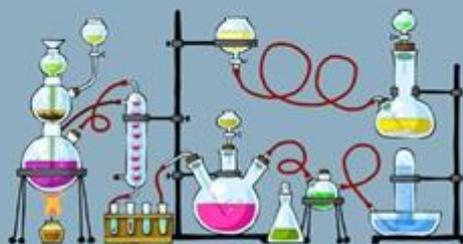




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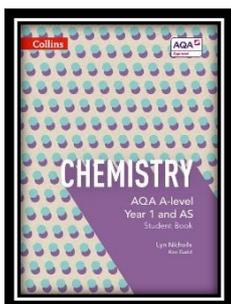
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CHEMISTRY**

This pack contains a programme of activities and resources to prepare you to start an A level in Chemistry in September. **Only the homework on the final page is compulsory, the other are suggested activities (due first week of year 12).** It is aimed to be used after you complete your GCSE, throughout the remainder of the summer term and over the Summer Holidays to ensure you are ready to start your course in September.

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Textbook Recommendations

1. Must Buy!



AQA A Level Science - AQA A Level Chemistry Year 1 and AS Student Book (Paperback) Collins

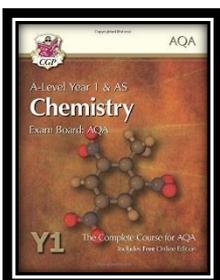
ISBN: 978-0-00-759021-6

<https://collins.co.uk/collections/aqa-a-level-science-science/products/9780007590216>

This is the book you will need in lessons, homework WILL be set from this book, ensure you have a copy!

2. Really should buy!

New A-Level Chemistry for AQA: Year 1 & AS Student Book (Paperback) CGP Books



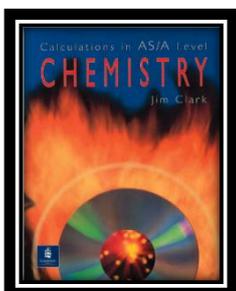
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A very useful book for help with the fundamentals, it also has a large amount of exam questions (with answers). The first port of call when you are struggling with a new topic.

3. Helpful if you do buy!

Calculations in AS/A Level Chemistry (Paperback) Jim Clark



ISBN-10: 0582411270

<http://bit.ly/pixlchembook4>

If you struggle with the calculations side of chemistry, this is the book for you. Covers all the possible calculations you are ever likely to come across. Brought to you by the same guy who wrote the excellent chemguide.co.uk website.

A level Chemistry Homework

MANDATORY – Bring completed to your first chemistry lesson

Due the first week in year 12. Chemistry is a very rewarding and interesting A level choice, and is well respected by all universities. However, if you find this homework difficult you really must reconsider whether you will enjoy A level Chemistry. These calculations are found in all GCSE Chemistry and GCSE Additional Science courses and are assumed knowledge for A level

1. Define the term atomic number. (1 mark)
2. Define the term mass number. (1 mark)
3. Complete the Table1 to show the relative mass and relative charge of the sub-atomic particles. (3 marks)

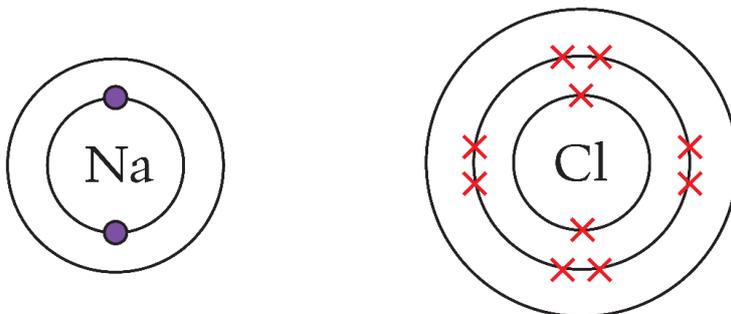
Sub-atomic particle	Relative mass	Relative charge
proton		
	1	

4. Complete the Table 2 to show the mass number, atomic number and number of each sub-atomic particle for each of the atoms and ions listed. (5 marks)

Atom or ion	Mass number	Atomic number	Number of protons	Number of neutrons	Number of electrons
Li	7	3			
Na	23	11			
N	14		7		
Ne	20		10		
F		9		10	
K				20	19
Na ⁺	23	11			
Mg ⁺	24		12		
Al ³⁺	27				10

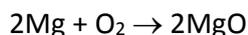
5. Ionic bonding involves the transfer of electrons. The electrons are transferred from metal atoms to non-metal atoms. The metal atoms become positively charged ions and the non-metal atoms become negatively charged ions. Upon transfer, both sets of ions have a full outer shell of electrons. Ionic bonding is therefore the electrostatic attraction between the oppositely charged ions.

