

# The p-Block Elements (Group 15, 16, 17 & 18)



## TOPIC 1 Nitrogen Family



- The correct statement with respect to dinitrogen is:  
[Sep. 06, 2020 (I)]
  - $N_2$  is paramagnetic in nature.
  - it can combine with dioxygen at 25 °C.
  - liquid dinitrogen is not used in cryosurgery.
  - it can be used as an inert diluent for reactive chemicals.
- The reaction of NO with  $N_2O_4$  at 250 K gives :  
[Sep. 06, 2020 (II)]
  - $N_2O$
  - $NO_2$
  - $N_2O_3$
  - $N_2O_5$
- Reaction of ammonia with excess  $Cl_2$  gives :  
[Sep. 05, 2020 (II)]
  - $NH_4Cl$  and  $N_2$
  - $NH_4Cl$  and  $HCl$
  - $NCl_3$  and  $NH_4Cl$
  - $NCl_3$  and  $HCl$
- On heating, lead (II) nitrate gives a brown gas (A). The gas (A) on cooling changes to a colourless solid/liquid (B). (B) on heating with NO changes to a blue solid (C). The oxidation number of nitrogen in solid (C) is :  
[Sep. 04, 2020 (I)]
  - +5
  - +2
  - +3
  - +4
- Aqua regia is used for dissolving noble metals (Au, Pt, etc.). The gas evolved in this process is :  
[Sep. 03, 2020 (I)]
  - NO
  - $N_2O_5$
  - $N_2$
  - $N_2O_3$
- In a molecule of pyrophosphoric acid, the number of P—OH, P=O and P—O—P bonds/ moiety(ies) respectively are :  
[Sep. 03, 2020 (I)]
  - 2, 4 and 1
  - 3, 3 and 3
  - 4, 2 and 0
  - 4, 2 and 1
- On heating compound (A) gives a gas (B) which is a constituent of air. This gas when treated with  $H_2$  in the presence of a catalyst gives another gas (C) which is basic in nature. (A) should not be :  
[Sep. 02, 2020 (I)]
  - $NaN_3$
  - $Pb(NO_3)_2$
  - $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7$
  - $NH_4NO_2$
- White phosphorus on reaction with concentrated NaOH solution in an inert atmosphere of  $CO_2$  gives phosphine and compound (X). (X) on acidification with HCl gives compound (Y). The basicity of compound (Y) is:  
[Jan. 08, 2020 (II)]
  - 2
  - 1
  - 4
  - 3
- The number of pentagons in  $C_{60}$  and trigons (triangles) in white phosphorous, respectively, are :  
[April 10, 2019 (II)]
  - 20 and 3
  - 12 and 4
  - 12 and 3
  - 20 and 4
- The correct order of the oxidation states of nitrogen in  $NO$ ,  $N_2O$ ,  $NO_2$  and  $N_2O_3$  is:  
[April 9, 2019 (II)]
  - $NO_2 < NO < N_2O_3 < N_2O$
  - $NO_2 < N_2O_3 < NO < N_2O$
  - $N_2O < N_2O_3 < NO < NO_2$
  - $N_2O < NO < N_2O_3 < NO_2$
- The pair that contains two P—H bonds in each of the oxoacids is:  
[Jan. 10, 2019 (II)]
  - $H_4P_2O_5$  and  $H_4P_2O_6$
  - $H_3PO_2$  and  $H_4P_2O_5$
  - $H_3PO_3$  and  $H_3PO_2$
  - $H_4P_2O_5$  and  $H_3PO_3$
- Good reducing nature of  $H_3PO_2$  is attributed to the presence of:  
[Jan. 9, 2019 (II)]
  - Two P—OH bonds
  - One P—H bond
  - Two P—H bonds
  - One P—OH bond
- The compound that **does not** produce nitrogen gas by the thermal decomposition is :  
[2018]
  - $Ba(N_3)_2$
  - $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7$
  - $NH_4NO_2$
  - $(NH_4)_2SO_4$
- Among the oxides of nitrogen:  $N_2O_3$ ,  $N_2O_4$  and  $N_2O_5$ ; the molecule(s) having nitrogen-nitrogen bond is/are:  
[Online April 16, 2018]
  - $N_2O_3$  and  $N_2O_4$
  - $N_2O_4$  and  $N_2O_5$
  - $N_2O_3$  and  $N_2O_5$
  - Only  $N_2O_5$
- The number of P—O bonds in  $P_4O_6$  is:  
[Online April 15, 2018 (II)]
  - 9
  - 6
  - 12
  - 18

