NITROGEN & ITS COMPOUNDS

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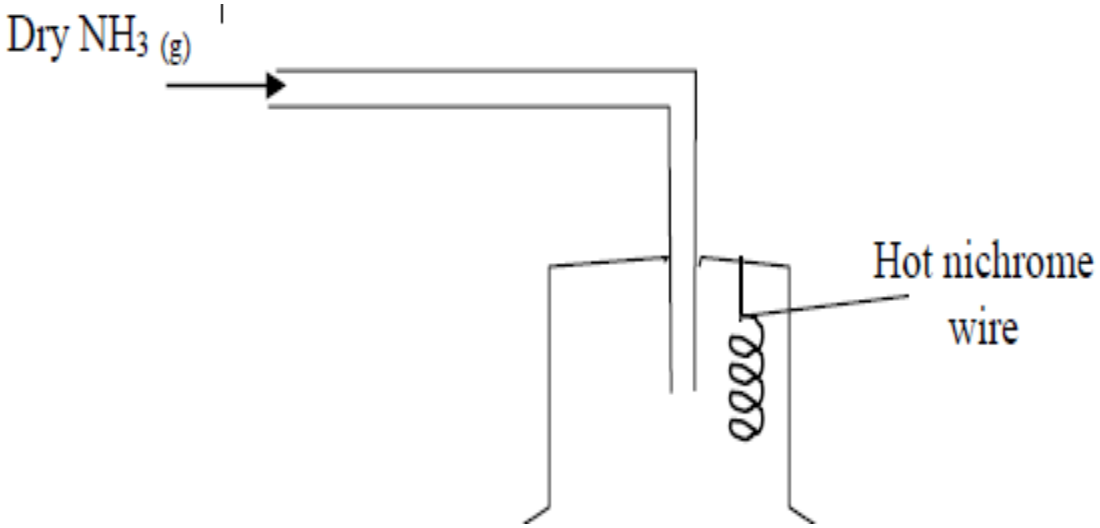
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1. The apparatus below was set-up to show the catalytic oxidation of ammonia. Study the diagram and answer the questions that follow:-

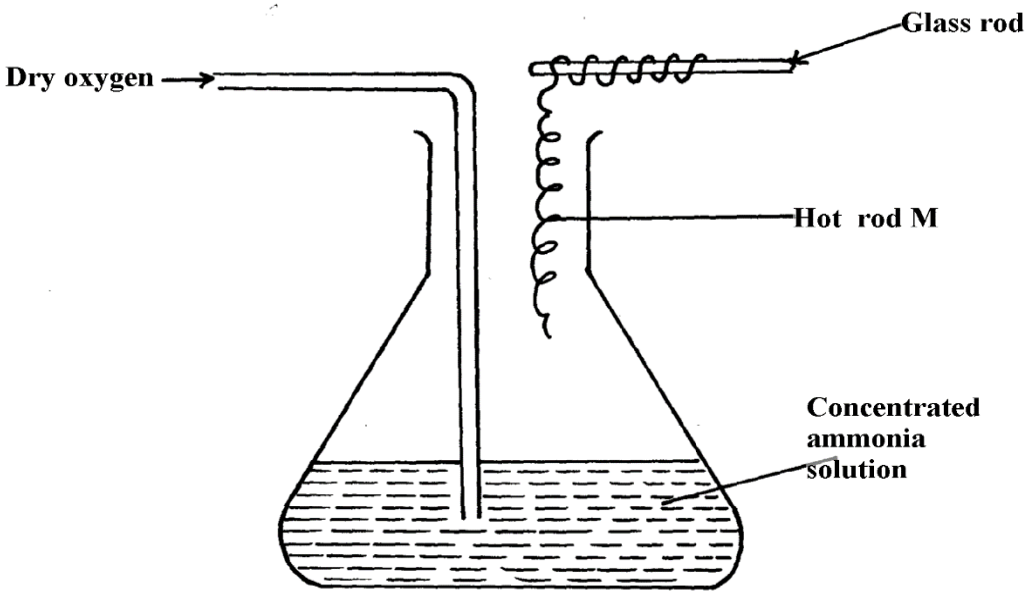


(i) Write an equation for the reaction that takes place

(ii) Why is it necessary to have a hot nichrome wire in the gas jar?

(iii) Write the formula of the complex ion formed when excess ammonia gas is passed through a solution containing Zn^{2+} ions

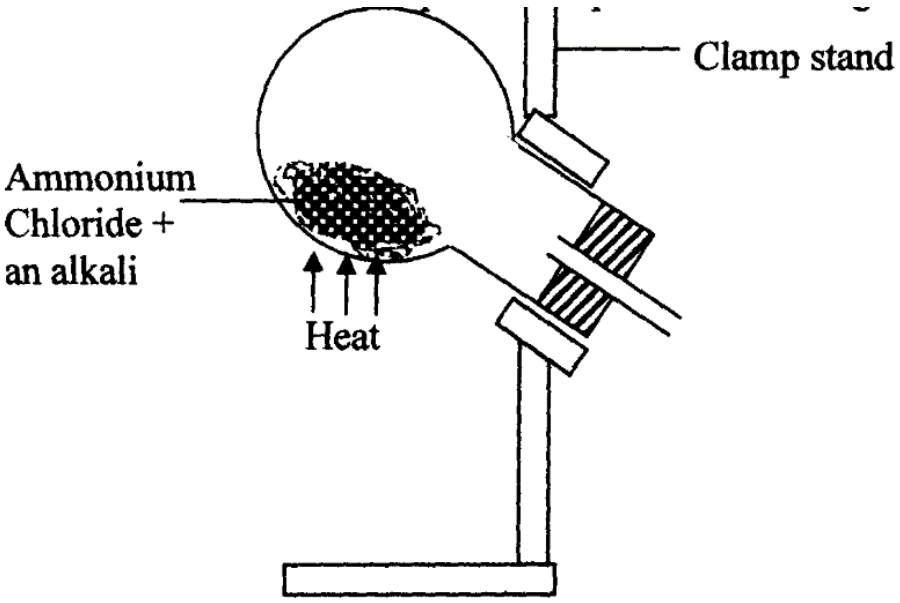
2. The diagram below shows the catalytic oxidation of ammonia gas. Use it to answer the questions that follow:-



(a) What metal could rod **M** be made of?

