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THE P-BLOCK ELEMENTS

Solved Example

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11. (a) Which form of sulphur shows paramagnetic behaviour ?

(b) Compounds of fluorine and oxygen are called fluorides and not oxides. Explain.

(c) Sulphur disappears when boiled with an aqueous solution of sodium sulphite. Why ?



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12. What happens when

(i) Concentrated H_2SO_4 is added to calcium fluoride.

(ii) SO_3 is passed through water ?



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Exercise

1. Why are pentahalides more covalent than trihalides?



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2. Why is BiH_3 the strongest reducing agent amongst all the hydrides of group 15 elements?



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3. Why is N_2 less reactive at room temperature ?



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4. Mention the conditions required to maximise the yield of ammonia.



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5. How does ammonia react with a solution of Cu_2^{+} ?



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6. What is the covalence of nitrogen in N_2O_5 ?



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7. Bond angle in PH_4^+ is higher than that in PH_3 . Why ?



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8. (a) What happens when white phosphorus is heated with concentrated $NaOH$ solution in an inert atmosphere of CO_2 ?

(b) Draw the structure of white phosphorus

and red phosphorus. Which one of these two types of phosphorus, is more reactive and why ?



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9. What happens when

(A) PCl_5 is heated.

(B) PCl_5 is reacted with heavy water.

(C) H_3PO_3 is heated.



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11. What is the basicity of H_3PO_4 ?



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13. List the important sources of sulphur.



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14. Write the order of thermal stability of the hydrides of group 16 elements.



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15. Why is H_2O a liquid and H_2S a gas?



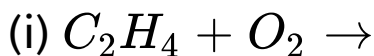
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16. Which of the following does not react with oxygen directly? Zn , Ti , Pt , Fe .



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17. Complete the following reactions:



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18. Why does O_3 act as a powerful oxidising agent?



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19. How is O_3 estimated quantitatively ?



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20. What happens when sulphur dioxide is passed through an aqueous solution of Fe(III) salt?



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21. Comment on the nature of two S–O bonds formed in SO_2 molecule. Are the two S–O bonds in this molecule equal ?



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22. How is the presence of SO_2 detected?



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23. Mention three areas in which H_2SO_4 plays an important role.



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24. Write the conditions to maximise the yield of H_2SO_4 by contact process.



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25. Why is $K_{a_2} < K_{a_1}$ for H_2SO_4 in water ?



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26. Considering the parameters such as bond dissociation enthalpy, electron gain enthalpy and hydration enthalpy, compare the oxidising power of F_2 and Cl_2



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27. Give two examples to show the anomalous behaviour of fluorine.





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28. Sea is the greatest source of some halogens. Comment.



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29. Give the reason for bleaching action of Cl_2 .



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30. Name two poisonous gases which can be prepared from chlorine gas.



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31. Why is ICl more reactive than I_2 ?



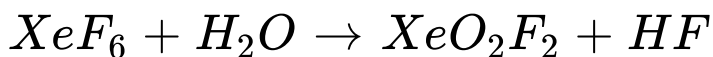
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32. Why is helium used in diving apparatus?



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33. Balance the following equation:



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34. Why has it been difficult to study the chemistry of radon?



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35. Discuss the general characteristics of Group 15 elements with reference to their electronic configuration, oxidation state, atomic size, ionisation enthalpy and electronegativity.



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36. Why does the reactivity of nitrogen differ from phosphorus?



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37. Discuss the trends in chemical reactivity of group 15 elements.



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38. Why does NH_3 form hydrogen bond but PH_3 does not?



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39. How is nitrogen prepared in the laboratory? Write the chemical equations of the reactions involved.



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40. How is ammonia manufactured industrially?



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41. Illustrate how copper metal can give different product on reaction with HNO_3 .



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42. Give the resonating structures of NO_2 and N_2O_5 .



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43. The HNH angle value is higher than HPH, HAsH and HSbH angles. Why?



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44. Why does $R_3P = 0$ exist but $R_3N = 0$ does not ($R =$ alkyl group)?



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45. Explain why NH_3 is basic while BiH_3 is only feebly basic ?



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46. Nitrogen exists as diatomic molecule and phosphorus as P_4 . Why ?



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47. Write main differences between the properties of white phosphorus and red phosphorus.



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48. Why does nitrogen show catenation properties less than phosphorus.



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49. Give the disproportionation reaction of H_3PO_3 .



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50. Can PCl_5 act as an oxidising as well as a reducing agent? Justify.



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51. Justify the placement of O, S, Se, Te and Po in the same group of the periodic table in terms of electronic configuration, oxidation state and hydride formation.



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52. Why is dioxygen a gas but sulphur a solid?



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53. Knowing the electron gain enthalpy values for $O \rightarrow O^{\ominus}$ and $O \rightarrow O^{2-}$ as -141 kJ mol^{-1} and $+702 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ respectively, how can you account for the formation of a large number of oxides having O^{2-} species and not O^{\ominus} ?



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54. Which aerosols deplete ozone?



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55. Describe the manufacture of H_2SO_4 by contact process?



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56. How is SO_2 an air pollutant?



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57. Why are halogens strong oxidising agents ?



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58. Explain why fluorine forms only one oxoacid, HOF.



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59. Explain why in spite of nearly the same electronegativity, nitrogen forms hydrogen bonding while chlorine does not.



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60. Write two uses of ClO_2 .



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61. Why are halogens coloured?



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62. Write the reactions of F_2 and Cl_2 with water.



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63. How can you prepare Cl_2 from HCl and HCl from Cl_2 ? Write reactions only.



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64. What inspired N. Bartlett for carrying out reaction between Xe and PtF_6 ?



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65. What are the oxidation states of phosphorus in the following:

(i) H_3PO_3 , (ii) PCl_3 , (iii) Ca_3P_2

(iv) Na_3PO_4 , (v) POF_3



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66. Write balanced equation for the following:

(i). $NaCl$ is heated with sulphuric acid in the presence of MnO_2 .

(ii). Chlorine gas is passed into a solution of NaI in water.



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67. How are xenon fluorides XeF_2 , XeF_4 and XeF_6 obtained?



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68. With what neutral molecule is ClO^\ominus isoelectronic Is that molecule a Lewis Base?



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69. How are XeO_3 and $XeOF_4$ prepared?



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70. Arrange the following in the order of property indicated for each set:

(i). F_2, Cl_2, Br_2, I_2 — increasing bond dissociation enthalpy.

(ii). HF, HCl, HBr, HI — increasing acid strength.

(iii). $NH_3, PH_3, AsH_3, SbH_3, BiH_3$ — increasing base strength.



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71. Which one of the following does not exist?



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72. Draw the molecular structures of the following :

(a) Noble gas species which is isostructural with BrO_3^-

(b) Dibasic oxoacid of phosphorus



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73. Why do noble gases have comparatively large atomic sizes?



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74. List the uses of neon and argon gases.



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