

LEAVING CERTIFICATE CHEMISTRY

REVISION CHECKLIST

The Periodic Table and Atomic Structure

Periodic Table:

- I can name the first 36 elements from their symbols
- I know the contribution of the Greeks, Boyle, Davy and Mosley to the discovery of elements.
- I know that the periodic table is designed to show the trends in the physical and chemical properties of elements.
- I know the contribution of **Dobereiner**, **Newlands**, Mendeleev and **Mosley** to the development of the periodic table.
- I can list 4 differences between the modern periodic table and Mendeleev's.
- I can name groups I, II, VII and VIII on the periodic table and know their characteristic properties

Atomic Structure:

- I know that all matter is composed of particles which may be atoms, molecules or ions.
- I know how small atoms are
- I can state 3 things about Daltons atomic theory
- I understand how Crookes worked with vacuum tubes and discovered cathode rays**
- I know that Thompson discovered the electron by working with cathode rays
- I can draw Thompson's model of an atom
- I know that Thompson calculated the charge : mass ratio of an electron**
- I know that the name electron was proposed by George Stoney.**
- I know that Milikan calculated the charge on the electron using the oil drop experiment. (details not required)**
- I can state the law of conservation of mass
- I know that Rutherford discovered the nucleus using the α -particle scattering experiment (Gold leaf experiment)
- I know how Rutherford discovered the proton**
- I know how Chadwick discovered the Neutron**
- I can draw Bohr's model of an atom
- I can fill in a table of properties of electrons, protons and neutrons (mass, charge, location)
- I can identify the mass number (A) and the atomic number (Z) of an atom of an element from the periodic table
- I know what an isotope is **and can calculate relative atomic masses from the abundances of isotopes of given mass number.**
- I know that the relative atomic mass is based on the mass of a ^{12}C atom.

- I know that a mass spectrometer is used to determine relative atomic mass
- I know that there are 5 processes that occur in a mass spectrometer and can name and explain them. (not including mathematical treatment)**

Electronic Structure of Atoms

- I know what an energy level is
- I know why Bohr's model works for the first 20 elements in the periodic table. (no. of electrons in each main energy level)
- I can classify the first 20 elements in the periodic table on the basis of the number of electrons in their outermost shell
- I know what an emission spectrum is**
- I know what an absorption spectrum is**
- I know that the Balmer series is the visible light section of energy emission**
- I know that different metals give rise to different coloured flames, eg fireworks, sodium street lights
- I know that line spectra give evidence for energy levels and how.**
- I know that energy levels have sub levels**
- I can state Heisenberg's uncertainty principle.**
- I know that electrons have a wave nature.**
- I can define Orbital**
- I can draw S and P orbitals**
- I can state the Aufbau principle**
- I can state Hund's Rule**
- I can state the Pauli Exclusion principle**
- I can draw the full s,p,d electronic configurations of the first 36 elements.**

Trends in the Periodic table:

- I can define atomic radii
- I can account for the trends in atomic radii down a group
- I can account for the trends in atomic radii across a period.
- I can define First ionisation energy**
- I can account for the trends in ionisation energy down a group**
- I can account for the trends in ionisation energy across a period**
- I can account for the exceptions to the trends in ionisation energy across a period**
- I can define second and successive ionisation energies**
- I can explain how successive ionisation energies give evidence for the existence of energy levels.**
- I can explain how electronic structure influences the chemical properties of an element
- I can explain in terms of atomic radius, screening effect and nuclear charge, the general trends in properties of elements in groups I and VII.

Radioactivity:

- I know that Henri Becquerel discovered radioactivity and how.
- I know that Marie and Pierre Curie worked on Uranium salts to discover polonium and radium
- I know that radioactivity is all around us
- I know the nature and penetrating ability of alpha, beta and gamma radiation and I can give one example of each
- I know the difference between chemical reactions and nuclear reactions**
- I can complete simple nuclear equations for alpha and beta particles.**
- I know what a radioisotope is
- I can give three uses of radioisotopes
- I can define half life
- I know how half life is used in ^{14}C dating.
- I can explain the use of ^{60}Co radiation in cancer treatment.

