Chemguide - questions

REDOX EQUATIONS

- 1. Use each of the following pairs of electron-half-equations to work out the ionic equation for the reaction concerned.
 - a) The reaction between chlorine gas and bromide ions:
 - $Cl_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Cl^ 2Br^- \longrightarrow Br_2 + 2e^-$
 - b) The reaction between iron(II) ions and acidified potassium manganate(VII) solution:

 $MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$

c) The reaction between ethanol and acidified potassium dichromate(VI) solution to give ethanal:

 $CH_3CH_2OH \longrightarrow CH_3CHO + 2H^+ + 2e^ Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6e^- \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$

Fe²⁺ → Fe³⁺ + e⁻

d) The reaction between copper and moderately concentrated nitric acid to give nitrogen monoxide:

Cu \longrightarrow Cu²⁺ + 2e⁻ NO₃⁻ + 4H⁺ + 3e⁻ \longrightarrow NO + 2H₂O

e) The reaction between copper and concentrated nitric acid to give nitrogen dioxide:

Cu \longrightarrow Cu²⁺ + 2e⁻ NO₃⁻ + 2H⁺ + e⁻ \longrightarrow NO₂ + H₂O

- 2. Work out electron-half-equations similar to the ones above for:
 - a) The oxidation of sulphite ions, SO_3^{2-} , to sulphate ions, SO_4^{2-} .
 - b) The reduction of chlorate(V) ions, ClO₃⁻, to chlorine gas, Cl₂.
 - c) The reduction of manganese(IV) oxide, MnO₂, to manganese(II) ions, Mn²⁺.
 - d) The reduction of xenon(VI) oxide, XeO₃, to xenon gas, Xe.
 - e) The oxidation of hydrogen sulphide, H₂S, to sulphur, S.