

UNIT-7: p - BLOCK ELEMENTS

Group-15 elements	
Give reasons for the following (one mark each):	
1. In group 15 elements, there is considerable increase in covalent radius from N to P but small increase from As to Bi. Why?	U
2. The ionization enthalpies of group 15 elements are higher than those of corresponding members of group 14 and 16 elements.	U
3. Bi (V) is a strong oxidizing agent.	U
4. $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{P}=\text{O}$ exists but $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{N}=\text{O}$ does not.	U
5. The boiling point of PH_3 is lesser than NH_3 .	U
6. Metallic character increases down the 15th group elements.	U
7. NO_2 dimerises to form N_2O_4 .	U
8. Cr, Al do not dissolve in concentrated HNO_3 .	U
9. White phosphorus is the most reactive allotrope of the element.	U
10. PCl_3 fumes in moist air.	U
11. The five bonds in $\text{PCl}_5(\text{g})$ are not equivalent.	U
12. The basicity of H_3PO_3 is 1.	U
13. H_3PO_2 is a stronger reducing agent than H_3PO_3	U
One mark questions	
1. Name the 15th group element that does not exhibit allotropy.	K
2. Complete the equation: $3\text{HNO}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{disproportionation}}$	K
3. Write the formula of the halide of nitrogen that is known to be stable.	K
4. Give an example for a neutral oxide of nitrogen.	K
5. Complete the equation: $\text{PCl}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow$	K
6. Which oxyacid of phosphorus on disproportionation gives H_3PO_4 and PH_3 ?	K
Two mark questions	
1. N_2 molecule is chemically inert while white phosphorus is more reactive. Give reasons.	U
2. How is nitrogen prepared in the laboratory? Write the equation for the reaction involved.	K
3. Ammonium salt $\xrightarrow[\Delta]{+\text{caustic soda}}$ X (g) $\xrightarrow{\text{Cu}_{\text{aq}}^{2+}}$ Y. What are X and Y?	K
4. Complete the following equations : i) $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}}$ ii) $\text{Ca}_3\text{P}_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} (\text{l}) \longrightarrow$	K

5. Complete the following equations : i) $\text{Ba}(\text{N}_3)_2 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}}$ ii) $\text{PH}_4\text{I} + \text{KOH} \longrightarrow$	K
6. Complete the following equations : i) $\text{Cu} + 4\text{HNO}_3(\text{conc.}) \longrightarrow$ ii) $\text{I}_2 + 10\text{HNO}_3(\text{conc.}) \longrightarrow$	K
7. Complete the following equations : i) $4\text{Zn} + 10\text{HNO}_3(\text{dil}) \longrightarrow$ ii) $\text{P}_4 + 20\text{HNO}_3(\text{conc}) \longrightarrow$	K
8. Complete the following equation and name the gas liberated: $\text{P}_4 + 3\text{NaOH} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow$	K
9. i) What is the shape of PCl_5 in gaseous and liquid state? ii) In the solid state PCl_5 exists as an ionic solid. Write the cation and anion in it.	K
10. Draw the structures of: a) Nitric acid b) Hypophosphorous acid	S
11. Draw the structure of $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$. What is its basicity?	S
12. What is the formula of cyclotrimetaphosphoric acid? How many P–O–P bonds are in it?	S
Three mark questions:	
1. Arrange: NH_3 , PH_3 , AsH_3 , SbH_3 , BiH_3 as directed. i) increasing order of base strength ii) decreasing order of stability iii) decreasing order of reducing character	U
2. For the preparation of ammonia by Haber's process, i) Write the balanced chemical equation ii) mention the reaction conditions iii) Draw the flow chart	K
3. How is HNO_3 prepared commercially by Ostwald process? Write chemical equations for the reactions involved.	K
4. Give differences between white phosphorus and red phosphorus based on i) structure ii) solubility in CS_2 iii) reaction with air.	U
5. $\text{P}_4 + 10\text{Cl}_2 \longrightarrow \text{X} \xrightarrow{1 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}} \text{Y} \xrightarrow{3 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}} \text{Z}$. What are X, Y, Z? (All are compounds of phosphorus)	A
Five mark questions:	
1. a) Give appropriate reason for the following anomalous behaviour of nitrogen: i) it is a diatomic gas ii) it has least catenation property iii) it does not form a pentahalide b) Complete the following equations: i) $4\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}}$ ii) $3\text{HgCl}_2 + 2\text{PH}_3 \longrightarrow$	U

