





CHEMISTRY

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F-BLOCK ELEMENTS



1. Variability in the oxidation states of lanthanides is limited. Why ?







1. On the basis of lanthanoid contraction, explain the following:

(i) Nature of bonding in La_2O_3 and Lu_2O_3 .

(ii) Trends in the stability of oxo salts of lanthanoids from La to Lu.

(iii) Stability of the complexes of lanthanoids.

(iv) Radii of 4d and 5d block elements.

(v) Trends in acidic character of lanthanoids oxides.



1. Which sub shell is filled up progressively in actinoids

A. 1.4f

B. 5f

C. 6d

D. 7s

Answer: B

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2. General valence shell electronic configuration of f – block elements is

A.
$$(n-2)f^{1-14}(n-1)d^{0-1}ns^2$$

B. $(n-2)f^{1-14}(n-1)d^{0-5}ns^{0-2}$
C. $(n-2)f^{1-14}(n-1)d^{0-10}ns^{1-2}$
D. $(n-2)f^{1-14}(n-1)d^{0-2}(n-1)s^2$

Answer: A

3. The inner transition elements are the elements which the added electrons go to

A. (n-1)d-orbitals

B. (n-2)f-orbitals

C. (n-1)d-orbitals and (n-1)f-orbitals

D. (n-1)d-orbitals and ns orbitals

Answer: B

4. The expected electronic configuration of cerium is

A.
$$[Xe]4f^05d^16s^2$$

- B. $[Xe]4f^{1}5d^{1}6s^{2}$
- C. $[Xe]4f^25d^06s^2$
- D. Both 2 and 3

Answer: B



5. Which of the following is not the configuration of lanthanoid A. $[Xe]4f^{10}.6s^2$ B. $[Xe]4f^15d^1.6s^2$

C. $[Xe]4f^{14}5d^{10}6s^1$

 $\mathsf{D}.\,[Xe]4f^75d^16s^2$

Answer: C

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6. The element with the electronic configuration $\left[Xe
ight]^{54}4f^{14}5d^{1}6s^{2}$ is a

A. Representative element

B. Transition element

C. Actinide element

D. Lanthanide element

Answer: D

- 7. Lanthanoids are
 - A. 14 elements in the seventh period (At. No. 90 to 103) that are filling 5f sublevel. B. 14 elements in the sixth period (At. No. 58 to 71) that are filling 4f sublevel. C. 14 elements in the seventh period (AT. No. 58 to 71) that are filling 4f sublevel.
 - D. 14 elements in the sixth period (AT. No.

90 to 103)

Answer: B



8. Which of the following lanthanoids is radiocative ?

A. Cerium

B. Promethium

C. Thulium

D. Lutetium

Answer: B



9. Which of the following are all radioactive elements.

A. Transition elements.

B. P block elements

C. Lathanides.

D. Actinides.





10. The most common lanthanoid is :

A. Lanthanum

B. Cerium

C. Samarium

D. Plutonium

Answer: B



12. Which of the following is a Lanthanoid

A. Ta

B. Rh

C. Th

D. Lu

Answer: D

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13. Lanthanides are characterized by the filing of the

A. penultimate 4f energy level

B. antepenultimate 4f energy level

C. penultimate 5f energy level

D. antepenultimate 5f energy level

Answer: B

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14. The most common and stable oxidation

state of a lanthanide is

 $\mathsf{A.}+4$

- B.+3
- C.+6
- D.+2

Answer: B





1. The most common oxidation states of cerium are

- $\mathsf{A.}+2 \text{ and } +4$
- $\mathsf{B.}+3 \text{ and } +4$
- ${\rm C.}+3~{\rm and}+5$
- $\mathsf{D.}+2 \ \mathsf{and}+3$

