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## Exercise-3.1

1. In a reaction, 5.3 g of sodium carbonate reacted with 6 g of acetic acid. The products were 2.2 g of carbon dioxide, 0.9 g water and 8.2 g of sodium acetate. Show that these observations are in agreement with the law of conservation of mass.
Sodium carbonate + acetic acid $\rightarrow$ Sodium acetate + carbon dioxide + water
Solution:
Sodium carbonate + acetic acid $\rightarrow$ Sodium acetate + carbon dioxide + water
5.3 g
6 g
8.2 g
2.2 g
0.9 g

As per the law of conservation of mass, the total mass of reactants must be equal to the total mass of products

As per the above reaction, $\mathrm{LHS}=$ RHS i.e., $5.3 \mathrm{~g}+6 \mathrm{~g}=2.2 \mathrm{~g}+0.9 \mathrm{~g}+8.2 \mathrm{~g}=11.3 \mathrm{~g}$
Hence the observations are in agreement with the law of conservation of mass.
2. Hydrogen and oxygen combine in the ratio of $1: 8$ by mass to form water. What mass of oxygen gas would be required to react completely with 3 g of hydrogen gas?

## Solution:

We know hydrogen and water mix in the ratio 1: 8 .
For every 1 g of hydrogen, it is 8 g of oxygen.
Therefore, for 3 g of hydrogen, the quantity of oxygen $=3 \times 8=24 \mathrm{~g}$
Hence, 24 g of oxygen would be required for the complete reaction with 3 g of hydrogen gas.
3. Which postulate of Dalton's atomic theory is the result of the law of conservation of mass?

Solution:
The postulate of Dalton's Atomic theory which is a result of the law of conservation of mass is,
"Atoms can neither be created nor destroyed".

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4. Which postulate of Dalton's atomic theory can explain the law of definite proportions? Solution:

The postulate of Dalton's atomic theory that can explain the law of definite proportions is - the relative number and kinds of atoms are equal in given compounds.

## Exercise-3.2

## 5. Define the atomic mass unit?

Solution:
An atomic mass unit is a unit of mass used to express weights of atoms and molecules where one atomic mass is equal to $1 / 12$ th the mass of one carbon- 12 atom.
6. Why is it not possible to see an atom with naked eyes?

Solution:
Firstly, atoms are miniscule in nature, measured in nanometers. Secondly, except for atoms of noble gasses, they do not exist independently. Hence, an atom cannot be visible to the naked eyes.

## Exercise-3.3-3.4

7. Write down the formulae of
(i) sodium oxide
(ii) aluminium chloride
(iii) sodium sulphide (iv) magnesium hydroxide

Solution:

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The following are the formulae:
(i) sodium oxide - $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
(ii) aluminium chloride $-\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$
(iii) sodium sulphide - $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$
(iv) magnesium hydroxide $-\mathrm{Mg}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$
8. Write down the names of compounds represented by the following formulae:
(i) $\mathbf{A l}_{2}\left(\mathbf{S O}_{4}\right)_{3}$
(ii) $\mathbf{C a C l}_{\mathbf{2}}$
(iii) $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$
(iv) $\mathrm{KNO}_{3}$
(v) $\mathrm{CaCO}_{3}$.

Solution:

Listed below are the names of the compounds for each of the following formulae
(i) $\mathrm{Al}_{2}\left(\mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)_{3}$ - Aluminium sulphate
(ii) $\mathrm{CaCl}_{2}$ - Calcium chloride
(iii) $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ - Potassium sulphate
(iv) $\mathrm{KNO}_{3}$ - Potassium nitrate
(v) $\mathrm{CaCO}_{3}$ - Calcium carbonate
9. What is meant by the term chemical formula?

Solution:
Chemical formula is the symbolic representation of a chemical compound. For example: The chemical formula of hydrochloric acid is HCl .

