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INTRODUCTION

Candidates will be assumed to have knowledge and understanding of Chemistry at O-Level, as a single subject or as part of a balanced science course.

This syllabus is designed to place less emphasis on factual material and greater emphasis on the understanding and application of scientific concepts and principles. This approach has been adopted in recognition of the need for students to develop skills that will be of long term value in an increasingly technological world rather than focusing on large quantities of factual material which may have only short term relevance.

Experimental work is an important component and should underpin the teaching and learning of Chemistry.

AIMS

The aims of a course based on this syllabus should be to:

- 1. provide students with an experience that develops interest in Chemistry and builds the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for them to become scientifically literate citizens who are well-prepared for the challenges of the 21st century
- 2. develop in students the understanding, skills, ethics and attitudes relevant to the *Practices of Science*, including the following:
 - 2.1 understanding the nature of scientific knowledge
 - 2.2 demonstrating science inquiry skills
 - 2.3 relating science and society
- develop the way of thinking to explain phenomena, approach and solve problems in chemical systems which involves students in:
 - 3.1 understanding the structure, properties and transformation of matter at the atomic/molecular level and how they are related to each other
 - 3.2 connecting between the submicroscopic, macroscopic and symbolic levels of representations in explaining and making predictions about chemical systems, structures and properties.

PRACTICES OF SCIENCE

Science as a discipline is more than the acquisition of a body of knowledge (e.g. scientific facts, concepts, laws, and theories); it is a way of knowing and doing. It includes an understanding of the nature of scientific knowledge and how this knowledge is generated, established and communicated. Scientists rely on a set of established procedures and practices associated with scientific inquiry to gather evidence and test their ideas on how the natural world works. However, there is no single method and the real process of science is often complex and iterative, following many different paths. While science is powerful, generating knowledge that forms the basis for many technological feats and innovations, it has limitations.

The *Practices of Science* are explicitly articulated in this syllabus to allow teachers to embed them as learning objectives in their lessons. Students' understanding of the nature and limitations of science and scientific inquiry are developed effectively when the practices are taught in the context of relevant science content. Attitudes relevant to science such as inquisitiveness, concern for accuracy and precision, objectivity, integrity and perseverance should be emphasised in the teaching of these practices where appropriate. For example, students learning science should be introduced to the use of technology as an aid in practical work or as a tool for the interpretation of experimental and theoretical results.

The Practices of Science comprise three components:

1. Understanding the Nature of Scientific Knowledge

- 1.1 Understand that science is an evidence-based, model-building enterprise concerned with the natural world
- 1.2 Understand that the use of both logic and creativity is required in the generation of scientific knowledge
- 1.3 Recognise that scientific knowledge is generated from consensus within the community of scientists through a process of critical debate and peer review
- 1.4 Understand that scientific knowledge is reliable and durable, yet subject to revision in the light of new evidence

2. Demonstrating Science Inquiry Skills

- 2.1 Identify scientific problems, observe phenomena and pose scientific questions/hypotheses
- 2.2 Plan and conduct investigations by selecting the appropriate experimental procedures, apparatus and materials, with due regard for accuracy, precision and safety
- 2.3 Obtain, organise and represent data in an appropriate manner
- 2.4 Analyse and interpret data
- 2.5 Construct explanations based on evidence and justify these explanations through reasoning and logical argument
- 2.6 Use appropriate models¹ to explain concepts, solve problems and make predictions
- 2.7 Make decisions based on evaluation of evidence, processes, claims and conclusions
- 2.8 Communicate scientific findings and information using appropriate language and terminology

3. Relating Science and Society

3.1 Recognise that the application of scientific knowledge to problem solving could be influenced by other considerations such as economic, social, environmental and ethical factors

- 3.2 Demonstrate an understanding of the benefits and risks associated with the application of science to society
- 3.3 Use scientific principles and reasoning to understand, analyse and evaluate real-world systems as well as to generate solutions for problem solving

A model is a representation of an idea, an object, a process or a system that is used to describe and explain phenomena that cannot be experienced directly. Models exist in different forms, from the concrete, such as physical scale models, to the abstract, such as diagrams or mathematical expressions. The use of models involves the understanding that all models contain approximations and assumptions limiting their validity and predictive power.

CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

The key features of the H1 Chemistry Curriculum comprise *Core Ideas* and *Extension Topic*, *Practices of Science* and *Learning Experiences* as illustrated in **Fig. 1**.

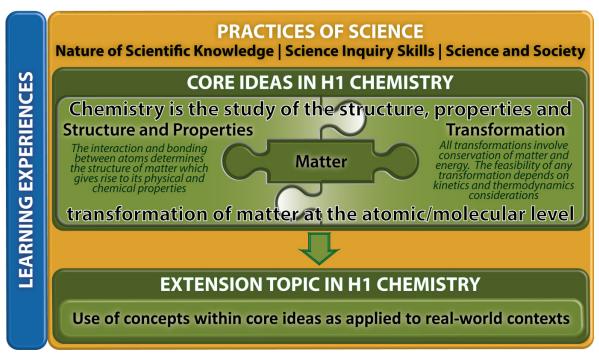


Fig. 1: H1 Chemistry Curriculum Framework

1. Core Ideas and Extension Topic

The topics in the H1 Chemistry are organised as two levels underpinned by the *Practices of Science*:

- (a) <u>Core ideas</u>: The three *Core Ideas* of Chemistry are *Matter*, *Structure and Properties*, and *Transformation*. The concepts in these *Core Ideas* are inter-related and form the basis for which further learning and understanding of chemical phenomena and reactions is built upon.
- (b) Extension topic: Concepts in the *Core Ideas* are applied to real-world context in the study of nanomaterials and polymers.

2. Practices of Science

The *Practices of Science* are common to the natural sciences of physics, chemistry and biology. These practices highlight the ways of thinking and doing that are inherent in the scientific approach, with the aim of equipping students with the understanding, skills, and attitudes shared by the scientific disciplines, including an appropriate approach to ethical issues.

3. Learning Experiences

The Learning Experiences² refer to a range of learning opportunities selected by teachers to link the chemistry content with the Core Ideas and the Practices of Science to enhance students' learning of the concepts. Rather than being mandatory, teachers are encouraged to incorporate Learning Experiences that match the interests and abilities of their students and provide opportunities to illustrate and exemplify the Practices of Science, where appropriate. Real-world contexts can help illustrate the concepts in chemistry and their applications. Experimental activities and ICT tools can also be used to build students' understanding.

² The Learning Experiences can be found in the Teaching and Learning syllabus.

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

The Assessment Objectives listed below reflect those parts of the Aims and Practices of Science that will be assessed.

A Knowledge with understanding

Candidates should be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in relation to:

- 1. scientific phenomena, facts, laws, definitions, concepts and theories
- 2. scientific vocabulary, terminology and conventions (including symbols, quantities and units)
- 3. scientific instruments and apparatus, including techniques of operation and aspects of safety
- 4. scientific quantities and their determination
- 5. scientific and technological applications with their social, economic and environmental implications.

The syllabus content defines the factual knowledge that candidates may be required to recall and explain. Questions testing these objectives will often begin with one of the following words: *define*, *state*, *name*, *describe*, *explain or outline* (see the *Glossary of Terms*).

B Handling, applying and evaluating information

Candidates should be able (in words or by using symbolic, graphical and numerical forms of presentation) to:

- 1. locate, select, organise and present information from a variety of sources
- 2. handle information, distinguishing the relevant from the extraneous
- 3. manipulate numerical and other data and translate information from one form to another
- 4. analyse and evaluate information so as to identify patterns, report trends and conclusions, and draw inferences
- 5. present reasoned explanations for phenomena, patterns and relationships
- 6. apply knowledge, including principles, to novel situations
- 7. bring together knowledge, principles, concepts and skills from different areas of chemistry, and apply them in a particular context
- 8. evaluate information and hypotheses
- construct arguments to support hypotheses or to justify a course of action
- 10. demonstrate an awareness of the limitations of Chemistry theories and models.

These Assessment Objectives cannot be precisely specified in the syllabus content because questions testing such skills may be based on information which is unfamiliar to the candidate. In answering such questions, candidates are required to use principles and concepts that are within the syllabus and apply them in a logical, reasoned or deductive manner to a novel situation. Questions testing these objectives will often begin with one of the following words: predict, suggest, construct, calculate or determine (see the Glossary of Terms).

SCHEME OF ASSESSMENT

All candidates are required to enter for Papers 1 and 2.

Paper	Type of Paper	Duration	Weighting (%)	Marks
1	Multiple Choice	1 h	33	30
2	Structured Questions	2 h	67	80

Paper 1 (1 h, 30 marks)

This paper consists of 30 compulsory multiple choice questions. Four to six items will be of the multiple completion type.

