Chemistry 30 – Electrochemistry – Unit Homework

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Redox Reactions

1. Identify which element is being reduced and which is being oxidized by determining which is gaining electrons and which is losing.
   a. $4\ Fe\ (s) + 3\ O_2\ (g) \rightarrow 2\ Fe_2O_3\ (s)$
   b. $2\ PbO\ (s) + C\ (s) \rightarrow 2\ Pb\ (s) + CO_2\ (g)$
   c. $NiO\ (s) + H_2\ (g) \rightarrow Ni\ (s) + H_2O\ (l)$
   d. $Sn\ (s) + Br_2\ (l) \rightarrow SnBr_2\ (s)$
   e. $Fe_2O_3\ (s) + 3\ CO\ (g) \rightarrow 2\ Fe\ (s) + 3\ CO_2\ (g)$

Oxidation Numbers

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1. Identify the oxidation number for each element in the compound.
   a. $SnCl_4$
   b. Ca_3P_2
   c. SnO
   d. Ag_2S
   e. HI
   f. N_2H_4
   g. Al_2O_3
   h. S_8
   i. HNO_2
   j. O_2
   k. H_3O^+
   l. ClO_3^-
   m. $S_2O_3^{2-}$
   n. $KMnO_4$
   o. $(NH_4)_2SO_4$
2. Determine the oxidation number for carbon in each compound.
   a. CH_4
   b. CH_2O
   c. CO
   d. CO_2
3. Determine the oxidation number of nitrogen in each compound.
   a. $N_2O\ (g)$
   b. $NO\ (g)$
   c. $NO_2\ (g)$
   d. $NH_3\ (g)$
   e. $N_2H_4\ (g)$
   f. $NaNO_3\ (s)$
   g. $N_2\ (g)$
   h. $NH_4Cl\ (s)$

Half-Reactions

Identifying Redox Reactions

4. For each of the following chemical reactions, assign oxidation numbers to each atom/ion and indicate whether the equation represents a redox reaction. If it does, identify the oxidation and reduction half-reactions.
   a. $Cl_2\ (aq) + 2\ KI\ (aq) \rightarrow I_2\ (s) + 2\ KCl\ (aq)$
   b. $2\ Al\ (s) + 3\ Cl_2\ (g) \rightarrow 2\ AlCl_3\ (s)$
   c. $Pb(NO_3)_2\ (aq) + 2\ KI\ (aq) \rightarrow PbI_2\ (s) + 2\ KNO_3\ (aq)$
   d. $HCl\ (aq) + NaOH\ (aq) \rightarrow H_2O\ (l) + NaCl\ (aq)$
   e. $2\ H_2O_2\ (l) \rightarrow 2\ H_2O\ (l) + O_2\ (g)$ *(do not write half-reactions)*

Writing Half-Reactions

5. Write a pair of balanced half-reaction equations, one showing a gain of electrons and one showing a loss, for each of the following reactions:
    a. $Zn\ (s) + Cu^{2+}\ (aq) \rightarrow Zn^{2+}\ (aq) + Cu\ (s)$
    b. $Mg\ (s) + 2\ H^{+}\ (aq) \rightarrow Mg^{2+}\ (aq) + H_2\ (g)$
6. For each of the following, write the half-reactions. Indicate which is oxidation and which is reduction. Ignore spectator ions.
    a. $Ni\ (s) + Cu(NO_3)_2\ (aq) \rightarrow Cu\ (s) + Ni(NO_3)_2\ (aq)$
    b. $Pb\ (s) + Cu(NO_3)_2\ (aq) \rightarrow Cu\ (s) + Pb(NO_3)_2\ (aq)$
    c. $Ca\ (s) + 2\ HNO_3\ (aq) \rightarrow H_2\ (g) + Ca(NO_3)_2\ (aq)$
    d. $2\ Al\ (s) + Fe_2O_3\ (s) \rightarrow 2\ Fe\ (l) + Al_2O_3\ (s)$
7. Ionic compounds can react in double displacement reactions. For example,
    $FeCl_3\ (aq) + 3\ NaOH\ (aq) \rightarrow Fe(OH)_3\ (s) + 3\ NaCl\ (aq)$
    Has a redox reaction occurred here? Explain.
8. For each reaction, write the half-reaction equation and identify if it is oxidation or reduction.
    a. dinitrogen oxide to nitrogen gas in an acidic solution
    b. nitrite ions to nitrate ions in a basic solution
    c. silver oxide to silver metal in a basic solution
    d. nitrate ions to nitrous acid in an acidic solution
    e. hydrogen gas to water in a basic solution
9. For each application, write the half-reaction equation and classify it as oxidation or reduction.
    a. bacterial action in soil: ammonia to nitrate ions in an acidic environment
    b. pulp and paper bleaching: hydrogen peroxide to water in an acidic solution
    c. alkaline battery: manganese(IV) oxide to manganese(III) oxide in a basic environment

