SIMPLE CELLS

1 The reactivity series shows the metals in order of reactivity.

(a) The reactivity series can be established using displacement reactions. A piece of zinc is added to aqueous lead nitrate. The zinc becomes coated with a black deposit of lead.

$$Zn + Pb^{2+} \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + Pb$$

Zinc is more reactive than lead.

The reactivity series can be written as a list of ionic equations.

..... \rightarrow + most reactive metal: the best reductant (reducing agent)

$$Zn \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^{-}$$

Fe
$$\rightarrow$$
 Fe²⁺ + 2e⁻

$$Pb \rightarrow Pb^{2+} + 2e^{-}$$

$$Cu \rightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-}$$

$$Ag \rightarrow Ag^+ + e^-$$

- (i) In the space at the top of the list, write an ionic equation for a metal which is more reactive than zinc. [1]
- (ii) Write an ionic equation for the reaction between aqueous silver(I) nitrate and zinc.

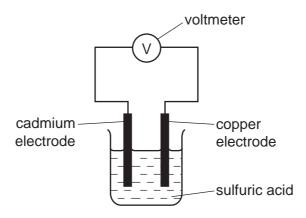
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(iii) Explain why the positive ions are likely to be oxidants (oxidising agents).

(iv) Deduce which ion is the best oxidant (oxidising agent).

(v) Which ion(s) in the list can oxidise lead metal?

(b) A reactivity series can also be established by measuring the voltage of simple cells. The diagram shows a simple cell.



Results from cells using the metals tin, cadmium, zinc and copper are given in the table below.

cell	electrode 1 positive electrode	electrode 2 negative electrode	voltage/volts
1	copper	cadmium	0.74
2	copper	tin	0.48
3	copper	zinc	1.10

reasing reactivity and explain now you used the data	n the table to determine this order.
[3	
[Total: 9]	

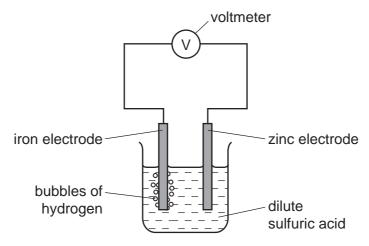
MARKING SCHEME:

(a) (i) any metal above zinc $Mg \rightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2e^{-}$ [1] (ii) $Zn + 2Ag^+ \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2Ag$ [2] Note: not balanced only [1] (iii) because they can accept or gain electrons / change into atoms or can be reduced [1] (iv) Ag⁺ or silver [1] charge not essential but if given must be correct (v) Ag^+ and Cu^{2+} or silver and copper [1] charge not essential but if given must be correct (b) Cu Sn Cd Zn (i.e. all 4 in correct order) [1] relates order to voltage [1] one relevant comment from: [1]

higher reactivity metals are the negative electrode / copper is least reactive because it is the positive electrode because copper would have the lowest voltage / copper cell V = 0 / the bigger the difference in reactivity, the bigger the voltage / zinc has highest voltage because it is most reactive / more reactive metals have higher voltage

[Total: 9]

${f 2}$ The diagram shows a simple cell.



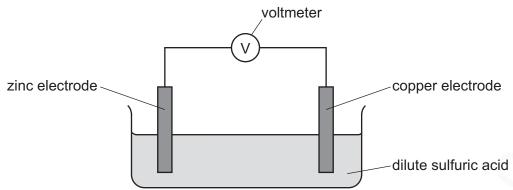
(a)	Write an equation for the overall reaction occurring in the cell.
	[2]
(b)	Explain why all cell reactions are exothermic and redox.
	[3]
(c)	Which electrode, zinc or iron, is the negative electrode? Give a reason for your choice.
	[2]
(d)	Suggest two ways of increasing the voltage of this cell.
	[2]
	[Total: 9]

MARKING SCHEME:

(a)	$Zn \ + \ H_2SO_4 \ \rightarrow \ ZnSO_4 \ + \ H_2 \ / \ Zn \ + \ 2H^+ \ \rightarrow \ Zn^{2+} + H_2$	[2]
	marks are for correct reactants [1] correct products [1] If ionic equation is given don't penalise SO_4^{2-} spectator ions on both sides	
(b)	(exothermic because) a cell produces (electrical) energy/electricity	[1]
	the next two marks score for	
	electrons are lost AND gained / oxidation no. or state/valency both increases and decrease / two correct half equations i.e. $Zn \to Zn^{2^+} + 2e^-$ and $2H^+ + 2e^- \to H_2$	ses [2]
(c)	zinc cond it is the more reactive metal / it supplies electrons / it forms ions more readily than iron	[1] on [1]
(d)	replace zinc with magnesium replace iron with copper use (more) concentrated <u>sulfuric</u> acid accept use a <u>more</u> concentrated acid / a <u>more</u> concentrated solution	
	any two	[2]

${f 3}$ A student used the following electrochemical cell.

The reading on the voltmeter was +1.10 V.



(i)	Draw an arrow on the diagram to show the direction of electron flow. [1]
(ii)	Suggest the change, if any, in the voltmeter reading if the zinc electrode was replaced with an iron electrode. Explain your answer.
	[2]
iii)	The zinc electrode was replaced with a silver electrode. The reading on the voltmeter was $-0.46\mathrm{V}$.
	Suggest why the sign of the voltmeter reading became negative.

MARKING SCHEME:

(i)	arrow (anywhere) going from Zn → Cu	1
(ii)	reading would decrease (1) Fe less reactive than Zn (1) OR difference in reactivity (between Fe and Cu) is smaller	2
(iii)	Ag less reactive than Cu	1