ ethene
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Alkenes: C_2H_4 , C_3H_6 , C_4H_8

Alkanes: CH_4 , C_2H_6 , C_3H_8 , C_4H_{10} , C_5H_{12}

EXAMPLE: Crude oil contains a mixture of hydrocarbons. Some hydrocarbons are used for different purposes. Some hydrocarbons are used for different purposes. Some hydrocarbons are used for different purposes.

Organic Chemistry Alkenes and Cracking

Alkenes: Alkenes are hydrocarbons with one double carbon-carbon bond. Alkenes react to produce alcohols. Alkenes are hydrocarbons with one double carbon-carbon bond. Alkenes react to produce alcohols.

Cracking: Larger less useful hydrocarbons break down into smaller more useful ones. Cracking is the process of breaking down large hydrocarbon molecules into smaller molecules.

EXAMPLE: $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{18} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{C}_4\text{H}_{10} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Alkenes: C_2H_4 , C_3H_6 , C_4H_8

Alkanes: CH_4 , C_2H_6 , C_3H_8 , C_4H_{10} , C_5H_{12}

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END OF SECTION ASSESSMENT

The table gives information about four commonly used polymers.

Polymer	Polypropene	PVC
Starting materials	Ethene from natural gas	Propene from natural gas and chlorine
Products of combustion	Carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and water	Carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, water and hydrogen chloride
Melting points	110 °C	180 °C, 220 °C – 305 °C

Identify the correct statements about these polymers.

- All the polymers are produced from materials found in fossil fuels.
- Before being used to make new products, the polymers must be carefully sorted.
- Burning any of these polymers could contribute to global warming.
- All these polymers have similar physical properties.
- PVC can be disposed of effectively in landfill sites.

The diagram shows the structure of a polymer.

A group of students draw the following structures relating to this polymer – not all of them are correct.

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Identify the structure of the diacid monomer in this polyamide.

The diagram shows the structure of part of a polyamide.

Identify the structure of the amine acid in this polyamide.

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The diagram shows an experiment that can be carried out in your school laboratory to crack paraffin.

Complete the statements about this experiment.

The mineral wool is heated in order to the paraffin.

The ceramic chips act as a .

When the gas collected in the smaller test tube is mixed with burning water, this becomes showing that the gas is .

Liquid paraffin consists of molecules containing between 5 to 25 carbon atoms.

The equation shows what happens when one of these molecules is cracked.

$$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{24} \rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_{14} + \text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}$$

What are the values of x and y?

x =

y =

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EZY CHEMISTRY









CHEMICAL ANALYSIS SECTION

All of the content in this section of the scheme of work relates to Section 4.8: Chemical Analysis in the AQA GCSE Chemistry Specification.

