Answer on Question#41367-Chemistry-Inorganic Chemistry

Question

When orthophosphoric acid is heated to 600°C, the product formed is:

- (1) PH₃
- (2) P₂O₅
- (3) H₃PO₃
- (4) HPO₃

Answer

The correct answer is

(4) HPO₃

When orthophosphoric acid is heated to 600°C it loses one molecule of water forming metaphosphoric acid by the following chemical equation

 $H_3PO_4 \rightarrow HPO_3 + H_2O$