

P BLOCK ELEMENTS – GROUP 16

TUTORIAL 01

1.
 - i.
 - a) Name the two allotropes of Oxygen.
 - b) Draw the Lewis structures of the species mentioned in (a) above.
 - ii. $O_2(g)$ can be formed in the laboratory by the thermal decomposition of “saltpeter”.
 - a) What is the chemical formula of the compound commonly known as “saltpeter” ?
 - b) Write the balanced chemical formula for the reaction mentioned in (ii).
2.
 - i.
 - a) Out of all the allotropic forms of crystalline Sulphur, what is the most commonly occurring form?
 - b) Mention another name for this allotropic form.
 - c) Sketch the 3D structure of the allotrope in (a) above.
 - d) Briefly explain how you would synthesize the above allotrope using powdered Sulphur and Carbon disulphide.
 - ii. At temperatures greater than $95\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, the above allotropic form in part (i) converts to another allotropic form.
 - a) Write two names for this allotropic form.
 - b) Briefly explain how you would synthesize the allotrope mentioned in (a) above, using powdered Sulphur.
 - c) Mention the solubility of the allotrope in (a) above in Water and Carbon disulphide.
 - iii. What is the molecule that forms both of the allotropes mentioned in parts (i) and (ii) ?
Sketch the structure of this molecule.

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TUTORIAL 02

1. Compound **A** is allowed to completely react with a solution of FeSO_4 in the acidic medium, to give water and a yellow coloured aqueous solution **B** (Reaction 01). When $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}(\text{aq})$ is added to the solution **B**, a reddish brown precipitate **D** is observed (Reaction 02). Upon the addition of excess $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}(\text{aq})$, precipitate **D** did not dissolve.

Compound **A** also reacts with gas **E** to form pale white solid **G** and water (Reaction 03). Gas **E** is colourless and has the odour of rotten eggs. Compound **A** is pale blue in colour when in the liquid state but exists as white crystals in the solid state.

- Identify the compounds **A**, **B**, **D**, **E** and **G**.
 - Write balanced chemical equations for reactions 01 - 03.
 - Does compound **A** act as an oxidizing agent or a reducing agent in Reactions 01 and 03?
 - What are the species that undergoes a change in the oxidation state in reactions mentioned in (iii) above? Mention the change in the oxidation state.
 - Write one use of compound **A**.
2. Compound **P** is reacted with acidic $\text{KMnO}_4(\text{aq})$ to give a colourless solution **Q** and a colourless, odourless gas **R** (Reaction 01). When solution **Q** was made basic by the addition of NH_4OH , and gas **S** which has the odour of rotten eggs was passed through it, a pale pink precipitate **T** was formed (Reaction 02).
- Identify the compounds **P**, **Q**, **R**, **S** and **T**.
 - Write balanced chemical equations for reactions 01 and 02.
 - Does compound **P** act as an oxidizing agent or a reducing agent in Reaction 01?
 - Name one test to identify the gas **R**.
 - Compound **P** reacts with MnO_2 in the acidic medium to give the same products **Q** and **R**. Write a balanced chemical equation for this reaction.
 - Why should compound **P** be stored in dark brown coloured bottles?

3. Gas **M** is formed by the addition of dil HCl to Na_2SO_3 .
- Identify Gas **M**.
 - Write the balanced chemical equation for the above reaction.
 - Gas **M** dissolves in water to form a di basic weak acid.
Write balanced chemical equations for the dissociation of this weak acid.
 - Gas **M** also has bleaching properties.
By giving relevant balanced chemical equations, explain this statement.
(Hint – consider the coloured species as **X**)
4. A gas **X** with bleaching properties was reacted with an acidified solution of $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ to give a green coloured aqueous solution **Y** (Reaction 01). Upon the dropwise addition of NH_4OH , a green coloured gelatinous precipitate **Z** was observed (Reaction 02).

When gas **X** reacted with excess NaOH , water and a colourless aqueous solution **P** was formed (Reaction 03). When dil HCl is added to solution **P**, NaCl , water and gas **X** is formed (Reaction 04).

