



UNIT—8

THE d- AND f-BLOCK ELEMENTS

Some Important Terms:

Compounds / Minerals / Reagents or mixtures etc of d- and f- block elements.

- 1. Argentite Ag₂S
- 2. Argenti ferrous galena PbS + Ag₂S
- 3. Azurite Cu (OH)₂ . 2 CuCO₃
- 4. Benedict Solution Alkaline Solution cupric ions complexed with citrate ions.
- Blue Vitriol CuSO₄ . 5 H₂O
 (Blue Stone)
- 6. Bayer's Reagent Cold alkaline KMnO₄ Solution
- 7. Blister Copper 99% Pure Copper
- 8. Corrosive Sublimate HgCl,
- 9. Calomel Hg_2Cl_2
- 10. Calamine ZnCO₃
- 11. Coinage metal Cu, Ag and Au
- 12. Copper Pyrite CuFeS₂ or Cu₂S . Fe₂S₃
- 13. Copper glance Cu₂S
- 14. Cinnabar HgS
- 15. Chromyl Chloride CrO₂Cl₂
- 16. Chrome Yellow PbCrO₄(Lemon Chrome)





- 17. Calaverite AuTe,
- 18. Chromic acid mixture K₂CrO₇ + Con. H₂SO₄
- 19. Delomite CaCO₃ . MgCO₃
- 20. Delta Metal Cu (55%), Zn (41%), Fe (4%)
- 21. Fischer's Salt K_3 [CO (NO₂)₄]
- 22. Fehling Solution CuSO₄ + Sod. Pot. Tartarate + NaOH
- 23. Green Vitriol FeSO₄ . 7 H₂O (Hara Kasis)
- 24. Ferro Chrome Fe + 2 Cr + 4 CO
- 25. Guigret's green Cr₂O₃ . 2 H₂O
- 26. Haematite Fe₂O₃(Red Haematite)
- Horn Silver AgCl (Chloragynite)
- 28. Lucas reagent Conc. HCl + anhydrous ZnCl₂
- 29. Lunar Caustic AgNO₃
- 30. Lithopone ZnS + BaSO₄
- 31. Lindar Catalyst Palladised Charcoal deactivated with Sulphur compounds.
- 32. Malachite $Cu (OH)_2$. 2 $CuCO_3$
- 33. Monel Metal Cu, Ni and Mn
- 34. Nesseler's reagent K₂Hgl₄
- 35. Prussian blue Fe_4 [Fe (CN)₆]₃
- 36. Pyrites (Fool's Gold) FeS₂
- 37. Quick Silver Hg
- 38. Schweitzer reagent Tetramine Copper (II) Sulphate



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- 39. Sterling Silver Solution of Cu in Hg
- 40. Scheelite CaWO₄ (Calcium tungstate)
- 41. Tollen's reagent AgNO₃ + NaOH
- 42. Tailing of mercury Hg,O
- 43. Vermilion HgS
- 44. Willemite Zn₂SiO₄
- 45. Zincite ZnO
- 46. Zinc butter ZnCl₂ . 3 H₂O

1 MARK QUESTIONS

Q. 1. What is the equivalent wt. of KMnO₄ in :

- (a) Acidic Medium (b) Neutral Medium (c) In alkaline Medium
- **Ans.** (a) In Acidic Medium the reaction is :

$$5 e^{-} + 8 H^{+} + MnO_{4}^{-} \longrightarrow 4 H_{2}O + Mn^{2+}$$

$$\therefore \frac{M}{5} = \frac{158}{5} = 31.6 \text{ g}$$

(b) In Neutral Medium the reaction is:

$$MnO_4^- + 2 H_2O + 3 e^- \longrightarrow MnO_2 + 4 OH^-$$

$$\therefore$$
 eq. wt. = $\frac{M}{3} = \frac{158}{3} = 52.67$

- (c) In Alkaline Medium the reaction is:
 - (i) Strongly Alkaline Medium

$$MnO_4^- + e^- \longrightarrow MnO_4^{2-}$$

magnate ion

$$\therefore \frac{M}{1} = \frac{158}{1} = 158$$

(ii) In Weakly Alkaline Medium the reaction is:

$$MnO_{4}^{-} + 2 H_{2}O + 3 e^{-} \longrightarrow MnO_{2} + 4 OH^{-}$$

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Same as in neutral medium

$$\frac{M}{3} = \frac{158}{3} = 52.67$$

- Q. 2. K₂Pt⁺⁴Cl₆ is well known compound and corresponding Ni⁴⁺ Salt it unknown? Whereas Ni⁺² is more stable than Pt⁺².
- Ans. The stability of the compounds depend upon sum of ionization enthalpies :

$$IE_{1} + IE_{2} < IE_{1} + IE_{2}$$

in Ni

in Pt

∴ Ni²⁺ is stable than Pt⁺².

$$IE_1 + IE_2 + IE_3 + IE_4 < IE_1 + IE_2 + IE_3 + IE_4$$

in Pt4+

in Ni4+

- ∴ Pt⁴⁺ is stable, ∴ K₂PtCl₆ is well known compound
- Q. 3. Sc3+ is more stable than Sc2+.
- **Ans.** $Sc = 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^1 4s^2$

$$Sc^{3+} = 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$$

Inert gas configuration : more stable.

