Electrochemistry

Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

 $oldsymbol{\mathbb{Q}}_{oldsymbol{i}}$ $oldsymbol{1}$ Which cell will measure standard electrode?

(a) Pt (s)
$$|H_2(g, 0.1 \text{ bar})|H^+(aq., 1 \text{ M})||Cu^{2+}(aq., 1 \text{ M})|Cu$$

(b) Pt (s)
$$|H_2(g, 1 \text{ bar})| H^+(aq, 1 \text{ M}) || Cu^{2+}(aq, 2 \text{ M})| Cu$$

(c) Pt (s)
$$|H_2(g, 1 \text{ bar})|H^+(aq, 1 \text{ M})|$$
 Cu²⁺(aq, 1 M) Cu

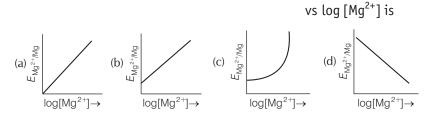
(d) Pt (s)
$$|H_2(g, 0.1 \text{ bar})|H^+(aq, 0.1 \text{ M})|$$
 $|Cu^{2+}(aq, 1 \text{ M})|$ Cu

Ans. (c) Standard electrode potential of copper electrode can be calculated by constructing a concentration cell composed of two half cell reactions in which concentration of species on left hand and right hand side are unity. In such case cell potential is equal to standard electrode potential.

$$\underbrace{\text{Pt}(s)\big| \ \text{H}_2(g,\ 1\ \text{bar})\big| \ \Big| \ \text{H}^+(aq,\ 1\ \text{M})}_{\text{Oxidation half cell reaction}} \underbrace{\big| \ \text{Cu}^{2+}(aq,\ 1\ \text{M})\big| \ \text{Cu}}_{\text{Reduction half cell reaction}}$$

Q. 2 Electrode potential for Mg electrode varies according to the equation $E_{Mg^{2+}/Mg} = E_{Mg^{2+}/Mg}^{s} - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{1}{[Mg^{2+}]}.$ The graph of $E_{Mg^{2+}/Mg}$

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Thinking Process

This problem includes concept of Nernst equation and its transformation to equation of straight line.



Ans. Electrode potential for Mg electrode varies according to the equation

$$E_{\text{Mg}^{2+}/\text{Mg}} = E_{\text{Mg}^{2+}/\text{Mg}}^{\circ} - \frac{0.059}{2} \log \frac{1}{[\text{Mg}^{2+}]}$$

$$E_{\text{Mg}^{2+}/\text{Mg}} = E_{\text{Mg}^{2+}/\text{Mg}}^{\circ} + \frac{0.059}{2} \log [\text{Mg}^{2+}]$$

$$E_{\text{Mg}^{2+}/\text{Mg}} = \frac{0.059}{2} \log [\text{Mg}^{2+}] + E_{\text{Mg}^{2+}/\text{Mg}}^{\circ}$$

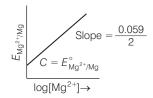
This equation represents equation of straight line. It can be correlated as

$$E_{Mg^{2+}/Mg} = \left(\frac{0.059}{2}\right) \log [Mg^{2+}] + E_{Mg^{2+}/Mg}^{\circ}$$

$$\uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow$$

$$Y \qquad M \qquad X \qquad + C$$

So, intercept (C) = $E_{\rm Mg^{2+}/Mg}^{\circ}$ Thus, equation can be diagramatically represented as



Q. 3 Which of the following statement is correct?

- (a) E_{cell} and $\Delta_r G$ of cell reaction both are extensive properties
- (b) E_{cell} and $\Delta_r G$ of cell reaction both are intensive properties
- (c) E_{cell} is an intensive property while $\Delta_r G$ of cell reaction is an extensive property
- (d) E_{cell} is an extensive property while $\Delta_r G$ of cell reaction is an intensive property

Thinking Process

This problem is based on thermodynamical concept of intensive and extensive property. During answering this question must keep in mind that intensive property is independent on number of particles and extensive property is dependent on number of

- Ans. (c) E_{cell} is an intensive property as it does not depend upon mass of species (number of particles) but $\Delta_r G$ of the cell reaction is an extensive property because this depends upon mass of species (number of particles).
- $oldsymbol{igcup}_{oldsymbol{\cdot}}oldsymbol{4}$ The difference between the electrode potentials of two electrodes when no current is drawn through the cell is called.......
 - (a) cell potential

- (b) cell emf
- (c) potential difference
- (d) cell voltage
- Ans. (b) Cell emf The difference between the electrode potential of two electrodes when no current is drawn through the cell is called cell emf.
- $oldsymbol{igstyle 0}$ $oldsymbol{f 5}$ Which of the following statement is not correct about an inert electrode in a cell?
 - (a) It does not participate in the cell reaction
 - (b) It provides surface either for oxidation or for reduction reaction
 - (c) It provides surface for conduction of electrons
 - (d) It provides surface for redox reaction



Ans. (d) An inert electrode in a cell provide surface for either oxidation or for reduction reaction by conduction of electrons through its surface but does not participate in the cell reaction

It does not provide surface for redox reaction.

Q. 6 An electrochemical cell can behave like an electrolytic cell when

(a) $E_{\text{cell}} = 0$ (c) $E_{\text{ext}} > E_{\text{cell}}$

(b) $E_{\text{cell}} > E_{\text{ext}}$ (d) $E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{ext}}$

Ans. (c) If an external opposite potential is applied on the galvanic cell and increased reaction continues to take place till the opposing voltage reaches the value 1.1 V.

> At this stage no current flow through the cell and if there is any further increase in the external potential then reaction starts functioning in opposite direction.

Hence, this works as an electrolytic cell.

Q. 7 Which of the statements about solutions of electrolytes is not correct?

- (a) Conductivity of solution depends upon size of ions
- (b) Conductivity depends upon viscosity of solution
- (c) Conductivity does not depend upon solvation of ions present in solution
- (d) Conductivity of solution increases with temperature
- Ans. (c) Solution consists of electrolytes is known as electrolytic solution and conductivity of electrolytic solution depends upon the following factors
 - (i) Size of ions As ion size increases, ion mobility decreases and conductivity
 - (ii) Viscosity of solution Greater the viscosity of the solvent lesser will be the conductivity of the solution.
 - (iii) Solvation of ions Greater the solvation of ions of an electrolyte lesser will be the electrical conductivity of the solution.
 - (iv) Temperature of medium Conductivity of solution increases with increase in temperature.

