

REVISION QUESTIONS. IONIC THEORY AND ELECTROLYSIS

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CHEMISTRY

1. Identify the letter correct answer from the alternatives provided.

i) One of the following is not an electrolyte:-

A) A very concentrated sulphuric acid

B) Molten aluminium oxide

C) Copper sulphate solution.

D) Sodium chloride solution.

ii) Ionic compounds are electrolyte but when they are in solid state they can not conduct electricity because ____

A) They do not contain charged particles.

B) They contain charged particles.

C) Ions are not free to move

D) There is free movement of ions.

iii) Any substance which found in molten state and can allow electricity to pass through is called

A) Electrolyte

B) Conductor

C) Insulator

D) Electric wire.

iv) Positively and negatively charged particles are called

A) Electrodes

B) Cations

C) Cathodes

D) Ions

v) ____ is electrolytic unit of charge.

A) Current

B) Faraday

C) Coulomb

D) Ampere

vi) During electrolysis _____ and ____ ions are discharged when dilute sodium chloride solution used as an electrolyte and platinum electrodes.

A) Cl and Na

B) O and OH

C) H and OH

D) H and Cl

vii) An electric current was passed through concentrated solution of hydrochloric acid using carbon electrodes. The substance liberated at anode was.

A) Copper

B) Sodium

C) Hydrogen

D) Chlorine

viii) Amount of charge carried by one mole of electrons.

A) Faraday

B) 96500

C) Current

D) Ions

ix) Relates the quantity of electricity passed and amount of substance liberated or deposited at the electrodes.

A) Laws of electrolysis

B) Faraday's constant

C) Electrochemical series

D) Relative molar mass

x) Migrates to positively charged electrode.

A) Copper

B) Sodium

C) Cation

D) Anion.

2. Match items in list A and items in list B.

LIST A.

i) Electrodes

ii) Conductor

iii) Electrolyte

iv) Insulator

v) Anode

vi) Cathode

vii) Weak electrolyte

viii) Strong electrolytes

ix) Cation

x) Anion

LIST B.

A: Moves in molten state.

B: Slightly ionised in aqueous solution.

C: Do not allow electricity to pass through.

D: Allows electricity to pass through when it is in molten state.

E: Electricity enter or leave electrolytes through them.

F: Only current pass through them

G: Mineral acids and salts

H: Positively charged element.

I: Negatively charged element.

J: Solid substance that allow electricity to pass through.

K: Negatively charged electrode.

L: Positively charged electrode.

M: Ethanol and water.

N: Migration of ions.

3. Write true for correct statement and false for incorrect statement.

- i) Ethanol is a weak electrolyte.
- ii) Non-electrolytes exist in form of molecules and do not ionize.
- iii) When structure of an electrolyte destroyed ions become free to move.
- iv) During electrolysis cations attracted to anode because they are negatively charged.
- v) Discharge means losing property of being charged.
- vi) During electrolysis chemical reactions produced at electrodes
- vii) Concentration of electrolyte is among of factors for the ion to be discharged during electrolysis.
- viii) Sodium chloride is a strong electrolyte.
- ix) Mass liberated by one Coulomb during electrolysis refers to molar mass.
- x) Electrolysis applied in crop production

4. Define the following terms:-

- a) Electrodes
- b) Electrolyte
- c) Electrolysis
- d) Anode
- e) Cathode

5. Explain how ions migrate during electrolysis when an electricity is passing through copper two sulphate solution.

6. State the meaning of the following words in electrolysis.

- a) Weak electrolyte
- b) Conductor
- c) Cation

- d) Strong electrolyte
- e) Anion.
- f) Non- electrolyte.
- g) Electrochemical equivalent.
- h) Electroplating.

7. Explain reasons for

- a) Sugar.
- b) A very concentrated sulphuric acid.

to be incapable to conduct electricity while water can conduct.

8. Calculate number of electrons of Aluminium used to deposit 1mole of of Al during electrolysis when molten Aluminium oxide used as electrolyte and 3 Faradays were needed to deposit one mole of Aluminium .

9. State Faraday's laws of electrolysis.

10. A steady current of 2A passed through a solution containing ions of divalent metal M (M^{2+})for nine minutes. The mass of metal M liberated was 0.3552g. calculate relative atomic mass of metal M.

11. Write chemical equations for discharging process at cathode and anode when dilute sulphuric acid is electrolysed using platinum electrodes.

