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## Introduction

Some students find the transition from GCSE to A-level Chemistry very challenging. To help make this transition smoother and to give you the best possible start, we have prepared this booklet for you.

It is important that you read through this booklet and then complete all the questions. If you require more space then you can use lined paper. These must be organized in a folder. The tasks cover GCSE topics which you should have already covered with one extension task for Double award students.. You will need a secure knowledge of these topics before you start the course in September.

At the beginning of the course you will be given a test to check how well you have understood the topics

To help you complete this booklet the following resources may be useful:

- http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/
- http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse
- Any GCSE Additional Science/ Chemistry revision guide
- Your own old GCSE Science/ Chemistry exercise books
- Head Start to AS Chemistry Published by CGP (copies of this are available in school)


## Task1: The structure of atoms

1 Complete the spaces to create a set of notes about the structure of atoms.
Atoms consist of a central $\qquad$ containing protons and
$\qquad$ . The nucleus is $\qquad$ compared to the size of the whole atom. The nucleus is surrounded by $\qquad$ in energy levels (also called $\qquad$ ). Atoms have no electric charge because they contain the same number of protons and $\qquad$

| Sub- <br> atomic | Relative <br> mass | Relative <br> charge |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Proton |  |  |
| Neutron |  |  |
| Electron |  |  |

Atomic number $=$ number of $\qquad$ .

Mass number = number of $\qquad$ + number of $\qquad$ . mass number 19

Symbol F
atomic number 9
protons = $\qquad$
neutrons $=$ $\qquad$
electrons = $\qquad$

Atoms of the same element have the same number of $\qquad$ . It is the number of that determines what type of atom it is (e.g. all atoms with six protons are carbon atoms). Atoms of different elements have different numbers of
$\qquad$ . Isotopes are atoms of the same element. They contain the same number of $\qquad$ but a different number of $\qquad$ _.

2 Complete the table about some atoms.

| Atom | Atomi <br> c | Mass <br> number | Number <br> of | Number <br> of | Number <br> of |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CY Na |  |  |  |  |  |
| Li | 3 | 7 |  |  |  |
| Ar |  | 40 | 18 |  |  |
| K |  |  | 19 | 20 |  |
| Al |  |  |  | 14 | 13 |
| Cl | 17 |  |  | 18 |  |

## Task 2: Writing formulae

Use the table of ions from your GCSE data sheet (AQA GCSE ) to write the formula of the following ionic compounds.
a potassium iodide
b sodium oxide
c aluminium bromide
d magnesium chloride
e silver oxide
f iron (II) oxide
g iron (III) oxide
h calcium sulfide
i copper (II) chloride
j lithium fluoride
k barium chloride
I lead sulfide

## Task 3: Relative masses

| Element |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| aluminium | Al | 27 |
| bromine | Br | 80 |
| calcium | Ca | 40 |
| carbon | C | 12 |
| chlorine | Cl | 35.5 |
| copper | Cu | 63.5 |
| fluorine | F | 19 |


| Element |  | $\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{r}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| hydrogen | H | 1 |
| iodine | I | 127 |
| iron | Fe | 56 |
| magnesium | Mg | 24 |
| nitrogen | N | 14 |
| oxygen | O | 16 |


| Element |  | $\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{r}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| phosphorus | P | 31 |
| potassium | K | 39 |
| silver | Ag | 108 |
| sodium | Na | 23 |
| sulfur | S | 32 |
| zinc | Zn | 65 |

1. Calculate the relative formula mass of the following substances You will need to use the relative atomic masses ( $A_{r}$ ) shown above.
(HINTS: 1.If there is formulae in brackets everything in the brackets need to be multiplied by the number outside.)
. The dot means to add. So for CuSO4.5H2O add CuSO4 to 5 lots of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ).

$$
\mathrm{Mg}(\mathrm{OH}) 2
$$

$$
\mathrm{Ca}(\mathrm{HCO} 3) 2
$$

$\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right) 2 \mathrm{SO}_{4}$
$\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right) 2(\mathrm{SO} 4) 2.6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
$\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3} .10 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
2. Calculate the percentage by mass of the element shown in each of the following substances.
O in $\mathrm{Mg}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$

O in $\mathrm{Al}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{3}$

O in $\mathrm{Fe}_{2}\left(\mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)_{3}$
H in $\mathrm{Ca}\left(\mathrm{HCO}_{3}\right)_{2}$

## Task 4: Balancing equations

Balance the following equations.