\mathbf{Q} . 8 Using the data given below find out the strongest reducing agent.

$$E^{s} c_{r_2} o_7^{2-} / c_r^{3+} = 1.33V$$
; $E^{s} c_{l_2} / c_{l_-} = 1.36V$
 $E^{s} Mn o_4^{2-} / Mn^{2+} = 1.51V$; $E^{s} c_r^{3+} / c_r = -0.74V$

(a) CI-

(b) Cr

(c) Cr³⁺

(d) Mn^{2+}

Thinking Process

This problem includes concept of electrochemical series and standard reduction potential of the metal.

Higher the negative value of standard reduction potential, strongest will be the reducing

As value of SRP increases from negative to positive value nature of species changes from reducing to oxidising nature.

Ans. (b) Here, out of given four options standard reduction potential of chromium has highest negative value hence most powerful reducing agent is chromium.



AIIS. (0)	Species (ions)	SRP values	
	Mn ²⁺	1.51 V	-
	CI ⁻	1.36 V	
	Cr ³⁺	1.33 V	
	Cr	- 0.74 V	
	g top to bottom SRP value do se the reducing capacity. So,		o negative value which
Q. 11 Use the reduced for	data given in Q. 8 and orm.	d find out the mos	t stable ion in its
(a) Cl ⁻	(b) Cr ³⁺	(c) Cr	(d) Mn ²⁺
choices. S	to, Mn^{2+} is most stable ion in ata of Q. 8 and find out (b) MnO_4^-	its reduced form. the most stable oxid	
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	as most – ve value equal to le oxidised species.	– 0.74 among given four	choices. So, Cr ³¹ is the
Q. 13 The quant Al_2O_3 is	tity of charge required	to obtain one mole	of aluminium from
(a) 1 F	(b) 6 F	(c) 3 F	(d) 2 F
	ity of charge required to obta		n from Al_2O_3 is equal to
	Al ³⁺ (ag)—	3e ΔI(s)	
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 \mathbf{Q} . **9** Use the data given in Q. 8 and find out which of the following is the

Ans. (c) Higher the positive value of standard reduction potential of metal ion higher will be its

 $\mathbf{Q.}~\mathbf{10}$ Using the data given in Q.8 find out in which option the order of

(b) Mn^{2+}

(d) Cr³⁺

Since, $E_{MnO_A^-/Mn^{2+}}^{\circ}$ has value equal to 1.51 V hence it is the strongest oxidising agent.

strongest oxidising agent?

reducing power is correct.

(a) CI-

(c) MnO_4^-

oxidising capacity.





$\mathbf{Q.}$ $\mathbf{14}$ The cell constant of a conductivity cell

- (a) changes with change of electrolyte
- (b) changes with change of concentration of electrolyte
- (c) changes with temperature of electrolyte
- (d) remains constant for a cell
- **Ans.** (d) Cell constant is defined as the ratio of length of object and area of cross section.

$$G = \frac{l}{\Delta}$$

Since, l and A remain constant for any particular object hence value of cell constant always remains constant.

$\mathbf{Q.}~\mathbf{15}$ While charging the lead storage battery

- (a) PbSO₄ anode is reduced to Pb
- (b) $PbSO_4$ cathode is reduced to Pb
- (c) PbSO₄ cathode is oxidised to Pb
- (d) PbSO₄ anode is oxidised to PbO₂
- Ans. (a) While charging the lead storage battery the reaction occurring on cell is reversed and $PbSO_4$ (s) on anode and cathode is converted into Pb and PbO_2 respectively

Hence, option (a) is the correct choice

The electrode reactions are as follows At cathode PbSO₄(s) + 2e⁻ \rightarrow Pb(s) + SO₄²⁻(aq) (Reduction)

At anode $PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O \rightarrow PbO_2(s) + SO_4^{2-} + 4H^+ + 2e^-$ (Oxidation)

Overall reaction $2PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O \rightarrow Pb(s) + PbO_2(s) + 4H^+(aq.) + 2SO_4^{2-}(aq.)$

Q. 16 $\Lambda_{m(NH_4OH)}^{\circ}$ is equal to

- (a) $\Lambda_{m \text{ (NH}_4\text{CI)}}^{\circ} + \Lambda_{m \text{ (NH}_4\text{CI)}}^{\circ} \Lambda_{\text{ (HCI)}}^{\circ}$ (b) $\Lambda_{m \text{ (NH}_4\text{CI)}}^{\circ} + \Lambda_{m \text{ (NaOH)}}^{\circ} \Lambda_{\text{ (NaCI)}}^{\circ}$ (c) $\Lambda_{m \text{ (NH}_4\text{CI)}}^{\circ} + \Lambda_{m \text{ (NaCI)}}^{\circ} \Lambda_{\text{ (NaOH)}}^{\circ}$ (d) $\Lambda_{m \text{ (NaOH)}}^{\circ} + \Lambda_{m \text{ (NaCI)}}^{\circ} \Lambda_{\text{ (NH}_4\text{CI)}}^{\circ}$

Thinking Process

This question is based on the concept of Kohlrausch law and can be solved by using the concept involved in calculation of limiting molar conductivity of any salt. According to Kohlrausch law limiting molar conductivity of any salt is equal to sum of limiting molar conductivity of individual molar conductivity of cations and anions of electrolyte.

$oldsymbol{\mathbb{Q}}_{oldsymbol{\cdot}}$ $oldsymbol{17}$ In the electrolysis of aqueous sodium chloride solution which of the half cell reaction will occur at anode?

