

# p-Block Elements

## Question1

The correct statements about the compounds of boron are

- I. In borax bead test, the colour of cobalt metaborate is blue.
- II. Diborane is prepared by the oxidation of sodium borohydride with iodine.
- III. In diborane oxidation state of hydrogen is +1 .
- IV. Boric acid is a tribasic acid.

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Options:

A.

I and II

B.

III and IV

C.

I and III

D.

II and IV

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**



Statement given in I and II are correct regarding boron, while statement III and IV are incorrect.

Their correct forms are,

III. in diborane oxidation state of hydrogen is -1 .

IV. boric acid is not a tribasic acid, it is monobasic acid.

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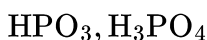
## Question2

**An oxoacid of phosphorus ' X ' reduces silver nitrate solution to metallic silver and gets oxidised to another compound Y. X and Y respectively are**

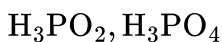
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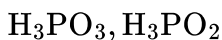
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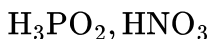
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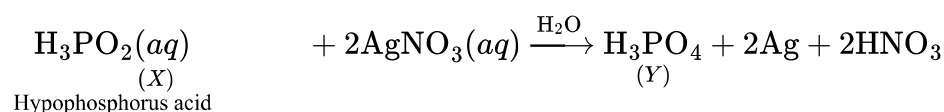
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**Answer: B**

### Solution:

The complete reaction is as follows,



## Question3

Zinc on reaction with concentrated nitric acid gives an oxide of nitrogen (A). Zinc with dilute nitric acid gives another oxide of nitrogen (B). Oxidation numbers of nitrogen in (A) and (B) are respectively

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**Options:**

A.

+4, +1

B.

+4, +2

C.

+2, +4

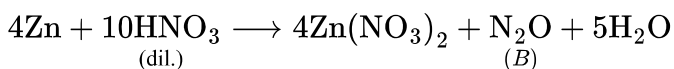
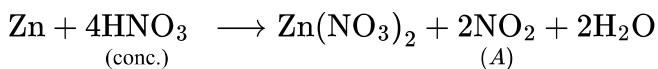
D.

+1, +4

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

The reaction is,



Oxidation state of nitrogen,

(A)  $\text{NO}_2 = +4$

(B)  $\text{N}_2\text{O} = +1$

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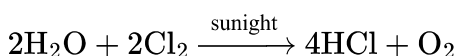
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Identify the reaction related to Deacon's process

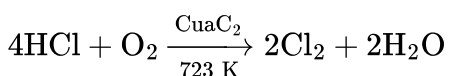
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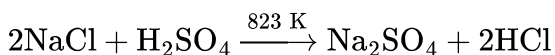
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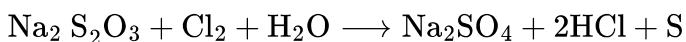
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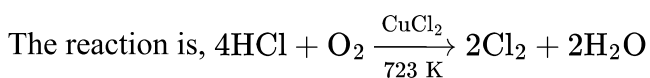
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**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Deacon's process is a chemical method use to produce chlorine gas from hydrochloric acid.



## Question5

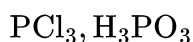
Phosphorus on reaction with sulphuryl chloride gives a compound X, which on complete hydrolysis gives Y. X and Y are respectively.



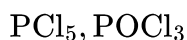
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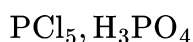
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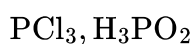
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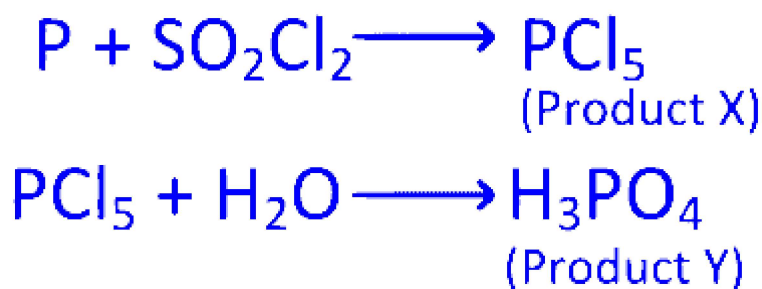
D.



**Answer: C**

### Solution:

The complete reaction is as follows,



Complete hydrolysis, Thus,  $X = \text{PCl}_5$ ,  $Y = \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ .

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## Question6

Xenon hexafluoride on partial hydrolysis gives ' X ' and HF . The shape of ' X ' is

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### Options:

A.

pyramidal

B.

tetrahedral

C.

square pyramidal

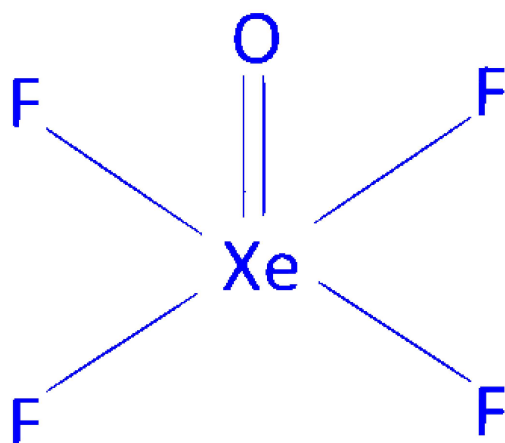
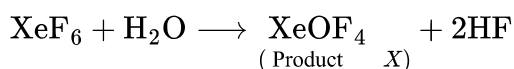
D.

linear

**Answer: C**

### Solution:

The reaction involved is,



Thus the shape of (X)XeF<sub>4</sub> is square pyramidal.

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## Question7

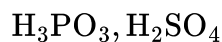
Which of the following pairs of oxoacids have basicity as 2?

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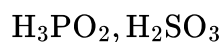


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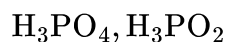
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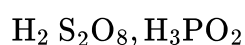
B.



C.



D.



**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  both have basicity of 2.  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$  has two P – OH bond meaning it can donate two  $[\text{OH}^-]$  ions when in solution.

$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  also have two ionisation H -atom attached to oxygen, giving it a basicity of 2 .

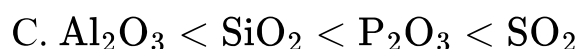
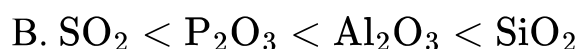
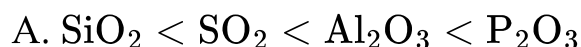
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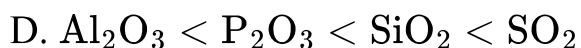
## Question8

**Among the oxides  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_3$ , the correct order of acidic strength is**

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**Options:**

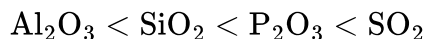




**Answer: C**

### Solution:

The correct order of acidic strength is,



As electronegativity difference between element and oxygen decreases the acidic character of oxides increases. The electronegativity also increases with increasing oxidation number. In general, as non-metallic character increases across the period, the acidic character of their oxides increases.

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## Question9

**The correct formula of borax is  $\text{Na}_2 [\text{B}_4\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_x] \cdot y\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The sum of  $x$  and  $y$  is**

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**Options:**

A. 14

B. 09

C. 12

D. 10

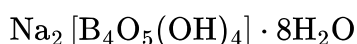
**Answer: C**

### Solution:

Borax, scientifically referred to as sodium tetraborate decahydrate, is commonly used as a household cleaner and a booster for laundry detergent.

#### Chemical Formula

The chemical formula for borax is:



Here, the values are:

$$x = 4 \text{ (the number of hydroxyl groups)}$$



$y = 8$  (the number of water molecules)

Adding these values gives:

$$x + y = 4 + 8 = 12$$

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## Question10

Which among the following oxoacids of phosphorous will have P – O – P bonds?



