

## ATOMS AND MOLECULES

### 1. INTRODUCTION :

The structure of matter has been a subject of speculation from very early times. According to Greek philosopher Democritus, suggested that if we go on dividing matter into smaller parts, a stage would be reached when particles obtained cannot be divided further. He called particles 'atoms' meaning indivisible.

#### Conclusion :

All matter is made up of small particles called atoms. Different kinds of atoms and molecules have different properties due to which different kinds of matter also show different properties.

Laws of chemical combination :

By studying the results of quantitative measurement of many reactions it was observed that whenever substances react, they follow certain laws. These laws are called the laws of chemical combination.

- (a) Law of conservation of mass.
- (b) Law of constant proportions.
- (c) Law of multiple proportions

#### (a) Law of conservation of mass :

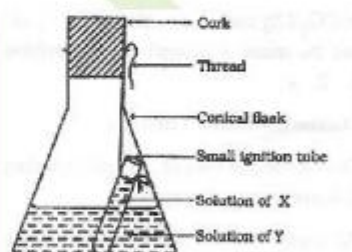
This law was given by the French chemist A. Lavoisier in 1774. This law is that in every chemical reaction, the total mass before and after the reaction remains constant.

"That mass can neither be created nor destroyed in a chemical reaction". Lavoisier showed that when mercuric oxide was heated, it produced free mercury and oxygen. The sum of masses of mercury and oxygen was found to be equal to the mass of mercuric oxide.

<b>Mercuric oxide</b> →	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>+ Oxygen</b>
100g	92.69 g	7.49 g

**Activity :** Demonstration of law of conservation of mass.

- Prepare separately a 5% solution of barium chloride and 5% solution of sodium sulphate.
  - Take about 20 ml of barium chloride solution in a conical flask.
  - Take sodium sulphate solution in a smallest tube. Hang the test tube in the mouth of the flask with the help of a thread. Close the mouth of the flask with a cork.
  - Weigh the flask along with its contents.
  - Now tilt the flask so that the two solutions get mixed.
  - Weigh the flask again along with its contents. What do you observe? It is observed that on mixing the two solutions a chemical reaction takes place which is indicated by the formation of a white precipitate.
- Barium chloride + Sodium sulphate → Barium sulphate (white ppt) + Sodium chloride
- The mass of the flask and its contents remains constant. Thus, during a chemical reaction mass is neither created nor destroyed.
- This activity can also be carried out with the following pairs :
- (a) silver nitrate and sodium chloride
  - (b) Copper sulphate and sodium carbonate



*Ignition tube containing solution of X, dipped in a conical flask containing solution of Y.*

- Q. In a reaction 5.3 g of sodium carbonate reacted with 6 g of ethanoic acid. The products were 2.2 g of carbon dioxide, 0.9 g water and 8.2 g of sodium ethanoate. Show that these observations are in agreement with the law of conservation of mass. [NCERT]  
 $\text{Sodium carbonate} + \text{ethanoic acid} \rightarrow \text{sodium ethanoate} + \text{carbon dioxide} + \text{water}.$
- Q. 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? [NCERT]
- Q. Which postulate of Dalton's atomic theory is the result of the law of conservation of mass? [NCERT]

**(b) Law of constant proportions :**

This law was given by the French chemist **A. Levoisier and Joseph Proust**. This law deals with the composition of chemical compounds.

This law is : A pure chemical compound always contains same elements combined in same proportion by mass

**For example :** Pure water obtained from different sources such as river, well etc. always contains hydrogen and oxygen combined together in the ratio 1 : 8 by mass similarly carbon dioxide can be obtained by different methods such as by burning of carbon, by heating lime stone. It shows that samples of carbon dioxide obtained in different proportions of hydrogen, carbon or oxygen always remain constant.

**(c) Law of multiple proportions :**

It was given by Dalton in 1808. According to it, when one element combines with the other element to form two or more different compounds, the mass of one element, which combines with a constant mass of the other, is in a simple ratio to one another. Example. Carbon and oxygen when combined, can form two oxides that CO (carbon monoxide).

In CO, 12g carbon combine with 16 g of oxygen. In CO<sub>2</sub> 12 g carbon combine with 32g of oxygen. Thus, we can see the mass of oxygen which combines with a constant mass of carbon (12g) bears a ratio of 16 : 32 or 1 : 2

**Dalton's Atomic Theory**

On the basis of laws of chemical combination John Dalton proposed atomic theory in 1808. The main points of Dalton's atomic theory are :

- All matter is made up of very tiny particles called atoms.
- Atoms are indivisible particles, which cannot be created or destroyed in a chemical reaction.
- Atoms of a given element are identical in mass and chemical properties.
- Atoms of different elements have different masses and chemical properties.
- Atoms combine in the ratio of small whole numbers to form compounds.
- The relative number and kinds of atoms are constant in a given compound.

Dalton's atomic theory was based on the laws of chemical compounds.

For example : The postulates of Dalton's atomic theory that "atoms can neither be created nor destroyed", was the result of law of conservation of mass and the postulates of Dalton's atomic theory "the element consists of atoms having fixed mass" and that the number and kind of atom in a given compound of fixed mass came from the law of constant proportion.

Q. Which postulate of Dalton's atomic theory can explain the law of proportion ?

[NCERT]

### Drawbacks of Dalton's Atomic Theory :

Some of the drawbacks of the Dalton's theory of matter are given below :

- According to Dalton's atomic theory, atoms were thought to be indivisible. But it is now known that atoms can be further divided into still smaller particles called electrons, protons and neutrons.
- Dalton's atomic theory said that all the atoms of an element have exactly the same mass. But it is now known that the atoms of the same element can have slightly different masses, as in cases of isotopes.
- Dalton's atomic theory said that atoms of different elements have different masses. But it is now known that even atoms of different elements can have the same mass as in case of isobars.