- Identify the compounds **X**, **Y**, **Z**, and **P**.
 - Write balanced chemical equations for reactions 01 – 04.
 - Does gas **X** act as an oxidizing agent or a reducing agent in Reaction 01?
5. When gas **K** and gas **L** are reacted with each other a pale white solid **M** and water are formed (Reaction 01). When $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq})$ is added to the above solution gas **K** is evolved (Reaction 02). When gas **K** is passed through a solution of FeCl_3 , a yellowish green clear solution **N** was observed (Reaction 03). Gas **L** has a rotten egg smell.
- Identify the compounds **X**, **Y**, **Z**, and **P**.
 - Write balanced chemical equations for reactions 01 – 03.
 - Mention the changes in oxidation states (if any) of all the species in the above question.
 - What is the allotropic form of solid **M** ?

- 6.
- a) There are two unlabelled clear solutions in separate beakers in the laboratory. One of these solutions is $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3(\text{aq})$ and the other is $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3(\text{aq})$.
- How would you identify each solution by using only one reagent?
 - Write down balanced chemical equations for the reactions taking place in part (i) above.
- b) Compound **G** is dissolved in distilled water, and a colourless clear solution was obtained. When a solution of BaCl_2 is added to this solution, a white precipitate **J** was observed. When dil HCl was added to this solution, the white precipitate formed did not dissolve. When the flame test was carried out on compound **G**, a violet colour was observed.
- Identify the cation and anion present in compound **G**.
 - Identify compound **J**.
 - Write balanced chemical equations for all the reactions taking place in part (b).

7. An anion **R** exists as its sodium salt, NaR . When a solution of Lead acetate was added to an aqueous solution of NaR , a white coloured precipitate **S** was formed (Reaction 01). Upon heating this precipitate, it turned into a black precipitate **T** (Reaction 02).

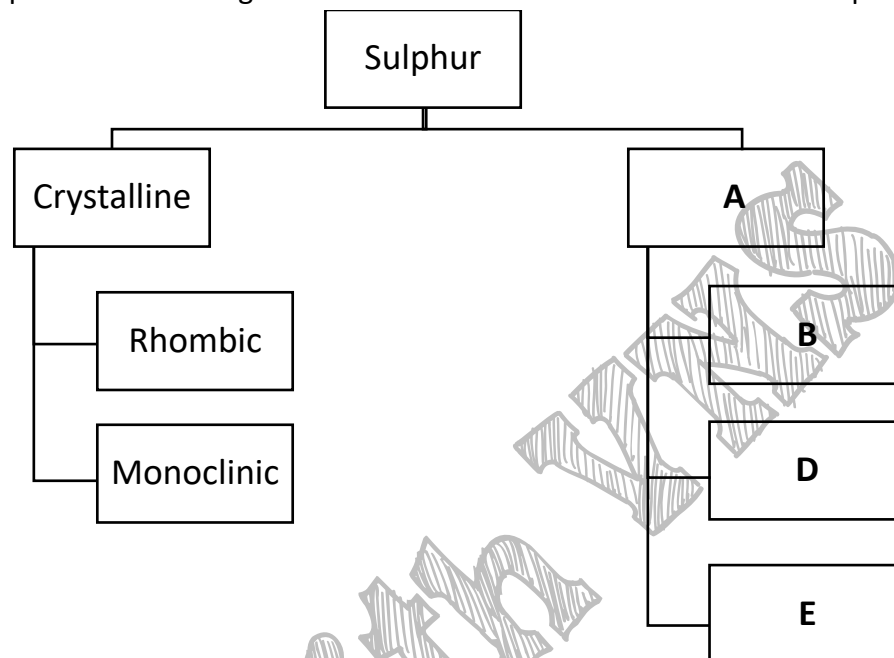
An anion **Q** exists as its sodium salt NaQ . When a solution of Lead acetate was added to an aqueous solution of NaQ , a white coloured precipitate **U** was formed (Reaction 03). However, upon heating, a white precipitate was still observed.

- By giving the relevant balanced chemical equations, identify the anions **R** and **Q**.
- Identify the compounds **S**, **T** and **U**.
- Mention another method by which compound **T** can be formed.

iv. Write three uses of Sulphur.

3.

i. Complete the following chart which illustrates the classification of Sulphur.



ii.

a) Briefly explain how you would synthesize Plastic Sulphur, using powdered Sulphur.

b) Mention three properties of Plastic Sulphur.

iii. With the use of a balanced chemical equation, explain how colloidal Sulphur is formed.