16. For per gram of reactant, the maximum quantity of  $N_2$  gas is produced in which of the following thermal decomposition reactions? (Given: Atomic wt. : Cr = 52 u, Ba = 137 u).  
[Online April 15, 2018 (II)]
- (a)  $Ba(N_3)_2(s) \rightarrow Ba(C) + 3N_2(g)$   
 (b)  $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7(s) \rightarrow N_2(g) + 4H_2O(g) + Cr_2O_3(s)$   
 (c)  $2NH_3(g) \rightarrow N_2(g) + 3H_2(g)$   
 (d)  $2NH_4NO_3(s) \rightarrow 2N_2(g) + 4H_2O(g) + O_2(g)$
17. The number of P–OH bonds and the oxidation state of phosphorus atom in pyrophosphoric acid ( $H_4P_2O_7$ ) respectively are :  
[Online April 9, 2017]
- (a) four and four (b) five and four  
 (c) five and five (d) four and five
18. A metal 'M' reacts with nitrogen gas to afford ' $M_3N$ '. ' $M_3N$ ' on heating at high temperature gives back 'M' and on reaction with water produces a gas 'B'. Gas 'B' reacts with aqueous solution of  $CuSO_4$  to form a deep blue compound. 'M' and 'B' respectively are :  
[Online April 8, 2017]
- (a) Li and  $NH_3$  (b) Ba and  $N_2$   
 (c) Na and  $NH_3$  (d) Al and  $N_2$
19. The pair in which phosphorus atoms have a formal oxidation state of +3 is :  
[2016]
- (a) Orthophosphorous and hypophosphoric acids  
 (b) Pyrophosphorous and pyrophosphoric acids  
 (c) Orthophosphorous and pyrophosphorous acids  
 (d) Pyrophosphorous and hypophosphoric acids
20. Which of the following compound has a P–P bond ?  
[Online April 11, 2015]
- (a)  $H_4P_2O_5$  (b)  $(HPO_3)_3$  (c)  $H_4P_2O_6$  (d)  $H_4P_2O_7$
21. Which one of the following does not have a pyramidal shape?  
[Online April 11, 2014]
- (a)  $(CH_3)_3N$  (b)  $(SiH_3)_3N$  (c)  $P(CH_3)_3$  (d)  $P(SiH_3)_3$
22. The molecule having smallest bond angle is :  
[2012]
- (a)  $NCl_3$  (b)  $AsCl_3$  (c)  $SbCl_3$  (d)  $PCl_3$
23. Regular use of the following fertilizers increases the acidity of soil?  
[2007]
- (a) Ammonium sulphate (b) Potassium nitrate  
 (c) Urea (d) Superphosphate of lime.
24. The number of hydrogen atom(s) attached to phosphorus atom in hypophosphorous acid is  
[2005]
- (a) three (b) one (c) two (d) zero
25. What may be expected to happen when phosphine gas is mixed with chlorine gas ?  
[2003]
- (a)  $PCl_3$  and HCl are formed and the mixture warms up  
 (b)  $PCl_5$  and HCl are formed and the mixture cools down  
 (c)  $PH_3 \cdot Cl_2$  is formed with warming up  
 (d) The mixture only cools down
26. Which one of the following substances has the highest proton affinity ?  
[2003]
- (a)  $H_2S$  (b)  $NH_3$  (c)  $PH_3$  (d)  $H_2O$
27. In case of nitrogen,  $NCl_3$  is possible but not  $NCl_5$  while in case of phosphorus,  $PCl_3$  as well as  $PCl_5$  are possible. It is due to  
[2002]
- (a) availability of vacant *d* orbitals in P but not in N  
 (b) lower electronegativity of P than N  
 (c) lower tendency of H-bond formation in P than N  
 (d) occurrence of P in solid while N in gaseous state at room temperature.
28. Number of sigma bonds in  $P_4O_{10}$  is  
[2002]
- (a) 6 (b) 7 (c) 17 (d) 16.

## TOPIC 2 Oxygen Family



29. Reaction of an inorganic sulphite X with dilute  $H_2SO_4$  generates compound Y. Reaction of Y with NaOH gives X. Further, the reaction of X with Y and water affords compound Z. Y and Z, respectively, are: [Sep. 06, 2020 (II)]
- (a)  $SO_2$  and  $Na_2SO_3$  (b)  $SO_3$  and  $NaHSO_3$   
 (c)  $SO_2$  and  $NaHSO_3$  (d) S and  $Na_2SO_3$
30. If the boiling point of  $H_2O$  is 373 K, the boiling point of  $H_2S$  will be :  
[Sep. 03, 2020 (I)]
- (a) less than 300 K  
 (b) equal to 373 K  
 (c) more than 373 K  
 (d) greater than 300 K but less than 373 K
31. The number of bonds between sulphur and oxygen atoms in and the number of bonds between sulphur and sulphur atoms in rhombic sulphur, respectively, are:  
[Jan. 08, 2020 (I)]
- (a) 4 and 6 (b) 8 and 8 (c) 8 and 6 (d) 4 and 8
32. The oxoacid of sulphur that does not contain bond between Sulphur atoms is :  
[April 10, 2019 (I)]
- (a)  $H_2S_4O_6$  (b)  $H_2S_2O_3$  (c)  $H_2S_2O_7$  (d)  $H_2S_2O_4$
33. In  $KO_2$ , the nature of oxygen species and the oxidation state of oxygen atom are, respectively:  
[Online April 15, 2018 (II)]
- (a) Superoxide and –1 (b) Superoxide and –1/2  
 (c) Peroxide and –1/2 (d) Oxide and –2
34. The number of S=O and S–OH bonds present in peroxodisulphuric acid and pyrosulphuric acid respectively are :  
[Online April 8, 2017]
- (a) (2 and 2) and (2 and 2)  
 (b) (2 and 4) and (2 and 4)  
 (c) (4 and 2) and (2 and 4)  
 (d) (4 and 2) and (4 and 2)

