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<b>FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER</b>	
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<b>INSTRUCTIONS</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Answer ALL the questions.</li><li>2. Write clearly and neatly.</li><li>3. Number the answers clearly.</li></ol>

**PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS**

Non-programmable Calculators

**ATTACHMENT**

List of Useful Constants

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SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

[20]

There are 10 questions in this section. Choose the correct answer. Each question carries 2 marks.

1. An ideal gas at 27°C is heated at constant pressure until its volume is double. The final temperature is:
  - A. 54°C
  - B. 327°C
  - C. 108°C
  - D. 654°C
  - E. 600°C
  
2. Which of the following is **not** an intensive property?
  - A. Pressure
  - B. Temperature
  - C. Density
  - D. Heat
  - E. Molar volume
  
3. If a gas is heated against a constant pressure, keeping the volume constant, then work done will be
  - A. Positive
  - B. Negative
  - C. Zero
  - D. Infinity
  - E. Anywhere between zero and infinity
  
4. Which one of the following is always positive when a spontaneous process occurs?
  - A.  $\Delta S_{\text{system}}$
  - B.  $\Delta S_{\text{surrounding}}$
  - C.  $\Delta S_{\text{universe}}$
  - D.  $\Delta H_{\text{universe}}$
  - E.  $\Delta H_{\text{surrounding}}$
  
5. The efficiency of a Carnot engine depends on
  - A. Working substance
  - B. Design of the engine
  - C. Size of engine
  - D. Type of fuel fired
  - E. Temperatures of source and sink

6. If  $\Delta G^\circ < 0$ , then  $K$  is \_\_\_\_\_. If  $\Delta G^\circ > 0$ , then  $K$  is \_\_\_\_\_. If  $\Delta G^\circ = 0$ , then  $K$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- $> 1, < 1, = 1$
  - $< 1, > 1, = 1$
  - $< 0, > 0, = 0$
  - $> 0, < 0, = 0$
  - $< 1, > 1, = 0$
7. The  $\Delta H_{\text{sublimation}}$  of  $I_2$  is 60.46 kJ/mol, while its  $\Delta H_{\text{vaporization}}$  is 41.71 kJ/mol. What is the  $\Delta H_{\text{fusion}}$  of  $I_2$ ?
- 102.17 kJ/mol
  - 102.17 kJ/mol
  - 18.75 kJ/mol
  - 18.75 kJ/mol
  - Insufficient information
8. When a conductance cell was filled with 0.0025 M solution of  $K_2SO_4$ , its resistance was 326  $\Omega$ . If the cell constant is 0.2281  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , the conductivity (in  $\Omega^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of  $K_2SO_4$  solution is
- $4.997 \times 10^{-4}$
  - $5.997 \times 10^{-4}$
  - $7.997 \times 10^{-4}$
  - $3.997 \times 10^{-4}$
  - $6.997 \times 10^{-4}$
9. Which of the following expressions is correct?
- $\Lambda_o(\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3) = 3\lambda_o^+(\text{Al}^{3+}) + 2\lambda_o^-(\text{SO}_4^{2-})$
  - $\Lambda_o(\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3) = \lambda_o^+(\text{Al}^{3+}) + \lambda_o^-(\text{SO}_4^{2-})$
  - $\Lambda_o(\text{NH}_4\text{OH}) = \Lambda_o(\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}) - \Lambda_o(\text{NaCl}) + \Lambda_o(\text{NaOH})$
  - $\Lambda_o(\text{FeSO}_4) = 2\lambda_o^+(\text{Fe}^{2+}) + 2\lambda_o^-(\text{SO}_4^{2-})$
  - $\Lambda_o(\text{NH}_4\text{OH}) = \Lambda_o(\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}) - \Lambda_o(\text{NaOH}) - \Lambda_o(\text{NaCl})$

10. The decomposition of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{NO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{NO}_3(\text{g})$  proceeds as a first order reaction. Which equation below best gives the concentration of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  versus time profile?

- A.  $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5] = \frac{[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]_0}{t_{0.5}}$   
 B.  $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5] = kt$   
 C.  $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5] = [\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]_0 e^{-kt}$   
 D.  $\frac{1}{[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]} = \frac{1}{[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]_0} + kt$   
 E. Any of the above

## SECTION B

[80]

There are **FOUR** questions in this section. Answer **all** Questions.

### QUESTION 1

[14]

State whether each of the following statements is **true** or **false**. If false either correct it or state briefly the reason for its being false.