2. An unknown salt 'X' reacts with hot conc. H_2SO_4 to produce a reddish brown gas 'Y' which intensifies on adding on copper turnings. On adding dilute ferrous sulphate solution to an aqueous solution of X and then carefully adding conc. H_2SO_4 along the sides of the test tube, a brown complex 'Z' is formed at the interface between the solution and H_2SO_4 . Identify X, Y and Z and write the chemical equations involved in the reaction.	A
3. a) How is PH_3 prepared in the laboratory? How is it purified? Write the chemical equations for the reactions involved. b) Name the gas liberated when a solution of PH_3 in water is exposed to light.	K
4. A white waxy, translucent solid, X, insoluble in water but soluble in CS_2 , glows in dark. X dissolves in NaOH in an inert atmosphere giving a poisonous gas (Y). X catches fire in air to give dense white fumes of Z. i) Identify X, Y and Z and write the chemical equations of the reactions involved.	A
Group-16 elements	
Give reasons for the following (one mark each):	
1. There is large difference between the melting and boiling points of oxygen and sulphur.	U
2. Oxygen has less negative electron gain enthalpy than sulphur.	U
3. In group 16, +4 oxidation state becomes more stable than +6 oxidation state on going down the group.	U
4. Oxygen can show a maximum covalency of 4 and it cannot form hexavalent compound.	U
5. Boiling point of H_2O is higher than that of H_2S .	U
6. H_2S is more acidic than H_2O	U
7. O_3 is thermodynamically unstable than O_2	U
8. Ozone is a powerful oxidising agent.	U
9. Sugar chars in concentrated sulphuric acid.	U
10. SF_6 is exceptionally stable.	U
11. The bond lengths O–O in ozone are identical.	U
One mark questions:	
1. Name the radioactive element in the 16th group.	K
2. What is the oxidation number of oxygen in OF_2 ?	K
3. Write the structure of oleum.	S

Two mark questions:		
1. Write the chemical formula of : a) Gypsum salt	b) Epsom salt	K
2. Complete the equations: i) $2\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4(s) \xrightarrow{\text{heat}}$	ii) $4\text{Al} + 3\text{O}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}}$	K
3. Which among these is (i) basic oxide	ii) mixed oxide?	
a) Al_2O_3	b) Na_2O c) Cl_2O_7 d) Fe_3O_4	U
4. How is ozone prepared? Mention the conditions required and write an equation.		K
5. How is ozone estimated quantitatively?		K
6. Complete the following equations :		
i) $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11} \xrightarrow{\text{conc. H}_2\text{SO}_4}$	ii) $2\text{KClO}_3 \xrightarrow[\text{heat}]{\text{MnO}_2}$	K
7. How do you prepare β -sulphur from α -sulphur?		K
8. Above 1000°C which species of sulphur is dominant? What is its magnetic property?		K
9. $\text{SO}_3^{2-} + 2\text{H}^+ \longrightarrow \text{A(gas)} \xrightarrow[\text{charcoal}]{+\text{Cl}_2} \text{B}$. What are A and B?		K
10. High pressure and low temperature favours maximum yield of sulphur trioxide in contact process. Give reasons.		U
11. Complete the equation: i) $\text{Cu} + 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_{4(\text{conc.})} \longrightarrow$	ii) $\text{CaF}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_{4(\text{conc.})} \longrightarrow$	K
12. Write the formula of any two oxoacids of Sulphur.		K
13. Draw the structure of $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ and name the acid.		S
14. Complete the following equations :		
i) $3\text{S} + 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \xrightarrow{\text{conc}}$	ii) $\text{PbS} + 4\text{O}_3 \longrightarrow$	K
15. Complete the following equations :		
i) $2\text{KI} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_3 \longrightarrow$	ii) $\text{NaNO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \longrightarrow$	K
Three mark questions:		
1. Give any three reasons for the anomalous behaviour of oxygen.		K
2. Arrange: H_2O , H_2S , H_2Se , H_2Te as directed:		
i) decreasing acidity	ii) increasing reducing property	
iii) increasing thermal stability		U
3. Out of the following hydrides : H_2S , H_2O , H_2Te which one will have :		
i) lowest boiling point	ii) highest bond angle	
iii) highest electropositive hydrogen.		U
4. Write chemical equations involved during the manufacture of sulphuric acid by contact process mentioning the reaction conditions.		K

