Class 10 Solutions Science Chapter 1 Chemical Reactions & Equations

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Q.1. Why should a magnesium ribbon be cleaned before burning in air?

Ans: When magnesium ribbon is exposed to air, it forms a layer of magnesium oxide on its surface. This layer of magnesium oxide, being a stable compound, prevents further reaction of magnesium with oxygen. Hence, it should be cleaned before burning in air to remove this layer so that the metal can be exposed to air properly (the oxide layer may prevent or slow down the burning of magnesium.



Q.2. Write the balanced equation for the following chemical reactions.

(a) Hydrogen + Chlorine \rightarrow Hydrogen chloride

(b) Barium chloride + Aluminium sulphate → Barium sulphate + Aluminium chloride
 (c) Sodium + Water → Sodium hydroxide + Hydrogen

Ans:

(a) $H_2(g) + Cl_2(g) \rightarrow 2HCl(g)$ (b) $3BaCl_2(s) + Al_2(SO_4)_3(s) \rightarrow 3BaSO_4(s) + 2AlCl_3(s)$ (c) $2Na(s) + 2H_2O(l) \rightarrow 2NaOH(aq) + H_2(g)$

Q.3. Write a balanced chemical equation with state symbols for the following reactions. (a) Solutions of barium chloride and sodium sulphate in water react to give insoluble barium sulphate and the solution of sodium chloride.

(b) Sodium hydroxide solution (in water) reacts with a hydrochloric acid solution (in water) to produce sodium chloride solution and water. Ans:

a) Barium chloride reacts with sodium sulphate to form barium sulphate (insoluble) and sodium chloride:

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BaClBaCl_2(aq)+Na_2SO_4(aq)\rightarrow BaSO_4(s)+2NaCl(aq)
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(b) Sodium hydroxide solution reacts with hydrochloric acid solution to produce sodium chloride solution and water:

 $NaOHNaOH(aq)+HClCl(aq)\rightarrow NaCl(aq)+H_2O(I)$

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Q.1. A solution of a substance 'X' is used for whitewashing.

(a) Name the substance 'X' and write its formula.

(b) Write the reaction of the substance 'X' named in (i) above with water.

Ans:

(a) The substance 'X' is calcium oxide. Its chemical formula is CaO.

(b) Calcium oxide reacts vigorously with water to form calcium hydroxide (slaked lime).

CaO(s)+ H₂O(I) \rightarrow Ca(OH)₂(aq) Calcium oxide + water \rightarrow Calcium Hydroxide

Q.2. Why is the amount of gas collected in one of the test tubes in Activity 1.7 double the amount collected in the other? Name this gas. Ans:



Electrolysis of Water

In Activity 1.7, gas collected in one of the test tubes is double of the amount collected in the other. This can be explained with the help of the chemical reaction that takes place.

 $2H_2O(I) \rightarrow 2H_2(g) + O_2(g)$

The volume of the gas is proportional to the number of molecules of the gas as indicated in the balanced equation. There are two molecules of hydrogen and one molecule of oxygen in the balanced equation. Hence the amount of Hydrogen collected would be double than that of oxygen.

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Q.1. Why does the colour of copper sulphate solution change when an iron nail is dipped in it?

Ans: Iron is more reactive than copper. So, When an iron nail is dipped in a copper sulphate solution, iron displaces copper from its solution to form iron sulphate, which is green in colour.

 $Fe(s) + CuSO_4(aq) \rightarrow FeSO_4(aq) + Cu(s)$

Hence, the blue colour of copper sulphate solution changes into green colour because of this displacement reaction.



Iron nail dipped in copper sulphate solution

Q.2. Give an example of a double displacement reaction other than the one given in Activity 1.10.

Ans: Sodium carbonate and calcium chloride exchange ions to form two new compounds calcium carbonate and sodium chloride.

 $Na_2CO_3(aq) + CaCl_2(aq) \rightarrow CaCO_3(s) + 2NaCl(aq)$

Q.3. Identify the substances that are oxidised and the substances that are reduced in the following reactions.

(a) $4Na(s)+O_2(g) \rightarrow 2Na_2O(s)$ (b) CuO(s) $+H_2(g) \rightarrow Cu(s)+H_2O(l)$

Ans:

(a) Sodium (Na) is oxidised as it gains oxygen and oxygen gets reduced.

