

## Chapter - 2

# Acid, Bases And Salts

### ACIDS :

- These are the substances which have sour taste.
- They turn blue litmus solution red.
- They give  $\text{H}^+$  ions in aqueous solution.
- The term 'acid' has been derived from the Latin word, acidus, which means sour.

**Strong Acids :**  $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$

**Weak Acids :**  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ , Oxalic acid, Lactic acid

**Concentrated Acid :** Having more amount of acid + less amount of water

**Dilute Acid :** Having more amount of water + less amount of acid

### BASES :

- These are the substances which are bitter in taste and soapy in touch.
- They turn red litmus solution blue.
- They give  $\text{OH}^-$  ions in aqueous solution.

**Strong Bases :**  $\text{NaOH}$ ,  $\text{KOH}$ ,  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$

**Weak Bases :**  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$

**Alkalis :** These are bases which are soluble in water [ $\text{NaOH}$ ,  $\text{KOH}$ ,  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ ].

### SALTS :

These are the compounds formed from reaction of acid and base.

*Example :*

NaCl, KCl.

## INDICATORS :

These are the substances which change their colour/smell in different types of substances.

### TYPES OF INDICATORS

#### Natural indicators

- Found in nature in plants.
- Litmus, red cabbage leaves extract, flowers of hydrangea plant, turmeric

#### Synthetic indicators

- These are chemical substances.
- Methyl orange, phenolphthalein

#### Olfactory indicators

- These substances have different odour in acid and bases.

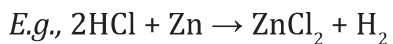
	S. No.	Indicator	Smell/Colour in acidic solution	Smell/Colour in basic solution
<b>Natural Indicator</b>	1.	Litmus	Red	Blue
	2.	Red cabbage leaf extract	Red	Green
	3.	Flower of hydrangea plant	Blue	Pink
	4.	Turmeric	No change	Red
<b>Synthetic Indicator</b>	1.	Phenolphthalein	Colourless	Pink
	2.	Methyl orange	Red	Yellow
<b>Olfactory Indicator</b>	1.	Onion	Characteristic smell	No smell
	2.	Vanilla essence	Retains smell	No smell
	3.	Clove oil	Retains smell	Loses smell

## CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF ACIDS AND BASES

### Reaction of Metals with

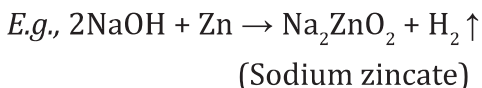
#### Acids

Acid + Metal  $\rightarrow$  Salt + Hydrogen gas



#### Bases

Base + Metal  $\rightarrow$  Salt + Hydrogen gas

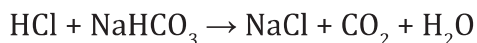
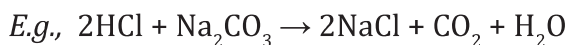


- \* Hydrogen gas released can be tested by bringing burning candle near gas bubbles, it burst with pop sound.

### Reaction of Metal Carbonates/Metal Hydrogen Carbonates with

#### Acids

Acid + Metal Carbonate/ Metal Hydrogen Carbonate  $\rightarrow$  Salt +  $\text{CO}_2$  +  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$



#### Bases

Base + Metal Carbonate/  
Metal Hydrogen Carbonate

$\rightarrow$  No Reaction

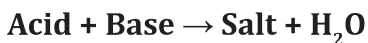
- \*  $\text{CO}_2$  can be tested by passing it through lime water.



- \* When excess  $\text{CO}_2$  is passed,



### Reaction of Acids and Bases With Each Other



**Neutralisation Reaction** : Reaction of acid with base is called as neutralization reaction.



IF :

Strong Acid + Weak Base  $\rightarrow$  Acidic salt +  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Weak Acid + Strong Base  $\rightarrow$  Basic salt +  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Strong Acid + Strong Base  $\rightarrow$  Neutral salt +  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Weak Acid + Weak Base  $\rightarrow$  Neutral salt +  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

## Reaction of Metallic Oxides with Acids

Metallic oxides are basic in nature.