35. The correct sequence of decreasing number of  $\pi$ -bonds in the structures of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7$  is :  
[Online April 9, 2017]
- (a)  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3 > \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 > \text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7$   
 (b)  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 > \text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7 > \text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$   
 (c)  $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7 > \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 > \text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$   
 (d)  $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7 > \text{H}_2\text{SO}_3 > \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
36. Identify the incorrect statement :  
[Online April 10, 2016]
- (a) The S-S-S bond angles in the  $\text{S}_8$  and  $\text{S}_6$  rings are the same.  
 (b) Rhombic and monoclinic sulphur have  $\text{S}_8$  molecules.  
 (c)  $\text{S}_2$  is paramagnetic like oxygen  
 (d)  $\text{S}_8$  ring has a crown shape.
37. **Assertion:** Nitrogen and oxygen are the main components in the atmosphere but these do not react to form oxides of nitrogen.  
**Reason:** The reaction between nitrogen and oxygen requires high temperature. [2015]
- (a) The assertion is incorrect, but the reason is correct  
 (b) Both the assertion and reason are incorrect  
 (c) Both assertion and reason are correct, and the reason is the correct explanation for the assertion  
 (d) Both assertion and reason are correct, but the reason is not the correct explanation for the assertion
38. The number of S-S bonds in  $\text{SO}_3$ ,  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$ ,  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_6^{2-}$  and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$  respectively are [Online May 26, 2012]
- (a) 1, 0, 0, 1 (b) 1, 0, 1, 0 (c) 0, 1, 1, 0 (d) 0, 1, 0, 1
39. Concentrated hydrochloric acid when kept in open air, sometimes produces a cloud of white fumes. The explanation for it is that [2003]
- (a) oxygen in air reacts with the emitted HCl gas to form a cloud of chlorine gas  
 (b) strong affinity of HCl gas for moisture in air results in forming of droplets of liquid solution which appears like a cloudy smoke.  
 (c) due to strong affinity for water, concentrated hydrochloric acid pulls moisture of air towards itself. This moisture forms droplets of water and hence the cloud.  
 (d) concentrated hydrochloric acid emits strongly smelling HCl gas all the time.
40. The number of Cl=O bonds in perchloric acid is, "\_\_\_\_\_". [NV Sep. 06, 2020 (I)]
41. Arrange the following bonds according to their average bond energies in descending order: C-Cl, C-Br, C-F, C-I [Jan. 08, 2020 (II)]
- (a) C-F > C-Cl > C-Br > C-I  
 (b) C-Br > C-I > C-Cl > C-F  
 (c) C-I > C-Br > C-Cl > C-F  
 (d) C-Cl > C-Br > C-I > C-F
42. Chlorine reacts with hot and concentrated NaOH and produces compounds (X) and (Y). Compound (X) gives white precipitate with silver nitrate solution. The average bond order between Cl and O atoms in (Y) is \_\_\_\_\_ [NV Jan. 07, 2020 (I)]
43. In the following reactions, products (A) and (B), respectively, are: [Jan. 07, 2020 (II)]  
 $\text{NaOH} + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow (\text{A}) + \text{side products (hot and conc.)}$   
 $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow (\text{B}) + \text{side products (dry)}$
- (a)  $\text{NaClO}_3$  and  $\text{Ca}(\text{OCl})_2$  (b)  $\text{NaClO}_3$  and  $\text{Ca}(\text{ClO}_3)_2$   
 (c)  $\text{NaOCl}$  and  $\text{Ca}(\text{OCl})_2$  (d)  $\text{NaOCl}$  and  $\text{Ca}(\text{ClO}_3)_2$
44. HF has highest boiling point among hydrogen halides, because it has: [April 9, 2019 (II)]
- (a) strongest van der Waals' interactions  
 (b) lowest ionic character  
 (c) strongest hydrogen bonding  
 (d) lowest dissociation enthalpy
45. Iodine reacts with concentrated  $\text{HNO}_3$  to yield Y along with other products. The oxidation state of iodine in Y, is: [Jan. 12, 2019 (I)]
- (a) 5 (b) 7 (c) 3 (d) 1
46. Chlorine on reaction with hot and concentrated sodium hydroxide gives : [Jan. 12, 2019 (II)]
- (a)  $\text{Cl}^-$  and  $\text{ClO}_3^-$  (b)  $\text{Cl}^-$  and  $\text{ClO}^-$   
 (c)  $\text{ClO}_3^-$  and  $\text{ClO}_2^-$  (d)  $\text{Cl}^-$  and  $\text{ClO}_2^-$
47. The products obtained when chlorine gas reacts with cold and dilute aqueous NaOH are : [2017]
- (a)  $\text{ClO}^-$  and  $\text{ClO}_3^-$  (b)  $\text{ClO}_2^-$  and  $\text{ClO}_3^-$   
 (c)  $\text{Cl}^-$  and  $\text{ClO}^-$  (d)  $\text{Cl}^-$  and  $\text{ClO}_2^-$
48. The non-metal that does not exhibit positive oxidation state is : [Online April 9, 2016]
- (a) Chlorine (b) Iodine (c) Fluorine (d) Oxygen
49. Aqueous solution of which salt will not contain ions with the electronic configuration  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$ ? [Online April 10, 2016]
- (a) NaF (b) KBr (c) NaCl (d)  $\text{CaI}_2$
50. Which among the following is the most reactive? [2015]
- (a)  $\text{I}_2$  (b)  $\text{ICl}$  (c)  $\text{Cl}_2$  (d)  $\text{Br}_2$
51. The least number of oxyacids are formed by : [Online April 10, 2015]
- (a) Chlorine (b) Nitrogen (c) Fluorine (d) Sulphur
52. Chlorine water on standing loses its colour and forms : [Online April 11, 2015]
- (a) HCl only (b) HCl and  $\text{HClO}_2$   
 (c) HCl and HOCl (d) HOCl and  $\text{HOCl}_2$

### TOPIC 3 Halogen Family



40. The number of Cl=O bonds in perchloric acid is, "\_\_\_\_\_". [NV Sep. 06, 2020 (I)]
41. Arrange the following bonds according to their average bond energies in descending order: C-Cl, C-Br, C-F, C-I [Jan. 08, 2020 (II)]

53. Shapes of certain interhalogen compounds are stated below. Which one of them is not correctly stated?

[Online April 11, 2014]