Group-17 elements	
Give reasons for the following (one mark each):	
1. The negative value of electron gain enthalpy of fluorine is less than that of chlorine.	U
2. Bond dissociation enthalpy of F ₂ is less than that of Cl ₂ .	U
3. Most of the reactions of fluorine are exothermic.	U
4. HF is the weakest acid among hydrogen halides.	U
5. Thermal stability of hydrogen halides decreases from fluoride to iodide.	U
6. HF is a liquid while other hydrogen halides are gases.	U
7. Halogens have maximum negative electron gain enthalpy in their corresponding periods.	U
8. Halogens are coloured.	U
9. Halogens are strong oxidizing agent.	U
10. Interhalogen compound is more reactive than the halogens from which it is formed.	U
11. HCl reacts with finely powdered iron to form ferrous chloride, but not ferric chloride.	U
One mark questions:	
1. Name the gas liberated when fluorine reacts with water.	K
2. Name the only oxyacid of fluorine.	K
3. Arrange these in the decreasing order of their stability: I ₂ O ₄ , ClO ₂ , BrO ₂ .	U
4. Name the iodine oxide that is used in estimation of carbon monoxide.	K
5. Complete the equation: I ₂ + 6H ₂ O + 5Cl ₂ →	K
6. Write the composition of bleaching powder.	K
7. What is the composition of aqua regia?	K
8. Write the structure of perchloric acid.	S
9. Which one of the interhalogen compound is not known: ICl ₃ or ICl ₂ ?	U
Two mark questions	
1. Fluorine exhibits only –1 oxidation state whereas other halogens exhibit positive oxidation states also.	U
2. Compare the reaction of fluorine and chlorine with water. Give equations.	K
3. Describe how chlorine is manufactured by Deacon's process. Give the equation.	K
4. $\text{KMnO}_4 + \text{HCl} \longrightarrow \text{P}_{(\text{g})} \xrightarrow{+\text{H}_2\text{S}} \text{Q (yellow solid)}$. What are P and Q?	A

Group-18 elements	
Give reasons for the following (one mark each):	
1. Group 18 elements have very high ionisation enthalpy.	U
2. Noble gases have large positive value for electron gain enthalpy.	U
3. Group 18 elements have very low boiling and melting point.	U
One mark questions:	
1. Name the main commercial source of helium.	K
2. Radon is obtained by radioactive decay of the isotope _____	K
3. Name the most abundant noble gas present in dry air.	K
4. The first ionisation enthalpy of which molecule is almost similar to ionisation enthalpy of xenon?	K
5. Arrange the following in the increasing number of lone pair of electrons on xenon: XeF ₄ , XeF ₆ , XeF ₂	U
6. Name the noble gas that has lowest boiling point known and also diffuses through rubber.	K
7. Complete the equation: $2\text{XeF}_{2(s)} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)} \longrightarrow$	K
8. Complete the equation: $\text{XeF}_6 + \text{NaF} \longrightarrow$	K
Two mark questions:	
1. Noble gases are chemically inert. Give two reasons.	K
2. Complete the following equations: i) $\text{XeF}_6 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{Complete hydrolysis}}$ ii) $\text{PtF}_6 + \text{Xe} \longrightarrow$	K
3. Draw the structures of : i) XeF ₂ ii) XeO ₃ .	S
4. What is the geometry of i) XeF ₄ ii) XeF ₆ .	S
5. How many lone pair of electrons in: i) XeOF ₄ ii) XeO ₃ ?	K