### Atoms :

All the matter is made up of atoms. An atom is the smallest particle of an element that can take part in a chemical reaction. Atoms of most of the elements are very reactive and do not exist in the free state (as single atom). They exist in combination with the atoms of the same elements or another element. Atoms are very small in size. The size of an atom is indicated by its radius which is called atomic radius (radius of an atom). Atomic radius of all, having an atomic radius of 0.037nm. Atoms are so small that we cannot see them under the most powerful optical microscope.

### Symbol of elements :

Symbol may be defined as the abbreviation used for the name of an element. The symbol of an element. The symbol of an element is generally either the first letter or the first two letters or the first and the third letters of the name of the element. For example, the symbol of the following elements are the first letter of the name of that element.

	Hydrogen		Carbon		Oxygen
	Phosphorus		Sulphur		Iron
	Copper		Lead		Silver
	Gold		Potassium		Mercury

Symbols for some elements as proposed by Dalton

S.NO.	Element	Symbol
1	Hydrogen	H
2	Carbon	C
3	Nitrogen	N
4	Oxygen	O
5	Fluorine	F

- Some symbols derived from the first two letters of the names of the element.

S.NO.	Element	Symbol
1	Aluminium	Al
2	Barium	Ba
3	Lithium	Li
4	Sodium	Na
5	Calcium	Ca

- Some symbols derived from the first and the third letter of the names of the elements.

S.NO.	Element	Symbol
1	Arsenic	As
2	Magnesium	Mg
3	Chlorine	Cl
4	Zinc	Zn
5	Chromium	Cr

- There are certain symbols which seem to have no relationship to their names. The symbols of these elements are derived from their Latin names.

Element	Latin Name	Symbol
Iron	Ferrum	Fe
Gold	Aurum	Au
Copper	Cuprum	Cu
Potassium	Kalium	K
Sodium	Natrium	Na
Mercury	Hydrargyrum	Hg
Lead	Plumbum	Pb

**Atomic Mass :** Atomic mass of an element may be defined as the average relative mass of an atom of the element as compared with the mass of an atom of carbon (C – 12 isotope) taken as 12 amu.

$$\text{Atomic mass} = \frac{\text{Mass of 1 atom of element}}{1/12 \text{ of the mass of an atom of C-12}}$$

#### How do Atoms occur :

The atoms of only a few elements called noble gases (such as helium, neon, argon and krypton etc.) which are chemically unreactive and exist in the free state (as single atoms). Atoms of the elements are chemically very reactive.

Atoms usually exist in two ways :

- (a) In the form of molecules and (b) In the form of ions.

Q. Define the atomic mass unit

[NCERT]

Q. Why is it not possible to see an atom with naked eyes?

[NCERT]

#### Molecule :

A molecule is the smallest particle of an element or compound that has independent existence. A molecule contains one or more than one atoms.

The molecules of an element contain atoms of only one kind.

The number of atoms in a molecule of an element is known as the atomicity of the element. For example, the atomicity of the noble gases is 1, that of hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen etc. is 2 each and of ozone is 3. Thus, noble gases, hydrogen and ozone are respectively monoatomic, diatomic and triatomic molecules.

#### Molecules of elements :

The molecules of an element contain two similar atoms chemically bonded together, for example, oxygen gas has 2 oxygen atoms combined together, so oxygen exists in the form of  $O_2$ . A recently discovered form of carbon, called buckminsterfullerene, has a molecular formula  $C_{60}$ .

#### Molecule of compounds :

The molecule of a compound contains two or more different types of atoms chemically bonded together. For example, the molecule sulphur dioxide ( $SO_2$ ) contains one atom of sulphur chemically bonded with two atoms of oxygen.

### Molecular mass of formula mass :

The molecular mass of a substance (an element or a compound) may be defined as the average relative mass of a molecule of the substance as compared with mass carbon of atom of carbon (C. 12 isotope) taken 12 amu.

$$\text{Molecular mass} = \frac{\text{Mass of 1 molecule of the substance}}{1/12 \text{ of mass of an atom of C} - 12}$$

The molecular mass of compound can be obtained by adding atomic masses of all the atoms present in the molecular of the compound. For example, molecular mass of  $\text{CO}_2$  is

$$+ 16 \times 2 = 44 \text{ u}$$

### Gram Molecular Mass :

Gram molecular of a substance is defined as that much quantity of the substance whose mass expressed in gram is numerically equal to its molecular mass.,

**For example :** The molecular mass of  $\text{CO}_2$  is 44 u , its gram molecular mass is 44 g. Gram molecular mass of substance is also known as gram-molecular mass of the substance.

### Formula Mass :

Formula mass of an ionic compound is obtained by adding atomic mass of all the atoms in a formula unit to the compound.

**For example :** Formula mass of potassium chloride (KCl)

= Atomic mass of potassium + atomic mass of chlorine

$$39 + 35.5 = 75.5$$

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| Q. | Calculate the molecular masses of $\text{H}_2$ , $\text{O}_2$ , $\text{Cl}_2$ , $\text{CO}_2$ , $\text{CH}_4$ , $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$ , $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ , $\text{NH}_3$ , $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$   | [NCERT]                            |
| Q. | Calculate the formula unit masses of $\text{ZnO}$ , $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ , given atomic masses of $\text{Zn} = 65 \text{ u}$ , $\text{Na} = 23 \text{ u}$ , $\text{K} = 39 \text{ u}$ , $\text{C} = 12 \text{ u}$ and $\text{O} = 16 \text{ U}$ | [NCERT]                            |
| Q. | Calculate the molar mass of the following substances.  | [NCERT]                            |
|    | (a) Ethyne, $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$   | (b) Sulphur molecule, $\text{S}_8$ |
|    | (c) Phosphorous molecule, $\text{P}_4$ (Atomic mass of phosphorus = 31)  |                                    |
|    | (d) Hydrochloric acid, $\text{HCl}$  |                                    |
|    | (e) Nitric acid, $\text{HNO}_3$  |                                    |

### Chemical formula :

The chemical formula of a compound describes the composition of molecules of the compound in terms of the symbols of element and the number of atoms of each element present in one molecule of the compound.

