

Chapter 9: Hydrogen

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I. Multiple Choice Questions (Type-I)

Question 1

Hydrogen resembles halogens in many respects for which several factors are responsible. Of the following factors which one is most important in this respect? electronic configuration.

A.

Its tendency to lose an electron to form a cation.

B.

Its tendency to gain a single electron in its valence shell to attain stable

C.

Its low negative electron gain enthalpy value.

D.

Its small size.

Answer

Correct option: B

Solution

Option (ii) is the answer.

Question 2

Why does H^+ ion always get associated with other atoms or molecules?

small size as compared to other atoms or ions. Due to the small size, it cannot

exist free.

A.

Ionisation enthalpy of hydrogen resembles that of alkali metals.

B.

Its reactivity is similar to halogens.

C.

It resembles both alkali metals and halogens.

D.

Loss of an electron from hydrogen atom results in a nucleus of very

Answer

Correct option: D

Solution

Option (iv) is the answer.

Question 3

Metal hydrides are ionic, covalent or molecular in nature. Among LiH, NaH, KH, RbH, CsH, the correct order of increasing ionic character is

A.

$\text{LiH} > \text{NaH} > \text{CsH} > \text{KH} > \text{RbH}$

B.

$\text{LiH} < \text{NaH} < \text{KH} < \text{RbH} < \text{CsH}$

C.

$\text{RbH} > \text{CsH} > \text{NaH} > \text{KH} > \text{LiH}$

D.

$\text{NaH} > \text{CsH} > \text{RbH} > \text{LiH} > \text{KH}$

Answer

Correct option: B

Solution

Option (ii) is the answer.

Question 4

Which of the following hydrides is electron-precise hydride?

A.

B_2H_6

B.

NH_3

C.

H_2O

D.

CH_4

Answer

Correct option: D

Solution

Option (iv) is the answer.

Question 5

Radioactive elements emit α , β and γ rays and are characterised by their half-lives. The radioactive isotope of hydrogen is

A.

Protium

B.

Deuterium

C.

Tritium

D.

Hydronium

Answer

Correct option: C

Solution

Option (iii) is the answer.

Question 6

Consider the reactions



Which of the following statements is correct about H_2O_2 with reference to these reactions? Hydrogen peroxide is _____.

A.

an oxidising agent in both (A) and (B)

B.

an oxidising agent in (A) and reducing agent in (B)

C.

a reducing agent in (A) and oxidising agent in (B)

D.

a reducing agent in both (A) and (B)

Answer

Correct option: B

Solution

Option (ii) is the answer.

Question 7

The oxide that gives H_2O_2 on treatment with dilute H_2SO_4 is —

A.

PbO_2

B.

$\text{BaO}_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$

C.

MnO_2

D.

TiO_2

Answer

Correct option: B

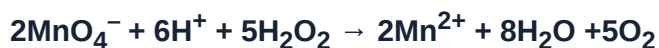
Solution

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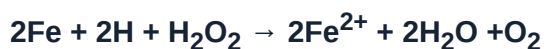
Question 8

Which of the following equations depict the oxidising nature of H_2O_2 ?

A.



B.



C.



D.



Answer

Correct option: C

Solution

Option (iii) is the answer.

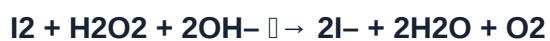
Question 9

Which of the following equation depicts reducing nature of H_2O_2 ?

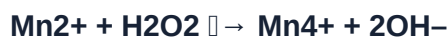
A.



B.



C.



D.



Answer

Correct option: B

Solution

Option (ii) is the answer.

Question 10

Hydrogen peroxide is _____.

A.

an oxidising agent

B.

a reducing agent

C.

both an oxidising and a reducing agent

D.

neither oxidising nor reducing agent

Answer

Correct option: C

Solution

Option (iii) is the answer.