Balancing with Half-Reactions

10. Balance the following redox equations.
    a. $Ag\ (s) + Cr_2O_7^{2-}\ (aq) + H^{+}\ (aq) \rightarrow Ag^{+}\ (aq) + Cr^{3+}\ (aq) + H_2O\ (l)$
    b. $KMnO_4\ (aq) + FeSO_4\ (aq) + H_2SO_4\ (aq) \rightarrow Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + MnSO_4\ (aq) + K_2SO_4\ (aq) + H_2O\ (l)$
11. Balance the following redox equations that occur in <u>acidic solution</u>.
    a. $Zn\ (s) + NO_3^{-}\ (aq) \rightarrow NH_4^{+}\ (aq) + Zn^{2+}\ (aq)$
    b. $Cl_2\ (aq) + SO_2\ (g) \rightarrow Cl^{-}\ (aq) + SO_4^{2-}\ (aq)$
    c. $Mn^{2+}\ (aq) + HBiO_3\ (aq) \rightarrow Bi^{3+}\ (aq) + MnO_4^{-}\ (aq)$
12. Balance the following redox equations that occur in <u>basic solution</u>.
    a. $MnO_4^{-}\ (aq) + I^{-}\ (aq) \rightarrow MnO_2\ (s) + I_2\ (s)$
    b. $CN^{-}\ (aq) + IO_3^{-}\ (aq) \rightarrow CNO^{-}\ (aq) + I^{-}\ (aq)$
    c. $OCl^{-}\ (aq) \rightarrow Cl^{-}\ (aq) + ClO_3^{-}\ (aq)$ (Hint: half-reactions have the same reactant)

Voltaic Cells

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13. For each of the following cells, use the given cell notation to write chemical equations to represent the cathode, anode and net cell reactions. Draw a diagram of each cell, labelling the electrodes, electrolytes, direction of electron flow and direction of ion movement.
    a. $Zn\ (s)\ |\ Zn^{2+}\ (aq)\ ||\ Ag^{+}\ (aq)|\ Ag\ (s)$
    b. $Al\ (s)\ |\ Al^{3+}\ (aq)\ ||\ Au^{3+}\ (aq)\ |\ Au\ (s)$

Cell Potential

14. For each of the following cells, write the equations for the reactions occurring at the cathode and anode, and an equation for the overall or net cell reaction. Calculate the standard cell potential.
    a. Cr (s) | Cr^{2+} (aq) || Sn^{2+} (aq) | Sn (s)
    b. Co (s) | Co^{2+} (aq) || Ag^{+} (aq) | Ag (s)
15. For each set of half-cells in standard conditions:
    - write the two half-reactions
    - label each half-reaction as oxidation or reduction
    - calculate the voltage of the electrochemical cell
    - write the net balanced redox equation
    - diagram the cell, indicating the electrodes in appropriate electrolytic solutions, label the cathode and anode, the direction of the flow of electrons, an appropriate salt bridge and the direction of the flow of ions from the salt bridge

    a. iron-iron(II) ion (Fe|Fe^{2+}) and lead-lead(II) ion (Pb|Pb^{2+})
    b. chromium-chromium(III) ion (Cr|Cr^{3+}) and rubidium-rubidium ion (Rb|Rb^{+})
    c. copper-copper(I) ion (Cu|Cu^{+}) and aluminum-aluminum ion (Al|Al^{3+})
       (NOTE: Be sure to use the Cu^{1+} half-reaction, not Cu^{2+})
16. An electrochemical cell is created using gold (making Au^{3+}) and magnesium half-cells. Determine which half-cell will undergo oxidation and which will undergo reduction, identify anode and cathode, and calculate the voltage for the cell.

Summary Question

An electrochemical cell undergoes the following unbalanced reaction:

$$Mg\ (s) + HCl\ (aq) \rightarrow H_2\ (g) + MgCl_2\ (aq)$$

a. Use oxidation numbers to determine which substance is being oxidized and which is being reduced.
b. Balance this equation using half-reactions.
c. Determine the cathode and anode, then write the cell notation.
d. Draw a diagram of each cell, labelling the electrodes, electrolytes, direction of electron flow and direction of ion movement.
e. Calculate the cell potential. Is this cell spontaneous?