

p block last group elements:CBSE

### 1 Mark Questions

1. Complete the following reaction.



2. What happens when  $\text{XeF}_2$  undergoes hydrolysis?

3. Out of noble gases only xenon is known to form established chemical compounds.

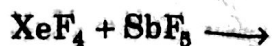
4. Complete the following equation:



5. Draw the structure of the following :



6. Complete the following reaction :



7. Draw the structure of the following:  
 $\text{XeOF}_4$

8. Complete the following reaction :



9. (i) Draw the structures of the following molecules.



10. Draw the structure of  $\text{XeF}_2$  molecule.

11. Helium is used in diving equipments. Why?

12. What inspired N Bartlett for carrying out reaction between Xe and  $\text{PtF}_6$ ?

13. Draw the molecular structure of  $\text{XeF}_6$ .

14. Predict the shape and the asked angle ( $90^\circ$  or more or less) in the following case:  
 $\text{XeF}_2$  and the angle  $\text{F—Xe—F}$

15. Explain the following giving an appropriate reason:  
Structures of xenon fluorides cannot be explained by valence bond approach.

16. Helium forms no real chemical compound. Why?

17. Complete the following chemical equation:  
 $\text{XeF}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow$

18. Why do noble gases have very low boiling points?

19. Complete the following chemical equation:  
 $\text{XeF}_6 + \text{H}_2\text{O} (\text{Excess}) \longrightarrow$

20. Complete the following reaction equation:  
 $\text{XeF}_2 + \text{PF}_5 \longrightarrow$

21.  $\text{XeF}_2$  is linear molecule without a bent. Explain.

Or  $\text{XeF}_2$  has a straight linear structure and not a bent angular structure. Explain.

22. Noble gases are least reactive elements. Give reason.

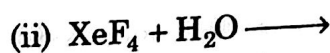
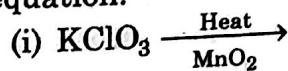
23. What happens when  $\text{XeF}_6$  is hydrolysed?

29. Draw the structures of the following :  
(i)  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (ii)  $\text{XeF}_2$

30. Account for the following  
(i) Iron dissolves in  $\text{HCl}$  to form  $\text{FeCl}_2$  and not  $\text{FeCl}_3$

(ii) Draw the structures of the following :  
(a)  $\text{XeOF}_4$  (b)  $\text{HClO}_4$

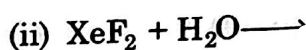
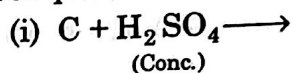
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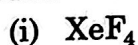
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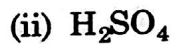
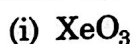
33. Complete the following equations :



34. Draw the structures of the following :

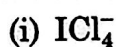


35. Draw the structures of the following :



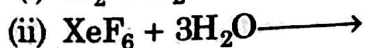
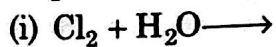
36. Write the balanced chemical equations for obtaining  $\text{XeO}_3$  and  $\text{XeOF}_4$  from  $\text{XeF}_6$ .

37. Write the formula and the structures of noble gas species (one each) which are isostructural with



## 2 Marks Questions

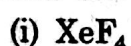
24. Complete the following reactions:



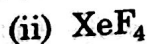
25. Draw the structures of the following:



26. Draw the structure of the following:



27. Write the structures of the following:



28. What happens when

(i)  $\text{SO}_2$  gas is passed through an aqueous solution of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  salt?

(ii)  $\text{XeF}_4$  reacts with  $\text{SbF}_5$ ?

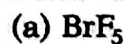
## 3 Marks Questions

38. (i) Account for the following.

(a) Ozone is thermodynamically unstable.

(b) Fluorine forms only one oxoacid HOF.