$$
\mathrm{N}_{2}+\ldots \mathrm{H}_{2} \rightarrow \mathrm{NH}_{3}
$$

$$
\ldots \quad \mathrm{Ca}+\mathrm{O} 2 \rightarrow \ldots \quad \mathrm{CaO}
$$

$$
\mathrm{Br}_{2}+\ldots \mathrm{KI} \rightarrow \ldots \mathrm{KBr}+\mathrm{I}_{2}
$$

$$
\ldots \mathrm{He}^{\mathrm{H}}+\ldots \mathrm{H} \rightarrow \mathrm{Fe}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{4}+\ldots \mathrm{H}_{2}
$$

$$
\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{8}+\ldots \mathrm{O}_{2} \rightarrow \ldots \mathrm{CO}_{2}+\ldots \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}
$$

$$
\ldots \mathrm{NH}_{3}+\ldots \mathrm{O}_{2} \rightarrow \ldots \mathrm{NO}+\ldots \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}
$$

## Task 5: Writing symbol equations from words

Write symbol equations for the following reactions taking place. You will first need to convert the names of the materials into formulae and then balance the equation.
. Zinc metal reacts with copper sulfate solution to produce solid copper metal and zinc sulphate solution.

Solid calcium hydroxide reacts with solid ammonium chloride on heating to produce solid calcium chloride, steam and ammonia gas.

When octane $\left(\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{18}\right)$ vapour is burned with excess air in a car engine carbon dioxide and water vapour are produced.

Task 6:Themole

Use research resources to find the definition of a mole and then apply it to these questions. Use the following values for $A_{r}$

| Element |  | Ar |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| aluminium | Al | 27 |
| bromine | Br | 80 |
| calcium | Ca | 40 |
| carbon | C | 12 |
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1 Complete the blank parts of the following table.

| Substance | Formula | Mr | Mass | Moles |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| carbon monoxide | CO |  | 560 g |  |
| propane | $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{8}$ |  |  | 0.2 |
| unknown solid | unknown |  | 0.104 g | 0.0005 |
| methane | $\mathrm{CH}_{4}$ |  | 6 kg |  |
| sodium | $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ |  |  | 2.5 |
| unknown gas | unknown |  | 0.1 g | 0.0025 |

## Space for rough working

## Task 7:\%Yields

1 Write the equation for the thermal decomposition of limestone
a Calculate the maximum theoretical mass of quicklime that can be made by heating

50 g of limestone (relative atomic masses: $C=12, O=16, C a=40$ ).
b In the reaction, only 26 g of quicklime was produced. Calculate the percentage yield.

2 Hydrazine $\left(\mathrm{N}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)$ was used as the rocket fuel for the Apollo missions to the moon. It is made by the reaction of ammonia $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)$ with sodium chlorate $(\mathrm{NaOCl})$ (relative atomic masses:

a Calculate the maximum theoretical mass of hydrazine that can be made by reacting
340 g of ammonia with an excess of sodium chlorate.
b In the reaction, only 280 g of hydrazine was produced. Calculate the percentage yield.

## Task 8: Empirical and molecular formulae

Empirical formula is the simplest whole number ratio of elements. Divide the percentage or mass by the Mr of each element in the compound, divide by the smallest number and simplify to give a whole number ratio.

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1 Copy and complete the table.

| Empirical | Mr | Molecular |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ | 42 |  |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{10}$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{8}$ |
| $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{8}$ | 44 |  |
|  |  | H 2 O |
| CH | 78 |  |

2 Find the empirical formula of each of the following substances using the data about composition by mass.
a H 5\%
F 95\%
b Na 3.71 g
O $\quad 1.29 \mathrm{~g}$
c $\mathrm{Pb} 90.7 \%$
O 9.3\%
d C 60.0\%
H 13.3\%
O 26.7\%
33.53 g of iron reacts with chlorine to form 10.24 g of iron chloride. Find the empirical formula for the iron chloride.

4 Analysis of a compound consisting of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen showed it to contain 0.273 g C ,
0.046 g H , and 0.182 g O . It has a relative formula mass $\left(\mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{r}}\right)$ of 88 .
a Calculate the empirical formula of the compound.
b Calculate the molecular formula of the compound.

## Task 9: Different types of structures

At GCSE you have covered different examples of bonding and should know how to link the bonding type to their physical properties
e.g. melting point, boiling point and conduction of electricity.

Using your GCSE notes and any additional resources make a summary chart for each type of bonding using the following headings:

| Type of bonding |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Example |  |
| Melting point High/Low |  |
| Boiling point High/Low |  |
| Conduction of electricity |  |

Just to remind you the main groups of compounds are;

Simple molecular substances

Giant covalent structures

Metallic structures
lonic compounds