All questions will include 4 options.

Paper 2 (2 h, 80 marks)

This paper consists of two sections. All answers will be written in spaces provided on the Question Paper.

Section A (60 marks)

A variable number of structured questions including data-based questions, all compulsory. The data-based question(s) constitute(s) 15–20 marks for this paper. The data-based question(s) provide(s) a good opportunity to test higher order thinking skills such as handling, applying, and evaluating information.

Section B (20 marks)

Candidates will be required to answer one out of two questions. Each question will carry 20 marks.

These questions will require candidates to integrate knowledge and understanding from different areas and topics of the chemistry syllabus.

Weighting of Assessment Objectives

	Assessment Objectives	Weighting (%)	Assessment Components
•	Knowledge with understanding	40	Papers 1, 2
	Handling, applying and evaluating information	60	Papers 1, 2

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Data Booklet

A Data Booklet is available for use in the theory papers. The booklet is reprinted at the end of this syllabus document.

Nomenclature

Candidates will be expected to be familiar with the nomenclature used in the syllabus. The proposals in "Signs, Symbols and Systematics" (The Association for Science Education Companion to 16-19 Science, 2000) will generally be adopted although the traditional names sulfate, sulfite, nitrate, nitrite, sulfurous and nitrous acids will be used in question papers. Sulfur (and all compounds of sulfur) will be spelt with f (not with ph) in question papers, however candidates can use either spelling in their answers.

Units and significant figures

Candidates should be aware that misuse of units and/or significant figures, i.e. failure to quote units where necessary, the inclusion of units in quantities defined as ratios or quoting answers to an inappropriate number of significant figures, is liable to be penalised.

Disallowed Subject Combinations

Candidates may not simultaneously offer Chemistry at H1 and H2 levels.

CONTENT MAP

Structure and Properties Transformation Chemistry is the study of the structure, properties and transformation of matter at the atomic/molecular level ionic bond, covalent bond, metallic bond, intermolecular forces stoichiometry, redox provides basis for understanding of Chemical Matter **Bonding** provides basis for understanding of all transformation involves **IDEAS** Conservation is determined by helps explain trends and patterns in melting point, boiling point, electrical conductivity and chemical reactivity Matter **Structure Feasibility** Atomic determines CORE Structure is determined by helps explain trends and patterns in melting point, ionisation energy, atomic radius, ionic radius and chemical reactivity study of chemical properties **Properties Kinetics** Energy trends and patterns thermochemistry forms the basis of Periodic Chemical Theories of **Table** Equilibria Acids and **Bases Materials EXTENSION TOPIC** nanomaterials polymers

Chemistry is about the study of matter, its interactions and transformations. At a macroscopic level, we observe matter and its interactions everywhere in our daily life. The microscopic level looks at the structure of matter that gives rise to these interactions. At O-Level, students have been introduced to the fundamental idea that matter is made up of particles and the simple atomic model (electrons in discrete shells around a positively charged nucleus). This allows students to apply the key ideas of conservation of matter and energy in the quantitative treatment of reactions such as stoichiometry and thermochemistry.

At A-Level, an in-depth study of the electronic structure of atoms provides the basis for the study of chemical bonding. The Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion (VSEPR) model is used to visualise the three-dimensional structure of molecules, which determines the type of interactions possible and also helps to explain the physical and chemical properties. Knowledge of structure and bonding is also important to study and predict trends in properties of matter and its reactions.

Transformation of matter involves the study of the feasibility (energetics and kinetics considerations) and extent of chemical reactions (concept of equilibrium). The energetics dimension builds upon prior knowledge of thermochemistry, mainly enthalpy changes (ΔH). The chemical kinetics facet of a reaction can be understood quantitatively by relating the rate of reaction to concentration of reactants. The qualitative aspect which deals with the factors affecting rate of reactions will be covered based on the collision theory.

The concepts in chemical energetics and kinetics will form the basis for the study of Chemical Equilibrium. Theoretically all reactions are reversible, and the notion of dynamic equilibrium will be introduced. The concept of equilibrium constant (K) is understood via the equilibrium expression, which gives a measure of the extent of a reversible reaction. Factors which determine the position of equilibrium will also be examined. Chemical equilibria in aqueous media involving acids and bases will be dealt with in greater depth, in view of the relevance and prevalence of these concepts in real world contexts.

The extension topic on materials features applications of core concepts to a real-world context where specific examples, such as graphene and plastics, provide the opportunity for students to apply their knowledge on structure and bonding to understand the properties and uses of these materials.

This curriculum framework provides students the opportunity to appreciate the connections between the concepts in the *Core Ideas* of **Matter**, **Structure and Properties**, and **Transformation**, and to apply these to the study of materials in the *Extension Topic*.

SUBJECT CONTENT

CORE IDEA 1 - MATTER

1. Atomic Structure

Content

- The nucleus of the atom: neutrons and protons, isotopes, proton and nucleon numbers
- Electrons: electronic energy levels, ionisation energies, atomic orbitals, extranuclear structure

Learning Outcomes

- (a) identify and describe protons, neutrons and electrons in terms of their relative charges and relative masses
- (b) deduce the behaviour of beams of protons, neutrons and electrons in an electric field
- (c) describe the distribution of mass and charges within an atom
- (d) deduce the numbers of protons, neutrons and electrons present in both atoms and ions given proton and nucleon numbers (and charge)
- (e) (i) describe the contribution of protons and neutrons to atomic nuclei in terms of proton number and nucleon number
 - (ii) distinguish between isotopes on the basis of different numbers of neutrons present
- (f) describe the number and relative energies of the s, p and d orbitals for the principal quantum numbers 1, 2 and 3 and also the 4s and 4p orbitals
- (g) describe the shapes of s and p orbitals
- (h) state the electronic configuration of atoms and ions given the proton number (and charge)
- (i) explain the factors influencing the ionisation energies of elements (see the *Data Booklet*) (see also Section 4)
- (j) deduce the electronic configurations of elements from successive ionisation energy data
- (k) interpret successive ionisation energy data of an element in terms of the position of that element within the Periodic Table

CORE IDEA 2 – STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES

2. Chemical Bonding

Content

- lonic bonding, metallic bonding, covalent bonding and co-ordinate (dative covalent) bonding
- Shapes of simple molecules and bond angles
- Bond polarities and polarity of molecules
- Intermolecular forces, including hydrogen bonding
- · Bond energies and bond lengths
- Lattice structure of solids
- Bonding and physical properties

Learning Outcomes

- (a) show understanding that all chemical bonds are electrostatic in nature and describe:
 - (i) ionic bond as the electrostatic attraction between oppositely charged ions
 - (ii) covalent bond as the electrostatic attraction between a shared pair of electrons and positively charged nuclei
 - (iii) metallic bond as the electrostatic attraction between a lattice of positive ions and delocalised electrons
- (b) describe, including the use of 'dot-and-cross' diagrams,
 - (i) ionic bonding as in sodium chloride and magnesium oxide
 - (ii) covalent bonding as in hydrogen; oxygen; nitrogen; chlorine; hydrogen chloride; carbon dioxide; methane; ethene
 - (iii) co-ordinate (dative covalent) bonding, as in formation of the ammonium ion and in the Al_2Cl_6 molecule
- (c) describe covalent bonding in terms of orbital overlap (limited to s and p orbitals only), giving σ and π bonds (see also Section 9.2)
- (d) explain the shapes of, and bond angles in, molecules such as BF₃ (trigonal planar); CO₂ (linear); CH₄ (tetrahedral); NH₃ (trigonal pyramidal); H₂O (bent); SF₆ (octahedral) by using the Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion theory
- (e) predict the shapes of, and bond angles in, molecules analogous to those specified in (d)
- (f) explain and deduce bond polarity using the concept of electronegativity [quantitative treatment of electronegativity is **not** required]
- (g) deduce the polarity of a molecule using bond polarity and its molecular shape (analogous to those specified in (d))

- (h) describe the following forces of attraction (electrostatic in nature):
 - (i) intermolecular forces, based on permanent and induced dipoles, as in liquid and gaseous CHC *l*₃, Br₂ and the noble gases
 - (ii) hydrogen bonding, using ammonia and water as examples of molecules containing –NH and –OH groups
- (i) outline the importance of intermolecular forces to the liquefaction of gases when subjected to high pressure and/or low temperature
- outline the importance of hydrogen bonding to the physical properties of substances, including ice and water
- (k) explain the terms bond energy and bond length for covalent bonds
- (I) compare the reactivities of covalent bonds in terms of bond energy, bond length and bond polarity
- (m) describe, in simple terms, the lattice structure of a crystalline solid which is:
 - (i) ionic, as in sodium chloride and magnesium oxide
 - (ii) simple molecular, as in iodine
 - (iii) giant molecular, as in graphite and diamond
 - (iv) hydrogen-bonded, as in ice
 - (v) metallic, as in copper