12. A bluish copper(ii) sulphate aqueous solution was electrolysed by copper electrodes.

(a) Write ionic equations for the reactions.

(b) Explain what will happen for blue colour of copper(ii) sulphate as electrolysis continue when carbon electrodes used.

13. A solution of sodium hydroxide was electrolysed using platinum electrodes and the solution became alkaline.

(i) write reactions that took place at electrodes.

(ii) explain why the solution remains alkaline.

14. A current of 0.5A were made to flow through silver voltameter for 30 minutes.

Calculate the mass of silver deposited and its equivalent weight.

15. 298500 coulombs were required to deposit one mole of metallic element Q from its aqueous salt solution. Calculate the valence of Q.

16. Current of 5A passed through molten aluminium chloride for 3.5 hours, what number of coulombs will be?

17. What mass of copper will be liberated during electrolysis of copper sulphate solution by charge of one faraday.

18. A sample of impure silver with a mass of 3.45g was used as anode during electrolysis purifying process. The cathode of pure gold with mass 6.45g used. After electrolysis the cathode found to have 9.66g.

(i) calculate number of coulombs passed

(ii) what is percentage purity of the impure silver?

19. An element X has a relative atomic mass of 88, when a current of 0.5A was passed through the fused chloride of X for 32 minutes and 10 seconds 0.44g was deposited at cathode.

(i) Calculate the number of faradays needed to liberate 1 mole of X.

(ii) Write formula for X ion.

(iii) write formula for chloride ion.

20. Name ions that move to:-

a) Anode

b) Cathode

during electrolysis.

21. A solution of 1M copper (ii) chloride was electrolysed using graphite electrodes.

Write the reactions took place at

(a) cathode

(b) anode.

22. Differentiate chemical equivalent from electrochemical equivalent.

23. A current of 10000 A is passing through an electrolytic cell for 12 hours in order to purify copper.

(a) What mass of pure copper is deposited at cathode?

(b) Calculate mass of aluminium that would be deposited if the cell was changed to refine aluminium.

24. 0.02 moles of electrons were passed through a solution of sodium hydroxide using platinum electrodes.

(i) state gases produced

(ii) Calculate number of mole of each gas and volume of each gas at S.T.P

25. A light bulb uses a current of 0.6A how many Faraday will be used by light by each hour?

26. State the meaning of the following terms in electrolysis.

(a) Oxidation

(b) Reduction

(c) Coulumb

(d) Reducing agent

(e) Oxidizing agent

27. What are the differences between anode and cathode.

28. Electric current was passed through a solution of sodium hydroxide using platinum electrodes, draw a labelled electrolytic cell for this electrolysis. indicate the directions of movement of ions.

SOLUTIONS.

1. i) A ii) C iii) A iv) D v) C

vi) C vii) D viii) B ix) A x) D

2. i) E ii) J iii) D iv) C v) L

vi) K vii) B viii) G ix) H x) I

3. i) False vi) True

ii) True vii) True

iii) True viii) True

iv) False ix) False

v) True x) False

4. a) Electrodes:- are metal rods or plates through which electric current enter or leave the electrolytes.

b) Electrolyte:- is a substance that when it is in solution form or molten state conducts electricity.

c) Electrolysis:- defined as decomposition of the compound which is in solution or molten state by passing electricity through it.

d) Anode:- is a positively electrode which leads electrons out of the electrolyte.

e) Cathode:- is a negatively electrode which leads electrons into the electrolyte.

5. Copper (ii) solution as electrolyte it contain the following ions:-

Copper ions(Cu^{2+})

Hydrogen ions(H^+)

Sulphate ions(SO_4^{2-}) and

Hydroxide ions(OH^-).

During electrolysis, Sulphate ions(SO_4^{2-}) and Hydroxide ions(OH^-) Move to positively electrode or anode.

Copper ions(Cu^{2+}) and Hydrogen ions(H^+) move to negatively electrode or cathode.

6. a) Weak electrolyte:- is an electrolytic compound that ionizes partially in aqueous solution.

b) Conductor:- is any solid substance which allows electricity.

b) Cation:- is a positively charged ion.

c) Strong electrolyte:- is an electrolytic compound that ionizes completely in aqueous solution.

d) Anion:- is a negatively charged ion.

e) Electrochemical equivalent:- is the mass of one element liberated by one coulomb of electricity during electricity.

f) Non- electrolyte :- is the compound which does not conduct electricity in solution or molten state.

g) Electroplating:- refers to the coating of metal with a layer of another metal by means of electrolysis.

