Q1. Identify disproportionation reaction

(a)
$$CH_4 + 2O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + 2H_2O$$

(b)
$$CH_4 + 4C1_2 \rightarrow CC1_4 + 4HC1$$

(c)
$$2F_2 + 20H^- \rightarrow 2F^- + OF_2 + H_2O$$

(d)
$$2NO_2 + 20H^- \rightarrow NO_2 + NO_3 + H_2O$$

Sol: (d)

Reactions in which the same substance is oxidized as well as reduced are called disproportionation reactions. Writing the OXIDATION NUMBER of each element above its symbol in the given reactions:

(a)
$$CH_4 + 2O_2 \longrightarrow CO_2 + 2H_2O$$

(b)
$$CH_4 + 4Cl_2 \xrightarrow{+4-1} CCl_4 + 4HCl$$

(c)
$$2F_2 + 2OH^- \longrightarrow 2F^- + OF_2 + H_2O$$

(d)
$$2\overset{+4}{N}\overset{-2}{O_2} + 2\overset{-2}{O}\overset{+1}{H^-} \longrightarrow \overset{+3}{N}\overset{-2}{O_2} + \overset{+5}{N}\overset{-2}{O_3} + \overset{+1}{H_2}\overset{-2}{O}$$

Thus, in reaction (d), N is both oxidized as well as reduced since the OXIDATION NUMBER of N increases from +4 in NO_2 to +5 in NO_3 and decreases from +4 in NO_2 to +3 in NO_2 .