TOPIC 1

PURITY, FORMULATIONS AND CHROMATOGRAPHY

AQA Specification Reference	EzyScience Activity	Activity Link
<p>4.8.1.1 Pure substances</p> <p>In chemistry, a pure substance is a single element or compound, not mixed with any other substance. Pure elements and compounds melt and boil at specific temperatures. Melting point and boiling point data can be used to distinguish pure substances from mixtures.</p> <p>In everyday language, a pure substance can mean a substance that has had nothing added to it, so it is unadulterated and in its natural state, eg pure milk.</p> <p>Students should be able to use melting point and boiling point data to distinguish pure from impure substances.</p>	CA1.1.1 – Pure Substances and Mixtures	 WATCH VIDEO
<p>4.8.1.2 Formulations</p> <p>A formulation is a mixture that has been designed as a useful product. Many products are complex mixtures in which each chemical has a particular purpose. Formulations are made by mixing the components in carefully measured quantities to ensure that the product has the required properties. Formulations include fuels, cleaning agents, paints, medicines, alloys, fertilisers and foods.</p> <p>Students should be able to identify formulations given appropriate information.</p> <p>Students do not need to know the names of components in proprietary products.</p>	C1.1.2 - Formulations	 WATCH VIDEO
<p>4.8.1.3 Chromatography</p> <p>Chromatography can be used to separate mixtures and can give information to help identify substances. Chromatography involves a stationary phase and a mobile phase. Separation depends on the distribution of substances between the phases.</p> <p>The ratio of the distance moved by a compound (centre of spot from origin) to the distance moved by the solvent can be expressed as its Rf value: $Rf = \frac{\text{distance moved by substance}}{\text{distance moved by solvent}}$</p> <p>Different compounds have different Rf values in different solvents, which can be used to help identify the compounds. The compounds in a mixture may separate into different spots depending on the solvent but a pure compound will produce a single spot in all solvents.</p> <p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">explain how paper chromatography separates mixturessuggest how chromatographic methods can be used for distinguishing pure substances from impure substancesinterpret chromatograms and determine Rf values from chromatogramsprovide answers to an appropriate number of significant figures. <p>Required practical 6: investigate how paper chromatography can be used to separate and tell the difference between coloured substances. Students should calculate Rf values.</p>	CA1.1a – Pure Substances and Formulations Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF
	CA1.2 - Chromatography	 WATCH VIDEO
	CA1.2a - Chromatography Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF
	Chromatography Required Practical Questions	 EXAM PRACTICE

TOPIC 2

IDENTIFICATION OF COMMON GASES

AQA Specification Reference

4.8.2.1 Test for hydrogen

The test for hydrogen uses a burning splint held at the open end of a test tube of the gas. Hydrogen burns rapidly with a pop sound.

4.8.2.2 Test for oxygen

The test for oxygen uses a glowing splint inserted into a test tube of the gas. The splint relights in oxygen.

4.8.2.3 Test for carbon dioxide

The test for carbon dioxide uses an aqueous solution of calcium hydroxide (lime water). When carbon dioxide is shaken with or bubbled through limewater the limewater turns milky (cloudy).

4.8.2.4 Test for chlorine

The test for chlorine uses litmus paper. When damp litmus paper is put into chlorine gas the litmus paper is bleached and turns white.

EzyScience Activity

CA2.1 – Testing for Gases

CA2.1a – Testing for Gases Assessment

Activity Link



TOPIC 3

IDENTIFICATION OF IONS

AQA Specification Reference

4.8.3.1 Flame tests

Flame tests can be used to identify some metal ions (cations).

Lithium, sodium, potassium, calcium and copper compounds produce distinctive colours in flame tests:

- lithium compounds result in a crimson flame
- sodium compounds result in a yellow flame
- potassium compounds result in a lilac flame
- calcium compounds result in an orange-red flame
- copper compounds result in a green flame.

Students should be able to identify species from the results of the tests in 4.8.3.1 to 4.8.3.5.

4.8.3.2 Metal hydroxides

Students should be able to write balanced equations for the reactions to produce the insoluble hydroxides.

Students are not expected to write equations for the production of sodium aluminate.

4.8.3.3 Carbonates

Carbonates react with dilute acids to form carbon dioxide gas. Carbon dioxide can be identified with limewater.

4.8.3.4 Halides

Halide ions in solution produce precipitates with silver nitrate solution in the presence of dilute nitric acid. Silver chloride is white, silver bromide is cream and silver iodide is yellow.

4.8.3.5 Sulfates

Sulfate ions in solution produce a white precipitate with barium chloride solution in the presence of dilute hydrochloric acid.

Required practical 7: use of chemical tests to identify the ions in unknown single ionic compounds covering the ions from sections Flame tests to Sulfates.

EzyScience Activity

CA2.2 – Chemical Tests for Ions

CA2.2a – Chemical Test for Ions

Testing for Ions Required Practical Questions

Activity Link



TOPIC 4

INSTRUMENTAL METHODS

AQA Specification Reference

4.8.3.6 Instrumental methods

Elements and compounds can be detected and identified using instrumental methods. Instrumental methods are accurate, sensitive and rapid.

