

Reactivity Series

Question Paper

Level	GCSE
Subject	Chemistry
Exam Board	Edexcel IGCSE
Module	Single Award (Paper 2C)
Topic	Chemistry of the Elements
Sub-Topic	Reactivity Series
Booklet	Question Paper

Time Allowed: 22 minutes

Score: /18

Percentage: /100

Grade Boundaries:

A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
>85%	75%	70%	60%	55%	50%	<50%

1 Solid X contains two cations (positive ions) and one anion (negative ion).

One of the cations is Fe^{3+}

(a) The table describes the tests carried out on an aqueous solution of X and some of the observations made.

Complete the table by giving the missing observation.

(1)

Test	Observation
add sodium hydroxide solution
then heat the mixture and test the gas given off with damp red litmus paper	litmus paper turns blue
add dilute hydrochloric acid, then add a few drops of barium chloride solution	white precipitate forms

(b) (i) Which cation, other than Fe^{3+} , is present in X?

Explain your answer.

(2)

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explanation.....
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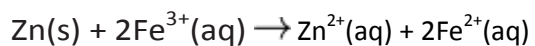
(ii) Identify the anion present in X.

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(c) When zinc is added to a solution containing Fe³⁺ ions, a reaction occurs.

The ionic equation for this reaction is



Identify the reducing agent in this reaction and explain your choice.

(2)

reducing agent.....

explanation.....

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(Total for Question 1= 6 marks)

2 This question is about the reactions of some metals and their compounds.

(a) A student adds a sample of four metals R, S, T and U separately to water and to dilute sulfuric acid.

The table shows the observations in each experiment.

Metal	Observation with water	Observation with dilute sulfuric acid
R	no change	bubbles form slowly
S	bubbles form quickly	bubbles form very quickly
T	no change	no change
U	bubbles form slowly	bubbles form quickly

(i) State two properties of the metals that the student should keep the same in all of the experiments in order to compare their reactivity.

(2)

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(ii) Which is the least reactive metal?

(1)

- A metal R
- B metal S
- C metal T
- D metal U

(iii) Which gas forms during the reactions with dilute sulfuric acid?

(1)

- A carbon dioxide
- B hydrogen
- C oxygen
- D sulfur dioxide

(b) The student carries out a test to show that the solution formed when metal U reacts with dilute sulfuric acid contains sulfate ions.

Use words from the box to complete the sentence about this test.

Each word may be used once, more than once or not at all.

(2)

brown precipitate	solution of barium chloride	solution of silver nitrate
solution of sodium hydroxide	white precipitate	yellow precipitate

He adds a and observes

the formation of a

(c) The student observes a lilac colour in a flame test on a small sample of a different metal compound.

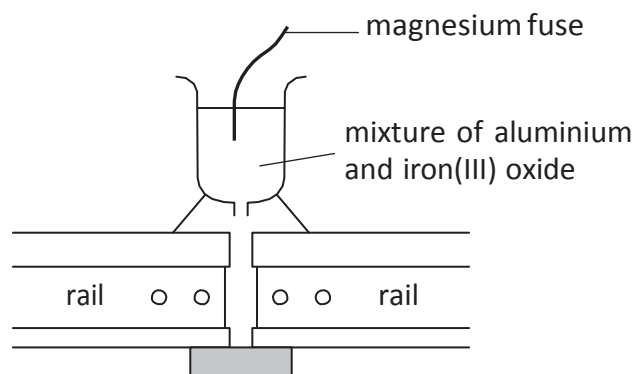
Which metal ions cause the formation of this colour?

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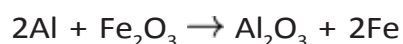
- A copper
- B magnesium
- C potassium
- D zinc

(Total for Question 2 = 7 marks)

- 3 The thermite reaction is used on railways to produce molten iron for joining rails together. The diagram shows how this is done.



The equation for this thermite reaction is



- (a) What does this reaction show about the reactivity of iron compared to the reactivity of aluminium?

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- (b) Why is this reaction described as displacement?

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- (c) State two reasons why the term oxidation applies to aluminium in this reaction.

(2)

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- (d) Although the thermite reaction is exothermic, it only begins after a lot of heat energy is supplied.

How is this heat energy supplied?

(1)

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(Total for Question 3 = 5 marks)