- a Sodium reacts with chlorine to form the ionic compound sodium chloride. Construct a balanced symbol equation for this reaction. (1 mark)
- b Copy and complete the dot-and-cross diagram in Figure 1 to show the sodium ions and chloride ions in this compound. (4 marks)



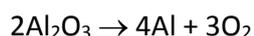
- c Explain why sodium chloride has a high melting point. (3 marks)
- d Explain why solid sodium chloride **does not conduct** electricity. (1 mark)
- e Explain why molten sodium chloride **does conduct** electricity. (1 mark)

6. Magnesium reacts with oxygen as shown in the equation below:



Calculate the percentage yield of the reaction, given that burning 2.32 g of magnesium produced 2.39 g of magnesium oxide. (4 marks)

7. Aluminium is produced by the electrolysis of aluminium oxide. The equation for the reaction is:



Calculate the percentage yield for the reaction if 1078 g of aluminium oxide produced 539 g of aluminium. (4 marks)

8. $\text{CuO} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Calculate the mass of hydrated copper sulfate produced from 21.9 g of copper oxide if the percentage yield for the reaction was 82.1%. (4 marks)

Research Task:

Put together a (minimum) 2 page A4 document on: **The history of the Atom**

This must include:

Aristotle

John Dalton

JJ Tompson and discovery of electron

Plum pudding model

Rutherford and discovery of nucleus

Neils Bhor – current 'GCSE model'

Pre-Knowledge Topics

OPTIONAL But Helpful

This section gives you an idea of the initial topics in the first year of A level chemistry.

Some of it is very similar to GCSE chemistry.

The answers are at the end of the booklet!

Chemistry topic 1 – Electronic structure, how electrons are arranged around the nucleus

A periodic table can give you the proton / atomic number of an element, this also tells you how many electrons are in the **atom**.

You will have used the rule of electrons shell filling, where:

The first shell holds up to 2 electrons, the second up to 8, the third up to 8 and the fourth up to 18 (or you may have been told 8).

7
Li
lithium
3

Atomic number =3, electrons = 3, arrangement 2 in the first shell and 1 in the second or

Li = 2,1

At **A level** you will learn that the electron structure is more complex than this, and can be used to explain a lot of the chemical properties of elements.

The 'shells' can be broken down into 'orbitals', which are given letters: 's' orbitals, 'p' orbitals and 'd' orbitals.

You can read about orbitals here:

<http://bit.ly/pixlchem1>

<http://www.chemguide.co.uk/atoms/properties/atomorbs.html#top>



Now that you are familiar with s, p and d orbitals try these problems, write your answer in the format:

$1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^6$ etc.

Q1.1 Write out the electron configuration of:

a) Ca b) Al c) S d) Cl e) Ar f) Fe g) V h) Ni i) Cu j) Zn k) As

Q1.2 Extension question, can you write out the electron arrangement of the following **ions**:

a) K^+ b) O^{2-} c) Zn^{2+} d) V^{5+} e) Co^{2+}

Chemistry topic 3 – Isotopes and mass

You will remember that an isotopes are elements that have differing numbers of neutrons. Hydrogen has 3 isotopes; H_1^1 H_1^2 H_1^3

Isotopes occur naturally, so in a sample of an element you will have a mixture of these isotopes. We can accurately measure the amount of an isotope using a **mass spectrometer**. You will need to understand what a mass spectrometer is and how it works at A level. You can read about a mass spectrometer here:



<http://bit.ly/pixlchem3>

<http://www.kore.co.uk/tutorial.htm>

<http://bit.ly/pixlchem4>

<http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/chemistry/AQA-7404-MASS-SPECTROMETRY.PDF>

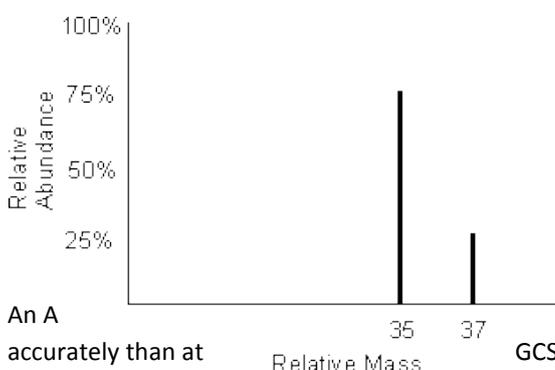


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Q3.1 What must happen to the atoms before they are accelerated in the mass spectrometer?

