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## **Oxidation & Reduction**

**Oxidation (old concept) :** Oxidation is a process which involves either of the following—

- (i) addition of oxygen
- (ii) removal of hydrogen
- (iii) addition of electro negative element or group
- (iv) removal of electro positive element or group.

 $\begin{array}{l} 2Mg + O2 \rightarrow 2MgO \text{ (oxidation of Mg)} \\ H2S + Cl2 \rightarrow 2HCl + S \text{ (oxidation of H2S)} \\ Fe + S \rightarrow FeS \text{ (oxidation of Fe)} \end{array}$ 

2KI + H2O2  $\rightarrow$  2KOH + I2 (oxidation of KI)

Reduction (old concept) : Reduction is a process which involves either of the following—

(i) addition of hydrogen (ii) removal of oxygen

(iii) addition of electro positive element or group.

(iv) removal of electronegative element or group.

H2 + Cl2  $\rightarrow$  2HCl (reduction of Cl2)

 $CuO + C \rightarrow Cu + CO$  (reduction of CuO)

HgCl2 + Hg  $\rightarrow$  Hg2Cl2 (reduction of HgCl2)

 $2FeCl3 + H2 \rightarrow 2FeCl2 + 2HCl (reduction of FeCl3)$ 

**Modem concept of oxidation and Reduction :** According to modem concept, loss of electrons is called oxidation whereas gain of electrons is called reduction.

 $Na \rightarrow Na+ + e$  (oxidation of Na)

 $Zn \rightarrow Zn2+ + 2e$  (oxidation of Zn)

Cl2 + 2e  $\rightarrow$  2Cl– (reduction of Cl2)

S + 2e  $\rightarrow$  S2– (reduction of S)

**Oxidising agent (O.A.) :** A substance which undergoes reduction is called oxidising agent

 $CuO + C \rightarrow Cu + CO$ 

Oxidation - C, Reduction - CuO, Oxidising agent - CuO

Examples—O2, O3, H2O2, KMnO4, K2Cr2O7 etc.

**Reducing agent (R.A.) :** A substance which undergoes oxidation is called reducing agent.

 $H2O + C \rightarrow CO + H2$ 

Oxidation— C, Reduction— H2O, Reducing agent-

Examples-H2, CO, H2S, SO2, C, SnCl2 etc.

**Redox Reaction :** A reaction in which both oxidation and reduction takes place simaltaneously is called redox reaction.

Example—

 $CuO + C \rightarrow Cu + CO$ 

Oxidation – C, Reduction – CuO

**Oxidation number (O.N.) :** The charge present on atom in molecule or ion is called oxidation number. It may be zero, positive or negative.

#### Rules for determination of oxidation number :

(i) Oxidation number of an atom in free state is zero.

(ii) Oxidation number of alkali metals (Li, Na, K, Rb, Cs) in molecule is always +1.

(iii) Oxidation number of alkaline earth metals (Be, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba) in a molecule is always + 2

(vi) Sum of Oxidation number of atoms in a molecule is equal to zero.

(vii) Sum of oxidation number of atoms in a ion is equal to magnitude of charge with sign.

### Oxidation Number of Mn in KMnO4 :

Let O.N. of Mn = x

 $1 + x + (-2) \times 4 = 0$ 

$$1 + x - 8 = 0$$

x = + 7

xidation Number of Cr in K2Cr2O7 :

Let O.N. of Cr = x

$$1 \times 2 + x \times 2 + (-2) \times 7 = 0$$

2 + 2x - 14 = 0

x = 6

Oxidation Number of C in C12H22O11 :

Let O.N. of C = x

x × 12 + 1 × 22 + (-2) × 11 =

12x + 22 - 22 = 0

 $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ 

**Types of Reactions :** 

**1. Combination reactions :** In combination reactions, compounds are formed as a result of the chemical combination of two or more elements.

H2 (g) +  $\frac{1}{2}$ O2 (g)  $\rightarrow$  H2O2(l)

 $C~(s) + O2~(g) \rightarrow CO2~(g)$ 

 $3Mg (s) + N2 (g) \rightarrow Mg3N2 (s)$ 

**2. Displacement reactions :** In these reactions, an atom / ion present in a compound gets replaced by an atom / ion of another element.

FeSO4 (aq) + Zn (s)  $\rightarrow$  Zn SO4 (aq) + Fe (s)

MgO (aq) + 2 Na (s)  $\rightarrow$  Na2O (aq) + Mg (s)

**3. Disproportionation reactions :** The chemical reaction in which only one substance is oxidised as well as reduced simultaneously is called disproportionation reaction.

 $Cl2 + 2NaOH \rightarrow NaCl + NaOCl + H2O$ 

 $P4 + NaOH + 2H2O \rightarrow 2NaH2PO2 + 2PH3$ 

**4. Substitution reaction :** In these reactions, one or more atoms or groups present in organic molecule get substituted or replaced by suitable atoms or groups.

C2H2CI + KOH (aq)  $\rightarrow$  C2H5OH + KCI

Ethyl chloride Ethyl alcohol

**5. Neutralisation reaction :** When an acid reacts with a base, salt and water is formed. This reaction is called neutralisation reaction.

acid + base  $\rightarrow$  salt + water

HCI + NaOH  $\rightarrow$  NaCl + H2O

NN