[the concept of the 'unit cell' is **not** required]

- (n) describe, interpret and/or predict the effect of different types of structure and bonding on the physical properties of substances
- (o) suggest the type of structure and bonding present in a substance from given information

3. Theories of Acids and Bases

Content

- · Arrhenius and Brønsted-Lowry theories of acids and bases
- Acid dissociation constants, K_a
- Base dissociation constants, K_b
- The ionic product of water, K_w
- pH: choice of indicators
- · Buffer solutions

Learning Outcomes

- (a) show understanding of, and apply the Arrhenius theory of acids and bases
- (b) show understanding of, and apply the Brønsted-Lowry theory of acids and bases, including the concept of conjugate acids and conjugate bases
- explain qualitatively the differences in behaviour between strong and weak acids and bases in terms of the extent of dissociation

- (d) explain the terms pH; K_a ; K_b ; K_w [the relationship $K_w = K_a K_b$ is **not** required]
- (e) calculate [H+(aq)] and pH values for strong acids and strong bases
- (f) explain the choice of suitable indicators for acid-base titrations, given appropriate data, in terms of the strengths of the acids and bases
- (g) (i) explain how buffer solutions control pH
 - (ii) describe and explain their uses including the role of H₂CO₃/HCO₃⁻ in controlling pH in blood

4. The Periodic Table

Content

- Periodicity of atomic and physical properties of the elements: variation with proton number across the third period (sodium to chlorine) and down Group 17 of:
 - (i) electronic configuration
 - (ii) atomic radius and ionic radius
 - (iii) ionisation energy
 - (iv) electronegativity
 - (v) melting point
 - (vi) electrical conductivity
- Periodicity of chemical properties of the elements in the third period:
 - (i) variation in oxidation number and bonding of the oxides (sodium to sulfur only) and of the chlorides (sodium to phosphorus only)
 - (ii) reactions of these oxides and chlorides with water
 - (iii) acid/base behaviour of these oxides and the corresponding hydroxides
- Periodicity of chemical properties of the elements down the group (Group 1 and Group 17):
 - (i) as reducing agents (Group 1) and oxidising agents (Group 17)
 - (ii) thermal stability of Group 17 hydrides

Learning Outcomes

Trends and variations in atomic and physical properties

For elements in the third period (sodium to chlorine) and in Group 17 (chlorine to iodine), candidates should be able to:

- (a) recognise variation in the electronic configurations across a Period and down a Group
- (b) describe and explain qualitatively the general trends and variations in atomic radius, ionic radius, first ionisation energy and electronegativity:
 - (i) across a Period in terms of shielding and nuclear charge
 - (ii) down a Group in terms of increasing number of electronic shells, shielding and nuclear charge
- (c) interpret the variation in melting point and in electrical conductivity across a Period in terms of structure and bonding in the elements (metallic, giant molecular, or simple molecular)
- (d) describe and explain the trend in volatility of the Group 17 elements in terms of instantaneous dipoleinduced dipole attraction

Trends and variations in chemical properties

For elements in the third period (sodium to chlorine), candidates should be able to:

- (e) (i) state and explain the variation in the highest oxidation number of the elements in oxides (for Na₂O; MgO; Al₂O₃; SiO₂; P₄O₁₀; SO₃) and chlorides (for NaCl; MgCl₂; AlCl₃; SiCl₄; PCl₅)
 - (ii) state and explain the variation in bonding in oxides and chlorides in terms of electronegativity (with the exception of $AlCl_3$)
 - (iii) describe the reactions of the oxides with water (for Na₂O; MgO; Al₂O₃; SiO₂; P₄O₁₀; SO₃)
 - (iv) describe and explain the acid/base behaviour of oxides (for Na₂O; MgO; Al₂O₃; SiO₂; P₄O₁₀; SO₃) and hydroxides (for NaOH; Mg(OH)₂; Al(OH)₃), including, where relevant, amphoteric behaviour in reaction with sodium hydroxide (only) and acids
 - (v) describe and explain the reactions of the chlorides with water (for NaCl; MgCl2; AlCl3; SiCl4; PCl5)
 - (vi) suggest the types of structure and bonding present in the oxides and chlorides from observations of their chemical and physical properties

For elements in Group 1 (lithium to caesium) and Group 17 (chlorine to iodine), candidates should be able to:

- (f) describe and explain the relative reactivity of elements of:
 - (i) Group 1 as reducing agents in terms of ease of loss of electrons
 - (ii) Group 17 as oxidising agents in terms of ease of gain of electrons
- (g) describe and explain the trend in thermal stability of Group 17 hydrides in terms of bond energies

In addition, candidates should be able to:

- (h) predict the characteristic properties of an element in a given Group by using knowledge of chemical periodicity
- (i) deduce the nature, possible position in the Periodic Table, and identity of unknown elements from given information of physical and chemical properties

CORE IDEA 3 – TRANSFORMATION

5. The Mole Concept and Stoichiometry

Content

- Relative masses of atoms and molecules
- The mole, the Avogadro constant
- The calculation of empirical and molecular formulae
- Reacting masses and volumes (of solutions and gases)
- Redox processes: electron transfer and changes in oxidation number (oxidation state)

Learning Outcomes

[the term relative formula mass or M_r will be used for ionic compounds]

Candidates should be able to:

- (a) define the terms relative atomic, isotopic, molecular and formula mass
- (b) define the term *mole* in terms of the Avogadro constant
- (c) calculate the relative atomic mass of an element given the relative abundances of its isotopes
- (d) define the terms empirical and molecular formula
- (e) calculate empirical and molecular formulae using combustion data or composition by mass
- (f) write and/or construct balanced equations
- (g) describe and explain redox processes in terms of electron transfer and/or of changes in oxidation number (oxidation state) as exemplified by Fe³⁺/Fe²⁺ and MnO₄⁻/Mn²⁺
- (h) construct redox equations using the relevant half-equations
- (i) perform calculations, including use of the mole concept, involving:
 - (i) reacting masses (from formulae and equations)
 - (ii) volumes of gases (e.g. in the burning of hydrocarbons)
 - (iii) volumes and concentrations of solutions

[when performing calculations, candidates' answers should reflect the number of significant figures given or asked for in the question]

(j) deduce stoichiometric relationships from calculations such as those in (i)

6. Chemical Energetics: Thermochemistry

Content

- Enthalpy changes: ΔH, of formation; combustion; neutralisation; bond energy; lattice energy
- Hess' Law

Learning Outcomes

- (a) explain that most chemical reactions are accompanied by energy changes, principally in the form of heat usually associated with the breaking and forming of chemical bonds; the reaction can be exothermic (ΔH negative) or endothermic (ΔH positive)
- (b) construct and interpret an energy profile diagram, in terms of the enthalpy change of the reaction and of the activation energy (see also Section 7)
- (c) explain and use the terms:
 - (i) enthalpy change of reaction and standard conditions, with particular reference to: formation; combustion; neutralisation
 - (ii) bond energy (ΔH positive, i.e. bond breaking) (see also Section 2)
 - (iii) *lattice energy* (ΔH negative, i.e. gaseous ions to solid lattice)
- (d) calculate enthalpy changes from appropriate experimental results, including the use of the relationship: heat change = $mc\Delta T$
- (e) explain, in qualitative terms, the effect of ionic charge and of ionic radius on the numerical magnitude of a lattice energy
- (f) apply Hess' Law to carry out calculations involving given simple energy cycles and relevant energy terms (restricted to enthalpy changes of formation, combustion and neutralisation), with particular reference to:
 - (i) determining enthalpy changes that cannot be found by direct experiment, e.g. an enthalpy change of formation from enthalpy changes of combustion
 - (ii) average bond energies [construction of energy cycles is **not** required]

7. Reaction Kinetics

Content

- Simple rate equations; orders of reaction; rate constants
- Concept of activation energy
- Effect of concentration, temperature, and catalysts on reaction rate
- Heterogeneous catalysts
- Enzymes as biological catalysts