(b) State and explain **two** observations made inside the conical flask

3. Ammonia gas is prepared in the laboratory by the action of an alkali on an ammonium salt. A student wanted to prepare a sample of ammonia gas in the laboratory.



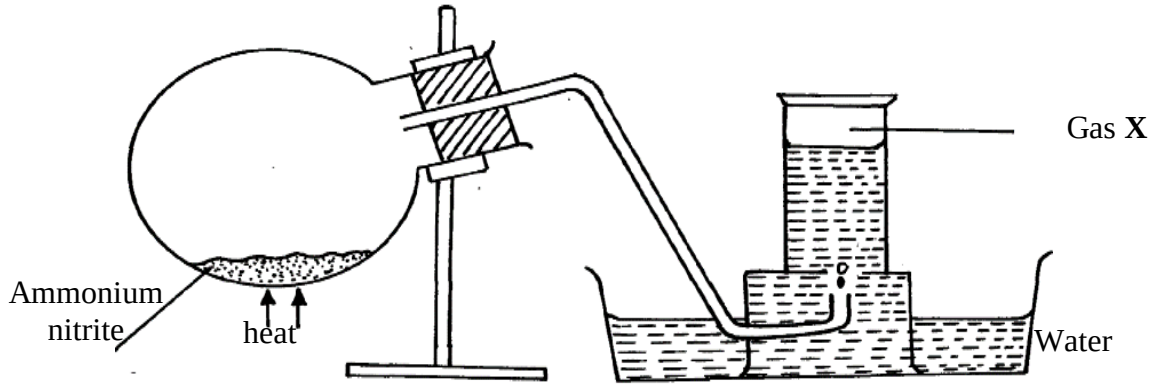
(a) Give **one** alkali that can be used in the above experiment

(b) Write an equation for the reaction that takes place in the above experiment

4. (a) Explain the importance of the high percentage of nitrogen in air

(b) Why is nitrogen used for storage of semen in artificial insemination?

5. The diagram below is used in preparation of a gas in the laboratory. Answer the questions that follow;

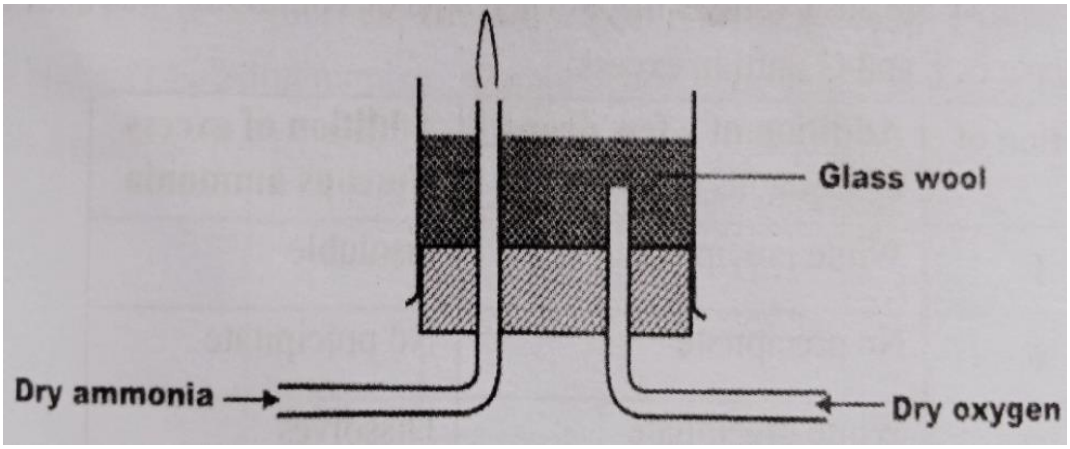


(a) Name gas **X** ……..

(b) State **one** physical property which makes it possible for the gas to be collected as shown

