

Chapter 6: General Principles and Processes of Isolation of Elements

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I. Multiple Choice Questions (Type-I)

Question 1

In the extraction of chlorine by electrolysis of brine _____.

A.

oxidation of Cl^- ion to chlorine gas occurs.

B.

reduction of Cl^- ion to chlorine gas occurs.

C.

For the overall reaction, ΔG° has a negative value.

D.

a displacement reaction takes place.

Answer

Correct option: C

Solution

Option (iii) is the answer.

Question 2

When copper ore is mixed with silica, in a reverberatory furnace copper matte is produced. The copper matte contains _____.

Option (iii) is the answer.

A.

sulphides of copper (II) and iron (II)

B.

sulphides of copper (II) and iron (III)

C.

sulphides of copper (I) and iron (II)

D.

sulphides of copper (I) and iron (III)

Solution:

Solution

Solution coming soon.

Question 3

Which of the following reactions is an example of autoreduction?

A.



B.



C.



D.



Answer

Correct option: D

Solution

Option (iv) is the answer.

Question 4

A number of elements are available in earth's crust but most abundant elements are _____.

A.

Al and Fe

B.

Al and Cu

C.

Fe and Cu

D.

Cu and Ag

Answer

Correct option: A

Solution

Option (i) is the answer.

Question 5

Zone refining is based on the principle that _____.

A.

impurities of low boiling metals can be separated by distillation.

B.

impurities are more soluble in molten metal than in solid metal.

C.

different components of a mixture are differently adsorbed on an absorbent.

D.

vapours of the volatile compound can be decomposed in pure metal.

Answer

Correct option: B

Solution

Option (ii) is the answer.

Question 6

In the extraction of copper from its sulphide ore, the metal is formed by the reduction of Cu_2O with

A.

FeS

B.

CO

C.

Cu_2S

D.

SO_2

Answer

Correct option: C

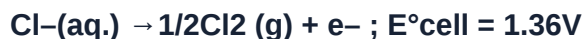
Solution

Option (iii) is the answer.

Question 7

Brine is electrolysed by using inert electrodes. The reaction at anode is _____.

A.



B.



C.



D.



Answer

Correct option: A

Solution

Option (i) is the answer.

Question 8

In the metallurgy of aluminium _____.

A.

Al^{3+} is oxidised to Al (s).

B.

graphite anode is oxidised to carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

C.

the oxidation state of oxygen changes in the reaction at the anode.

D.

the oxidation state of oxygen changes in the overall reaction involved in the process

Answer

Correct option: B

Solution

Option (ii) is the answer.

Question 9

Electrolytic refining is used to purify which of the following metals?

A.

Cu and Zn

B.

Ge and Si

C.

Zr and Ti

D.

Zn and Hg

Answer

Correct option: A

Solution

Option (i) is the answer.

Question 10

Extraction of gold and silver involves leaching the metal with CN^- ion. The metal is recovered by _____.

A.

displacement of metal by some other metal from the complex ion.

B.

roasting of the metal complex.

C.

calcination followed by roasting.

D.

thermal decomposition of the metal complex.

