## 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:

b) The reaction between iron(II) ions and acidified potassium manganate(VII) solution:

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

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\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH} & \longrightarrow \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CHO}+2 \mathrm{H}^{+}+2 \mathrm{e}^{-} \\
\mathrm{Cr}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}^{2-}+14 \mathrm{H}^{+}+6 \mathrm{e}^{-} & \longrightarrow 2 \mathrm{Cr}^{3+}+7 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}
\end{aligned}
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d) The reaction between copper and moderately concentrated nitric acid to give nitrogen monoxide:

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

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\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{Cu} & \longrightarrow \mathrm{Cu}^{2+}+2 \mathrm{e}^{-} \\
\mathrm{NO}_{3}^{-}+2 \mathrm{H}^{+}+\mathrm{e}^{-} & \longrightarrow \mathrm{NO}_{2}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}
\end{aligned}
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2. Work out electron-half-equations similar to the ones above for:
a) The oxidation of sulphite ions, $\mathrm{SO}_{3}{ }^{2-}$, to sulphate ions, $\mathrm{SO}_{4}{ }^{2-}$.
b) The reduction of chlorate(V) ions, $\mathrm{ClO}_{3}^{-}$, to chlorine gas, $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.
c) The reduction of manganese(IV) oxide, $\mathrm{MnO}_{2}$, to manganese(II) ions, $\mathrm{Mn}^{2+}$.
d) The reduction of xenon(VI) oxide, $\mathrm{XeO}_{3}$, to xenon gas, Xe .
e) The oxidation of hydrogen sulphide, $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$, to sulphur, S .
