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## AIM OF THE EXPERIMENT :-

To test the unknown Basic and Acid radical present in the supplied salt.

## APPARATUS REQUIRED :-

1. Test tubes
2. Test tube holder
3. Watch glass
4. Blow pipe
5. Nichrome wire
6. Blue glass
7. Charcoal cavity

## CHEMICALS REQUIRED :-

1. Given salt
2. Various reagent
3. Litmus papers

## THEORY AND PROCEDURE :-

### 1. PRELIMINARY TEST :

(a) Salt No. :

(b) Colour of the salt :

(c) Structure of the salt :

(d) Solubility :

### 2. DRY TEST FOR BASIC RADICALS :-

Dry Test tube Heating :

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
A small quantity of salt was taken in a clean and dry test tube and heated strongly in the hottest part of the non-luminous flame.	(a) A sublimate was formed. (Note the colour of the salt)	(a) It is volatile salt. (Sodalime test and bulb tube test should be performed.)
	(b) Watery particles condensed at the cooler part of the test tube.	(b) Salt contains water of crystallisation.
	(c) Decrepitation or cracking sound was produced.	(c) May be crystalline salt.
	(d) Deflagration took place	(d) The salt may be nitrate of alkali or alkaline earth metal.
	(e) The salt changed its colour. Yellow when hot and white when cool.	(e) It may be Zinc salt.

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(f) Salt fused on heating and solidified on cooling.	(f) May be alkali or alkaline earth metal salt.
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### 3. SODALIME TEST :-

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
A little of the salt was taken in a clean watch glass along with soda-lime and it was rubbed by adding two drops of water.	A colourless gas evolved with strong smell of ammonia and colour of the mixture was unchanged.	$\text{NH}_4^+$ may be present. (to be confirmed in the wet test)

### 4. CHARCOAL CAVITY HEATING (Oxidising flame).

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
A little of the salt was taken in the charcoal cavity and heated by oxidising flame with the help of a blow pipe.	(a) The salt decrepitated. (b) The salt deflagrated. (c) The salt fused and sinked into the charcoal cavity. (d) Infusible incandescient white residue was obtained	(a) May be crystalline salt. (b) May be $\text{NO}_3^-$ salt. (c) Salt contains alkali or alkaline earth metal. (Flame test should be performed) (d) Cobalt nitrate test should be performed.

### 5. COBALT NITRATE TEST :-

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
The salt was taken in the charcoal cavity and heated in the oxidizing flame with the help of a blow pipe till an infusible, incandescient white mass was obtained. Then one drop of Cobalt nitrate solution was added to it and heated strongly.	(a) Blue mass was obtained. (b) Green mass was obtained. (c) Rosy mass was obtained. (d) Grey mass was obtained.	(a) $\text{Al}^{3+}$ may be present. (b) $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ may be present. (c) $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ may be present. (d) $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ may be present.

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## (6) FLAME TEST :-

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
The nichrome wire was cleaned with sand paper and dipped in conc. HCl and shown to non-luminous flame. This process was repeated till no colour was imparted to the flame. Then the wire was moistened with conc. HCl and a little of the salt was taken by touching to the salt and shown to the oxidizing flame.	(a) Persistent golden yellow coloured flame was seen in naked eye and colourless through double blue glass.	(a) $\text{Na}^+$ may be present.
	(b) Violet flame was seen in naked eye and red through a pair of blue glass.	(b) $\text{K}^+$ may be present.
	(c) Brick red flame was observed.	(c) $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ may be present.

## 7. IDENTIFICATION OF ACID RADICAL :-

### Test for Grc-I Acid Radicals (Carbonate and Sulphide)

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
1 cc dilute HCl was taken in the test tube and slightly warmed. To this a pinch of the supplied salt was added.	(a) Effervescence took place with the evolution of a colourless, odourless gas was evolved.	(a) Carbonate ( $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ) may be present (other test should be performed for its confirmation.)
	(b) Effervescence took place with the evolution of a colourless, odourless gas with rotten egg smell was evolved.	(b) Sulphide ( $\text{S}^{2-}$ ) may be present (other test should be performed for its confirmation.)

### Test for Grc-II Acid Radicals (Chloride)

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
A few drops of conc. $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ was taken in a clean and dry test tube, a pinch of the supplied salt was added into it and was gently warmed.	A colourless fuming gas with pungent odour was evolved.	$\text{Cl}^-$ may be present. (other test should be performed for its confirmation.)