*E.g.*, CaO, MgO are basic oxides.

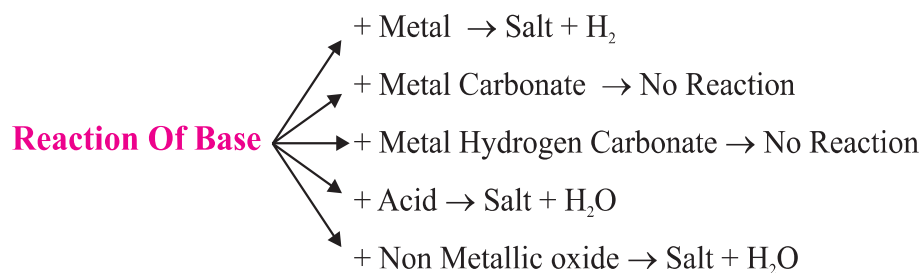
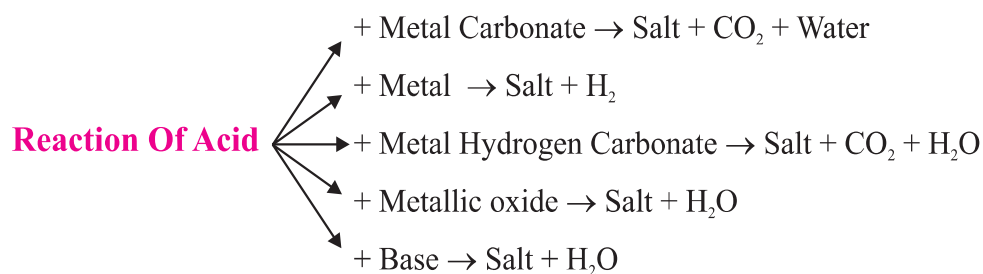
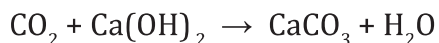
Metallic Oxide + Acid  $\rightarrow$  Salt + H<sub>2</sub>O



## Reaction of Non-metallic Oxides with Bases

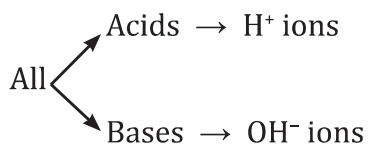
Non-metallic oxides are acidic in nature.

Non-metallic Oxide + Base  $\rightarrow$  Salt + H<sub>2</sub>O



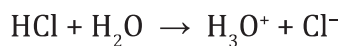
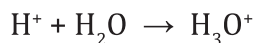
## What do all Acids and Bases have in common

- All acids have H<sup>+</sup> ions in common.
- Acids produce H<sup>+</sup> ions in solution which are responsible for their acidic properties.
- All bases have OH<sup>-</sup> (hydroxyl ions) in common.

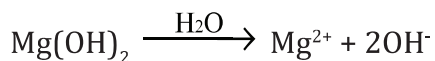
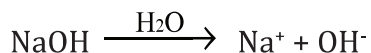


