

1. Given : $XNa_2HAsO_3 + YNaBrO_3 + ZHCl \rightarrow NaBr + H_3AsO_4 + NaCl$ The values of X, Y and Z in the above redox reaction are respectively :

- (1) 2, 1, 3
- (2) 3, 1, 6
- (3) 2, 1, 2
- (4) 3, 1, 4

Solution:

The balanced equation is given below. $3Na_2HAsO_3 + NaBrO_3 + 6HCl \rightarrow NaBr + 3H_3AsO_4 + 6NaCl$ The value of X, Y and Z are 3, 1 and 6 respectively.

Hence option (2) is the answer.

2. An alkali is titrated against an acid with methyl orange as an indicator, which of the following is a correct combination?

	Base	Acid	Endpoint
1	strong	strong	Pinkish red to yellow
2	weak	strong	Yellow to pinkish-red
3	strong	strong	Pink to colourless
4	weak	strong	Colourless to pink

Solution:

When methyl orange is added to a weak base solution, the solution becomes yellow. When the solution is titrated with a strong acid, after the endpoint, the solution is acidic. So the solution becomes pinkish red.

Hence option (2) is the answer.

3. Consider the following reaction:

 $xMnO_4^+ yC_2O_4^2 + zH^+ \rightarrow xMn^{2+} + 2yCO_2 + (z/2)H_2O$

The values of x, y and z in the reaction are respectively :-

- (1) 5, 2 and 16
- (2) 2, 5 and 8
- (3) 2, 5 and 16
- (4) 5, 2 and 8



Solution:

The balanced equation is given below. $2MnO_4^{-+} 5C_2O_4^{2-} + 16 H^+ \rightarrow 2Mn^{2+} + 10CO_2 + 8H_2O$ The values of x, y and z are 2, 5 and 16, respectively. Hence option (3) is the answer.

4. Consider the reaction

$H_2SO_3(aq) + Sn^{4+}(aq) + H_2O(I) \rightarrow Sn^{2+}(aq) + HSO_4^{-}(aq) + 3H^+(aq)$ Which of the following statements is correct?

(1) H_2SO_3 is the reducing agent because it undergoes oxidation

(2) H_2SO_3 is the reducing agent because it undergoes reduction

- (3) Sn⁴⁺ is the reducing agent because it undergoes oxidation
- (4) Sn⁴⁺ is the oxidizing agent because it undergoes oxidation

Solution:

Oxidation is the loss of electrons during a reaction by a molecule. In the given equation, H_2SO_3 is the reducing agent because it undergoes oxidation.

Hence option (1) is the answer.

5. In which of the following reaction H₂O₂ acts as a reducing agent ?

(1) $H_2O_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow 2H_2O$ (2) $H_2O_2 - 2e^- \rightarrow O_2 + 2H^+$ (3) $H_2O_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow 2OH^-$ (4) $H_2O_2 + 2OH^- - 2e^- \rightarrow O_2 + 2H_2O$ (1) (1), (3) (2) (2), (4) (3) (1), (2) (4) (3), (4)

Solution:

Reducing agent is an element or compound that loses an electron to an electron recipient in a redox chemical reaction. In (2) and (4), H_2O_2 acts as a reducing agent.

Hence option (2) is the answer.

6. How many electrons are involved in the following redox reaction?

 $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + Fe^{2+} + C_2O_4^{2-} \rightarrow Cr^{3+} + Fe^{3+} + CO_2$ (Unbalanced)

- (1) 3
- (2) 4
- (3) 5
- (4) 6



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Solution:

A redox reaction is any chemical reaction in which the oxidation number of a molecule, atom, or ion changes by gaining or losing an electron. Chromium and iron are involved in the reaction which is oxidised and reduced. So, a total of 6 electrons are involved in this redox reaction. Hence option (4) is the answer.

7. Which of the following reactions is an example of a redox reaction ?

(1) $XeF_4 + O_2F_2 \rightarrow XeF_6 + O_2$ (2) $XeF_2 + PF_5 \rightarrow [XeF]^+ PF_6^-$ (3) $XeF_6 + H_2O \rightarrow XeOF_4 + 2HF$ (4) $XeF_6 + 2H_2O \rightarrow XeO_2F_2 + 4HF$

Solution:

In equation (1) Xe undergoes oxidation and oxygen undergoes reduction. Hence option (1) is the answer.

8. Which of the following is a redox reaction?

(1) NaCl + KN03 \rightarrow NaN03 + KC1

(2) CaC204 + 2HC1 \rightarrow CaCl2 + H2C20,

(3) Mg(OH)2 + 2NH4C1 \rightarrow MgCl2 + 2NH4OH

(4) $Zn + 2AgCN \rightarrow 2Ag + Zn(CN)2$

Solution:

A redox reaction is any chemical reaction in which the oxidation number of a molecule, atom, or ion changes by gaining or losing an electron. The oxidation state shows a change only in a reaction between zinc and cyanide.