7. a) An electrolytic compound conducts electricity due to presence of free ions when it is in solution or molten state but sugar solution contains only molecules not ions that is why it does not conduct electricity.

b) A very concentrated mineral acids contain only molecules of acids not ions. When become diluted, their molecular structure destroyed and ions formed.

There fore a very concentrated sulphuric acid contains molecules not ions, this is reason for it to be not able to conduct electricity.

8. Solution.

Electrolytic reaction indicates that Aluminium ions discharged and deposited at cathode.



there fore:-

3 moles(Faradays) of electrons needed 1 mole of Aluminium atom to be deposited.

3 electrons used.

Number of electrons = number of moles of aluminium x Avogadro's constant.

$$N = nL_{Ao} \quad \text{where by}$$

N=number of electrons

n=number of moles = 3

L_{Ao} =Avogadro's constant= 6.02×10^{23}

$$N = 3 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$$

The number of electrons of Aluminium = 18.06×10^{23}

9. There are two Faraday's laws of electrolysis which are:-

a) Faraday's first law of electrolysis and

b) Faraday's second law of electrolysis

a) Faraday's first law of electrolysis states that "The mass of substance produced or dissolved at the electrode during electrolysis is proportional to the moles of quantity of electricity transferred at the electrode".

b) Faraday's second law of electrolysis states that "when the same quantity of electricity is passed through the solutions of different electrolytes, the mass of the substances liberated or deposited at the electrodes is directly proportional to their chemical equivalents".

10. Solution

Data given: mass liberated = 0.3552g

Current = 2 A

R.A.M = required

Time = 9 min = 540 sec.

Mass = ZIt Z = equivalent weight

I = current

t = time

$Z = \frac{\text{R.A.M}}{\text{charge (coulombs)}}$

Therefore:-

Mass = $\left(\frac{\text{R.A.M}}{\text{charge}}\right) It$.

Then. $R.A.M = \text{Mass} \times \text{charge} / \text{It.}$

Since 2 Faradays required 1 mole of metal M to be liberated.

And 1 mole (faraday) = 96500 coulomb (charge)

96500 is faraday's constant.

Charge = number of Faradays \times Faraday's constant

Number of Faraday = 2

Faraday's constant = 96500 coulombs

$R.A.M = 0.3552 \times 2 \times 96500 / 2 \times 540$

= 63.5

Relative atomic mass of metal M = 63.5

11. Dilute sulphuric acid as electrolyte contains the following ions:-

H⁺ from water and sulphuric acid

OH⁻ from water and

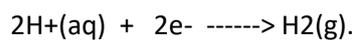
SO₄²⁻ from sulphuric acid

During electrolysis H⁺ migrate to cathode where by OH⁻ and SO₄²⁻ migrate to anode.

Reaction at cathode

Hydrogen ions (H⁺) discharged to form hydrogen gas

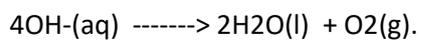
Chemical equation is



Reaction at anode

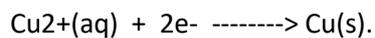
Hydroxide ions(OH⁻) discharged in preference to sulphate ions(SO₄²⁻) because hydroxide ions have greater tendency of losing electrons than sulphate ions. Oxygen formed and collected as gas

Chemical equation is



12. (a) Reaction at cathode

Copper ions discharged in preference to hydrogen ions and deposited as brown coat at electrode.



Reaction at anode

Neither copper ions nor hydroxide ions discharged but copper anode dissolves to form copper ions.



NB.

The mass of cathode increases while that of anode decreases.

(b) Fading of blue colour of copper ions takes place due to decrease of copper ions, finally the colourless solution of dilute sulphuric acid obtained after all copper ions being discharged.

13. i) The ions present in dilute sodium hydroxide are:-

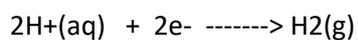
Na⁺ from NaOH

H⁺ from water

OH⁻ from water and Na OH.

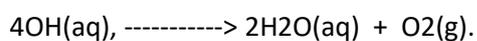
At cathode

Hydrogen ions discharged in preference to sodium ions. Hydrogen gas formed



At anode

Hydroxide ions discharged. Water and oxygen formed.



ii) The solution remains alkaline because sodium ions reacts with hydroxide ions from water molecules formed during reaction which takes place at anode.