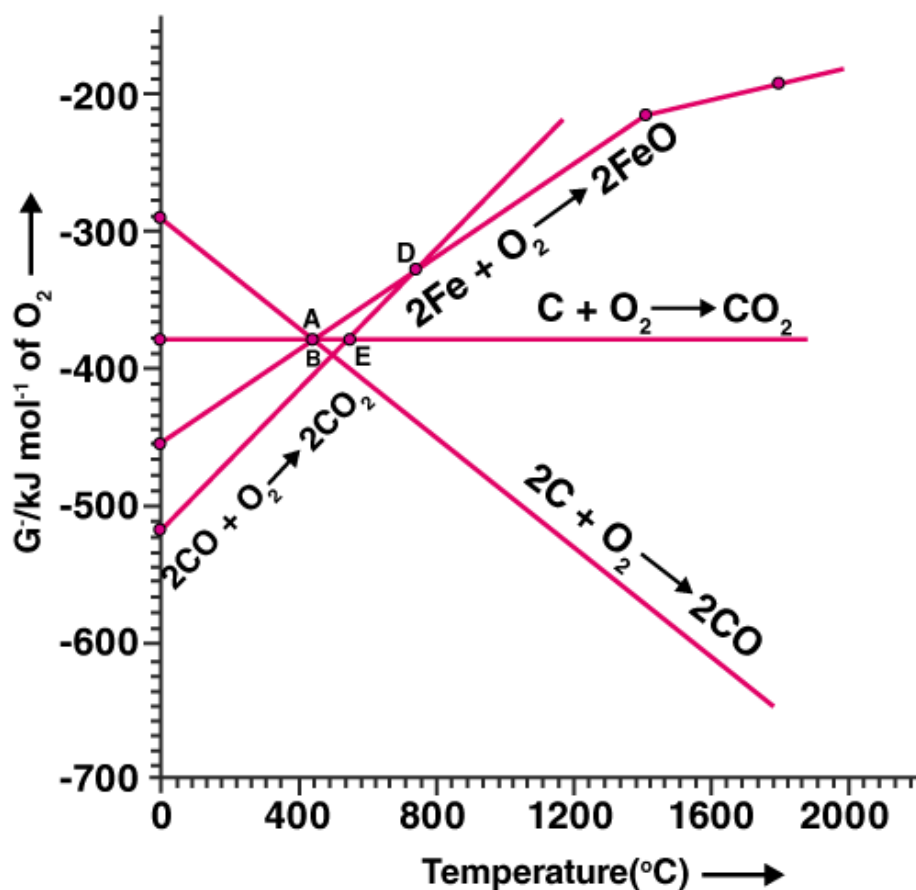
Answer

Correct option: A

Solution

Option (i) is the answer.

Note: Answer the questions 11-13 based on Fig. 6.1.

**Question 11**

Choose the correct option of temperature at which carbon reduces FeO to iron and produces CO.

A.

Below temperature at point A.

B.

Approximately at the temperature corresponding to point A.

C.

Above temperature at point A but below a temperature at point D.

D.

Above temperature at point A.

Answer

Correct option: D

Solution

Option (iv) is the answer.

Question 12

Below point 'A' FeO can _____.

A.

be reduced by carbon monoxide only.

B.

be reduced by both carbon monoxide and carbon.

C.

be reduced by carbon only.

D.

not be reduced by both carbon and carbon monoxide.

Answer

Correct option: A

Solution

Option (i) is the answer

Question 13

For the reduction of FeO at the temperature corresponding to point D, which of the following statements is correct?

zero.

and 1 mol oxygen is positive.

and 1 mol oxygen will be positive.

negative.

A.

ΔG value for the overall reduction reaction with carbon monoxide is

B.

ΔG value for the overall reduction reaction with a mixture of 1 mol carbon

C.

ΔG value for the overall reduction reaction with a mixture of 2 mol carbon

D.

ΔG value for the overall reduction reaction with carbon monoxide is

Answer

Correct option: A

Solution

Option (i) is the answer.

II. Multiple Choice Questions (Type-II)

Question 14

At the temperature corresponding to which of the points in Fig.6.1, FeO will

be reduced to Fe by coupling the reaction $2\text{FeO} \rightarrow 2\text{Fe} + \text{O}_2$

with all of the

following reactions?

(a) $\text{C} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2$

(b) $2\text{C} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{CO}$ and (c) $2\text{CO} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{CO}_2$

(i) Point A

(ii) Point B

(iii) Point D

(iv) Point E

Solution:
Option (ii) and (iv) are the answers.

Solution

Solution coming soon.

Question 15

Which of the following option are correct?

(i) Cast iron is obtained by remelting pig iron with scrap iron and coke using hot air blast.

(ii) In the extraction of silver, silver is extracted as cationic complex.

(iii) Nickel is purified by zone refining.

(iv) Zr and Ti are purified by van Arkel method

Solution

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

Question 16

In the extraction of aluminium by Hall-Heroult process, purified Al_2O_3

is mixed with CaF_2 to

(i) lower the melting point of Al_2O_3

(ii) increase the conductivity of molten mixture.

(iii) reduce Al^{3+} into Al(s) .

(iv) acts as a catalyst

Solution

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

Question 17

Which of the following statements is correct about the role of substances added in the froth floatation process?

- (i) Collectors enhance the non-wettability of the mineral particles.
- (ii) Collectors enhance the wettability of gangue particles.
- (iii) By using depressants in the process two sulphide ores can be separated.
- (iv) Froth stabilisers decrease wettability of gangue.

Solution

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

Question 18

In the Froth Floatation process, zinc sulphide and lead sulphide can be separated by _____.

- (i) using collectors.
- (ii) adjusting the proportion of oil to water.
- (iii) using depressant.
- (iv) using froth stabilisers.

Solution

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

Question 19

Common impurities present in bauxite are _____.