(a) Na⁺(aq) + e⁻
$$\longrightarrow$$
 Na (s); $E_{\text{cell}}^{\text{s}} = -2.71 \text{ V}$

(b)
$$2H_2O(l) \longrightarrow O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) + 4e^- E_{cell}^s - 1.23 \text{ V}$$

(c) H⁺ (aq) + e⁻
$$\longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$
 H₂(g); $E_{\text{cell}}^- = 0.00$ V

(d)
$$Cl^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} Cl_{2}(g) + e^{-}; E^{s}_{cell} = 1.36 V$$





Ans. (d) In case of electrolysis of aqueous NaCl oxidation reaction occurs at anode as follows

$$Cl^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}Cl_{2}(g) + e^{-}$$
 $E^{\circ} = 1.36 \text{ V}$
 $2H_{2}O(l) \longrightarrow O_{2}(g) + 4H^{+}(aq) + 4e^{-}$ $E_{cell}^{\circ} = 1.23 \text{ V}$

But due to lower E_{cell}° value water should get oxidised in preference of Cl⁻ (aq).

However, the actual reaction taking place in the concentrated solution of NaCl is (d) and not (b) i.e., Cl_2 is produced and not O_2 .

This unexpected result is explained on the basis of the concept of 'overvoltage', *i.e.*, water needs greater voltage for oxidation to O_2 (as it is kinetically slow process) than that needed for oxidation of CI^- ions to CI_2 . Thus, the correct option is (d) not (b).

Multiple Choice Questions (More Than One Options)

- Q. 18 The positive value of the standard electrode potential of Cu²⁺ /Cu indicates that......
 - (a) this redox couple is a stronger reducing agent than the H⁺ /H₂ couple
 - (b) this redox couple is a stronger oxidising agent than H⁺ /H₂
 - (c) Cu can displace H2 from acid
 - (d) Cu cannot displace H₂ from acid

Ans. (b, d)

'Lesser the E° value of redox couple higher the reducing power''

$$Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Cu$$
 $E^{\circ} = 0.34V$
 $2H^{+} + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow H_{2}$ $E^{\circ} = 0.00V$

 $2 H^+ \ + 2 e^- \longrightarrow H_2$ Since, $2 H^+ \ / H_2$ has lesser SRP than $Cu^{2^+} \ / Cu \ redox$ couple. Therefore,

- (i) This redox couple is a stronger oxidising agent than H⁺ /H₂
- (ii) Cu can't displace H₂ from acid.

Hence, (b) and (d) are correct.

Q. 19 E^s_{cell} for some half cell reactions are given below. On the basis of these mark the correct answer.

(a)
$$H^{+}(aq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_{2}(q);$$
 $E_{cell}^{s} = 0.00V$

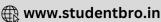
(b)
$$2H_20$$
 (l) $\longrightarrow 0_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) + 4e^-; E^s_{cell} = 1.23V$

(c)
$$2SO_4^{2-}$$
 (aq) $\longrightarrow S_2O_8^{2-}$ (aq) $+2e^-$; $E_{cell}^s = 1.96V$

- (a) In dilute sulphuric acid solution, hydrogen will be reduced at cathode
- (b) In concentrated sulphuric acid solution, water will be oxidised at anode
- (c) In dilute sulphuric acid solution, water will be oxidised at anode
- (d) In dilute sulphuric acid solution, SO₄²⁻ ion will be oxidised to tetrathionate ion at anode

Ans. (a, c)

During the electrolysis of dilute sulphuric acid above given three reaction occurs each of which represents particular reaction either oxidation half cell reaction or reduction half cell reaction.



Oxidation half cell reactions occur at anode are as follows

$$2SO_4^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow S_2O_8^{2-} + 2e^- \qquad \qquad E_{cell}^\circ = 1.96V$$

$$2H_2O^+(l) \longrightarrow O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) + 4e^-; \qquad \qquad E_{cell}^\circ = 1.23V$$
 Reaction having lower value of E_{cell} will undergo faster oxidation.

Hence, oxidation of water occur preferentially reduction half cell reaction occurs at cathode

$$H^{+}(aq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}H_{2}(g)$$

Hence, options (a) and (b) are correct.

\mathbf{Q} . **20** $\mathbf{E}_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} = 1.1 \, \text{V}$ or Daniel cell. Which of the following expressions are correct description of state of equilibrium in this cell?

(a)
$$1.1 = K_C$$
 (b) $\frac{2.303 RT}{2F} \log K_C = 1.1$ (c) $\log K_C = \frac{2.2}{0.059}$ (d) $\log K_C = 1.1$

Ans. (b, c)

At state of equilibrium

$$\Delta G = -RT \log K$$

$$-nFE^{\circ} = -RT 2.303 \log K_{C}$$

$$E^{\circ} = \frac{+RT2.303 \log K_{C}}{+2F}$$

$$(n = 2 \text{ for Daniel cell})$$

∴ At equilibrium
$$E^{\circ} = 1.1$$

∴
$$\frac{2.303RT}{2F} \log K_{\mathbb{C}} = 1.1$$

$$\log K_{\mathbb{C}} = \frac{2.2}{0.059}$$
 [on solving]

Hence, options (b) and (c) are the correct choices.

$oldsymbol{Q}_ullet$ $oldsymbol{21}$ Conductivity of an electrolytic solution depends on

- (a) nature of electrolyte
- (b) concentration of electrolyte
- (c) power of AC source
- (d) distance between the electrodes

Ans. (a, b)

Conductivity of electrolytic solution is due to presence of mobile ions in the solution. This type of conductance is known as ionic conductance. Conductivity of these type of solutions depend upon

- (i) the nature of electrolyte added
- (ii) size of the ion produced and their solvatian
- (iii) concentration of electrolyte
- (iv) nature of solvent and its viscosity
- (v) temperature

While power of source or distance between electrodes has no effect on conductivity of electrolyte solution.

Hence, options (a) and (b) are the correct choices.





 \mathbf{Q} . **22** $\Lambda_{\rm m}^{\circ} H_2 0$ is equal to......

