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.

$$2Mg + O2 \rightarrow 2MgO$$
 (oxidation of Mg)
H2S + Cl2 \rightarrow 2HCl + S (oxidation of H2S)

 $Fe + S \rightarrow FeS$ (oxidation of Fe)

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

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

- (i) addition of hydrogen (ii) removal o xygen
- (iii) addition of electro po itiv elem nt or g oup.
- (iv) removal of electronegativ element or group.

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

$$CuO + C \rightarrow C + CO$$
 educt on of CuO)

Hg I2 + Hg
$$\rightarrow$$
 g2CI2 (reduction of HgCI2)

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

Modem conc pt 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 s c lled reducing agent.

$$H2O + C \rightarrow CO + H2$$

Oxidation— C, Reduction— H2O, Reducing agent C

Examples—H2, CO, H2S, SO2, C, SnCl2 et .

Redox Reaction: A reaction in which bot oxidation and reduction takes place simultaneously is called redox reactio.

Example—

$$CuO + C \rightarrow Cu + CO$$

Oxidation – C, Reducti – CuO

Oxidation number O.N.): T e charge present on atom in molecule or ion is called oxidatio num er. It m y be zero, positive or negative.

Rules for det mination of oxidation number :

- (i) Oxid ion number of an atom in free state is zero.
- (ii) Oxidation umber 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

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

$$2 + 2x - 14 = 0$$

$$x = 6$$

Oxidation Number of C in C12H22O 1:

Let O.N. of C = x

$$x \times 12 + 1 \times 22 + (-2)$$
 11 =0

$$12x + 22 - 22 = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

Types of Re tions

1. Combi ation eactions: 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.

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

Ethyl chloride Ethyl alcohol

5. Neutralisation reaction : When an cid reacts with a base, salt and water is formed. This reaction is calle neu alisat n reaction.