- (i) CuO
- (ii) ZnO
- (iii) Fe₂O₃
- (iv) SiO₂

Solution

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

Question 20

Which of the following ores are concentrated by froth flotation?

(i) Haematite

(ii) Galena

(iii) Copper pyrites

(iv) Magnetite

Solution:

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

Solution

Solution coming soon.

Question 21

Which of the following reactions occur during calcination?

(i) $\text{CaCO}_3 \rightarrow \text{CaO} + \text{CO}_2$

(ii) $2\text{FeS}_2 + 11/2 \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 4\text{SO}_2$

(iii) $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot x \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + x \text{H}_2\text{O}$

(iv) $\text{ZnS} + 3/2 \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{ZnO} + \text{SO}_2$

Solution

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

Question 22

For the metallurgical process of which of the ores calcined ore can be reduced by carbon?

(i) haematite

(ii) calamine

(iii) iron pyrites

(iv) sphalerite

Solution

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

Question 23

The main reactions occurring in the blast furnace during the extraction of iron from haematite are _____.



Solution

Option (i) and (iv) are the answers

Question 24

In which of the following method of purification, metal is converted to its volatile compound which is decomposed to give pure metal?

(i) heating with a stream of carbon monoxide.

(ii) heating with iodine.

(iii) liquation.

(iv) distillation.

Solution

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

Question 25

Which of the following statements are correct?

- (i) A depressant prevents a certain type of particle to come to the froth.
- (ii) Copper matte contains Cu_2S and ZnS .
- (iii) The solidified copper obtained from the reverberatory furnace has blistered appearance due to evolution of SO_2 during the extraction.
- (iv) Zinc can be extracted by self-reduction.

Solution

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

Question 26

In the extraction of chlorine from brine _____.

- A. ΔG° for the overall reaction is negative.
- B. ΔG° for the overall reaction is positive.
- C. E° for the overall reaction has a negative value.
- D. E° for the overall reaction has a positive value.

Solution

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

III. Short Answer Type

Question 27

Why is an external emf of more than 2.2V required for the extraction of Cl_2 from brine?

Solution



The ΔG° for this reaction is $+422\text{kJmol}^{-1}$.

Using the formula, $\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ$

$$E^\circ = 422 \times 10^3 / 2 \times 96500$$

we get = -2.2V

For the reaction to take place the external voltage should be greater than 2.2V otherwise the reaction will not happen.

Question 28

At temperatures above 1073K coke can be used to reduce FeO to Fe. How can you justify this reduction with the Ellingham diagram?

Solution

The ΔG for the formation of FeO is less negative than ΔG for the formation of carbon monoxide from carbon. The summation of both the ΔG will be negative about 1073K. Above 1073K the line for the formation of FeO lies above the line for the oxidation of C to CO.

So, in this range, coke will be reducing the FeO and will itself be oxidised to CO.



Question 29

Wrought iron is the purest form of iron. Write a reaction used for the preparation of wrought iron from cast iron. How can the impurities of sulphur, silicon and phosphorus be removed from cast iron?

Solution



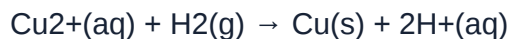
Limestone is added as a flux to remove the impurities of sulphur, silicon and phosphorous. They form a slag which can be easily removed. The metal is removed from the slag by passing through rollers.

Question 30

How is copper extracted from low-grade copper ores?

Solution

Copper is extracted by hydrometallurgy from low-grade copper ores. Cu is treated with scrap iron or H_2 . It is leached out with acid.



Question 31

Write two basic requirements for refining of metal by Mond process and by Van Arkel Method.

Solution

- (i) The metal should react easily with the reagent to form the complex.
 - (ii) The volatile complex should easily decompose and not give any side products and the recovery should also be easy.
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Question 32

Although carbon and hydrogen are better-reducing agents they are not used to reduce metallic oxides at high temperatures. Why?

Carbon and hydrogen will not reduce oxides to metals but they will instead form hydrides and carbides. Therefore, they are not used as reducing agents.

Solution

Solution coming soon.

Question 33

How do we separate two sulphide ores by Froth Floatation Method? Explain with an example.

Solution

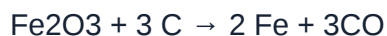
Two sulphide ores competing to come to the froth can be separated by adjusting the oil to water proportion or by adding a depressant like NaCN. If we have two sulphide ores, ZnS and PbS, NaCN will prevent ZnS from coming to the froth and instead PbS will form the froth. This way the two ores can be separated.

Question 34

The purest form of iron is prepared by oxidising impurities from cast iron in a reverberatory furnace. Which iron ore is used to line the furnace? Explain by giving a reaction.

