## **Assignment**

- Q1. What are the transition elements? Write two characteristics of the transition elements?
- Q2. Why Zn is not considered as a transition element?
- Q3. On what ground can you say that scandium (Z = 21) is a transition element but zinc (Z = 30) is not?
- Q4. Why transition metals form coloured compounds?
- Q5. Why do transition elements show variable oxidation states?
- Q6. Explain briefly why Copper (I) ion is not known in aqueous solution?
- Q7. Explain giving reasons that transition metals and their compounds generally exhibit a paramagnetic behaviour?
- Q8. Why  $Cd^{2+}$  salts are white?
- Q9. Give reason for the observation that orange solution of potassium dichromate turns yellow on adding sodium hydroxide to it?
- Q10. Account for the following that Zr (Z = 40) and Hf (Z = 72) have almost similar atomic radii?
- Q11. Name a member of the lanthanoid series which is well known to exhibit +2 oxidation state?
- Q12. Name a member of the lanthanoid series which is well known to exhibit +4 oxidation state?
- Q13. What are the different oxidation states exhibited by the lanthanoids?
- Q14. How would you account for the following that among lanthanoids, Ln (III) compounds are predominant. However, occasionally in solutions or in solid compounds, +2 and +4 ions are also obtained.
- Q15. Give reason for the observation that there is a gradual decrease in the size of atoms with increasing atomic number in the series of Lanthanoids
- Q16. What is meant by 'lanthanoid contraction'?
- Q17. What are different oxidation states exhibited by lanthanoids?
- Q18. Explain the following observations that  $La^{3+}$  (Z = 57) and  $Lu^{3+}$  (Z = 71) do not show any colour in solutions?
- Q19. Give reason for the following that among the Lanthanoids, Ce (III) is easily oxidised to Ce (IV).
- Q20. Give reason for the following that the second and third transition series elements have almost similar atomic radii.
- Q21. Assign a reason for each of the following observations:
  - (i) Mn shows the highest oxidation state of +7 with oxygen but with fluorine it shows the highest oxidation state of +4.
  - (ii) Transition metals and their compounds show catalytic properties.



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- (iii)  $Mn^{2+}$  is more stable than  $Fe^{2+}$  towards oxidation to +3 state.
- (iv) The enthalpy of atomization is lowest for Zn in 3d series of the transition elements.
- (v) Which of the 3*d*-block elements may not be regarded as the transition elements and why?
- (vi) The transition metals (with the exception of Zn, Cd and Hg) are hard and have high melting and boiling points.
- (vii) The ionisation enthalpies (first and second) in the first series of the transition elements are found to vary irregularly
- (viii) Cobalt (II) is very stable in aqueous solutions but gets easily oxidised in the presence of strong ligand
- (ix) Transition metals are much harder than the alkali metals.
- (x) Which of following cations are coloured in aqueous solutions and why?  $Sc^{3+}$ ,  $V^{3+}$ ,  $Ti^{4+}$ ,  $Mn^{2+}$  (At. Nos. Sc = 21, V = 23, Ti = 22, Mn = 25)
- (xi) Many of the transition elements are known to form interstitial compounds.
- (xii) The metallic radii of the third (5d) series of transition metals are virtually the same as those of the corresponding group member of the second (4d) series.
- (xiii) With the same d-orbital configuration ( $d^4$ )  $Cr^{2+}$  is a reducing agent while  $Mn^{3+}$  is an oxidising agent.
- (xiv) Most of the transition metal ions exhibit characteristic colours in aqueous solutions.
- (xv) The  $E_{M}^{o}$  for copper is positive (+0.34 V). Copper is the only metal in the first series of transition elements showing this behaviour.
- (xvi) The enthalpies of atomization of transition metals are quite high.
- (xvii) The  $Fe^{2+}$  is much more easily oxidised to  $Fe^{3+}$  than  $Mn^{2+}$  to  $Mn^{3+}$ .
- (xviii) How is the variability in oxidation states of transition elements different from that of non-transition elements? Illustrate with example
- (xix) The lowest oxide of a transition metal is basic, the highest is amphoteric/acidic.
- (xx) Transition elements are known to form many interstitial compounds.
- (xxi) The  $E^{\circ}$  value for  $Mn^{3+}|Mn^{2+}$  couple is much more positive than for  $Cr^{3+}|Cr^{2+}$  or  $Fe^{3+}|Fe^{2+}$  couple.
- (xxii) Mn(II) ion shows maximum paramagnetic character amongst the bivalent ions of first transition series?
- (xxiii) Scandium (At. no. 21) salts are white?

