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History of Chemistry:

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Principles & Methods in Chemistry:

To do science, scientists must follow set principles & techniques, sharing ideas & building knowledge in a systematic way.

a) Conservation of Mass & Energy:

- Law: Mass & energy can neither be created nor destroyed, but they can change from one form to another. This means the total amount of mass & energy in a closed system always remains constant.
- Example: In a closed system, the total mass of products equals the total mass of reactants.
- Introduced by Antoine Lavoisier in the 18th century.

b) Using observation & logical thinking:

- Scientists form theories & models from observations.
- Logical thinking helps interpret results.
- Examples: Dimitri Mendeleev predicted elements in the periodic table based on patterns.

c) Controlled Experiments:

- Only one variable is changed at a time, all others remain constant.

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- Common in pharmaceuticals to set medicine safety.
- Used across sciences (biology, physics) to find cause-effect relationships.

d) Peer Review:

- Work is reviewed by other scientists before publications.
- Ensures accuracy, detect mistakes, & confirms findings.
- Example: New catalyst discovery must be independently verified.

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e) Being Objective:

- Based on facts, not opinions or biases.
- Example: Using spectrometry for identifying molecules depends on measurements, not guesses.

f) Scepticism & Proof:

- Scientists are skeptical & recheck findings.
- Others must replicate experiments before acceptance.
- Helps ensure trustworthy & verified information becomes part of science.

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Evolution of scientific ideas:

- What is a scientific paradigm?
- A set of ideas, methods & rules guiding scientific research.
- Helps provide structures to explain discoveries.

- Paradigm can change when new evidence appears.

1. Phlogiston Theory:

- 1700 ideas: Substances burn by releasing a material called phlogiston.
- Disproved by Lavoisier, who introduced oxidation & reduction instead.

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2. Historical models of the atom:

- Plum Pudding Model (1904) - J.J Thomson: Electrons in a positively charged "pudding".
- Rutherford Model (1911) - Small dense nucleus, electrons orbit around it.
- Bohr's & Quantum Model added energy levels & quantum mechanics.

3. The Periodic Table:

- Created by Dmitri Mendeleev in 1869.
- Organized by atomic masses & properties.
- Predicted undiscovered elements.

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Scientific Paradigms in Chemistry:

- Paradigm helps scientists understand substances & how they interact.
- Aid in experimentation, testing & interpreting results.
- Help in developing new materials & technologies.

- Essential in fields like medicine, materials science & environmental protection.

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Confidence & un-certainty in Chemistry:

Scientists use tools to measure how precise or reliable data is.

1. Confidence Intervals:

- Shows how precise measurement is.
- Example: $0.50 \text{ molar} \pm 0.02$ with 95% confidence = result is within $0.48 - 0.52$.

2. P-values:

- Check if results are statistically meaningful.
- Lower p-values (e.g., 0.01) = more confidence in the results.

3. Standard error & standard deviation:

- Measure how data varies.
- Example: Average = 120°C , Standard deviation = $0.5^{\circ}\text{C} \Rightarrow$ results are consistent.
- Standard error (e.g., 0.1°C) = more accurate average.

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4. Bayesian Probability:

- Updates confidence based on new evidence.
- Example: Initial belief = 60%, new evidence $\Rightarrow$ 80%.

5. Quantifying uncertainty:

- Tells how reliable a measurement is.
- Example: 0.250 molar $\pm$ 0.005 molar = actual values lies near 0.250.

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1.5

Repeatability & Reproducibility

Definition & Importance:

In chemistry, repeatability & reproducibility are essential to ensure that experimental results are reliable - They help verify that findings are trustworthy, accurate & accepted by the scientific community.

1. Repeatability:

Definition:

- Getting the same result when repeating an experiment under the same conditions.
- Involves using the same tools, same procedures, & same setting.

Example:

- A chemist measure the melting point of substance several times in the same lab,

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& gets the same result each time →
the experiment is repeatable.

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2. Reproducibility:

Definition:

- Getting the same results even when the experiment is conducted in different labs, by different scientists, using different tools & methods.

Example:

Scientists in different labs measure the same substances melting point & get similar results → The experiment is reproducible.

Q. Why are these important?

• Repeatability:

Shows the experiment is well-controlled & consistent in one setting.

• Reproducibility:

Proves that the findings are reliable across multiple labs & different methods.