(c) State **one** commercial use of gas **X**

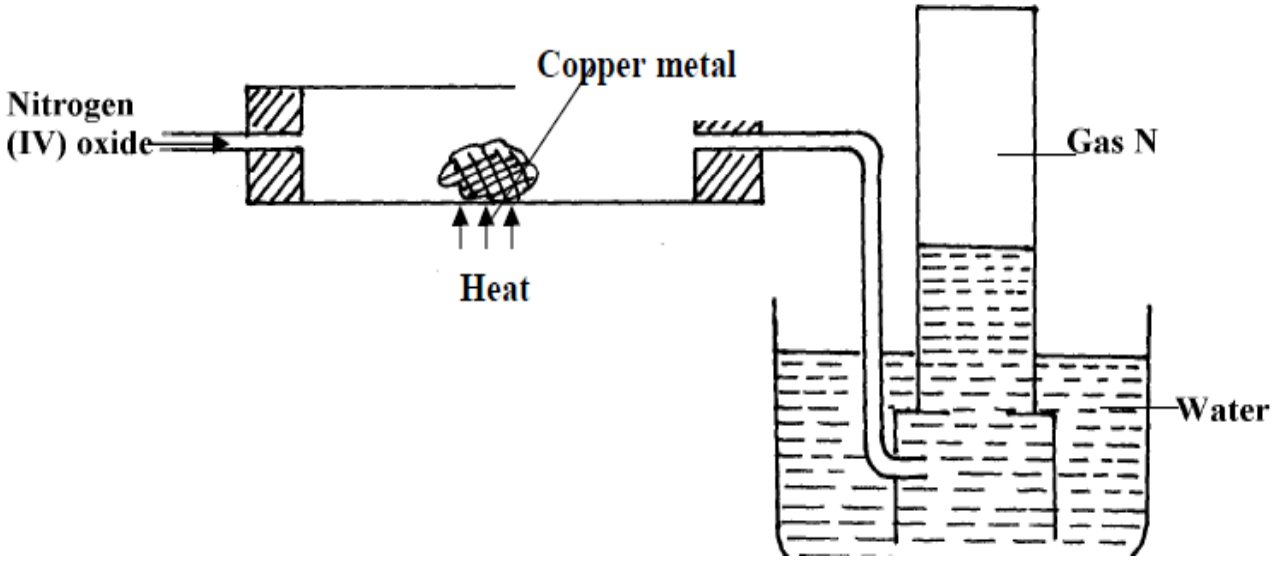
6 Dry ammonia and dry oxygen were reacted as shown in the diagram below



[a]What is the purpose of the glass wool?

[b]What products will be formed if red hot platinum was introduced into a mixture of ammonia and oxygen

7. The set-up below is an arrangement showing how metals react with nitrogen (IV) oxide. Study it and answer the questions that follow:-



(a) Nitrogen (IV) oxide is passed through the combustion tube before copper is heated. Give a reason for this

State the observations that would be made at the end of the experiment in the combustion tube

(c) Name gas **N** ……..

8. (a) In Haber process hydrogen and nitrogen react in the presence of finely divided iron catalyst. Explain why the catalyst is finely divided

(b) A mixture of N_2, H_2 and NH_3 was bubbled through 0.2M hydrochloric acid solution.

The final concentration of the acid was found to be 0.1M. Give explanation

9. In an experiment, a few drops of concentrated nitric acid were added to aqueous iron [II] sulphate in a test-tube. Excess ammonia solution was then added to the mixture

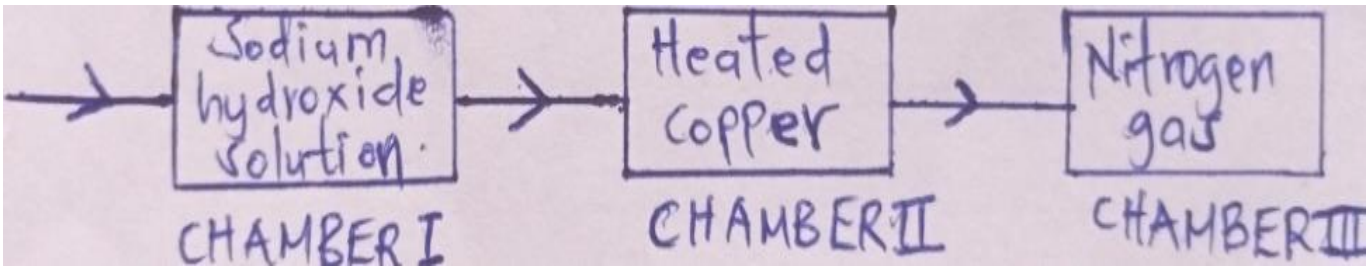
(a) State the observations that were made when:-

(i) Concentrated nitric acid was added to aqueous iron (II) sulphate

(ii) Excess ammonia was added to the mixture

(b) Write an ionic equation for the reaction which occurred in a (ii) above

10. The chart below shows a summary for the preparation of nitrogen gas from air



(a) What is the purpose of the sodium hydroxide?

(b) Write an equation for the reaction taking place in chamber **II**

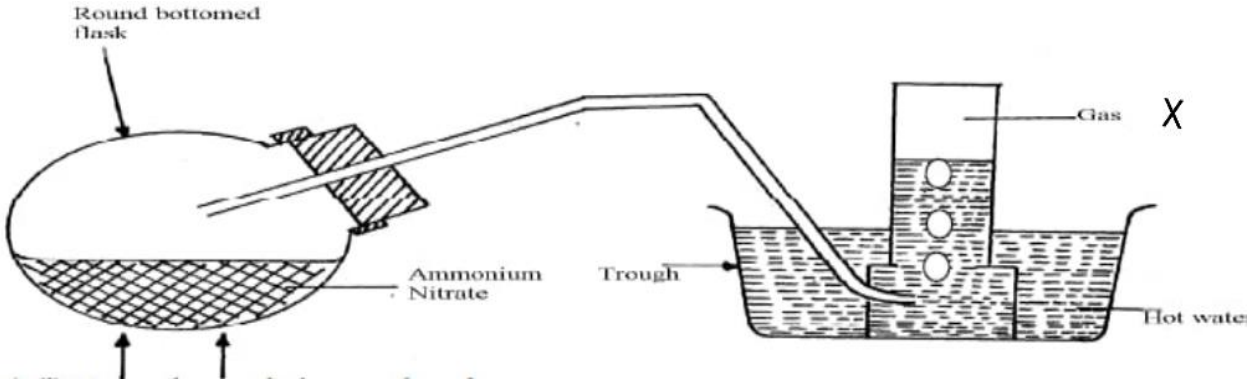
(c) The nitrogen gas obtained is not pure. Explain

11. Dilute nitric acid is added to excess green solid. Effervescence occurs and a blue solution is formed. When excess ammonia solution is added to a sample of the solution a deep blue solution is formed

(a) Identify the anion and cation in the green solid:

(b) Write an ionic equation for the reaction forming deep blue solution

12. The diagram below is a set-up for preparation and collection of a gas. Study it answer the questions that follow:



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(i) Identify gas **X** ……..