Learning Outcomes

- (a) explain and use the terms: rate of reaction; rate equation; order of reaction; rate constant; half-life of a reaction; activation energy; catalysis
- (b) construct and use rate equations of the form rate = $k[A]^m[B]^n$ (limited to simple cases of single-step reactions for which m and n are 0, 1 or 2), including:
 - (i) deducing the order of a reaction by the initial rates method
 - (ii) justifying, for zero- and first-order reactions, the order of reaction from concentration-time graphs
 - (iii) calculating an initial rate using concentration data
 - [integrated forms of rate equations are **not** required]
- (c) show understanding that the half-life of a first-order reaction is independent of concentration
- (d) explain qualitatively, in terms of frequency of collisions, the effect of concentration changes on the rate of a reaction
- (e) show understanding, including reference to the Boltzmann distribution, of what is meant by the term activation energy
- (f) explain qualitatively, in terms of both the Boltzmann distribution and of collision frequency, the effect of temperature change on a rate constant (and hence, on the rate) of a reaction
- (g) (i) explain that, in the presence of a catalyst, a reaction follows a different pathway, i.e. one of lower activation energy, giving a larger rate constant
 - (ii) interpret this catalytic effect in terms of the Boltzmann distribution
- (h) outline the mode of action of heterogeneous catalysis, as exemplified by the catalytic removal of oxides of nitrogen in the exhaust gases from car engines (see also Section 9.1)
- (i) describe enzymes as biological catalysts which may have specific activity

8. Chemical Equilibria

Content

- Chemical equilibria: reversible reactions; dynamic equilibrium
 - (i) factors affecting chemical equilibria
 - (ii) equilibrium constants
 - (iii) Haber process

Learning Outcomes

- (a) explain, in terms of rates of the forward and reverse reactions, what is meant by a *reversible reaction* and *dynamic equilibrium*
- (b) state Le Chatelier's Principle and apply it to deduce qualitatively (from appropriate information) the effects of changes in concentration, pressure or temperature, on a system at equilibrium
- (c) deduce whether changes in concentration, pressure or temperature or the presence of a catalyst affect the value of the equilibrium constant for a reaction
- (d) deduce expressions for equilibrium constants in terms of concentrations, K_c
- (e) calculate the values of equilibrium constants in terms of concentrations from appropriate data
- (f) calculate the quantities present at equilibrium, given appropriate data (such calculations will not require the solving of quadratic equations)
- (g) describe and explain the conditions used in the Haber process, as an example of the importance of an understanding of chemical equilibrium in the chemical industry

EXTENSION TOPIC - MATERIALS

9.1 Nanomaterials

Content

- Nanomaterials and nanoparticles
- Heterogenous catalysis
- Structure and properties of graphene

Learning Outcomes

Candidates should be able to:

- (a) define the terms nanomaterials and nanoparticles
- (b) describe the large surface area to volume ratio of nanomaterials, explaining the effects on the following:
 - catalysis as exemplified by the use of platinum nanoparticles in catalytic converters (see also Section 7)
 - (ii) interactions as exemplified by the wall climbing ability of geckos
- (c) describe the structure of graphene, a nanomaterial, and relate the following properties to its structure:
 - (i) electrical conductivity
 - (ii) tensile strength
- (d) recognise the potential effect of nanoparticles on human health and the environment

9.2 Polymers

Preamble

Although there are features of organic chemistry that are distinctive, it is intended that appropriate cross-references with other sections/topics in the syllabus should be made.

When describing preparative reactions, candidates will be expected to quote the reagents, e.g. aqueous NaOH, the essential practical conditions, e.g. reflux, high temperature and pressure, and the identity of each of the major products. Detailed conditions involving specific temperature and pressure values are **not** required.

Detailed knowledge of practical procedures is also **not** required: however, candidates may be expected to suggest (from their knowledge of the reagents, essential conditions and products) what steps may be needed to purify/extract a required product from the reaction mixture. In equations for organic redox reactions, the symbols [O] and [H] are acceptable.

Candidates will be expected to be able to predict the reaction products of a given compound in reactions that are chemically similar to those specified in the syllabus.

Content

- Empirical, molecular and structural formulae
- Functional groups and the naming of organic compounds
- · Common terms for organic reactions
- Isomerism: constitutional (structural); cis-trans
- Shapes of organic molecules; σ and π bonds
- Alkanes (as exemplified by ethane)
 - (i) combustion and substitution reaction
- Alkenes (as exemplified by ethene)
 - (i) combustion and addition reactions
- Halogenoalkanes (as exemplified by bromoethane)
 - (i) substitution
 - (ii) elimination
- Aldehydes (as exemplified by ethanal)
 - (i) oxidation to carboxylic acid
 - (ii) reduction
- Ketones (as exemplified by propanone)
 - (i) reduction
- Alcohols (as exemplified by ethanol)
 - (i) combustion
 - (ii) oxidation to carboxylic acids
 - (iii) elimination
- Carboxylic acids (as exemplified by ethanoic acid)
 - (i) ester formation
 - (ii) amide formation
- Structure and uses of polymers

Candidates are expected to be able to interpret and use the following types of representations in the description of organic molecules. The examples given are for the compound lactic acid.

Empirical Formula: simplest ratio of number of atoms of the elements present in one molecule, e.g. CH₂O

Molecular Formula: actual number of atoms of the elements present in one molecule, e.g. C₃H₀O₃

Structural Formula: shows how the constituent atoms of a molecule are joined together with minimal detail, using conventional groups, for an unambiguous structure, e.g. CH₃CH(OH)CO₂H

Full Structural or Displayed Formula: detailed structure of molecule showing the relative placing of atoms and the number of bonds between them, e.g.

Skeletal Formula: simplified representation of an organic formula derived from the structural formula by removing hydrogen atoms (and their associated bonds) and carbon atoms from alkyl chains, leaving just the carbon-carbon bonds in the carbon skeleton and the associated functional groups.

Skeletal or partial skeletal representations may be used in question papers and are acceptable in candidates' answers where they are unambiguous, e.g.

The convention for representing the aromatic ring is preferred.

Learning Outcomes

Candidates should be able to:

- (a) interpret, and use the nomenclature, general formulae and structural formulae (including displayed formulae) of the following classes of compounds:
 - (i) hydrocarbons (alkanes, alkenes and benzene)
 - (ii) halogenoalkanes
 - (iii) alcohols (including primary, secondary and tertiary)
 - (iv) aldehydes and ketones
 - (v) carboxylic acids
 - (vi) esters
 - (vii) amines
 - (viii) amides
- (b) interpret, and use the following terminology associated with organic reactions:
 - (i) functional group
 - (ii) addition, substitution, elimination
 - (iii) condensation, hydrolysis
 - (iv) oxidation and reduction

[in equations for organic redox reactions, the symbols [O] and [H] are acceptable]

- (c) describe constitutional (structural) isomerism
- (d) describe *cis-trans* isomerism in alkenes, and explain its origin in terms of restricted rotation due to the presence of π bonds
 [use of E, Z nomenclature is **not** required]
- (e) deduce the possible isomers for an organic molecule of known molecular formula

- (f) (i) describe the shapes of the ethane, ethene and benzene molecules
 - (ii) explain the shapes of, and bond angles, in the ethane, ethene and benzene molecules in relation to σ and π carbon-carbon bonds [knowledge of hybridisation is not required]
 - (iii) predict the shapes of, and bond angles in, molecules analogous to those specified in (f)(ii)
- (g) describe the chemistry of the following classes of compounds:
 - (i) alkanes (exemplified by ethane) as being generally unreactive except in terms of combustion and substitution by chlorine
 - (ii) alkenes (exemplified by ethene) in terms of combustion and addition reactions with bromine (in CCl₄) and hydrogen
 - (iii) halogenoalkanes (exemplified by bromoethane) in terms of substitution reaction to alcohols and elimination reactions to alkenes
 - (iv) aldehydes (exemplified by ethanal) and ketones (exemplified by propanone) in terms of their reduction to primary and secondary alcohols respectively; and oxidation of aldehydes to carboxylic acids
 - (v) alcohols (exemplified by ethanol) in terms of combustion, oxidation to carboxylic acids and elimination to alkenes
 - (vi) carboxylic acids (exemplified by ethanoic acid) in terms of condensation with alcohols to form esters (in the presence of concentrated sulfuric acid), and with amines (exemplified by ethylamine) to form amides (in the presence of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, DCC)
 [knowledge of structure of DCC is **not** required]
 - (vii) esters (exemplified by ethyl ethanoate) and amides (exemplified by ethanamide) in terms of hydrolysis with acids and bases

[detailed conditions involving specific temperature and pressure values are **not** required]

- (h) recognise polymers as macromolecules built up from monomers, with average molar mass of at least 1000 or at least 100 repeat units
- (i) classify and explain the difference between addition and condensation polymers
- (j) classify and explain the difference between thermoplastic (linear, as exemplified by poly(ethene)) and thermosetting (cross-linked, as exemplified by poly(diallyl phthalate)) polymers with reference to structure, bonding and the following properties:
 - (i) softening behaviour, including capacity to be recycled
 - (ii) rigidity
 - (iii) strength
- (k) describe and explain the types of structure and bonding in relation to the properties and uses as exemplified by the following:
 - (i) low density poly(ethene) (LDPE) in plastic bag and high density poly(ethene) (HDPE) in plastic bottles in relation to LDPE being softer and more flexible, and HDPE being harder and stiffer
 - (ii) polyester and polyamide as fabric in relation to polyester (exemplified by poly(ethylene terephthalate) (PET)) as a fabric that is slightly less prone to creasing than polyamide (exemplified by nylon 6,6)
 - (iii) poly(vinyl alcohol) (PVA) as a water-soluble polymer in eye drops and poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) as a water-resistant polymer used in raincoats
 - (iv) poly(propene) (PP) container instead of one made from poly(ethylene terephthalate) (PET) to store strongly alkaline cleaning solutions due to hydrolysis of PET
- (I) predict physical properties of polymer from its structure
- (m) recognise that materials are a finite resource and the importance of recycling plastics, considering the economic, environmental and social factors

SUMMARY OF KEY QUANTITIES AND UNITS

The list below is intended as a guide to the more important quantities which might be encountered in teaching and used in question papers. The list is not exhaustive.