## Acid or Base in Water Solution

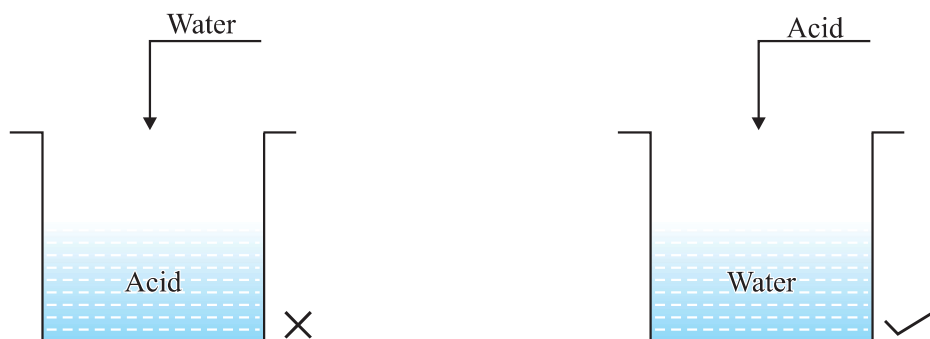
- Acids produce  $\text{H}^+$  ions in presence of water.
- $\text{H}^+$  ions cannot exist alone, they exist as  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  (hydronium ions).



Bases when dissolved in water gives  $\text{OH}^-$  ions.



- Bases soluble in water are called alkali.
- While diluting acids, it is recommended that the acid should be added to water and not water to acid because the process of dissolving an acid or a base in water is highly exothermic.



If water is added to acid, the heat generated may cause the mixture to splash out and cause burns and the glass container may also break due to excessive local heating.

### Adding water to acid may

Cause mixture to splash out

Break the glass container

Mixing an acid or a base with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  results in decrease of concentration of ions ( $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+/\text{OH}^-$ ) per unit volume. Such a process is called as dilution.

## Strength of Acid and Base

Strength of acid or base can be estimated using universal indicator.

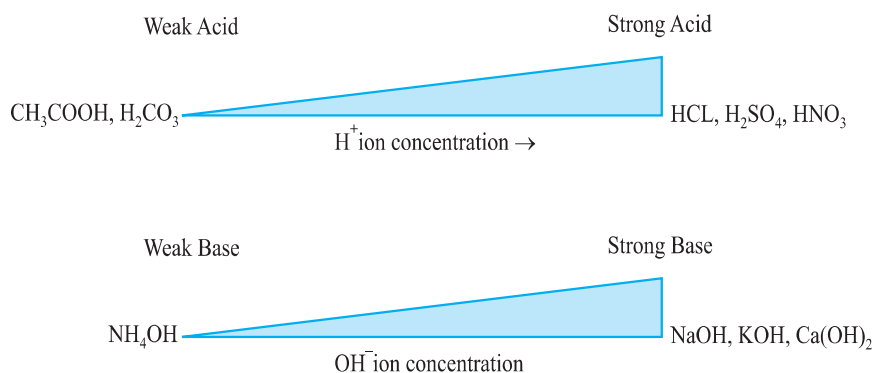
**Universal indicator :** is a mixture of several indicators. It shows different colours at different concentrations of  $H^+$  ions in the solution.

**pH Scale :** A scale for measuring  $H^+$  ion concentration in a solution . p in pH stands for 'potenz' a German word which means power.

pH = 7  $\rightarrow$  neutral solution

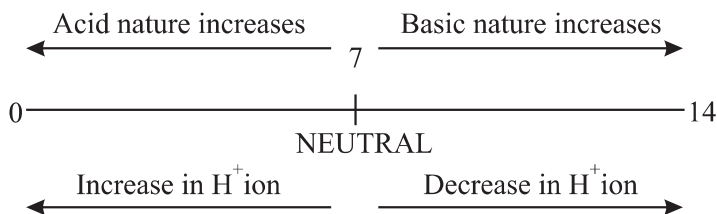
pH less than 7  $\rightarrow$  acidic solution

pH more than 7  $\rightarrow$  basic solution



On diluting an acid : pH increases  $\uparrow$

On diluting a base : pH decreases  $\downarrow$



### Importance of pH in everyday life

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| 1. Plants and animals are pH sensitive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our body works within the pH range of 7-7.8.</li><li>• When pH of rain water is less than 5.6, it is called acid rain.</li></ul> |
| 2. pH of the soil                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plants require a specific pH range for their healthy growth.</li></ul>   |