(b) Copper oxide (CuO) is reduced to copper (Cu) while hydrogen (H₂) gets oxidised to water (H₂O).

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Exercise Questions
Q.1. Which of the statements about the reaction below are incorrect?
2PbO (s) + C (s) → 2Pb (s) + CO₂ (g)
(a) Lead is getting reduced.
(b) Carbon dioxide is getting oxidised.

(c) Carbon is getting oxidised.

(d) Lead oxide is getting reduced.

(i) (a) and (b)

(ii) (a) and (c)

(iii) (a), (b) and (c)

(iv) all

Ans:

(a) Lead is getting reduced is an incorrect answer.

(b) Carbon dioxide is getting oxidised is an incorrect answer.

(c) Carbon is getting oxidised is an correct answer because the removed oxygen from lead is added to the elemental Carbon.

(d) Lead oxide is getting reduced is correct answer because oxygen is being removed.

As statements (a) and (b) are incorrect, answer (i) is correct.

Q.2. $Fe_2O_3 + 2AI \rightarrow AI_2O_3 + 2Fe$

The above reaction is an example of a

- (a) combination reaction.
- (b) double displacement reaction.

(c) decomposition reaction.

(d) displacement reaction.

Ans: (d)

In this reaction Aluminum is more reactive metal than Fe. The Oxygen from the Ferrous oxide is getting displaced to the Aluminium metal to form Aluminium Oxide. Therefore Al will displace Fe from its oxide. Since one-time displacement is occurring, therefore, it is called a single displacement reaction.

Q.3. What happens when dilute hydrochloric acid is added to iron filings? Tick the correct answer.

(a) Hydrogen gas and iron chloride are produced.

(b) Chlorine gas and iron hydroxide are produced.

(c) No reaction takes place.

(d) Iron salt and water are produced.

Ans: (a)

 $Fe(s) + 2HCl(dil.) \rightarrow FeCl_2(aq) + H_2(g)$

Hydrogen gas and Iron (II) chloride are produced.

Q.4. What is a balanced chemical equation? Why should chemical equations be balanced?

Ans: Balanced chemical equation means total number of atoms of each element should be equal on both sides of the reaction.

For example, magnesium and oxygen combine, when heated to form a single compound magnesium oxide.

$2Mg(s) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2MgO(s)$

The reaction should be balanced because matter can neither be created nor be destroyed. The total mass of reactants should be equal to the total mass of products. Q.5. Translate the following statements into chemical equations and then balance them. (a) Hydrogen gas combines with nitrogen to form ammonia.

(b) Hydrogen sulphide gas burns in air to give water and sulphur dioxide.

(c) Barium chloride reacts with aluminium sulphate to give aluminium chloride and a precipitate of barium sulphate.

(d) Potassium metal reacts with water to give potassium hydroxide and hydrogen gas. Ans:

(a) Unbalanced equation: $H_2(g) + N_2(g) \rightarrow NH_3(g)$ Balanced equation: $3H_2(g) + N_2(g) \rightarrow 2NH_3(g)$ (b) Unbalanced equation: $H_2S + O_2 \rightarrow H_2O + SO_2$ Balanced equation: $2H_2S(g) + 3O_2(g) \rightarrow 2H_2O(I) + 2SO_2(g)$ (c) Unbalanced equation: $BaCl_2(aq) + Al_2(SO_4)_3(aq) \rightarrow AlCl_3(aq) + BaSO_4(s)$ Balanced equation: $3BaCl_2(aq) + Al_2(SO_4)_3(aq) \rightarrow 2AlCl_3(aq) + 3BaSO_4(s)$ (d) Unbalanced equation: $K(s) + H_2O(I) \rightarrow KOH(aq) + H_2(g)$ Balanced equation: $2K(s) + 2H_2O(I) \rightarrow 2KOH(aq) + H_2(g)$

Q.6. Balance the following chemical equations.