4.

i.

a) Write balanced chemical equations for four reactions by which $O_2(g)$ can be prepared in the laboratory.

b) "Although Na and Li both belong to the same group in the periodic table, out of $NaNO_3(s)$ and $LiNO_3(s)$, only $NaNO_3(s)$ can be decomposed to collect $O_2(g)$ in the laboratory."

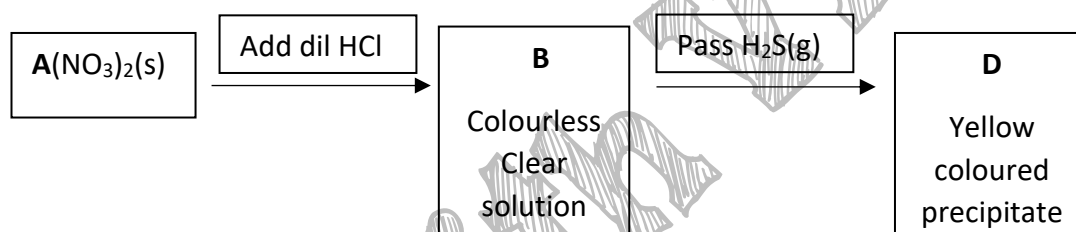
Using relevant balanced chemical equations, explain the above statement.

- c) Write five uses of $O_2(g)$.
- ii.
- a) Where is the Ozone layer located?
- b) What is the importance of the Ozone layer?
- c) Mention three uses of Ozone.
- 5.
- i. Sketch the variation of the Boiling points of the Hydrides in Group 16.
- ii. Explain the reason for the variation observed in (i) above.
- iii. What happens to the bond length and the covalent bond angle of the hydrides when going down the group? Explain.
- iv. Write the balanced chemical equation for the self-ionization of water.
6. Gas **A** reacts with a limited amount of Na metal to form NaHS and gas **B** (Reaction 01). When gas **A** is reacted with excess Na metal, it forms the strongly alkaline compound **D** and gas **B** (Reaction 02). Gas **A** also reacts with a limited amount of NaOH(aq) to form NaHS and liquid **E** (Reaction 03). When gas **A** is reacted with excess NaOH(aq), it forms the strongly alkaline compound **D** and liquid **E** (Reaction 04). Gas **A** is colourless, toxic and has an odour of rotten eggs.
- i. Identify the compounds **A**, **B**, **D** and **E**.
- ii. Write balanced chemical equations for the reactions 01 – 04.
- iii. "Gas **A** exhibits weakly acidic properties."
By giving relevant chemical equations, explain the given statement.
7. When gas **P** reacts with conc. HNO_3 , reddish brown coloured gas **Q**, pale white solid **R** and water are formed (Reaction 01). When gas **P** is reacted with hot conc. H_2SO_4 , colourless gas **T** and water are formed (Reaction 02). When gas **P** is reacted with gas **T**, pale white solid **R** and water are formed (Reaction 03).
- i. Identify the compounds **P**, **Q**, **R** and **T**.
- ii. Write balanced equations for the reactions 01 – 03.

- iii. Write the balanced chemical equations for the reaction of gas **P** with,
- Acidic $\text{KMnO}_4(\text{aq})$
 - Acidic $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7(\text{aq})$
 - $\text{K}(\text{s})$
 - $\text{FeCl}_3(\text{aq})$
- iv. What is the change in the oxidation number of Sulphur in the reactions mentioned in (iii) above?
- v. Has gas **P** acted as an oxidizing agent or a reducing agent in the reactions mentioned in (iii) above?

8.

i.



- Identify the cation **A**, compound **B** and **D**.
- Write the balanced chemical equation for the reaction in the second step.

ii.

P₁ and **P**₂ are compounds which contain the same metal cation with different oxidation states, and the same anion.

When dilute HCl is added to **P**₁, a colourless gas **Q** with bleaching properties and a clear solution **R** was formed. When a gas **T** with a rotten egg odour was passed through the clear solution **R**, a yellow coloured precipitate **U** was observed.