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Short Questions Answers

1. Explain the principle of conservation of mass in chemical reaction?

A: The law of conservation of mass states that mass can neither be created nor destroyed in a chemical reaction. The total mass of the reactants equals the total mass of the products. For example, if 10 g of Hydrogen reacts with 80 g of Oxygen, the total mass of water produced will be 90 g.

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2. What is the role of empirical evidence in scientific research?

A: Empirical evidence refers to data collected through observation & experimentation. It helps scientists validate or reject hypotheses. Without empirical evidence, scientific claims would be unstable & unreliable.

3. Describe the peer review process & its importance

in science -

A: Peer review is the evaluation of scientific work by independent experts in the same field. It ensures that the research is credible, accurate, & free from bias before publication. This process maintains the quality & integrity of scientific knowledge.

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4- How did the phlogiston theory explain combustion?

A: The phlogiston theory proposed that a substance called phlogiston was released during burning. According to this theory, combustible materials contain phlogiston, which escaped during combustion, leaving behind a residue. However, this theory was later disproved by the oxygen theory of combustion.

5. What is the significance of Rutherford's model of the atom?

A: Rutherford's model proposed that atoms consist of a dense, positively charged nucleus surrounded by electrons. This revolutionized atomic theory by introducing the concept of the nucleus, replacing the earlier plum-pudding model.

6. How does the periodic table organize elements?

A: The periodic table arranges elements in

increasing order of atomic number. Elements with similar chemical properties are grouped into columns (groups), & periods (rows) represent elements with increasing energy levels. This structure helps predict chemical behavior.

7. Define scientific paradigm with an example?

A. A scientific paradigm is a widely accepted scientific theory or framework that guides research & understanding.

Example: The atomic model is a paradigm in chemistry that explains the structure & behavior of matter.

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8. What does a confidence level in scientific research indicate?

A. A confidence level expresses how certain scientists are that the results of their searches are not due to chance. A 95% confidence level means there is a 95% probability the results are correct & only 5% chance they occurred randomly.

9. Differentiate between repeatability & reproducibility in experiments?

Aspect	Repeatability	Reproducibility
• Definition	Ability to get the same result under same conditions.	Ability to get the same result under different conditions.
• Who performs it?	Same person.	Different people.
• Conditions -	Same equipment, same lab, same method.	Different equipment, diff lab, possibly different method.
• Purpose	Checks consistency of one persons method.	Check reliability across scientists & environments.

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10- Why is skepticism important in scientific community?

A₂ (Spec)^x Skepticism promote critical thinking & questioning of ideas - It prevents blind acceptance & encourages scientists to test, verify, & challenge claim before accepting them - This ensures scientific accuracy & integrity.

Long Question Answers

1. Discuss the transition from the phlogiston theory to oxygen theory of combustion & its impact on chemistry?

Ans. Introduction:

The phlogiston theory was a historical explanation for combustion. It stated that all flammable substances contained a substance called phlogiston, which was released during burning.

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• The Phlogiston Theory:

According to this theory, when a material burned, it gave off phlogiston into the air, & the leftover material (ash or residue) was "dephlogisticated". This theory couldn't explain why metal gain mass after burning (forming oxides).

• Lavoisier's Oxygen Theory:

Antoine Lavoisier, a French chemist, disproved the phlogiston theory in the 1770s. Through careful experimentation, he showed that oxygen is required for combustion. He proved that combustion is a chemical reaction between a substance & oxygen, not the release of phlogiston.

• Impact on chemistry:

- Introduced the law of conservation of mass.
- Marked the end of alchemy & beginning of modern chemistry -
- Improved understanding of oxidation, respiration & chemical reactions -
- Emphasize the use of quantitative experiments in science.

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2. Explain the development of atomic models from plum-pudding to quantum mechanical model?

Ans. Plum - Pudding model:

In 1904, J.J. Thomson proposed that atoms are spheres of positive charges with negatively charged electrons embedded in them like raisins in a pudding.

• Rutherford's nuclear model:

In 1911, Ernest Rutherford conducted the gold foil experiment & discovered that atoms have a tiny, dense, positively charged nucleus. Electrons orbit the nucleus, like planets orbit the sun.

• Bohr's model:

In 1913, Niels Bohr refined Rutherford's model by suggesting that electrons orbit the nucleus.

in fixed energy levels (shells). Electrons can jump between level by absorbing or emitting energy.

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• Quantum mechanical model:

Modern atomic theory developed by Schrodinger, Heisenberg & others, describes electrons as cloud of probability within orbitals. It no longer views electrons as moving in fixed paths.