Oxidation and Reduction:

- I can give three simple examples of oxidation and reduction reactions
- I can explain the rusting of iron in terms of oxidation
- I can define oxidation and reduction in terms of loss or gain of electrons
- I can name three common oxidising agents and three common reducing agents including bleach as both an oxidising and a reducing agent.
- I can explain how oxidation and reduction is used in the treatment of swimming pool water
- I can build up an electrochemical series based on how easily metals are oxidised. (displacement reactions)
- I can use scrap iron to extract copper
- I can explain the electrolysis of copper sulfate solution with copper electrodes **and give the half equations.**
- I can explain the electrolysis of acidified water with inert electrodes **and give the half equations.**
- I can give practical uses of electrolysis such as electroplating, purification of copper and chrome and nickel plating and cutlery.

Oxidation Numbers:

- I know 7 rules for assigning oxidation numbers**
- I can assign oxidation numbers according to those rules.**
- I can work out the oxidation numbers of transition metals in their compounds**
- I can define oxidation and reduction in terms of oxidation numbers.**

Chemical Bonding

Chemical compounds:

- I can construct simple chemical formulas
- I know why noble gases are so unreactive
- I can give a use of helium and/or argon related to their unreactivity
- I can define valency
- I can predict bonding based on attainment of a stable structure
- I can state the octet rule and know its limitations.
- I know the structure and valency of the following anions: hydroxides, carbonates, **nitrates**, **hydrogencarbonates**, **sulfites** and **sulfates**.
- I know that transition elements have variable valency and can explain why in relation to Cu, Fe, Cr, and Mn.

Ionic Bonding:

- I know that there are positive and negative ions
- I can predict the type of ion an atom of an element is likely to form
- I can define an ionic bond
- I can represent ionic bonds using dot and cross diagrams
- I know the structure of a sodium chloride crystal and how ionic bonding is responsible
- I know the properties of ionic substances such as hardness, melting and boiling points, and the ability to conduct electricity.
- I can give the uses of two everyday ionic substances.

Covalent Bonding:

- I can define covalent bonding
- I know about single double and triple bonds and how they form
- I can distinguish between sigma and pi bonding.**
- I can draw covalent bonds using dot and cross diagrams
- I know the difference between polar and non-polar bonding
- I can test for polarity in liquids using a charged plastic rod
- I can give two examples of polar and non-polar materials in everyday life
- I know the properties of covalent substances such as hardness, melting and boiling points, and the ability to conduct electricity.

Electronegativity:

- I can define electronegativity
- I can explain trends in electronegativity down a group on the periodic table
- I can explain trends in electronegativity across a period on the periodic table
- I can use electronegativity differences to predict ionic, polar covalent, or non-polar covalent bonding.

Shapes of Molecules and Intermolecular Forces:

- I can use the electron pair repulsion theory to explain the shape of molecules of type AB_n for up to 4 pairs of electrons around a central atom. (refer to bond angle)
- I know the difference between intramolecular bonding and intermolecular forces
- I can define van der Waals forces and explain their occurrence
- I can define dipole-dipole forces and explain their occurrence
- I can define Hydrogen bonding and explain its occurrence
- I can explain the effect of intermolecular forces on the boiling forces of a covalent substance and use it to explain differences in boiling points of various substances.

STOICHIOMETRY, FORMULAS and EQUATIONS.

- I know how particles move in solids, liquids and gases.
- I can define diffusion and know that NH_3 and HCl diffuse and form a visible solid ammonium chloride. I also know that ink diffuses in water and smoke diffuses in air.
- I can state Boyle's law and understand how Boyle's air pump works
- I can state Charles's law.
- I can state Gay-Lussac's law of combining volumes.
- I can state Avogadro's law
- I can state the combined gas law
- I can do simple calculations using the combined gas law including correction of gas volumes to S.T.P. using the units: Pa; cm^3 ; K)
- I can state the assumptions of the kinetic theory of gases.
- I know what an ideal gas is
- I know why gases deviate from ideal gas behaviour
- I can write the equation of state for an ideal gas
- I can do calculations using the equation of state for an ideal gas (using the units: Pa; m^3 ; and K).
- I can convert cm^3 to m^3 .
- I can define and express numerically Avogadro's constant
- I can define and write numerically a mole.
- I can define and write numerically Standard Temperature and Pressure (s.t.p.)
- I can define molar volume and find the value on an exam paper
- I can define molar mass
- I can define relative atomic mass

- I can define relative molecular mass (M_r)
- I can carry out calculations to find relative molecular mass from relative atomic masses
- I can convert moles into grams, litres and into number of particles.
- I can convert grams and litres into moles
- I can convert number of particles into moles
- I can convert moles to number of atoms of a molecular species
- I know how a mass spectrometer is used to determine M_r and know about the structure of a mass spectrometer.
- I can define an empirical formula
- I can define a molecular formula
- I can carry out calculations of empirical formulas given the % composition by mass
- I can calculate empirical formulas given the masses of reactants and products
- I can calculate molecular formulas given the empirical formula and the relative molecular mass (e.g. glucose and urea).
- I can define and calculate % composition by mass
- I can define structural formulas and draw simple ones
- I can balance chemical equations
- I can balance redox equations (ionic equations only – ignore spectator ions)
- I can carry out calculations in g or kg involving masses and volumes based on balanced equations using the mole concept.
- I can carry out calculations involving an excess of one reactant
- I can calculate and define percentage yields

VOLUMETRIC ANALYSIS.