Q3.2 Explain why the different isotopes travel at different speeds in a mass spectrometer.

A mass spectrum for the element chlorine will give a spectrum like this:



An A level mass spectrum is more accurate than a GCSE mass spectrum.

75% of the sample consist of chlorine-35, and 25% of the sample is chlorine-37.

Given a sample of naturally occurring chlorine $\frac{3}{4}$ of it will be Cl-35 and $\frac{1}{4}$ of it is Cl-37. We can calculate what the **mean** mass of the sample will be:

$$\text{Mean mass} = \frac{75}{100} \times 35 + \frac{25}{100} \times 37 = 35.5$$

If you look at a periodic table this is why chlorine has a mass of 35.5.

<http://www.avogadro.co.uk/definitions/ar.htm>

A level periodic table has the masses of elements recorded much more accurately than a GCSE. Most elements have isotopes and these have been recorded using mass spectrometers.

GCSE

11 B boron 5	12 C carbon 6	14 N nitrogen 7	16 O oxygen 8	19 F fluorine 9
27 Al aluminium 13	28 Si silicon 14	31 P phosphorus 15	32 S sulfur 16	35.5 Cl chlorine 17

A level

10.8 B 5 boron	12.0 C 6 carbon	14.0 N 7 nitrogen	16.0 O 8 oxygen	19.0 F 9 fluorine
27.0 Al 13 aluminium	28.1 Si 14 silicon	31.0 P 15 phosphorus	32.1 S 16 sulphur	35.5 Cl 17 chlorine

Given the percentage of each isotope you can calculate the mean mass which is the accurate atomic mass for that element.

Q3.3 Use the percentages of each isotope to calculate the accurate atomic mass of the following elements.

- Antimony has 2 isotopes: Sb-121 57.25% and Sb-123 42.75%
- Gallium has 2 isotopes: Ga-69 60.2% and Ga-71 39.8%
- Silver has 2 isotopes: Ag-107 51.35% and Ag-109 48.65%
- Thallium has 2 isotopes: Tl-203 29.5% and Tl-205 70.5%
- Strontium has 4 isotopes: Sr-84 0.56%, Sr-86 9.86%, Sr-87 7.02% and Sr-88 82.56%

Chemistry topic 4 – The shapes of molecules and bonding.

Have you ever wondered why your teacher drew a water molecule like this?

The lines represent a covalent bond, but why draw them at an unusual angle?

If you are unsure about covalent bonding, read about it here:

<http://bit.ly/pixlchem5>

<http://www.chemguide.co.uk/atoms/bonding/covalent.html#top>

At A level you are also expected to know how molecules have certain shapes and shape they are.

You can read about shapes of molecules here:

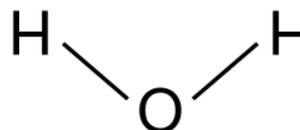
<http://bit.ly/pixlchem6>

<http://www.chemguide.co.uk/atoms/bonding/shapes.html#top>

Q4.1 Draw a dot and cross diagram to show the bonding in a molecule of aluminium chloride (AlCl₃)

Q4.2 Draw a dot and cross diagram to show the bonding in a molecule of ammonia (NH₃)

Q4.3 What is the shape and the bond angles in a molecule of methane (CH₄)?



why they are the

Chemistry topic 5 – Chemical equations

Balancing chemical equations is the stepping stone to using equations to calculate masses in chemistry.

There are loads of websites that give ways of balancing equations and lots of exercises in balancing.

Some of the equations to balance may involve strange chemical, don't worry about is to get balancing right.