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| 3. pH in our digestive system                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our stomach produces HCl acid which helps in digestion.</li> <li>• During indigestion, stomach produces more acid and cause pain and irritation.</li> <li>• To get rid of this pain, people use antacid (mild base) like milk of magnesia <math>[\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2]</math> to neutralize excess acid.</li> </ul>  |
| 4. pH change as cause of tooth decay                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tooth decay starts when pH of mouth is lower than 5.5.</li> <li>• Tooth enamel made up of calcium phosphate (hardest substance in body) does not dissolve in water but corrodes when pH is lower than 5.5 due to acids produced by degradation of food particles by bacteria.</li> <li>• Using toothpaste (generally basic) tooth decay can be prevented.</li> </ul> |
| 5. Self defence by animals and plants through chemical warfare | <p>(a) Bee sting leaves an acid which causes pain and irritation. Use of a mild base like baking soda on stung area gives relief.</p> <p>(b) Stinging hair of nettle leaves inject methanoic acid causing burning sensation or pain. Rubbing with leaf of dock plant gives relief.</p>  |

### pH of Salts :

- (i) Strong Acid + Strong Base  $\rightarrow$  Neutral Salt : pH = 7
- (ii) Salt of strong acid + Weak base  $\rightarrow$  Acidic salt : pH < 7
- (iii) Salt of strong base + Weak acid  $\rightarrow$  Basic salt : pH > 7

### Chemicals from Common Salt (NaCl)

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH)	Bleaching Powder (CaOCl <sub>2</sub> )	Baking Soda (NaHCO <sub>3</sub> )	Washing Soda (Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> ·10H <sub>2</sub> O)	Plaster of Paris (CaSO <sub>4</sub> ·½H <sub>2</sub> O)

**1. Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH) :** When electricity is passed through an aqueous solution of NaCl (brine), it decompose to form NaOH. (Chlor-alkali process)



At anode : Cl<sub>2</sub> gas

At cathode : H<sub>2</sub> gas

Near cathode : NaOH solution is formed.

#### Uses :

H<sub>2</sub> : Fuels, margarine

Cl<sub>2</sub> : Water treatment, PVC, CFC's

HCl : Cleaning steels, medicines

NaOH : Degreasing metals, soaps and paper making

Cl<sub>2</sub> + NaOH → Bleach : Household bleaches, bleaching fabrics

**2. Bleaching Powder (CaOCl<sub>2</sub>) :** It is produced by the action of chlorine on dry slaked lime.



#### Uses :

(a) Bleaching cotton and linen in textile industry.

(b) Bleaching wood pulp in paper factories.

(c) Oxidizing agent in chemical industries.

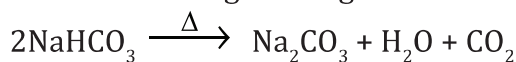
(d) Disinfecting drinking water.

**3. Baking Soda (Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate) (NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) :**



Baking soda

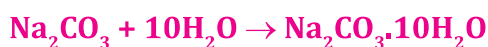
- It is mild non-corrosive base.
- When it is heated during cooking :



**Uses :**

- For making baking powder (mixture of baking soda and tartaric acid). When baking powder is heated or mixed with water,  $\text{CO}_2$  is produced which causes bread and cake to rise making them soft and spongy.
- An ingredient in antacid.
- Used in soda acids, fire extinguishers.

**4. Washing Soda ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) :** Recrystallization of sodium carbonate gives washing soda. It is a basic salt.



**Uses :**

- In glass, soap and paper industry.
- Manufacture of borax.
- Cleaning agent for domestic purposes.
- For removing permanent hardness of water.

**5. Plaster of Paris (Calcium sulphate hemihydrates) ( $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot \frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) :**

On heating gypsum ( $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) at 373K, it loses water molecules and becomes Plaster of Paris (POP).

It is a white powder and on mixing with water it changes to gypsum.