(a)
$$\Lambda_{m\,(\text{HCI})}^{\circ} + \Lambda_{m\,(\text{NaOH})}^{\circ} - \Lambda_{m\,(\text{NaCI})}^{\circ}$$

(b)
$$\Lambda_{m(\text{NNO}_3)}^{\circ} + \Lambda_{m(\text{NaNO}_3)}^{\circ} - \Lambda_{m(\text{NaOH})}^{\circ}$$

(c)
$$\Lambda_{m(\text{HNO}_3)}^{\circ} + \Lambda_{m(\text{NaOH})}^{\circ} - \Lambda_{m(\text{NaNO}_3)}^{\circ}$$

(d)
$$\Lambda_{m(\text{NH}_4\text{OH})}^{\circ} + \Lambda_{m(\text{HCI})}^{\circ} - \Lambda_{m(\text{NH}_4\text{CI})}^{\circ}$$

Thinking Process

This problem includes concept of Kohlrausch law and its application in determination of molar conductivity of species. This problem can be solved by following three steps.

- (i) Write the molar conductance of each species in terms of sum of their constituent ions.
- (ii) Now operate the equation of each option given above by using information provided in the question.
- (iii) At last if the sum of molar conductivity remaining constituent ions is equal to the molar conductivity of species asked (here $\Lambda_{m(H_2O)}^{\mathbf{o}}$) then that will be the correct choice.

Ans. (a, c)

This type of decomposition is not possible due to weak basic strength of NH₄OH. This line will be placed above.

(b) is incorrect

Hence, Options (a) and (c) are the correct choices



- $\mathbf{Q.~23}$ What will happen during the electrolysis of aqueous solution of CuSO $_4$ by using platinum electrodes?
 - (a) Copper will deposit at cathode
- (b) Copper will deposit at anode
- (c) Oxygen will be released at anode
- (d) Copper will dissolve at anode

Thinking Process

This problem is based on electrolysis of electrolytes.

Ans. (a, c)

For electrolysis of aqueous solution of CuSO₄.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CuSO}_4 \; (aq) \longrightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+} + \text{SO}_4^{2+} \\ \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 2\text{H}^+ + \text{O}^{2-} \\ 2\text{O}^{2-} \longrightarrow \text{O}_2 + 2\text{e}^- \\ \text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \longrightarrow \text{Cu(s)} \end{array}$$

- \mathbf{Q}_{ullet} $\mathbf{24}$ What will happen during the electrolysis of aqueous solution of CuSO $_4$ in the presence of Cu electrodes?
 - (a) Copper will deposit at cathode
- (b) Copper will dissolve at anode
- (c) Oxygen will be released at anode
- (d) Copper will deposit at anode

Ans. (a, b)

Electrolysis of CuSO₄ can be represented by two half cell reactions these occurring at cathode and anode respectively as

$$Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Cu(s)$$

At anode

At anode

At cathode

$$Cu(s) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-}$$

Here, Cu will deposit at cathode while copper will dissolved at anode.

Hence, options (a) and (b) are the correct choices.

$\mathbf{Q.}~\mathbf{25}$ Conductivity κ , is equal to......

(a)
$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{l}{A}$$
 (b) $\frac{C^*}{R}$

$$(b)\frac{G^*}{R}$$

(d)
$$\frac{l}{A}$$

Ans. (a, b)

As we know that, conductance is reciprocal of resistance and conductivity is the conductance of 1 cm³ of substance. Also, conductivity is reciprocal of resistivity.

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{\rho}$$

$$R = \rho \frac{l}{A}$$

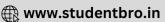
$$\rho = \frac{R \cdot A}{l} \Rightarrow \kappa = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{R \cdot A}{l}\right)}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{R} \cdot \frac{l}{A} = \frac{1}{R} \times G^* = \frac{G^*}{R}$$

Hence, options (a) and (b) are the correct choices

- $\mathbf{Q.}~\mathbf{26}$ Molar conductivity of ionic solution depends on \dots .
 - (a) temperature
 - (b) distance between electrodes
 - (c) concentration of electrolytes in solution
 - (d) surface area of electrodes





Ans. (a, c)

Molar conductivity is the conductivity due to ions furnished by one mole of electrolyte in solution. Molar conductivity of ionic solution depends on

- (i) **Temperature** Molar conductivity of electrolyte solution increases with increase in temperature.
- (iii) Concentration of electrolytes in solution As concentration of electrolyte increases, molar conductivity decreases.

$$\lambda = \frac{\kappa}{C}$$

\mathbf{Q} . 27 For the given cell, Mg | Mg²⁺ || Cu²⁺ | Cu

- (a) Mg is cathode
- (b) Cu is cathode
- (c) The cell reaction is Mg + Cu²⁺ \longrightarrow Mg²⁺ + Cu
- (d) Cu is the oxidising agent

Ans. (b, c)

Left side of cell reaction represents oxidation half cell *i.e.*, oxidation of Mg and right side of cell represents reduction half cell reactions *i.e.*, reduction of copper.

- (ii) Cu is reduced and reduction occurs at cathode.
- (iii) Mg is oxidised and oxidation occurs at anode.
- (iv) whole cell reaction can be written as

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Oxidation} \\ \text{Mg} + \text{Cu}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{Cu} \\ \\ \text{Reduction} \end{array}$$

Hence, options (b) and (c) both are correct choices.

Short Answer Type Questions

Q. 28 Can absolute electrode potential of an electrode be measured?

Ans. No, only the difference in potential between two electrodes can be measured. This is due to the reason that oxidation or reduction cannot occur alone. So, when we measure electrode potential of any electrode we have to take a reference electrode.

Q. 29 Can E_{cell}° or $\Delta_r G^{\circ}$ for cell reaction ever be equal to zero?

Ans. No, otherwise the reaction become non-feasible.

The reaction is feasible only at $E_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} = \text{positive or } \Delta_r G^{\circ} = \text{negative}$. when $E^{\circ} = \Delta_r G^{\circ} = 0$ the reaction reaches at equilibrium.