(ii) Write an equation for the formation of gas **X**

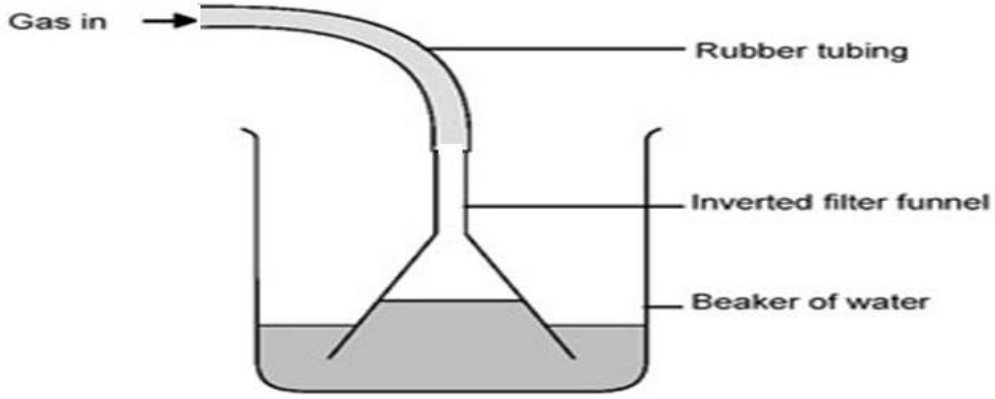
(iii) What precaution should be observed when preparing gas **X** by the above method?

(iv) Describe the suitable drying agent for gas **X**

(v) How can one confirm that the gas collected is gas **X?**

(vi) State **two** physical properties of gas **X**

(b) The diagram below is a set-up used in preparation of ammonia solution. Study it and answer the questions that follow

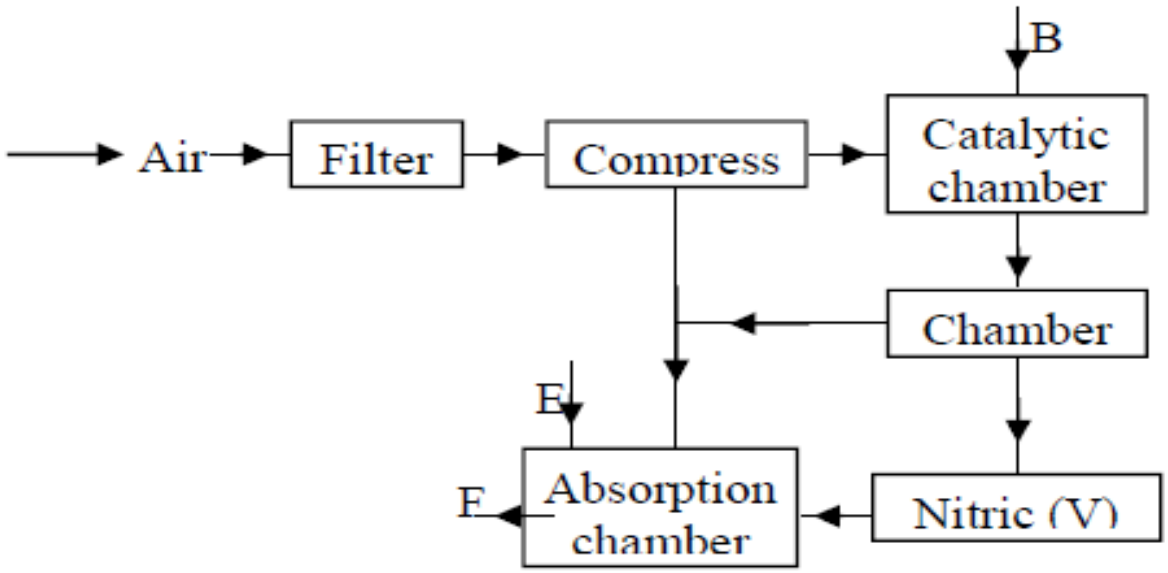


(i) What is the purpose of the filter funnel in the set-up above?

(ii) What would happen if a delivery tube was used in place of the filter funnel?

(iii) What observation would be made on litmus paper placed into the solution in the beaker at the end of the experiment?

13. The following flow chart shows the industrial manufacture of Nitric (V) acid.



a) Identify substance **B, C, E** and **F**.

b) Describe what happens in the catalytic chamber.

