HW 22

Water

1.

When nonmetal oxides react with water, they form acids. E.g.:

$$SO_3 + H_2O \rightarrow H_2SO_4$$

2.

When metal oxides react with water, they form bases. E.g.:

$$CaO + H_2O \rightarrow Ca(OH)_2$$

Note, that the valency of Ca is 2, oxidation number +2, that is why the product Ca(OH)₂ has subscript 2 for OH group.

3.

Active metals (the metal activity series, see below) react with water or

acid producing hydrogen and metal hydroxide or metal salt (if react with acid)

$$2K+2H_2O=H_2+2KOH$$

$$Zn + 2HCl = H_2 + ZnCl_2$$

Metal activity series:

Li K Ba Ca Na Mg Al Zn Cr Fe Cd Co Ni Sn Pb H₂ Cu Hg Ag Pd Pt Au

"green" metals react with cold water, "blue" metals react with steam, other metals in the row do not react with water.

Questions

- 1. Write down chemical reactions of the following oxides with water: Na₂O, Li₂O.
- 2. There is an equal number of grams of Zn and Na. Which metal will produce more H_2 in reaction with water? Write down the chemical equation and explain the answer.
- 3. There are 10 mL of H_2 and 10 mL of O_2 in a close vessel. Which gas will remain in the vessel after the explosion? What will be the volume of the gas under normal conditions?