Q. 30 Under what condition is $E_{cell} = 0$ or $\Delta_r G = 0$?

Ans. At the stage of chemical equilibrium in the cell.

$$E_{cell} = 0$$

$$\Delta_r G^{\circ} = -n F E_{cell}^{\circ}$$

$$= -n \times F \times 0 = 0$$



- **Q.** 31 What does the negative sign in the expression $E_{z_n^2+/z_n}^s = -0.76 \text{ V}$ mean?
- **Ans.** Greater the negative reactivity of standard reduction potential of metal greater is its reactivity. It means that Zn is more reactive than hydrogen. When zinc electrode will be connected to standard hydrogen electrode, Zn will get oxidised and H⁺ will get reduced. Thus, zinc electrode will be the anode of the cell and hydrogen electrode will be the cathode of the cell.
- Q. 32 Aqueous copper sulphate solution and aqueous silver nitrate solution are electrolysed by 1 ampere current for 10 minutes in separate electrolytic cells. Will the mass of copper and silver deposited on the cathode be same or different? Explain your answer.
- **Ans.** Different masses of Cu and Ag will be deposited at cathode. According to Faraday's second law of electrolysis amount of different substances liberated by same quantity of electricity passes through electrolyte solution is directly proportional to their chemical equivalent weight.

$$\frac{W_1}{W_2} = \frac{E_1}{E_2}$$

where, E_1 and E_2 have different values depending upon number of electrons required to reduce the metal ion. Thus, masses of Cu and Ag deposited will be different.

- **Q. 33** Depict the galvanic cell in which the cell reaction is $Cu + 2Aq^+ \longrightarrow 2Aq + Cu^{2+}$
- **Ans.** In a galvanic cell, oxidation half reaction is written on left hand side and reduction half reaction is on right hand side. Salt bridge is represented by parallel lines $Cu \mid Cu^{2+} \mid Ag^+ \mid Ag$.
- Q. 34 Value of standard electrode potential for the oxidation of Cl⁻ ions is more positive than that of water, even then in the electrolysis of aqueous sodium chloride, why is Cl⁻ oxidised at anode instead of water?
- **Ans.** Under the condition of electrolysis of aqueous sodium chloride, oxidation of water at anode requires over potential. So, Cl⁻ is oxidized at anode instead of water. Possible oxidation half cell reactions occurring at anode are

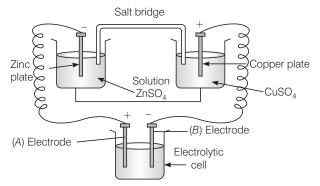
CI⁻ (aq)
$$\longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$
 CI₂(g) + e⁻; $E_{cell}^{s} = 1.36$ V
2H₂O (I) \longrightarrow O₂ (g) + 4H⁺ (aq) + 4e⁻; $E_{cell}^{\circ} = 1.23$ V

Species having lower E_{cell}° cell undergo oxidation first than the higher value but oxidation of H_2O to O_2 is kinetically so slow that it needs some overvoltage.

- Q. 35 What is electrode potential?
- **Ans.** The potential difference between the electrode and the electrolyte in an electrochemical cell is called electrode potential.



Q. 36 Consider the following diagram in which an electrochemical cell is coupled to an electrolytic cell. What will be the polarity of electrodes 'A' and 'B' in the electrolytic cell?



Ans. The cell drawn above represents electrochemical cell in which two different electrodes are fitted in their respective electrolytic solution and cell drawn at bottom represents electrolytic cell.

Cell representation can be represented as Zn | Zn²⁺ || Cu²⁺ | Cu.

Zn is loosing electrons which are going towards electrode (A) and copper is accepting electron from electrode B.Hence.

Charge on electrode A = +

Charge on electrode B = -

- Q. 37 Why is alternating current used for measuring resistance of an electrolytic solution?
- **Ans.** Alternating current is used in electrolysis so that concentration of ions in the solution remains constant and exact value of resistance is measured.
- Q. 38 A galvanic cell has electrical potential of 1.1V. If an opposing potential of 1.1V is applied to this cell, what will happen to the cell reaction and current flowing through the cell?
- **Ans.** When an opposing potential of 1.1V is applied to a galvanic cell having electrical potential of 1.1V then cell reaction stops completely and no current will flow through the cell.
- Q. 39 How will the pH of brine (aq NaCl solution) be affected when it is electrolysed?
- **Ans.** The pH of the solution will rise as NaOH is formed in the electrolytic cell.

Chemical reaction occurring at cell when aqueous brine solution is electrolysed are as follows

NaCl
$$(aq) \xrightarrow{H_2O} \text{Na}^+(aq) + \text{Cl}^-(aq)$$

Cathode $H_2O(l) + e^- \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} H_2(g) + \text{OH}^-(aq)$
Anode $\text{Cl}^-(aq) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{Cl}_2(g) + e^-$

Net reaction NaCl (aq) +H₂O (l) \longrightarrow Na⁺(aq) + OH⁻(aq) + $\frac{1}{2}$ H₂ + $\frac{1}{2}$ Cl₂



- Q. 40 Unlike dry cell, the mercury cell has a constant cell potential throughout its useful life. Why?
- Ans. Life time of any cell depends upon ions present in cell. lons are not involved in the overall cell reaction of mercury cell. Hence, mercury cell has a constant cell potential throughout its useful life.
- **Q. 41** Solutions of two electrolytes A and B are diluted. The Λ_m of 'B' increases 1.5 times while that of A increases 25 times. Which of the two is a strong electrolyte? Justify your answer.
- **Ans.** Strong electrolytes dissociate almost completely even on high concentration. Therefore, concentration of such solutions remain almost same on dilution. Electrolyte 'B' is stronger than 'A' because in 'B' the number of ions remains the same on dilution, but only interionic attraction decreases.

Therefore, Λ_m increases only 1.5 times. While in case of weak electrolyte on dilution, number of constituent ions increases.

- Q. 42 When acidulated water (dil. H₂SO₄ solution) is electrolysed, with pH of the solution be affected? Justify your answer.
- **Ans.** Since pH of solution depends upon concentration of H⁺ presence in solutions. pH of the solution will not be affected as [H⁺] remains constant.