Answer: B

2. Which of the following ion is paramagnetic

A.
$$La^{3\,+}(Z=57)$$

B.
$$Lu^{3+}(Z=71)$$

C.
$$Yb^{2+}(Z = 70)$$

D.
$$Sm^{3+}(Z=62)$$

Answer: D

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3. The atomic and ionic radii (M^{3+} ions) of Lanthanide elements decrease with increase in atomic number. This effect is called

A. Lanthanoid contraction

B. Lanthanoid expansion

C. Actinoid contraction

D. Actionoid expansion

Answer: A

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4. Lanthanide contraction is caused due to -

A. the 4f electrons, which are gradually

added, create a strong shielding effect

B. the 4f orbitals are greater in size than

the 3d and 3f orbitals

C. the 5f orbitals strongly penetrate into

the 4f orbitals

D. the poor shielding effect of 4f electrons

is coupled with increased attraction

between the nucleus and the added

electrons.

Answer: D



5. The lanthanide contraction is responsible

for the fact that

A. Zr and Y have about the same radius

B. Zr and Nb have similar oxidation state

C. Zr and Hf have about the same radius

D. Zr and Zn have the same oxidation state

Answer: C



6. Which elements among the Lanthanides has

the smallest atomic radius ?

A. Cerium

B. Lutetium

C. Europium

D. Gadolinium

Answer: B



7. Lanthanides are separated best by

A. Fractional crystallisation

B. Solvent extraction

C. Complex formation using EDTA

D. Ion exchange resins

Answer: D

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8. The separation of lanthanides by the ion exhange method is based on

A. The solubility of the nitrates

B. Size of the hydrated M^{3+} ions

C. Size of the unhydrated M^{3+} ions

D. Basicity of the hydroxides

Answer: B

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9. Which of the following is the strongest base

A. $Sc(OH)_3$

 $\mathsf{B.}\,La(OH)_3$

 $\mathsf{C}.Lu(OH)_3$

 $\mathsf{D}.\,Yb(OH)$

Answer: B



10. $KMnO_4$ and $K_2Cr_2O_7$ are replaced in volumetric analysis by

A. La(III) salts

B. Ce(III)salts

C. Ce(IV)salt

D. Gd(III)salts

Answer: C



11. Assertion: Ce^{4+} is used as an oxidising agent in volumetric analysis.

Reason: Ce^{4+} has the tendency to attain +3 oxidation state.

A. Statement I is true, Statement II is true,

Statement II is a correct explanation of

Statement I.

B. Statement I is true, Statement II is true,

Statement II is not the correct

explanation of statement I

C. Statement I is true, Statement II is false.

D. Statement I is false, Statement II is true.

Answer: A

12. Statement - I :- Sm^{3+} , Dy^{3+} have same colour (yellow) Statement - II :- Both ions are having same nupaired electrons A. Statement I is true, Statement II is true, Statement II is a correct explanation of Statement I. B. Statement I is true, Statement II is true, Statement II is not the correct explanation of statement I

C. Statement I is true, Statement II is false.

D. Statement I is false, Statement II is true.

Answer: A

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13. Statement - I :- La^{3+} , Lu^{3+} ions are

colourless

Statement - II :- They do not contain unpaired

electrons

A. Statement I is true, Statement II is true, Statement II is a correct explanation of Statement I. B. Statement I is true, Statement II is true, Statement II is not the correct explanation of statement I

C. Statement I is true, Statement II is false.

D. Statement I is false, Statement II is true.

Answer: A

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1. The stable +2 ions of lanthanides in aqeous solution are

A.
$$Eu^{2+}$$

 $\mathsf{B.}\,Ce^{2\,+}$

 $\mathsf{C.}\,Lu^{3\,+}$

D. Fe^{2+}



1. SRP values of lanthanides lies between

A. -2.2 to -2.4V

B. 4 to 2 V

C.1to 5 V

D. $0.1\,{
m to}-0.2V$

Answer: A

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2. Ion with maximum number of unpaired electrons

A.
$$Lu^{3+}$$

$\mathsf{B}.\,Yb^{3\,+}$

D. Gd^{3+}

Answer: D

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3. What factor make the separation of Lanthanides a formidable task