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## 10. How many atoms are present in a

(i) $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ molecule and
(ii) $\mathrm{PO}_{4}{ }^{\mathbf{3 -}} \mathrm{ion}$ ?

## Solution:

The number of atoms present are as follows:
(i) $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ molecule has 2 atoms of hydrogen and 1 atom of sulphur hence 3 atoms in totality.
(ii) $\mathrm{PO}_{4}{ }^{3-}$ ion has 1 atom of phosphorus and 4 atoms of oxygen hence 5 atoms in totality.

## Exercise-3.5.1-3.5.2

11. Calculate the molecular masses of $\mathrm{H}_{2}, \mathrm{O}_{2}, \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, \mathrm{CO}_{2}, \mathrm{CH}_{4}, \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6}, \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}, \mathrm{NH}_{3}, \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$.

## Solution:

The following are the molecular masses:
The molecular mass of $\mathrm{H}_{2}-2 \mathrm{x}$ atoms atomic mass of $\mathrm{H}=2 \times 1 \mathrm{u}=2 \mathrm{u}$
The molecular mass of $\mathrm{O}_{2}-2 \mathrm{x}$ atoms atomic mass of $\mathrm{O}=2 \times 16 \mathrm{u}=32 \mathrm{u}$

The molecular mass of $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}-2 \mathrm{x}$ atoms atomic mass of $\mathrm{Cl}=2 \times 35.5 \mathrm{u}=71 \mathrm{u}$
The molecular mass of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ - atomic mass of $\mathrm{C}+2 \mathrm{x}$ atomic mass of $\mathrm{O}=12+(2 \mathrm{x} 16) \mathrm{u}=44 \mathrm{u}$
The molecular mass of $\mathrm{CH}_{4}$ - atomic mass of $\mathrm{C}+4 \mathrm{x}$ atomic mass of $\mathrm{H}=12+(4 \times 1) u=16 u$
The molecular mass of $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6}-2 \mathrm{x}$ atomic mass of $\mathrm{C}+6 \times$ atomic mass of $\mathrm{H}=(2 \times 12)+$
$(6 \times 1) u=24+6=30 u$
The molecular mass of $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}-2 \mathrm{x}$ atomic mass of $\mathrm{C}+4 \mathrm{x}$ atomic mass of $\mathrm{H}=(2 \mathrm{x} 12)+$ $(4 \times 1) u=24+4=28 u$

The molecular mass of $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ - atomic mass of $\mathrm{N}+3 \times$ atomic mass of $\mathrm{H}=(14+3 \times 1) \mathrm{u}=17 \mathrm{u}$

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The molecular mass of $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ - atomic mass of $\mathrm{C}+3 \mathrm{x}$ atomic mass of $\mathrm{H}+$ atomic mass of $\mathrm{O}+$ atomic mass of $\mathrm{H}=(12+3 \mathrm{x} 1+16+1) \mathrm{u}=(12+3+17) \mathrm{u}=32 \mathrm{u}$
12. Calculate the formula unit masses of $\mathrm{ZnO}, \mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$, given atomic masses of $\mathbf{Z n}=65 \mathrm{u}$, Na $=23 \mathrm{u}, \mathrm{K}=39 \mathrm{u}, \mathrm{C}=12 \mathrm{u}$, and $\mathrm{O}=16 \mathrm{u}$.

Solution:
Given:
Atomic mass of $\mathrm{Zn}=65 \mathrm{u}$

Atomic mass of $\mathrm{Na}=23 \mathrm{u}$
Atomic mass of $K=39 u$
Atomic mass of $\mathrm{C}=12 \mathrm{u}$
Atomic mass of $\mathrm{O}=16 \mathrm{u}$
The formula unit mass of $\mathrm{ZnO}=$ Atomic mass of $\mathrm{Zn}+$ Atomic mass of $\mathrm{O}=65 \mathrm{u}+16 \mathrm{u}=81 \mathrm{u}$
The formula unit mass of $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{O}=2 \times$ Atomic mass of $\mathrm{Na}+$ Atomic mass of $\mathrm{O}=(2 \times 23) \mathrm{u}$ $+16 u=46 u+16 u=62 u$

