## 1. GROUP OF 14 ELEMENTS: THE CARBON FAMILY

# Carbon (C), silicon (Si), germanium (Ge), tin (Sn) and lead (Pb) are members of Group 14.

**Electronic Configuration:** ns<sup>2</sup>np<sup>2</sup>**Oxidation states and trends in chemical reactivity:**Common oxidation states = +4 and +2. Carbon also exhibits the negative oxidation state. Oxidation state increases in the sequence: Ge < Sn < Pb.

### 1. Reactivity towards oxygen:

All members when heated in oxygen form oxides. There are mainly two types of oxides, i.e. monoxide and dioxide of the formulas MO and MO<sub>2</sub>, respectively.

## 2. Reactivity towards water:

Tin decomposes steam to form dioxide and dihydrogen gas.

# 3. Reactivity towards halogen:

These elements can form halides of formula  $MX_2$  and  $MX_4$  (where X = F, Cl, Br, I). Stability of dihalides increases down the group.

SOME IMPORTANT REACTIONS OF CO, CO2 AND METAL CARBIDES:



4. Pyrosilicates:



5. Cyclic silicates:



6. Chain silicates:



- Two-dimensional sheet silicates: In such silicates, the oxygen atoms of each tetrahedral are shared with adjacent SiO<sub>4</sub><sup>4-</sup> tetrahedrals. Such sharing forms a twodimension sheet structure with the general formula (Si2O5)<sub>n</sub><sup>2n</sup>.
- 8. **Three-dimensional sheet silicates:** These silicates involve all four oxygen atoms in sharing with adjacent SiO44- tetrahedral units.
- 9. SILICONES:
  - 1. Silicones can be prepared from the following types of compounds only.
  - 1. R3SiCl
    - 2. R2SiCl2
    - 3. RSiCl3
  - 2. Silicones from the hydrolysis of (CH3)3SiCI:

$$2(CH_3)_3SiCI \xrightarrow{H_20} 2(CH_3)Si(OH) \longrightarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} CH_3 & CH_3 & CH_3 & CH_3 \\ | & | \\ CH_3 & Si & OH + HO & Si & CH_3 & -H_2O \\ | & | & | \\ CH_3 & CH_3 & CH_3 & CH_3 & -Si & O & -Si & -CH_3 \\ | & | & | & | \\ CH_3 & CH_3 & CH_3 & CH_3 & CH_3 \end{array}$$

3. Silicones from the hydrolysis of a mixture of (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>SiCl and (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SiCl<sub>2</sub>:



- 4. When a compound like CH3SiCl3 undergoes hydrolysis, a complex cross-linked polymer is obtained.
- 5. The hydrocarbon layer along the silicon-oxygen chain makes silicones water-repellent.

COMPOUNDS OF LEAD:



**COMPOUNDS OF TIN:** 

