AQA GCSE Combined Science - Trilogy | 8464

SPECIFICATION POINT 5.8.2.2

Test for oxygen

Past-paper questions

Tier	**Higher**
Question groups	**3**
Available paper years	**2019–2025**

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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Whole questions are retained for context, so some parts assess other specification points. Current and legacy sources are labelled. Continue on extra paper if needed.

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Question 01

June 2019 | 8464/C/2H | Original Q6

0 6 This question is about oxygen (O_2) and sulfur dioxide (SO_2).

0 6 . 1 Give the test and result for oxygen gas.

[2 marks]

Test _____

Result _____

0 6 . 2 The reaction between oxygen and sulfur dioxide is at equilibrium.

$$O_2(g) + 2SO_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2SO_3(g)$$

Some of the sulfur trioxide (SO_3) is removed.

Explain what happens to the position of the equilibrium.

[2 marks]

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Question 01 · continued June 2019 | 8464/C/2H | Original Q6

0 6 . 3 Sulfur dioxide is an atmospheric pollutant.

Sulfur dioxide pollution is reduced by reacting calcium oxide with sulfur dioxide to produce calcium sulfite.

$$CaO + SO_2 \rightarrow CaSO_3$$

7.00 g of calcium oxide reacts with an excess of sulfur dioxide.

Relative atomic masses (A_r): O = 16 S = 32 Ca = 40

Calculate the mass of calcium sulfite produced.

[4 marks]

Mass of calcium sulfite produced = _____ g

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Question 02

November 2021 | 8464/C/2H | Original Q6

0 6 Ammonia is produced when a mixture of nitrogen and hydrogen reacts.

The equation for the reaction is:

$$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g)$$

0 6 . 1 Nitrogen is obtained from the air.

The mixture of nitrogen and hydrogen must **not** contain carbon dioxide and oxygen.

Explain how a sample can be tested to show that carbon dioxide is **not** present in the mixture.

[2 marks]

0 6 . 2 A catalyst is used in the reaction.

Explain how a catalyst increases the rate of a reaction.

[2 marks]

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Question 02 · continued

The equation for the reaction to produce ammonia is repeated here.

$$N_2\,(g) + 3\,H_2\,(g) \rightleftharpoons 2\,NH_3\,(g)$$

0 6 . 3 The reaction reaches equilibrium.

Explain how an equilibrium is reached.

[2 marks]

0 6 . 4 Suggest how the catalyst affects the equilibrium position.

Give **one** reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

0 6 . 5 What is the effect of increasing the pressure on the reaction to produce ammonia?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

The yield of ammonia decreases. ☐

The yield of ammonia stays the same. ☐

The yield of ammonia increases. ☐

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Question 02 · continued

0 6 . 6 The forward reaction is exothermic.

Explain the effect of increasing the temperature on the yield of ammonia gas produced at equilibrium.

[2 marks]

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Question 03

0 2 The proportions of most gases in the Earth's atmosphere have not changed much for the past 200 million years.

0 2 . 1 About one-fifth of the atmosphere is oxygen.

Describe the test for oxygen gas.

Give the result of the test.

[2 marks]

Test _____

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Result _____

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0 2 . 2 **Table 1** shows the percentages of some gases in the Earth's early atmosphere and in the Earth's atmosphere today.

Table 1

	Percentage (%) of gas in the atmosphere	
Gas	**Earth's early atmosphere**	**Earth's atmosphere today**
Carbon dioxide	95	0.04
Nitrogen	3	78.0
Oxygen	Less than 1	21.0

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Question 03 · continued

Explain how the percentages of gases have changed from Earth's early atmosphere to Earth's atmosphere today.

You should refer to all three gases in **Table 1**.

[6 marks]

Extra space

0 2 . 3 Methane is a greenhouse gas.

Give **two** ways to reduce methane emissions into the atmosphere.

[2 marks]

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Question 03 · continued

The percentage of sulfur dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere increased between 1850 and 1980.

0 2 . 4 Describe how sulfur dioxide emissions are produced.

[2 marks]

0 2 . 5 Give **one** harmful effect of sulfur dioxide emissions.

[1 mark]

0 2 . 6 Suggest **one** reason why the percentage of sulfur dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere has decreased since 1980.

[1 mark]

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