- (a)  $\text{IF}_7$  : pentagonal bipyramid  
 (b)  $\text{BrF}_5$  : trigonal bipyramid  
 (c)  $\text{BrF}_3$  : planar T-shaped  
 (d)  $\text{ICl}_3$  : planar dimeric
54. Electron gain enthalpy with negative sign of fluorine is less than that of chlorine due to : [Online April 9, 2013]
- (a) High ionization enthalpy of fluorine  
 (b) Smaller size of chlorine atom  
 (c) Smaller size of fluorine atom  
 (d) Bigger size of  $2p$  orbital of fluorine
55. Identify the incorrect statement among the following. [2007]
- (a)  $\text{Br}_2$  reacts with hot and strong  $\text{NaOH}$  solution to give  $\text{NaBr}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .  
 (b) Ozone reacts with  $\text{SO}_2$  to give  $\text{SO}_3$ .  
 (c) Silicon reacts with  $\text{NaOH}_{(\text{aq})}$  in the presence of air to give  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .  
 (d)  $\text{Cl}_2$  reacts with excess of  $\text{NH}_3$  to give  $\text{N}_2$  and  $\text{HCl}$ .
56. Which of the following statements is true? [2006]
- (a)  $\text{HClO}_4$  is a weaker acid than  $\text{HClO}_3$   
 (b)  $\text{HNO}_3$  is a stronger acid than  $\text{HNO}_2$   
 (c)  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$  is a stronger acid than  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$   
 (d) In aqueous medium  $\text{HF}$  is a stronger acid than  $\text{HCl}$
57. What products are expected from the disproportionation reaction of hypochlorous acid? [2006]
- (a)  $\text{HCl}$  and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (b)  $\text{HCl}$  and  $\text{HClO}_3$   
 (c)  $\text{HClO}_3$  and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (d)  $\text{HClO}_2$  and  $\text{HClO}_4$
58. The correct order of the thermal stability of hydrogen halides ( $\text{H-X}$ ) is [2005]
- (a)  $\text{HI} > \text{HCl} < \text{HF} > \text{HBr}$  (b)  $\text{HCl} < \text{HF} > \text{HBr} < \text{HI}$   
 (c)  $\text{HF} > \text{HCl} > \text{HBr} > \text{HI}$  (d)  $\text{HI} < \text{HBr} > \text{HCl} < \text{HF}$
59. Which among the following factors is the most important in making fluorine, the strongest oxidizing halogen? [2004]
- (a) Hydration enthalpy (b) Ionization enthalpy  
 (c) Electron affinity (d) Bond dissociation energy
60. Excess of  $\text{KI}$  reacts with  $\text{CuSO}_4$  solution and then  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  solution is added to it. Which of the statements is incorrect for this reaction? [2004]
- (a)  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  is oxidised (b)  $\text{CuI}_2$  is formed  
 (c)  $\text{Cu}_2\text{I}_2$  is formed (d) Evolved  $\text{I}_2$  is reduced
61. Oxidation number of  $\text{Cl}$  in  $\text{CaOCl}_2$  (bleaching power) is: [2002]
- (a) zero, since it contains  $\text{Cl}_2$   
 (b)  $-1$ , since it contains  $\text{Cl}^-$   
 (c)  $+1$ , since it contains  $\text{ClO}^-$   
 (d)  $+1$  and  $-1$  since it contains  $\text{ClO}^-$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$

## TOPIC 4 Noble Gases



62. The reaction in which the hybridisation of the underlined atom is affected is : [Sep. 04, 2020 (II)]
- (a)  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Disproportionation}}$   
 (b)  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{NaCl} \xrightarrow{420\text{ K}}$   
 (c)  $\text{NH}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{H}^+}$   
 (d)  $\text{XeF}_4 + \text{SbF}_5 \longrightarrow$
63. The noble gas that does NOT occur in the atmosphere is : [April 10, 2019 (II)]
- (a) He (b) Kr (c) Ne (d) Ra
64. The type of hybridisation and number of lone pair(s) of electrons of Xe in  $\text{XeOF}_4$ , respectively, are: [Jan. 10, 2019 (I)]
- (a)  $sp^3d^2$  and 1 (b)  $sp^3d$  and 2  
 (c)  $sp^3d^2$  and 2 (d)  $sp^3d$  and 1
65. In  $\text{XeO}_3\text{F}_2$ , the number of bond pair(s),  $\pi$ -bond(s) and lone pair(s) on Xe atom respectively are: [Online April 15, 2018 (II)]
- (a) 5, 3, 0 (b) 5, 2, 0  
 (c) 4, 2, 2 (d) 4, 4, 0
66. Xenon hexafluoride on partial hydrolysis produces compounds 'X' and 'Y'. Compounds 'X', 'Y' and the oxidation state of Xe are respectively : [Online April 15, 2018 (I)]
- (a)  $\text{XeOF}_4(+6)$  and  $\text{XeO}_3(+6)$   
 (b)  $\text{XeO}_3(+4)$  and  $\text{XeO}_3(+6)$   
 (c)  $\text{XeOF}_4(+6)$  and  $\text{XeO}_2\text{F}_2(+6)$   
 (d)  $\text{XeO}_2\text{F}_3(+6)$  and  $\text{XeO}_2(+4)$
67.  $\text{XeF}_6$  on partial hydrolysis with water produces a compound 'X'. The same compound 'X' is formed when  $\text{XeF}_6$  reacts with silica. The compound 'X' is : [Online April 9, 2017]
- (a)  $\text{XeF}_2$  (b)  $\text{XeF}_4$  (c)  $\text{XeOF}_4$  (d)  $\text{XeO}_3$
68. Which intermolecular force is most responsible in allowing xenon gas to liquefy? [Online April 9, 2016]
- (a) Instantaneous dipole-induced dipole  
 (b) Ion-dipole  
 (c) Ionic  
 (d) Dipole-dipole
69. Which one has the highest boiling point? [2015]
- (a) Kr (b) Xe (c) He (d) Ne
70. The geometry of  $\text{XeOF}_4$  by VSEPR theory is : [Online April 10, 2015]
- (a) pentagonal planar (b) octahedral  
 (c) square pyramidal (d) trigonal bipyramidal