1. Summary:

Each model improved our understanding of atomic structure - The quantum model is the most accurate & widely accept today -

3- Analyze how the periodic table serve as paradigm in chemistry, guiding research & discovery of new elements?

A₁ Introduction:

The periodic table is not just a list of elements - it is a scientific paradigm that organizes & predicts chemical behavior.

• Organization:

Elements are arranged by increasing atomic number - Vertical columns (groups) contains elements with similar

Chemical properties - Horizontal row (periods) show trends like atomic size & reactivity.

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• Predictive power:

Mendeleev left gaps for undiscovered elements & currently predicted properties of Gallium & Germanium.

Trends such as electronegativity, ionization energy & metallic character help in predicting chemical behavior.

• Role in research:

- Helps in discovering new elements.
- Assists in studying chemical bonding.
- Guides material science & modern chemical industries.

• Conclusion:

The periodic table is a powerful tool that guides research, discovery & understanding in all branches of chemistry.

Q. Evaluate the importance, repeatability & reproducibility in maintaining scientific integrity & process?

A. Introduction:

Scientific knowledge must be reliable. This reliability depends on two key principles: repeatability

& reproducibility.

• Repeatability:

Means that the same person, under the same condition, can get the same results multiple times.

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• Reproducibility:

Means that different scientists, under different conditions, can repeat an experiment & obtain the same results.

• Why they're important:

- Build trust in scientific data.
- Helps detect errors or fraud.
- Ensures results are not accidental.
- Form the basis of scientific progress & new discoveries.

• Example in chemistry:

If two chemists titrate the same acid & base & get the same concentration, it shows reproducibility & confirms the method is reliable.

5. Describe the levels of confidence & uncertainty

are expressed & interpreted in -----?

1. Introduction:

In science, especially in chemistry, every measurement includes some level of uncertainty. To understand how much we can trust a result, scientists use confidence levels.

• Confidence Level:

It shows how sure scientists are about their results. For example, a 95% confidence level means there's a 95% chance the result is correct.

• Uncertainty:

It refers to the range of errors in measurements. For example, a volume may be recorded as 25.0 ± 0.2 mL, meaning the true value could lie between 24.8 mL & 25.2 mL.

• Importance in Chemistry:

- Helps evaluate the accuracy of experimental results.
- Allows scientists to compare results.
- Makes research more transparent.
- Prevents false conclusions.

• Conclusions

Confidence & uncertainty help scientists report results clearly, ensuring the quality & reliability of their work.

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EXERCISE

1. Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

- i. What is the principle of conservation of mass?
 - a) Mass is created during a chemical reaction
 - b) Mass is destroyed during a chemical reaction
 - ☒ c) Mass remains constant during a chemical reaction
 - d) Mass can be converted into energy
- ii. What does the peer review process ensure in scientific research?
 - a) Faster publication
 - ☒ b) Accuracy and validity of findings
 - c) Higher funding
 - d) Reduced experimentation
- iii. Which of the following was an 18th-century chemical paradigm?
 - a) Atomic theory
 - ☒ b) Phlogiston theory
 - c) Quantum mechanics
 - d) Periodic table
- iv. What does the periodic table of elements organize?
 - a) Elements by alphabetical order
 - ☒ b) Elements by their properties and atomic number
 - c) Elements by colour
 - d) Elements by discovery date
- v. What does a 95% confidence level mean in scientific reporting?
 - a) Results are 95% accurate
 - ☒ b) There is a 5% chance the results are incorrect
 - c) 95% of scientists agree
 - d) The experiment is repeated 95 times
- vi. Which model of the atom includes a central nucleus?
 - a) Plum-pudding model
 - ☒ b) Rutherford model
 - c) Bohr model
 - d) Quantum mechanical model
- vii. What does repeatability in scientific experiments refer to?
 - a) Different results under the same conditions
 - ☒ b) Same results under the same conditions
 - c) Different methods
 - d) Multiple publications
- viii. What is reproducibility in scientific experiments?
 - a) Different results under the same conditions
 - ☒ b) Same results using different methods
 - c) Results not verified
 - d) Repetition by the same scientist
- ix. What paradigm replaced the phlogiston theory?
 - a) Atomic theory
 - ☒ b) Theory of combustion
 - c) Quantum mechanics
 - d) Periodic table
- x. Which property does the periodic table help to predict?
 - a) Colour of elements
 - ☒ b) Properties of elements
 - c) Weight of elements
 - d) Discovery date of elements

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