



# CHEMISTRY

## JEE (MAIN AND ADVANCED) CHEMISTRY

### GROUP 16 ELEMENTS

#### Problems

1. What is the percentage make up of most abundant element in the most abundant liquid of the earth's crust?

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2. Oxygen is a gas, but other elements of group 16 are solids at room temperature. Why?



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3. First and second electron gain enthalpies of oxygen are  $-141$  and  $+702 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  How is large number of oxides accounted for ?



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4. Viscosity of sulphur increases when molten sulphur is heated from  $120^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $160^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Why

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5. Comment on the catenation capacity of sulphur.

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6. What is the maximum covalency of oxygen ? Give examples.

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7. The dissociation constant of  $H_2O$ ,  $H_2Se$  and  $H_2$

Te are

$1.8 \times 10^{-16}$ ,  $1.4 \times 10^{-7}$ ,  $1.3 \times 10^{-4}$  and  $2.2 \times 10^{-3}$ ,

respectively. What do these values denote ?



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8. Tellurium forms oxides of the formula  $TeO$ ,

$TeO_2$  and  $Te_3$ . What is the nature of these oxides?



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9. Oxygen forms only fluorides, but other chalcogens form different halides. Why?



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10. A and B are elements with atomic numbers 16 and 17. Write different combinations of binary compounds known from them.



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11. Dry sulphurdioxide does not bleach dry flowers.

Explain.



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12. Which oxyacid of sulphur has  $S - O - S$  link ?

How is it prepared?



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13. Oxygen is divalent in its compounds, but sulphur is even hexavalent. Why?



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**14.** Write the tautomerism in sulphurous acid.



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**15.** Justify that peroxymono and peroxydisulphuric acids have a peroxy linkage. How are they structurally different?



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**16.** Protocity of sulphuric acid is two. Explain?



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**17.** Mention the principle in iodometry.



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**18.** Write the structure and oxidation numbers of sulphur in tetrathionic acid.



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**19.** The magnetic properties of oxygen and ozone are different. Explain.



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**20.** Both ozone and hydrogen peroxide act as oxidants as well as reductants. What main differences are noticed in their reactions?



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**21.** In the manufacture of sulphuric acid by the contact process, sulphur trioxide is not directly dissolved in water. Why?



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**22.** Ozone is used in improving the atmosphere of crowded places. Why?



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**23.** How does  $H_2SO_4$  react with KCl and KBr?



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24. Hydrogen sulphide is important in cation analysis. Explain.



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25. How is dilute sulphuric acid prepared?



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26. How are  $SO_2Cl_2$  and  $SO_2$  obtained from sulphuric acid ?



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27. How is thiosulphate distinguished from sulphate?



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## Exercise 2 1 1

1. Discuss the electronic configuration of group 16 elements.



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2. What are chalcogens? Why are they so called?



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3. Write the trends in atomic radius, ionisation potential and metallic nature of group VIA elements.



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4. Write a short note on the allotropy of sulphur.



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5. Discuss the valency and bonding in oxygen and sulphur molecules



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6. Why oxidation states of sulphur are all even numbers ?



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1. Write on the stability and acidic nature of hydrides of chalcogens.



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2. Water is a liquid and abnormally has low volatility. Explain.



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3. How are oxides of sulphur prepared ? What are their properties?



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4. Discuss the structures of sulphur dioxide and sulphur trioxide molecules.

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5. Mention the preparation and discuss the structures of  $SCI_4$  and  $SF_6$ .

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1. Mention the four types of oxyacids of sulphur and give examples.



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2. Write the oxidation states of sulphur in its oxyacids.



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3. Draw the structures of sulphite sulphate and thiosulphate.



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4. Write the peroxy acids and polythionic acids of sulphur.



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5. How is oxygen different from other elements of the same group ? What are the reasons ?



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1. Discuss the structure of ozone.



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2. Write four examples of properties of ozone acting as oxidant.



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3. Write the uses of ozone.



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4. How is hydrogen sulphide prepared?



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5. Hydrogen sulphide can be used as reducing agent. Support with three examples.



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1. Sulphurous acid is a bleaching agent base on sodium. Explain.



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2. The catalyst used in the manufacture of sulphuric acid by contact process is



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3. Sulphuric acid acts as dehydrating agent. Substantiate.



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4. Hypo is used as 'anti chlor' and for 'fixing films'.