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**Options:**

A. III and IV

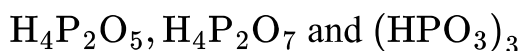
B. I and II

C. I and III

D. II and IV

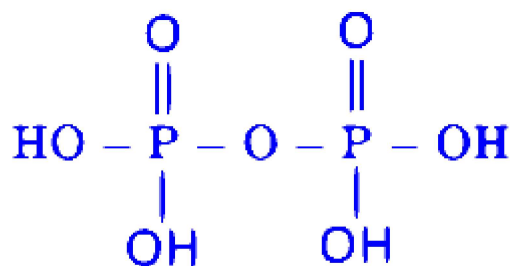
**Answer: A**

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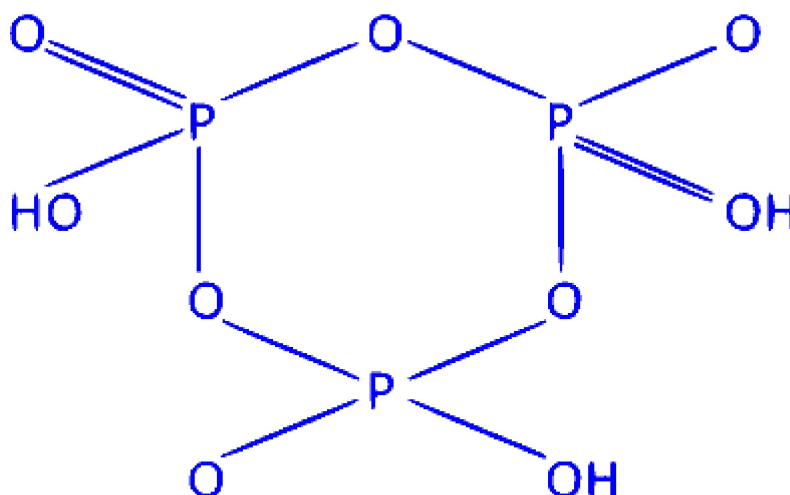


oxoacids of phosphorous contain P – O – P bonds.





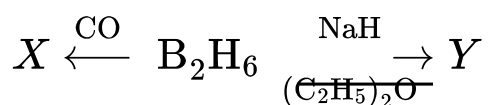
Pyrophosphoric acid ( $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ )



Trimer of metaphosphoric acid

## Question11

What are  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively in the following reactions ?

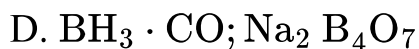


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Options:

- A.  $\text{BH}_3 \cdot 2\text{CO}; \text{NaBO}_2$
- B.  $\text{BH}_3 \cdot \text{CO}; \text{NaBH}_4$
- C.  $\text{BH}_3 \cdot \text{CO}; \text{NaBO}_2$





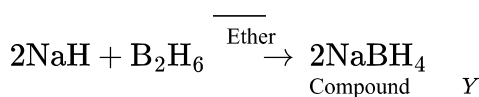
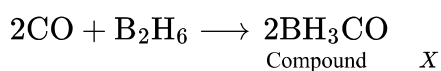
**Answer: B**

### Solution:

Diborane undergoes cleavage reaction with Lewis base (CO) to give borane adduct,  $\text{BH}_3 \cdot \text{CO}$  which is compound X. When alkyl metal hydride

(NaH) react with diborane in presence of ether, a tetrahedral compound ( $\text{NaBH}_4$ ) is formed.

The complete reaction is as follow



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## Question 12

**Which of the following statements are correct?**

- (i)  $\text{CCl}_4$  undergoes hydrolysis easily**
- (ii) Diamond has directional covalent bonds**
- (iii) Fullerene is thermodynamically most stable allotrope of carbon**
- (iv) Glass is a man-made silicate**

**The correct answer is**

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**Options:**

- A. i, iii only
- B. ii, iv only
- C. ii, iii, iv only



D. i, ii only

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

(ii) Diamond has directional covalent bonds.

Diamonds are structured with each carbon atom forming strong covalent bonds with four other carbon atoms, creating a tetrahedral lattice. This arrangement results in directional covalent bonding, contributing to diamond's extreme hardness and high melting point.

(iv) Glass is a man-made silicate.

Glass is an amorphous solid primarily composed of silica ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) and is synthesized through the high-temperature melting and cooling of sand and other materials. It fits into the category of silicates because it includes silicon and oxygen.

Option B: ii, iv only

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## Question13

**Observe the following reactions (unbalanced)**



**The number of P = O bonds present in X, Y are respectively**

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**Options:**

A. 1,3

B. 1, 2

C. 2,1

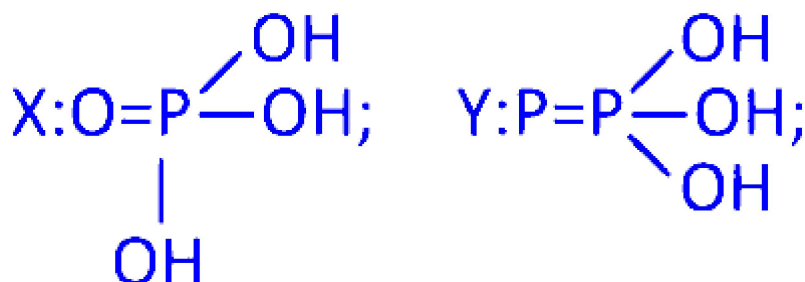
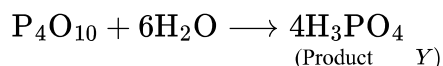
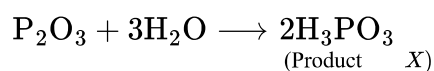
D. 1,1

**Answer: D**



## Solution:

The complete reaction is as follows



Product X and Y both consist of one P = O bond each.