(ii) Draw the structures of



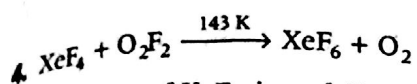
39. (i) Account for the following :  
 (a)  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  has lower boiling point than  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .  
 (b) Reducing character decreases from  $\text{SO}_2$  to  $\text{TeO}_2$ .  
 (ii) Draw the structure of the following :  
 $\text{XeF}_2$
40. (i) Draw the structures of the following :  
 (a)  $\text{XeF}_4$  (b)  $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7$   
 (ii) Account for the following :  
 (a) Iron on reaction with  $\text{HCl}$  forms  $\text{FeCl}_2$  and not  $\text{FeCl}_3$ .  
 (b)  $\text{HClO}_4$  is a stronger acid than  $\text{HClO}$ .
41. (i) Account for the following:  
 (a) Acidic character increases from  $\text{HF}$  to  $\text{HI}$ .  
 (b) There is large difference between the melting and boiling points of oxygen and sulphur.  
 (ii) Draw the structure of the following :  
 (a)  $\text{ClF}_3$  (b)  $\text{XeF}_4$
42. (i) Draw the structure of the following :  
 $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$   
 (ii) Account for the following:  
 (a) Sulphur in vapour state exhibits paramagnetism.  
 (b) Unlike xenon, no distinct chemical compound of helium is known.
44. (i) Draw the structure of the following  
 (a)  $\text{BrF}_3$  (b)  $\text{XeO}_3$   
 (ii) Answer the following :  
 (a) Why are halogens strong oxidising agents?  
 (b) Draw the structure of  $\text{XeOF}_4$ .
45. (i) How the supersonic jet aeroplanes are responsible for the depletion of ozone layers?  
 (ii)  $\text{F}_2$  has lower bond dissociation enthalpy than  $\text{Cl}_2$ . Why?  
 (iii) Which noble gas is used in filling balloons for meteorological observations?  
 (iv) Complete the equation :  
 $\text{XeF}_2 + \text{PF}_5 \longrightarrow$
46. (i) Complete the following chemical equations:  
 $\text{XeF}_4 + \text{O}_2\text{F}_2 \longrightarrow$   
 (ii) How would you account for following situations?  
 (a) The acidic strength of these compounds increases in the following order  $\text{PH}_3 < \text{H}_2\text{S} < \text{HCl}$   
 (b) The oxidising power of oxoacids of chlorine follows the order  $\text{HClO}_4 < \text{HClO}_3 < \text{HClO}_2 < \text{HClO}$   
 (c) In vapour state, sulphur exhibits paramagnetic behaviour.

## 5 Marks Questions

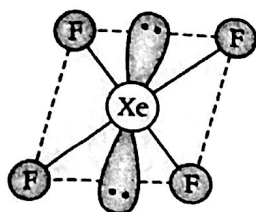
43. (i) Write the formula and describe the structure of a noble gas species which is isostructural with  
 (a)  $\text{IBr}_2^-$  (b)  $\text{BrO}_3^-$   
 (ii) Assign reasons for the following:  
 (a)  $\text{SF}_6$  is kinetically inert  
 (b)  $\text{HCl}$  is a stronger acid than  $\text{HF}$  though fluorine is more electronegative than chlorine.

## Explanations

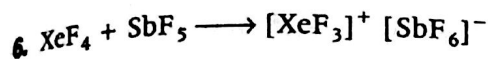
- $\text{XeF}_6 + \text{NaF} \longrightarrow \text{Na}^+ [\text{XeF}_7]^-$
- $\text{XeF}_2$  readily hydrolysed even by traces of water.  
 $2\text{XeF}_2(\text{s}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \longrightarrow 2\text{Xe}(\text{g}) + 4\text{HF}(\text{aq}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g})$
- Only xenon is well known to form chemical compounds because xenon is large in size and having higher atomic mass.  
 Due to larger atomic radius the force of attraction between the outer electron and the protons is weak hence they are easily available to form compounds.