Students should be able to state advantages of instrumental methods compared with the chemical tests in this specification.

4.8.3.7 Flame emission spectroscopy

Flame emission spectroscopy is an example of an instrumental method used to analyse metal ions in solutions.

The sample is put into a flame and the light given out is passed through a spectroscope. The output is a line spectrum that can be analysed to identify the metal ions in the solution and measure their concentrations.

Students should be able to interpret an instrumental result given appropriate data in chart or tabular form, when accompanied by a reference set in the same form, limited to flame emission spectroscopy.

EzyScience Activity

CA2.3.1 – Instrumental Methods

CA2.3.2 – Flame Emission Spectroscopy

CA2.3a – Instrumental Methods and Spectroscopy Assessment

Activity Link



REVISION MATERIALS

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

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SNAPSHOT VIDEOS

Chemical Analysis Testing for Gases

Testing for Hydrogen	Testing for Oxygen	Testing for Carbon Dioxide	Testing for Chlorine
Hold a burning splint at the open end of a test tube of the test gas	Insert a glowing splint into a test tube of the test gas	Shake test gas with lime water or bubble through lime water	Put damp litmus paper in the test gas
Hydrogen explodes with a squeaky pop sound		Carbon dioxide reacts with the lime water to make it go cloudy	Chlorine bleaches the litmus paper so that it turns white

Chemical Analysis Pure Substances and Mixtures

In chemistry, a pure substance is a single element or compound, not mixed with any other substances. In everyday language, a pure substance can be a substance that is unadulterated and in its natural state.

Pure Substance vs **Mixture**

Procedure

Formulation is a mixture that has been designed as a useful product.

Formulations are made by mixing components in carefully measured quantities.

EXAMPLES

- 1 litre flower solutions contains:
 - 1.5 g copper(II) sulfate pentahydrate
 - 5 g sodium potassium tartrate
 - 5 g potassium nitrate
 - 300 ml 10% sodium hydroxide solution
 - 700 ml water
- Cartridge brass is an alloy of copper and zinc that is used to make valve seats.
- 1 kg cartridge brass contains:

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END OF SECTION ASSESSMENT

The diagram shows a chromatogram for the ink from a black felt tip pen.

penel ink dot

original ink dot

The student draws a pencil line across a strip of filter paper and places a dot of ink on the pencil line. He then places the strip of filter paper in a beaker with its lower end resting in water.

The student waits for the water to rise completely up the paper – a distance of 8.0 cm for then measures the distances travelled by the different coloured dyes in the same time.

The student then carries out the following calculation to find the retention factor for the red dye, giving the value to two significant figures.

$$R_f = \frac{\text{distance moved by red dye}}{\text{distance moved by solvent}} = \frac{2.1}{6.3} = 0.30$$

Complete the steps below to calculate the retention factor for the purple dye.

Give your answer to two significant figures.

$$R_f = \frac{\text{distance moved by purple dye}}{\text{distance moved by solvent}} = \frac{\quad}{\quad}$$

Calculate the R_f value for the green dye in the ink. Give your answer to two significant figures.

$$R_f \text{ for green dye} = \frac{\quad}{\quad}$$

The graph shows how the melting point of water changes with the mass of salt (sodium chloride) dissolved in it.

melting point (°C)

salt concentration (g/100 ml)

The diagram below shows an experiment to determine the melting point of a sample of ice made with salt solution and the graph shows the results.

crushed ice

temperature (°C)

Use information in the graphs to find the concentration of the salt solution used to make the ice.

salt concentration = g/100 ml

Wash the ends of each conical flask with distilled water and then use your observations to complete the results table.