At anode
$$2H_2O \longrightarrow O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^-$$

At cathode $4H^+ + 4e^- \longrightarrow 2H_2$

- **Q. 43** In an aqueous solution how does specific conductivity of electrolytes change with addition of water?
- Ans. Conductivity of solution due to total ions present in per unit volume of solution is known as specific conductivity. Specific conductivity decreases due to decrease in the number of ions per unit volume. We add water to aqueous solution, number of ions present in per unit volume decreases.
- Q. 44 Which reference electrode is used to measure the electrode potential of other electrodes?
- **Ans.** Standard hydrogen electrode (SHE) is the reference electrode whose electrode potential is taken to be zero. The electrode potential of other electrodes are measured with respect to it.
- Q. 45 Consider a cell given below

Write the reactions that occur at anode and cathode.

Ans. Cell reaction represented in the question is composed of two half cell reactions. These reactions are as follows

At anode
$$Cu \longrightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-}$$

At cathode
$$Cl_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Cl^-$$

Copper is getting oxidised at anode. Cl₂ is getting reduced at cathode.





Q. 46 Write the Nernst equation for the cell reaction in the Daniel cell. How will the E_{cell} be affected when concentration of Zn²⁺ ions is increased?

Ans.
$$\operatorname{Zn} + \operatorname{Cu}^{2+} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Zn}^{2+} + \operatorname{Cu}$$

$$E_{\operatorname{cell}} = E_{\operatorname{cell}}^{\circ} - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \left[\frac{\operatorname{Zn}^{2+}}{\operatorname{Cu}^{2+}} \right]$$

$$E_{\operatorname{cell}}^{\circ} = E_{\operatorname{cell}}^{\circ} + \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \left[\frac{\operatorname{Cu}^{2+}}{\operatorname{Zn}^{2+}} \right]$$

According to this equation

 $\dot{E_{cell}}$ is directly dependent on concentration of Cu^{2+} and inversely dependent upon concentration of Zn^{2+} ions.

 $E_{\rm cell}$ decreases when concentration of ${\rm Zn^{2+}}$ ions is increased.

- Q. 47 What advantage do the fuel cells have over primary and secondary batteries?
- Ans. Primary batteries contain a limited amount of reactants and are discharged when the reactants have been consumed. Secondary batteries can be recharged but it take a long time. Fuel cell run continuously as long as the reactants are supplied to it and products are removed continuously.
- Q. 48 Write the cell reaction of a lead storage battery when it is discharged. How does the density of the electrolyte change when the battery is discharged?
- Ans. When a lead storage battery is discharged then the following cell reaction takes place

$$Pb + PbO_2 + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2PbSO_4 + 2H_2O$$

Density of electrolyte depends upon number of constituent ions present in per unit volume of electrolyte solution. In this case density of electrolyte decreases as water is formed and sulphuric acid is consumed as the product during discharge of the battery.

- **Q. 49** Why on dilution the $\Lambda_{\rm m}$ of CH₃C00H increases drastically, while that of CH₃C00Na increases gradually?
- **Ans.** In the case of CH₃COOH, which is a weak electrolyte, the number of ions increase on dilution due to an increase in degree of dissociation.

$$CH_3COOH + H_2O \longrightarrow CH_3COO^- + H_3O^+$$

In case of strong electrolyte, the number of ions remains the same but the interionic attraction decreases.



Matching The Columns

 $\mathbf{Q.~50}$ Match the terms given in Column I with the units given in Column II.

	Column I		Column II
A.	^ _m	1.	$S cm^{-1}$
B.	E_{cell}		m^{-1}
C.	κ	3.	$S cm^2 mol^{-1}$
D.	G*	4.	V

Ans. A.
$$\to$$
 (3) B. \to (4) C. \to (1) D. \to (2)

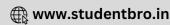
	Column I	Column II (Unit of parameter)
A.	\wedge_m	S cm ² mol ⁻¹
В.	$E_{\rm cell}$	V
C.	κ (conductivity)	S cm ⁻¹
D.	$G^* = \frac{l}{a}$	m ⁻¹

 $\mathbf{Q.51}$ Match the terms given in Column I with the items given in Column II.

	Column I		Column II
Α.	\wedge_m	1.	Intensive property
В.	$E_{\rm cell}^{\rm s}$	2.	Depends on number of ions/volume
C.	κ	3.	Extensive property
D.	$\Delta_r G_{\text{cell}}$	4.	Increases with dilution

Ans. A. \to (4) B. \to (1) C. \to (2) D. \to (3)

- A. \wedge_m (molar conductivity) is the conductivity due to number of ions furnished by one mole of electrolyte. As dilution increases number of ions present in the solution increases hence molar conductivity increases.
- B. E_{cell}° of any atom/ion does not depend upon number of atom/ion, hence E_{cell}° of any atom/ion is an intensive properties.
- C. κ represents specific conductivity which depends upon number of ions present in per unit volume.
- D. $\Delta_r G_{\text{cell}}$ is an extensive property as it depends upon number of particles(species).



$\mathbf{Q.52}$ Match the items of Column I and Column II.

	Column I		Column II
Α.	Lead storage battery	1.	Maximum efficiency
В.	Mercury cell	2.	Prevented by galvanisation
C.	Fuel cell		Gives steady potential
D.	Rusting	4.	Pb is anode, PbO ₂ is cathode

Ans. A.
$$\to$$
 (4) B. \to (3) C. \to (1) D. \to (2)

A. Chemical reaction occurring on lead storage battery can be represented as

At anode
$$Pb(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2e^{-}$$

At cathode PbO₂ (s) + SO₄²⁻(aq) + 4H⁺(aq)
$$\xrightarrow{\text{+ 2e}^{-}}$$
 2PbSO₄(s) + 2H₂O(*l*)

Thus, Pb is anode and PbO₂ is cathode.

- B. Mercury cell does not include ions during their function hence produce steady current.
- C. Fuel cell has maximum efficiency as they produce energy due to combustion reaction of fuel.
- D. Rusting is prevented by corrosion.

$\mathbf{Q.53}$ Match the items of Column I and Column II.

	Column I		Column II
Α.	к	1.	$ \times t$
B.	\wedge_m	2.	\wedge_m / \wedge_m^0
C.	α	3.	$\frac{\kappa}{C}$
D.	Q	4.	<u>G*</u> R

- **Ans.** A. \rightarrow (4) B. \rightarrow (3) C. \rightarrow (2) D. \rightarrow (1)
 - A. Conductivity (κ) = $\frac{G^*}{R}$
 - B. Molar conductivity $(\land_m) = \frac{\kappa}{C}$
 - C. Degree of dissociation (a) = $\frac{\wedge_m}{\wedge_m}$
 - D. Charge $Q = I \times t$ where, Q is the quantity of charge in coulomb when I ampere of current is passed through an electrolyte for t second.