- Q. 4. Why KMnO₄ is bright in colour?
- **Ans.** It is due to charge transfer. In MnO₄⁻ an electron is momentarily transferred from O to the metal, thus momentarily O²⁻ is changed to O⁻ and reducing the oxidation state of the metal from Mn (VII) to Mn (VI).
- Q. 5. Why gold, Pt are dissolved in aqua Ragia?

Ans. Au + 4 Cl⁻
$$\longrightarrow$$
 AuCl₄⁻ + 3 e⁻ (oxidation)

$$3 e^{-} + 4 H^{+} + NO_{3}^{-} \longrightarrow NO + 2 H_{2}O$$
 (reduction)

$$Au + 4 H^+ + 4 Cl^- + NO_3^- \longrightarrow AuCl_4^- + NO + 2 H_2O$$

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Pt + 6 Cl⁻
$$\longrightarrow$$
 PtCl₆²⁻ + 4 e⁻ × 3 (oxidation)
4 e⁻ + 4 H⁺ + NO₃⁻ \longrightarrow NO + 2 H₂O × 4 (reduction)
18 Cl⁻ + 3 Pt + 16 H⁺ + 4 NO₃⁻ \longrightarrow 3 PtCl₆²⁻ + 4 NO + 8 H₂O

Q. 6. (a) CrO is basic but Cr₂O₃ is amphoteric?

O. N.
$$+2 +3$$

- Ans. (a) Higher the oxidation state higher the acidity. In lower oxidation state some of valence e-of the metal atom are not involved in bonding, : can donate e- and behave as base. In higher oxidation state e- are involved in bonding and are not available, rather it can accept e- and behave as an acid.
 - (b) Why the following is the order:

$$V_2O_3$$
 V_2O_4 V_2O_5

Basicity.

Ans.
$$\therefore$$
 Basicity α $\frac{1}{\text{Oxidation No.}}$

refer (a) for reason.

Q. 7. (a) How is Lanthanoids magnetic moment is calculated?

Ans.
$$b = \sqrt{4 S (S+1) + L (L+1)} B. M.$$

Where S = Spin quantum no.

L = Orbital quantum no.

- (b) In the titration of Fe²⁺ ions with KMnO₄ in acidic medium, why dil. H_2SO_4 is used and not dil. HCl.
- **Ans.** KMnO₄ produce Cl₂ KMnO₄ in presence of dil. HCl acts as oxidising agent, Oxygen produced is used up partly for oxidation of HCl:



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2 KMnO₄ + 3 H₂SO₄
$$\longrightarrow$$
 K₂SO₄ + 2 MnSO₄ + 3 H₂O + 5 (O)
2 KMnO₄ + 4 HCl \longrightarrow 2 KCl + 2 MnCl₂ + 2 H₂O + 6 (O)
2 HCl + (O) \longrightarrow H₂O + Cl₂

- Q. 8. (a) The E° value for Ce⁴⁺/Ce³⁺ is 1.74 Volt.
 - (b) K₂Cr₂O₇ is used as Primary Standard in volumetric analysis.
- **Ans.** (a) Ce⁴⁺ is strong oxidant, being Lanthanoid it reverts to Ce³⁺ as + 3 is most stable.
 - (b) K₂Cr₂O₇ is not much soluble in cold water. However, it is obtained in pure state and is not Hygroscopic in nature.
- Q. 9. (a) Although Cu⁺ has configuration 3 d¹⁰ 4 s⁰ (stable) and Cu²⁺ has configuration 3 d⁹ (unstable configuration) still Cu²⁺ compounds are more stable than Cu⁺.
 - (b) Titanium (IV) is more stable than Ti (III) or Ti (II).
- **Ans.** (a) It is due to much more (–) ∆ Hydration H- of Cu²+ (aq) than Cu+, which is more than compensates for the II ionization enthalpy of Cu.
 - (b) $_{22}$ Ti = 3 d² 4 s²

$$Ti^{III} = 3 d^1$$

$$Ti^{II} = 3 d^2$$

$$Ti^{IV} = 3 d^{\circ}$$

most stable configuration.