71. Which of the following xenon-oxo compounds may not be obtained by hydrolysis of xenon fluorides?  
[Online April 12, 2014]  
(a)  $\text{XeO}_2\text{F}_2$  (b)  $\text{XeOF}_4$  (c)  $\text{XeO}_3$  (d)  $\text{XeO}_4$
72. Trigonal bipyramidal geometry is shown by :  
[Online April 9, 2013]  
(a)  $\text{XeO}_2\text{F}_2$  (b)  $\text{XeO}_3\text{F}_2$   
(c)  $\text{FXeOSO}_2\text{F}$  (d)  $[\text{XeF}_8]^{2-}$
73.  $\text{XeO}_4$  molecule is tetrahedral having :  
[Online April 22, 2013]  
(a) Two  $p\pi - d\pi$  bonds (b) One  $p\pi - d\pi$  bonds  
(c) Four  $p\pi - d\pi$  bonds (d) Three  $p\pi - d\pi$  bonds
74. Which has trigonal bipyramidal shape?  
[Online April 23, 2013]  
(a)  $\text{XeOF}_4$  (b)  $\text{XeO}_3$  (c)  $\text{XeO}_3\text{F}_2$  (d)  $\text{XeOF}_2$
75. The compound of xenon with zero dipole moment is  
[Online May 19, 2012]  
(a)  $\text{XeO}_3$  (b)  $\text{XeF}_4$  (c)  $\text{XeOF}_4$  (d)  $\text{XeO}_2$
76. Which of the following has maximum number of lone pairs associated with Xe?  
[2011RS]  
(a)  $\text{XeF}_4$  (b)  $\text{XeF}_6$  (c)  $\text{XeF}_2$  (d)  $\text{XeO}_3$
77. Which one of the following reactions of xenon compounds is not feasible?  
[2009]  
(a)  $3\text{XeF}_4 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 2\text{Xe} + \text{XeO}_3 + 12\text{HF} + 1.5\text{O}_2$   
(b)  $2\text{XeF}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 2\text{Xe} + 4\text{HF} + \text{O}_2$   
(c)  $\text{XeF}_6 + \text{RbF} \longrightarrow \text{Rb}[\text{XeF}_7]$   
(d)  $\text{XeO}_3 + 6\text{HF} \longrightarrow \text{XeF}_6 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$
78. Which one of the following statement regarding helium is incorrect?  
[2004]  
(a) It is used to produce and sustain powerful superconducting magnets  
(b) It is used as a cryogenic agent for carrying out experiments at low temperatures  
(c) It is used to fill gas balloons instead of hydrogen because it is lighter and non-inflammable  
(d) It is used in gas-cooled nuclear reactors
79. In  $\text{XeF}_2^+$ ,  $\text{XeF}_4$ ,  $\text{XeF}_6$  the number of lone pairs on Xe are respectively  
[2002]  
(a) 2, 3, 1 (b) 1, 2, 3 (c) 4, 1, 2 (d) 3, 2, 1.

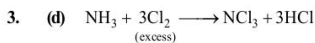
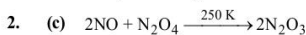




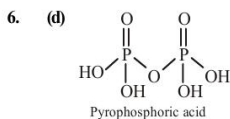
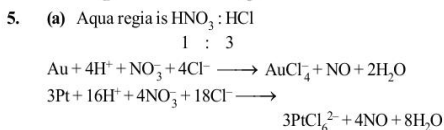
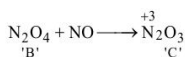
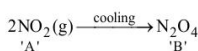
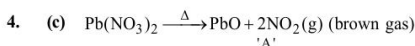
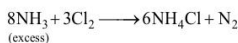
# Hints & Solutions



1. (d)  
 (a)  $N_2$  is diamagnetic in nature.  
 (b)  $N_2 + O_2 \xrightarrow{2000K} NO(g)$   
 (c) Liquid  $N_2$  is used in cryosurgery.  
 (d) Because of its inertness, it is used where an inert atmosphere is required.

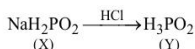
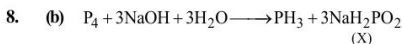


If  $NH_3$  is used in excess then  $NH_4Cl$  is formed instead of  $NCl_3$ ,



No. of P = O bond = 2.  
 P - OH bond = 4  
 P - O - P bond = 1.

7. (b)  $Pb(NO_3)_2$  does not produce nitrogen gas on heating.  
 (a)  $NaN_3 \xrightarrow{300^\circ C} 3N_2 + 2Na$   
 (b)  $Pb(NO_3)_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} PbO + 2NO_2$   
 (c)  $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} N_2 + Cr_2O_3 + H_2O$   
 (d)  $NH_4NO_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} N_2 + 2H_2O$



Basicity of  $H_3PO_2 = 1$

9. (b) Number of pentagons in  $C_{60}$  (Buckminsterfullerene) = 12

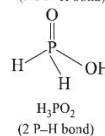
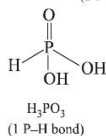
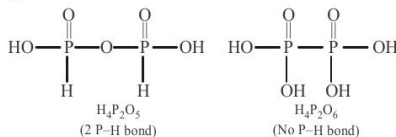
Number of triangles in  $P_4$  (White phosphorus) = 4

10. (d) Oxide oxidation state

$N_2O$	+1
$NO$	+2
$N_2O_3$	+3
$NO_2$	+4

So,  $N_2O < NO < N_2O_3 < NO_2$

11. (b)

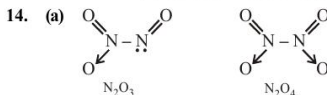


12. (3) Structure of  $H_3PO_2$ :



Greater the number of P-H bonds present in the acid, greater will be its reducing property.

