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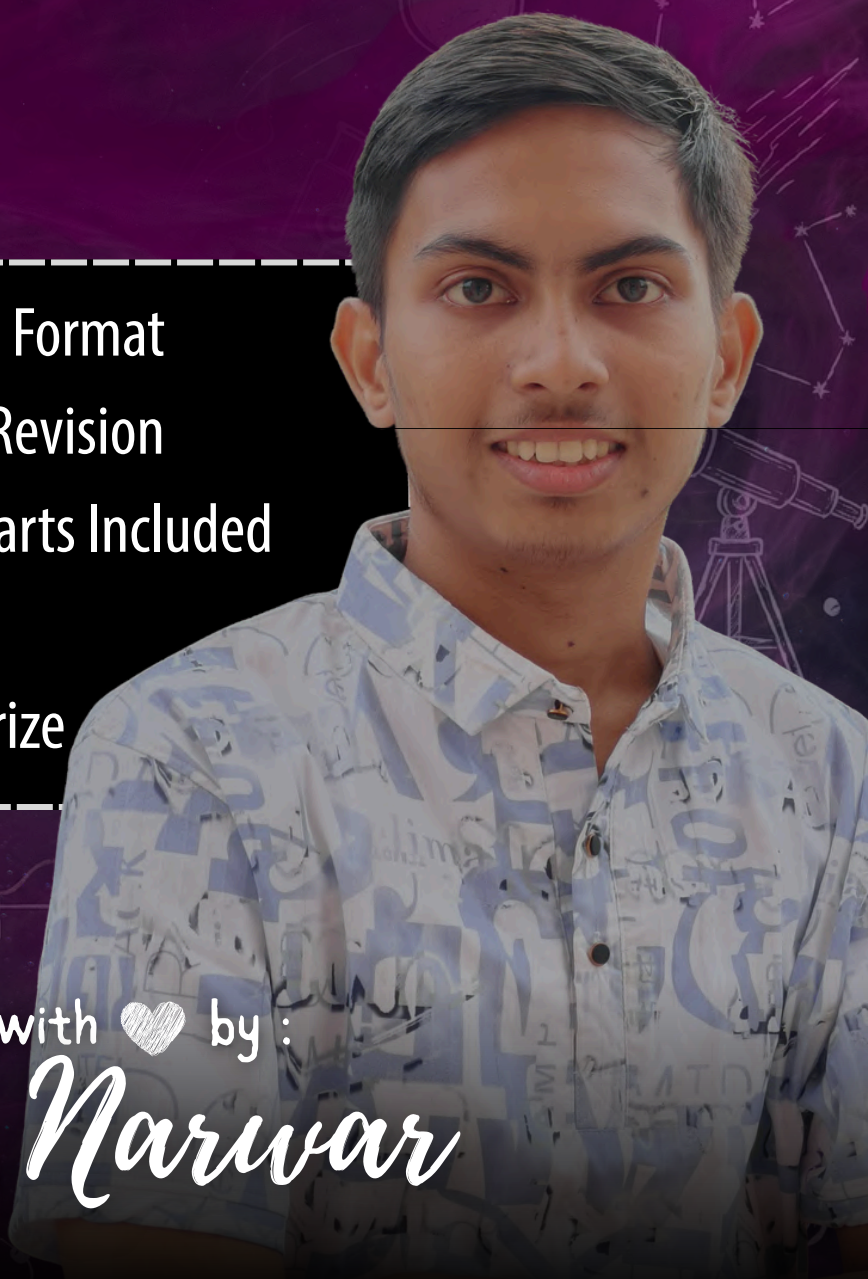
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# Chemical Reactions & Equations

## Chemical Change or Chemical Reaction

A **chemical change** happens when one or more substances react to form new substances with different chemical properties. These changes usually **cannot be reversed**.



## Physical Change

A **physical change** affects only the **physical properties** like state, color, or shape of a substance. The **chemical composition stays the same**, and such changes are usually **reversible**.



## Chemical Equation

A **chemical equation** is a **symbolic way of showing a chemical reaction**, where the **reactants** (starting substances) are written on the left and the **products** (new substances formed) are written on the right, separated by an **arrow ( $\rightarrow$ )**.

## Balanced Chemical Equation

A **balanced chemical equation** is one in which the **number of atoms of each element** is equal on both sides of the equation. This follows the **law of conservation of mass**.

## Steps to Balance a Chemical Equation (Hit and Trial Method)

- Step 1:** Write the unbalanced (skeletal) equation and put the formulas in brackets.
- Step 2:** List all elements on both sides of the equation.
- Step 3:** Start balancing one element at a time.
- Step 4:** Check whether all elements are balanced.
- Step 5:** Add extra information if needed, like physical states (s, l, g, aq).

## Types of Chemical Reactions

### 1. Combination Reaction

A combination reaction is when two or more reactants combine to form a single product.

*Example:*  $A + B \rightarrow AB$

### 2. Decomposition Reaction

A decomposition reaction happens when one compound breaks down into two or more simpler substances.

#### Types of Decomposition Reaction:

- **Thermal Decomposition:** The compound breaks down due to heat.
- **Electrolytic Decomposition:** The compound breaks down using electric current.
- **Photolytic Decomposition:** The compound breaks down in the presence of light.



### 3. Displacement Reaction

In a **displacement reaction**, one element replaces another element from its compound.

- **Single Displacement Reaction:** A more reactive element replaces a less reactive one.
- **Double Displacement Reaction:** Two compounds exchange their ions or elements to form new compounds.

### 4. Neutralisation Reaction

A **neutralisation reaction** happens when an acid reacts with a base, forming salt and water.

*Example:* Acid + Base  $\rightarrow$  Salt + Water

### 5. Oxidation and Reduction Reactions (Redox Reactions)

- **Oxidation:** Addition of oxygen or removal of hydrogen / loss of electrons.
- **Reduction:** Addition of hydrogen or removal of oxygen / gain of electrons.

In many reactions, oxidation and reduction occur together, called **redox reactions**.

**Oxidising Agent:** The substance that causes oxidation of another and gets reduced.

**Reducing Agent:** The substance that causes reduction of another and gets oxidised.

**Effects of Oxidation:**

- **Corrosion:** Slow damage of metals by air, moisture, or chemicals.
- **Rancidity:** Spoiling of food (like oils or fats) due to oxidation.

**6. Exothermic and Endothermic Reactions**

- **Exothermic Reaction:** A reaction that releases heat energy (e.g., respiration).
- **Endothermic Reaction:** A reaction that absorbs heat energy (e.g., photosynthesis).