- In the chemical formula of compound, the elements present are denoted by their symbols and the number of atoms of each element are denoted by writing their number as subscript of the symbols of the respective element.

**Example :** Water is a compound whose one molecule is made up of two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen, hence its chemical formula is  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

- While writing the formula of an ionic compound the metal is written on the left hand side while the non – metal is written on the right hand side. The name of the metal remains as such but that of the non-metal is changed to have the ending -ide.

**Example :** MgO is named as magnesium oxide, KCl is named potassium chloride etc.

- Molecular compounds, formed by the combination between two different non-metals, are written in such a way that the less electronegative element is written on the left hand side with the more electronegative element is written on right hand side. In naming molecular compound, the name of the less negative non-metal is written as such but the name of the more electronegative element is changed to have the ending -ide

**Example :** H<sub>2</sub>S named as hydrogen sulphide.

- When there are more than one atoms of an element are present in the formula of the compound. then the number of atoms are indicated by the use of appropriate prefixes (Mono for : 1, di for 2, tri for 3, tetra for 4)

**Example :** CO<sub>2</sub> is named as carbon dioxide, CCl<sub>4</sub> is named carbon tetrachloride.

The prefixes are needed in naming those binary compounds in which the two non-metals form more than one compounds (by having different number of atoms)

**Example :** Two non-metals, nitrogen and oxygen, combine to form different compounds like nitrogen monoxide (NO), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>). Nitrogen trioxide (N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) etc.

- But, if two non-metals form only one compound, then prefixes are not used in naming such compounds

**Example :**

Hydrogen and sulphur combine to form only one compound H<sub>2</sub>S, So, H<sub>2</sub>S is named as hydrogen sulphide and not hydrogen monosulphide.

**IONS :** An ion is positively or negatively charged atom (or group of atoms)

There are two types of ions :

- (1) cations                      (2) anions

**(1) Cations :** A positively charged ion is known as cation. For example : Sodium ion : Na<sup>+</sup> Magnesium ion : Mg<sup>2+</sup> A cation is formed by the loss of one or more electrons by an atom

**For example :** sodium atom, loses one electron to form a sodium ion Na<sup>+</sup>

Na  $\xrightarrow{-1e^-}$  Na<sup>+</sup> sodium ion  
Sodium atom (A cation)

**(2) Anions :** A negatively charged ion is known as anion. Cl<sup>-</sup> (chloride ion) O<sup>2-</sup> (oxide ion) etc.

An anion is formed by the gain of one or more electrons by an atom. For example a chlorine atom gains one electron to form a chloride ion Cl<sup>-</sup>



Chlorine atom Chloride ion (An anion)

**Valency of ions :** The valency of an ion is same as the charge present on the ion.

Monovalent cation (Valency of cation + 1)

**Example :** Sodium ion ( $\text{Na}^+$ ), Potassium ( $\text{K}^+$ ), Hydrogen ion ( $\text{H}^+$ )

Divalent cations (valency of cations + 2)

**Example :** Magnesium ion ( $\text{Mg}^{+2}$ ) Ferrous ion ( $\text{Fe}^{+2}$ )

Trivalent cation (valency of cation + 3)

**Example :** Aluminium ion ( $\text{Al}^{+3}$ ) Ferric ion ( $\text{Fe}^{+3}$ )

Monovalent anion (anion of valency - 1)

**Example :** Chloride ion ( $\text{Cl}^-$ ) Bromide ion ( $\text{Br}^-$ )

Divalent anions (anions of valency - 2)

**Example :** oxide ion ( $\text{O}^{2-}$ ) Peroxide ion ( $\text{O}_2^{2-}$ )

Trivalent anion ( $\text{O}^{2-}$ ), Peroxide ion ( $\text{O}_2^{2-}$ ) etc.

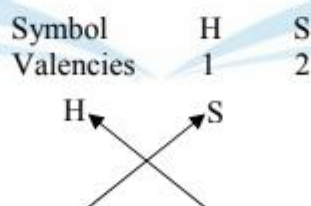
Trivalent anion (anions of valency -3)

**Example :** Nitride ion ( $\text{N}^{3-}$ ) Phosphate ion ( $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ ) etc.

**Writing formula of Molecular compound :**

**Steps :** The steps to be followed for writing the formula of molecular compound are-

- First, below each symbol of the elements contributing the compound
  - Then, below each symbol write its elements contributing the compound.
  - Finally, we exchange the valencies of the combining atoms that is with first atom, we write the valency of the second atom and with second atom, we write the valency of the first atom, the valencies to be written at substance to the symbols.
  - If the valencies have any common factor, then the formula is divided by the common factor. This gives the required formula of the compound
- Example :** To work out the formula of hydrogen sulphide
- (1) Hydrogen sulphide compound is made up of hydrogen and sulphur elements. So first we write down the symbol of hydrogen and sulphur .
- (2) The valency of hydrogen is 1 and the valency of sulphur is 2. so below the symbol H we write 1 and below the symbol S we write 2.