Titration	Blank test	Test for carbonate
Hydrogen carbonate (aq) + sodium hydroxide (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> reacts with acid to produce CO ₂
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium hydroxide (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color change
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium carbonate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color change
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium bicarbonate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color change
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium chloride (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium sulfate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium nitrate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium phosphate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium acetate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium formate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium oxalate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium malonate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium succinate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium fumarate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium maleate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium crotonate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium acrylate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium methacrylate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium acrylamide (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium methacrylamide (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium acrylonitrile (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium methacrylonitrile (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium acrylate (aq) + sodium methacrylate (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium acrylamide (aq) + sodium methacrylamide (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium acrylonitrile (aq) + sodium methacrylonitrile (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium acrylate (aq) + sodium acrylamide (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium acrylamide (aq) + sodium acrylonitrile (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium methacrylate (aq) + sodium methacrylamide (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium methacrylamide (aq) + sodium methacrylonitrile (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium acrylate (aq) + sodium methacrylate (aq) + sodium methacrylamide (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction
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Sulfuric acid (aq) + sodium acrylonitrile (aq) + sodium methacrylonitrile (aq) + sodium acrylate (aq) + sodium methacrylate (aq) + sodium methacrylamide (aq)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no reaction

The compound being tested is:

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EZY CHEMISTRY



ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY SECTION

All of the content in this section of the scheme of work relates to Section 4.9: Chemistry of the Atmosphere in the AQA GCSE Chemistry Specification.

TOPIC 1

THE ATMOSPHERE

AQA Specification Reference

4.9.1.1 The proportions of different gases in the atmosphere

For 200 million years, the proportions of different gases in the atmosphere have been much the same as they are today:

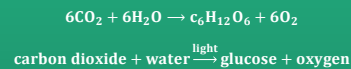
- about four-fifths (approximately 80 %) nitrogen
- about one-fifth (approximately 20 %) oxygen
- small proportions of various other gases, including carbon dioxide, water vapour and noble gases.

4.9.1.2 The Earth's early atmosphere

Students should be able to, given appropriate information, interpret evidence and evaluate different theories about the Earth's early atmosphere.

4.9.1.3 How oxygen increased

Algae and plants produced the oxygen that is now in the atmosphere by photosynthesis, which can be represented by the equation:



4.9.1.4 How carbon dioxide decreased

Students should be able to:

- describe the main changes in the atmosphere over time and some of the likely causes of these changes
- describe and explain the formation of deposits of limestone, coal, crude oil and natural gas.

4.9.2.1 Greenhouse gases

Students should be able to describe the greenhouse effect in terms of the interaction of short and long wavelength radiation with matter.

4.9.2.2 Human activities which contribute to an increase in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere

Students should be able to recall two human activities that increase the amounts of each of the greenhouse gases carbon dioxide and methane.

- evaluate the quality of evidence in a report about global climate change given appropriate information
- describe uncertainties in the evidence base
- recognise the importance of peer review of results and of communicating results to a wide range of audiences.

4.9.2.3 Global climate change

Students should be able to:

- describe briefly four potential effects of global climate change
- discuss the scale, risk and environmental implications of global climate change.

EzyScience Activity

Activity Link

AC1.1.1 – History of the Atmosphere



AC1.1.2 – The Greenhouse Effect



AC1.1.3 – Global Climate Change



AC1.1a – The Atmosphere Assessment



TOPIC 2

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

AQA Specification Reference

4.9.3.1 Atmospheric pollutants from fuels

The combustion of fuels is a major source of atmospheric pollutants.

Most fuels, including coal, contain carbon and/or hydrogen and may also contain some sulfur.

The gases released into the atmosphere when a fuel is burned may include carbon dioxide, water vapour, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen. Solid particles and unburned hydrocarbons may also be released that form particulates in the atmosphere.

Students should be able to:

- describe how carbon monoxide, soot (carbon particles), sulfur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen are produced by burning fuels
- predict the products of combustion of a fuel given appropriate information about the composition of the fuel and the conditions in which it is used.