Quantity	Usual symbols	Unit
Base quantities amount of substance electric current length mass thermodynamic temperature time	n I l m T t	mol A m kg, g K s
acid dissociation constant atomic mass Avogadro constant base dissociation constant base dissociation constant bond energy charge on the electron concentration density electric potential difference electromotive force electron affinity enthalpy change of reaction equilibrium constant Faraday constant frequency half-life ionic product, solubility product ionic product of water ionisation energy lattice energy molar gas constant molar mass mole fraction molecular mass neutron number number of molecules per unit volume order of reaction partition coefficient Planck constant pH pressure proton number rate constant	K _a m _a L K _b - e c ρ V E - ΔH K, K _p , K _c F v, f T½, t½ K, K _{sp} K _w I - R M X m N A N n n, m K h pH ρ Z k	mol dm ⁻³ g, kg mol ⁻¹ mol dm ⁻³ kJ mol ⁻¹ C mol dm ⁻³ kg m ⁻³ , g dm ⁻³ , g cm ⁻³ V V kJ mol ⁻¹ J, kJ as appropriate C mol ⁻¹ Hz s as appropriate mol ² dm ⁻⁶ kJ mol ⁻¹ kJ mol ⁻¹ J K ⁻¹ mol ⁻¹ g mol ⁻¹ - g, kg m ⁻³ - J s - Pa - as appropriate
relative { atomic isotopic } mass relative molecular mass speed of electromagnetic waves	A _r M _r C	- m s ⁻¹
(standard) { electrode redox } potential	(<i>E</i> [⊕]) <i>E</i> [⊕]	V
standard enthalpy change of reaction	ΔH^{\ominus}	J mol ⁻¹ , kJ mol ⁻¹

temperature	θ, t	°C
volume	V, v	m³, dm³
wavelength	λ	m, mm, nm

MATHEMATICAL REQUIREMENTS

It is assumed that candidates will be competent in the techniques described below.

Make calculations involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of quantities.

Make approximate evaluations of numerical expressions.

Express small fractions as percentages, and vice versa.

Calculate an arithmetic mean.

Transform decimal notation to power of ten notation (standard form).

Use calculators to evaluate logarithms (for pH calculations), squares, square roots, and reciprocals.

Change the subject of an equation. (Most such equations involve only the simpler operations but may include positive and negative indices and square roots.)

Substitute physical quantities into an equation using consistent units so as to calculate one quantity. Check the dimensional consistency of such calculations, e.g. the units of a rate constant *k*.

Solve simple algebraic equations.

Comprehend and use the symbols/notations <, >, \approx , /, Δ , \equiv , \overline{x} (or <x>).

Test tabulated pairs of values for direct proportionality by a graphical method or by constancy of ratio.

Select appropriate variables and scales for plotting a graph, especially to obtain a linear graph of the form y = mx + c.

Determine and interpret the slope and intercept of a linear graph.

Choose by inspection a straight line that will serve as the 'least bad' linear model for a set of data presented graphically.

Understand (i) the slope of a tangent to a curve as a measure of rate of change, (ii) the 'area' below a curve where the area has physical significance, e.g. Boltzmann distribution curves.

Comprehend how to handle numerical work so that significant figures are neither lost unnecessarily nor used beyond what is justified.

Estimate orders of magnitude.

Formulate simple algebraic equations as mathematical models, e.g. construct a rate equation, and identify failures of such models.

Calculators

Any calculator used must be on the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board list of approved calculators.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

It is hoped that the glossary (which is relevant only to science subjects) will prove helpful to candidates as a guide, i.e. it is neither exhaustive nor definitive. The glossary has been deliberately kept brief not only with respect to the number of terms included but also to the descriptions of their meanings. Candidates should appreciate that the meaning of a term must depend in part on its context.

- 1. Define (the term(s)...) is intended literally, only a formal statement or equivalent paraphrase being required.
- 2. What do you understand by/What is meant by (the term(s)...) normally implies that a definition should be given, together with some relevant comment on the significance or context of the term(s) concerned, especially where two or more terms are included in the question. The amount of supplementary comment intended should be interpreted in the light of the indicated mark value.
- 3. State implies a concise answer with little or no supporting argument, e.g. a numerical answer that can be obtained 'by inspection'.
- 4. *List* requires a number of points, generally each of one word, with no elaboration. Where a given number of points is specified, this should not be exceeded.
- 5. Explain may imply reasoning or some reference to theory, depending on the context.
- 6. Describe requires candidates to state in words (using diagrams where appropriate) the main points of the topic. It is often used with reference either to particular phenomena or to particular experiments. In the former instance, the term usually implies that the answer should include reference to (visual) observations associated with the phenomena.
 - In other contexts, *describe and give an account of* should be interpreted more generally, i.e. the candidate has greater discretion about the nature and the organisation of the material to be included in the answer. *Describe and explain* may be coupled in a similar way to *state and explain*.
- 7. Discuss requires candidates to give a critical account of the points involved in the topic.
- 8. Outline implies brevity, i.e. restricting the answer to giving essentials.
- 9. *Predict* implies that the candidate is not expected to produce the required answer by recall but by making a logical connection between other pieces of information. Such information may be wholly given in the question or may depend on answers extracted in an early part of the question.
- 10. *Deduce* is used in a similar way as *predict* except that some supporting statement is required, e.g. reference to a law/principle, or the necessary reasoning is to be included in the answer.
- 11. *Comment* is intended as an open-ended instruction, inviting candidates to recall or infer points of interest relevant to the context of the question, taking account of the number of marks available.
- 12. Suggest is used in two main contexts, i.e. either to imply that there is no unique answer (e.g. in chemistry, two or more substances may satisfy the given conditions describing an 'unknown'), or to imply that candidates are expected to apply their general knowledge to a 'novel' situation, one that may be formally 'not in the syllabus'.
- 13. Find is a general term that may variously be interpreted as calculate, measure, determine etc.
- 14. Calculate is used when a numerical answer is required. In general, working should be shown, especially where two or more steps are involved.
- 15. *Measure* implies that the quantity concerned can be directly obtained from a suitable measuring instrument, e.g. length, using a rule, or angle, using a protractor.
- 16. Determine often implies that the quantity concerned cannot be measured directly but is obtained by calculation, substituting measured or known values of other quantities into a standard formula, e.g. relative molecular mass.

- 17. Estimate implies a reasoned order of magnitude statement or calculation of the quantity concerned, making such simplifying assumptions as may be necessary about points of principle and about the values of quantities not otherwise included in the question.
- 18. Sketch, when applied to graph work, implies that the shape and/or position of the curve need only be qualitatively correct, but candidates should be aware that, depending on the context, some quantitative aspects may be looked for, e.g. passing through the origin, having an intercept, asymptote or discontinuity at a particular value.
 - In diagrams, sketch implies that a simple, freehand drawing is acceptable: nevertheless, care should be taken over proportions and the clear exposition of important details.
- 19. *Construct* is often used in relation to chemical equations where a candidate is expected to write a balanced equation, not by factual recall but by analogy or by using information in the question.
- 20. Compare requires candidates to provide both the similarities and differences between things or concepts.
- 21. Classify requires candidates to group things based on common characteristics.
- 22. *Recognise* is often used to identify facts, characteristics or concepts that are critical (relevant/appropriate) to the understanding of a situation, event, process or phenomenon.

TEXTBOOKS AND REFERENCES

Teachers may find reference to the following helpful.