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## Question14

Carbon on reaction with hot conc.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , gives two oxides along with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . What is the nature of these two oxides?

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**Options:**

- A. Both are acidic
- B. Both are basic
- C. Both are neutral
- D. Both are amphoteric

**Answer: A**

## Solution:

Carbon reaction with hot and conc.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  gives,



Both the oxides,  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{SO}_2$  are acidic in nature.

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## Question15

Observe the following species.



How many of the above species act as Lewis acids?

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Options:

A. 5

B. 3

C. 4

D. 2

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Among the given species there are total 4 Lewis acids, these are  $\text{AlCl}_3$ ,  $\text{SnCl}_4$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{Ag}^+$ .

$\text{HSO}_4^-$  is amphoteric compound.

$\text{NH}_3$  is Lewis base.

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## Question 16

An organic compound containing phosphorous on oxidation with  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}_2$  gives a compound 'X'. This 'X' when boiled with  $\text{HNO}_3$  followed by treatment with a reagent gives yellow precipitate Y. X and Y respectively are

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**Options:**

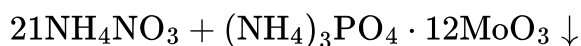
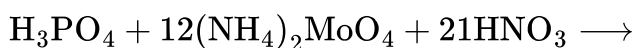
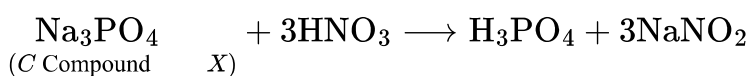
- A.  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4, (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{MoO}_3$
- B.  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4, (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{MoO}_4$
- C.  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4, (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{MoO}_4$
- D.  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4, (\text{NH}_4)_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 12\text{MoO}_3$

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

When an organic compound containing phosphorus is oxidised with  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}_2$  it gives  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$ .

$\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$  when treated with  $\text{HNO}_3$  will form phosphoric acid ( $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ ). When  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  is treated with ammonium molybdate in presence of nitric acid, it forms a yellow ppt. The reaction is as follow



Yellow ppt

(Product Y)

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## Question 17

Among the hydrides  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{PH}_3$  and  $\text{BiH}_3$ , the hydride with highest boiling point is X and the hydride with lowest boiling point is Y. What are X and Y respectively?

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Options:

- A.  $\text{PH}_3, \text{NH}_3$
- B.  $\text{NH}_3, \text{PH}_3$
- C.  $\text{BiH}_3, \text{PH}_3$
- D.  $\text{NH}_3, \text{BiH}_3$

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Boiling points of nitrogen family generally increases on moving down the group due to increase in number of shell but boiling point of  $\text{NH}_3$  is higher than  $\text{PH}_3$  due to hydrogen bonding. Hence, highest boiling point –  $\text{BiH}_3$  Lowest boiling point –  $\text{PH}_3$

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## Question18

**Xenon (VI) fluoride on complete hydrolysis gives an oxide of xenon ' O '. The total number of  $\sigma$  and  $\pi$ -bonds in ' O ' is i''**

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Options:

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 6
- D. 8

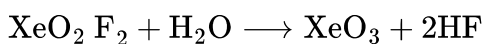
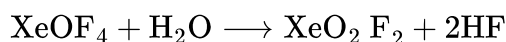
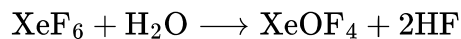


**Answer: C**

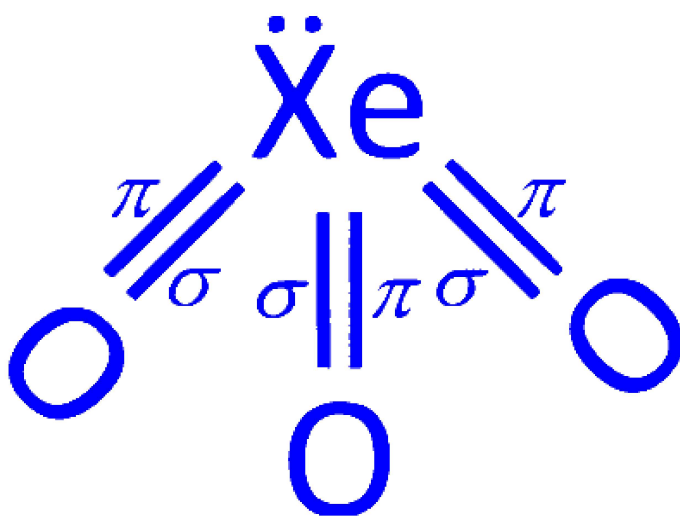
## Solution:

$\text{XeF}_6$  on complete hydrolysis gives

$\text{XeO}_3$ .