## Exercise-3.5.3

13. If one mole of carbon atoms weighs 12 grams , what is the mass (in grams) of 1 atom of carbon?

Solution:
Given: 1 mole of carbon weighs 12 g
1 mole of carbon atoms $=6.022 \times 10^{23}$
Molecular mass of carbon atoms $=12 \mathrm{~g}=$ an atom of carbon mass
Hence, mass of 1 carbon atom $=12 / 6.022 \times 10^{23}=1.99 \times 10^{-23} \mathrm{~g}$
14. Which has more number of atoms, 100 grams of sodium or 100 grams of iron (given, atomic mass of $\mathrm{Na}=23 \mathrm{u}, \mathrm{Fe}=56 \mathrm{u}$ )?

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Solution:
Given: Atomic mass of $\mathrm{Na}=23 \mathrm{u}$, Atomic mass of $\mathrm{Fe}=56 \mathrm{u}$

To calculate the number of atoms in 100 g of sodium:
23 g of Na contains $=6.022 \times 10^{23}$ atoms
1 g of Na contains $=6.022 \times 10^{23}$ atoms $/ 23$
100 g of Na contains $=6.022 \times 10^{23}$ atoms $\times 100 / 23$

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=2.6182 \times 10^{24} \text { atoms }
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To calculate the number of atoms in 100 g of sodium:
56 g of Fe contains $=6.022 \times 10^{23}$ atoms
1 g of Fe contains $=6.022 \times 10^{23}$ atoms $/ 56$
100 g of Fe contains $=6.022 \times 10^{23}$ atoms $\times 100 / 56$

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=1.075 \times 10^{24} \text { atoms }
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Hence, through comparison, it is evident that 100 g of Na has more atoms.

## Exercise

1. A 0.24 g sample of compound of oxygen and boron was found by analysis to contain 0.096 g of boron and 0.144 g of oxygen. Calculate the percentage composition of the compound by weight.

Solution:
Given: Mass of the sample compound $=0.24 \mathrm{~g}$, mass of boron $=0.096 \mathrm{~g}$, mass of oxygen $=0.144 \mathrm{~g}$
To calculate percentage composition of the compound:
Percentage of boron $=$ mass of boron $/$ mass of the compound $\times 100$

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=0.096 \mathrm{~g} / 0.24 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{x} 100=40 \%
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\begin{aligned}
\text { Percentage of oxygen } & =100-\text { percentage of boron } \\
& =100-40=60 \%
\end{aligned}
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2. When 3.0 g of carbon is burnt in 8.00 g of oxygen, 11.00 g of carbon dioxide is produced. What mass of carbon dioxide will be formed when 3.00 g of carbon is burnt in 50.00 g of oxygen?
Which law of chemical combination will govern your answer?

## Solution:

11.00 g of carbon dioxide is formed when 3.00 g carbon is burnt in 8.00 g of oxygen.

Carbon and oxygen are combined in the ratio 3:8 to give carbon dioxide using up all the carbon and oxygen

Hence, for 3 g of carbon and 50 g of oxygen, 8 g of oxygen is used and 11 g of carbon is formed, the left oxygen is unused i.e., $50-3=47 \mathrm{~g}$ of oxygen is unused.

This depicts the law of definite proportions - The combining elements in compounds are present in definite proportions by mass.
3. What are polyatomic ions? Give examples.

