Explain the stages in the stages in the industrial preparation of Sulphuric acid by contact process?



Sulphur burnt in oxygen to form sulphur dioxide.

$$S + O_2 \longrightarrow SO_2$$

The sulphur dioxide again combines with oxygen at high temperature and in the presence of a catalyst like vanadium pentoxide (V,O,) to form sulphur trioxide.

$$2SO_2 + O_2 \xrightarrow{V_2O_5} 2SO_3$$

The sulphur trioxide is dissolved in sulphuric acid to form oleum

Oleum is diluted with water to get sulphuric acid of desired concentration

Sulphur 
$$\xrightarrow{o_2}$$
  $SO_2$   $\xrightarrow{o_2}$   $SO_3$   $Con. H_2SO_4$   $H_2SO_4$   $H_2SO_4$