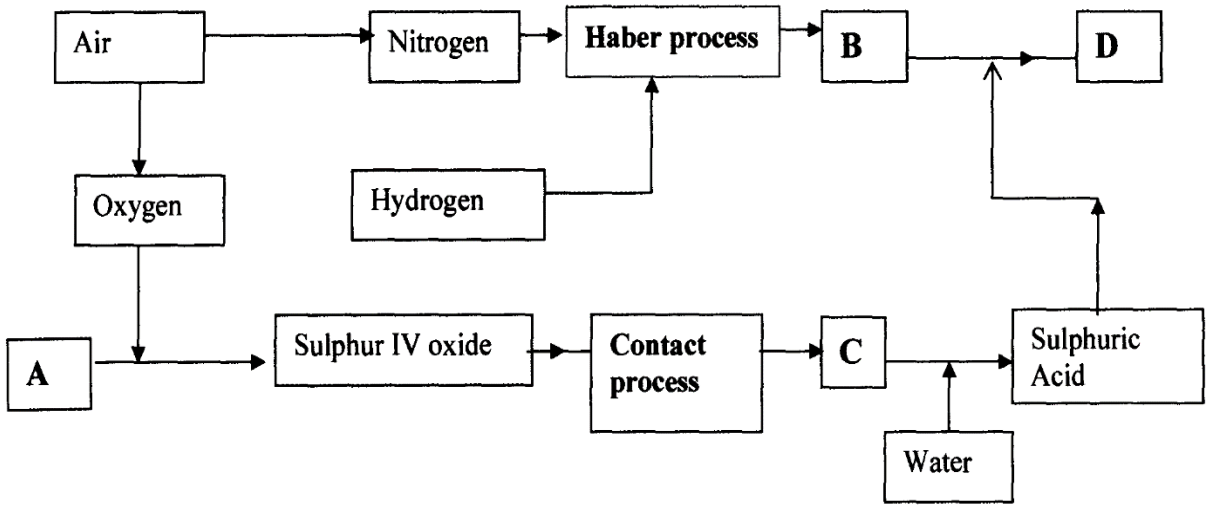
c) State what takes place in chamber **D.**

d) 60 – 65% nitric (V) acid is produced in the absorption chamber. Describe how the acid can be concentrated.

e) State why nitric (V) acid is stored in dark bottles.

f) Copper reacts with nitric (V) acid and not hydrochloric acid. Explain.

14. The flow chart below illustrates two industrial processes, **Haber** process and the **Contact** process:



(i) Give the name of the process by which air is seperated into oxygen and nitrogen

(ii) Apart from oxygen and nitrogen gases produced from process **(a)(i)** Name **one** other gas produced

b) Name the substances represented by the letters **A, B, C** and **E**

(c) Name the catalysts used in:

(i) Haber Process ……..

(ii) Contact Process ……..

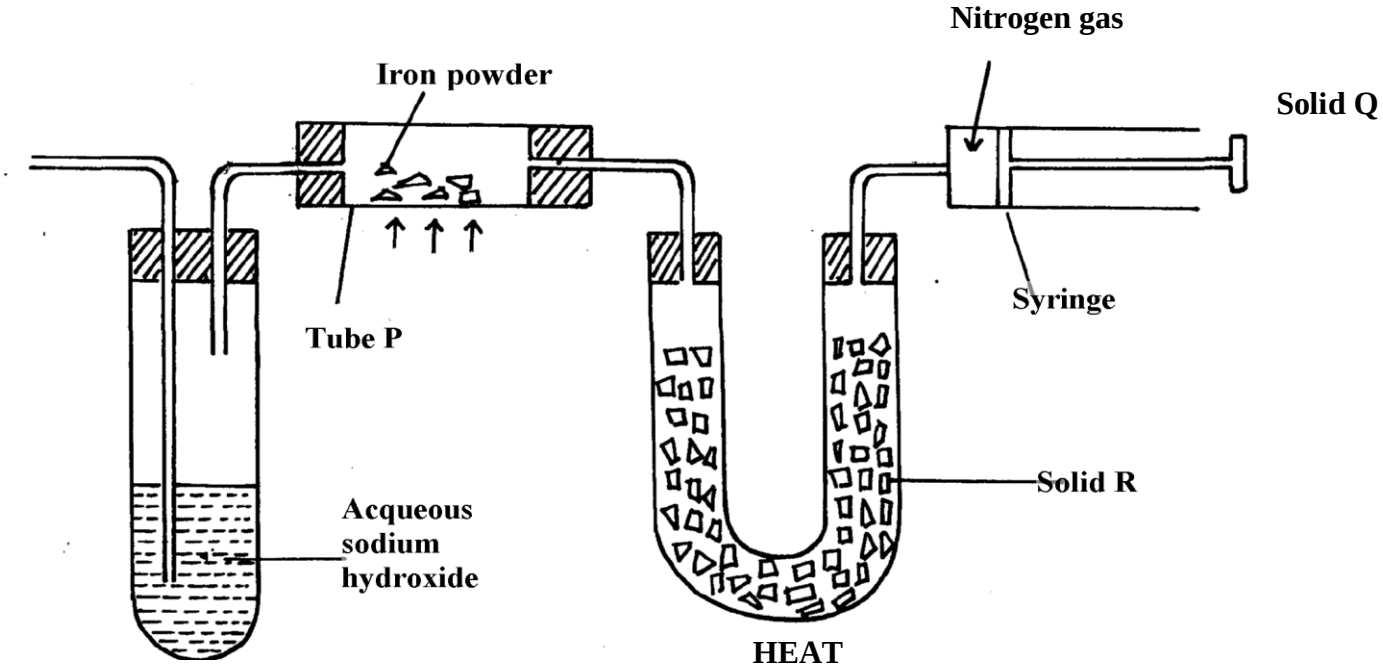
(d) Explain the role of the catalysts in both the Haber and the Contact processes

(e) Write a chemical equation for the formation of compound **B**

(f) Calculate the percentage by mass of the nitrogen present in compound **D**

(g) Give **one** major use of compound **E**

15.The diagram below represents a set-up used to obtain nitrogen from air. Study it and answer the questions that follow:-



(i) Name solid **Q** .....

