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Environmental Science: Numerical Questions – Conversion CFC to Formula

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Type I - Number to Formula

1. Chemical formula for CFC-113 is

1. CCl2F2

2. CCl3F3

3. C2 Cl3F3

4. CCl2F3

Answer: (C) C2 Cl3F3

Explanation:

- Step 1 Add 90
- Step 2 Calculate the number of Carbon atoms, Hydrogen atoms and Fluorine atoms
- Step 3 write the formula using the C, H & F atoms

Step 1: 90 +113 = 203

Step 2:

- Number of Carbon atoms = 2
- Number of Hydrogen atoms = 0
- Number of Fluorine atoms = 3

Step 3: The CFC formula will be C2F3Cl3

Type II – Formula to Number

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2. What is the CFC number for the halocarbon CCl_2F_2CF_3?
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- 1. 115
- 2. 132
- 3. 134
- 4.143

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Answer: (A) 115

Explanation:

To calculate the CFC number:

- Consider the formula in the number of carbon, hydrogen, fluorine (do not include chlorine)
- Subtract the number with 90
- The number obtained thereafter is the formula.

 $CCl_2F_2CF_3 = C_2F_5Cl_2$

Step 1:

- Number of Carbon atoms = 2
- Number of Hydrogen atoms = 0
- Number of Fluorine atoms = 5

So, the number obtained is 205 (as we do not consider Chlorine atoms)

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Step 2: 205-90 = 115
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Step 3: The CFC number will be CFC 115

Type III – Formula for Halons

3. The halon H – 1211 has the following chemical composition:

- 1. CF₂ClBr
- 2. CCl₂FBr
- 3. CCl_2F_2
- 4. CBr_2ClF

Answer: CF₂ClBr

Each halon has a number system of abcd where.

- a Is the number of carbon atoms
- b The number of fluorine atoms
- c The number of chlorine atoms
- d The number of bromine atoms

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