- 8 • We now cross-over the valency of H and atoms. With H atom we write the valency of S (Which is 2) so that it becomes  $\text{H}_2$  with a atom we write the valency of (Which is) so that it becomes  $\text{S}_1$ . Now, joining together  $\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{S}_1$  the formula of hydrogen sulphide becomes  $\text{H}_2\text{S}_1$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  (This is becomes we don't write the subscript with an atom in a formula)

Q.	What is meant by the term chemical formula ?	[NCERT]
Q.	How many atoms are present in a	[NCERT]
Q.	(i) $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ molecule and (ii) $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ ion	
Q.	What are polyatomic ions ? Give examples	[NCERT]
Q.	Give the name of the elements present in the following compounds.	[NCERT]
	(a) Quick lime (b) Hydrogen bromide (c) Baking powder (d) Potassium sulphate	

### Writing the formula of Ionic compound :

#### Steps :

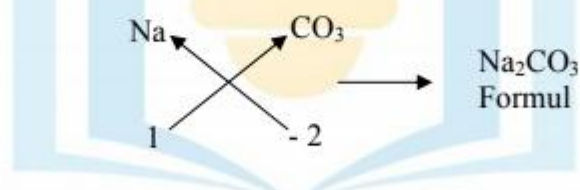
- First, write the symbols of the ions from which the ionic compound is made. As a convention, the cation is written on the left while the anion is written on the right side.
- The valencies of the respective cation and anion are written below their symbols.
- The valencies of cation and anion are exchanged. The number of cation and anion in the formula of the compound are adjusted in such a way that total positive charge of cation becomes equal to total negative charge of the anion making the ionic compound electrically neutral.
- The final formula of the ionic compound is then written but the charges present on the cation and the anion are not shown.

**Example :** To write the formula for sodium carbonate :

- (1) First, write the symbol of sodium ion and carbonate ion and write their valence below their symbol as shown.

Symbols	Na	$\text{CO}_3$
Valencies (or charges)	+1	-2

- (2) Now, exchange the valencies of sodium ion and carbonate ion,



- (3) So -2 gets associated with Na and +1 gets associated with  $\text{CO}_3$  in this way we get  $\text{Na}_2$  and  $\text{CO}_3$  and final formula of sodium carbonate is  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$

- Q.** Write down the formula of [NCERT]  
 (i) sodium oxide (ii) aluminium chloride (iii) sodium sulphide (iv) magnesium hydroxide
- Q.** Write down the name of compounds represented by the following formulae. [NCERT]  
 (i)  $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$  (ii)  $\text{CaCl}_2$  (iii)  $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$   
 (iv)  $\text{KNO}_3$  (v)  $\text{CaCO}_3$
- Q.** Write the chemical formula of the following [NCERT]  
 (a) Magnesium chloride (b) Calcium oxide (c) Copper nitrate  
 (d) Aluminium chloride (e) Calcium carbonate

Name of the compound	Positive ion (cation)			Negative ion (anion)			Chemical Formula
	Name	Formula	Valency number	Name	Formula	Valency number	
Hydrogen chloride	Hydrogen	H	1	Chloride	Cl	1	HCl
Hydrogen sulphide	Hydrogen	H	1	Sulphide	S	2	$\text{H}_2\text{S}$
Sulphuric acid (hydrogen sulphate)	Hydrogen	H	1	Sulphate	$\text{SO}_4$	2	$\text{H}_2(\text{SO}_4)$ , $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
Sodium nitrate	Sodium	Na	1	Nitrate	$\text{NO}_3$	1	$\text{Na}(\text{NO}_3)$ , $\text{NaNO}_3$
Aluminium Phosphate	Aluminium	Al	3	Phosphate	$\text{PO}_4$	3	$\text{Al}_3(\text{PO}_4)_3$ , $\text{AlPO}_4$
Aluminium sulphate	Aluminium	Al	3	Sulphate	$\text{SO}_4$	2	$\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$
Ferrous sulphate	Ferrous	Fe	2	Sulphate	$\text{SO}_4$	2	$\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_2$ , $\text{FeSO}_4$
Ferric sulphate	Ferric	Fe	3	Sulphate	$\text{SO}_4$	2	$\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$
Potassium dichromate	Potassium		1	Dichromate	$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$	2	$\text{K}_2(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7)$ , $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$
Magnesium nitrate	Magnesium	Mg	2	Nitrate	$\text{NO}_3$	1	$\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$
Silver chromate	Silver	Ag	1	Chromate	$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_4$	2	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CrO}_4$
Barium carbonate	Barium	Ba	2	Carbonate	$\text{CO}_3$	2	$\text{Ba}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2$ , $\text{BaCO}_3$
Potassium permanganate	Potassium	K	1	Permanganate	$\text{MnO}_4$	1	$\text{KMnO}_4$
Calcium hydroxide	Calcium	Ca	2	Hydroxide	OH	1	$\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$
Aluminium oxide	Aluminium	Al	3	Oxide	O	2	$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$
Magnesium phosphate	Magnesium	Mg	2	Phosphate	$\text{PO}_4$	3	$\text{Mg}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$
Ammonium sulphate	Ammonium	$\text{NH}_4$	1	Sulphate	$\text{SO}_4$	2	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$
Zinc phosphate							

**Mole Concept :**

**Mole :** Mole is link between the mass of atoms (or molecules) and the number of atoms (or molecule.). A group of  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  particles (atom, molecules or ions) or a substance is called a mole of that substance.

Thus,  $1 \text{ mole of atoms} = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms.}$   
 $1 \text{ mole of molecules} = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules.}$

**For example :** oxygen atom in O and oxygen molecules is  $\text{O}_2$

1 mole of oxygen atoms (O) =  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  oxygen atom

1 mole of oxygen molecules =  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  oxygen molecules.