Solution

Haematite ore (Fe_2O_3) is the iron ore used to line the reverberatory furnace.



Haematite is reduced by coke to wrought iron and the coke gets oxidised to CO.

Question 35

The mixture of compounds A and B is passed through a column of Al_2O_3 by using alcohol as eluant. Compound A is eluted in preference to compound B. Which of the compounds A or B, is more readily adsorbed on the column?

Solution

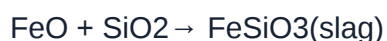
Compound A doesn't adsorb on the column well and moves down the column with alcohol (eluant), while compound B gets adsorbed well on the column and cannot move down.

Question 36

Why is sulphide ore of copper heated in a furnace after mixing with silica?

Solution

Sulphide ore of copper is heated in a furnace after mixing with silica because the iron impurities present in the ore can form slag with silica and will be easily removed. The copper is produced as copper matte.



Question 37

Why are sulphide ores converted to oxide before reduction?

Solution

Sulphide ores cannot be easily reduced so they are usually converted to oxides because oxides can be reduced easily.

Question 38

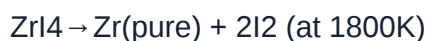
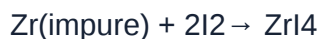
Which method is used for refining Zr and Ti? Explain with the equation.

Solution

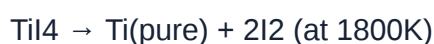
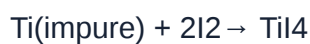
Van Arkel method is used for refining Zr and Ti. Van Arkel process involves heating the impure metal with Iodine. It forms a volatile complex which on decomposition at high temperatures, gives back the metal but in very pure form.

Refining of Zr and Ti using Van Arkel method

For Zirconium,



For Titanium,



Question 39

What should be the considerations during the extraction of metals by electrochemical method?

Solution

- (i) Reactivity of the metal produced
- (ii) Electrodes to be made of suitable material
- (iii) Addition of flux for making molten mass conducting

Question 40

What is the role of flux in metallurgical processes?

Solution

To remove gangue, certain substances are mixed with it. These are called fluxes. Flux can be basic or acidic. Acidic flux removes basic impurity and basic flux removes acidic impurity. Flux is also used for increased conductivity.

Question 41

How are metals used as semiconductors refined? What is the principle of the method used?

Solution

Semiconductors are refined by zone refining. Zone refining is based on the principle that impurities are more soluble in the molten metal than in the solid metal. A molten zone moves along the impure rod heating it, the impurities dissolve in the molten zone and move along the rod, while the pure metal devoid of impurities gets left behind and crystallises out.

Question 42

Write down the reactions taking place in Blast furnace-related to the metallurgy of iron in the temperature range 500-800 K.

Solution

These are the reactions that happen in the blast furnace at the 500K-800K range.

**Question 43**

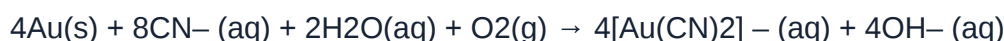
Give two requirements for vapour phase refining.

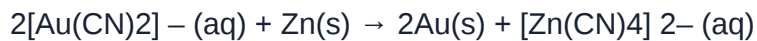
Solution

- (i) The metal should react easily with the reagent to form the complex.
- (ii) The volatile complex should easily decomposable so that the recovery is easy.

Question 44

Write the chemical reactions involved in the extraction of gold by the cyanide process. Also, give the role of zinc in the extraction.

Solution



Zinc plays the role of a reducing agent. It reduces Au^+ to pure Au.

IV. Matching Type

Note: Match the items given in Column I and Column II in the following

questions.

Question 45

Match the items of Column I with items of Column II and assign the correct code:

Column I	Column II
(A) Pendulum	(1) Chrome steel
(B) Malachite	(2) Nickel steel
(C) Calamine	(3) Na_3AlF_6
(D) Cryolite	(4) $\text{CuCO}_3 \cdot \text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$
	(5) ZnCO_3

Code :

A.

A (1) B (2) C (3) D (4)

B.

A (2) B (4) C (5) D (3)

C.

A (2) B (3) C (4) D (5)

D.

A (4) B (5) C (3) D (2)

Answer

Correct option: B

Solution

Option (ii) is the answer.

Question 46

Match the items of Column I with the items of Column II and assign the correct code :

Column I	Column II
(A) Coloured bands	(1) Zone refining
(B) Impure metal to volatile complex	(2) Fractional distillation
(C) Purification of Ge and Si	(3) Mond Process
(D) Purification of mercury	(4) Chromatography
	(5) Liquation

Code :

A.