So, the compound formed on complete hydrolysis of xenon is  $\text{XeO}_3$ .



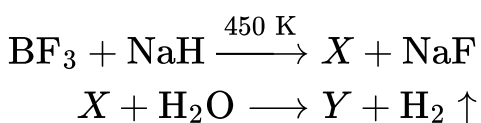
$\text{XeO}_3$  has three double bond and each double bond has  $1\sigma$  and  $1\pi$  bond.

$$\text{Total } \sigma + \pi = 3 + 3 = 6$$

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## Question19

Consider the following reactions (not balanced).



The correct statements about X and Y are

I. X is an electron deficient molecule.



II. in  $X$ ,  $B - B$  bond is present.

III.  $Y$  is a weak tribasic acid.

IV.  $Y$  acts as a Lewis acid.

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Options:

A. I and IV

B. II and III

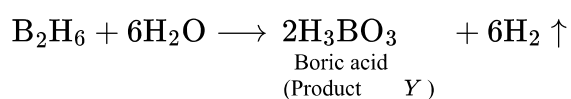
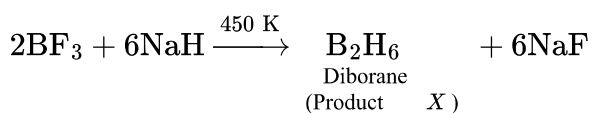
C. II and IV

D. I and III

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

The complete balanced reaction is as follows,



Hence,  $X$  is electron deficient molecule while  $Y$  is an Lewis acid.

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## Question20

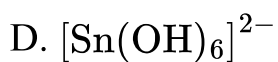
Which of the following does not exist?

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Options:

A.  $[\text{GeCl}_6]^{-2}$





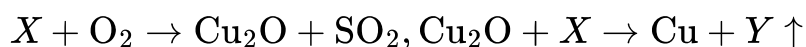
**Answer: C**

### Solution:

In  $[\text{SiCl}_6]^{2-}$ , the chlorine atoms are much larger which does not allow the six chlorine to surround the silicon due to repulsion between chlorine atom. Hence, due to interelectron repulsion between chlorine atom the compound  $[\text{SiCl}_6]^{2-}$  is unstable and does not exist.

### Question21

Consider the following reactions.



The shape of the molecule Y is

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**Options:**

A. linear

B. tetrahedral

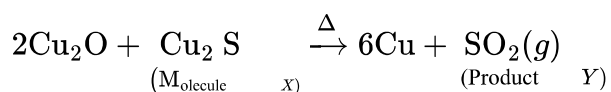
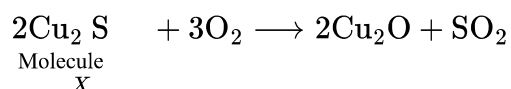
C. pyramidal

D. angular

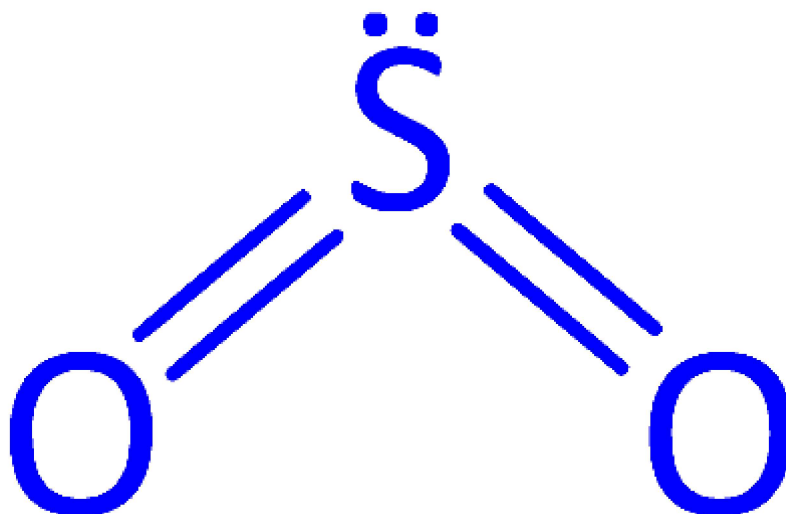
**Answer: D**

### Solution:

The complete balance reaction is as follows,



The product  $Y$  is  $\text{SO}_2$  which has bent or angular geometry.