4.9.3.2 Properties and effects of atmospheric pollutants

Carbon monoxide is a toxic gas. It is colourless and odourless and so is not easily detected.

Sulfur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen cause respiratory problems in humans and cause acid rain.

Particulates cause global dimming and health problems for humans.

Students should be able to describe and explain the problems caused by increased amounts of these pollutants in the air.

EzyScience Activity

AC1.2 – Atmospheric Pollution

AC1.2a – Atmospheric Pollution Assessment

Activity Link



REVISION MATERIALS

ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY

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SNAPSHOT VIDEOS

Chemistry of the Atmosphere The Greenhouse Effect

Greenhouse gases can absorb long wavelength infrared and re-emit it in all directions.

Water vapour **Carbon dioxide** **Methane**

The Greenhouse Effect

Short wavelength light from the Sun passes through the atmosphere to the Earth's surface. The Earth's surface then radiates long wavelength infrared light back towards Earth. Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere absorb this infrared light and re-emit it in all directions. Some of this radiation is re-emitted back towards Earth, warming the surface.

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Some longer wavelength light absorbed by molecules of greenhouse gases is re-emitted back towards Earth, warming the surface.

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Chemistry of the Atmosphere Atmospheric Pollution

The combustion of fuels is a major source of atmospheric pollutants. Most fuels contain carbon and/or hydrogen and may include sulfur.

Complete Combustion of Hydrocarbons

Some fuels contain sulfur.

Some fuels contain sulfur

At very high temperatures, nitrogen and oxygen react to form nitrogen oxides.

Carbon dioxide and water vapour are the main products of complete combustion.

Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas.

Water vapour is a greenhouse gas.

Carbon monoxide is a toxic gas.

Hydrogen sulfide is a toxic gas.

Sulfur dioxide is a toxic gas.

Nitrogen oxides are toxic gases.

At very high temperatures, nitrogen and oxygen react to form nitrogen oxides.

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END OF SECTION ASSESSMENT

Sulfur dioxide produced by coal burning power stations dissolves in water in the atmosphere to form acid rain. The acid rain then decreases the pH of freshwater lakes from 6.5 to 4.5.

Identify the organisms in a lake that would be least affected if it was polluted with acid rain.

Organism	pH range for survival	Least affected?
crayfish	5.5	<input type="checkbox"/>
frog	4.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
goose	4.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
salmon	5.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
salmon	6.0	<input type="checkbox"/>

The graph shows the mass of sulfur dioxide released annually in the United Kingdom from 2005 to 2015.

Use the graph to find the mass of sulfur dioxide released by the United Kingdom in 2015.

Get your percentage for this question by clicking on the 'Show my percentage' button.

100%

The UK government has monitored the emissions of nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide over time.

Year	Nitrogen oxides (tonnes)	Sulfur dioxide (tonnes)
1970	1000	1000
1980	1000	1000
1990	1000	1000
2000	1000	1000
2010	1000	1000

Calculate the percentage decrease in the emissions of these two pollutants between 1970 and 2010.

percentage decrease = $\frac{\text{change in value}}{\text{original value}} \times 100$

percentage decrease = $\frac{1000 - 1000}{1000} \times 100 = 0\%$

Identify possible reasons for the changes in the emissions of these pollutants from the four choices.

An increase in car numbers.

A reduction in the use of coal.

An increase in the use of wind energy and solar energy.

The introduction of clean air laws.

Complete the table showing characteristics of the products in these reactions.

Reaction	acidic	toxic	corrosive	acidic	acidic	acidic
$\text{HCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{Cl}^-$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{HSO}_4^-$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
$\text{HNO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{NO}_3^-$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
$\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{HCO}_3^-$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{HSO}_4^-$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Calculate the percentage decrease in the emissions of the two types of pollutants between 1970 and 2010.

