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What is meant by Dehydration?

Dehydration is the process of absorbing the chemically combined hydrogen and oxygen from substances in the ratio corresponding to that of water (2:1). Concentrated sulphuric acid is a best dehydrating agent.

Qn. 47

Complete the table by analysing activities given blow:

	No.	Activity	Observation
	1.	Dropping Con.H ₂ SO ₄ on a cotton cloth.	Cloth gets charred
	2.	Adding Con.H ₂ SO ₄ to glucose taken in a small beaker	Sugar tuns to charcoal
	3.	Adding Conc. H ₂ SO ₄ to a watch glass in which CuSO ₄ crystals are taken	Blue colour of CuSO ₄ disappears

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What is meant by a drying agent?

Drying agents are substances capable of absorbing the moisture present in a substance. Concentrated sulphuric acid is used as a drying agent in the manufacture of Cl₂, SO₂, and HCl

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