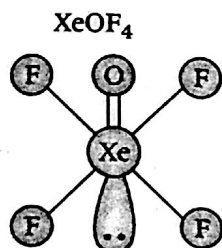
5. Structure of  $\text{XeF}_4$  is as follows



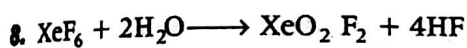
$\text{XeF}_4$  (Square planar)



7. Structure of  $\text{XeOF}_4$  is as follows



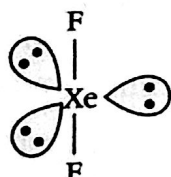
Square planar



9. (i) (a) Refer to solution 7.

(b) Refer to solution 11 of Topic 1.

10. Structure of  $\text{XeF}_2$  molecule is given below :

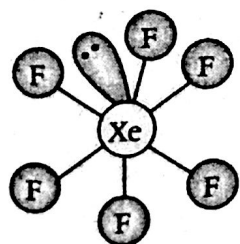


(Linear shape)  $\text{XeF}_2$

11. Helium is used as a diluent for oxygen in modern diving apparatus because of its very low solubility in blood.

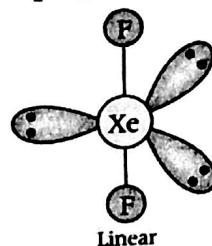
12. Bartlett found the first ionisation enthalpy of molecular oxygen in  $\text{O}_2^+ [\text{PtF}_6]^-$  to be almost similar with that of xenon. Thus, he got inspired for carrying out reaction between Xe and  $\text{PtF}_6$  and prepared  $\text{Xe}^+ [\text{PtF}_6]^-$  by mixing Xe and  $\text{PtF}_6$ .

13. Structure of  $\text{XeF}_6$  is given below:



Distorted octahedral:  $\text{XeF}_6$

14. Structure of  $\text{XeF}_2$  is given below:



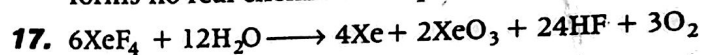
Linear

Shape : Linear

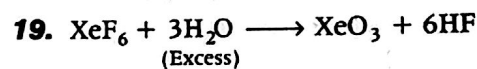
Angle :  $\text{F} - \text{Xe} - \text{F} : 180^\circ$

15. According to the valence bond approach, covalent bonds are formed by the overlapping of half-filled atomic orbitals. But xenon has fully-filled electronic configuration. Hence, the structure of xenon fluorides cannot be explained by VBT.

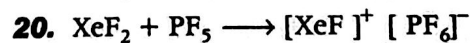
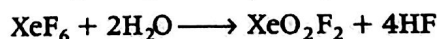
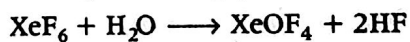
16. Due to its small size and high ionisation energy helium is chemically unreactive. That's why, it forms no real chemical compound.



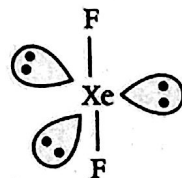
18. Due to weak van der Waals' forces of attraction between atoms of noble gases (weak dispersion forces), these have very low boiling points.



**NOTE** Partial hydrolysis of  $\text{XeF}_6$  gives oxyfluorides,



21.  $\text{XeF}_2$  is linear molecule. According to VSEPR theory, the three lone pairs will occupy the equatorial positions and two bond pairs will occupy axial positions to minimise  $lp - lp$  and  $lp - bp$  repulsions.



(Linear shape)  $\text{XeF}_2$

22. Least reactivity of the noble gases is due to the following reasons:

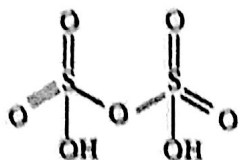
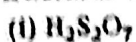
(i) The noble gases except helium  $1s^2$  have completely filled  $ns^2np^6$  electronic configuration in their valence shell.

(ii) They have high ionisation enthalpy and more positive electron gain enthalpy.

