

- 121.(A) Argon being inert, creates inert atmosphere to prevent the oxidation of metal by  $O_2$  of air.
- **122.(C)** In  $XeO_3$  there are total of 4 electron pairs around central atom. Out of which 3 are bonding electron pairs and one is non-bonding electron pair. Therefore, the hybridisation of central atom is  $sp^3$  and geometry is trigonal pyramidal.

- 123.(A) Xenon fluorides are strongly oxidising, since xenon is more stable in its atomic state.
- 124.(C) Statement-I is correct but Statement-2 incorrect.

Orthoboric acid ( $H_3BO_3$ ) is soluble in water and behaves as weak monobasic acid. It does not denote protons like most acids, but rather it accepts  $OH^-$  ions. It is, therefore, Lewis acid and is better written as  $B(OH)_3$ .

$$B(OH)_3 + 2H_2O \Longrightarrow H_3O^+ + [B(OH)_4]^-$$
; pK<sub>a</sub> = 9.25

- **125.(A)** Both statements are true. Boron forms only covalent compounds (bonds) because small sized B ion polarizes the corresponding anion larglely.
- **126.(B)** Sodium thiosulphate ( $Na_2S_2O_3$ ) shows reducing action as it is oxidised by chlorine.

$$\mathrm{Na_2S_2O_3} + 4\mathrm{Cl_2} + 5\mathrm{H_2O} \rightarrow 2\mathrm{NaHSO_4} + 8\mathrm{HCl}$$

- **127.(C)** Among phosphates and nitrates, nitrates are more soluble in water hence less abundant in earth crust. Further oxidation of nitrates  $(NO_3^-)$  is not possible because its oxidation state is +5 which is its highest oxidation state.
- **128.(C)** The actual bond angle is in order of  $NH_3 > PH_3 > AsH_3 > SbH_3 = 106.5^{\circ} 93.5^{\circ} 91.5^{\circ} 91.3^{\circ}$

The bond angle in ammonia is less than  $109^{\circ}28'$  due to repulsion between lone pair present on nitrogen atom and bounded pair of electrons. The decreased bond angle in other hydrides can be explain by the fact that the  $sp^3$  hybridization becomes less and less distinct with increasing size of the central atom.

129.(B) In disproportionation reaction, the same element of compound its oxidized and reduced.

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ P4 + 3NaOH + 3H_2O & \longrightarrow 3NaH_2 \\ PO_2 + PH_3 \\ \end{array}$$
 disproportionation reaction

130.(AB) When ammonium salt  $NH_4NO_3$  or  $NH_4NO_2$  (ammonium salts are colourless) is boiled with excess of NaOH, ammonia ( $NH_3$ ) gas is evolved as follows:

$$NH_4NO_2 + NaOH \longrightarrow NaNO_2 + NH_3 + H_2O$$

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The NH<sub>3</sub> gas evolved is non-flammable gas.

When the gas evolution cases we are left with  $NaNO_2$  or  $NaNO_3$  in solution.



These salts get reduced when Zn is added to this solution containing salt (NaNO2 or NaNO3) and excess NaOH and NH3 gas is evolve.

$$\text{NaNO}_2 + 6\text{(H)} \xrightarrow{\quad \text{Zn/NaOH} \quad} \text{NaOH} + \text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$$

$${\rm NaNO_3 + 8(H)} \xrightarrow{\quad \ \ \, {\rm Zn/NaOH} \ } {\rm NaOH + NH_3 + 2H_2O}$$

Thus the colourless salt [H] is either  $NH_4NO_2$  or  $NH_4NO_3$ .

Thus (A) and (B) are correct answers

[NOTE: NaCl formed has no reaction with NaOH]

131.(C) In group-14 elements, the lower (and not higher) oxidation states are more stable for heavier members of the group due to inert pair effect.

Thus Pb<sup>4+</sup> is less stable as compared to Sn<sup>4+</sup> (lead is heavier than Tin). Therefore Pb<sup>4+</sup> acts as a strong oxidising agent than Sn<sup>4+</sup>. Hence Statement-1 is false and Statement-2 is true. Thus the correct answer is option (C).

**132.(B)** 
$$P_4 + 3O_3 \longrightarrow P_4O_6$$

Nitrogen prevents further oxidation of P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub> to P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>.

 $P_4$  when treated with dry  $O_2$  gives  $P_4O_6$  and finally  $P_4O_{10}$ .

With moist oxygen, P<sub>4</sub> gives H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>3</sub>.

$$P_4 + 3NaOH + 3H_2O \longrightarrow 3NaHSO_4 + PH_3$$

## 133.(ABC)

$$N_2O: N = N = O \longleftrightarrow N \equiv N - O$$

## 134. A-(p, s); B-(q, s); C-(r, t); D-(q, t)

$$3\text{Cu} + 8\text{HNO}_3(\text{dil.}) \rightarrow 3\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + 2\text{NO} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$$
(s)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Cu} + 4\text{HNO}_3(\text{conc.}) \rightarrow \text{Cu(NO}_3)_2 + 2\text{NO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{(s)} & \text{(q)} \end{array}$$

$$4Zn + 10HNO_3(dil.) \rightarrow 4Zn(NO_3)_2 + 2N_2O + 2H_2O$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 4Zn + 10HNO_{3}(dil.) \rightarrow 4Zn(NO_{3})_{2} + 2N_{2}O + 2H_{2}O \\ (t) & (r) \end{array}$$
 
$$Zn + 4HNO_{3}(conc.) \rightarrow Zn(NO_{3})_{2} + 2NO_{2} + 2H_{2}O \\ (t) & (q) \end{array}$$

135.(6) Coordination number of Al is 6. It exists in ccp lattice with 6 coordinate layer structure.