∴ Ti^{IV} is more stable than Ti^{III} and Ti^{II}.

- Q. 10. The actinoids exhibit more number of oxidation states and give their common oxidation states.
- **Ans.** As the distance between the nucleus and 5 f orbitals (actinoides) is more than the distance between the nucleus and 4 f (lanthanoids) hence the hold of the nucleus on valence electrons decrease in actinoids. For this reason the actinoids exhibit more number of oxidation states in general.

Common O. N. exhibited are + 3 (similar to Canthanoids) besides + 3 state, also show + 4, maximum oxidation state in middle of series i. e. Pu and Np. have anoidation state upto + 7.

Q. 11. (a) Give reason CrO₃ is an acid anhydride.







- (b) Give the structure of CrO₅.
- **Ans.** (a) $CrO_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2CrO_4$ i. e. CrO_3 is formed by less of one H_2O molecule from chromic acid :

$$- H_{2}O$$

$$H_{2}CrO_{4} \longrightarrow CrO_{3}$$
(b)

Q. 12. A wellknown orange crystalline compound (A) when burnt impart violet colour to flame. (A) on treating (B) and conc. H₂SO₄ gives red gas (C) which gives red yellow solution (D) with alkaline water. (D) on treating with acetic acid and lead acetate gives yellow p. pt. (E). (B) sublimes on heating. Also on heating (B) with NaOH gas (F) is formed which gives white fumes with HCI. What are (A) to (F)?

Ans. (i) $K_2Cr_2O_7 + 4 NH_4CI + 3 H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 +$

(A) (B) Sublime

 $2 \operatorname{Cr_2O_2Cl_2} + 2 (\operatorname{NH_4})_2 \operatorname{SO_4} + 3 \operatorname{H_2O}$

Chromyl Chloride red gas (C)

(ii) $CrO_2Cl_2 + 4 NaOH \longrightarrow Na_2CrO_4 + 2 NaCl + 2 H_2O$

(D) Yellow Soln.

(iii) $Na_2CrO_4 + (CH_3COO)_2 Pb \longrightarrow PbCrO_4 + 2 CH_3COONa$

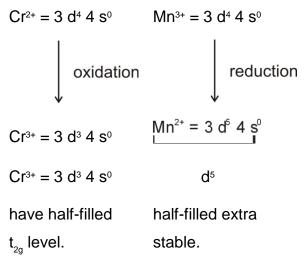
Yellow p. pt. (E)

- Q. 13. Why is Cr²⁺ reducing and Mn³⁺ oxidising when both have d⁴ configuration?
- Ans. Cr²+ is reducing as its configuration changes from d⁴ to d³, the d³ has half-filled t₂g level. n the other hand, the change from Mn²+ to Mn³+ results in the half filled (dS) configuration which has extra stability.



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- Q. 14. (a) In MnO₄⁻ ion all the bonds formed between Mn and Oxygen are covalent. Give reason.
 - (b) Beside + 3 oxidation state Terbium Tb also shows + 4 oxidation state. (Atomic no. = 65)
- Ans. (a) In MnO_4^- , O. N. is + 7, but it is not possible to lose 7 electrons because very high energy is required to remove 7 electrons. Therefore it forms covalent bonds.
 - (b) Tb = 65 E. C. is $4 f^9 6 s^2$

 $Tb^{4+} = 4 f^7 6 s^0$

half-filled f-orbital : stable.

after losing 4 e- it attains half-filled orbital.

- Q. 15. (a) Highest manganese flouride is MnF₄ whereas the highest oxide is Mn₂O₇.
 - (b) Copper can not librate H, from dil acids :

Note: Although only oxidising acids (HNO₃ and hot conc. H₂SO₄) react with Cu light.

- **Ans.** (a) The ability of oxygen to form multiple bonds to metals, explain its superiority to show higher oxidation state with metal.
 - (b) Positive E° value (+ O 34 Volt) accounts for its inability to liberate H_2 from acids. The high energy to transform Cu (s) to Cu^{2+} (aq) is not balanced by its Hydration enthalpy.



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Note: For (b) Consult Fig. 8.4 in NCERT

Q. 16. A metal which is strongly attracted by a magnet is attacked slowly by the HCl liberating a gas and producing a blue solution. The addition of water to this solution causes it to turn pink, the metal is

Ans. The metal is CO

$$CO + 2 HCI \longrightarrow COCl_2 + H_2$$

blue solution

 $COCl_2$ in solution is $[CO(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$

blue pink