For each of the following reactions identify the redox reactions and give the reductant and oxidant in each

i. $CH_4(g) + O_2(g) => CO_2(g) + H_2O(g)$

Find the oxidation number of each element in the reactants.

C = -4, H = +1, O = 0 Find the oxidation number of each element in the products. C = +4, H = +1, O = -2 Reductant is the CH₄ where as the oxidant is the oxygen (O₂) ii. MnO₂(s) + 2H⁺(aq) + S(s) \rightarrow Mn²⁺ (aq) + H₂O(I) + SO₂(g) Mn in MnO₂ = +4 => Mn²⁺ =+2 therefore Mn is reduced. MnO₂ is the oxidant S is in its elemental form hence = 0 => S in SO₂ = +4 therefore S is oxidised. S is the reductant

iii. $2Cr_2O_7(aq) + 3CH_3CH_2OH(g) + 16H^+(aq) \rightarrow 4Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3CH_3COOH(aq) + 11H_2O(I)$ Cr in Cr_2O_7 has an oxidation state of $+7 => Cr^{3+} = +3$ therefore it is reduced. Cr_2O_7 is the oxidant C in CH_3CH_2OH has an oxidation state of -2 => C in CH_3COOH is 0 therefore C is oxidised. CH_3CH_2OH is the reductant

iv. $H_2O_2(aq) + 2Br^-(aq) + 2H^+(aq) \rightarrow Br_2(I) + 2H_2O(I)$ $O \text{ in } H_2O_s = -1 \Rightarrow O \text{ in } H_2O = -2 \text{ therefore it is reduced. } H_2O_2 \text{ is the oxidant}$ $Br^- = -1 \Rightarrow Br_2 \text{ is in its elemental form = 0 it is oxidised. } Br^- \text{ is the reductant.}$

v. AgNO₃(aq) + $K_2Cr_2O_7(aq) \rightarrow Ag_2Cr_2O_7(s) + KNO_3(aq)$

There is no change in the oxidation state of any of the reactants. This is not a redox reaction but a precipitation reaction. Ag in $AgNO_3$ is +1 and is also +1 in $Ag_2Cr_2O_7$. There is no change in K it is +1 in $K_2Cr_2O_7$ and in KNO₃. Oxygen, hydrogen, Chromium and nitrogen all have unchanged oxidation states.

vi. $2H_2O_2(aq) \rightarrow 2H_2O(I) + O_2(g)$ $O \text{ in } H_2O_s = -1 \Rightarrow O \text{ in } H_2O = -2 \text{ therefore it is reduced. } H_2O_2 \text{ is the oxidant}$ $O \text{ in } H_2O_s = -1 \Rightarrow O \text{ in } O_2 = O \text{ as its in elemental form, therefore it is oxidised. } H_2O_2 \text{ is the reductant } .$ $H_2O_2 \text{ is both the reductant and the oxidant.}$

vii. $Fe_2O_3(I) + 3CO(g) \rightarrow 2Fe(I) + CO_2(g)$ Fe in $Fe_2O_3 = +3 => Fe(I) = 0$ is in its elemental form, therefore it is reduced. Fe_2O_3 is the oxidant C in CO = +2 => C in $CO_2 = +4$ therefore it is oxidised. CO is the reductant

viii. $2Mg(s) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2MgO(s)$ Mg(s) = 0 it is in elemental form => Mg in MgO = +2, therefore it is oxidised. Mg is the reductant O in $O_2 = 0$ it is in elemental form => O in MgO = -2, therefore it is reduced. O_2 is the oxidant

ix. $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightarrow 2NH_3(g)$ $N \text{ in } N_2 = 0$, it is in elemental form => N in NH₃ = -3, therefore it is reduced. N_2 is the oxidant $H \text{ in } H_2 = 0$ it is in elemental form => H in NH₃ = +1 it is oxidised. H_2 is therefore the reductant.