Question 11

Which of the following reactions increases production of dihydrogen from

synthesis gas?(i) $\text{CH}_4(\text{g}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) \rightarrow (1270\text{K Ni})\text{CO}(\text{g}) + 3\text{H}_2(\text{g})$

(ii) $\text{C}(\text{s}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) \rightarrow (1270\text{K})\text{CO}(\text{g}) + \text{H}_2(\text{g})$

(iii) $\text{CO}(\text{g}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) \rightarrow (\text{Catalyst } 673\text{K})\text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{H}_2(\text{g})$

(iv) $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow (1270\text{K Ni}) 2\text{CO} + 5\text{H}_2$

Solution

Option (iii) is the answer.

Question 12

When sodium peroxide is treated with dilute sulphuric acid, we get _____.

A.

sodium sulphate and water

B.

sodium sulphate and oxygen

C.

sodium sulphate, hydrogen and oxygen

D.

sodium sulphate and hydrogen peroxide

Answer

Correct option: D

Solution

Option (iv) is the answer.

Question 13

Hydrogen peroxide is obtained by the electrolysis of _____.

A.

water

B.

sulphuric acid

C.

hydrochloric acid

D.

fused sodium peroxide

Answer

Correct option: B

Solution

Option (ii) is the answer.

Question 14

Which of the following reactions is an example of use of water gas in the synthesis of other compounds?

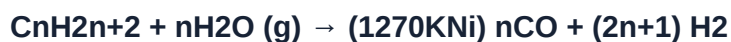
A.



B.



C.



D.



Answer

Correct option: D

Solution

Option (iv) is the answer.

Question 15

Which of the following ions will cause hardness in the water sample?

A.

Ca^{2+}

B.

Na^{+}

C.

Cl^{-}

D.

K^{+}

Answer

Correct option: A

Solution

Option (i) is the answer.

Question 16

Which of the following compounds is used for water softening?

A.

$\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)$

B.

Na_3PO_4

C.

Na₆P₆O₁₈

D.

Na₂HPO₄

Answer

Correct option: C

Solution

Option (iii) is the answer.

Question 17

Elements of which of the following group(s) of periodic table do not form hydrides.

A.

Groups 7, 8, 9

B.

Group 13

C.

Groups 15, 16, 17

D.

Group 14

Answer

Correct option: A

Solution

Option (i) is the answer.

Question 18

Only one element of _____ forms hydride.

A.

group 6

B.

group 7

C.

group 8

D.

group 9

Answer

Correct option: A

Solution

Option (i) is the answer.

II. Multiple Choice Questions (Type-II)

Question 19

Which of the following statements are not true for hydrogen?

(i) It exists as a diatomic molecule.

(ii) It has one electron in the outermost shell.

(iii) It can lose an electron to form a cation which can freely exist

(iv) It forms a large number of ionic compounds by losing an electron

Solution

Option (iii) and (iv) are the answers.

Question 20

Dihydrogen can be prepared on a commercial scale by different methods. In its preparation by the action of steam on hydrocarbons, a mixture of CO and H₂ gas is formed. It is known as _____.

- (i) Water-gas
- (ii) Syngas
- (iii) Producer gas
- (d) Industrial gas

Solution

Option (i) and (ii) are the answers.

Question 21

Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct in the case of heavy water?

- (i) Heavy water is used as a moderator in a nuclear reactor.
- (ii) Heavy water is more effective as a solvent than ordinary water.
- (iii) Heavy water is more associated than ordinary water.
- (iv) Heavy water has a lower boiling point than ordinary water.

Solution

Option (i) and (iii) are the answers.

Question 22

Which of the following statements about hydrogen are correct?

- (i) Hydrogen has three isotopes of which protium is the most common.

- (ii) Hydrogen never acts as a cation in ionic salts.
- (iii) The hydrogen ion, H^+ , exists freely in solution.
- (iv) Dihydrogen does not act as a reducing agent.

Solution

Option (i) and (ii) are the answers.

Question 23

Some of the properties of water are described below. Which of them is/are not correct?

- (i) Water is known to be a universal solvent.
- (ii) Hydrogen bonding is present to a large extent in liquid water.
- (iii) There is no hydrogen bonding in the frozen state of water.
- (iv) Frozen water is heavier than liquid water.