Solution:
Polyatomic ions are ions that contain more than one atom but they behave as a single unit Example:
$\mathrm{CO}_{3}{ }^{2-}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{PO}_{4}{ }^{-}$
4. Write the chemical formula of the following.
(a) Magnesium chloride
(b) Calcium oxide
(c) Copper nitrate

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(d) Aluminium chloride
(e) Calcium carbonate

## Solution:

The following are the chemical formula of the above-mentioned list:
(a) Magnesium chloride $-\mathrm{MgCl}_{2}$
(b) Calcium oxide - CaO
(c) Copper nitrate $-\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{2}$
(d) Aluminium chloride - $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$
(e) Calcium carbonate $-\mathrm{CaCO}_{3}$
5. Give the names of the elements present in the following compounds.
(a) Quick lime
(b) Hydrogen bromide
(c) Baking powder (d) Potassium sulphate.

Solution:
The following are the names of the elements present in the following compounds:
(a) Quick lime - Calcium and oxygen $(\mathrm{CaO})$
(b) Hydrogen bromide - Hydrogen and bromine ( HBr )
(c) Baking powder - Sodium, Carbon, Hydrogen, Oxygen $\left(\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}\right)$
(d) Potassium sulphate - Sulphur, Oxygen, Potassium $\left(\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)$
6. Calculate the molar mass of the following substances.

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(a) Ethyne, $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{2}$
(b) Sulphur molecule, $\mathrm{S}_{8}$
(c) Phosphorus molecule, $\mathbf{P}_{4}$ (Atomic mass of phosphorus $=\mathbf{3 1}$ )
(d) Hydrochloric acid, HCl
(e) Nitric acid, $\mathrm{HNO}_{3}$

## Solution:

Listed below is the molar mass of the following substances:
(a) Molar mass of Ethyne $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{2}=2 \times$ Mass of $\mathrm{C}+2 \times$ Mass of $\mathrm{H}=(2 \times 12)+(2 \times 1)=24+2=26 \mathrm{~g}$
(b) Molar mass of Sulphur molecule $\mathrm{S}_{8}=8 \times$ Mass of $\mathrm{S}=8 \times 32=256 \mathrm{~g}$
(c) Molar mass of Phosphorus molecule, $\mathrm{P}_{4}=4 \times$ Mass of $\mathrm{P}=4 \times 31=124 \mathrm{~g}$
(d) Molar mass of Hydrochloric acid, $\mathrm{HCl}=$ Mass of $\mathrm{H}+$ Mass of $\mathrm{Cl}=1+35.5=36.5 \mathrm{~g}$
(e) Molar mass of Nitric acid, $\mathrm{HNO}_{3}=$ Mass of $\mathrm{H}+$ Mass of Nitrogen $+3 x$ Mass of $\mathrm{O}=1+14+$ $3 \times 16=63 \mathrm{~g}$
7. What is the mass of -
(a) $\mathbf{1}$ mole of nitrogen atoms?
(b) 4 moles of aluminium atoms((Atomic mass of aluminium $=\mathbf{2 7}$ )?
(c) $\mathbf{1 0}$ moles of sodium sulphite $\left(\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right)$ ?

## Solution:

The mass of the above mentioned list is as follows:
(a) Atomic mass of nitrogen atoms $=14 \mathrm{u}$

Mass of 1 mole of nitrogen atoms= Atomic mass of nitrogen atoms

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Therefore, mass of 1 mole of nitrogen atom is 14 g
(b) Atomic mass of aluminium $=27 \mathrm{u}$

Mass of 1 mole of aluminium atoms $=27 \mathrm{~g}$
1 mole of aluminium atoms $=27 \mathrm{~g}, 4$ moles of aluminium atoms $=4 \times 27=108 \mathrm{~g}$
(c) Mass of 1 mole of sodium sulphite $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{3}=$ Molecular mass of sodium sulphite $=2 \times$ Mass of $\mathrm{Na}+$ Mass of $\mathrm{S}+3 \times$ Mass of $\mathrm{O}=(2 \times 23)+32+(3 \times 16)=46+32+48=126 \mathrm{~g}$

Therefore, mass of 10 moles of $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{3}=10 \times 126=1260 \mathrm{~g}$