(a) $HNO_3 + Ca(OH)_2 \rightarrow Ca(NO_3)_2 + H_2O$

(b) NaOH + $H_2SO_4 \rightarrow Na_2SO_4 + H_2O$

(c) NaCl + AgNO₃ \rightarrow AgCl + NaNO₃

(d) $BaCl_2 + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow BaSO_4 + HCl$

Ans: Balanced chemical equations are given as under :

(a) $2HNO_3(aq) + Ca(OH)_2(aq) \rightarrow Ca(NO_3)_2(aq) + 2H_2O(I)$

(b) $2NaOH(aq) + H_2SO_4(aq) \rightarrow Na_2SO_4(aq) + 2H_2O(I)$

(c) $NaCl(aq) + AgNO_3(aq) \rightarrow AgCl(s) + NaNO_3(aq)$

(d) $BaCl_2(aq) + H_2SO_4(aq) \rightarrow BaSO_4(s) + 2HCl(aq)$

Q.7. Write the balanced chemical equations for the following reactions.

(a) Calcium hydroxide + Carbon dioxide \rightarrow Calcium carbonate + Water

(b) Zinc + Silver nitrate → Zinc nitrate + Silver

(c) Aluminium + Copper chloride \rightarrow Aluminium chloride + Copper

(d) Barium chloride + Potassium sulphate → Barium sulphate + Potassium chloride Ans: Balanced chemical equations for the reactions are given as under:

(a) $Ca(OH)_2(aq) + CO_2(g) \rightarrow CaCO_3(s) + H_2O(I)$

(b) $Zn(s) + 2AgNO_3(aq) \rightarrow Zn(NO_3)_2(aq) + 2Ag(s)$

(c) $2AI(s) + 3CuCl_2(aq) \rightarrow 2AICl_3(aq) + 3Cu(s)$

(d) $BaCl_2(aq) + K_2SO_4(aq) \rightarrow BaSO_4(s) + 2KCl(aq)$

Q.8. Write the balanced chemical equation for the following and identify the type of reaction in each case.

(a)Potassium bromide (aq) + Barium iodide (aq) → Potassium iodide (aq) + Barium bromide(s)

(b) Zinc carbonate (s) \rightarrow Zinc oxide (s) + Carbon dioxide (g)

(c) Hydrogen (g) + Chlorine (g) \rightarrow Hydrogen chloride (g)

(d) Magnesium (s) + Hydrochloric acid (aq) → Magnesium chloride(aq) + Hydrogen (g)

Ans:

(a) $2KBr(aq) + Bal_2(aq) \rightarrow 2KI(aq) + BaBr_2(s)$ Double displacement reaction (b) $2nCO_3(s) \rightarrow 2nO(s) + CO_2(g)$ Decomposition reaction (c) $H_2(g) + Cl_2(g) \rightarrow 2HCI(g)$ Combination reaction (d) $Mg(s) + 2HCI(aq) \rightarrow MgCl_2(aq) + H_2(g)$ Displacement Reaction

Q.9. What does one mean by exothermic and endothermic reactions? Give examples.

Ans: Endothermic Reaction: An endothermic reaction occurs when energy is absorbed from the surroundings in the form of heat.

Examples: Photosynthesis, melting of ice, evaporation.

Exothermic Reaction: Conversely, an exothermic reaction is one in which energy is released from the system into the surroundings.

Examples: Explosions, concrete setting, nuclear fission and fusion.

Q.10. Why is respiration considered an exothermic reaction? Explain.

Ans: During respiration, glucose combines with oxygen in the cells of our body and provides energy. As energy is released during respiration, therefore, respiration is regarded as an exothermic reaction.

 $C_6H_{12}O_6(aq) + 6O_2(g) \rightarrow 6CO_2(g) + 6H_2O(I) + Energy$

Q.11. Why are decomposition reactions called the opposite of combination reactions? Write equations for these reactions.

Ans: Decomposition reactions are those in which a compound breaks down to form two or more substances. These reactions require a source of energy to proceed. Thus, they are the exact opposite of combination reactions in which two or more substances combine to give a new substance with the release of energy. For Example of decomposition Reactions are: $ZnCO_3 \rightarrow ZnO + CO_2$

 $CaCO_3 + Energy \rightarrow CaO + CO_2$ 2HgO \rightarrow 2Hg + O₂

Q.12. Write one equation each for decomposition reactions where energy is supplied in the form of heat, light or electricity.