$\mathbf{Q.54}$ Match the items of Column I and Column II.

	Column I		Column II
Α.	Lechlanche cell	1.	Cell reaction $2H_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow 2H_2O$
B.	Ni-Cd cell	2.	Does not involve any ion in solution and is used in hearing aids.
C.	Fuel cell	3.	Rechargeable
D.	Mercury cell	4.	Reaction at anode, $Zn \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^{-}$
		5.	Converts energy of combustion into electrical energy



Ans. A. \rightarrow (4) **B)**. \rightarrow (3) **C**. \rightarrow (1, 5) **D**. \rightarrow (2)

A. Lechlanche cell The electrode reaction occurs at Lechlanche cell are

At anode
$$Zn(s) \longrightarrow Zn^2 + 2e^{-}$$

At cathode $MnO_2 + NH_4^+ + e^- \longrightarrow MnO(OH) + NH_3$

- B. Ni-Cd cell is rechargeable. So, it has more life time.
- C. Fuel cell produces energy due to combustion. So, fuel cell converts energy of combustion into electrical energy e.g., $2H_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow 2H_2O$
- D. Mercury cell does not involve any ion in solution and is used in hearing aids.

Q. 55 Match the items of Column I and Column II on the basis of data given below

$$E_{F_2/F^-}^s = 2.87V, E_{Li^+/Li}^s = -3.5V,$$

 $E_{Au^{3+}/Au}^s = 1.4V, E_{Br_2/Br^-}^s = 1.09V$

	Column I		Column II
A.	F_2	1.	Metal is the strongest reducing agent
В.	Li	2.	Metal ion which is the weakest oxidising agent
C.	Au ³⁺	3.	Non-metal which is the best oxidising agent
D.	Br ⁻	4.	Unreactive metal
E.	Au	5.	Anion that can be oxidised by Au ³⁺
F.	Li ⁺	6.	Anion which is the weakest reducing agent
G.	F ⁻	7.	Metal ion which is an oxidising agent

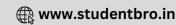
Ans. A. \to (3) B. \to (1) C. \to (7) D. \to (5) E. \to (4) F. \to (2) G. \to (6)

- A. F_2 is a non-metal and best oxidising agent because SRP of F_2 is + 2.87 V.
- B. Li is a metal and strongest reducing agent because SRP of Li is 3.05 V.
- C. Au³⁺ is a metal ion which is an oxidising agent as SRP of Au³⁺ is +1.40 V.
- D. Br⁻ is an anion that can be oxidised by

$$Au^{3+}$$
 as Au^{3+} ($E^{\circ} = 1.40$) is greater than

$$Br^{-}(E^{\circ} = 1.09 \text{ V}).$$

- E. Au is an unreactive metal.
- F. Li⁺ is a metal ion having least value of SRP (– 3.05 V), hence it is the weakest oxidising agent.
- G. F⁻ is an anion which is the weakest reducing agent as F⁻ /F₂ has low oxidation potential (-2.87 V).



Assertion and Reason

In the following questions a statement of assertion (A) followed by a statement of reason (R) is given. Choose the correct answer out of the following choices.

- (a) Both assertion and reason are true and the reason is the correct explanation of assertion.
- (b) Both assertion and reason are true and reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.
- (c) Assertion is true but the reason is false.
- (d) Both assertion and reason are false.
- (e) Assertion is false but reason is true.
- $\mathbf{Q.~56}$ Assertion (A) Cu is less reactive than hydrogen.

Reason (R) $E_{cu^{2+}/cu}^{s}$ is negative.

Ans. (c) Assertion is true but the reason is false. Electrode potential of Cu^{2+} /Cu is + 0.34V and Electrode potential of $2H^+$ / H_2 is 0.00 V.

Hence, correct reason is due to positive value of Cu^{2+} /Cu it looses electron to H^+ and get reduces, while H_2 gas evolves out.

- **Q. 57** Assertion (A) E_{cell} should have a positive value for the cell to function. Reason (R) $E_{cathode} < E_{anode}$
- **Ans.** (c) Assertion is true but the reason is false. Feasibility of chemical reaction depends on Gibbs free energy which is related to E_{cell}° as

$$\Delta G^- = - \text{ nFE} -_{\text{cell}}$$

When value of $E^{\rm s}_{\rm cell}$ is positive then $\Delta G^{\rm s}$ becomes negative. Hence, reaction becomes feasible.

Correct reason is $E_{\text{cathode}} > E_{\text{anode}}$.

- Q. 58 Assertion (A) Conductivity of all electrolytes decreases on dilution. Reason (R) On dilution number of ions per unit volume decreases.
- Ans. (a) Both assertion and reason are correct and reason is the correct explanation of assertion. Since, conductivity depends upon number of ions per unit volume. Therefore, the conductivity of all electrolytes decreases on dilution due to decrease in number of ions per unit volume.
- **Q. 59** Assertion (A) Λ_m for weak electrolytes shows a sharp increase when the electrolytic solution is diluted.

Reason (R) For weak electrolytes degree of dissociation increases with dilution of solution.

Ans. (a) Assertion and reason are true and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.

Molar conductivity of weak electrolytic solution increases on dilution, because as we add excess water to increase the dilution degree of dissociation increases which lead to increase in number of ions in the solution. Thus, Λ_m show a very sharp increase.





- Q. 60 Assertion (A) Mercury cell does not give steady potential.

 Reason (R) In the cell reaction, ions are not involved in solution.
- **Ans.** (e) Assertion is false but reason is true. Correct assertion is mercury cell gives steady potential.

Reason is correct as ions are not involved in cell reaction.

 \mathbb{Q} . **61** Assertion (A) Electrolysis of NaCl solution gives chlorine at anode instead of \mathbb{Q}_2 .

Reason (R) Formation of oxygen at anode requires over voltage.

