

**UNIT 5B – CHEMICAL REACTIONS II (OXIDATION AND REDUCTION)**

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**UNIT 5B QUIZ 1 - INTRODUCTION TO OXIDATION AND REDUCTION**

Answer all questions  
Recommended time = 30 minutes  
BON COURAGE!

Name:	
Score for Q1 (open response)	/10
Score for Q2 - 6 (multiple choice)	/5
Bonus (Submits quiz on time and in correct format)	/5

**SECTION A – OPEN RESPONSE**

<b>1.</b>	Acidified potassium dichromate, a mixture of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ and $H_2SO_4$ , is an important oxidizing agent. It reacts according to the following half-equation: $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6e^- \rightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$ One of its uses is to determine the iron levels in blood.	
	(a) Why is acidified potassium dichromate an oxidizing agent? Define an oxidizing agent – what does it do? State whether or not the acidified dichromate is doing that in the above half-equation	2
	(b) Deduce the oxidation numbers of the chromium (Cr) on both sides of the half-equation. Hence explain why the half-equation contains six electrons. Oxidation number of Cr in $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ = Oxidation number of Cr in $Cr^{3+}$ = So each Cr is gaining how many electrons during this half-equation? As are two Cr atoms, in the half-equation, how many electrons are being gained in total?	3
	(c) What species in the half-equation shows that the potassium dichromate has been acidified? Which ion is present in all acids?	1

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(d)	<p>There are two ions which are present in acidified potassium dichromate but which do not appear in the above half-equation. Give the formula of either one of them.</p> <p>Acidified potassium dichromate contains <math>K_2Cr_2O_7</math> and <math>H_2SO_4</math>  <math>K_2Cr_2O_7</math> contains <math>K^+</math> and <math>Cr_2O_7^{2-}</math>; <math>H_2SO_4</math> contains <math>H^+</math> and <math>SO_4^{2-}</math>                  Which of these ions do not appear in the half-equation?</p>	1
(e)	<p>When acidified potassium dichromate reacts with iron in blood, the iron is oxidized from <math>Fe^{2+}</math> to <math>Fe^{3+}</math>. Write a half-equation for this oxidation.</p> <p><math>Fe^{2+} \rightarrow Fe^{3+}</math> so how many electrons? On which side?</p>	1
(f)	<p>Hence write an overall equation for the redox reaction between acidified potassium dichromate and the iron in blood.</p> <p>Take your answer to (e)                  Combine it with the half-equation at the top                  Make sure your electrons cancel out</p>	2
TOTAL		10

## SECTION B – MULTIPLE CHOICE

Answer these questions on the separate answer sheet.

Read the questions and make a note of all five of your answers before clicking on the answer sheet.

Reaction V	$3\text{Cl}_2 + 6\text{NaOH} \rightarrow 5\text{NaCl} + \text{NaClO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ 0 +1,-2,+1 → +1,-1 +1,?, -5 +1,-2
Reaction W	$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + 2\text{KCl} \rightarrow \text{K}_2\text{SO}_4 + 2\text{HCl}$ +1,?, -2 +1,-1 → +1,?, -2 +1,-1
Reaction X	$2\text{VO}_2\text{Cl} + 3\text{Zn} + 8\text{HCl} \rightarrow 2\text{VCl}_2 + 3\text{ZnCl}_2 + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ?, -2, -1 0 +1,-1 → +2,-1 +2,-1 +1,-2
Reaction Y	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + 6\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 6\text{CO}_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ?, +1, -2 0 → +4,-2 +1,-2

1.	Which of the above reactions is not a redox reaction? No changes in oxidation numbers
2.	What is the oxidation number of V in $\text{VO}_2\text{Cl}$ (Reaction X)? Sorry, this was difficult, I've added the O and Cl above so you should be able to work it out easily now
3.	What happens to the oxidation number of C in Reaction Y? It starts as ? and it finishes as +4, so it goes up by ?
4.	What is the reducing agent in Reaction X? What is oxidized?
5.	Which reaction is a disproportionation reaction? Same atom is oxidized and reduced

[Go to the answer sheet](#)