13. (d) (a)  $Ba(N_3)_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} Ba + 3N_2$   
 (b)  $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} Cr_2O_3 + N_2 + 4H_2O$   
 (c)  $NH_4NO_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} N_2 + 2H_2O$   
 (d)  $(NH_4)_2SO_4 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2NH_3 + H_2SO_4$   
 $NH_3$  is evolved in reaction (d).



15. (c) The number of P-O bonds in  $P_4O_6 = 12$



16. (c)

(a) Molar mass of  $Ba(N_3)_2(s) = 221 \text{ g/mol}$

1 mole of  $Ba(N_3)_2(s)$  gives 3 moles of  $N_2$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{1 \text{ g}}{221 \text{ g/mol}} \text{ moles of } Ba(N_3)_2(s) \text{ will give } 3 \times \frac{1}{221} = 0.014 \text{ moles of } N_2$$

(b) Molar mass of  $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 = 252 \text{ g/mol}$ .

1 mole of  $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7$  gives 1 mole of  $N_2$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{1 \text{ g}}{252 \text{ g/mol}} \text{ moles of } (NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \text{ will give } 1 \times \frac{1}{252} = 0.0039 \text{ moles of } N_2$$

(c) Molar mass of  $NH_3 = 17 \text{ g/mol}$ .

2 mole of  $NH_3$  gives 1 mole of  $N_2$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1 \text{ g}}{17 \text{ g/mol}} \text{ moles of } NH_3 \text{ will give } \frac{1}{2 \times 17} = 0.0297 \text{ moles of } N_2.$$

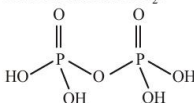
(d) Molar mass of  $NH_4NO_3 = 80 \text{ g/mol}$ .

1 mole of  $NH_4NO_3$  gives 1 mole of  $N_2$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1 \text{ g}}{80 \text{ g/mol}} \text{ moles } NH_4NO_3 \text{ will give } 1 \times \frac{1}{80} = 0.0125 \text{ moles of } N_2$$

Hence thermal decomposition of  $NH_3$  will produce maximum amount of  $N_2$ .

17. (d)



Pyrophosphoric acid ( $H_4P_2O_7$ )

Oxidation State :

Each P atom is bound to one oxygen = -1

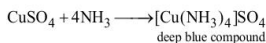
$2OH = -1 \times 2 = -2$

1 Oxygen = -2

Total = -5

$P = +5$ .

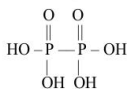
18. (a)  $Li(s) + N_2(g) \xrightleftharpoons{\text{high temperature}} 2Li_3N(s)$



19. (c) Phosphorous acids contain P in +3 oxidation state.

Acid	Formula	Oxidation state of phosphorus
Pyrophosphorous acid	$H_4P_2O_5$	+3
Pyrophosphoric acid	$H_4P_2O_7$	+5
Orthophosphorous acid	$H_3PO_3$	+3
Hypophosphoric acid	$H_4P_2O_6$	+4

20. (c)  $H_4P_2O_6$  has P-P linkage



21. (b) In case of  $N(SiH_3)_3$ , N atom is  $sp^2$  hybridised, the lone pair is present in  $2p$  orbital and it is transferred to empty  $d$  orbital of Si forming  $d\pi - p\pi$  bond. Hence nitrogen with  $sp^2$  hybridisation has trigonal planar shape.

22. (c) All the members form volatile halides of the type  $AX_3$ . All halides are pyramidal in shape. The bond angle decreases on moving down the group (from  $NCl_3$  to  $SbCl_3$ ) due to decrease in bond pair-bond pair repulsion or increase in lone pair-bond pair repulsion.

23. (a)  $(NH_4)_2SO_4 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2H_2SO_4 + NH_4OH$

$H_2SO_4$  is strong acid and increases the acidity of soil.

24. (c) Hypophosphorous acid is  $H - \overset{H}{\underset{|}{O}} - P \rightarrow O$

Two H-atoms are attached to P atom.

25. (b) On mixing phosphine with chlorine gas,  $PCl_3$  and  $HCl$  are formed. The mixture cools down.

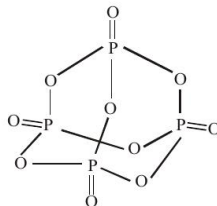


26. (b) Among the given compounds, the  $\ddot{N}H_3$  is most basic. Hence it has highest proton affinity.

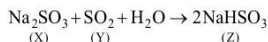
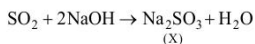
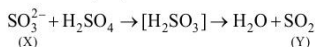
27. (a)  ${}^7N = 1s^2 2s^2 2p^3$ ;  ${}_{15}P = 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^3$

**Note:** In phosphorus the  $3d$ -orbitals are available. Hence phosphorus can form pentahalides but nitrogen can not form pentahalide due to absence of  $d$ -orbitals.

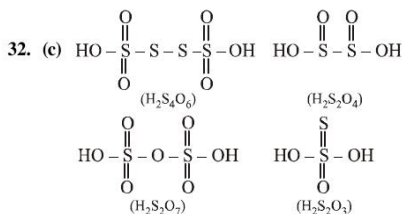
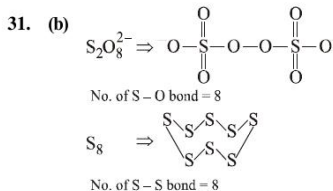
28. (d)



29. (c)  $X = \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$

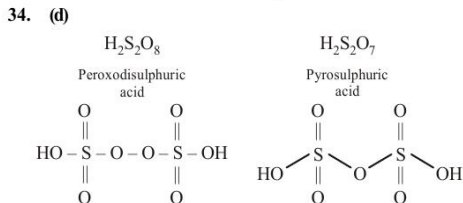


30. (a) At room temperature, water is liquid and has boiling point 373 K due to hydrogen bonding. Whereas  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  is a gas and it has no hydrogen bonding. Hence boiling point of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  is less than 300 K (boiling point of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  is  $-60^\circ\text{C}$ ).