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percentage decrease = $\frac{1000 - 1000}{1000} \times 100 = 0\%$

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EZY CHEMISTRY



USING RESOURCES SECTION

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TOPIC 1

RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY

AQA Specification Reference

4.10.1.1 Using the Earth's resources and sustainable development

Humans use the Earth's resources to provide warmth, shelter, food and transport.

Natural resources, supplemented by agriculture, provide food, timber, clothing and fuels.

Finite resources from the Earth, oceans and atmosphere are processed to provide energy and materials.

Chemistry plays an important role in improving agricultural and industrial processes to provide new products and in sustainable development, which is development that meets the needs of current generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Students should be able to:

- state examples of natural products that are supplemented or replaced by agricultural and synthetic products
- distinguish between finite and renewable resources given appropriate information.

Students should be able to:

- extract and interpret information about resources from charts, graphs and tables
- use orders of magnitude to evaluate the significance of data.

EzyScience Activity

UR1.1 - Sustainability

UR1.1a – Sustainability Assessment

Activity Link



TOPIC 2

POTABLE WATER

AQA Specification Reference

4.10.1.2 Potable water

Water of appropriate quality is essential for life. For humans, drinking water should have sufficiently low levels of dissolved salts and microbes. Water that is safe to drink is called potable water. Potable water is not pure water in the chemical sense because it contains dissolved substances.

In the United Kingdom (UK), rain provides water with low levels of dissolved substances (fresh water) that collects in the ground and in lakes and rivers, and most potable water is produced by:

- choosing an appropriate source of fresh water
- passing the water through filter beds
- sterilising.

If supplies of fresh water are limited, desalination of salty water or sea water may be required. Desalination can be done by distillation or by processes that use membranes such as reverse osmosis. These processes require large amounts of energy.

Students should be able to:

- distinguish between potable water and pure water
- describe the differences in treatment of ground water and salty water
- give reasons for the steps used to produce potable water.

Required practical 8: analysis and purification of water samples from different sources, including pH, dissolved solids and distillation.

4.10.1.3 Waste water treatment

Urban lifestyles and industrial processes produce large amounts of waste water that require treatment before being released into the environment. Sewage and agricultural waste water require removal of organic matter and harmful microbes. Industrial waste water may require removal of organic matter and harmful chemicals.

Sewage treatment includes:

- screening and grit removal
- sedimentation to produce sewage sludge and effluent
- anaerobic digestion of sewage sludge
- aerobic biological treatment of effluent.

Students should be able to comment on the relative ease of obtaining potable water from waste, ground and salt water.

EzyScience Activity

UR1.2 – Potable Water and Waste Water Treatment



UR1.2a – Potable Water and Waste Water Treatment Assessment



UR1.3 – Potable Water



UR1.3a – Potable Water Assessment



Potable Water Required Practical Questions



TOPIC 3

METHODS OF EXTRACTING METALS

AQA Specification Reference

4.10.1.4 Alternative methods of extracting metals (HT only)

The Earth's resources of metal ores are limited.

Copper ores are becoming scarce and new ways of extracting copper from low-grade ores include phytomining, and bioleaching. These methods avoid traditional mining methods of digging, moving and disposing of large amounts of rock.

Phytomining uses plants to absorb metal compounds. The plants are harvested and then burned to produce ash that contains metal compounds.

Bioleaching uses bacteria to produce leachate solutions that contain metal compounds.

The metal compounds can be processed to obtain the metal.

For example, copper can be obtained from solutions of copper compounds by displacement using scrap iron or by electrolysis.

Students should be able to evaluate alternative biological methods of metal extraction, given appropriate information.

EzyScience Activity

UR1.4 – Biological Methods of Extracting Metals

UR1.4a – Biological Methods of Extracting Metals Assessment

Activity Link



TOPIC 4

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENTS

AQA Specification Reference

4.10.2.1 Life cycle assessment

Life cycle assessments (LCAs) are carried out to assess the environmental impact of products in each of these stages:

- extracting and processing raw materials
- manufacturing and packaging
- use and operation during its lifetime
- disposal at the end of its useful life, including transport and distribution at each stage.