<http://bit.ly/pixlchem7>

<http://www.chemteam.info/Equations/Balance-Equation.html>

This website has a download; it is safe to do so:

<http://bit.ly/pixlchem8>

<https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/balancing-chemical-equations>



that, the key idea



Q5.1 Balance the following equations

- $\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $\text{S}_8 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{SO}_3$
- $\text{HgO} \rightarrow \text{Hg} + \text{O}_2$
- $\text{Zn} + \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{ZnCl}_2 + \text{H}_2$
- $\text{Na} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{NaOH} + \text{H}_2$
- $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16} + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow \text{C} + \text{HCl}$
- $\text{Fe} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$
- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{Fe} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $\text{Al} + \text{FeO} \rightarrow \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Fe}$

Chemistry topic 6 – Measuring chemicals – the mole

From this point on you need to be using an A level periodic table, not a GCSE one you can view one here:

<http://bit.ly/pixlpertab>



https://secondaryscience4all.files.wordpress.com/2014/08/filestore_aqa_org_uk_subjects_aqa-2420-w-trb-ptds_pdf.png

Now that we have our chemical equations balanced, we need to be able to use them in order to work out masses of chemicals we need or we can produce.

The **mole** is the chemists equivalent of a dozen, atoms are so small that we cannot count them out individually, we weigh out chemicals.

For example: magnesium + sulfur → magnesium sulfide



We can see that one atom of magnesium will react with one atom of sulfur, if we had to weigh out the atoms we need to know how heavy each atom is.

From the periodic table: Mg = 24.3 and S = 32.1

If I weigh out exactly 24.3g of magnesium this will be 1 mole of magnesium, if we counted how many atoms were present in this mass it would be a huge number (6.02×10^{23} !!!!), if I weigh out 32.1g of sulfur then I would have 1 mole of sulfur atoms.

So 24.3g of Mg will react precisely with 32.1g of sulfur, and will make 56.4g of magnesium sulfide.

Here is a comprehensive page on measuring moles, there are a number of descriptions, videos and practice problems.

You will find the first 6 tutorials of most use here, and problem sets 1 to 3.

<http://bit.ly/pixlchem9>

<http://www.chemteam.info/Mole/Mole.html>



Q6.1 Answer the following questions on moles.

- How many moles of phosphorus pentoxide (P_4O_{10}) are in 85.2g?
- How many moles of potassium in 73.56g of potassium chlorate (V) (KClO_3)?
- How many moles of water are in 249.6g of hydrated copper sulfate(VI) ($\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$)? For this one, you need to be aware the dot followed by $5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ means that the molecule comes with 5 water molecules so these have to be counted in as part of the molecules mass.
- What is the mass of 0.125 moles of tin sulfate (SnSO_4)?
- If I have 2.4g of magnesium, how many g of oxygen (O_2) will I need to react completely with the magnesium?
 $2\text{Mg} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{MgO}$

Chemistry topic 7 – Solutions and concentrations

In chemistry a lot of the reactions we carry out involve mixing solutions rather than solids, gases or liquids.

You will have used bottles of acids in science that have labels saying 'Hydrochloric acid 1M', this is a solution of hydrochloric acid where 1 mole of HCl, hydrogen chloride (a gas) has been dissolved in 1dm³ of water.

The dm³ is a cubic decimetre, it is actually 1 litre, but from this point on as an A level chemist you will use the dm³ as your volume measurement.

<http://bit.ly/pixlchem10>

http://www.docbrown.info/page04/4_73calcs11msc.htm



Q7.1

- What is the concentration (in mol dm⁻³) of 9.53g of magnesium chloride (MgCl₂) dissolved in 100cm³ of water?
- What is the concentration (in mol dm⁻³) of 13.248g of lead nitrate (Pb(NO₃)₂) dissolved in 2dm³ of water?
- If I add 100cm³ of 1.00 mol dm³ HCl to 1.9dm³ of water, what is the molarity of the new solution?
- What mass of silver is present in 100cm³ of 1mol dm⁻³ silver nitrate (AgNO₃)?
- The Dead Sea, between Jordan and Israel, contains 0.0526 moldm⁻³ of Bromide ions (Br⁻), what mass of bromine is in 1dm³ of Dead Sea water?

Chemistry topic 8 – Titrations

One key skill in A level chemistry is the ability to carry out accurate titrations, you may well have carried out a titration at GCSE, at A level you will have to carry them out very precisely **and** be able to describe in detail how to carry out a titration - there will be questions on the exam paper about how to carry out practical procedures.

You can read about how to carry out a titration here, the next page in the series (page 5) describes how to work out the concentration of the unknown.

<http://bit.ly/pixlchem11>



http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/triple_aqa/further_analysis/analysing_substances/revision/4/

Remember for any titration calculation you need to have a balanced symbol equation; this will tell you the ratio in which the chemicals react.

