



National 5 Chemistry

Unit 3.1c Redox

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Lesson	Red	Amber	Green

6a	Reduction is a gain of electrons by a <i>reactant</i> in any chemical reaction: $\text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \longrightarrow \text{Cu}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a compound reacting to form a metal element is an example of reduction• reduction reactions have electrons <u>before</u> the arrow	(:((:((:(
8a	Oxidation is a loss of electrons by a <i>reactant</i> in any chemical reaction: $\text{Mg} \longrightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a metal element reacting to form a compound is an example of oxidation• oxidation reactions have electrons <u>after</u> the arrow	(:((:((:(
6b				
8b				
7	In a redox reaction, reduction and oxidation take place at the same time.	(:((:((:(
9	<p>Ion-electron equations can be combined to produce redox equations.</p> <p><u>Oxidation Reaction:</u></p> $\text{Mg} \longrightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$ <p><u>Reduction Reaction:</u></p> $\text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \longrightarrow \text{Cu}$ <p><u>Redox Reaction:</u></p> $\text{Mg} + \text{Cu}^{2+} \longrightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{Cu}$	(:((:((:(

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Outcome	<u>Original Specimen Paper</u>	<u>New Specimen Paper</u>	<u>Nat5 2014</u>	<u>Nat5 2015</u>	<u>Nat5 2016</u>	<u>Nat5 2017</u>	<u>Nat5 2018</u>	<u>Nat5 2019</u>	Nat5 2020	Nat5 2021						
6a 8a								L8d								
6b 8b			L11a		L10c(i)	L4b L8b	L7b(ii)	L10b(ii)								
7																
9	mc19	mc20	mc17	L9b(i)	L10c(ii)	L10a(ii)	mc18	L10b(iii)								

Nat5	Answer	% Correct	Reasoning
2014 MC 17	B	55	<p>① $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} + \text{SO}_3^{2-} \rightarrow \text{SO}_4^{2-} + 2\text{H}^{+} + 2e^{-}$</p> <p>② $\text{Fe}^{3+} + e^{-} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}$</p> <p>① $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} + \text{SO}_3^{2-} \rightarrow \text{SO}_4^{2-} + 2\text{H}^{+} + 2e^{-}$</p> <p>②x2 $2\text{Fe}^{3+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow 2\text{Fe}^{2+}$</p> <p>Add ①+②' $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} + \text{SO}_3^{2-} + 2\text{Fe}^{3+} \rightarrow \text{SO}_4^{2-} + 2\text{H}^{+} + 2\text{Fe}^{2+}$ (canceling e^{-})</p>
2018 MC 18	B	-	<p>① $\text{H}_{2(\text{g})} \rightarrow 2\text{H}^{+} + 2e^{-}$</p> <p>② $2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} + \text{O}_{2(\text{g})} + 4e^{-} \rightarrow 4\text{OH}^{-}$</p> <p>①x2 $2\text{H}_{2(\text{g})} \rightarrow 4\text{H}^{+} + 4e^{-}$</p> <p>② $2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} + \text{O}_{2(\text{g})} + 4e^{-} \rightarrow 4\text{OH}^{-}$</p> <p>①'+② $2\text{H}_{2(\text{g})} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} + \text{O}_{2(\text{g})} + 4e^{-} \rightarrow 4\text{H}^{+} + 4e^{-} + 4\text{OH}^{-}$</p> <p>cancel down $2\text{H}_{2(\text{g})} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} + \text{O}_{2(\text{g})} + 4e^{-} \rightarrow 4\text{H}^{+} + 4e^{-} + 4\text{OH}^{-}$</p> <p>redox $2\text{H}_{2(\text{g})} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} + \text{O}_{2(\text{g})} \rightarrow 4\text{H}^{+} + 4\text{OH}^{-}$</p>