Discuss with suitable equations.



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## Exercise 2 2

1. Oxygen is a blue gas, but sulphur is yellow solid.

Explain.



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2. Discuss the structure and bonding in  $S_8$  molecules.



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3. Radius of sulphur atom is 102 pm. SSS angle is  $105^\circ$ . What is the diameter of the sphere from the centre of  $S_8$  molecule?



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4. Why is sulphur paramagnetic in vapour state?



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5. Write on the valency, bonding and catenation of sulphur.



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6. Oxygen is divalent in its compounds, but sulphur is even hexavalent. Why?



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7. Among rhombic, monoclinic and plastic forms of sulphur, which form has highest heat of combustion. Why?



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8. Liquid oxygen stick to magnetic poles but not liquid nitrogen. Why?



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9. Comment on the stability of hydrogen sulphide and polysulphides.

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10. Write on the trends of bond energy, bond angle, volatility and boiling points of  $MH_2$  hydrides.

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11. Write the preparation of hydrogen sulphide. How is it used in qualitative analysis?

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12. Tetrafluorides of sulphur are not prepared directly from elements. Why?



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13. How are fluorides of oxygen prepared ? Write their structures.



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**14.** Discuss the bonding and structures of  $SF_6$ ,  $SCl_4$ ,  $SCl_2$  and  $S_2Cl_2$  molecules.



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**15.** Nitric acid can not be used to prepare hydrogen sulphide. Why?



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**16.** The bond angle in water molecule is nearer to tetrahedral angle, but in hydrogen sulphide it is

nearer to right angle. Why?



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**17.** Discuss the structures of sulphite and sulphate ions.



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**18.** What is ozonolysis? Write equation for the ozonolysis of ethylene. Draw the structure of the ozonide.



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19. Ozone acts as oxidising agent as well as reducing agent. Substantiate.



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20. Hydrogen sulphide can not be dried over conc.  $H_2SO_4$  Why?



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21. How many sulphur atoms in  $H_2S_nO_6$  has sulphur linked to only its atoms?



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**22.** Turbidity is obtained when hydrogen sulphide is passed through aqueous solution of sulphur dioxide. Explain.



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**23.** Compared to water, hydrogen sulphide is thermally less stable, stronger acid and better reductant. Substantiate.



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**24.** Sugar turns black on adding with sulphuric acid.

Why?



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**25.** Ozone destroys mercury meriscus. Why?



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**26.** Water should not be added to cone acid while preparing dilute sulphuric acid. Why?



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**27.** Chlorination of a gas X with chlorine gives a substance Y. Y is used to prepare anhydrous ferric chloride from its hexahydrated salt and also used to convert ethanol to ethylchloride. Identify Y and write necessary equations.



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**28.** Sulphuric acid is manufactured in contact process, but some amount of sulphuric acid is used in contact process. Justify.



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**29.** In the reaction of ozone with potash an orange red solid is formed. What is characteristic about the solid?



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**30.** Sulphurous acid turns pink permanganate colourless and turns acidified dichromate green. Explain.



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**31.** An aqueous solution of a gas (G) decolourises acidified permanganate and pararosanilide. On boiling G with hydrogen peroxide, an acid X is formed, which gives a white precipitate Y with barium chloride solution. Y is insoluble in dilute hydrochloric acid. Identify the compounds G and Y.



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**32.** An aqueous solution of silver nitrate gives a white precipitate with



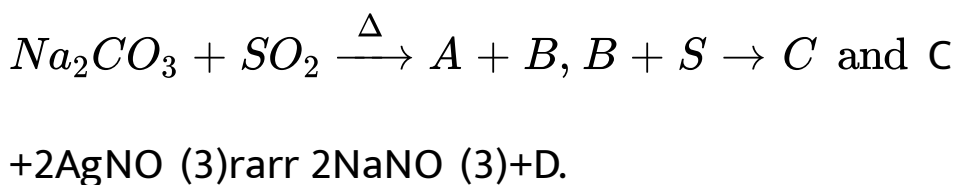
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**33.** An inorganic solid (A) dissolve in watger to give acid B and acid C. A also reacts with aqueous alkali to form two salts in solution. The salt solution gives white precipitates with both  $AgNO_3$  and  $BaCl_2$  solutions. What is A?



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**34.**



When compound D on exposure to moisture gives

black precipitate silver sulphide. What are the substances A and C?



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