

2008 AP[®] CHEMISTRY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

CHEMISTRY

Part B

Time—40 minutes

NO CALCULATORS MAY BE USED FOR PART B.

Answer Question 4 below. The Section II score weighting for this question is 10 percent.

4. For each of the following three reactions, in part (i) write a balanced equation for the reaction and in part (ii) answer the question about the reaction. In part (i), coefficients should be in terms of lowest whole numbers. Assume that solutions are aqueous unless otherwise indicated. Represent substances in solutions as ions if the substances are extensively ionized. Omit formulas for any ions or molecules that are unchanged by the reaction. You may use the empty space at the bottom of the next page for scratch work, but only equations that are written in the answer boxes provided will be graded.

EXAMPLE:

A strip of magnesium metal is added to a solution of silver(I) nitrate.

(i) Balanced equation:



(ii) Which substance is oxidized in the reaction?

Mg is oxidized.

- (a) Aqueous sodium hydroxide is added to a saturated solution of aluminum hydroxide, forming a complex ion.

(i) Balanced equation:

(ii) If the resulting mixture is acidified, would the concentration of the complex ion increase, decrease, or remain the same? Explain.

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(b) Hydrogen chloride gas is oxidized by oxygen gas.

(i) Balanced equation:

(ii) If three moles of hydrogen chloride gas and three moles of oxygen gas react as completely as possible, which reactant, if any, is present in excess? Justify your answer.

(c) Solid potassium oxide is added to water.

(i) Balanced equation:

(ii) If a few drops of phenolphthalein are added to the resulting solution, what would be observed? Explain.

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