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6a 8a		L13a			mc22	L4c(i)	L3b									
6b 8b	L13d		L3a	L13a		mc28	L12b(ii)		L14b(i)	mc28 L14b				L15b	L12b	L13b
7	mc17		L13b(i)		L12a											
9		L14a		L3b				L12b	L14b(ii)		mc28				mc29	

Int2	Answer	% Correct	Reasoning
2000 MC 17	C	52	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Redox has both Reduction: $2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2$ and Oxidation: $Zn \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B Redox has both Reduction: $Br_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Br^-$ and Oxidation: $Fe^{2+} \rightarrow Fe^{3+} + e^-$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C Precipitation Reaction: ions come together to form insoluble solid <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D Redox has both Reduction: $2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2$ and Oxidation: $Zn \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$
2004 MC 22	C	69	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A oxidation is loss of electrons \therefore electrons appear after arrow <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B oxidation is loss of electrons \therefore electrons appear after arrow <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C reduction is gain of electrons: Fe^{3+} gains electron to become Fe^{2+} <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D reduction is gain of electrons but Fe^{3+} is on wrong side of equation
2005 MC 28	B	41	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Electrons before arrow is gain of electrons \therefore reduction reaction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B Fe^{2+} ions are losing electrons \therefore Fe^{2+} ions are being oxidised <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C Fe atoms are losing electrons \therefore Fe atoms are being oxidised <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D Electrons before arrow is gain of electrons \therefore reduction reaction
2009 MC 28	C	53	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Electrons are gained in reduction and appear before the arrow in an equation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B Electrons are gained in reduction and appear before the arrow in an equation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C Titanium atoms are oxidised as electrons are lost (electrons after the arrow) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D Titanium ions are products and are the products of the oxidation
2010 MC 28	A	35	$\begin{array}{rcl} \textcircled{1} & Mg & \rightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2e^- \\ \textcircled{2} & Ag^+ + e^- & \rightarrow Ag \\ \textcircled{1} & Mg & \rightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2e^- \\ \textcircled{2} \times 2 & 2Ag^+ + 2e^- & \rightarrow 2Ag \\ \text{Add } \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} & Mg + 2Ag^+ + 2e^- & \rightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2e^- + 2Ag \\ \text{Cancel } e^- & Mg + 2Ag^+ + \cancel{2e^-} & \rightarrow Mg^{2+} + \cancel{2e^-} + 2Ag \\ & Mg + 2Ag^+ & \rightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2Ag \end{array}$
2014 MC 29	B	49	$\begin{array}{rcl} \textcircled{1} & H_2O(l) + SO_3^{2-}(aq) & \rightarrow SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 2H^{+}(aq) + 2e^- \\ \textcircled{2} & Fe^{3+}(aq) + e^- & \rightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) \\ \textcircled{1} & H_2O(l) + SO_3^{2-}(aq) & \rightarrow SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 2H^{+}(aq) + 2e^- \\ \textcircled{2} \times 2 & 2Fe^{3+}(aq) + 2e^- & \rightarrow 2Fe^{2+}(aq) \\ \text{Add } \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}' & H_2O(l) + SO_3^{2-}(aq) + 2Fe^{3+}(aq) & \rightarrow SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 2H^{+}(aq) + 2Fe^{2+}(aq) \quad (\text{canceling } 2e^-) \end{array}$