A. Similarity in ionic size

B. Constant charge of + 3

C. Small charge radius ratio

D. All of these

Answer: D

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4. In the coinage metals (IB) group, the I.E decreases from Cu to Ag and the increases from Ag to Au this is attributed to

A. Increased atomic size

B. Increased ionic radius

C. Increased nuclear density

D. Lanthanuide contraction

Answer: D



5. Ionic radii of zirconium and hafnium become

almost identical because

A. They are 'd' block elements

B. They belongs to the same

C. Of increased nuclear charge

D. Of Lanthanide contraction

Answer: D

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6. Lanthanoids used in glass blower's goggles

are

A. Pr and Nd

B. Eu and Gd

C. Tb and Dy

D. Em and Sm

Answer: A



7. Which lanthanoide compounds is used as a

most powerful liquid lasers after dissolving it

in selenium oxychloride

A. Cerium oxide

B. Neodymium oxide

C. Promethium sulphate

D. Ceric sulphate

Answer: B

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8. Which one of the following pairs of elements is called chemmical twins because of their very similar chemical properties

A. Mn and W

B. Mo and Tc

C. Fe and Re

D. Hf and Zr

Answer: D

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9. Pair of ions which are having same number

of unpaired electrons

A.
$$Eu^{3\,+}, Tb^{3\,+}$$

$$\mathsf{B}.\,Eu^{3\,+},\,Ce^{3\,+}$$

C.
$$Eu^{3+}, Sm^{3+}$$

D.
$$Eu^{3+}, Pr^{3+}$$

Answer: A



10. Pair of ions which are having only one unpair electron

A.
$$Ce^{3\,+}, Yb^{3\,+}$$

B.
$$Eu^{3\,+}, Tb^{3\,+}$$

C.
$$Pm^{3+}, Sm^{3+}$$

D.
$$Dy^{3+}, Tb^{3+}$$

Answer: A

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11. Cerium (Z = 58) is an important nember

of the lanthanoids . Which of the following

statements about cerium is incorrect ?

A. The + 3 oxidation state of cerium is more

stable than the + 4 oxidation state.

B. The common oxidation states of cerium

are + 3 and + 4

C. Cerium (IV) acts as an oxidizing agent

D. The + 4 oxidation state of cerium is not

known in solutios.

Answer: D

12. In which of the following Lanthanoids oxidation state + 2 is most stable ?

A. Ce

B. Eu

C. Tb

D. Dy

Answer: B

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between the nucleus and the added

electrons.

Answer: D



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for the fact that

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B. Zr and Nb have similar oxidation state

C. Zr and Hf have about the same radius

D. Zr and Zn have the same oxidation state

Answer: C

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15. The correct order of ionic radii $Y^{3\,+}$, $La^{3\,+}$

, Eu^{3+} and Lu^{3+} is $(AT.\ No: Y=39, La=57, Eu=63, Lu=71)$

A. $Y^{3+} < La^{3+} < Eu^{3+} < Lu^{3+}$

B. $Y^{3+} < Lu^{3+} < Eu^{3+} < La^{3+}$ C. $Lu^{3+} < Eu^{3+} < La^{3+} < Y^{3+}$

D. $La^{3+} < Eu^{3+} < Lu^{3+} < Y^{3+}$

Answer: C

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16. Arrange Ce^{3+}, La^{3+}, Pm^3 and Yb^{3+} in

increasing order of their size -

A.
$$Yb^{3\,+} < {
m Pm}^{3\,+} < Ce^{3\,+} < La^{3\,+}$$

B.
$$Ce^{3+} < Yb^{3+} < Pm^{3+} < La^{3+}$$

C. $Yb^{3+} < Pm^{3+} < La^{3+} < Ce^{3+}$
D. $Pm^{3+} < La^{3+} < Ce^{3+} < Yb^{3+}$

Answer: A

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17. Which of the two have almost similar soze