Ans. (a) Both assertion and reason are correct and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.

Explanation Electrolysis of NaCl is represented by following chemical reactions At cathode

 $H^{+} (aq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} H_{2}(g)$ At anode $Cl^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} Cl_{2} + e^{-}; E^{\circ}_{cell} = 1.36V$ $2H_{2}O (aq) \longrightarrow O_{2}(g) + 4H^{+} (aq) + 4e^{-}; E^{\circ}_{Cell} = 1.23 V$

 $\textit{E}_{\text{cell}}^{\circ}$ for this reaction has lower value but formation of oxygen at anode requires over potential.

Q. 62 Assertion (A) For measuring resistance of an ionic solution an AC source is used.

Reason (R) Concentration of ionic solution will change if DC source is used.

Ans. (a) Both assertion and reason are correct and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.

Concentration of ionic solution changes on using DC current as a source of energy while on passing AC current concentration does not change. Hence, AC source is used for measuring resistance.

Q. 63 Assertion (A) Current stops flowing when $E_{cell} = 0$.

Reason (R) Equilibrium of the cell reaction is attained.

Ans.(a) Both assertion and reason are correct and reason is the correct explanation of assertion

Current stop flowing when $E_{cell} = 0$

As at $E_{cell} = 0$ reaction reaches the equilibrium.



Q. **64** Assertion (A) E_{Ag⁺/Ag} increase with increase in concentration of Ag⁺ ions.

Reason(R) $E_{Ag^+/Ag}$ has a positive value.

Ans. (b) Both assertion and reason are correct but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.

$$E = E - \frac{0.0591}{1} \log \frac{1}{[Ag^+]}$$

$$E = E^{\circ} + 0.059 \log [Ag^{+}]$$

Thus, $E_{Ag^+/Ag}$ increases with increase in concentration of Ag^+ .

Q. 65 Assertion (A) Copper sulphate can be stored in zinc vessel.

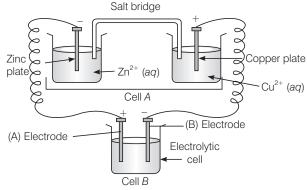
Reason (R) Zinc is less reactive than copper.

Ans. (d) Both assertion and reason are false.

Copper sulphate can't be stored in zinc vessel as zinc is more reactive than copper due to negative value of standard reduction potential of Zn.

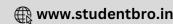
Long Answer Type Questions

Q. 66 Consider the figure and answer the following guestions.



- (i) Cell 'A' has $E_{cell}=2V$ and Cell 'B' has $E_{cell}=1.1~V$ which of the two cells 'A' or 'B' will act as an electrolytic cell. Which electrode reactions will occur in this cell?
- (ii) If cell 'A' has $E_{cell}=0.5V$ and cell 'B' has $E_{cell}=1.1~V$ then what will be the reactions at anode and cathode?
- Thinking Process

This problem includes concept of electrochemical cell, electrolytic cell and charge on electrode. To solve this problem identify the charge on each electrode first.



Ans. (i) Cell 'B' will act as electrolytic cell due to its lesser value of emf.

The electrode reactions will be

At cathode $Zn^{2+} + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Zn$ At anode $Cu \longrightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-}$

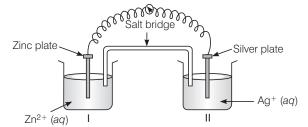
(ii) If cell 'B' has higher emf, it acts as galvanic cell.

Now it will push electrons into cell 'A'

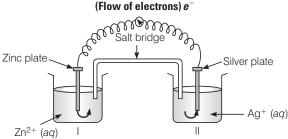
In this case, the reactions will be

$$Zn \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^{-}$$
 (At anode)
 $Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Cu$ (At cathode)

Q. 67 Consider figure from the above question and answer the questions (i) to (vi) given below.



- (i) Redraw the diagram to show the direction of electron flow.
- (ii) Is silver plate the anode or cathode?
- (iii) What will happen if salt bridge is removed?
- (iv) When will the cell stop functioning?
- (v) How will concentration of Zn²⁺ions and Ag⁺ions be affected when the cell functions?
- (vi) How will the concentration of Zn²⁺ions and Ag⁺ions be affected after the cell becomes 'dead'?
- **Ans.** (i) Electrons move from Zn to Ag as E° is more negative for Zn, so Zn undergoes oxidation and Ag⁺undergoes reduction.



- (ii) Ag is the cathode as it is the site of reduction where Ag⁺ takes electrons from medium and deposit at cathode.
- (iii) Cell will stop functioning because cell potential drops to zero. At E=0 reaction reaches equilibrium.



- (iv) When $E_{\rm cell}=0$ because at this condition reaction reaches to equilibrium.
- (v) Concentration of Zn^{2+} ions will increase and concentration of Ag^{+} ions will decrease because Zn is converted into Zn^{2+} and Ag^{+} is converted into Ag.
- (vi) When $E_{cell} = 0$ equilibrium is reached and concentration of Zn^{2+} ions and Ag^+ will not change.
- Q. 68 What is the relationship between Gibbs free energy of the cell reaction in a galvanic cell and the emf of the cell? When will the maximum work be obtained from a galvanic cell?
- **Ans.** If concentration of all reacting species is unity, then $E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{cell}}^{\circ}$ and $\Delta G^{\circ} = -nFE_{\text{cell}}^{\circ}$ where, $\Delta_r G^{\circ}$ is standard Gibbs energy of the reaction

$$E_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} = \text{emf of the cell}$$

 $nF = \text{charge passed}$

If we want to obtain maximum work from a galvanic cell then charge has to be passed reversibly.

The reversibly work done by a galvanic cell is equal to decrease in its Gibbs energy.

$$\Delta_r G = - nFE_{cell}$$

As $E_{\rm cell}$ is an intensive parameter but $\Delta_{\rm r}$ G is an extensive thermodynamic property and the value depends on n.

For reaction, Zn (s) + Cu²⁺ (aq) \longrightarrow Zn²⁺ (aq) + Cu (s) in a galvanic cell.

$$\Delta_r G = -2FE_{cell}$$
 [Here, $n = 2$]



