## Chemical Reactions and Conservation of Mass

1.) What is the main difference between a physical change and a chemical change?

A physical change is simply a change in state (solid, liquid or gas) or shape, where as a chemical change is a change of the arrangement of the atoms. This new arrangement of the atoms causes brand new products (chemicals) to be formed.

- 2.) Use words to describe the following chemical equations.
  - a.)  $5 + O_2 \rightarrow 5O_2$

Sulphur plus oxygen gas yields sulphur dioxide gas.

b.)  $2 SO_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2 SO_3$ 

Two sulphur dioxide plus oxygen gas yields two sulphur trioxide gas.

c.)  $N_2 + 3 H_2 \rightarrow 2 NH_3$ 

Nitrogen gas plus three hydrogen gas yields two ammonia.

- 3.) Identify which chemicals are the reactants and which are the products below:
  - a.) magnesium + oxygen → magnesium oxide

b.) water → hydrogen + oxygen

c.) methanol + oxygen → carbon dioxide + water

d.) aluminum + copper (II) chloride → aluminum chloride + copper

4.) State the law of conservation of mass in your own words.

The mass of the reactants  $\underline{\text{must}}$  equal the mass of the products.

5.) Use the law of conservation of mass to write in the missing amounts.

a.) calcium + chlorine  $\rightarrow$  calcium chloride

b.) ammonia → nitrogen + hydrogen

c.) ethanol + oxygen → carbon dioxide + water

d.) magnesium + copper(II) chloride  $\rightarrow$  aluminum chloride + copper