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Very Short Answer Questions 2 Marks

1. Give reasons for the diagonal relationship observed in the periodic table .



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2. Write completely the electronic configurations of K and Rb.



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3. Lithium salts are mostly hydrated . Why ?



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4. Which of the alkali metals shows abnormal density ? What is the order of the variation of density among the IA group elements ?



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5. Lithium react with water less vigorously than sodium. Give your reason.



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6. Lithium Iodide is the most covalent among the alkali metal halides . Give the reason.



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7. In what respects lithium hydrogen carbonate differs from other alkali metal hydrogen carbonates?



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8. Write the complete electronic configuration of any two alkaline metals .



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9. Tell about the variation of m. pts., and b.pts among the alkaline earth metals .



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10. What are the characteristic colours imparted by the II A elements?



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11. What happens when magnesium metal is burnt in air?



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12. Lithium carbonate is not so stable to heat as the other alkali metal carbonates. Explain.



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13. Write a balanced equation for the formation of ammoniated IIA metal ions from the metals in liquid ammonia?



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14. The fluorides of alkaline earth metals are relatively less soluble than their respective chlorides in water. Why?



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15. What happens when hydrated $Mg(NO_3)_2$ is heated? Give the balanced equation.



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16. Why does the solubility of alkaline earth metal hydroxide in water increase down the group?



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17. Why does the solubility of alkaline earth metal carbonates and sulphates in water decrease down the group?



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18. Write the average composition of Portland cement.



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19. Why is gypsum added to cement?



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20. Why are alkali metals not found in the free state in nature?





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21. Potassium carbonate cannot be prepared by Solvay process. Why?



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22. Describe the important uses of caustic soda.



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23. Describe the important uses of sodium carbonate.



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24. Describe the important uses of quick lime.



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25. Draw the structure of (i) $BeCl_2$ (vapour) and (ii) $BeCl_2$ (solid).



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26. Describe the importance of Plaster of Paris.



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27. Which of the alkaline earth metal carbonate is thermally the most stable? Why?



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28. Write balanced equation for the reactions between

(i) Na_2O_2 and water.



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29. Write balanced equation for the reactions between

(ii) K_2O and water.



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Short Answer Questions 4 Marks

1. Alkali metals and their salts impart characteristic colours to an oxidizing flame. Explain the reason.



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2. What makes caesium and potassium useful as electrodes in photoelectric cells?



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3. Write a short note on the reactivity of alkali metals towards air.



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4. Give any two uses for each of the following metal.

(i) Lithium



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5. Give any two uses for each of the following metal.

(ii) Sodium.



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6. Give an account of the properties of washing soda.



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7. Mention some uses of sodium carbonate.



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8. How do you obtain pure sodium chloride from a crude sample?



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9. What do you know about Castner-Kellner process? Write the principle involved in it.



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10. Write a few applications of caustic soda.



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11. Give an account of the biological importance of Na^+ and K^+ ions.



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12. Mention the important uses of Mg metals.



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13. Show that $Be(OH)_2$ is amphoteric in nature.



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14. Write a note on the anomalous behaviour of beryllium.



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15. Be shows diagonal relationship with Al.
Disicuss.



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16. What is Plaster of Paris? Write a short note
on it.



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17. In what ways lithium shows similarities to magnesium in its chemical behavior?



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18. When an alkali metal dissolves in liquid ammonia the solution can acquire different colours. Explain the reasons for this type of colour change.



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19. What happens when

(i) Sodium metal is dropped in water?



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20. What happens when

(ii) Sodium metal is heated in a free supply of
air?



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21. What happens when

(iii) Sodium peroxide dissolves in water ?



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22. State as to why

(i) An aqueous solution of Na_2CO_3 is alkaline.



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23. State as to why

(ii) Alkali metals are prepared by the electrolysis of their fused chlorides?



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24. How would you explain the following observation?

(i) BeO is almost insoluble but $BeSO_4$



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25. How would you explain the following observation?

(ii) BaO is soluble but $BaSO_4$ is insoluble in water



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Long Answer Question 8 Marks

1. Justify the inclusion of alkali metals in the same group of the periodic table with

reference to the following.

(i) Electronic configuration.



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2. Justify the inclusion of alkali metals in the same group of the periodic table with reference to the following.

(ii) Reducing nature.



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3. Justify the inclusion of alkali metals in the same group of the periodic table with reference to the following.

(iii) Oxides and hydroxides.



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4. Write an essay on the differences between lithium and other alkali metals.



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5. Discuss the preparation and properties of sodium carbonate.



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6. Discuss the similarities between alkaline earth metals and gradation in the following aspects: (i) Electronic configuration.



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7. Discuss the similarities between alkaline earth metals and gradation in the following aspects: (ii) Hydration enthalpies.



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8. Discuss the similarities between alkaline earth metals and gradation in the following aspects:

(iii) Nature of the oxides and hydroxides.



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9. Discuss on : (i) Carbonates.



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10. Discuss on : (ii) Sulphates.



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11. Discuss on : (iii) Nitrates of alkaline earth metals.





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12. What are the common physical and chemical features of alkali metals?



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13. Discuss the general characteristics and gradation in properties of alkaline earth metals.



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14. Discuss the various reactions that occur in the Solvay process.



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15. Starting with sodium chloride how would you proceed to prepare
(1) Sodium metal.



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16. Starting with sodium chloride how would you proceed to prepare

(2) Sodium hydroxide.



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17. Starting with sodium chloride how would you proceed to prepare

(3) Sodium peroxide.



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18. Starting with sodium chloride how would you proceed to prepare

(4) Sodium carbonate.



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19. What happens when

(i) Magnesium is burnt in air?



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20. What happens when

(ii) Quick lime is heated with silica?



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21. What happens when

(iii) Chlorine reacts with slaked heated?



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22. What happens when

(iv) Calcium nitrate is strongly heated?



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23. Explain the significance of sodium ,
potassium, magnesium and calcium in
biological fluids.



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24. Write a few lines about cement.



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25. Uses of Mg.



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