Hence option (4) is the answer.

9. When KMn0₄ acts as an oxidising agent and ultimately forms [MnO₄²⁻, MnO₂, Mn₂O₃ and Mn⁺². Then the number of electrons trans-ferred in each case respectively is

(1) 4, 3, 1, 5 (2) 1, 5, 3, 7 (3) 1,3, 4, 5 (4) 3, 5, 7,1

Solution:

The oxidation number of Mn in KMnO₄, MnO₄²⁻, MnO₂, Mn₂O₃ and Mn⁺² 7, 6, 4, 3 and 2 respectively. The number of electrons transferred corresponds to the change in the oxidation number. When KMn04 acts as an oxidising agent and ultimately forms MnO₄²⁻, MnO₂, Mn₂O₃ and Mn⁺², then the number of electrons transferred in each case are 1,3,4,5 respectively.

Hence option (3) is the answer.

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10. For the redox reaction: $Zn_{(s)} + Cu^{2+}$ (0.1 M) $\rightarrow Zn^{+}$ (1M) + $Cu_{(s)}$ taking place in a cell, E^ocell is 1.10 volt. E_{cell} for the cell will be (2.303 RT / F = 0.0591)

- (1) 2.14 V
- (2) 1.80 V
- (3) 1.07 V
- (4) 0.82 V

Solution:

$$\begin{split} & E_{cell} = E^{0}_{cell} - (0.0591/n) \log(1/0.1) \\ & E^{0}_{cell} = 1.10 \text{ V} \\ & n = 2 \\ & E_{cell} = 1.10 - (0.0591/2) \log(10) \\ & = 1.10 - 0.0295 \\ & = 1.0705 \text{ V} \\ & \text{Hence option (3) is the answer.} \end{split}$$

11. What would happen when a solution of potassium chromate is treated with an excess of dilute nitric acid?

(1) $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ and H_2O are formed (2) $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ is reduced to +3 state of Cr (3) $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ is oxidises to +7 state of Cr (4) Cr^{3+} and $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ are formed

Solution:

Dilute HNO₃ is an oxidising agent. $2K_2CrO_4 + 2HNO_3(dil) \rightarrow K_2Cr_2O_72KNO_3 + H_2O$ $CrO_4^{2^-} + 2HNO_3(dil) \rightarrow Cr_2O_7^{2^-} + 2NO_3^- + H_2O$ Hence option (1) is the answer.

12. Excess of KI reacts with $CuSO_4$ solution and then $Na_2S_2O_3$ solution is added to it. Which of the statements is incorrect for this reaction?

- (1) Cu₂I₂ is reduced
- (2) Evolved I2 is reduced
- (3) Na₂S₂O₃is oxidized
- (4) Cul₂ is formed

Solution:

 $\begin{array}{l} 2\text{CuSo}_2 + 4\text{KI} \rightarrow \text{Cu}_2\text{I}_2 + 2\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{I}_2\\ \text{I}_2 + 2\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3 \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{S}_4\text{O}_6 + 2\text{Na}\\ \text{Here statement (4) is incorrect.}\\ \text{Hence option (4) is the answer.} \end{array}$

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13. The highest electrical conductivity of the following aqueous solutions is of

- (1) 1 M acetic acid
- (2) 1 M chloroacetic acid
- (3) 1 M fluoroacetic acid
- (4) 1 M difluoroacetic acid

Solution:

More the acidity more will be the tendency to release protons. So lighter will be the electrical conductivity. Difluoroacetic acid will be the strongest acid because of the electron-withdrawing effect of two fluorine atoms so as it will show maximum electrical conductivity. Hence option (4) is the answer.

14. Amount of oxalic acid present in a solution can be determined by its titration with KMnO₄ solution in the presence of H₂SO₄. The titration gives unsatisfactory result when carried out in the presence of HCl because HCl

- (1) gets oxidised by oxalic acid to chlorine
- (2) furnishes H⁺ ions in addition to those from oxalic acid
- (3) reduces permanganate to Mn²⁺
- (4) Oxidises oxalic acid to carbon dioxide and water

Solution:

HCl is a strong reducing agent. It reduces permanganate to Mn^{2+} . Hence option (3) is the answer.

15. The oxidation state of chromium in the final product formed by the reaction between KI and acidified potassium dichromate solution is

- (1) +4
- (2) +6
- (3) +2
- (4) +3

Solution:

 $K_2Cr_2O_7 + 7H_2SO_4 + 6KI \rightarrow Cr_2(SO_4) + 3I_2 + 7H_2O + 4K_2SO_4$ Cr get reduced from +6 Oxidation state to +3 oxidation state. Hence option (4) is the answer.

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