33. (b) In  $\text{KO}_2$ , the nature of oxygen species and the oxidation state of oxygen atom are superoxide (superoxide ion is  $\text{O}_2^-$ ) and  $-1/2$  respectively.  
Let x be oxidation state of oxygen. The oxidation state of K is +1. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} +1 + 2(x) &= 0 \\ 2x &= -1 \\ x &= -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

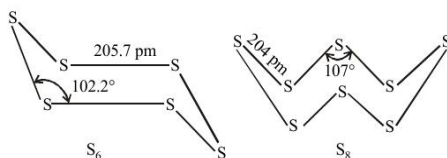


No. of S=O bonds	4	4
No. of S-OH bonds	2	2

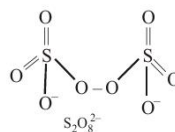
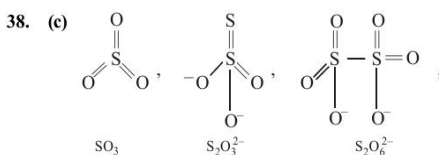
35. (c)

Compounds	Number of $\pi$ -bonds
$\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7 = \text{HO}-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-\text{O}-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-\text{OH}$	4
$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 = \text{HO}-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-\text{OH}$	2
$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3 = \text{HO}-\text{S}(\text{O})-\text{OH}$	1

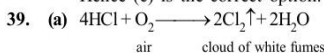
36. (a) The  $\text{S}_6$  molecule has a chair-form hexagon ring with the approx same bond length as that in  $\text{S}_8$ , but with some what smaller bond angles i.e. bond lengths are approx same but bond angles are different.



37. (c) Nitrogen and oxygen in air do not react to form oxides of nitrogen in atmosphere because the reaction between nitrogen and oxygen requires high temperature.



Hence (c) is the correct option.





40. (3)  
The structure of perchloric acid is

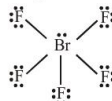


The number Cl = O bond in  $\text{HClO}_4$  is 3.

41. (a) Generally, bond energy  $\propto \frac{1}{\text{Bond length}}$   
So bond energy order is  $\text{C-F} > \text{C-Cl} > \text{C-Br} > \text{C-I}$
42. (1.67)  
$$3\text{Cl}_2 + 6\text{NaOH} \xrightarrow[\text{Hot \& conc.}]{(X)} 5\text{NaCl} + \text{NaClO}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \quad (Y)$$
  
$$\text{NaCl} + \text{AgNO}_3 \xrightarrow{(X)} \text{AgCl} + \text{NaNO}_3 \quad (\text{white ppt.})$$
  
Average bond order between Cl and O atom in  $\text{NaClO}_3$   
$$= \frac{5}{3} = 1.67$$
43. (a) 
$$6\text{NaOH} + 3\text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 5\text{NaCl} + \text{NaClO}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \quad (\text{A, Sodium chlorate})$$
  
$$2\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow \text{Ca}(\text{OCl})_2 + \text{CaCl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \quad (\text{B, Calcium hypochlorite})$$
44. (c) Due to strong H-bonding between HF molecules. HF has highest boiling point among the hydrogen halides.
45. (a) Conc.  $\text{HNO}_3$  oxidises  $\text{I}_2$  to iodic acid ( $\text{HIO}_3$ ).  
$$\text{I}_2 + 10\text{HNO}_3 \xrightarrow{Y} 2\text{HIO}_3 + 10\text{NO}_2 + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$$
  
In  $\text{HIO}_3$  oxidation state of iodine is +5.
46. (a) 
$$3\text{Cl}_2 + 6\text{NaOH} \rightarrow 5\text{NaCl} + \text{NaClO}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$$
47. (c) 
$$\text{Cl}_2 + \text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{NaCl} + \text{NaClO} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \quad (\text{cold and dilute})$$
48. (c) Fluorine is most electronegative element in periodic table and exhibits O.S. value of -1 only.
49. (a) NaF is composed of  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{F}^-$ .  
$$\text{Na}^+ \rightarrow [\text{He}]2s^2 2p^6$$
  
$$\text{F}^- \rightarrow [\text{He}]2s^2 2p^6$$
  
Hence configuration of  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{F}^-$  do not match with the configuration given in the question.
50. (b) Order of reactivity of halogens  
$$\text{Cl}_2 > \text{Br}_2 > \text{I}_2$$
  
But the interhalogen compounds are generally more reactive than halogens (except  $\text{F}_2$ ), since the bond between two dissimilar electronegative elements is weaker than the bond between two similar atoms i.e.  $\text{X-X}$
51. (c) Fluorine is the most electronegative element & has least tendency to form double bonds.

52. (e) Chlorinated water is yellow in colour on standing following reaction occurs  
$$\text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{HOCl}$$
  
Thus, HCl and HOCl are formed.

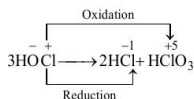
53. (b) The molecular geometry of  $\text{BrF}_5$  is square pyramidal with asymmetric charge distribution on the central atom.



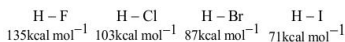
54. (c) The electron gain enthalpy order for halogens is  $\text{Cl} > \text{F} > \text{Br} > \text{I}$

Due to small size of fluorine the extra electron to be added feels more electron-electron repulsion. Therefore fluorine has less value for electron affinity than chlorine.