## Question22

**In contact process of manufacture of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , the arsenic purifier used in the industrial plant contains**

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**Options:**

- A.  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- B.  $\text{FeO} \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- C.  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- D.  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**

In contact process of manufacture of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , the arsenic purifier used in industrial plant consist of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . It is used to remove arsenic impurities formed in contact process.

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## Question23

Observe the oxides  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{PbO}_2$ ,  $\text{Tl}_2\text{O}_3$ . The number of acidic oxides in the list is

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Options:

A. 3

B. 4

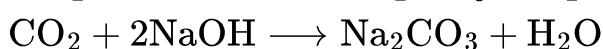
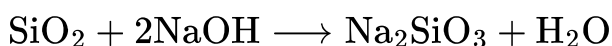
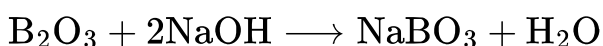
C. 5

D. 2

**Answer: A**

**Solution:**

Among the given oxides, only three oxides namely  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  are acidic oxides.



while  $\text{Tl}_2\text{O}_3$  is basic oxide.

$\text{CO}$  is neutral oxide and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{PbO}_2$  are amphoteric oxides.

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## Question24

Which of the following when subjected to thermal decomposition will liberate dinitrogen ?

(i) Sodium nitrate

(ii) Ammonium dichromate

(iii) Barium azide



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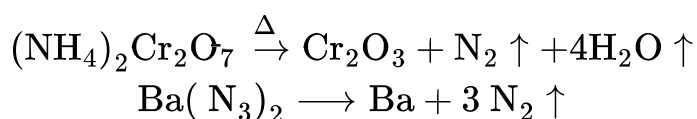
**Options:**

- A. (i), (ii) only
- B. (ii), (iii) only
- C. (i), (iii) only
- D. (i), (ii), (iii)

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

Ammonium dichromate and barium azide when subjected to thermal decomposition will liberate dinitrogen.



## Question25

Identify the set which is not correctly matched in the following.

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**Options:**

- A.  $\text{PH}_3$ , colourless gas, rotten fish smell.
- B.  $\text{Cl}_2$ , greenish yellow gas, pungent smell.
- C. Ne, fluorescent green gas, rotten egg smell.
- D.  $\text{SO}_2$ , colourless gas, pungent smell.

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

Matching given in option (c) is incorrect. The correct form is: Neon gas is colourless and odourless, but it has a bright red orange glow (discharge) when electricity is applied.

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## Question 26

The dioxides and monoxides of elements  $X$  and  $Y$  are amphoteric in nature.  $X$  and  $Y$  are respectively

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Options:

A. C, Si

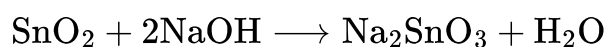
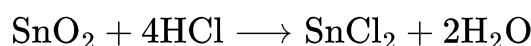
B. Si, Ge

C. Sn, Pb

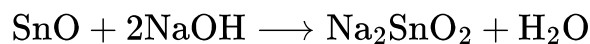
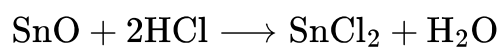
D. Ge, Pb

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**

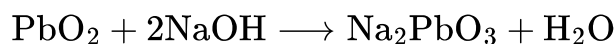
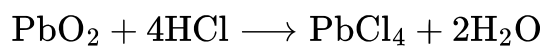


$\text{SnO}_2$  is amphoteric in nature.



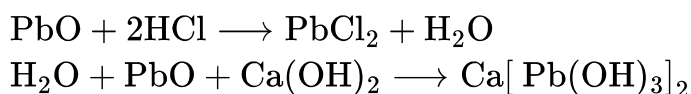
$\text{SnO}$  is also amphoteric in nature.

$\therefore$  The dioxide and monoxide of Sn, both are amphoteric in nature.



$\text{PbO}_2$  is amphoteric in nature





PbO is also amphoteric in nature.

∴ The dioxide and monoxide of Pb both are amphoteric in nature.

