#### **ANSWERS**

# Year 11 Chemistry Test: Redox Reactions

### 1.

- (a)  $6e^{-} + 14H^{+} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} \rightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$  $C_2H_6O \rightarrow C_2H_4O + 2H^{+} + 2e^{-}$
- (b) First, multiply second equation x3 to get same number of electrons in both half-equations:

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3C_2H_6O \rightarrow 3C_2H_4O + 6H^+ + 6e^-
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Now combine:

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6e^{-} + 14H^{+} + Cr_2O_7^{-2-} + 3C_2H_6O \rightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O + 3C_2H_4O + 6H^{+} + 6e^{-}
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Lastly, cancel 6H+ from each side:

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8H^{+} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 3C_2H_6O \rightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O + 3C_2H_4
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- (c) +6
- (d) From -2 to -1
- (e) Reduction
- (f)  $C_2H_6O$
- (g) Acidic because in the final equation  $H^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$  is a reactant.

## 2.

- (a) 0
- (b) Coke is causing the iron ions gain electrons, and gaining electrons is reduction.
- (c) Zinc is higher in the activity series so carbon is not a strong enough reducing agent to reduce zinc ions to zinc.

## 3.

- (a) Mg is more active.
- (b)  $Cu^{2+}$  is more readily reduced to metal form.
- (c) Mg can displace Cu<sup>2+</sup> from solution because it is able to give electrons to become Mg<sup>2+</sup>. Mg<sup>2+</sup> is not able to displace Cu<sup>2+</sup> from solution because it cannot give any electrons.
- (d) The Mg powder will dissolve and a solid will precipitate.
- (e) A reaction will not occur if Ag powder is used instead of Mg powder.

4. (answers for g and h shown on diagram below)



- (a) So the reactants do not instantly react with each other and get used up.
- (b) To balance the charge gained or lost in each half-cell.
- (c)  $2e^{-} + 2H^{+} + H_2O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O$

 $CH_2O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^-$ 

- (d)  $H_2O_2 + CH_2O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O + CO_2$
- (e) Each hydrogen can share one electron which means the oxygen atoms gain one each from sharing.  $H^{-0-0}$  H
- (f) The electrode is the anode because oxidation (loss of electrons) is occurring there.
- (g) See diagram
- (h) See diagram
- (i) Possible answers (there may be others):

No need to recharge, could just keep adding more fuel and the cell keeps running.

Fuel cell runs at a constant power whereas battery gets weaker over time.