## 8. Convert into mole.

(a) 12 g of oxygen gas
(b) 20 g of water
(c) 22 g of carbon dioxide

## Solution:

Conversion of the above-mentioned molecules into moles is as follows:
(a) Given: Mass of oxygen gas $=12 \mathrm{~g}$

Molar mass of oxygen gas $=2$ Mass of Oxygen $=2 \times 16=32 \mathrm{~g}$
Number of moles $=$ Mass given $/$ molar mass of oxygen gas $=12 / 32=0.375$ moles
(b) Given: Mass of water $=20 \mathrm{~g}$

Molar mass of water $=2 \times$ Mass of Hydrogen + Mass of Oxygen $=2 \times 1+16=18 \mathrm{~g}$
Number of moles $=$ Mass given $/$ molar mass of water

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=20 / 18=1.11 \text { moles }
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(c) Given: Mass of carbon dioxide $=22 \mathrm{~g}$

Molar mass of carbon dioxide $=$ Mass of $C+2$ x Mass of Oxygen $=12+2 \times 16=12+32=44 \mathrm{~g}$
Number of moles $=$ Mass given $/$ molar mass of carbon dioxide $=22 / 44=0.5$ moles

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## 9. What is the mass of:

(a) $\mathbf{0 . 2}$ mole of oxygen atoms?
(b) 0.5 mole of water molecules?

Solution:
The mass is as follows:
(a) Mass of 1 mole of oxygen atoms $=16 \mathrm{u}$, hence it weighs 16 g

Mass of 0.2 moles of oxygen atoms $=0.2 \times 16=3.2 \mathrm{u}$
(b) Mass of 1 mole of water molecules $=18 \mathrm{u}$, hence it weighs 18 g

Mass of 0.5 moles of water molecules $=0.5 \times 18=9 \mathrm{u}$
10. Calculate the number of molecules of sulphur ( $\mathrm{S}_{8}$ ) present in 16 g of solid sulphur.

## Solution:

To calculate molecular mass of sulphur:
Molecular mass of Sulphur $\left(\mathrm{S}_{8}\right)=8 \mathrm{xMass}$ of Sulphur $=8 \mathrm{x} 32=256 \mathrm{~g}$
Mass given $=16 \mathrm{~g}$
Number of moles $=$ mass given $/$ molar mass of sulphur

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=16 / 256=0.0625 \text { moles }
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To calculate the number of molecules of sulphur in 16 g of solid sulphur:
Number of molecules $=$ Number of moles x Avogadro number

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\begin{aligned}
& =0.0625 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text { molecules } \\
& =3.763 \times 10^{22} \text { molecules }
\end{aligned}
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## 11. Calculate the number of aluminium ions present in 0.051 g of aluminium oxide.

(Hint: The mass of an ion is the same as that of an atom of the same element. Atomic mass of $\mathrm{Al}=$ 27u)

## Solution:

To calculate the number of aluminium ions in 0.051 g of aluminium oxide:
1 mole of aluminium oxide $=6.022 \times 10^{23}$ molecules of aluminium oxide

1 mole of aluminium oxide $\left(\mathrm{Al}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}\right)=2 \mathrm{x}$ Mass of aluminium $+3 \times$ Mass of Oxygen

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=(2 \times 27)+(3 \times 16)=54+48=102 \mathrm{~g}
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1 mole of aluminium oxide $=102 \mathrm{~g}=6.022 \times 10^{23}$ molecules of aluminium oxide
Therefore, 0.051 g of aluminium oxide has $=0.051 \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} / 102$

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=3.011 \times 10^{20} \text { molecules of aluminium oxide }
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One molecule of aluminium oxide has 2 aluminium ions, hence number of aluminium ions present in 0.051 g of aluminium oxide $=2 \times 3.011 \times 10^{20}$ molecules of aluminium oxide $=$ $6.022 \times 10^{20}$