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## Question27

**Assertion (A) : In group 15 elements nitrogen does not form pentahalides.**

**Reason (R) : Nitrogen can exhibit +5 oxidation state.**

**The correct option among the following is**

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**Options:**

- A. (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- B. (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not correct explanation of (A).
- C. (A) is true but (R) is false.
- D. (A) is false but (R) is true.

**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

In Group 15 elements, nitrogen does not form pentahalides. This is because nitrogen has the electronic configuration of  $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^3$ , indicating it only possesses  $s$  and  $p$  orbitals. Nitrogen lacks  $d$  orbitals, which are required to expand its covalency beyond four. Consequently, it cannot form pentahalides.

Nitrogen can attain a +5 oxidation state, achieving a stable electronic configuration of  $1s^2$ .

Thus, although both the assertion that nitrogen does not form pentahalides and the reasoning that nitrogen can exhibit a +5 oxidation state are true, the reason does not logically explain the assertion.

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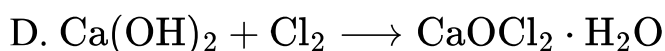
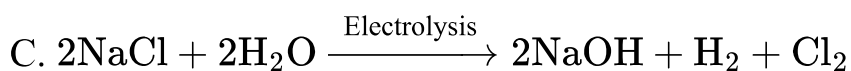
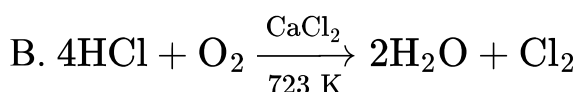
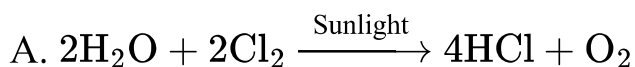


## Question28

Which of the following reaction represents Deacon's method?

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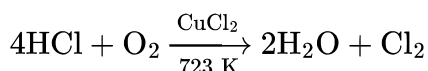
Options:



**Answer: B**

**Solution:**

In Deacon's method, hydrogen chloride (HCl) is passed into a blast furnace and burnt with air to produce chlorine and heat.



## Question29

The nitrate of which of the following metals does not liberate  $\text{NO}_2$  gas on heating?

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Options:

A. Pb

B. Ba



C. Li

D. K

**Answer: D**

### **Solution:**

The nitrate of potassium metal on heating liberates  $\text{KNO}_2$  and  $\text{O}_2$ , the reaction involved is as follows:



So, nitrate of potassium does not liberate  $\text{NO}_2$  gas on heating.

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### **Question30**

**What are the correct statements about the elements of group 13 given below?**

**(I) The stability of +1 oxidation state follows the order  $\text{Tl} > \text{In} > \text{Ga}$ .**

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**(II) Boron has the lowest melting point and boiling point as it is a non-metal.**

**(III) Boron shows a maximum covalency of 4 in its compounds.**

**(IV) The order of atomic radius is  $\text{Ga} > \text{Al} > \text{In}$ .**

**(V) Aluminium is passive to concentrated nitric acid.**

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**Options:**

A. I, III and V only

B. II, IV and V only

C. I, II and IV only

D. III, IV and V only



## Answer: A

### Solution:

Let's analyze each statement one by one:

**(I)** "The stability of +1 oxidation state follows the order  $Tl > In > Ga$ ."

In group 13, the inert pair effect increases as we go down the group. This makes the +1 oxidation state particularly stable in thallium (Tl), moderately stable in indium (In), and least stable in gallium (Ga).

Thus, statement (I) is correct.

**(II)** "Boron has the lowest melting point and boiling point as it is a non-metal."

Even though boron is a non-metal (or more correctly a metalloid), it is unique in having very high melting and boiling points. For example, boron has a melting point over  $2000^{\circ}\text{C}$ , contrary to the idea that non-metals have low melting and boiling points.

Therefore, statement (II) is incorrect.

**(III)** "Boron shows a maximum covalency of 4 in its compounds."

Being a second-period element, boron does not have d-orbitals to expand its octet. Hence, it can accommodate at most four electron pairs around it. This is seen in species like the tetrahydroborate ion,  $\text{BH}_4^-$ , where boron forms four bonds.

So, statement (III) is correct.

**(IV)** "The order of atomic radius is  $Ga > Al > In$ ."

Generally, atomic radii increase down a group. For group 13, the expected order is:

$Al < Ga < In$ .

The given order is not consistent with the trend (in fact, indium should be larger than gallium), so statement (IV) is incorrect.