Number of  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$ , which represents a mole is known as **Avogadro number**.

**Moles of Atoms :** One mole of atoms of an element has a mass equal to the gram atomic mass of the element  
1 mole of atoms of an element = Gram atomic mass of the element.

**For example :** The atomic mass of oxygen (O) is 16 u so gram atomic mass of oxygen will be gram.

1 mole of oxygen atoms = Gram atomic mass of oxygen = 16 gram

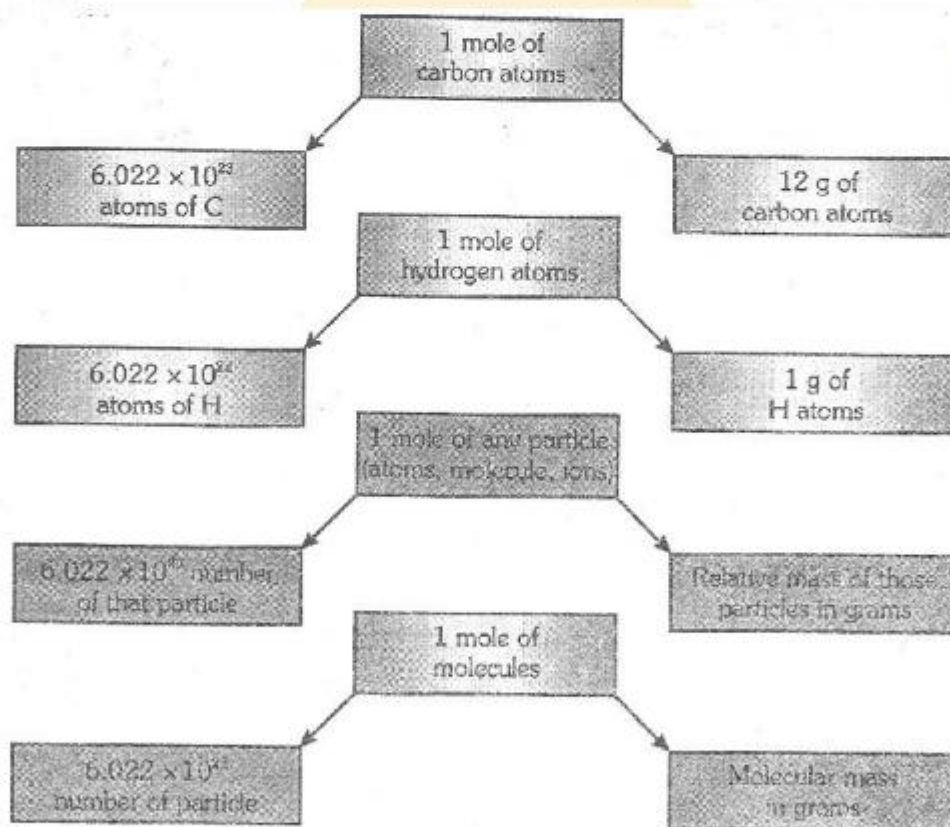
**Mole of molecules :**

1 mole of molecules of a substance has mass equal to gram molecular mass of the substance.

1 mole of molecules of a substance = Gram molecular mass of the substance.

**For example :** The molecular mass of oxygen ( $\text{O}_2$ ) is 32, u So the gram molecule mass of oxygen molecule is 32 gram.

1 mole of oxygen molecules = Gram molecular mass of oxygen = 32 gram.



**Relationship between mole, Avogadro number and mass**

- Q. If one mole of carbon atoms weighs 12 gram, what is the mass (in grams) of 1 atom of carbon ?
- Q. Which has more number of atoms, 100 grams of sodium or 100 gram of iron (given, atomic mass of

N = 23u, Fe = 56 u)

[NCERT]

- Q. 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.

[NCERT]

- Q. When 3.0g of carbon is burnt in 8.00 oxygen, 11.00 g of carbon dioxide is produced. What mass of carbon dioxide will be formed when 3.0 g of carbon is burnt in 50.00 of oxygen? Which law of chemical combination will govern your answer?

[NCERT]

### Mass percentage of an element from molecular formula :

The molecular formula of a compound may be defined as the formula which specifies the number of atoms of various elements in the molecule of the compound.

**For example :** The molecular formula of glucose is  $C_6H_{12}O_6$ . This shows that a molecule of glucose has six atoms of carbon, twelve atoms of hydrogen and six atoms of oxygen. With the help of the molecular formula of a compound we can calculate its percentage composition by mass. First we calculate the molecular mass of the compound. From this we can find out the mass of one mole of the compound, which is equal to its gram molecular mass. Then we calculate the mass of an element in one mole of the compound. The percentage of each element is then calculated by the following formula.

$$\text{Mass percentage of element X} = \frac{\text{Mass of X in one mole}}{\text{Mass of one mole of the compound}} \times 100$$

that is gram molecular mass

### Determination of Molecular formula:

To find out the molecular formula of a compound, the first step is to determine its empirical formula from the percentage composition. The empirical formula of a compound may be defined as the formula which gives the simplest whole number ratio of atoms of the various elements present in the molecule of the compound.

**For example:** The empirical formula of the compound glucose ( $C_6H_{12}O_6$ ) is  $CH_2O$  which shows that C, H and O are present in the simplest ratio of 1:2:1.