Int2	Answer	Reasoning
2000 13d	$2I^- \rightarrow I_2 + 2e^-$	$2I^- \rightarrow I_2 + 2e^-$ <p style="text-align: center;">Iodine ions Iodine molecule</p>
2001 13a	$Fe^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$	From the question, $Fe^{3+} \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$ (difference on charge of 1+) 1e ⁻ is added to the most positive side: $Fe^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$
2001 14a	$O_2 + 2H_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O$	$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} \quad H_2 \rightarrow 2H^+ + 2e^- \\ \textcircled{2} \quad O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^- \rightarrow 2H_2O \\ \textcircled{1} \times 2 \quad 2H_2 \rightarrow 4H^+ + 4e^- \\ \textcircled{2} \quad O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^- \rightarrow 2H_2O \\ \text{add } O_2 + 2H_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O \end{array}$
2002 3a	$Fe \rightarrow Fe^{2+} + 2e^-$	Iron atoms oxidise (lose electrons) to become Fe^{2+} ions and further oxidise to become Fe^{3+} ions during the process of rusting.
2002 13b(i)	$Zn + Cu^{2+} \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + Cu$	$\begin{array}{l} Zn \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^- \\ Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Cu \\ \text{Add together equations cancelling out electrons} \\ Zn + Cu^{2+} \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + Cu \end{array}$
2003 3b	$2Ag^+ + 2I^- \rightarrow 2Ag + I_2$	$\begin{array}{l} 2Ag^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Ag \\ 2I^- \rightarrow I_2 + 2e^- \\ \text{Add together equations cancelling out electrons} \\ 2Ag^+ + 2I^- \rightarrow 2Ag + I_2 \end{array}$
2003 13a	$Zn \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$	Oxidation is the loss of electrons. Metals reacting to become compounds are oxidation reactions. See data booklet p7 for reduction version of this equation.
2004 12a	$2H_2O + 2Cl^- \rightarrow Cl_2 + H_2$	$\begin{array}{l} 2Cl^- \rightarrow Cl_2 + 2e^- \\ 2H_2O + 2e^- \rightarrow 2OH^- + H_2 \\ \text{Add together equations cancelling out electrons} \\ 2H_2O + 2Cl^- \rightarrow Cl_2 + H_2 \end{array}$
2005 4c(i)	Copper ions gain electrons	$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Cu$
2006 3b	$Fe^{3+} + 3e^- \rightarrow Fe$	Fe^{3+} ions at start and Fe atoms at end of reaction. Three electrons must be gained by the Fe^{3+} ions to become Fe atoms
2006 12b(ii)	oxidation	Oxidation is loss of electrons (electrons after the arrow) Reduction is gain of electrons (electrons before the arrow)
2007 12b	$2Na^+ + 2H^- \rightarrow 2Na + H_2$	$\begin{array}{l} 2 \times \textcircled{1} \quad 2Na^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Na^+ \\ \textcircled{2} \quad 2H^- \rightarrow H_2 + 2e^- \\ \text{add } \textcircled{1}' + \textcircled{2} \\ 2Na^+ + 2H^- \rightarrow 2Na + H_2 \end{array}$
2008 14b(i)	Oxidation	Oxidation is Loss of Electrons (electrons after the arrow on right hand side)
2008 14b(ii)	Aluminium hydroxide	$Al^{3+}_{(aq)} + OH^-_{(aq)} \rightarrow Al^{3+}(OH^-)_3(s)$

2009 14b	$\text{Fe}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+} + e^-$	$\text{Fe}^{2+} \longrightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+} + e^-$
2013 15b	$\text{Na} \rightarrow \text{Na}^+ + e^-$	$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Na} & \longrightarrow & \text{Na}^+ + e^- \\ 2,8,1 & & 2,8 \\ \text{sodium atom} & & \text{sodium ion} \end{array}$
2014 12b	$\text{Ni} \rightarrow \text{Ni}^{2+} + 2e^-$	Equation is on page 11 of data booklet but in the reverse direction.
2015 13b	$\text{Al} \rightarrow \text{Al}^{3+} + 3e^-$	Electrons are always on the right of an equation to be a corrosion reaction. The data book always lists equations as reduction reactions with electrons on the left of the equation. The equation is flipped to become an oxidation reaction.