- I can write the concentration of solutions in: mol l^{-1} (molarity); g l^{-1} ; and in % (W/V); % (v/v) (and know its use in wine); and % (w/w).
- I can calculate molarity from concentration in grams per litre and vice versa.
- I can calculate the number of moles from molarity and volume
- I can carry out simple calculations using percentage concentrations
- I know that colour intensity is a function of concentration.
- I can do calculations of the effect of dilution on concentration
- I know what a primary standard and a secondary standard is
- I can define acids, bases and salts.
- I can define neutralisation
- I can give two examples of a household acid and two examples of a household base.
- I can give everyday examples of neutralisation such as indigestion tablets and lime in agriculture

- I know the Arrhenius theory of acids and bases for aqueous solutions**
- I know the Bronsted-Lowry theory of acids and bases for aqueous solutions
- I can define a conjugate acid-base pair and can identify the conjugate acid and the conjugate base of a range of substances.
- I know what apparatus is used in titrations**
- I can outline correct titrimetric procedure**
- I can solve volumetric problems using the formula method**
- I can solve volumetric problems from first principles
- I can calculate the relative molecular mass of a compound by titration
- I can calculate the amount of water of crystallisation in a compound from titration data.
- I can do calculations based on acid/base and redox volumetric analysis experiments.

RATES OF REACTION.

- I can define rate of reaction**
- I can plot and interpret a reaction rate graph**
- I can distinguish between average and instantaneous rate of reaction
- I can calculate the instantaneous rate of reaction from a graph
- I know how and why concentration effects the rate of reaction**
- I know how and why particle size effects the rate of reaction**
- I know why dust explosions occur**
- I know how and why temperature effects the rate of reaction**
- I know how and why catalysts effects the rate of reaction**
- I know that enzymes are catalysts produced by living cells and can give 2 examples**
- I know the nature of the catalysts in catalytic converters**
- I know the reactions that are catalysed in catalytic converters**
- I know the environmental benefits of catalytic converters**
- I know what a catalyst poison is and can give an example**
- I have seen the oxidation of methanol using hot platinum or nichrome as a catalyst**
- I know what activation energy is
- I know how temperature influences activation energy
- I know how to draw a reaction profile diagram
- I know the two theories of catalysts: Surface adsorption theory and the intermediate formation theory
- I know how catalysis effect the activation energy
- I have seen a demonstration of the oxidation of potassium sodium tartrate by hydrogen peroxide, catalysed by cobalt (II) salts.**

EXPERIMENTS:

VOLUMETRIC ANALYSIS

Summary of all the titrations

THEORY

Mol/L = Moles / Litre = mol l^{-1} = M = Molar

g L^{-1} = g/L = grams / Litre

%(W/V) = no of grams / 100cm^3

%(V/V) = No of cm^3 / 100cm^3

%(W/W) = no. of grams / 100 g

ppm = mg/L

1) Prepare a Standard Solution of Sodium Carbonate

- Use clean, dry spatula to weigh onto clock glass
- Record weight to within 0.01g accurately
- Transfer solid from clock glass to a beaker of 100cm^3 H_2O (deionised).
- Wash all traces of solid from clock glass into beaker using a wash bottle.
- Stir with a glass rod to dissolve
- Pour solution down a glass rod through a funnel into a volumetric flask (this ensures that the least possible amount of the solution gets stuck to the sides)
- Rinse beaker with wash bottle and add washings to volumetric flask as above.
- Make the solution in the volumetric flask up to the line carefully. Use a dropper to fill the last bit. Ensure that the bottom of the meniscus rests on the line.
- Stopper the flask and invert it 20 times. This ensures that the solution is the same concentration throughout.
- Label the flask with the name of the solution, the concentration, the date and your name.

CALCULATIONS

Number of moles = $\frac{\text{mass you have}}{\text{Molar mass}}$

This is the number of moles in 250cm^3 .