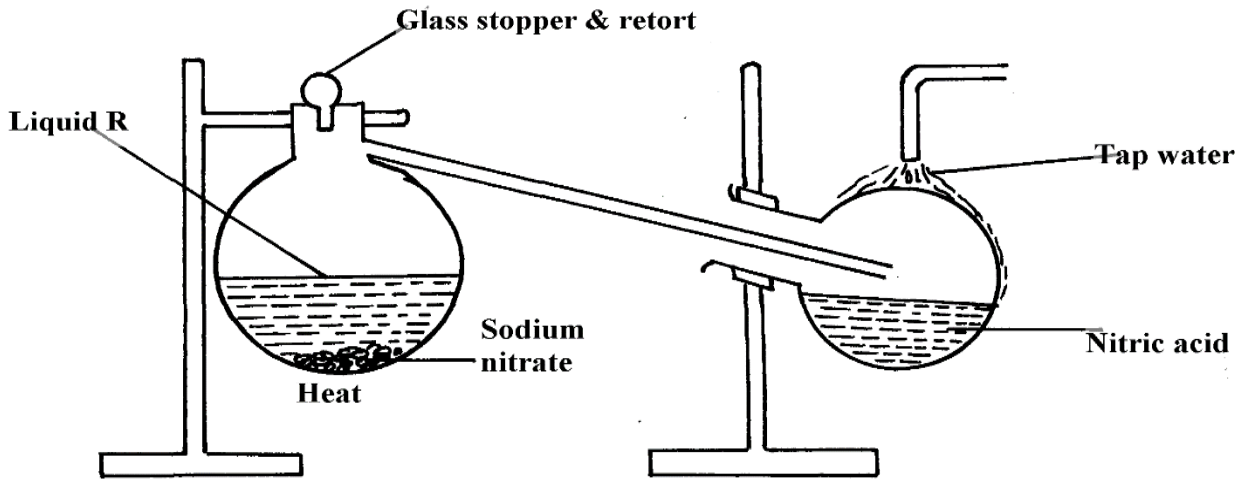
(ii) What is the purpose of sodium hydroxide

(iii) Write an equation for the reaction which took place in tube "**P**"

(iv) Give the name of **one** impurity in the nitrogen gas obtained

(v) Give a reason why liquid nitrogen is used for storage of semen for artificial insemination

(b) The set-up below was used to prepare nitric acid.



(i) Give the name of liquid '**R**' .....

(ii) Explain the following:-

(a) Nitric acid is stored in dark bottles

(b) The reaction between copper metal with 50% nitric acid in an open tube gives brown fumes

16. Study the flow chart below and answer the questions which follow:

(i) Give **one** source of the following raw materials (s)

(a) Nitrogen gas .....

(b) Hydrogen gas .....

(ii) State **three** conditions required in process **I**

(iii) Name: catalyst **P**.....

Gas **M**.....

(iv) Write chemical equations for;

(a) Formation of gas **M**

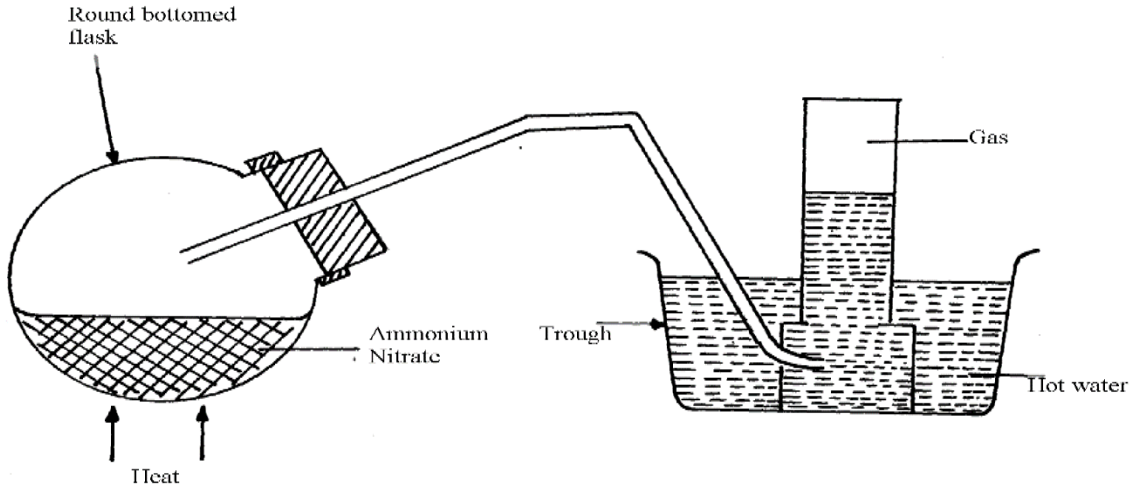
(b) The reaction in the absorption tower

(v) Give **two** reasons why step IV is necessary

(vi) Describe how you would test if a given liquid is a nitrate

(vii) Give **three** uses of nitric acid

17. The diagram below shows the apparatus for the laboratory preparation of one of the oxides of Nitrogen



a) (i) Name the gas being produced

(ii) Write the equation for the thermal decomposition of ammonium Nitrate

(iii) The gas is being collected over hot water. Explain

(iv) State and explain the observations made when burning sulphur is lowered into a gas jar containing the gas

(b) (i) Name the catalyst used during catalytic oxidation of ammonia

(ii) Nitrogen (IV) oxide is the final product during catalytic oxidation of ammonia. Write a chemical equation for its formation

(iii) State **two** physical differences between Nitrogen (I) oxide and Nitrogen (IV) Oxide

(c) Nitric acid is prepared in the laboratory by action of concentrated sulphuric (VI) acid on a suitable Nitrate and distilling off the Nitric acid, in all glass apparatus.

(i) Why must the apparatus be made of glass?