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Outcome	2000 Credit	2001 Credit	2002 Credit	2003 Credit	2004 Credit	2005 Credit	2006 Credit	2007 Credit	2008 Credit	2009 Credit	2010 Credit	2011 Credit	2012 Credit	2013 Credit		
6a							10b			17d	17c					
8a																
6b			13b	16b(ii)	16c	10a(i)	14c		13b	17a		21b	16b(ii) 19a	14b		
8b																
7																
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SG Credit	Answer	Reasoning									
2002C 13b	$Cu \rightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^-$	<p style="text-align: center;">Redox Reaction</p> $\begin{array}{ccccccc} Cu & + & 2Ag^+ & \rightarrow & Cu^{2+} & + & 2Ag \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Separate equations & Cu & & 2Ag^+ & \rightarrow & 2Ag & \\ & & & \rightarrow & Cu^{2+} & & \\ Reduction & 2e^- & + & 2Ag^+ & \rightarrow & 2Ag & \\ Oxidation & Cu & & \rightarrow & Cu^{2+} & + & 2e^- \end{array}$									
2003C 16b(ii)	Reduction	Reduction is Gain of Electrons: $Fe^{3+} + e^- \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}$									
2004C 16c	$2Cl^- \longrightarrow Cl_2 + 2e^-$	reverse of equation on p10 of data booklet									
2005C 10a(i)	$Zn \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$	Equation for reduction of Zn^{2+} ions to Zn atoms is on page 10 of data booklet. Oxidation is the reverse of reaction in data booklet									
2006C 10b	Reduction	Fe^{3+} ions are gaining electrons ∴ reduction									
2006C 14c	$H_2 \rightarrow 2H^+ + 2e^-$	reverse of equation on page 10 of data booklet									
2008C 13b	$2Cl^- \rightarrow Cl_2 + 2e^-$	From p10 pf data booklet: $Cl_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Cl^-$ Question asks for the formation of chlorine so reverse equation									
2009C 17a	Oxidation	Oxidation is loss of electrons (electrons after the arrow) Reduction is gain of electrons (electrons before the arrow)									
2009C 17d	$Br_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Br^-$	Solution at electrode X contains Bromine Br_2 which reacts with the electrons travelling through the wires from electrode Y to form Bromide Br^- ions. This equation is found on p10 of data booklet.									
2010C 17c	$Ag^+ + e^- \rightarrow Ag$	$Fe(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \rightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$ redox Separate out equations and balance charge with e^- $Fe(s) \rightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$ oxidation $2e^- + 2Ag^+(aq) \rightarrow 2Ag(s)$ reduction									
2011C 21b	$Au^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow Au$	Au^+ ions must pick up electrons from electrode B to form Au atoms									
2012C 16b(ii)	$2Cl^- \rightarrow Cl_2 + 2e^-$	Chloride ions (Cl^-) are attracted to the positive electrode where they lose an electron each as they turn into Chlorine atoms. Chlorine atoms then pair up into a diatomic molecule Cl_2 . This oxidation reaction is the reverse of the reduction reaction on page 10 of the data booklet.									
2012C 19a	Oxidation	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Type</td> <td>OILRIG</td> <td>Position of Electrons</td> </tr> <tr> <td>oxidation</td> <td>loss of electrons</td> <td>Electrons after arrow</td> </tr> <tr> <td>reduction</td> <td>gain of electrons</td> <td>Electrons before arrow</td> </tr> </table>	Type	OILRIG	Position of Electrons	oxidation	loss of electrons	Electrons after arrow	reduction	gain of electrons	Electrons before arrow
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oxidation	loss of electrons	Electrons after arrow									
reduction	gain of electrons	Electrons before arrow									
2013C 14b	$Zn \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$	$Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$ Split the redox reaction into its component halves $Zn(s) \rightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq)$ $Cu^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow Cu(s)$ Balance equations by adding electrons into ion-electrons equations $Zn(s) \rightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$ $Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \rightarrow Cu(s)$ Oxidation reactions have electrons <u>after</u> the arrow Reduction Reactions have electrons <u>before</u> the arrow									

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