14. Solution.

Given data

Current = 0.5 A

Time=30 min.=1800 seconds

Mass = required

From

$$\text{Mass} = zIt$$

Where by z = electrochemical equivalent

I = current

t = time in seconds

First we have to find value of z

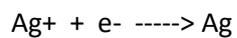
From

$$z = \text{R.A.M} / \text{charge}$$

$$\text{R.A.M of silver} = 108$$

Reaction at cathode shows that

1 Faraday required to deposit 1 mole



Charge = number of Faraday x Faraday's constant

$$\text{Charge} = 1F \times 96500$$

$$= 96500 \text{ coulombs}$$

$$Z = 108 / 96500$$

$$= 0.00112$$

$$\text{mass} = 0.00112 \times 0.5$$

$$= 1.007\text{g}$$

1.007g of silver deposited.

Equivalent weight (z) = R.A.M/Charge

where by R.A.T = 108

Charge = No. Faradays x F. Constant

$$= 1 \times 96500$$

$$= 96500 \text{ coulombs}$$

$$Z = 108/96500$$

$$= 0.001119 \sim 1.119 \times 10^{-3}$$

15. solution

Given data

Charge = 298500 coulombs

1 Faraday (mole/electron) = 96500 coulombs

1F -----> 96500 coulombs

? <----- 298500 coulombs.

$$? = 298500/96500$$

$$= 3.093 \sim 3$$

There fore:-

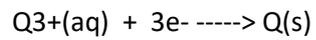
3Faradays were required to deposit 1 mole of metallic element Q.

NB:

-If 1F required to deposit 1 mole of metallic element(that metal is monovalent)

-If 2F used to deposit 1 mole of metallic element(that is divalent element)

Element Q is trivalent because its 3 Faradays were required to deposit one mole.



Its valence is 3

16. Solution

Given data.

Current= 5A

Time=3.5 hours

But time must be changed into seconds

$$3.5 \times 60 \times 60 = 12600 \text{ seconds}$$

Coulombs = It

$$Q = It$$

Where by I= current

t= time in seconds.

$$Q = 5 \times 12600$$

$$= 63000 \text{ coulombs.}$$

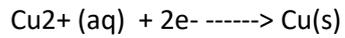
17. Solution

Given data.

Number of faradays = 1

Mass. = required

Copper ions discharged and its mass discharged at cathode.



In this reaction

2Faredays required to deposit 1 mole of copper.

$$2\text{F} \longrightarrow 63.5\text{g}$$

$$1\text{F} \longrightarrow ?$$

$$=31.75\text{g}(\text{answer})$$

18. Solution

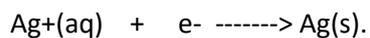
(i) Given data

Mass of impure silver = 3.45g Mass of cathode after electrolysis=9.66g

Mass of cathode(gold) before electrolysis = 6.45g

Number of coulombs = required.

During electrolysis the following reaction takes place at cathode.



It means 1 Faraday required to deposit 1 mole of silver.

Atomic mass of silver = 108g

Mass of silver deposited = 9.66g - 6.45g

$$= 3.21\text{g}$$

$$1\text{F} = 108\text{g}$$

$$? = 3.21\text{g}$$

$$? = 0.0297 \text{ Faradays}$$

No. of coulombs = No. F x F.constant

$$= 0.0297 \times 96500$$

$$= 2868.19 \text{ coulombs}$$

(ii) %purity = $\frac{\text{M.of pure}}{\text{M.of impure}} \times 100$

Mass of pure silver = 9.66g - 6.45g

Mass of impure silver = 3.45g

$$\% \text{purity} = \frac{3.21}{3.45} \times 100$$

$$= 93.4\%$$

19. (i) Solution.

Given data

R.A.M = 88

Mass = 0.44g

Time = 32 min + 10 seconds = 1930 sec.

From

Mass = zIt

$$Z = \text{mass}/It = 0.44 / 0.5 \times 1930$$

$$= 0.000456$$

$$Z = \text{R.A.M}/\text{coulombs}(\text{No. Of Faradays} \times \text{Faraday's constant})$$

$$Z = \text{R.A.M}/ \text{No. Of F} \times \text{Faraday's constant}$$

No. Faradays = $\text{R.A.M}/Z \times \text{Faraday's constant}$.