A (1) B (2) C (4) D (5)

B.

A (4) B (3) C (1) D (2)

C.

A (3) B (4) C (2) D (1)

D.

A (5) B (4) C (3) D (2)

Answer

Correct option: B

Solution

Option (ii) is the answer.

Question 47

Match items of Column I with the items of Column II and assign the correct

code :

Column I	Column II
(A) Cyanide process	(1) Ultrapure Ge
(B) Froth Floatation Process	(2) Dressing of ZnS
(C) Electrolytic reduction	(3) Extraction of Al
(D) Zone refining	(4) Extraction of Au
	(5) Purification of Ni

Code :

Option (i) is the answer.

A.

A (4) B (2) C (3) D (1)

B.

A (2) B (3) C (1) D (5)

C.

A (1) B (2) C (3) D (4)

D.

A (3) B (4) C (5) D (1)Solution:

Solution

Solution coming soon.

Question 48

Match the items of Column I with the items of Column II and assign the correct code :

Column I	Column II
(A) Sapphire	(1) Al_2O_3
(B) Sphalerite	(2) NaCN
(C) Depressant	(3) Co
(D) Corundum	(4) ZnS
	(5) Fe_2O_3

Code :

A.

A (3) B (4) C (2) D (1)

B.

A (5) B (4) C (3) D (2)

C.

A (2) B (3) C (4) D (5)

D.

A (1) B (2) C (3) D (4)

Answer

Correct option: A

Solution

Option (i) is the answer.

Question 49

Match the items of Column I with items of Column II and assign the correct

code :

Column I	Column II
(A) Blistered Cu	(1) Aluminium
(B) Blast furnace	(2) $2\text{Cu}_2\text{O} + \text{Cu}_2\text{S} \rightarrow 6\text{Cu} + \text{SO}_2$
(C) Reverberatory furnace	(3) Iron
(D) Hall-Heroult process	(4) $\text{FeO} + \text{SiO}_2 \rightarrow \text{FeSiO}_3$
	(5) $2\text{Cu}_2\text{S} + 3\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Cu}_2\text{O} + 2\text{SO}_2$

Code :

A.

A (2) B (3) C (4) D (1)

B.

A (1) B (2) C (3) D (5)

C.

A (5) B (4) C (3) D (2)

D.

A (4) B (5) C (3) D (2)

Answer

Correct option: A

Solution

Option (i) is the answer.

V. Assertion and Reason Type

Note: In the following questions a statement of assertion followed by a statement of reason is given. Choose the correct answer out of the following choices.

- (i) Both assertion and reason are true and the reason is the correct explanation of assertion.
- (ii) Both assertion and reason are true but the reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.
- (iii) The assertion is true but the reason is false.
- (iv) The assertion is false but the reason is true.
- (v) Assertion and reason both are wrong.
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Question 50

Assertion: Nickel can be purified by the Mond process.

Reason: $\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4$

is a volatile compound which decomposes at 460K to give pure Ni.

Solution

Option (i) is correct.

Question 51

Assertion: Zirconium can be purified by Van Arkel method.

Reason: ZrI_4

is volatile and decomposes at 1800K.

Solution:
Option (i) is correct.

Solution

Solution coming soon.

Question 52

Assertion: Sulphide ores are concentrated by Froth Flotation method.

Reason: Cresols stabilise the froth in the Froth Flotation Method.

Solution

Option (ii) is correct.

Question 53

Assertion: Zone refining method is very useful for producing semiconductors.

Reason: Semiconductors are of high purity.

Solution

Option (ii) is correct.

Question 54

Assertion: Hydrometallurgy involves dissolving the ore in a suitable reagent followed by precipitation by a more electropositive metal.

Reason: Copper is extracted by hydrometallurgy.

Solution

Option (ii) is correct.

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The chapter General Principles and Processes of Isolation of Elements teaches students about different terms like minerals, calcination, concentration, good deed, roasting, ores and refining. They also learn the principles of oxidation and reduction as applied to the extraction procedures.

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2. The Concentration of Ores: Hydraulic Washing, Magnetic Separation, Froth Flotation Method and Leaching
3. Extraction of Crude Metal from Concentrated Ore
4. Thermodynamic Principles of Metallurgy and Applications
5. Electrochemical Principles of Metallurgy, Oxidation-Reduction and Refining,
6. Uses of Aluminium, Copper, Zinc and Iron

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