(ii) Hot concentrated Nitric acid reacts with sulphur in the equation below:-

$S_{(s)} + 6HNO_{3(aq)} \rightarrow H_2SO_{3(aq)} + 6NO_{2(g)} + 2H_2O_{(l)}$

(I) Identify the species :-

Oxidised …… Reduced ……

(II) Pure nitric acid is colourless but the product during its preparation is usually pale Yellow.Explain

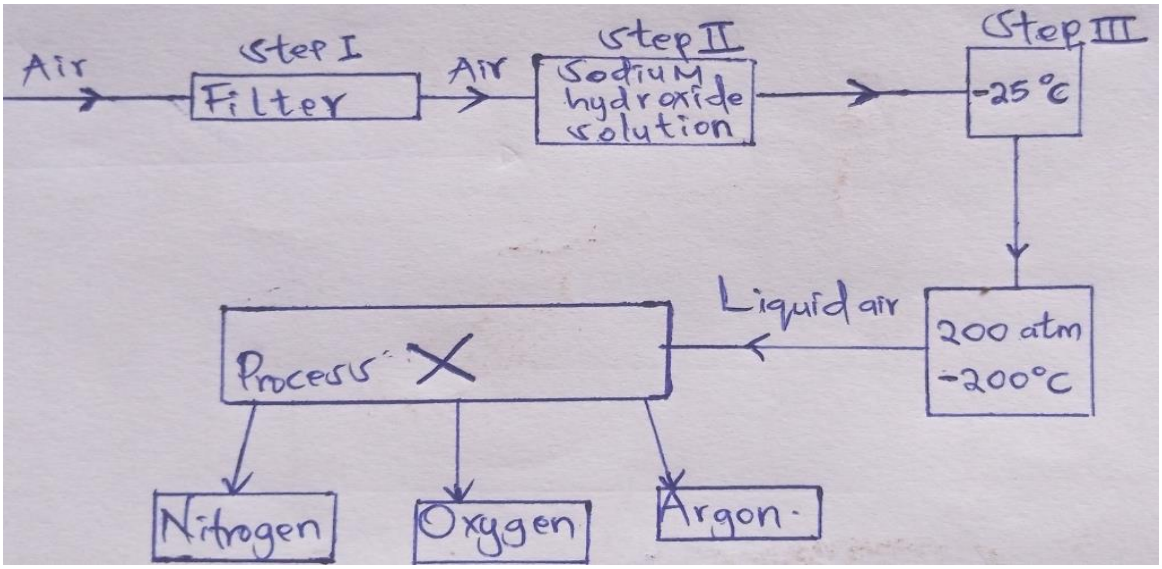
18. a) Describe the process by which oxygen can be obtained from air on large scale

b) The concentration of the acid obtained is about 60%. How can this concentration be increased to about 65%?

c) A factory uses nitric (V) acid and ammonia as the only reactants for the production of a fertilizer. If a mass of 9600kg of fertilizer was produced, calculate the mass of ammonia gas needed

(N = 14, H = 1, O = 16)

19.



(a) Name another substance which can be used instead of sodium hydroxide

(b) What is the function of filters?

(c) Identify the substance removed at **step III**

(d) At what temperature does liquid oxygen distil?

(e) Identify **process X**

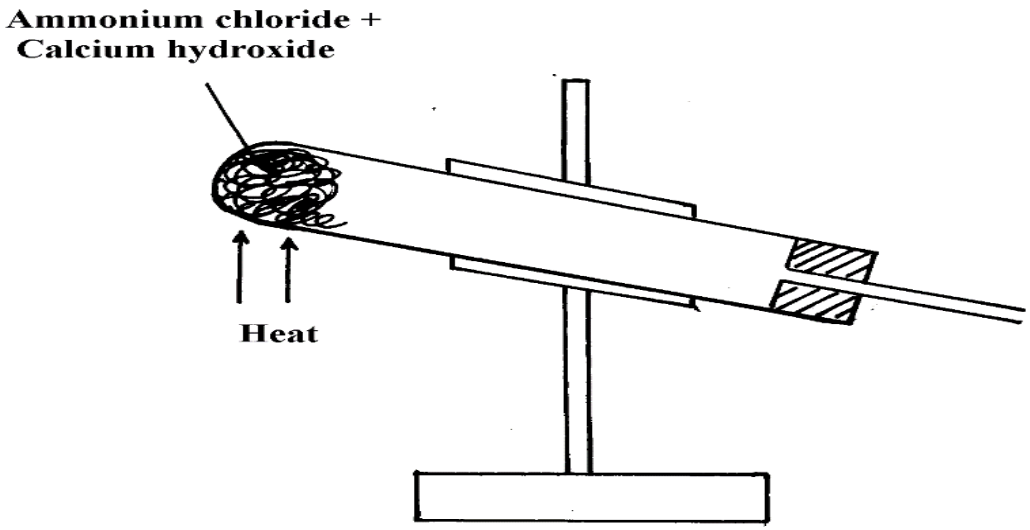
(f) Describe how **process X** occurs

(g) I. State **one** industrial use of Nitrogen

(II) Air is a mixture but not a compound. Give **two** reasons

20.Using chemical equations show the bleaching actions of chlorine and sulphur(IV)oxide