Use of water, resources, energy sources and production of some wastes can be fairly easily quantified. Allocating numerical values to pollutant effects is less straightforward and requires value judgements, so LCA is not a purely objective process. Selective or abbreviated LCAs can be devised to evaluate a product but these can be misused to reach pre-determined conclusions, eg in support of claims for advertising purposes.

Students should be able to carry out simple comparative LCAs for shopping bags made from plastic and paper.

4.10.2.2 Ways of reducing the use of resources

The reduction in use, reuse and recycling of materials by end users reduces the use of limited resources, use of energy sources, waste and environmental impacts.

Metals, glass, building materials, clay ceramics and most plastics are produced from limited raw materials. Much of the energy for the processes comes from limited resources. Obtaining raw materials from the Earth by quarrying and mining causes environmental impacts. Some products, such as glass bottles, can be reused. Glass bottles can be crushed and melted to make different glass products. Other products cannot be reused and so are recycled for a different use.

Metals can be recycled by melting and recasting or reforming into different products. The amount of separation required for recycling depends on the material and the properties required of the final product. For example, some scrap steel can be added to iron from a blast furnace to reduce the amount of iron that needs to be extracted from iron ore.

Students should be able to evaluate ways of reducing the use of limited resources, given appropriate information.

EzyScience Activity

UR1.5 – Recycling and Life Cycle Assessments










Activity Link

UR1.5a – Recycling and Life Cycle Assessments Assessment



TOPIC 5

USING MATERIALS

AQA Specification Reference	EzyScience Activity	Activity Link
4.10.3.1 Corrosion and its prevention Students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">describe experiments and interpret results to show that both air and water are necessary for rustingexplain sacrificial protection in terms of relative reactivity.	UR2.1 - Corrosion	 WATCH VIDEO
4.10.3.2 Alloys as useful materials Students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">recall a use of each of the alloys specifiedinterpret and evaluate the composition and uses of alloys other than those specified given appropriate information.	UR2.1a - Corrosion Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF
4.10.3.3 Ceramics, polymers and composites Students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">explain how low density and high density poly(ethene) are both produced from etheneexplain the difference between thermosoftening and thermosetting polymers in terms of their structures. <p>Most composites are made of two materials, a matrix or binder surrounding and binding together fibres or fragments of the other material, which is called the reinforcement.</p>	UR2.2 - Alloys and Their Uses	 WATCH VIDEO
<p>Students should be able to recall some examples of composites.</p> <p>Students should be able to, given appropriate information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">compare quantitatively the physical properties of glass and clay ceramics, polymers, composites and metalsexplain how the properties of materials are related to their uses and select appropriate materials.	UR2.2a - Alloys and Their Uses Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF
	UR2.3.1 - Ceramics, Polymers and Composites	 WATCH VIDEO
	UR2.3.2 - Comparing Materials	 WATCH VIDEO
	UR2.3a - Ceramics, Polymers and Composites Assessment	 TEST YOURSELF

TOPIC 6

THE HABER PROCESS AND FERTILISERS

AQA Specification Reference

4.10.4.1 The Haber process

The Haber process is used to manufacture ammonia, which can be used to produce nitrogen-based fertilisers. The raw materials for the Haber process are nitrogen and hydrogen.

Students should be able to recall a source for the nitrogen and a source for the hydrogen used in the Haber process.

The purified gases are passed over a catalyst of iron at a high temperature (about 450°C) and a high pressure (about 200 atmospheres). Some of the hydrogen and nitrogen reacts to form ammonia. On cooling, the ammonia liquefies and is removed. The remaining hydrogen and nitrogen are recycled.

(HT only) Students should be able to:

- interpret graphs of reaction conditions versus rate
- apply the principles of dynamic equilibrium in reversible reactions to the Haber process
- explain the trade-off between rate of production and position of equilibrium
- explain how the commercially used conditions for the Haber process are related to the availability and cost of raw materials and energy supplies, control of equilibrium position and rate.