Solution:

Option (iii) and (iv) are the answers.

Solution

Solution coming soon.

Question 24

The hardness of water may be temporary or permanent. Permanent hardness is due to the presence of

- (i) Chlorides of Ca and Mg in water
- (ii) Sulphates of Ca and Mg in water
- (iii) Hydrogen carbonates of Ca and Mg in water
- (iv) Carbonates of alkali metals in water

Solution

Option (i) and (ii) are the answers.

Question 25

Which of the following statements is correct?

- (i) Elements of group 15 form electron deficient hydrides.
- (ii) All elements of group 14 form electron precise hydrides.
- (iii) Electron precise hydrides have tetrahedral geometries.
- (iv) Electron rich hydrides can act as Lewis acids.

Solution

Option (ii) and (iii) are the answers.

Question 26

Which of the following statements is correct?

- (i) Hydrides of group 13 act as Lewis acids.
- (ii) Hydrides of group 14 are electron deficient hydrides.
- (iii) Hydrides of group 14 act as Lewis acids.
- (iv) Hydrides of group 15 act as Lewis bases.

Solution

Option (i) and (iv) are the answers.

Question 27

Which of the following statements is correct?

- (i) Metallic hydrides are deficient of hydrogen.
- (ii) Metallic hydrides conduct heat and electricity.
- (iii) Ionic hydrides do not conduct electricity in solid-state.
- (iv) Ionic hydrides are very good conductors of electricity in solid-state.

Solution

Option (i), (ii) and (iii) are the answers.

III. Short Answer Type

Question 28

How can production of hydrogen from water gas be increased by using water gas shift reaction?

Solution

The water shift gas reaction is used in the formation of synthesis gas (hydrogen and carbon monoxide or carbon dioxide mixture). Here CO is converted to CO₂ and H₂ is also obtained from water.

Question 29

What are metallic/interstitial hydrides? How do they differ from molecular hydrides?

Solution

Metallic hydrides are those compounds which are formed when the transition element reacts with hydrogen. Eg. CaH₂, LiBH₄

Molecular hydrides are formed by the combination of an element which is having comparable higher electronegativity with hydrogen. Eg. H₂O, B₂H₆

Question 30

Name the classes of hydrides to which H₂O, B₂H₆ and NaH belong.

Solution;

H₂O – Electron rich hydride

B₂H₆ – Electron deficient hydride.

NaH – Ionic hydride.

Solution

Solution coming soon.

Question 31

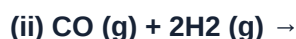
If the same mass of liquid water and a piece of ice is taken, then why is the density of ice less than that of liquid water?

Solution

On freezing water expands and the volume of ice for the same mass of water will be more than that of the water. We can say that the density of ice is lower than water and hence floats on water.

Question 32

Complete the following equations:



Solution



Question 33

Give reasons:

(i) Lakes freeze from top towards bottom.

(ii) Ice floats on water.

Solution

(i) The density of ice is less than water. Coldwater starts expanding and becomes less dense than what it should be when the temperature drops to 4°C. As a result, cold water being less dense floats on to the surface and when it comes to the chilly freezing weather conditions outside, it gets frozen.

(ii) the density of ice is lower than water and hence ice floats on water.

Question 34

What do you understand by the term 'auto protolysis of water'? What is its significance?

Solution

Auto protolysis of water is self ionisation of water. It is one of the chemical properties of water. Here, two same molecules react to give ions involving proton transfer.

Question 35

Discuss briefly de-mineralisation of water by ion exchange resin.

Solution

Demineralised water is obtained by ion exchange resin by passing it through an anion exchange and cation exchange resin. Those resins have large SO_3H and COOH groups.

The water is passed through cation exchanger which removes cations like Na^+ and Mg^{2+}

Now, this water coming out from cation exchanger is acidic, therefore it is passed through the anionic exchanger which removes anions like OH^- , NO_3^- , etc. by exchanging with OH^- ions.

