AQA GCSE Chemistry | 8462

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.2.1.5

Metallic bonding

Past-paper questions

Tier	**Foundation**
Question groups	**3**
Available paper years	**2008–2020**

Using this booklet

1. Answer the questions in order and show your working.
2. Original question numbers and marks are retained.
3. Print at actual size (100%) for measuring questions.
4. Use the companion answer booklet to check your work.

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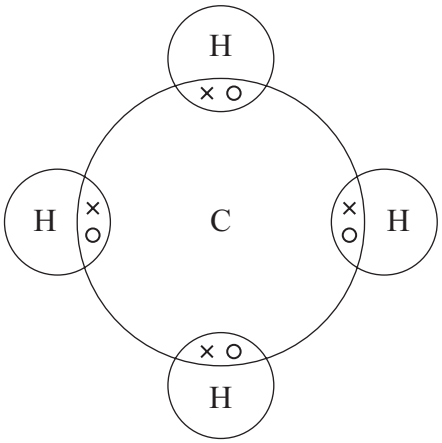
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Question 01

January 2008 | CHY2F | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 The diagram represents a particle of methane.



(a) What is the formula of methane? .....

(1 mark)

(b) Choose a word from the box to answer the question.

atom	ion	molecule

Which of the words best describes the methane particle shown in the diagram?

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(1 mark)

(c) Choose a word from the box to answer the question.

covalent	ionic	metallic

What is the type of bonding shown in the diagram?

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(1 mark)

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Question 02

1 (a) The symbol equation for the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide is:

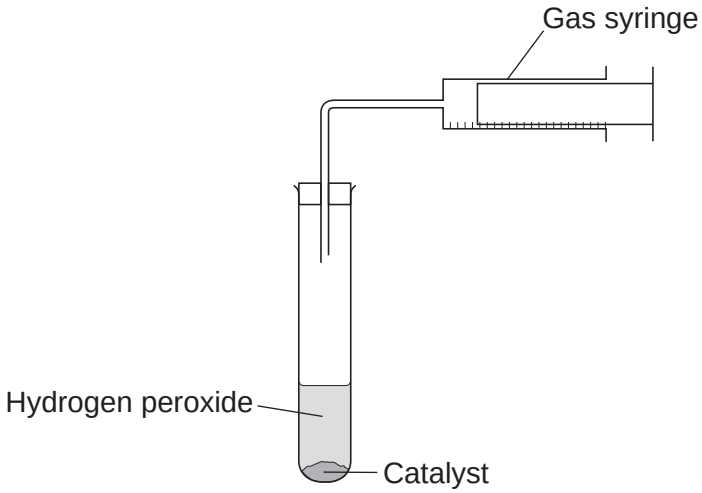
$$2H_2O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O + O_2$$

Complete the word equation for the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide.

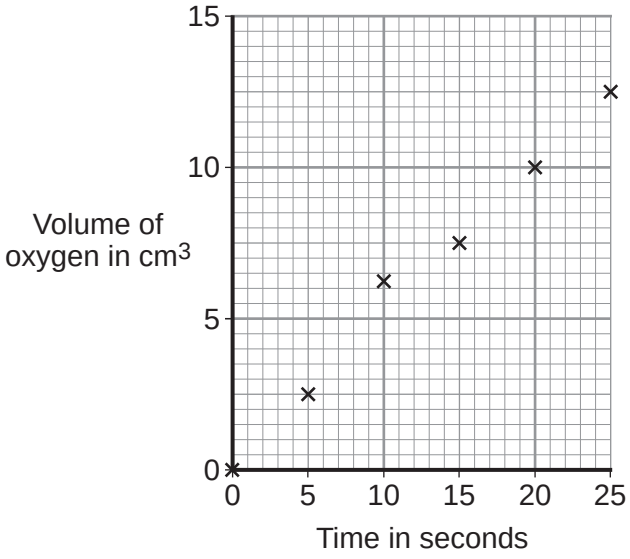
Hydrogen peroxide → ..... + ...

(1 mark)

1 (b) A student did an experiment to see how quickly hydrogen peroxide decomposes. The student used the apparatus shown below to measure the volume of oxygen.



1 (b) (i) Draw a straight line of best fit to complete the graph.



(1 mark)

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Question 02 · continued

1 (b) (ii) Draw a circle around the anomalous point on the graph.