4.10.4.2 Production and uses of NPK fertilisers

Compounds of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium are used as fertilisers to improve agricultural productivity. NPK fertilisers contain compounds of all three elements. Industrial production of NPK fertilisers can be achieved using a variety of raw materials in several integrated processes. NPK fertilisers are formulations of various salts containing appropriate percentages of the elements.

Ammonia can be used to manufacture ammonium salts and nitric acid.

Potassium chloride, potassium sulfate and phosphate rock are obtained by mining, but phosphate rock cannot be used directly as a fertiliser.

Phosphate rock is treated with nitric acid or sulfuric acid to produce soluble salts that can be used as fertilisers.

Students should be able to:

- recall the names of the salts produced when phosphate rock is treated with nitric acid, sulfuric acid and phosphoric acid
- compare the industrial production of fertilisers with laboratory preparations of the same compounds, given appropriate information.

EzyScience Activity

Activity Link

UR3.1 – The Haber Process



UR3.1a – The Haber Process Assessment



UR3.2 – NPK Fertilisers



UR3.2a – NPK Fertilisers Assessment

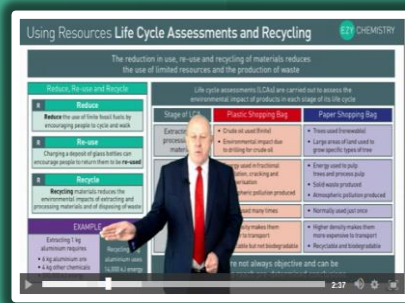


REVISION MATERIALS

USING RESOURCES

Alongside our scheme of work, we have a collection of different resources to help you recap all of the core themes and topics from this Chemistry Section. These materials can be used at the end of teaching of this section and can be revisited at later dates to refresh your understanding of these topics before an in-class test, mock exam or a summer examination.

SNAPSHOT VIDEOS



Watch 8 recap videos that re-visit the main elements of the main topic areas.

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END OF SECTION ASSESSMENT

Urea ($\text{CO}(\text{NH}_2)_2$) is a commonly used fertiliser due to its high nitrogen content.

What is the nitrogen content (%) of urea to the nearest 0.1?

$$\text{N}(\%) = \left(\frac{\text{atomic mass of nitrogen in urea}}{\text{molecular mass of urea}} \right) \times 100\%$$

The 'N' value in NPK fertilisers refers to the actual nitrogen content (%) of the fertilizer. NPK values are given to the nearest %.

What is the NPK value of urea?

NPK value = - -

What is the NPK value of ammonium nitrate (NH_4NO_3)?

NPK value = - -

The table gives estimates of the resources needed to produce 1 kg beef.

Resource	Amount
Water	20,000 litres
Energy	100 MJ
Land	100 m ²
Feed	10 kg

It is estimated that annual beef consumption in the United States is 28 kg per person.

Calculate the amount of water, grain, topsoil and energy used to produce the average amount of beef consumed in the United States.

Water = litres

Grain = kg

Topsoil = m²

Energy = MJ

Which statement supports the opinion that the consumption of beef is not sustainable?

Beef is a good source of protein.

Farmers have to compete for water with the general population.

Beef is a protein-rich food.

The energy used to produce beef is much higher than the energy needed to produce beef.

All of the above.

None of the above.

The graph shows how the percentages of milk bottles made from glass and plastic have changed between 1980 and 2010 in the UK.

Use data from the graph to answer the following questions.

What percentage of milk bottles were glass and plastic in 2000?

percentage of milk bottles made from glass = %

percentage of milk bottles made from plastic = %

By how much has the percentage of milk bottles made from plastic increased between 1980 and 2010?

increase in percentage of plastic bottles = %

Attempt a comprehensive 40-question assessment testing you on each topic in this section.

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