Previous Year JEE Problems

2) A metal M on heating in nitrogen gas gives Y. Y on treatment with H2O gives a colourless gas which when passed through CuSO4 solution gives a blue colour, Y is :

(1) NH3

(2) MgO

(3) Mg3N2

(4) Mg(NO3)2

Solution: Magnesium heated with nitrogen to form magnesium nitride. Magnesium nitride reacts with water to form ammonia and magnesium hydroxide. When ammonia gas is passed through CuSO4 solution, blue colour is obtained. Hence option (3) is the answer