23. Refer to solution 19.

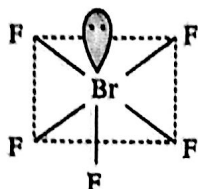
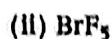


25. Structures of



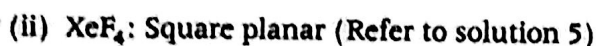
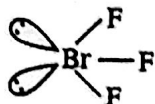
Pyrosulphuric acid  
(Oleum)

26. Structures of

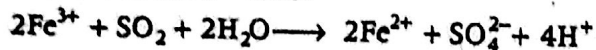


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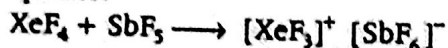
27. The structures of



28. (i) When  $\text{SO}_2$  gas is passed through an aqueous solution of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  salt, then  $\text{SO}_2$  acts as a reducing agent and reduces  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ions present in the salt to  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  ions.



(ii)  $\text{XeF}_4$  reacts with  $\text{SbF}_5$  to form an ionic species.



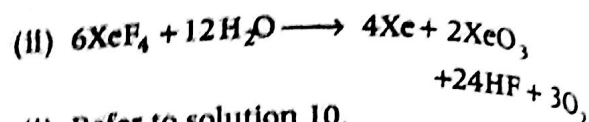
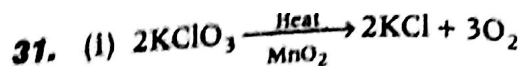
29. (i) Refer to solution 11 of Topic 1.

(ii) Refer to solution 10.

30. (i) Refer to solution 50(i) of Topic 2.

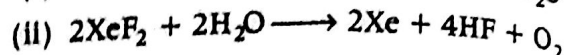
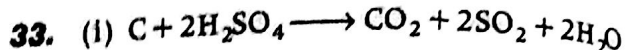
(ii) (a) Refer to solution 7.

(b) Refer to solution 21 of Topic 2.



32. (i) Refer to solution 10.

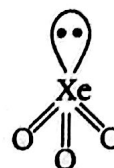
(ii) Refer to solution 27.



34. (i) Refer to solution 5.

(ii) Refer to solution 21 of Topic 2.

35. (i) Structure of  $\text{XeO}_3$  is as follows

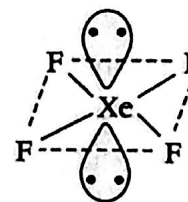


Pyramidal

(ii) Refer to solution 11 of Topic 1.

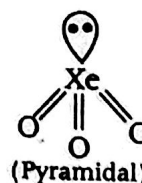
36. Refer to solution 19.

37. (i)  $\text{XeF}_4$  (isostructural to  $\text{ICl}_4^-$ )



(square planar)

(ii)  $\text{XeO}_3$  (isostructural to  $\text{BrO}_3^-$ )



(Pyramidal)

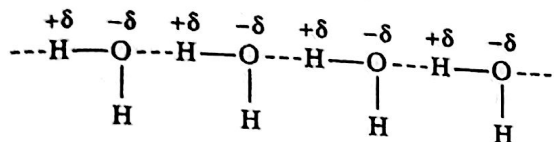
38. (i) (a) Ozone is thermodynamically unstable because its decomposition into oxygen results in the liberation of heat ( $\Delta H$  is negative) and increase in entropy ( $\Delta S$  is positive). These two effects reinforce each other resulting in large negative Gibbs energy change ( $\Delta G$ ) for its conversion into oxygen.

(b) Due to high electronegativity and small size fluorine forms only one oxoacid, HOF known as fluoric (I) acid or hypofluorous acid.

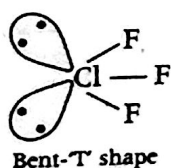
(ii) (a) Refer to solution 26(ii).

(b) Refer to solution 5.

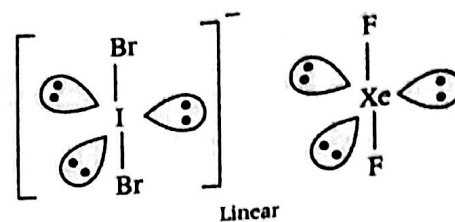
39. (i)(a) Because of the small size and high electronegativity of oxygen molecules, water molecules are highly associated through hydrogen bonding resulting in higher boiling point of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  than  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ .



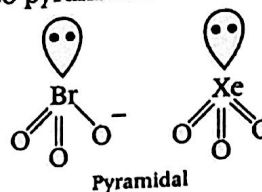
- (b) Since, the stability of +6 oxidation state decreases or +4 oxidation state increases from S to Te due to inert pair effect, therefore, the reducing character of dioxides decreases from  $\text{SO}_2$  to  $\text{TeO}_2$ .
- (ii) Refer to solution 10.
40. (i) (a) Refer to solution 5.  
(b) Refer to solution 20 of Topic 1.
- (ii) (a) Refer to solution 50(i) of Topic 2.  
(b) In  $\text{HClO}_4$ , oxidation number of Cl is +7 and in  $\text{HClO}$  oxidation number of Cl is +1, and acidic strength increases with increase in oxidation number. Thus,  $\text{HClO}_4$  is a stronger acid than  $\text{HClO}$ .
41. (i)(a) The acidic strength of hydrogen halides increases from HF to HI. This is because the stability of these halides decreases down the group due to decrease in bond dissociation enthalpy of  $\text{H}-\text{X}$  bond from HF to HI.  
(b) Refer to solution 8 of Topic 1.
- (ii)(a) Structure of  $\text{ClF}_3$



- (b) Structure of  $\text{XeF}_4$  : Refer to solution 5.
42. (i) Refer to solution 5 of Topic 1.  
(ii) (a) Refer to solution 6 of Topic 1.  
(b) Refer to solution 16.
43. (i) (a)  $\text{IBr}_2^-$   
Number of valence electron in this species is  $7 + (2 \times 7) + 1 = 22$ . The noble gas compound having 22 electrons is  $\text{XeF}_2 = 8 + (2 \times 7) = 22$ .  $\text{IBr}_2^-$  is linear and so, is  $\text{XeF}_2$ .



- (b)  $\text{BrO}_3^-$   
Number of valence electron in  $\text{BrO}_3^- = 7 + (3 \times 6) + 1 = 26$ . The noble gas compound having 26 electrons is  $\text{XeO}_3 = 8 + (6 \times 3) = 26$ . The structure of  $\text{BrO}_3^-$  is pyramidal and the structure of  $\text{XeO}_3$  is also pyramidal.



- (ii) (a) Refer to solution 21 of Topic 1.  
(b) Refer to solution 31 of Topic 2.
44. (i) (a) Refer to solution 27.  
(b) Refer to solution 35 (i).  
(ii) (a) Refer to solution 38 of Topic 2.  
(b) Refer to solution 7.
45. (i) Nitrogen oxide emitted from the exhausts of supersonic jet aeroplanes readily combine with ozone to form nitrogen dioxide and diatomic oxygen. Thereby depleting the concentration of ozone in the upper atmosphere.  
 $\text{NO}(g) + \text{O}_3(g) \longrightarrow \text{NO}_2(g) + \text{O}_2(g)$
- (ii) Due to smaller size, the lone pair of electrons on the F-atoms repel the bond pair of  $\text{F}-\text{F}$  bond. In contrast, due to the comparatively larger size of Cl atoms, the lone pairs, on the Cl-atoms do not repel the bond pair of  $\text{Cl}-\text{Cl}$  bond to such a extent. As a result,  $\text{F}-\text{F}$  bond energy is lower than that of  $\text{Cl}-\text{Cl}$  bond energy.
- (iii) Helium, being inert, non-inflammable and light gas, is used in filling balloons for meteorological observations.
- (iv)  $\text{XeF}_2 + \text{PF}_5 \longrightarrow [\text{XeF}]^+ [\text{PF}_6]^-$
46. (i)  $\text{XeF}_4 + \text{O}_2\text{F}_2 \longrightarrow \text{XeF}_6 + \text{O}_2$   
(ii) (a) Refer to solution 37 of Topic 2.  
(b) Refer to solution 29 of Topic 2.  
(c) Refer to solution 6 of Topic 1.