Ans:

(a) Thermal decomposition reaction (Thermolysis): When decomposition is carried out by heating, it is called thermal decomposition. On heating, Calcium carbonate decomposes to calcium oxide and carbon dioxide as shown below:

 $CaCO_3(s) \rightarrow CaO(s) + CO_2(g)$

(b) Photodecomposition reaction (Photolysis): When decomposition is carried out by light, it is called photolysis. The below reaction is used in black and white photography. $2AgCl(s) \rightarrow 2Ag(s) + Cl_2(g)$

(c) Electrolytic decomposition reaction (Electrolysis): When decomposition is carried out

by electricity, it is called electrolysis. On passing electricity, water decomposes to hydrogen and oxygen.

 $2H_2O~(I) \rightarrow 2H_2(g) + O_2(g)$

Q.13. What is the difference between displacement and double displacement reactions? Write equations for these reactions.

Ans: Displacement reaction: Those reactions in which more reactive metal displaces less reactive metal from its salt solution is called displacement reactions.

 $Fe(s) + CuSO_4(aq) \rightarrow FeSO_4(aq) + Cu(s)$

Double displacement reaction: Those reactions in which two compounds exchange their ions to form two new compounds are called double displacement reactions. HCl(aq) + NaOH(aq) \rightarrow NaCl(aq) + H₂O(I)

Q.14. In the refining of silver, the recovery of silver from silver nitrate solution involved displacement by copper metal. Write down the reaction involved.

Ans: $Cu(s) + 2AgNO_3(aq) \rightarrow Cu(NO_3)_2(aq) + 2Ag(s)$

Q.15. What do you mean by a precipitation reaction? Explain by giving examples.

Ans: When two solutions containing soluble salts are combined, a double displacement reaction takes place in which the ions are exchanged between the compounds. When one of such compounds is formed in solid form (that is insoluble in aqua) then it settles down at the bottom of the container. This solid is known as the **precipitate** and the respective reaction is termed as the **precipitation reaction.** Few examples of precipitation reactions are:

When solutions of silver nitrate and sodium chloride are mixed, white precipitate of silver chloride is formed.

 $AgNO_3(aq) + NaCl(aq) \rightarrow AgCl(s) + NaNO_3(aq)$

On adding dilute hydrochloric acid to the aqueous solution of lead nitrate, precipitate of lead chloride is formed. Pb(NO₃)₂ + 2HCl \rightarrow PbCl₂ + 2HNO₃

Q.16. Explain the following in terms of gain or loss of oxygen with two examples each.

(a) Oxidation (b) Reduction Ans: (a) Oxidation: It is a process in which gain of oxygen takes place Examples: $2Mg(s) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2MgO(s)$ (Burning) $2Cu(s) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2CuO(s)$ (Heat)

(b) Reduction: It is a process in which removal of oxygen takes place. Examples:

 $CuO(s) + H_2(g) \rightarrow Cu(s) + H_2O(g) \text{ (Heat)}$ Fe₂O₃(s) + 2Al(s) \rightarrow Al₂O₃(s) + 2Fe(s)

Q.17. A shiny brown-coloured element 'X' on heating in air becomes black in colour. Name the element 'X' and the black coloured compound formed.

Ans: 'X' is Copper. Copper gets oxidised to copper oxide which is black in colour. $2Cu(s) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2CuO(s)$ (Heat)

Q.18. Why do we apply paint on iron articles?

Ans: Painting is done so as to prevent iron from rusting. When the surface of iron is coated with paint, its surface does not come in contact with oxygen and moisture and therefore, rusting does not take place.

Q.19. Oil and fat containing food items are flushed with nitrogen. Why?

Ans: The main purpose of flushing Nitrogen into food packets that contain oil and fat items is to prevent Rancidity which occurs when the oil or fat reacts with the oxygen letting out an unpleasant smell and taste. Therefore by flushing Nitrogen, an unreactive surrounding is created thus preventing rancidity.



Variety of Oils

Q.20. Explain the following terms with one example each.

(a) Corrosion

(b) Rancidity

Ans: (a) Corrosion: It is the process in which metals are slowly eaten up by the action of air moisture or chemicals. For example rusting is a form of corrosion in which iron is eaten up by the action of air and moisture and a reddish brown coating of iron oxide is formed as shown in the following chemical reaction.

$2Fe + 3H_2O \rightarrow Fe_2O_3 + 3H_2$

(b) Rancidity: When the substance containing oils and fats are exposed to air they get oxidised and become rancid due to which their smell, taste and colour change. This process is known as rancidity. For example when a when butter is kept open for a long time then its smell and taste gets changed.