Molecular formula is whole number multiple of empirical formula thus,

Molecular formula = Empirical formula  $\times n$

$$n = \frac{\text{Molecular formula}}{\text{Empirical formula}}$$

Where  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$= \frac{\text{Molecular Mass}}{\text{Empirical formula mass}}$$

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| Q. | What is the mass of –   | [NCERT]                          |
|    | (a) 1 mole of nitrogen atoms?   |                                  |
|    | (b) 4 moles of aluminium atoms (Atomic mass of aluminium = 27)?   |                                  |
|    | (c) 10 moles of sodium sulphite ( $Na_2SO_3$ )?   |                                  |
| Q. | Convert into mole.  | [NCERT]                          |
|    | (a) 12 g of oxygen gas  | (b) 20 g of water                |
|    | (c) 22 g of carbon dioxide  |                                  |
| Q. | What is the mass of .   | [NCERT]                          |
|    | (a) 0.2 mole of oxygen atoms?   | (b) 0.5 mole of water molecules? |
| Q. | Calculate the number of molecules of sulphur ( $S_8$ ) present in 16 g of solid sulphur.                | [NCERT]                          |
| Q. | Calculate the number of aluminium ions present in 0.054 g of aluminium oxide.                           | [NCERT]                          |
|    | (Hint: The mass of an ion is the same as that of an atom of the same element. Atomic mass of Al = 27 u) |                                  |

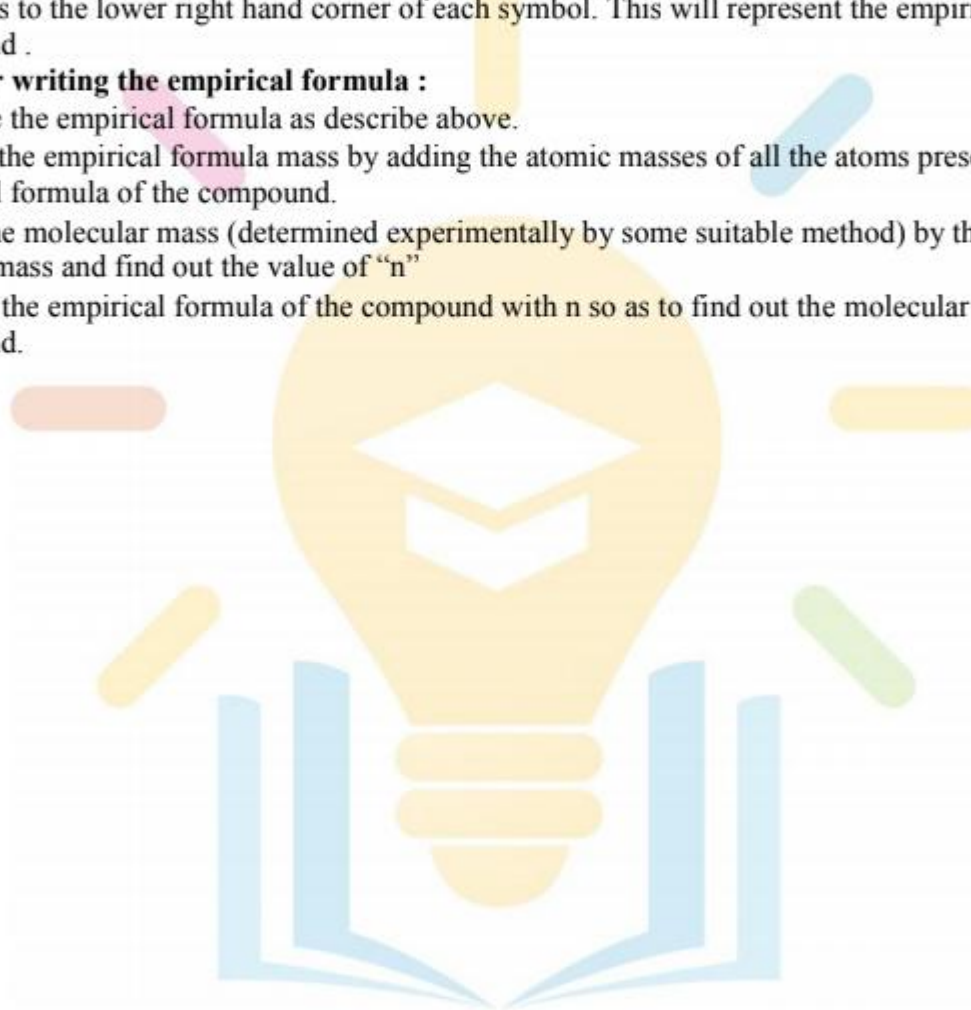
**Steps for writing the empirical formula :**

The percentage of the element in the compound is determined by suitable methods and from the data collected, the empirical formula is determined by the following steps-

- Divide the percentage of each. element by its stomic mass. This gives the relative number of moles of various element present in the compound.
- Divide the quotients obtained in the above step by the smallest of them so as to get a simple ratio of moles of various elements.
- Multiply the gfigures, so obtained by a suitable integer, if necessary, in order to obtain whole number ratio.
- Finally write down the symbols of the various elements side by side and put the above number as the subscripts to the lower right hand corner of each symbol. This will represent the empirical formula of the compound .

**Steps for writing the empirical formula :**

- Calculate the empirical formula as describe above.
- Find out the empirical formula mass by adding the atomic masses of all the atoms present in the empirical formula of the compound.
- Divide the molecular mass (determined experimentally by some suitable method) by the empirical formula mass and find out the value of “n”
- Multiply the empirical formula of the compound with n so as to find out the molecular formula of the compound.