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Test for Gve-III Acid Radicals (Nitrate and Sulphate) :-

Test for Nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ):

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
A pinch of the supplied salt was moistened with a few drops of conc. $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ taken in a clean and dry test tube and was gently warmed.	A brown fume with pungent smell was observed.	Maybe $\text{NO}_3^-$ . (Other test should be performed for its confirmation).

Test for Sulphate ( $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ )

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
1-2 cc of the salt solution was taken in a clean test tube and was acidified with dil. HCl. A few cc of Barium chloride ( $\text{BaCl}_2$ ) solution was added into it.	A white ppt. was obtained which was soluble in conc. HCl even on boiling.	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ Confirmed.

Confirmatory Tests for Carbonate ( $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ).

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
(1) A burning match stick was shown to the evolved gas.	The burning stick extinguished.	(1) $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ may be present.
(2) A little more salt was added to the above test tube and the evolved gas was passed through	(2) At first white turbidity (milk colour) appeared which disappeared with excess passing of the gas.	(2) $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ may be present.
(3) A little more salt was added to the above test tube and the evolved gas was passed through acidified Potassium dichromate solution with the help of a delivery tube	(3) No change of the colour took place	(3) $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ Confirmed

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## Confirmatory Test for Sulphide ( $S^{2-}$ ) :-

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
A filter paper soaked with Lead acetate solution was shown to the mouth of the test tube.	The filter paper turned black.	$S^{2-}$ Confirmed.

## Confirmatory Test for Chloride ( $Cl^-$ ) :-

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
(1) A glass rod dipped in conc. $NH_4OH$ solution was shown to the gas evolved.	A white dense fume was formed.	(1) $Cl^-$ may be present.
(2) A pinch of $MnO_2$ was added to the above test tube and was warmed gently.	A greenish yellow gas was formed which turned starch iodide paper blue.	(2) $Cl^-$ may be present.
(3) A pinch of the given salt was taken in a clean and dry test tube and was acidified with dil. $HNO_3$ solution. And a few drops of silver nitrate ( $AgNO_3$ ) solution was added into it.	(3) A curdy white ppt. was formed which was soluble in dil. $NH_4OH$ and was soluble in dil. $HNO_3$ .	(3) $Cl^-$ confirmed.

## Confirmatory Test for Nitrate ( $NO_3^-$ ) :-

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
(1) A pinch of the supplied salt and a few copper turnings were taken in a clean test tube. 1-2 cc of 50% conc. $H_2SO_4$ was added into it and was heated gently.	(1) Deep brown vapours were formed and the solution turned bluish green or green.	(1) May be $NO_3^-$ .
(2) A piece of filter paper soaked in $FeSO_4$ solution was shown to the evolved gas.	(2) It turned black.	(2) May be $NO_3^-$ .
(3) 1 cc of the supplied salt solution	(3) A brown ring was formed	$NO_3^-$ confirmed.

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in water was taken in a clean test tube. Equal volume of conc.  $H_2SO_4$  was added into the test tube. The test tube was cooled under tap water. And equal volume of freshly prepared ferrous sulphate ( $FeSO_4$ ) solution was added from the side of the test tube.

at the junction of the two liquids. The ring disappeared on shaking.

## 8. WET TESTS FOR BASIC RADICALS (Group Analysis)

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
(1) To 1 ml. of salt solution in a clean test tube, 1 cc of dil. HCl was added.	(a) A white precipitate was formed.	(a) One of the Gr. I basic radicals ( $Pb^{2+}, Ag^+, Hg_2^{2+}$ ) may be present. (Analysis of Gr. I basic radicals should be performed)
	(b) No white precipitate was formed.	(b) Gr. I basic radicals are absent.
(2) To 1 ml of the salt solution in a clean test tube, solid $NH_4Cl$ was added till saturation followed by addition of dil. $NH_4OH$ till alkaline.	(a) A precipitate was obtained, (Colour should be noted) (b) No precipitate was formed.	(a) One of the Gr. III-A basic radicals ( $Fe^{3+}, Al^{3+}, Cr^{3+}$ ) may be present (Analysis of Gr. III-A basic radicals should be performed). (b) Gr. III-A basic radicals are absent.
(3) Through the contents of the above test tube $H_2S$ gas was passed under pressure.	(a) precipitate was formed (Colour should be noted).	(a) One of the Gr. III-B basic radicals ( $Zn^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Ni^{2+}$ ) may be present (analysis of Gr. III-B radicals should be performed).