When dilute HCl is added to **P**₂, gas **Q** and a clear solution **X** was obtained. When gas **T** was passed through the clear solution **X**, a brown coloured precipitate **Y** was obtained.

- Identify the compounds **P**₁, **P**₂, **Q**, **R**, **T**, **U**, **X** and **Y**.
- Write balanced chemical reactions for each of the reactions given above.

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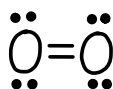
TUTORIAL 01 – ANSWERS

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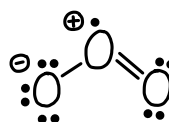
i.

a) Oxygen (O₂) and Ozone (O₃)

b) Oxygen



Ozone



ii.

a) KNO₃



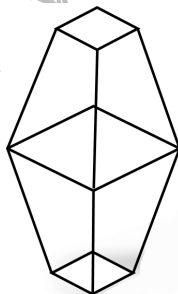
2.

i.

a) Rhombic Sulphur

b) α – Sulphur / α – S₈

c)



d)

- Place some powdered Sulphur in an evaporating dish and add CS₂ till the solid sulphur dissolves.
- Leave the evaporating dish aside for CS₂ to evaporate.
- Then you can see the crystals of rhombic Sulphur formed inside the evaporating dish.

ii.

a) Monoclinic Sulphur, β – Sulphur / β – S₈

b)

- Add powdered Sulphur into an evaporating dish and heat until it becomes a liquid.
- Let the resulting liquid cool down gently.
- A crust would form on top of the liquid layer as it cools down.
- The crust is pierced in several places to remove the remaining liquid.
- Then, needle like crystals of Monoclinic sulphur can be seen under the crust and inside the evaporating dish.

c) Water – insoluble
CS₂ – Soluble

iii. S₈ molecules



iv.

- As a fungicide in agriculture
- As an anti-fungal treatment for skin conditions due to fungi
- For the industrial manufacturing of H₂SO₄

3.

- A – Amorphous
B – Plastic Sulphur
D – Colloidal Sulphur
E – Milk of Sulphur

} Can be interchanged

ii.

a)

- Add powdered Sulphur into an evaporating dish and heat until it becomes a liquid.
- When this liquid Sulphur is about to boil, add it into a beaker of cold water.
- You can see the formation of plastic Sulphur.

b)

- Can be stretched into fibres
- Insoluble in CS₂

III. When left undisturbed for a few hours, the Sulphur chains break to form rhombic Sulphur

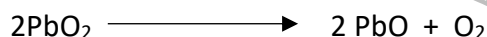
iii. If a chemical reaction results in both S and H₂O as products, the S which is insoluble in water, forms colloids.



Colloidal Sulphur

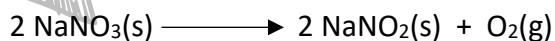
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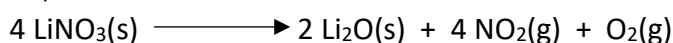


b)

- Li and Na both belong to group 1 of the periodic table.
- NaNO₃(s) decomposes into NaNO₂(s) and O₂(g) when heated.
- Here, O₂ is the only gaseous product formed.
- Therefore, NaNO₃ can be used to collect O₂.



- LiNO₃(s) decomposes into Li₂O(s), NO₂(g) and O₂(g) when heated.
- Here, O₂ and NO₂ are both gases.
- Therefore, O₂ cannot be collected separately.
- Hence, LiNO₃ cannot be used to collect O₂.



c)

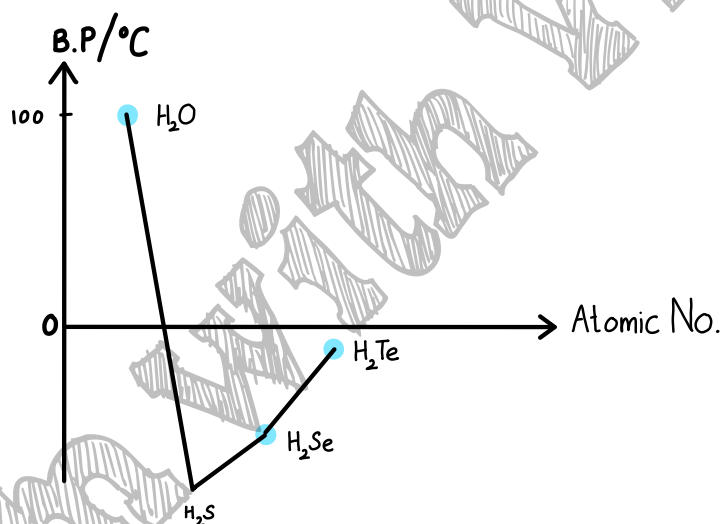
- I. For the respiration of living beings
- II. During the burning of fuel to obtain energy
- III. Metal industries (Oxy-acetylene flame)
- IV. To manufacture HNO₃ and H₂SO₄ industrially
- V. Inside submarines and rockets