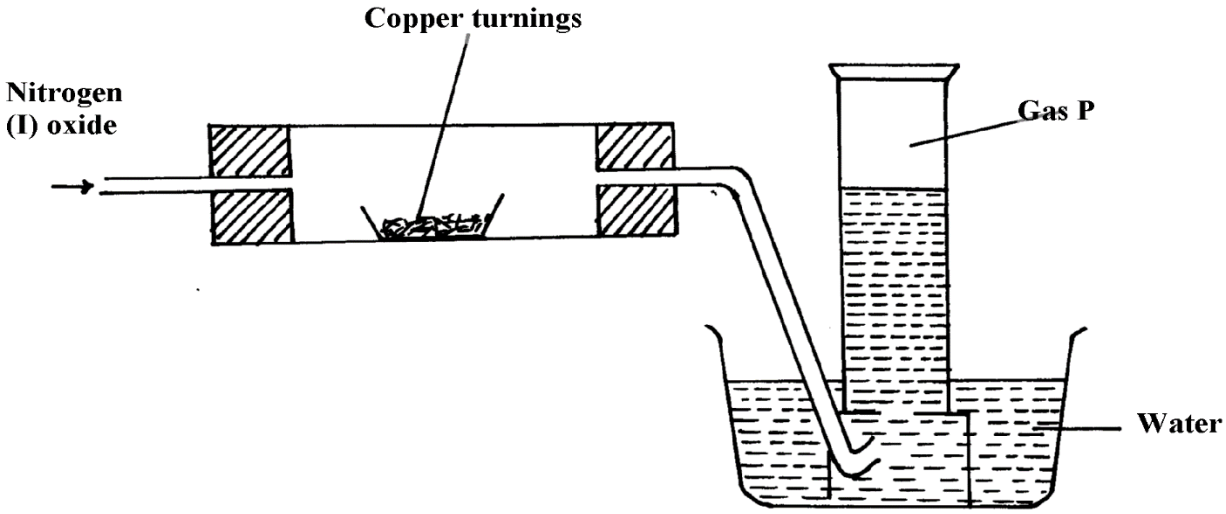
21. The diagram below represents an in complete set-up for preparation of a dry sample of gas R



a) Complete the set-up to show how a dry sample of gas **R** is collected

b) Write a chemical equation for the reaction that produces gas **R**

22. The diagram below was used to investigate the reaction between nitrogen(I)oxide and Copper turnings. Study it and answer the questions that follow:



a) What has been omitted in the set-up? (show it on the diagram)

b) Write a chemical equation for the reaction that took place in the combustion tube

c) State **one** use of gas **P**

23. When sulphur powder is heated to over 400^{o}C the following changes are observed:-

At 113^{o}C it melts into light brown liquid. The liquid then darkens to become reddish-Brown and very viscous at 160^{o}C. Above 160^{o}C the liquid becomes almost black. At the boiling point the liquid becomes mobile. Explain these observations

24. Concentrated sodium chloride (Brine) was electrolysed using platinum electrodes. What would be the difference in terms of products at each electrode if dilute sodium chloride solution was used in place of brine. Explain

25. (i) Nitrogen (I) Oxide supports, combustion of burning charcoal. Write an equation to show this reaction

(ii) Ammonium nitrate can be heated to give off nitrogen (I) Oxide. However, a mixture of NH_4Cl and $NaNO_3$ is preferred. Explain

(iii) Ammonia turns wet red litmus paper blue. Which ion is responsible for this reaction

26. [a]Give a reason why concentrated sulphuric [vi] acid is not used to dry ammonia gas

[b]Name one suitable drying agent for ammonia gas

27. When a few drops of aqueous ammonia were added to a colourless solution **X**, a white precipitate was formed. On addition of more aqueous ammonia, the white precipitate dissolved to a colourless solution **Q**

(a) Name the white precipitate formed

(b) Write formula of the complex ion present in the colourless solution **Q**

(c) Write an ionic equation for the formation of the white precipitate

28. The first step in the industrial manufacture of nitric cid is the catalytic oxidation of ammonia gas.

a) What is the name of the catalyst used?

b) Write the equation for the catalytic oxidation of ammonia gas.

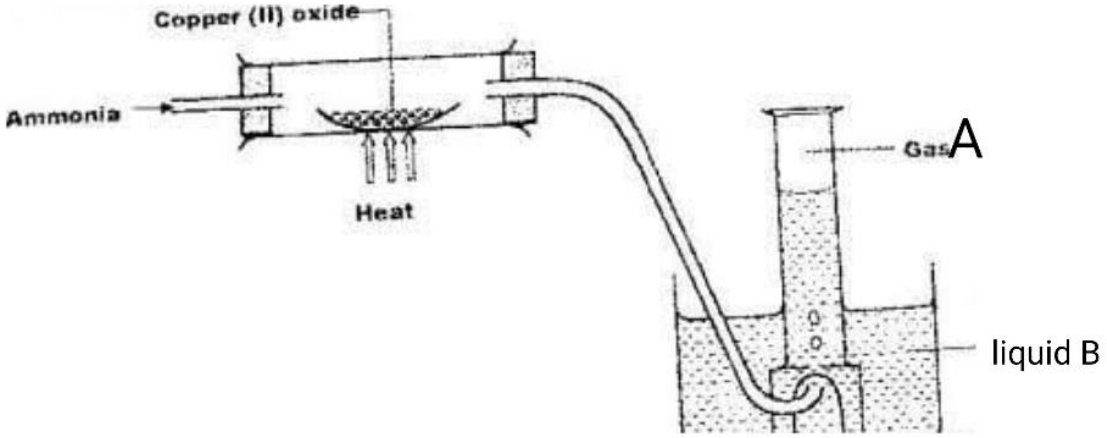
c) Nitric acid is used to make ammonium nitrate. State **one** use of ammonium nitrate.

29.Explain what is observed when ammonia gas is bubbled into Copper (II) sulphate solution till in excess.

30. (a) State the conditions under which nitrogen react with hydrogen to form ammonia during Haber process

(b) When dry ammonia gas is passed over hot copper (II) Oxide, a shinny brown residue and a colourless droplets are formed. Explain these **two** observations

31. Study the flow chart below and answer the questions that follow



(a) State the observation made when ammonia is passed over heated Copper (II) Oxide

(b) Identify:-

(i) Gas **A** ……

(ii) Liquid **B** ……

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