## EXERCISE

## ATOMS AND MOLECULES

### (A) OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS :

- The elements present in baking soda are  
(A) Sodium, carbon and oxygen  
(B) Sodium, carbon hydrogen  
(C) Sodium, carbon, hydrogen and oxygen  
(D) Potassium, carbon and oxygen
- The first scientist to use of the symbols of elements was  
(A) Dalton  
(B) Berzilius  
(C) Kanad  
(D) Proust
- The overall charge on an ionic compound equal to  
(A) Charge of the cation present  
(B) zero  
(C) Charge of the anion present  
(D) sum of charges of the cation & anion
- The chemical formula of the copper nitrate.  
(A)  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$   
(B)  $\text{CuNO}_3$   
(C)  $\text{Cu}_2(\text{NO}_3)_3$   
(D)  $\text{Cu}_2\text{NO}_3$
- The number of carbon atoms in 1g of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  is  
(A)  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$   
(B)  $6.022 \times 10^{21}$   
(C)  $3.0125 \times 10^{22}$   
(D)  $1.204 \times 10^{23}$
- The mass of a single atom of carbon is  
(A) 12 g  
(B) 1/12 g  
(C)  $1.99 \times 10^{-23}$  g  
(D)  $1.99 \times 10^{23}$  g
- The mass of 1 u is  
(A)  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{12}{6.022 \times 10^{23}}$  g  
(B)  $\frac{1}{6.022 \times 10^{23}}$  g  
(C)  $\frac{12}{6.022 \times 10^{23}}$  g  
(D)  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  g
- How many molecules are present in 9g of water  
(A)  $3.01 \times 10^{23}$   
(B)  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$   
(C)  $6.08 \times 10^{23}$   
(D)  $3.82 \times 10^{23}$
- $\text{Mg} + \text{O}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Burning}} \text{'X'}$ , 'X' is  
(A)  $\text{MgO}$   
(B)  $\text{Mg}_2\text{O}$   
(C)  $\text{MgO}_2$   
(D)  $\text{Mg}_2\text{O}_3$
- The formula of sulphuric acid is  
(A)  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$   
(B)  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$   
(C)  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_5$   
(D)  $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7$
- What is true about potassium chlorate  
(A) It gives oxygen gas on strong heating  
(B) Its molecular mass is 122.5 kg/mol  
(C) 122.5g of it contains oxygen atoms three times the Avogadro number  
(D) Its molecular formula is  $\text{KClO}_4$
- Mass of one Avogadro's number of O atoms is equal to  
(A) 16 amu  
(B) 16 g  
(C) 32 g  
(D) 6 kg

13. Hydrogen reacts with oxygen to form water ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ). The ratio between masses of Hydrogen and oxygen is  
 (A) 1 : 8 (B) 63.5 : 8 (C) 2 : 1 (D) 63.5 : 16
14. The correct formula of aluminum sulphate is  
 (A)  $\text{AlSO}_4$  (B)  $\text{Al}_2\text{SO}_4$  (C)  $\text{Al}_3(\text{SO}_4)_2$  (D)  $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$
15. Which of the following has highest intermolecular force of attraction  
 (A) Liquid water (B) Liquid ethyl alcohol (C) Gaseous  $\text{CO}_2$  (D) Solid  $\text{CO}_2$
16. Which of the following is not correct regarding gases  
 (A) Gases exert pressure (B) Gases have same intermolecular space  
 (C) Gases have tendency of diffuse (D) Gases have high intermolecular force of attraction
17. The Boiling not point water at normal atmospheric pressure is  
 (A) 273 K (B) 373 K (C) 100 K (D)  $0^\circ\text{C}$
18. Avogadro's number represents the number of atoms in  
 (A) 12 g of  $\text{C}^{12}$  (B) 320 of sulphur (C) 32 g of oxygen (D) 12.7 g of iodine
19. Molecular mass of ozone is  
 (A) 16 u (B) 32 u (C) 48 u (D) 64 u
20. Which of the following is not correct according to Dalton's atomic theory ?  
 (A) Matter is made up of atoms  
 (B) Atoms of all substance are identical in all respects  
 (C) Atoms combine in a simple whole number ratio  
 (D) Atoms of two element can combine to form more then one compound.

**(B) FILL IN THE BLANKS :**

21. The temperature at which a liquid change into gas is called.....
22. Intermolecular space in solid is..... then that of liquid
23. Change of liquid state to solid sate is called.....
24. Small of cooked food reaches us in second due to the process know as.....
25. One mole atoms of oxygen contains..... atom of oxygen
26. The number of atoms in a molecule of element substance called is.....
27. In water, the proportion of hydrogen and oxygen is.....by mass.
28. Latin name of mercury is.....
29. Avogadro number is.....
30. One mole of sodium sulphate contains.....atoms of sodium.....atoms of sulphur and .....atom of oxygen
31. Intermolecular forces are maximum in.....
32. Water has boiling not equal to.....
33. Fusion is change of.....to state.

**(C) MATHC OF COLUMN:**

**34.** Match the following elements & compounds given in column-A with column- B

Column – A	Column - B
(1) Argon	(a) 8
(2) Suphur	(b) 4
(3) Oxygen	(c) 2
(4) Phosphorous	(d) 1
(5) Ozone	(e) 3
(6) Bromine	(f) 5
(7) Carbon monoxide	(g) 6
(8) Hydrogen peroxide	(h) 7
(9) Lime water	
(10) Ammonia	
(11) Quick Lime	
(12) Baking powder	
(13) Lime stone	
(14) Common salt	
(15) Sodium Suphate	

**(D) VARY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTION :**

- 35.** Name of the building block of all matter ?
- 36.** What are the symbols of copper and cobalt ?
- 37.** What is 1 u ?
- 38.** Give symbols for the following elements : Aluminum, Tin, Bromine, Neon.
- 39.** What is ratio between masses of (i) hydrogen and oxygen in  $H_2O$  (ii) nitrogen and hydrogen in  $NH_3$  ?
- 40.** What is meant by formula unit mass ?
- 41.** What is meat by valecnyn of en element ?
- 42.** 10 g silver nitrate solution are added to 10 g of sodium solution ? What change in mass of you expect after the reaction ?
- 43.** Why is copper represented by the symbol “Cu” while there is not letter ‘u’ in the name ?
- 44.** What do you understand by the ‘atomicity’ of the substance ?
- 45.** Give two examples each of bivalent cations and bivalent anions.
- 46.** How are mass, molar mass and number of mole related to each other ?

