Nitrogen and Fertilizers

Question Paper 3

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1 Ammonia contains the elements nitrogen and hydrogen. It is manufactured from these elements in the Haber process.

$$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons \quad _3(g)$$

The forward reaction is exothermic.

(a) (i) Nitrogen is obtained from liquid air by fractional distillation. Why does this technique separate liquid oxygen and nitrogen?

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(ii) Name **two** raw materials from which hydrogen is manufactured.

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(b) The table shows how the percentage of ammonia in the equilibrium mixture varies with pressure at 600 °C.

percentage ammonia	8	12	15	20
pressure/atm	200	300	400	500

(i) Explain why the percentage of ammonia increases as the pressure increases.

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(ii) How would the percentage of ammonia change if the measurements had been made at a lower temperature?
Explain your answer.

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(iii) State **two** of the reaction conditions used in the Haber Process.

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(c) Ammonia is a base.

(i) Name a particle that an ammonia molecule can accept from an acid.

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(ii) Write an equation for ammonia acting as a base.

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(d) Given aqueous solutions, 0.1mol/dm^3, of sodium hydroxide and ammonia, describe how you could show that ammonia is the weaker base.

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(e) Another compound that contains nitrogen and hydrogen is hydrazine, N_2H_4.

(i) Draw the structural formula of hydrazine. Hydrogen can form only one bond per atom but nitrogen can form three.

(ii) Draw a diagram that shows the arrangement of the valency electrons in one molecule of hydrazine. Hydrazine is a covalent compound.
Use x to represent an electron from a nitrogen atom.
Use o to represent an electron from a hydrogen atom.

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2 This question is about compounds of nitrogen.

(a) (i) Describe the Haber Process giving reaction conditions and a chemical equation. Reference to rate and yield is not required.

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(ii) Give **one** use of ammonia.

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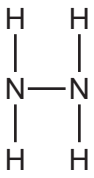
(b) The diagram shows the structure of a hydrazine molecule.



Draw the electron arrangement of a hydrazine molecule. Show the outer shell electrons only.

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(c) Hydrazine is a base.

(i) *base*.

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(ii) Complete the chemical equation to show that hydrazine acts as a base when added to water.

$N_2H_4 + H_2O \rightarrow$ ..... + ... [1]

(d) Nitrogen dioxide is an atmospheric pollutant.

(i) State **one** environmental problem caused by nitrogen dioxide.

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(ii) Explain how oxides of nitrogen, such as nitrogen dioxide, are formed in car engines.

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[Total: 13]

3 The Atacama desert in Chile has deposits of the salt sodium nitrate. Very large amounts of this salt were exported to Europe for use as a fertiliser. After the introduction of the Haber process in 1913, this trade rapidly diminished.

(a) (i) Explain why the introduction of the Haber process reduced the demand for sodium nitrate.

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(ii) Suggest why surface deposits of sodium nitrate only occur in areas with very low rainfall such as desert areas.

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(iii) The desert has smaller surface deposits of potassium nitrate.

Suggest why potassium nitrate is a better fertiliser than the sodium salt.

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(b) All nitrates decompose when heated. The extent to which a nitrate decomposes is determined by the metal in the salt.

(i) Sodium nitrate decomposes to form sodium nitrite, $NaNO_2$.

Write the equation for decomposition of sodium nitrate.

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(ii) Sodium nitrite is a reducing agent.

What would be observed if an excess of sodium nitrite solution was added to a solution of acidified potassium manganate(VII)?

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(iii) Copper(II) nitrate decomposes to form copper(II) oxide, nitrogen dioxide and oxygen.

What is the relationship between the extent of decomposition and the reactivity of the metal in the nitrate?

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(c) The equation for the decomposition of copper(II) nitrate is given below.

$$2Cu(NO_3)_2 \rightarrow 2CuO + 4NO_2 + O_2$$

(i) Predict what you would observe when copper(II) nitrate is heated.

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(ii) Copper(II) nitrate forms a series of hydrates with the formula $Cu(NO_3)_2.xH_2O$.
All these hydrates decompose to form copper(II) oxide.
1 mole of $Cu(NO_3)_2.xH_2O$ forms 1 mole of CuO.

What is meant by 1 mole of a substance?

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(iii) 7.26 g of a hydrate, $Cu(NO_3)_2.xH_2O$, formed 2.4 g copper(II) oxide.

number of moles of CuO formed = ...

number of moles of $Cu(NO_3)_2.xH_2O$ in 7.26 g = ...

mass of 1 mole of $Cu(NO_3)_2.xH_2O$ = ... g

mass of 1 mole of $Cu(NO_3)_2$ is 188 g

the value of *x* in this hydrate = ...

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[Total: 18]