(1 mark)

1 (b) (iii) What is the volume of oxygen given off after 15 seconds? ..... cm^3

(1 mark)

1 (b) (iv) How did the volume of oxygen change between 0 and 25 seconds?

.....

(1 mark)

1 (c) The student wanted to make the reaction faster.

Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete each sentence.

1 (c) (i) To make the reaction faster, the temperature should be

higher.

lower.

the same.

(1 mark)

1 (c) (ii) To make the reaction faster, the hydrogen peroxide should be

more dilute.

more concentrated.

the same.

(1 mark)

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Question 02 · continued

1 (d) The diagram represents the bonding in oxygen.

O=O

Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete each sentence.

1 (d) (i) When two oxygen atoms bond, the atoms [share / transfer / delocalise] electrons.

(1 mark)

1 (d) (ii) The oxygen atoms are joined by [ionic / metallic / covalent] bonds.

(1 mark)

1 (d) (iii) Oxygen is made of [simple molecules. / a giant lattice. / macromolecules.]

(1 mark)

1 (e) When hydrogen peroxide decomposes water is produced.
Which **two** statements in the table explain why water is a liquid at room temperature?

Tick (✓) the **two** statements.

Statement	Tick (✓)
Water has a boiling point of 100 °C.	
Water is made of ions.	
Water has a melting point lower than room temperature.	
Water has a giant covalent structure.	

(2 marks)

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Question 03

November 2020 | 8462/1F | Original Q5

0 5 This question is about aluminium.

0 5 . 1 Aluminium is a metal.

Draw **one** line from each property of aluminium to the correct reason for that property.

[2 marks]

Property	Reason
	Aluminium has delocalised electrons
Conducts electricity	Aluminium has layers of atoms which can slide
	Aluminium has strong metallic bonds
High melting point	Aluminium has weak intermolecular forces
	Aluminium has a random arrangement of atoms

0 5 . 2 Aluminium can be used to make alloys.

What is meant by an 'alloy'?

[1 mark]

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Question 03 · continued

Aluminium is extracted from bauxite.

Bauxite is a mixture which contains aluminium oxide.

0 5 . 3 Bauxite contains between 15% and 25% aluminium.

Aluminium oxide always contains 53% aluminium.

How does this show that bauxite is a mixture and **not** a compound?

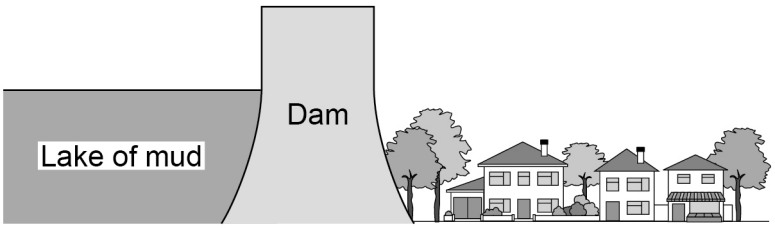
[1 mark]

0 5 . 4 The waste material from the bauxite is stored in lakes of mud.

The lakes of mud are held in place by dams.

Figure 6 shows one of these lakes.

Figure 6



Suggest **two** possible problems with storing the waste material in lakes of mud.

[2 marks]

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Question 03 · continued

Aluminium is extracted by electrolysis.

The aluminium oxide is mixed with cryolite and melted.

The mixture is then electrolysed.

0 5 . 5 The formula of cryolite is Na_3AlF_6

Give the total number of atoms in the formula.

[1 mark]

Number of atoms = _____

0 5 . 6 What is the reason for adding cryolite to the aluminium oxide?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

To increase the amount of aluminium extracted ☐

To lower the melting point of the mixture ☐

To reduce the amount of aluminium oxide needed ☐

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Question 03 · continued

0 5 . 7 Complete the sentences.

Choose answers from the box.

[2 marks]

aluminium	**carbon**	**fluorine**
oxygen	**sodium**	

When the molten aluminium oxide and cryolite mixture is electrolysed the product at the positive electrode is _____.

This product reacts with the positive electrode because the positive electrode is made of _____.

0 5 . 8 A sample of bauxite contains 25% aluminium.

Calculate the maximum mass of aluminium that can be extracted from 300 000 kg of the sample of bauxite.

Give your answer in standard form.

[3 marks]

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Maximum mass (in standard form) = _____ kg

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