ii.

- a) In the lower part of the Earth's stratosphere (15 – 35 km above Earth)
- b) Ozone layer absorbs harmful UV rays that are emitted from the sun. This reduces the risk of cataracts and skin cancers among humans.
- c)
 - I. To disinfect water
 - II. To disinfect air
 - III. In organic synthesis

5.

i.



ii.

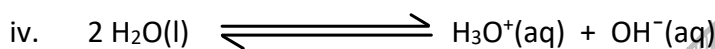
- When considering the boiling points of hydrides from H₂O to H₂Te, H₂O has a higher boiling point than the expected value according to the relative molecular mass.
- The reason for this is the strong H bonding intermolecular interactions between H₂O molecules.
- From H₂S to H₂Te, as no H bonding is present, the boiling point increases with the increases relative molecular mass. (This is due to increases London Dispersion Forces among the molecules)

iii. Bond length :

- When going down the group, the size of the central atom increases.
- Therefore, the bond length increases.
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Covalent bond angle :

- When going down the group, electronegativity of the central atom decreases.
- Therefore, the bonding electrons experience a lower repulsion between each other.
- Hence, the bond angle decreases down the group.



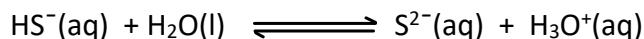
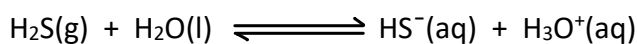
6.

- i. **A** – H_2S
B – H_2
D – Na_2S
E – H_2O



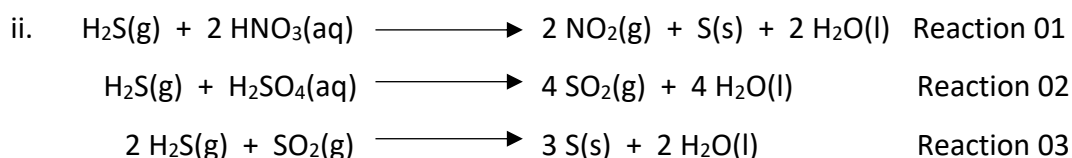
iii.

When dissolved in water, H_2S (Gas **A**) partially dissociates to give a small amount of H_3O^+ ions.

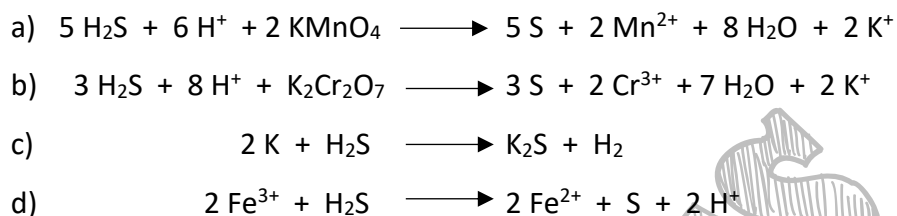


7.

- i. **P** – H_2S
Q – NO_2
R – S
T – SO_2



iii.



iv. -2 to 0 in parts a, b and d

-2 in part c (Oxidation state of S does not change here.)

v. Parts a, b and d – H_2S acts as a reducing agent

Part c – H_2S acts as an oxidizing agent

8.

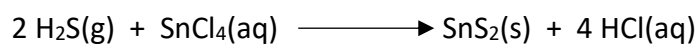
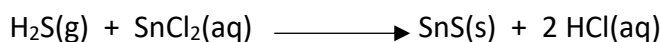
i.

- a) **A** – Cd^{2+}
B – $\text{CdCl}_2(\text{aq})$
D – CdS



ii.