**(D) SHORTE ANSWRE TYPE QUESTION :**

47. What is the first law of chemical combination ?
48. What is the conclusion of the Dalton's atomic theory ?
49. Define a molecule. How many molecules are present in  
(i) 9g of water (ii) 17 g of ammonia
50. What is meant by the term chemical formula ?
51. What are poly atomic ions ? Give example .
52. Calculate the number of molecules of Sulphur ( $S_8$ ) present in 16 g of solid sulphur.
53. Give the name of the elements present in the following compounds.
54. Define the term mole ?
55. Write the molecular formula of the following and give the ratio by mass of atoms present ?
56. A hydrocarbon is found to contain 14.3% hydrogen and 85.7 % carbon. If molecular mass of the hydrocarbon is 28, find out its molecular formula (17 g).
57. Write down the names of the compound represented by the following formula ?  
(i)  $Al_2(SO_4)_3$  (ii)  $CaCl_2$  (iii)  $K_2SO_4$  (iv)  $KNO_3$
58. What is meant by the term chemical formula ?
59. Calculate the mass of  $CO_2$  which will contain the same number of molecule in 1 g of methane  
(S = 32 u, O = 16 u, C = 12 u, H = 1 u)
60. If 1 g of  $SO_2$  contains x molecules, what will be the number of molecule in 1 g of methane?  
(S = 32 u, O = 16 u, C = 12 u, H = 1 u )
61. What is molar volume ? What is its value ?
62. Define the "law of constant proportions" How does Dalton's atomic theory explain the truth of the law ?
63. What is the difference between the atomic mass of a molecule and gram molecular mass ?
64. What is formula unit mass ? For what type of compounds is it used and why ?
65. What is the unit of atomic mass or molecular mass ? Define it. What is the mass of this unit in kilograms ?

**(E) LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTION:**

66. State and explain Law of Conservation Mass. How does Dalton's atomic theory explain this law ?
67. State and explain the following  
(i) Atom (ii) Molecule (iii) Atomic mass (iv) Molecular mass
68. Arrange the following in order of increasing masses (i) 0.1 g atom of silver (ii) 0.1 mole of  $H_2SO_4$   
(iii)  $10^{23}$  molecule of  $CO_2$  gas (iv) 1 gram of carbon (v) atoms of calcium.
69. How is the molecular formula of a compound related to its empirical formula ?
70. Valencies or the charge numbers of some ions are given below :
- |               |       |               |       |               |       |
|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Aluminium ion | $3^+$ | Magnesium ion | $2^+$ | Potassium ion | $1^+$ |
| Nitride ion   | $3^-$ | Sulphate ion  | $2^-$ | Fluoride ion  | $1^-$ |
- Using the above information, write down the chemical formulae of the following
- (i) Aluminium ion (ii) Magnesium nitride (iii) Aluminium sulphate  
(vi) Potassium fluoride (v) Magnesium fluoride (vi) Potassium nitride

71. The molecular formula of a compound is  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ . Calculate its molecular mass in atomic mass unit. Also write down its molar mass (atomic masses are :  $\text{H} = 1 \text{ u}$ ,  $\text{C} = 12 \text{ u}$ ,  $\text{O} = 16 \text{ u}$ )
72. Find the number of atoms of each type present 3.42 grams of canesugar ( $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11}$ )
73. What are the postulates and limitations of Dalton's atomic theory ?

### ANSWER KEY

• Objective type questions

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|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| 1.C  | 2.A  | 3.B  | 4.A  | 5. B  | 6.C   | 7.B   | 8.A  | 9.A   | 10.B  |
| 11.C | 12.B | 13.A | 14.D | 15. D | 16. D | 17. B | 18.A | 19. C | 20. B |

• Fill in the blanks

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 21. boiling point                  | 22. less                   | 23. solidification                                   | 24. diffusion             |
| 25. Contain $6.022 \times 10^{23}$ |                            | 26. Atomicity  | 27. 1 : 8                 |
| 28. Hydragryum                     | 29. $6.022 \times 10^{23}$ | 30. $12.044 \times 10^{23}$ , $6.022 \times 10^{23}$ | 24. $0.88 \times 10^{23}$ |
| 31. Solid                          | 32. $100^\circ\text{C}$    | 33. Solid, liquid                                    |                           |

• Math the column

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. d  | 2. a  | 3. c  | 4. d  | 5. e  | 6. c | 7. c | 8. b | 9. f | 10. b |
| 11. c | 12. g | 13. f | 14. c | 15. h |      |      |      |      |       |

• very short answer types question

35. atoms      36. Cu & Co

37. 1 u stands for one twelfth ( $1/12$ ) in the mass of carbon (carbon - 12) atom.

38. Al, Sn, Br, Na,      39. (i) 1 : 8 (ii) 14 : 3      42. no change

43 Symbol Cu has been taken from the latin word 'cuprum' which means copper

44. The number of atoms present in one molecule of the substance is called atomicity

45. Cations =  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ , anions =  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$

46. Number of moles (n) =  $\frac{\text{Given mass(m)}}{\text{Molar mass(M)}}$  or  $m = n \times m$