**Uses :**

- Doctors use POP for supporting fractured bones.
- For making toys, material for decoration.
- For making surfaces smooth.

**Water of Crystallization :** It is a fixed number of water molecules present in one formula unit of a salt.

*E.g.,*  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  has 5 water molecules.  
 $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  has 10 water molecules.  
 $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  has 2 water molecules.

## QUESTIONS

### VERY SHORT QUESTIONS (1 Mark)

1. Name the acid present in ant sting.
2. What happens when egg shell is added to nitric acid ?
3. Name a salt which does not contain water of crystallization.
4. Name two constituents of baking powder.
5. What is the pH of gastric juices released during digestion ?
6. Which solution is used to dissolve gold ?
7. How will you test a gas which is liberated when HCl acid reacts with an active metal ?
8. Why does flow of acid rain water into a river make the survival of aquatic life in the river difficult ?
9. When conc. acid is added to water, whether the process is exothermic or endothermic ?
10. Which by-product of chlor-alkali process is used for manufacturing bleaching powder ?

### SHORT TYPE QUESTIONS (2 Marks)

1. Why does bleaching powder smell strongly of chlorine and does not dissolve completely in water ?

2. Hold one moist and one dry strip of blue litmus paper over dry HCl acid gas. Which strip will turn red and why ?
3. What is Plaster of Paris ? How is it obtained from gypsum ?
4. What is the role of toothpastes in preventing cavities ?
5. Explain why sour substances are effective in cleaning copper vessels ?
6. A white powder is added while baking breads and cakes to make them soft and fluffy. What is the name of the powder ? What are its main ingredients ?
7. How washing soda is prepared from baking soda ?
8. Though the compounds such as glucose and alcohol have hydrogen atoms in their molecule, yet they are not categorized as acids. Why ?
9. What is the reaction called when an acid reacts with base to produce salt and water ? Give example also.
10. Why pickles and curd are not stored in copper and brass utensils ?

### SHORT TYPE QUESTIONS (3 Marks)

1. On passing excess  $\text{CO}_2$  through lime water, it first turns milky and then becomes colourless. Explain why ? Write chemical equations.
2. How are bases different from alkalis ? Are all bases alkalis ?
3. While constructing a house, a builder selects marble flooring and marble top for kitchen where vinegar and juices of lemon, tamarind etc. are more often used for cooking. Will you agree to this selection and why ?
4. Indicate with the help of a diagram the variation of pH with change in concentration of  $\text{H}^+$  (aq) and  $\text{OH}^-$  (aq) ions.

5. Write the name and formulae of three hydrated salts.
6. What happens when calcium carbonate is made to react with hydrochloric acid ? Give the equation of reaction.
7. Why metallic oxides are called basic oxides and non-metallic oxides are called acidic oxides ?
8. What is pH scale ? What is pH value of salt formed by a
  - (a) weak acid and strong base ?
  - (b) strong acid and strong base ?

#### LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (5 Marks)

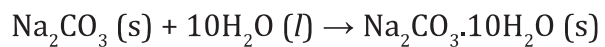
1. What is water of crystallization ? Write the common name and chemical formula of a commercially important compound which has ten water molecules. How is this compound obtained ? Write chemical equations also. List any two uses of this compound.
2. Identify the compound X on the basis of the reactions given below. Also, write the name and chemical formulae of A, B and C.



3. An element P does not react with dil.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ . It forms an oxide PO which turns red litmus into blue. Will you call P as a metal or a non-metal ? Give reason.

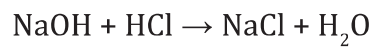
### Hints to Long Answer Type Questions

1. Washing soda ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )

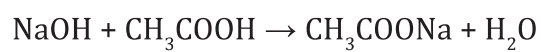


2.  $2\text{NaOH} + \text{Zn} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{ZnO}_2 + \text{H}_2$

(X) (A)



(B)



(C)

3. 'P' is a metal.