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	(b) No precipitate was formed.	(b) Gr. III B basic radicals are absent.
(4) To 1cc of the salt solution was taken in a clean test tube, solid $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ was added till saturation followed by addition of dil. $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ till alkaline. To this saturated solution of ammonium carbonate was added.	(a) precipitate was formed. (Colour should be noted).  (b) No precipitate was formed.	(a) One of the Gr. IV basic radicals ( $\text{Ba}^{2+}, \text{Sr}^{2+}, \text{Ca}^{2+}$ ) may be present (analysis of Gr. IV radicals should be performed).  (b) Gr. IV basic radicals are absent.

The above basic radicals are absent indicating that one of the Gr. V basic radicals may be present. As there is no specific group reagent for Gr. V, test for individual radicals should be performed.

## 9. ANALYSIS OF BASIC RADICALS (Group Wise) :-

### Analysis of Gr. IIIA Basic Radicals ( $\text{Al}^{3+}$ ) :

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
(1) 1-2 cc of the supplied salt solution was saturated with solid $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ followed by the addition of dil. $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ solution till alkaline.	(1) A white ppt. was formed.	(1) It may be $\text{Al}^{3+}$ .
(2) 1-2 cc of the supplied salt solution was treated with dil. $\text{NaOH}$ solution drop wise and then in excess.	(2) A white ppt. of $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$ was formed which dissolved in excess of the reagent.	(2) May be $\text{Al}^{3+}$ .
(3) 1 cc of the supplied salt solution disodium hydrogen phosphate was added.	(3) A gelatinous white ppt. of $\text{AlPO}_4$ was formed which was soluble in dil. $\text{HCl}$ solution.	$\text{Al}^{3+}$ confirmed.

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## Analysis of Gr. IIIB Basic Radicals ( $Zn^{2+}$ ) :-

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
(1) 1-2 cc of the supplied salt solution was saturated with solid $NH_4Cl$ followed by the addition of dil. $NH_4OH$ solution till alkaline. Then $H_2S$ gas was passed through it.	(1) A white ppt. was formed.	(1) May be $Zn^{2+}$ .
(2) 1-2 cc of the supplied salt solution was treated with potassium ferrocyanide solution drop by drop and then in excess.	(2) A white ppt. was obtained.	(2) May be $Zn^{2+}$ .
(3) Dil. $NaOH$ solution was added to 1 cc of the salt solution drop by drop and then in excess.	(3) A gelatinous white ppt. was formed which is soluble in excess of $NaOH$ solution.	(3) $Zn^{2+}$ confirmed.

## Analysis of Gr. IV Basic Radicals ( $Ca^{2+}$ ) :-

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
(1) 1-2 cc of the supplied salt solution was saturated with solid $NH_4Cl$ and then made alkaline with dil. $NH_4OH$ solution. Then saturated solution of ammonium carbonate ( $(NH_4)_2CO_3$ ) was added.	(1) A white ppt. of $CaCO_3$ was formed.	(1) May be $Ca^{2+}$ .
(2) The above ppt. was dissolved in a minimum quantity of dil. $CH_3COOH$ . The solution was boiled to remove $CO_2$ and then ammonium oxalate solution was added to it.	(2) A white ppt. of $CaC_2O_4$ was formed which was soluble in dil. $HCl$ but insoluble in $CH_3COOH$ .	(2) May be $Ca^{2+}$ .
(3) Flame test was performed with the white ppt. formed above.	(3) Brick red flame was noticed.	(3) $Ca^{2+}$ confirmed.



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Analysis of Gr. V Basic Radicals ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ) :-

Test for  $\text{NH}_4^+$  :

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
(1) A small quantity of the salt was treated with sodalime and two drops of water and then the mixture was rubbed in a mortar.	(1) A colourless gas having smell of ammonia which produced dense white fumes with a glass rod dipped in conc. $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ . There was no change in the colour of the residue.	(1) May be $\text{NH}_4^+$
(2) Nessler's reagent was added to 1cc of the salt solution.	(2) A brown ppt. was obtained.	(2) $\text{NH}_4^+$ confirmed.

Test for  $\text{Na}^+$  :-

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
Potassium Pyroantimonate solution was added to 1cc of the supplied salt solution.	A white crystalline ppt. was formed.	$\text{Na}^+$ confirmed.

Test for  $\text{K}^+$  :-

EXPERIMENT	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
1cc of the salt solution was treated with two drops of cobalt nitrate solution followed by the addition of solid $\text{NaNO}_2$ and dil. $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ solution.	A yellow ppt. was formed.	$\text{K}^+$ confirmed.

CONCLUSION :- Hence, the basic part of the supplied salt is \_\_\_\_\_ and the acid part of the salt is \_\_\_\_\_. Thus, the salt supplied is \_\_\_\_\_.