Cambridge International AS and A Level Chemistry by Peter Cann and Peter Hughes, published by Hodder Education

Cambridge International AS and A Level Chemistry Coursebook with CD-ROM (2nd Edition) by Lawrie Ryan and Roger Norris, published by Cambridge University Press

A-Level Chemistry (4th Edition) by E N Ramsden, published by Oxford University Press

Understanding Chemistry for Advanced Level (3rd Edition), by Ted Lister and Janet Renshaw, published by Oxford University Press

AS and A Level Chemistry through Diagrams by Michael Lewis, published by Oxford University Press

Chemistry in Context (6th Edition) by Graham Hill and John Holman, published by Oxford University Press

Chemistry in Context Laboratory Manual and Study Guide (5th Edition) by Graham Hill and John Holman, published by Oxford University Press

Experiments and Exercises in Basic Chemistry (7th Edition) by Steve Murov and Brian Stedjee, published by Wiley

Chemical Ideas (Salters Advanced Chemistry) by Adelene Cogill, et al., published by Pearson Education Limited

Science at the nanoscale: An introductory textbook by Chin Wee Shong, Sow Chorng Haur and Andrew T S Wee, published by Pan Stanford Publishing

The Language of Mathematics in Science: A Guide for Teachers of 11–16 Science (2016) by R Boohan, published by the Association for Science Education. ISBN 9780863574559. https://www.ase.org.uk/mathsinscience

Teachers are encouraged to choose texts for class use which they feel will be of interest to their students and will support their own teaching style.

Many publishers are also producing videos and software appropriate for A-Level Chemistry students.

Data Booklet

for

Chemistry (Advanced Level)

For use from 2017 in all papers, except practical examinations, for the 9729 H2 Chemistry and 9813 H3 Chemistry syllabuses.

For use from 2018 in all papers, for the 8873 H1 Chemistry syllabus.

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1 Important values, constants and standards

molar gas constant	$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
the Faraday constant	$F = 9.65 \times 10^4 \mathrm{C \ mol^{-1}}$
the Avogadro constant	$L = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
the Planck constant	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \mathrm{J s}$
speed of light in a vacuum	$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \mathrm{m \ s^{-1}}$
rest mass of proton, ¹ ₁ H	$m_{\rm p} = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \mathrm{kg}$
rest mass of neutron, ${}^1_0 n$	$m_{\rm n} = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \rm kg$
rest mass of electron, $_{-1}^{0}e$	$m_{\rm e} = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \rm kg$
electronic charge	$e = -1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
molar volume of gas	$V_{\rm m}$ = 22.7 dm³ mol ⁻¹ at s.t.p. $V_{\rm m}$ = 24 dm³ mol ⁻¹ at r.t.p. (where s.t.p. is expressed as 10 ⁵ Pa [1 bar] and 273 K [0 °C], r.t.p. is expressed as 101325 Pa [1 atm] and 293 K [20 °C])
ionic product of water	$K_{\rm w}$ = 1.00 × 10 ⁻¹⁴ mol ² dm ⁻⁶ (at 298 K [25 °C])
specific heat capacity of water	= $4.18 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ (= $4.18 \text{ J g}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$)

2 Ionisation energies (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th) of selected elements, in kJ mol⁻¹

	Proton Number	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Н	1	1310	_	_	_
He	2	2370	5250	_	_
Li	3	519	7300	11800	_
Ве	4	900	1760	14800	21000
В	5	799	2420	3660	25000
С	6	1090	2350	4610	6220
N	7	1400	2860	4590	7480
0	8	1310	3390	5320	7450
F	9	1680	3370	6040	8410
Ne	10	2080	3950	6150	9290
Na	11	494	4560	6940	9540
Mg	12	736	1450	7740	10500
Al	13	577	1820	2740	11600
Si	14	786	1580	3230	4360
Р	15	1060	1900	2920	4960
S	16	1000	2260	3390	4540
Cl	17	1260	2300	3850	5150
Ar	18	1520	2660	3950	5770
К	19	418	3070	4600	5860
Са	20	590	1150	4940	6480
Sc	21	632	1240	2390	7110
Ti	22	661	1310	2720	4170
V	23	648	1370	2870	4600
Cr	24	653	1590	2990	4770
Mn	25	716	1510	3250	5190
Fe	26	762	1560	2960	5400
Со	27	757	1640	3230	5100
Ni	28	736	1750	3390	5400
Cu	29	745	1960	3350	5690

	Proton Number	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Zn	30	908	1730	3828	5980
Ga	31	577	1980	2960	6190
Ge	32	762	1540	3300	4390
Br	35	1140	2080	3460	4850
Rb	37	403	2632	3900	5080
Sr	38	548	1060	4120	5440
Ag	47	731	2074	3361	_
Sn	50	707	1410	2940	3930
I	53	1010	1840	3200	4030
Cs	55	376	2420	3300	_
Ва	56	502	966	3390	_
Pb	82	716	1450	3080	4080

3 Bond energies

3(a) Bond energies in diatomic molecules (these are exact values)

Homonuclear

Bond	Energy / kJ mol ⁻¹
н—н	436
D—D	442
N≡N	944
O=O	496
F—F	158
C <i>l</i> —C <i>l</i>	244
Br—Br	193
I—I	151

Heteronuclear

Bond	Energy / kJ mol ⁻¹
H—F	562
H—Cl	431
H—Br	366
H—I	299
C≡O	1077

3(b) Bond energies in polyatomic molecules (these are average values)

Homonuclear

Bond	Energy / kJ mol ⁻¹
C—C	350
C=C	610
C≡C	840
C==C (benzene)	520
N—N	160
N=N	410
0—0	150
Si—Si	222
P—P	200
S—S	264

Heteronuclear

Bond	Energy / kJ mol ⁻¹
C—H	410
C—F	485
C—C1	340
C—Br	280
C—I	240
C—N	305
C=N	610
C≡N	890
C—O	360
C=O	740
C=O in CO ₂	805
N—H	390
N—C1	310
О—Н	460
Si—C1	359
Si—H	320
Si—O (in SiO ₂ (s))	460
$Si=O$ (in $SiO_2(g)$)	640
P—H	320
P—C1	330
P—0	340
P=O	540
S—H	347
S—C1	250
S—0	360
S=O	500

Standard electrode potential and redox potentials, \emph{E}^{\ominus} at 298 K (25 °C)

- For ease of reference, two tabulations are given:
 (a) an extended list in alphabetical order;(b) a shorter list in decreasing order of magnitude, i.e. a redox series.

4(a) *E*[⊕] in alphabetical order

Electro	de re	eaction	<i>E</i> [⊕] / V
Ag+ + e-	=	Ag	+0.80
Al ³⁺ + 3e ⁻	=	Al	-1.66
Ba ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Ва	-2.90
Br ₂ + 2e ⁻	=	2Br ⁻	+1.07
Ca ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Са	-2.87
Cl ₂ + 2e ⁻	=	2Cl-	+1.36
2HOC <i>l</i> + 2H ⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Cl ₂ + 2H ₂ O	+1.64
C1O- + H2O + 2e-	=	C1-+2OH-	+0.81
Co ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Со	-0.28
Co ³⁺ + e ⁻	=	Co ²⁺	+1.89
[Co(NH ₃) ₆] ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Co + 6NH ₃	-0.43
Cr ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Cr	-0.91
Cr ³⁺ + 3e ⁻	=	Cr	-0.74
Cr ³⁺ + e ⁻	=	Cr ²⁺	-0.41
Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻ + 14H ⁺ + 6e ⁻	=	2Cr ³⁺ + 7H ₂ O	+1.33
Cu⁺ + e⁻	=	Cu	+0.52
Cu ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Cu	+0.34
Cu ²⁺ + e ⁻	=	Cu⁺	+0.15
[Cu(NH ₃) ₄] ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Cu + 4NH ₃	-0.05
F ₂ + 2e ⁻	=	2F-	+2.87
Fe ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Fe	-0.44
Fe ³⁺ + 3e ⁻	=	Fe	-0.04