A. . $_{22}$ Ti and . $_{40}$ Zr

B. . $_{41}$ Nb and . $_{73}$ Ta

C. . $_{39}$ Y and . $_{57}$ La

D. . $_{20}$ Ca and . $_{31}$ Ir

Answer: B



18. Identify the incorrect statement among the following :

A. d-block element show irregular and

erratic chemical properties among

themselves

B. La and Lu have partially filled d-orbitals

and no therpartially filled orbitals

C. The chemistry of various lanthanoids is

very similar

D. 4f - and 5f - orbitals are equally shielded

Answer: D

19. In context of the lanthanoids, which of the following statements is not correct?

A. There is a gradual decrease in the radii
of the members with increasing atomic
number in the series
B. All the member exhibit + 3 oxidation

state

C. because of milar properties the separation of lanthanoids is not easy

D. Availability of 4f electrons results in the

formation of compounds in + 4 state for

all the members of the series.

Answer: D

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20. The outer electronic configuration of Gd (At.No. 64) is

A. $4f^35d^36s^2$

B. $4f^85d^06s^2$

 $\mathsf{C.}\,4f^45d^46s^2$

 $\mathsf{D}.\,4f^75d^16s^2$

Answer: D

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21. The actinoids exhibit more number of oxidation states in general than the lanthanoids. This is because

| A. the 5f orbitals are more buried than the | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 4f orbitals | | | | | |
| B. there is a similarity between 4f and 5f | | | | | |
| orbitals in their angular part of the wave | | | | | |
| function | | | | | |
| C. actions are more reactive than | | | | | |
| lanthanoids | | | | | |
| D. the 5 f orbitals extend farther from the | | | | | |
| nucleus than the 4 f orbitals | | | | | |

Answer: D



22. Larger number of oxidation states are exhibited by the actinoids then those by the lanthanoids, the main reason being

A. the 4f orbitals are more diffused than

the 5f orbitals

B. lesser energy difference between 5f and

6d than between 4f and 5d orbitals

C. more energy diference between 5f and

6d than between 4f and 5d orbitals

D. more reactive nature of actinids than

that of lanthanoids

Answer: B

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23. Knowing that the chemistry of lanthanoids (Ln) is dominated by its +3 oxidation state, which of the following statement is incorrect?

A. because of the large size of Ln (III) ions, the bonding in their compounds is predominatly ionic in character. B. the ionic size of Ln (III) decreases in general with increasing atomic number C. Ln (III) compounds are generally colourless D. Ln (III) hydroxides are mainly basic in character.

Answer: C



24. In context of the lanthanoids, which of the following statements is not correct?

A. There is a gradual decrease in the radii of the members with increasing atomic number in the series.

B. All the member exhibit + 3 oxidation state

separation of lanthanoids is not easy.

D. Availability of 4f electrons results in the

formation of compounds in + 4 state for

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Answer: D

25. The outer electrons configuration of Lu (Atomic No.,71)` is :

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 $\mathsf{B.}\,4f^85d^06s^2$

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Answer: D

26. Match the property given in Column I with

the element given in Column II.

| | Column I (Property) | Column II (Element) | |
|----|---|------------------------|----|
| 4 | Lanthanoid which shows + 4 oxidation state | 1. | Pm |
| 8. | Lanthanoid which can show +2 oxidation state | 2. | Ce |
| C. | Radioactive lanthanoid | 3. | Lu |
| Ð. | Lanthanoid which has 4 ^F electronic configuration in +3 oxidation state | 4. | Eu |
| E. | Lanthanoid which has 4f ¹⁴ electronic configuration in +3 oxidation state | 5. | Gd |
| | - | б. | Dy |

 $\mathbf{A}_{n} \rightarrow (2) \quad \mathbf{B}_{n-1}(A) \quad \mathbf{c}_{n-1}(A) \quad \mathbf{D}_{n-1}(5) \quad \mathbf{F}_{n-1}(3).$