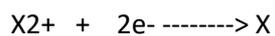
$$= 88 / 0.000456 \times 96500$$

$$= 2$$

2 Faradays were required to liberate 1 mole of X.

(ii) since 2 Faradays were required to liberate one mole of X

Number of Faraday can represent number of electrons or moles.



The formula for X ion is X^{2+} .

(iii) Chlorine ionizes by gaining one electron

Its ionic formula is Cl^{-}

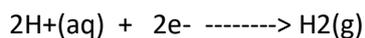
20. (a) Cations

(b) Anions

21. Since the solution is dilute, preferential discharge determined by position in electrochemical series.

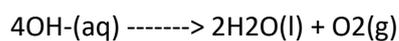
At cathode.

Hydrogen ions discharged in preference to copper ions



At anode.

Hydroxide ions discharged in preference to chlorine ions.



22. Electrochemical equivalent is the mass of an element liberated by one coulomb of electricity during electrolysis.

While

Chemical equivalent is the mass of an element deposited or liberated by one Faraday during electrolysis.

23. Solution.

(a) Given data

$$\text{Current} = 10000\text{A}$$

$$\text{Time} = 12\text{hr} = 12 \times 60 \times 60 \text{ sec.}$$

$$= 43200 \text{ seconds.}$$

$$\text{Mass.} = zIt$$

$$Z = \frac{\text{R.A.M}}{\text{No. of Faradays}} \times \text{F.constant}$$

During electrolysis.

2F required to deposit 1mole of copper

$$z = 63.5/2 \times 96500$$

$$= 0.000329$$

$$\text{Mass} = 0.000329 \times 10000 \times 43200$$

$$= 142128 \text{g (answer)}$$

(b) Data given

Mass of copper = 142128g

Mass of aluminium = required

From

$$E_1/E_2 = M_1/M_2$$

Where by E = chemical equivalent

M = mass

Let E1 be chemical equivalent of copper

E2 be chemical equivalent of aluminium

$E = \text{R.A.M} / \text{No. Of faradays.}$

$$E_1 = 63.5/2$$

$$= 31.75$$

$$E_2 = 27/3$$

$$= 9$$

$$31.75/9 = 142128 / \text{mass of Al}$$

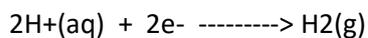
$$31.75 \text{ mass of Al} = 9 \times 142128$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mass of Al} &= 1279152 / 31.75 \\ &= 40288.252 \text{g (answer)} \end{aligned}$$

24. (i) Ions discharge determined by position of element in electrochemical series because sodium hydroxide solution is dilute.

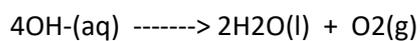
At cathode.

Hydrogen ions discharged in preference to sodium ions.



At anode.

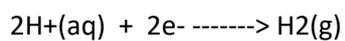
Hydroxide ions discharged and are only anions which found in the solution.



Gases produced are hydrogen and oxygen.

(ii) volume of hydrogen gas at s.t.p

Hydrogen produced at cathode.



It means 2 moles used to produce 1mole of hydrogen gas.

1mole = 22.4 litres according molar volume of gases at s.t.p

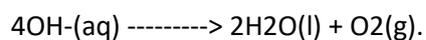
$$2\text{moles(F)} = 22.4\text{L}$$

$$0.02\text{moles(F)} = ?$$

$$? = 0.224 \text{ L}$$

Volume of hydrogen gas at s.t.p = 0.224L.

Oxygen gas produced at anode



$$4\text{moles} \longrightarrow 22.4\text{L}$$

$$0.02\text{moles} \longrightarrow ?$$

Volume of oxygen at s.t.p = 0.112 L.

25. Solution.

Given data

$$\text{Current} = 0.6\text{A}$$

$$\text{Time} = 1\text{hour} = 60\text{ minutes}$$

In order to calculate number of faradays, quantity of charge (coulombs) must be obtained.

Coulombs(charge) = It

But time must be in seconds = 60 x 60

= 3600 seconds

Coulombs = 0.6 x 3600

= 2160 plumb's

1 F = 96500

? = 2160

= 0.0224 F

28. Anode. Cathode

-electrons leave ele -electrons enter ele
ctrolyte through it. ctrolyte.

-it is positively cha - it is negatively cha
arged. arged.

-it attracts anions. - it attracts cations.

29. NaOH electrolyte contains, sodium ions(Na+), hydrogen ions (H+) and hydroxide ions, when electricity allowed to pass through it hydrogen and sodium ions move to cathode where by hydroxide ions move to anode.