E.g. a titration of an unknown sample of sulfuric acid with sodium hydroxide.

A 25.00cm³ sample of the unknown sulfuric acid was titrated with 0.100mol dm⁻³ sodium hydroxide and required exactly 27.40cm³ for neutralisation. What is the concentration of the sulfuric acid?

Step 1: the equation $2\text{NaOH} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Step 2; the ratios $2 : 1$

Step 3: how many moles of sodium hydroxide $27.40\text{cm}^3 = 0.0274\text{dm}^3$

number of moles = $c \times v = 0.100 \times 0.0274 = 0.00274$ moles

step 4: Using the ratio, how many moles of sulfuric acid

for every 2 NaOH there are 1 H₂SO₄ so, we must have $0.00274/2 = 0.00137$ moles of H₂SO₄

Step 5: Calculate concentration. concentration = moles/volume ← in dm³ = $0.00137/0.025 = 0.0548 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

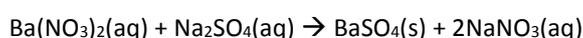
Here are some additional problems, which are harder, ignore the questions about colour changes of indicators.

<http://bit.ly/pixlchem12>

<http://www.docbrown.info/page06/Mtestsnotes/ExtraVolCalcs1.htm>

Use the steps on the last page to help you

Q8.1 A solution of barium nitrate will react with a solution of sodium sulfate to produce a precipitate of barium sulfate.



What volume of 0.25mol dm⁻³ sodium sulfate solution would be needed to precipitate all of the barium from 12.5cm³ of 0.15 mol dm⁻³ barium nitrate?



Chemistry topic 9 – Organic chemistry – functional groups

At GCSE you would have come across **hydrocarbons** such as alkanes (ethane etc) and alkenes (ethene etc). You may have come across molecules such as alcohols and carboxylic acids. At A level you will learn about a wide range of molecules that have had atoms added to the carbon chain. These are called functional groups, they give the molecule certain physical and chemical properties that can make them incredibly useful to us.

Here you are going to meet a selection of the functional groups, learn a little about their properties and how we give them logical names.

You will find a menu for organic compounds here:

<http://bit.ly/pixlchem13>

<http://www.chemguide.co.uk/orgproprsmenu.html#top>

And how to name organic compounds here:



<http://bit.ly/pixlchem14>

<http://www.chemguide.co.uk/basicorg/conventions/names.html#top>

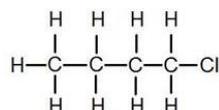


Using the two links see if you can answer the following questions:

Q9.1 Halogenoalkanes

What is the name of this halogenoalkane?

How could you make it from butan-1-ol?



Q9.2 Alcohols

How could you make ethanol from ethene?

How does ethanol react with sodium, in what ways is this a) similar to the reaction with water, b) different to the reaction with water?

Q9.3 Aldehydes and ketones

Draw the structures of a) propanal b) propanone

How are these two functional groups different?

Chemistry topic 10 – Acids, bases, pH

At GCSE you will know that an acid can dissolve in water to produce H^+ ions, at A level you will need a greater understanding of what an acid or a base is.

Read the following page and answer the questions

<http://bit.ly/pixlchem15>

<http://www.chemguide.co.uk/physical/acidbaseeqia/theories.html#top>

Q10.1 What is your new definition of what an acid is?

Q10.2 How does ammonia (NH_3) act as a base?

<http://bit.ly/pixlchem16>

<http://www.chemguide.co.uk/physical/acidbaseeqia/acids.html#top>

Q10.3 Ethanoic acid (vinegar) is a weak acid, what does this mean?

Q10.4 What is the pH of a solution of 0.01 mol dm^{-3} of the strong acid, hydrochloric acid?



Pre-Knowledge Topics Answers to problems

- Q1.1a) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2$ b) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^1$ c) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^4$ d) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^5$
 e) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$ f) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^6 4s^2$ g) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^3 4s^2$
 h) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^8 4s^2$ i) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10} 4s^1$ j) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10} 4s^2$
 k) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^3$

- Q1.2a) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$ b) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$ c) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10}$
 d) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$ e) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^7$