# Objective Questions

(For Complete Chapter)

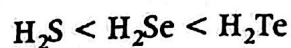
## 1 Mark Questions

- Acidity of diprotic acids in aqueous solutions increases in the order  
 (a)  $\text{H}_2\text{S} < \text{H}_2\text{Se} < \text{H}_2\text{Te}$  (b)  $\text{H}_2\text{Se} < \text{H}_2\text{S} < \text{H}_2\text{Te}$   
 (c)  $\text{H}_2\text{Te} < \text{H}_2\text{S} < \text{H}_2\text{Se}$  (d)  $\text{H}_2\text{Se} < \text{H}_2\text{Te} < \text{H}_2\text{S}$
- Which among the following group 16 elements exists in more than two allotropic states?  
 (a) Polonium (b) Tellurium  
 (c) Selenium (d) Oxygen
- If the supply of oxygen is limited,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  reacts with  $\text{O}_2$  to form  
 (a)  $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{SO}_3$  (b)  $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{S}$   
 (c)  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{S}$  (d)  $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{SO}_2$
- Catalyst used in making  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  in contact process is  
 (a)  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  (b)  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$   
 (c)  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  (d)  $\text{CrO}_3$
- Number of non-bonding electron pairs on Xe in  $\text{XeF}_6$ ,  $\text{XeF}_4$  and  $\text{XeF}_2$  respectively will be  
 (a) 6, 4, 2 (b) 1, 2, 3  
 (c) 3, 2, 1 (d) 0, 3, 2
- The geometry of  $\text{XeOF}_2$  is  
 (a) pyramidal (b) T-shaped  
 (c) octahedral (d) tetrahedral
- The noble gas compound prepared by Bartlett was  
 (a)  $\text{XeO}_3$  (b)  $\text{XePtF}_6$   
 (c)  $\text{KrF}_2$  (d)  $\text{XeF}_2$
- Which one of the following halogens has the highest bond dissociation energy?  
 (a)  $\text{F}_2$  (b)  $\text{Cl}_2$   
 (c)  $\text{Br}_2$  (d)  $\text{I}_2$
- The bleaching action of chlorine is due to the liberation of the following  
 (a)  $\text{HOCl}$  (b)  $\text{HCl}$   
 (c)  $[\text{O}]$  (d)  $\text{O}_2$

- Least stable oxide of chlorine is  
 (a)  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (b)  $\text{ClO}_2$   
 (c)  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_7$  (d)  $\text{ClO}_3$
- Which of the following is not obtained by direct reaction of constituent elements?  
 (a)  $\text{XeF}_2$  (b)  $\text{XeF}_4$  (c)  $\text{XeO}_3$  (d)  $\text{XeF}_6$
- Which of the following is an anhydride of perchloric acid?  
 (a)  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_7$  (b)  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_5$  (c)  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3$  (d)  $\text{HClO}$

## Explanations

- Acidic strength of hydrides increases as the size of the central atom increases which weakens the  $M-H$  bond. Since, the size increases from S to Te, thus acidic strength follows the order

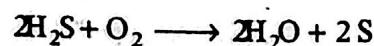


or as we go down the group, acidic strength of hydride increases.

2.