(X4) = moles / 1000cm^3 = molarity of the solution (mol/L or M)

2) Correct titration method

- Wash pipette, burette and conical flask with deionised water
- Wash pipette with solution to be used
- Wash burette with solution to be used
- Do not rinse the conical flask with the solution to be used or the volume will be affected

- Pour solutions to be used into separate labelled beakers for pipetting and pouring
- Fill burette using a funnel to above 0. Remove funnel.
- Release solution from the burette into waste beaker so that the bottom of the meniscus rests on the 0 mark. This fills the part of the burette below the tap with the solution so that it is more accurate.
- Pipette 25cm³ of the other solution into a conical flask
- Add indicator
- Place a white tile below the conical flask so that the colour changes are easier to see.
- Carry out 1 rough titration and 2 or 3 accurate titrations (within 0.1cm³ of each other)
- Swirl flask continuously
- Stop titrating as soon as there is a complete colour change.

CALCULATIONS

To get the correct titration result, ignore the rough result and average the others.

Solution 1

M₁ = unknown

V₁ = volume used (amount in pipette)

n₁ = no. of moles in balanced eqn.

Solution 2

M₂ = Concentration of known solution

V₂ = volume used (amount on burette)

n₂ = no. of moles in balanced eqn.

$$\frac{M_1 V_1}{n_1} = \frac{M_2 V_2}{n_2}$$

$$M_1 = \frac{M_2 V_2 n_1}{V_1 n_2}$$

Answer is found in moles / L = M

HCl and Sodium Carbonate – To standardise HCl

- HCl in Burette
- Standard (known conc.) sodium carbonate in pipette
- Indicator is methyl orange (used with strong acids). It is yellow in a base and red in an acid.

4) HCl + NaOH (Sodium Hydroxide) – ordinary level only

- Known concentration of HCl in burette
- Unknown conc. NaOH in pipette/conical flask
- Indicator is methyl orange (used with strong acids). It is yellow in a base and red in an acid.

5) % Ethanoic acid in vinegar – higher level only

- Dilute vinegar (pipette 50cm³ – 2X25cm³ into a volumetric flask and make up to 250cm³). This is a 1:5 dilution. (diluted to save using too much reagent)

- Sodium hydroxide in burette (unusual because bases tend to clog up apparatus – therefore must rinse the burette thoroughly after the experiment. It is done this was because it is easier to see the colour appear than disappear).
- 25cm³ of diluted vinegar in conical flask / pipette
- Indicator is phenolphthalein (used with weak acids). It is pink in a base and clear in an acid.

CALCULATIONS:

Find Mol/L in flask (as above).

X5 (dilution factor) to find mol/L in original.

Moles/Litre → grams/Litre → %(W/V)

6) % water of crystallisation in hydrated sodium carbonate (washing soda) – higher level only.

- weigh sodium carbonate accurately and make up solution in volumetric flask
- sodium carbonate in conical flask / pipette
- HCl in burette
- Indicator methyl orange (used with strong acids). It is yellow in a base and red in an acid.
- Find mol/L sodium carbonate in flask

CALCULATIONS:

X moles / litre in flask

X/4 moles in 250 cm³.

You weighed out Z amount of crystals. Of that Y grams were sodium carbonate. The rest was water of crystallisation

Mass water of crystallisation = Z – Y.

% water of crystallisation = $\frac{Z - Y}{Z} \times 100$

7) Standardise KmnO₄ with ammonium iron (II) Sulfate.

- KMnO₄ cannot be weighed out to give a known concentration solution as it may have reduced slightly (it is an oxidising agent). It decomposes in the presence of sunlight
- Can't make a standard solution of iron(II) sulfate as it is not a primary standard because the crystals can be oxidised slightly by the air and the

crystals tend to lose their water of crystallisation when exposed to the air. (efflorescence)

- Make a standard solution of ammonium iron (II) sulfate $((\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O})$. This is a double salt which can be used as a primary standard as it is very stable.
- Do this by first dissolve the ammonium iron (II) sulfate in 20 cm³ of dilute **sulphuric acid**. This prevents the Fe^{2+} ions reacting with the water (hydrolysis) and changing to Fe^{3+} . Then add 100cm³ water.
- Put the potassium permanganate in the burette – read from the top of the meniscus, as the colour of the KMnO_4 is so intense making it hard to identify the bottom of the meniscus.
- Ammonium iron (II) sulfate is in the conical flask / pipette.
- Also add H_2SO_4 to conical flask to supply the H^+ ions for the reaction.
- No indicator is needed. Colourless iron(II)sulfate \rightarrow pink KMnO_4 when all the iron(II) sulfate has been oxidised.
- The first few drops of KMnO_4 decolourise slowly but then it speeds up as the Mn^{2+} ions being produced in the reaction are auto catalysts.
- Calculate as normal