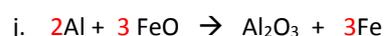
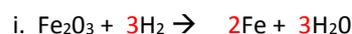
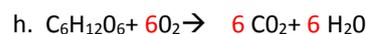
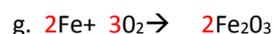
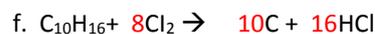
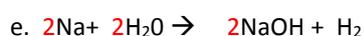
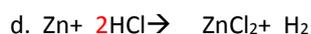
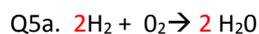
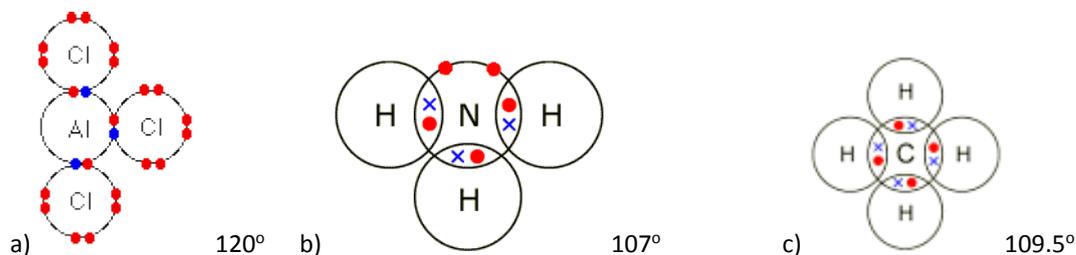
- Q2.1 a) +4 b) +6 c) +5 d) +4 e) +3 f) +5 g) +7 h) +6 i) +4

Q3.1 They must be ionised / turned into ions

Q3.2 The ions are all given the same amount of kinetic energy, as $KE = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$ the lighter ions will have greater speed / heavier ions will have less speed.

- Q3.3 a) 121.855 b) 67.796 c) 107.973 d) 204.41 e) 87.710 / 87.7102

Q4.1



Q6.1 a) $85.2/284 = 0.3$ moles b) $73.56/122.6 = 0.6$ moles c) $249.5/249.5 = 1.0$ moles

d) $0.125 \times 212.8 = 26.6$ g e) 2Mg : 2O or 1:1 ratio 2.4g of Mg = 0.1moles so we need 0.1 moles of oxygen (O₂): $0.1 \times 32 = 3.2$ g

7.1 a) $9.53\text{g}/95.3 = 0.1$ moles, in 100cm^3 or 0.1dm^3 in 1dm^3 $0.1\text{moles}/0.1\text{dm}^3 = 1.0 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

b) $13.284\text{g}/331.2 = 0.04$ moles, in 2dm^3 in 1dm^3 $0.04\text{moles}/2\text{dm}^3 = 0.02 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

c) 100cm^3 of $0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} = 0.01$ moles added to a total volume of $2 \text{ dm}^3 = 0.01\text{moles}/2\text{dm}^3 = 0.005 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

d) in 1dm^3 of 1 mol dm^{-3} silver nitrate, 1 mole of Ag = 107.9g in $0.1\text{dm}^3 = 107.9 \times 0.1 = 10.79\text{g}$

e) $0.0526 \times 79.7 = 42.0274\text{g}$

8.1

Ba(NO₃)₂ : Na₂SO₄

1 : 1 ratio

12.5cm^3 of Ba(NO₃)₂ = 0.0125dm^3

$0.15 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \times 0.0125\text{dm}^3 = 0.001875$ moles

same number of moles of sodium sulfate needed, which has a concentration of 0.25 mol dm^{-3}

$0.001875 \text{ moles} / 0.25 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} = 0.0075 \text{ dm}^3$ or 7.5cm^3

9.1 1-chlorobutane

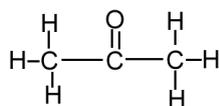
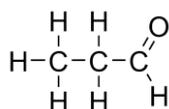
Add butan-1-ol to concentrated HCl and shake

9.2 react ethene with hydrogen gas at high temperature and pressure with a nickel catalyst

The reaction is similar in that it releases hydrogen but different as it proceeds much slower than in water

9.3 propanal

propanone

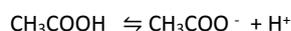


The carbon atom joined to oxygen in propanal has a hydrogen attached to it, it does not in propanone.

10.1 An acid is a proton donor

10.2 Ammonia can accept a proton, to become NH₄⁺

10.3 ethanoic acid has not fully dissociated, it has not released all of its hydrogen ions into the solution.



Mostly this Very few of these

10.4 $\text{pH} = -\log [0.01] = 2$ The $\text{pH} = 2$