**(V)** "Aluminium is passive to concentrated nitric acid."

Aluminium forms a thin, adherent oxide layer that protects it from reacting with concentrated nitric acid.

Thus, statement (V) is correct.

Summing up, the correct statements are (I), (III), and (V).

The answer is Option A: I, III and V only.

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## Question 31

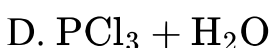
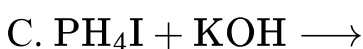
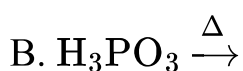
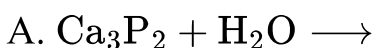
Consider the reaction,



Identify the reaction in which  $Q$  is not the product. (equations are not balanced)

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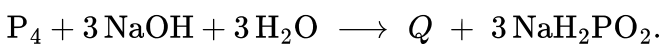
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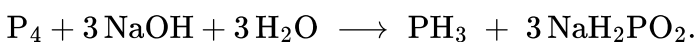
**Answer: D**

### Solution:

First, let us identify what the species  $Q$  is in the given reaction:



This is a classic reaction in which white phosphorus  $\text{P}_4$  reacts with a base (e.g.,  $\text{NaOH}$ ) and water to form **phosphine** ( $\text{PH}_3$ ) and sodium hypophosphite ( $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_2$ ):



Hence,  $Q = \text{PH}_3$  (phosphine).

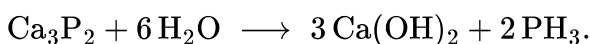
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### Checking Each Option

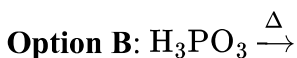
We want to find the reaction that does **NOT** produce phosphine ( $\text{PH}_3$ ).



Calcium phosphide and water react to form **phosphine** ( $\text{PH}_3$ ) and calcium hydroxide:

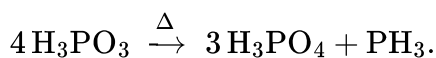


**Phosphine** is produced. So  $Q$  is formed here.



On heating phosphorous acid, it *disproportionates* to form **phosphoric acid** ( $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ ) and **phosphine** ( $\text{PH}_3$ ):

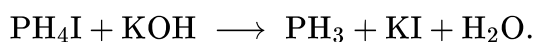




**Phosphine** is produced. So *Q* is formed here too.

**Option C:**  $\text{PH}_4\text{I} + \text{KOH}$

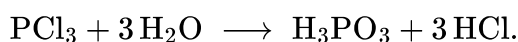
Phosphonium iodide reacts with a strong base (KOH) to release **phosphine** ( $\text{PH}_3$ ) plus KI and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ :



**Phosphine** is produced. So *Q* is formed in this reaction as well.

**Option D:**  $\text{PCl}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Phosphorus trichloride hydrolyzes (usually vigorously) to form **phosphorous acid** ( $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$ ) and hydrochloric acid (HCl):

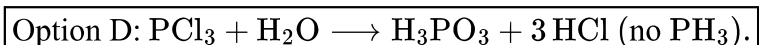


**Phosphine** ( $\text{PH}_3$ ) is *not* produced in this reaction.

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## Conclusion

Since we are looking for the reaction in which **phosphine** (*Q*) is *not* a product, the correct choice is:



## Question32

**The oxidation state of sulphur atoms and numbers of S – OH bonds in peroxydisulphuric acid are respectively**

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**Options:**

A. (+6, +5), 2

B. (+6, +6), 4

C. (+6, +6), 2

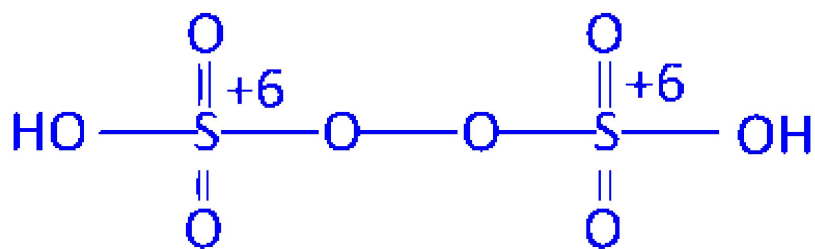
D. (+5, +5), 4

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**



The formula of peroxydisulphuric acid is  $\text{H}_2 \text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ . Its structure is given by



From the structure, we can clearly see that, the oxidation state for both the sulphur atom is +6 and it has two S – OH bonds.

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