Electro	de re	eaction	<i>E</i> [⊕] / V
Fe ³⁺ + e ⁻	=	Fe ²⁺	+0.77
[Fe(CN) ₆] ³⁻ + e ⁻	=	[Fe(CN) ₆] ⁴⁻	+0.36
Fe(OH) ₃ + e ⁻	=	Fe(OH) ₂ + OH ⁻	-0.56
2H+ + 2e-	=	H ₂	0.00
I ₂ + 2e ⁻	=	2I-	+0.54
K⁺ + e⁻	=	К	-2.92
Li⁺ + e⁻	=	Li	-3.04
Mg ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Mg	-2.38
Mn ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Mn	-1.18
Mn ³⁺ + e ⁻	=	Mn ²⁺	+1.54
MnO ₂ + 4H ⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Mn ²⁺ + 2H ₂ O	+1.23
MnO ₄ - + e-	=	MnO ₄ ²⁻	+0.56
MnO ₄ ⁻ + 4H ⁺ + 3e ⁻	=	MnO ₂ + 2H ₂ O	+1.67
MnO ₄ ⁻ + 8H ⁺ + 5e ⁻	=	Mn ²⁺ + 4H ₂ O	+1.52
NO ₃ ⁻ + 2H ⁺ + e ⁻	=	NO ₂ + H ₂ O	+0.81
NO ₃ ⁻ + 3H ⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	HNO ₂ + H ₂ O	+0.94
NO ₃ ⁻ + 10H ⁺ + 8e ⁻	=	NH ₄ ⁺ + 3H ₂ O	+0.87
Na⁺ + e⁻	=	Na	-2.71
Ni ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Ni	-0.25
[Ni(NH ₃) ₆] ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Ni + 6NH ₃	-0.51
H ₂ O ₂ + 2H ⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	2H ₂ O	+1.77
HO ₂ ⁻ + H ₂ O + 2e ⁻	=	3OH-	+0.88
O ₂ + 4H ⁺ + 4e ⁻	=	2H ₂ O	+1.23
O ₂ + 2H ₂ O + 4e ⁻	=	40H ⁻	+0.40
O ₂ + 2H ⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	H ₂ O ₂	+0.68

Electro	Electrode reaction			
O ₂ + H ₂ O + 2e ⁻		-0.08		
2H ₂ O + 2e ⁻		-0.83		
Pb ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	≓ Pb	-0.13		
Pb ⁴⁺ + 2e ⁻	≓ Pb ²⁺	+1.69		
PbO ₂ + 4H ⁺ + 2e ⁻	\Rightarrow Pb ²⁺ + 2H ₂ O	+1.47		
SO ₄ ²⁻ + 4H ⁺ + 2e ⁻	⇒ SO ₂ + 2H ₂ O	+0.17		
S ₂ O ₈ ²⁻ + 2e ⁻	≥ 2SO ₄ ²⁻	+2.01		
S ₄ O ₆ ²⁻ + 2e ⁻	\rightleftharpoons 2S ₂ O ₃ ²⁻	+0.09		
Sn ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	≓ Sn	-0.14		
Sn ⁴⁺ + 2e ⁻	≓ Sn ²⁺	+0.15		
V ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	≓ V	-1.20		
V ³⁺ + e ⁻	⇒ V ²⁺	-0.26		
VO ²⁺ + 2H ⁺ + e ⁻		+0.34		
VO ₂ + + 2H+ + e-		+1.00		
VO ₃ ⁻ + 4H ⁺ + e ⁻		+1.00		
Zn ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	≓ Zn	-0.76		

All ionic states refer to aqueous ions but other state symbols have been omitted.

4(b) E^{Θ} in decreasing order of oxidising power (a selection only – see also the extended alphabetical list on the previous pages)

Electro	de re	eaction	E [⊕] / V
F ₂ + 2e ⁻	=	2F-	+2.87
S ₂ O ₈ ²⁻ + 2e ⁻	=	2SO ₄ ²⁻	+2.01
H ₂ O ₂ + 2H ⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	2H ₂ O	+1.77
MnO ₄ ⁻ + 8H ⁺ + 5e ⁻	=	Mn ²⁺ + 4H ₂ O	+1.52
PbO ₂ + 4H ⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Pb ²⁺ + 2H ₂ O	+1.47
Cl ₂ + 2e ⁻	=	2C1-	+1.36
Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻ + 14H ⁺ + 6e ⁻	=	2Cr ³⁺ + 7H ₂ O	+1.33
O ₂ + 4H ⁺ + 4e ⁻	=	2H ₂ O	+1.23
Br ₂ + 2e ⁻	=	2Br	+1.07
NO ₃ ⁻ + 10H ⁺ + 8e ⁻	=	NH ₄ ⁺ + 3H ₂ O	+0.87
ClO ⁻ + H ₂ O + 2e ⁻	=	C1-+2OH-	+0.81
NO ₃ ⁻ + 2H ⁺ + e ⁻	=	NO ₂ + H ₂ O	+0.81
Ag+ + e-	=	Ag	+0.80
Fe ³⁺ + e ⁻	=	Fe ²⁺	+0.77
I ₂ + 2e ⁻	=	2I ⁻	+0.54
O ₂ + 2H ₂ O + 4e ⁻	=	40H ⁻	+0.40
Cu ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Cu	+0.34
SO ₄ ²⁻ + 4H ⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	SO ₂ + 2H ₂ O	+0.17
Sn ⁴⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Sn ²⁺	+0.15
S ₄ O ₆ ²⁻ + 2e ⁻	=	2S ₂ O ₃ ²⁻	+0.09
2H+ + 2e-	=	H ₂	0.00
Pb ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Pb	-0.13
Sn ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Sn	-0.14
Fe ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	=	Fe	-0.44

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Electrode reaction	E [⊕] / V
Zn²+ + 2e⁻	-0.76
2H ₂ O + 2e ⁻	-0.83
V ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	-1.20
Mg ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	-2.38
Ca ²⁺ + 2e ⁻	-2.87
K⁺ + e⁻	-2.92

5 Atomic and ionic radii

(a) Period 1	atomic / nm			ionic	:/nm	
single covalent	Н	0.037			H ⁻	0.208
van der Waals	He	0.140				
(b) Period 2		,				·
metallic	Li	0.152	Li ⁺	0.060		
	Ве	0.112	Be ²⁺	0.031		
single covalent	В	0.080	B ³⁺	0.020		
	С	0.077	C ⁴⁺	0.015	C ⁴⁻	0.260
	N	0.074			N ³⁻	0.171
	0	0.073			O ²⁻	0.140
	F	0.072			F-	0.136
van der Waals	Ne	0.160				
(c) Period 3						
metallic	Na	0.186	Na⁺	0.095		
	Mg	0.160	Mg ²⁺	0.065		
	Al	0.143	Al ³⁺	0.050		
single covalent	Si	0.117	Si ⁴⁺	0.041		
	Р	0.110			P ³⁻	0.212
	S	0.104			S ²⁻	0.184
	Cl	0.099			Cl-	0.181
van der Waals	Ar	0.190				
(d) Group 2						
metallic	Ве	0.112	Be ²⁺	0.031		
	Mg	0.160	Mg ²⁺	0.065		
	Са	0.197	Ca ²⁺	0.099		
	Sr	0.215	Sr ²⁺	0.113		
	Ва	0.217	Ba ²⁺	0.135		
	Ra	0.220	Ra ²⁺	0.140		

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(e)	Group 14	atomic / nm			ionic	:/nm	
	single covalent	С	0.077				
		Si	0.117	Si ⁴⁺	0.041		
		Ge	0.122	Ge ²⁺	0.093		
	metallic	Sn	0.162	Sn ²⁺	0.112		
		Pb	0.175	Pb ²⁺	0.120		
(f)	Group 17						
	single covalent	F	0.072			F ⁻	0.136
		Cl	0.099			Cl-	0.181
		Br	0.114			Br ⁻	0.195
		I	0.133			I -	0.216
		At	0.140				
(g)	First row d block el	ements					
	metallic	Sc	0.164			Sc ³⁺	0.075
		Ti	0.146	Ti ²⁺	0.086	Ti ³⁺	0.067
		V	0.135	V ²⁺	0.079	V ³⁺	0.064
		Cr	0.129	Cr ²⁺	0.073	Cr ³⁺	0.062
		Mn	0.132	Mn ²⁺	0.083	Mn ³⁺	0.058
		Fe	0.126	Fe ²⁺	0.061	Fe ³⁺	0.055
		Со	0.125	Co ²⁺	0.065	Co ³⁺	0.055
		Ni	0.124	Ni ²⁺	0.069	Ni ³⁺	0.056
		Cu	0.128	Cu ²⁺	0.073		
		Zn	0.135	Zn ²⁺	0.074		

6 Typical proton (1 H) chemical shift values (δ) relative to TMS = 0

Type of proton	Environment of proton	Example structures	Chemical Shift range (δ)
	alkane	-CH ₃ , -CH ₂ -, CH-	0.9–1.7
	alkyl next to C=O	CH ₃ -C=O, -CH ₂ -C=O, CH-C=O	2.2–3.0
	alkyl next to aromatic ring	CH ₃ —Ar, —CH ₂ —Ar, CH—Ar	2.3–3.0
C–H	alkyl next to electronegative atom	CH ₃ -O, -CH ₂ -O, -CH ₂ -C <i>l</i> ,	3.2–4.0
	attached to alkyne	≡C–H	1.8–3.1
	attached to alkene	=CH ₂ , =CH-	4.5–6.0
	attached to aromatic ring	—Н	6.0–9.0
	aldehyde	R-C H	9.3–10.5
	alcohol	RO-H	0.5–6.0
O-H (see note	phenol	ОН	4.5–7.0
below)	carboxylic acid	R-C O-H	9.0–13.0
	alkyl amine	R-NH-	1.0–5.0
N-H	aryl amine	NH ₂	3.0–6.0
(see note below)	amide	R-C N-H	5.0–12.0

Note: δ values for -O-H and -N-H protons can vary depending on solvent and concentration.