- a) **P**₁ – SnSO_3
P₂ – $\text{Sn}(\text{SO}_3)_2$
Q – SO_2
R – $\text{SnCl}_2(\text{aq})$
T – H_2S
U – SnS
X – SnCl_4
Y – SnS_2



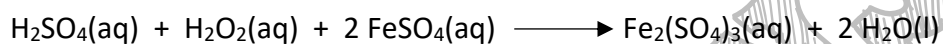
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1.

- i. **A** – H₂O₂
B – Fe₂(SO₄)₃
D – Fe(OH)₃
E – H₂S
G – S

ii. Reaction 01



Reaction 02



Reaction 03



iii. As an oxidizing agent in both reactions

iv. Reaction 01 : O in H₂O₂ (-1) to H₂O (-2)
Fe (+2) to (+3)

Reaction 03 : S in H₂S (-2) to S (0)

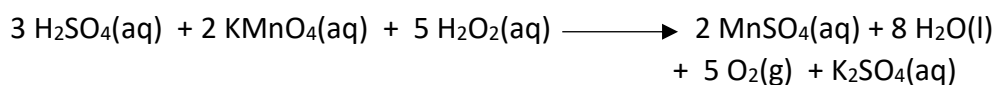
O in H₂O₂ (-1) to H₂O (-2)

v. As a disinfectant
As a bleaching agent

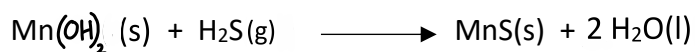
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- i. **P** – H₂O₂
Q – MnSO₄(aq)
R – O₂
S – H₂S
T – MnS

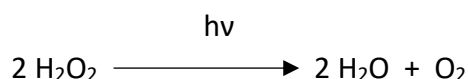
ii. Reaction 01



Reaction 02

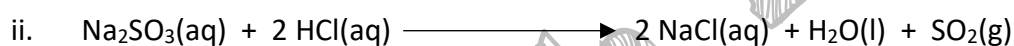


- iii. Reducing agent
- iv. When a glowing splint is introduced to a chamber with O₂ (Gas R) it reignites to produce a flame.
- v. $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq}) + \text{MnO}_2(\text{s}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{aq}) \longrightarrow \text{MnSO}_4(\text{aq}) + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g})$
- vi. H₂O₂ can decompose into water and oxygen when exposed to light. In order to prevent this, H₂O₂ is stored in dark brown coloured bottles which prevents the interaction with light.

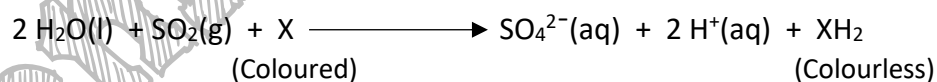


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i. **M** – SO₂



iv. In the presence of moisture, SO₂(g) bleaches coloured species. The coloured species is reduced to its hydride by SO₂(g).



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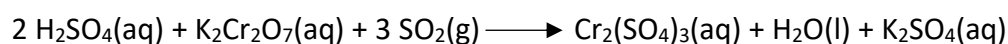
i. **X** – SO₂

Y – Cr₂(SO₄)₃(aq)

Z – Cr(OH)₃

P – Na₂SO₃(aq)

ii. Reaction 01



Reaction 02



Reaction 03



Reaction 04



iii. Reducing agent

5.

Please note that Part (i) should be changed to "Identify the compounds K, L, M and N."

- i. **K** – SO_2
- L** – H_2S
- M** – S
- N** – $\text{FeCl}_2(\text{aq})$

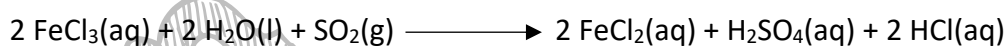
ii. Reaction 01



Reaction 02



Reaction 03



iii. Reaction 01 : S in H_2S (-2) to S (0)
S in SO_2 (+4) to S (0)

Reaction 02 : S in S(0) to SO_2 (+4)
S in SO_4^{2-} (+6) to SO_2 (+4)

Reaction 03 : Fe (+3) to (+2)
S in SO_2 (+4) to SO_4^{2-} (+6)

iv. Colloidal Sulphur