	Element	Allotropes
(a)	Polonium	$\alpha$ - and $\beta$ -polonium
(b)	Tellurium	None
(c)	Selenium	Trigonal, rhombohedral, three deep red monoclinic forms ( $\alpha$ , $\beta$ and $\gamma$ -amorphous red, black vitreous selenium).
(d)	Oxygen	Dioxygen and ozone

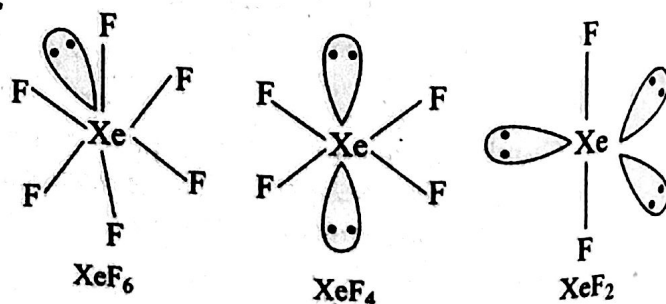
- In limited supply of oxygen,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  burns with blue flame and S and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  are the main products



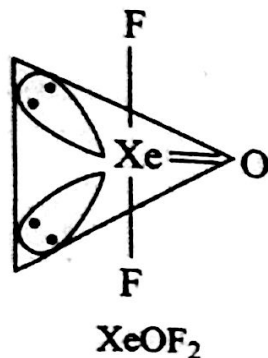
**Note** In excess of oxygen,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  gives  $\text{SO}_2$  and water as main product.

- Even at  $400-500^\circ\text{C}$ , the rate of reaction is very low. Therefore, to increase the reaction velocity, a suitable catalyst is used. Now a days most of the sulphuric acid plants use  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  as a catalyst.

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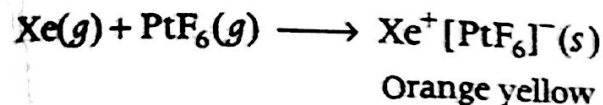


Hence, number of non-bonding pairs on Xe in  $\text{XeF}_6$ ,  $\text{XeF}_4$  and  $\text{XeF}_2$  respectively will be 1, 2, 3.



(The geometry is T-shaped).

7. Bartlett reacted xenon and platinum hexafluoride in gas phase and an orange yellow solid of XePtF<sub>6</sub> was obtained.

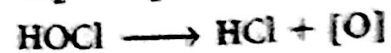
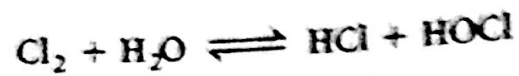


8. As the size increases bond length increases, thus bond dissociation energy decreases.

Molecule	Bond dissociation energy
F <sub>2</sub>	158.8
Cl <sub>2</sub>	242.6
Br <sub>2</sub>	192.8
I <sub>2</sub>	151.1

However, the dissociation energy of fluorine is lesser than that of chlorine because of its small size. Hence, Cl<sub>2</sub> has the highest bond dissociation energy.

9. Chlorine reacts slowly with H<sub>2</sub>O to form HCl and HOCl. The HOCl then decomposes into HCl and [O] radicals.



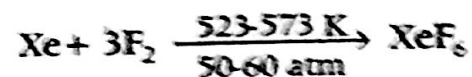
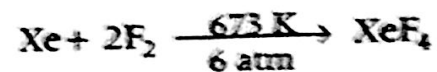
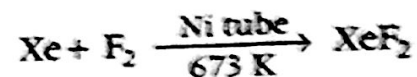
This nascent oxygen is very strong oxidising as well as effective bleaching agent in aqueous solution of Cl<sub>2</sub> or hypochlorite salt.

10. The stability of oxides increases with increase in oxidation state of halogen.

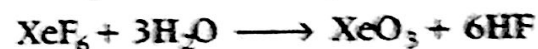
Oxide	Oxidation state of halogen
Cl <sub>2</sub> O	+1
ClO <sub>2</sub>	+4
ClO <sub>3</sub>	+6
Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	+7

Hence, Cl<sub>2</sub>O is the least stable oxide of chlorine.

11. XeF<sub>2</sub>, XeF<sub>4</sub> and XeF<sub>6</sub> can be directly prepared.



XeO<sub>3</sub> is obtained by the hydrolysis of XeF<sub>6</sub>.



12. Chlorine heptoxide (Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>) is the anhydride of perchloric acid.

