Practice Question Set For A-Level
Subject : Chemistry
Paper-1 Topic: Inorganic 1

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Name of the Student:_____
Max. Marks : 20 Marks **Time : 20 Minutes**

Q1.

Group 2 metals and their compounds are used commercially in a variety of processes.

(a) Strontium is extracted from strontium oxide (SrO) by heating a mixture of powdered strontium oxide and powdered aluminium.

Consider these standard enthalpies of formation.

	SrO(s)	$Al_2O_3(s)$
$\Delta H_f^{\ominus}$ / kJ mol^{-1}	– 590	– 1669

$$3SrO(s) + 2Al(s) \longrightarrow 3Sr(s) + Al_2O_3(s)$$

Use these data and the equation to calculate the standard enthalpy change for this extraction of strontium.

The use of powdered strontium oxide and powdered aluminium increases the surface area of the reactants.
Suggest **one** reason why this increases the reaction rate.

Suggest **one** major reason why this method of extracting strontium is expensive.

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(b) Explain why calcium has a higher melting point than strontium.

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(c) Magnesium is used in fireworks. It reacts rapidly with oxygen, burning with a bright white light. Magnesium reacts slowly with cold water.

Write an equation for the reaction of magnesium with oxygen.

Write an equation for the reaction of magnesium with cold water.

Give a medical use for the magnesium compound formed in the reaction of magnesium with cold water.

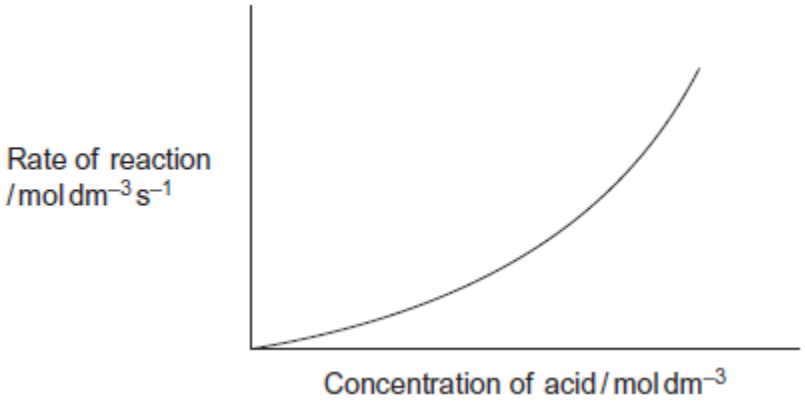
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Q2.

(a) In an investigation of the rate of reaction between hydrochloric acid and pure magnesium, a student obtained the following curve.



The reaction of magnesium with dilute hydrochloric acid is exothermic.

Use your understanding of collision theory to explain why the student did **not** obtain a straight line.

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(b) The magnesium used in a laboratory experiment was supplied as a ribbon. The ribbon was stored in an open plastic bag exposed to the air.

Explain why it is important to clean the surface of this magnesium ribbon when investigating the rate of its reaction with hydrochloric acid.

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(c) Magnesium ribbon reacts with hot water. Heated magnesium ribbon reacts with steam. State

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two differences between these reactions.

Difference 1 _____

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Difference 2 _____

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(d) Pure magnesium reacts completely with an excess of dilute sulfuric acid.
The reaction of pure calcium with an excess of dilute sulfuric acid is very rapid initially.
This reaction slows down and stops before all of the calcium has reacted.

Use your knowledge of the solubilities of Group 2 sulfates to explain why these reactions of magnesium and calcium with dilute sulfuric acid are so different.

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