In the end, the H^+ and OH^- thus produced, combine amongst themselves to produce water

This is demineralisation of water by ion exchange resin.

Question 36

Molecular hydrides are classified as electron-deficient, electron precise and electron-rich compounds. Explain each type with two examples.

Solution

Molecular hydrides are classified into electron-deficient, electron precise and electron-rich compounds.

B_2H_6 is an electron-deficient hydride. These have an incomplete octet. They are formed generally by the group 13 elements like B, Al, etc.

An electron-precise hydride is a type of hydride which has the exact number of electrons required to form normal covalent bonds, no excess no deficient. These are formed generally by group 14 elements like Si and C which have 4 valence electrons.

Eg. CH_4 , SiH_4 , etc.

Question 37

How is heavy water prepared? Compare its physical properties with those of ordinary water.

Solution

Heavy water, which is deuterium oxide (D₂O) is mainly prepared by electrolysis of ordinary water.

1. The molecular mass of ordinary water is 18.015 and that of heavy water is 20.027
2. The melting point of ordinary water is 273.0 and that of heavy water is 276.8
3. The boiling point of ordinary water is 373.0 and that of heavy water is 374.4
4. Density at 298K of ordinary water is 1.000 and that of heavy water is 1.106

Question 38

Write one chemical reaction for the preparation of D₂O₂

Solution

When D₂SO₄ reacts with BaO₂, D₂O₂ is formed along with barium sulphate (BaSO₄).



Question 39

Calculate the strength of 5 volume H₂O₂ solution.

Solution;

The molar mass of H₂O₂ is 34gm. According to this reaction, 2 moles of peroxide is involved, so mass becomes 68gm.

we know that 1mole of any gas occupies a volume of 22.4L at NTP.

Now, 5 volume H₂O₂ solution means that 1 L of 5 volume H₂O₂ on decomposition gives 5L of O₂ at NTP.

5L of O₂ at NTP, we need $(68/22.4 \times 5)$ gm H₂O₂

= 15.179gm.

Strength of H₂O₂ in 5 volumes of it is 15.179gm/L

Solution

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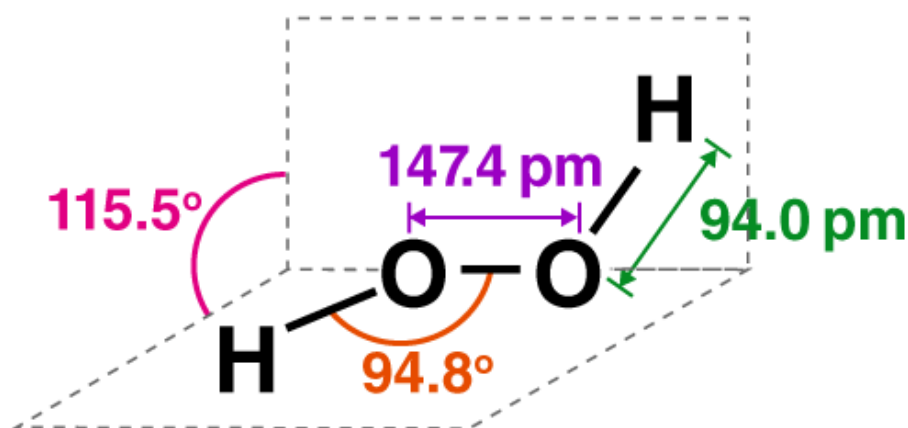
Question 40

(i) Draw the gas phase and solid phase structure of H_2O_2 .

