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Properties of Period 3 Elements and their Oxides

1. The melting points of some of the oxides formed by Period 3 elements are given in a random order below.

Oxide	Α	В	С	D	E
T _m /°C	2852	-73	1610	1275	300

(a) Using the letters A to E, give two oxides which have simple molecular structures.

Explain your answer.

(2)

(b)Give a simple chemical test which could be used to show which of the oxides in the table is sodium oxide.

State the observation you would make.

(4)

2. State the structure of, and bonding in, silicon dioxide.

Other than a high melting point, give two physical properties of silicon dioxide that are characteristic of its structure and bonding.

(4)

3. Magnesium oxide is classified as a basic oxide. And phosphorus (V) oxide is classified as an acidic oxide.

(a) Write an equation for a reaction that shows magnesium oxide acting as a base with another reagent.
(2)
(b) Write an equation for phosphorus (V) oxide reaction with sodium hydroxide.
(1)
Explain why sodium oxide forms an alkaline solution when it reacts with water.
(2)
Which element forms an ionic oxide that reacts with strong alkalis?
A. Aluminium B. Magnesium C. Sodium D. Sulfur
D. Sulfur (1)
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6. A chemical company has a waste tank of volume 25 000 dm³. The tank is full of phosphoric acid (H₃PO₄) solution formed by adding some unwanted phosphorus(V) oxide to water in the tank.

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A 25.0 cm³ sample of this solution required 21.2 cm³ of 0.500 mol dm⁻³ sodium hydroxide solution for complete reaction.

Calculate the mass, in kg, of phosphorus(V) oxide that must have been added to the water in the waste tank.



7. Explain why the atomic radii of the elements decrease across Period 3 from sodium to chlorine.

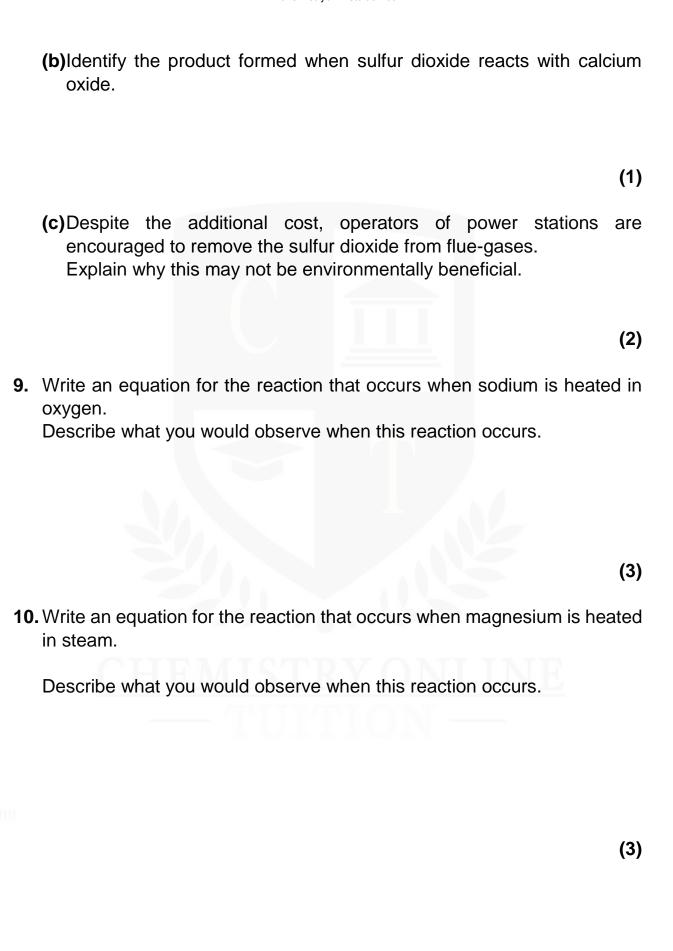
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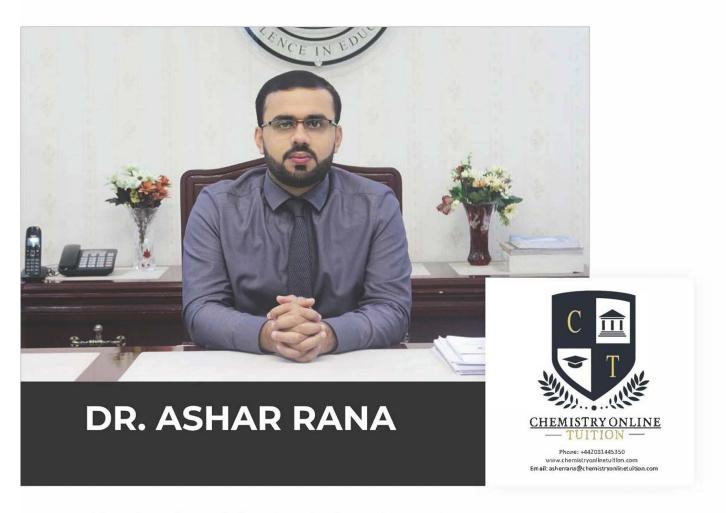
8. The base calcium oxide can be used to remove sulfur dioxide from fluegases produced when fossil fuels are burnt in coal-fired power stations.

Calcium oxide is produced when calcium carbonate, is decomposed by heat.

(a) Write an equation for the action of heat on calcium carbonate.

(1)





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