Quiz (Combustion)

- 1. Write balanced chemical equation to show the complete combustion of the following compounds:
 - (a) Pentane
 - (b) Heptane
 - (c) Octane
- 2. Calculate the percentage by mass of carbon in Question 1.
- 3. Relate the flammability and the percentage by mass of carbon.
- 4. Suggest suitable tests to identify the products of combustion.

Suggested Answer

- 1. (a) $C_5H_{12} + 8O_2 \longrightarrow 5CO_2 + 6H_2O$
 - (b) $C_7H_{16} + 11O_2 \longrightarrow 7CO_2 + 8H_2O$
 - (c) $2C_8H_{18} + 25O_2 \longrightarrow 16CO_2 + 18H_2O$
- 2. (a) % C= [5x12 / (5x12 + 12x1)] x 100 % = 83.33 %
 - (b) % C= [7x12 / (7x12 + 16x1)] x 100 % = 84.00 %
 - (c) % C= [8x12 / (8x12 + 18x1)] x 100 % = 84.21 %
- 3. The flammability decreases if the % C increases
- 4. CO₂: Turns limewater milky. Ca(OH)₂ + CO₂ \longrightarrow CaCO₃ + H₂O
 - H₂O: Turns blue dry cobalt chloride paper pink. Turns white anhydrous copper(II) sulphate powder blue.