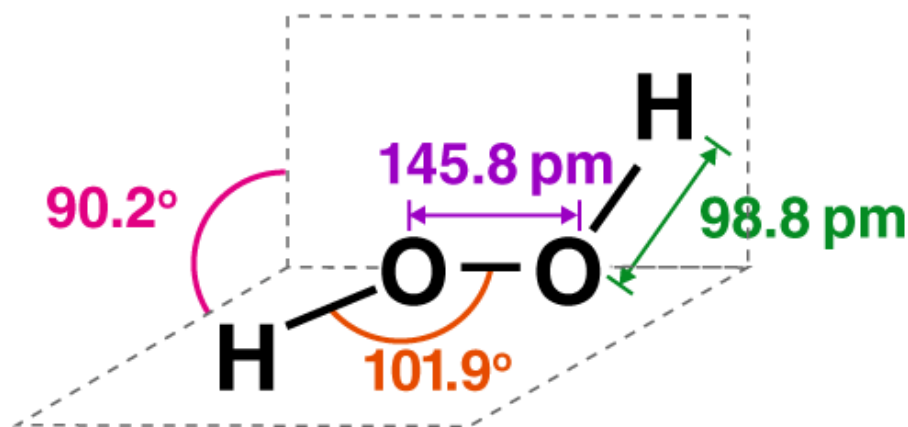
(ii) H_2O_2 is a better oxidising agent than water. Explain.

Solution

(i)



Structure of H_2O_2 in gas phase



Structure of H_2O_2 in solid phase

(ii) The oxidising state of the oxygen atom on H_2O_2 is -1 which is an intermediate state. It means that it can reduce itself to H_2O where the oxidation state of O is -2. So here, H_2O_2 acts as an oxidising agent so we can say that H_2O_2 is a better oxidising agent than water.

Question 41

Melting point, enthalpy of vapourisation and viscosity data of H_2O and D_2O is

given below :

Melting point / K	H_2O	D_2O
Enthalpy of vapourisation	373.0	374.4
at (373 K)/ kJ mol^{-1}	40.66	41.61
Viscosity/centipoise	0.8903	1.107

Based on this data explain in which of these liquids intermolecular forces are stronger?

Solution

The values corresponding to the properties are higher for D_2O than that of H_2O . So, we can say that the intermolecular forces in D_2O are stronger.

Question 42

Dihydrogen reacts with dioxygen (O_2) to form water. Write the name and formula of the product when the isotope of hydrogen which has one proton and one neutron in its nucleus is treated with oxygen. Will the reactivity of both the isotopes be the same towards oxygen? Justify your answer.

Solution

Hydrogen has three isotopes – Protium ($^1\text{H}_1$), Deuterium ($^2\text{H}_1$), Tritium ($^3\text{H}_1$). The number of neutrons is the reason why these isotopes differ from each other despite having the same atomic number.

When deuterium reacts with oxygen, deuterium oxide which is heavy water (D_2O), is produced.

The D – D bond is stronger than H-H bond, therefore, H_2 is more reactive than D_2 towards reaction with oxygen. So, they would not have the same reactivity.

Question 43

Explain why HCl is a gas and HF is a liquid.

Solution

Due to the formation of strong and stable hydrogen bonding, high energy is required to break the H-F bond. So the boiling point of HF is more than HCl and due to which HF is a liquid and HCl is a gas.

Question 44

When the first element of the periodic table is treated with dioxygen, it gives a compound whose solid-state floats on its liquid state. This compound can act as an acid as well as a base. What products will be formed when this compound undergoes autoionisation?

Solution

Hydrogen is the first element and when it reacts with dioxygen it forms water. Water has an amphoteric nature that acts as both acid and base. The solid-state of water is ice. It floats on water due to its lower density.

Auto protolysis or auto ionisation of water is self ionisation of water. It is one of the chemical properties of water. Here, two same molecules react to give ions involving proton transfer. This reaction also shows amphoteric nature.

Question 45

Rohan heard that instructions were given to the laboratory attendant to store a particular chemical i.e., keep it in the darkroom, add some urea in it, and keep it away from dust. This chemical acts as an oxidising as well as a reducing agent in both acidic and alkaline media. This chemical is important for use in the pollution control treatment of domestic and industrial effluents

(i) Write the name of this compound.

(ii) Explain why such precautions are taken for storing this chemical.

Solution

(i) Hydrogen peroxide is the compound which acts as both oxidizing and reducing agent in acidic and alkali media.