55. (a) 
$$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{NH}_4\text{OH}$$
  
 $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is strong acid and increases the acidity of soil.
56. (b) The  $\text{HNO}_3$  is stronger than  $\text{HNO}_2$ . The more the oxidation state of N, the more is the acid character.
57. (b) During disproportionation same compound undergoes simultaneous oxidation and reduction.

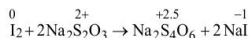


58. (c) The H-X bond strength decreases from HF to HI. i.e.  $\text{HF} > \text{HCl} > \text{HBr} > \text{HI}$ . Thus HF is most stable while HI is least stable. The decreasing stability of the hydrogen halide is also reflected in the values of dissociation energy of the H-X bond



59. (d) Fluorine has low dissociation energy of F-F bond, and reaction of atomic fluorine is exothermic in nature.

60. (b) 
$$4\text{KI} + 2\text{CuSO}_4 \xrightarrow{-1} \text{I}_2 + \text{Cu}_2\text{I}_2 + 2\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$$



In this  $\text{CuI}_2$  is **not** formed.

61. (d)  $\text{CaOCl}_2$  can also be written as



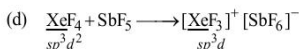
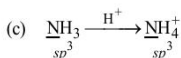
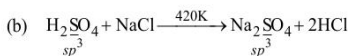
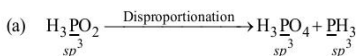
Hence oxidation no of Cl in  $\text{OCl}^-$  is

$$-2 + x_1 = -1$$

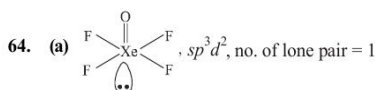
$$x_1 = 2 - 1 = +1$$

Oxidation no. of another Cl is -1 as it is present as  $\text{Cl}^-$ .

62. (d)



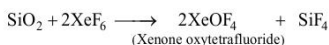
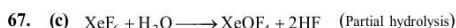
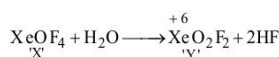
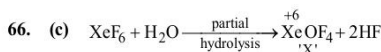
63. (d) Radon is radioactive element and not present in atmosphere.



65. (a) Structure of  $\text{XeO}_3\text{F}_2$



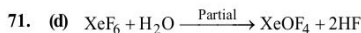
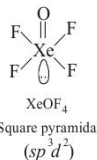
So, bond pairs = 5,  $\pi$  bonds = 3 lone pairs = 0



68. (a) Instantaneous dipole-induced dipole forces are most responsible in allowing xenon gas to liquify.

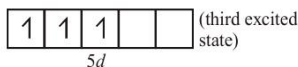
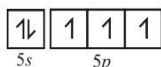
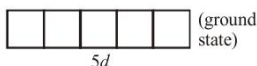
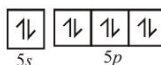
69. (b) Xe. As we move down the group, the melting and boiling points show a regular increase due to corresponding increase in the magnitude of their van der waal forces of attraction as the size of the atom increases.

70. (c) In  $\text{XeOF}_4$ , Xe is  $sp^3d^2$ , hybridised having 6 bond pairs and 1 lone pair respectively.

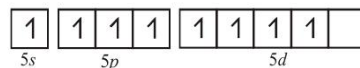


72. (b) The hybridization of  $\text{XeO}_3\text{F}_2$  is  $sp^3d$  and its structure is trigonal bipyramidal in which oxygen atoms are situated on the plane and the fluoride atoms are on the top and bottom.

73. (c) Xenon undergo  $sp^3$  hybridisation.

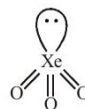


In the fourth excited state xenon atom, has 8 unpaired electrons

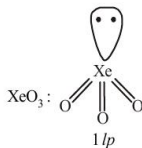
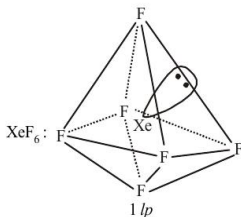
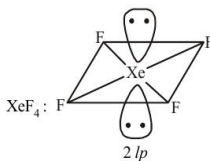
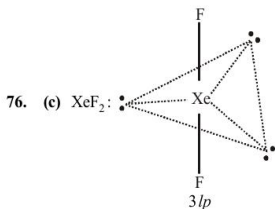
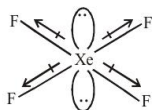


One  $s$  and three  $p$  orbitals undergo  $sp^3$  hybridisation. Four  $sp^3$  hybrid orbitals form four  $\sigma$  bonds with oxygen atoms. They are  $\sigma sp^3 - p$ . Four  $p\pi - d\pi$  bonds are also formed with oxygen atoms by the unpaired electrons.

74. (b) The shape of  $\text{XeO}_3\text{F}_2$  is trigonal Pyramidal.



75. (b)  $\text{XeF}_4$  has zero dipole moment. It has square planar structure due to which the bond moments of  $\text{Xe} - \text{F}$  cancel each other.



77. (d) The products of the concerned reaction react each other forming back the reactants.



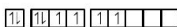
78. (c) Helium is heavier than hydrogen although it is non-inflammable
79. (d) In the formation of  $\text{XeF}_2$ ,  $sp^3d$  hybridisation occurs which gives the molecule a trigonal bipyramidal structure.



Ground state configuration



In the formation of  $\text{XeF}_4$ ,  $sp^3d^2$  hybridization occurs which gives the molecule an octahedral structure.



In the formation of  $\text{XeF}_6$ ,  $sp^3d^2$  hybridization occurs which gives the molecule a pentagonal bipyramidal structure.