7 Characteristic infra-red absorption frequencies for some selected bonds

Bond	Functional groups containing the bond	Absorption range (in wavenumbers) / cm ⁻¹	Appearance of peak (s = strong, w = weak)
C-C1	chloroalkanes	700–800	s
C-O	alcohol ether ester carboxylic acids	970–1260 1000–1310 1050–1330 1210–1440	s s s
C=C	aromatic alkenes	1475–1625 1635–1690	s w
C=O	amides ketones and aldehydes carboxylic acids esters	1640–1690 1670–1740 1680–1730 1710–1750	s s s
C≡C	alkynes	2150–2250	w unless conjugated
C≡N	nitriles	2200–2250	w
C-H	alkanes, CH ₂ —H alkenes/arenes, =C—H	2850–2950 3000–3100	s w
N–H	amines, amides	3300–3500	w
O-H	carboxylic acid, RCO ₂ –H H-bonded alcohol/phenol, RO–H free alcohol, RO–H	2500–3000 3200–3600 3580–3650	s and very broad s s and sharp

8 The orientating effect of groups in aromatic substitution reactions

The position of the incoming group, **E**, is determined by the nature of the group, **G**, already bonded to the ring, and not by the nature of the incoming group **E**.

G	-alkyl -OH or -OR -NH ₂ , -NHR or -NR ₂ -NHCOR	-C <i>l</i> , −Br, −I	-CHO, -COR -CO ₂ H, -CO ₂ R -NH ₃ ⁺ -NO ₂ , -CN
Reactivity of ring (compared to benzene)	Activated	Deactivated	Deactivated
Position of E (relative to position of G)	2- and/or 4-	2- and/or 4-	3-

Qualitative Analysis Notes [ppt. = precipitate]

9(a) Reactions of aqueous cations

antion.	reaction with				
cation	NaOH(aq)	NH₃(aq)			
aluminium, A <i>l</i> ³⁺ (aq)	white ppt. soluble in excess	white ppt. insoluble in excess			
ammonium, NH ₄ + (aq)	ammonia produced on heating	_			
barium, Ba ²⁺ (aq)	no ppt. (if reagents are pure)	no ppt.			
calcium, Ca ²⁺ (aq)	white ppt. with high [Ca ²⁺ (aq)]	no ppt.			
chromium(III), Cr ³⁺ (aq)	grey-green ppt. soluble in excess giving dark green solution grey-green ppt. insoluble in excess				
copper(II), Cu ²⁺ (aq),	pale blue ppt. insoluble in excess blue ppt. soluble in excess giving dark blue solution				
iron(II), Fe ²⁺ (aq)	green ppt., turning brown on contact with air contact with air insoluble in excess insoluble in excess				
iron(III), Fe³+(aq)	red-brown ppt. insoluble in excess	red-brown ppt. insoluble in excess			
magnesium, Mg ²⁺ (aq)	white ppt. insoluble in excess	white ppt. insoluble in excess			
manganese(II), Mn ²⁺ (aq)					
zinc, Zn²+(aq)	white ppt. soluble in excess	white ppt. soluble in excess			

9(b) Reactions of anions

anion	reaction
carbonate, CO ₃ ²⁻	CO ₂ liberated by dilute acids
chloride, C <i>l</i> ⁻ (aq)	gives white ppt. with Ag ⁺ (aq) (soluble in NH ₃ (aq))
bromide, Br ⁻ (aq)	gives pale cream ppt. with Ag⁺(aq) (partially soluble in NH₃(aq))
iodide, I ⁻ (aq)	gives yellow ppt. with Ag⁺(aq) (insoluble in NH₃(aq))
nitrate, NO ₃ - (aq)	NH₃ liberated on heating with OH⁻(aq) and A <i>l</i> foil
nitrite, NO ₂ ⁻ (aq)	NH_3 liberated on heating with $OH^-(aq)$ and $A\mathit{l}$ foil; NO liberated by dilute acids (colourless $NO \rightarrow (pale)$ brown NO_2 in air)
sulfate, SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	gives white ppt. with Ba ²⁺ (aq) (insoluble in excess dilute strong acids)
sulfite, SO ₃ ²⁻ (aq)	SO ₂ liberated with dilute acids; gives white ppt. with Ba ²⁺ (aq) (soluble in dilute strong acids)

9(c) Tests for gases

gas	test and test result								
ammonia, NH ₃	turns damp red litmus paper blue								
carbon dioxide, CO ₂	gives a white ppt. with limewater (ppt. dissolves with excess CO ₂)								
chlorine, Cl ₂	bleaches damp litmus paper								
hydrogen, H ₂	"pops" with a lighted splint								
oxygen, O ₂	relights a glowing splint								
sulfur dioxide, SO ₂	turns aqueous acidified potassium manganate(VII) from purple to colourless								

9(d) Colour of halogens

halogen	colour of element	colour in aqueous solution	colour in hexane
chlorine, Cl ₂	greenish yellow gas	pale yellow	pale yellow
bromine, Br ₂	reddish brown gas / liquid	orange	orange-red
iodine, I ₂	black solid / purple gas	brown	purple

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10 The Periodic Table of Elements

Group																	
1	2											13	14	15	16	17	18
							1										2
							Н										He
Key						hydrogen 1.0										helium 4.0	
3]	1.0	1				5	6	7	8	9	10
Li	Ве	atomic symbol									В	C	N	0	F	Ne	
lithium	beryllium		name									boron	carbon	nitrogen	oxygen	fluorine	neon
6.9	9.0	relative atomic mass									10.8	12.0	14.0	16.0	19.0	20.2	
11	12											13	14	15	16	17	18
Na	Mg											Αl	Si	P	S	C1	Ar
sodium 23.0	magnesium 24.3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	aluminium 27.0	silicon 28.1	phosphorus 31.0	sulfur 32.1	chlorine 35.5	argon 39.9
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
potassium	calcium	scandium	titanium	vanadium	chromium	manganese	iron	cobalt	nickel	copper	zinc	gallium	germanium	arsenic	selenium	bromine	krypton
39.1	40.1	45.0	47.9	50.9	52.0	54.9	55.8	58.9	58.7	63.5	65.4	69.7	72.6	74.9	79.0	79.9	83.8
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
Rb	Sr	Υ	Zr	Nb	Мо	Тс	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
rubidium 85.5	strontium 87.6	yttrium 88.9	zirconium 91.2	niobium 92.9	molybdenum 95.9	technetium —	ruthenium 101.1	rhodium 102.9	palladium 106.4	silver 107.9	cadmium 112.4	indium 114.8	tin 118.7	antimony 121.8	tellurium 127.6	iodine 126.9	xenon 131.3
55	56		72	73	74	- 75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86
Cs	Ba	57–71 lanthanoids	Hf	Ta	W	Re	76 Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	T <i>l</i>	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
caesium	barium		hafnium	tantalum	tungsten	rhenium	osmium	iridium	platinum	gold	mercury	thallium	lead	bismuth	polonium	astatine	radon
132.9	137.3		178.5	180.9	183.8	186.2	190.2	192.2	195.1	197.0	200.6	204.4	207.2	209.0	· –	_	_
87	88	89–103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112		114		116		
Fr	Ra	actinoids	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	Ds	Rg	Cn		F1		Lv		
francium	radium		rutherfordium	dubnium	seaborgium	bohrium	hassium		darmstadtium	roentgenium	copernicium		flerovium		livermorium		
_	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		_		_		
		57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	
1 41	!_l_	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu	
ianthanoi	lanthanoids		cerium	praseodymium		promethium	samarium	europium	gadolinium	terbium	dysprosium	holmium	erbium	thulium	ytterbium	lutetium	
		138.9	140.1	140.9	144.2	_	150.4	152.0	157.3	158.9	162.5	164.9	167.3	168.9	173.1	175.0	
		89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	
actinoids		Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr	
		actinium	thorium 232.0	protactinium 231.0	uranium 238.0	neptunium	plutonium —	americium —	curium —	berkelium	californium	einsteinium –	fermium —	mendelevium	nobelium —	lawrencium —	
		_	232.0	231.0	230.0	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		_	