(ii) H_2O_2 may undergo decomposition into H_2O if it is placed in contact with sunlight or with dust particles. So it is kept in wax-lined coloured bottles.

Question 46

Give reasons why hydrogen resembles alkali metals?

Solution

Hydrogen is an analogous element as its properties are shared with alkali and halogens in its electronic configuration. The electronic configuration of hydrogen ($1s^1$) is similar to that of alkali metals (ns^1) which shows that only one electron is present in their valence shell. So if they lose that single electron, a uni-positive ion would be formed.

Question 47

Hydrogen generally forms covalent compounds. Give reason.

Solution

Hydrogen can lose or gain an electron to attain noble gas configuration as it has only one electron in its outermost shell. The ionization enthalpy of hydrogen is high and their electron gain enthalpy is slightly negative. So they generally form covalent compounds.

Question 48

Why is the ionisation enthalpy of hydrogen higher than that of sodium?

Solution

To remove a valence electron from the H atom is more difficult than Na atom due to higher nuclear attraction so more energy would be required. Thus, ionisation enthalpy of hydrogen is higher than sodium.

Question 49

The basic principle of a hydrogen economy is transportation and storage of energy in the form of liquid or gaseous hydrogen. Which property of hydrogen may be useful for this purpose? Support your answer with the chemical equation if required.

Solution

Being a liquid, less consumption of volume takes place, so transportation can be done easily. Thus, the basic property of hydrogen which is useful for hydrogen economy is that it can be converted into a liquid – by cooling under high pressure.

Question 50

What is the importance of heavy water?

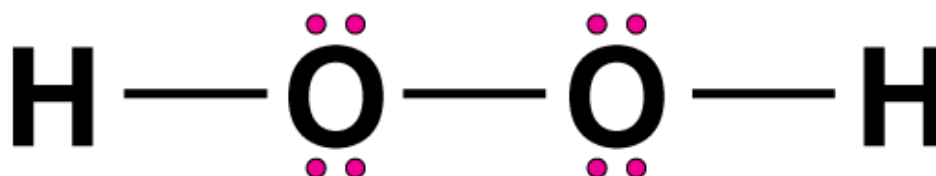
Solution

Heavy water is water that contains heavy hydrogen D₂O. It is used as a moderator in nuclear reactors and exchange reactions for the study of reaction mechanisms.

Question 51

Write the Lewis structure of hydrogen peroxide.

Solution



Lewis structure of H₂O₂

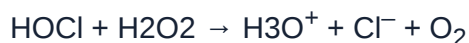
Question 52

An acidic solution of hydrogen peroxide behaves as an oxidising as well as the reducing agent. Illustrate it with the help of a chemical equation.

Solution



Here H_2O_2 cat as an oxidizing agent



Here H_2O_2 act as reducing agent

o, we can see that H_2O_2 acts as an oxidising agent in the first reaction as it increases the oxidation number of I- in HI from -1 to 0 in I_2 .

Similarly, H_2O_2 acts as a reducing agent in the second reaction as it decreases the oxidation number of Cl^+ in HOCl from +1 to -1 in Cl^- .

Question 53

With the help of suitable examples, explain the property of H_2O_2 that is responsible for its bleaching action?

Solution

H_2O_2 or hydrogen peroxide acts as a strong oxidizing agent both in acidic and basic media. It acts as a bleaching agent due to the release of nascent oxygen.



he nascent oxygen combines with colouring matter breaks the chemical bonds present, which in turn gets oxidised. Hence, the visible light is not absorbed and the cloth gets whitened.

Question 54

Why is water molecule polar?

Solution

A polar molecule is a molecule that has a slight δ positive and a slight δ negative charge distribution. Due to the high electronegativity difference between oxygen and hydrogen atoms, polarity increases.

Question 55

Why does the water show a high boiling point as compared to hydrogen sulphide? Give reasons for your answer.

Solution

This is due to the formation of very stable intermolecular hydrogen bonding(bonding with other molecules of the same or different species) because of the presence of electronegative elements like oxygen, fluorine, nitrogen.
