

Carbon dioxide and methane

Question Paper 2

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1 (a) Exothermic reactions produce heat energy.

An important fuel is methane, natural gas. The equation for its combustion is as follows.



(i) In chemical reactions bonds are broken and new bonds are formed. Using this reaction give an example of

a bond that is broken,

a bond that is formed. [2]

(ii) Explain, using the idea of bonds forming and breaking, why this reaction is exothermic, that is it produces heat energy.

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(b) Some radioactive isotopes are used as nuclear fuels.

(i) Give the symbol and the nucleon number of an isotope that is used as a nuclear fuel.

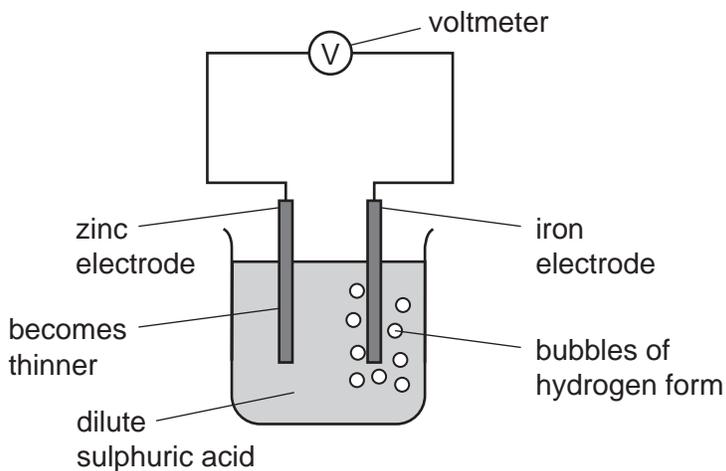
..... [2]

(ii) Give another use of radioactive isotopes.

..... [1]

(c) Cell reactions are both exothermic and redox. They produce electrical energy as well as heat energy.

(i) The diagram shows a simple cell.



Which substance in this cell is the reductant and which ion is the oxidant?

reductant

oxidant [2]

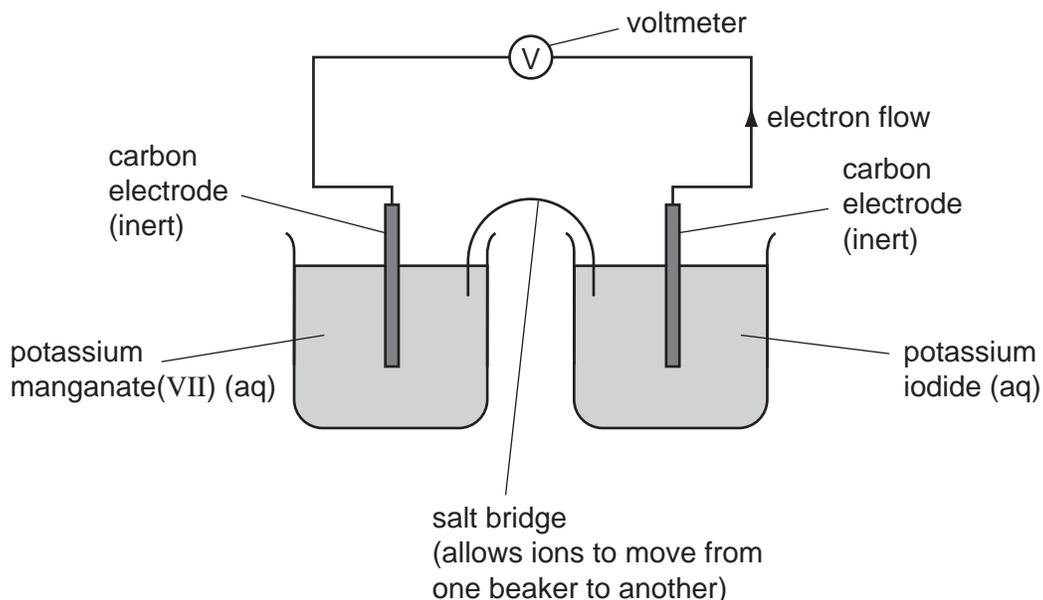
(ii) How could the voltage of this cell be increased?

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(iii) What is the important large scale use, relating to iron and steel, of this type of cell reaction?

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(d) Cells can be set up with inert electrodes and the electrolytes as oxidant and reductant.



The potassium manganate(VII) is the oxidant and the potassium iodide is the reductant.

(i) Describe the colour change that would be observed in the left hand beaker.

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(ii) Write an ionic equation for the reaction in the right hand beaker.

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2 Clean dry air contains mainly nitrogen and oxygen.

(a) Name **two** other gases that are in clean dry air.

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(b) Air often contains pollutants.

Identify **three** common gaseous pollutants in air and state how each of these pollutants are produced.

pollutant gas 1

how it is produced

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pollutant gas 2

how it is produced

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pollutant gas 3

how it is produced

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[6]

[Total: 8]

3 Carbon dioxide and silicon(IV) oxide are oxides of Group IV elements.

(a) Complete the following table.

	carbon dioxide	silicon(IV) oxide
formula		SiO ₂
melting point/°C	–56	1610
physical state at 25 °C	gas	
conduction of electricity	non-conductor	
structure		macromolecular

[4]

(b) (i) Name the type of bonds that exist between the atoms in silicon(IV) oxide.

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(ii) Explain why silicon(IV) oxide has a very high melting point.

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 [1]

(iii) Explain, in terms of attractive forces between particles, why carbon dioxide has a very low melting point.

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 [1]

(iv) Explain, in terms of particles, why carbon dioxide is a non-conductor of electricity.

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 [1]

(c) Suggest a chemical equation for the reaction between sodium hydroxide solution and carbon dioxide.

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(d) (i) Name the type of chemical reaction in which carbon dioxide is produced from fossil fuels.

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(ii) Name the chemical process in which green plants convert carbon dioxide into carbohydrates.

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(iii) Name the chemical process in which living things produce carbon dioxide.

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[Total: 13]

- 4 Islay is an island off the west coast of Scotland. The main industry on the island is making ethanol from barley.

Barley contains the complex carbohydrate, starch. Enzymes catalyse the hydrolysis of starch to a solution of glucose.

- (a) (i) Draw the structure of the starch.

Glucose can be represented by HO——OH

(ii) Enzymes can catalyse the hydrolysis of starch. Name another catalyst for this reaction.

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(iii) Both starch and glucose are carbohydrates. Name the elements found in all carbohydrates.

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..... [1]

(b) Yeast cells are added to the aqueous glucose. Fermentation produces a solution containing up to 10% of ethanol.

(i) Complete the word equation for the fermentation of glucose.

glucose → + [1]

(ii) Explain why is it necessary to add yeast and suggest why the amount of yeast in the mixture increases.

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..... [2]

(iii) Fermentation is carried out at 35°C. For many reactions a higher temperature would give a faster reaction. Why is a higher temperature not used in this process?

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..... [2]

(c) The organic waste, the residue of the barley and yeast, is disposed of through a pipeline into the sea. In the future this waste will be converted into biogas by the anaerobic respiration of bacteria. Biogas, which is mainly methane, will supply most of the island's energy.

(i) Anaerobic means in the absence of oxygen. Suggest an explanation why oxygen must be absent.

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(ii) The obvious advantage of converting the waste into methane is economic. Suggest **two** other advantages.

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..... [2]