8) Amount of Iron in an Iron tablet

- Find the mass of 5 tablets
- Dissolve them in sulphuric acid (stops $\text{Fe}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+}$) and then in water.
- KMnO_4 goes in burette
- Iron solution goes in the pipette/conical flask
- Add H_2SO_4 to flask to provide the H^+ ions needed for the reaction
- Read from top of meniscus
- KMnO_4 stains the glass so rinse burette well after use.

CALCULATIONS

Find moles/litre in flask

X rel. molecular mass of $\text{FeSO}_4 = \text{g/Litre}$

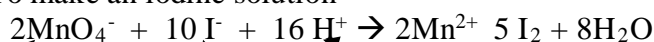
$\div 4 = \text{g} / 250 \text{ cm}^3 = \text{g}/5 \text{ tablets}$

$\div 5$ (or number of tablets) = grams / 1 iron tablet.

$\% = \frac{\text{mass of iron in 1 tablet}}{\text{mass of 1 tablet}} \times 100$

9) Standardise Sodium Thiosulfate using iodine.

- Iodine solution cannot be made directly as iodine vaporises (sublimes) and iodine doesn't dissolve in water.
- To make an iodine solution



use known volume of standardised KMnO_4

KI in excess keeps iodine dissolved in solution

H_2SO_4 in excess provides H^+ for reaction.

- $2\text{MnO}_4^- : 5\text{I}_2$
 - Iodine reacts with Sodium Thiosulfate
- $$\text{I}_2 + 2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-} \rightarrow 2\text{I}^- + \text{S}_4\text{O}_6^{2-}$$
- $5\text{I}_2 : 10\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$
 - $2\text{MnO}_4^- : 10\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$
 - $1\text{MnO}_4^- : 5\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$
 - So use 1 and 5 as the n values in the calculation.
 - Thiosulfate goes in the burette
 - $\text{KMnO}_4 + \text{KI} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ go in the conical flask. Measure KMnO_4 with the pipette.
 - Initially no indicator is used. The colour changes from red/brown to pale yellow.
 - When the solution is pale yellow add starch indicator which turns the starch blue/black
 - It will turn colourless at the end point as there is no more iodine present.

10) (W/V) Hypochlorite in Bleach



hypochlorite

Excess KI ensures that ClO^- is limiting reagent.

H_2SO_4 in excess provides H^+ for reaction. HCl would be oxidized itself and HNO_3 is an oxidizing agent

- This iodine solution
- $1\text{ClO}^- : 1\text{I}_2 : 2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$
- Bleach is diluted 1:10 so that larger volumes can be used – limiting error but reagents are not wasted ($25\text{cm}^3 \rightarrow 250\text{cm}^3$ volumetric flask)
- Tap water cannot be used to dilute as dissolved chlorine in the water is an oxidising agent and will effect the results.
- Standardised sodium thiosulfate goes in the burette
- Bleach (pipette); KI; and H_2SO_4 go in conical flask.
- Colourless bleach \rightarrow red/brown when KI and H_2SO_4 are added. \rightarrow pale yellow as thiosulfate is added. \rightarrow blue/black when starch indicator is added \rightarrow colourless at end point.

CALCULATIONS:

Find moles per litre of Hypochlorite.

X molecular mass of $\text{NaClO} = \text{g/L Hypochlorite}$

$\div 10 = \text{g}/100\text{cm}^3$ hypochlorite

= % (W/V) Hypochlorite in diluted sample

X 10 = % (W/V) in original bleach.

OTHER EXPERIMENTS

- 1) Flame tests**
- 2) Tests for Anions**
- 3) Determination of the relative molecular mass of a volatile liquid**
- 4) Redox reactions of group VII elements – halogens as oxidising agents (reactions with bromides, iodides Fe^{2+} and sulphites. Displacement reactions of metals (Zn with Cu^{2+} , Mg with Cu^{2+} .)**
- 5) Monitoring the rate of oxygen production from hydrogen peroxide using manganese dioxide as a catalyst**
- 6) Studying the effects on the reaction rate of (i) concentration and (ii) temperature, using thiosulfate solution and hydrochloric acid.**