- (a)  $w = \oint dw = 0$  and  $\Delta H = \oint dH = 0$   
 (b) The compressibility factor,  $Z > 1$  for many gases at high pressures is attributed to finite size of gas molecules and repulsive forces.  
 (c)  $\Delta H_{\text{combustion}} = \Delta U_{\text{combustion}}$  for the combustion reaction  
 $\text{CH}_4(\text{g}) + 2\text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$   
 (d) For the reaction  $2\text{C}(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{CO}(\text{g})$ ,  $\Delta H_{\text{reaction}}^\circ = \Delta H_{\text{f}}^\circ(\text{CO}(\text{g}))$   
 (e) For a perfect crystalline substance,  $S_{0^\circ\text{C}} = 0$ .  
 (f)  $\left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial P}\right)_T = V$  and  $\left(\frac{\partial \Delta G}{\partial T}\right)_P = -\Delta S$   
 (g) According to Trouton's law, the entropy of vaporisation at normal boiling point of benzene ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ ) and water is approximately equal to  $88 \text{ JK}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$ .

### QUESTION 2

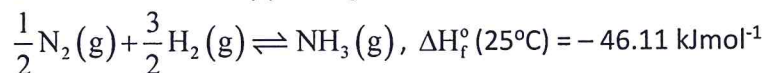
[13]

- (a) State whether  $q$ ,  $w$ ,  $\Delta U$ ,  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta S$  are positive, negative or zero in adiabatic compression of an ideal gas. (5)  
 (b) A sample consisting of 2.00 mol argon (assume to behave as ideal gas) is expanded reversibly and isothermally at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  from  $22.4 \text{ dm}^3$  to  $44.8 \text{ dm}^3$ . For this process, calculate  $q$ ,  $w$ ,  $\Delta U$  and  $\Delta H$ . (8)

**QUESTION 3****[13]**

- (a) Estimate the enthalpy change of formation for
- $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$
- at
- $100^\circ\text{C}$
- given:

(3)



$$C_p(\text{N}_2, \text{g}) = 29.12 \text{ JK}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$$

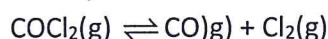
$$C_p(\text{H}_2, \text{g}) = 28.82 \text{ JK}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$C_p(\text{NH}_3, \text{g}) = 35.06 \text{ JK}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$$

- (b) Calculate
- $\Delta G^\circ$
- for 1 mole of
- $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$
- decomposition at 298 K, given
- $K_p = 0.163$
- . If
- $\Delta S^\circ$
- for the reaction is
- $184.2 \text{ JK}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$
- at 298 K, calculate
- $\Delta H^\circ$
- at 298 K.

(3)

- (c) The equilibrium constant of the reaction



was determined as a function of temperature and the data was fitted using the linear form of the van't Hoff isochore and the result was:

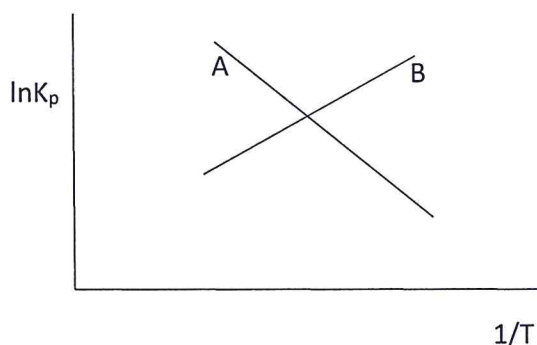
$$\ln K_p = \frac{14080}{T} + 17.85$$

Use these results to obtain  $\Delta H^\circ$ ,  $\Delta S^\circ$  and  $\Delta G^\circ$ .

(4)

- (d) Is the reaction in (c) above endothermic or exothermic? Give a reason for your answer.

Which linear plot A or B in the diagram below best represents this reaction? (3)

**QUESTION 4****[20]**

- (a) Explain briefly why
- conductivity**
- ,
- $\kappa$
- , is not the most convenient quantity to use for the study of electrolytic conduction.

(2)

- (b) The molar conductivities at infinite dilution (in
- $\Omega^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$
- ) of NaCl, HCOONa and HCl are 126.4, 104.6 and 426.1, respectively, at
- $25^\circ\text{C}$
- . The molar conductivity of the carboxylic acid, HCOOH, at a concentration of 0.100 M is
- $50.5 \Omega^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$
- . Calculate the following:

(i) molar conductivity at infinite dilution,  $\Lambda_\infty$ , of HCOOH.

(2)

(ii) dissociation constant  $K_a$  and the pH of the acid solution.

(6)

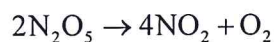
- (c) State the two functions of a salt bridge in an electrochemical cell. (2)
- (d) Given the following electrochemical cell notation  
 $\text{Pt}|\text{Ti}^{3+}(0.1\text{m}), \text{Ti}^{4+}(0.1\text{m})||\text{Cu}^+(0.1\text{m})|\text{Cu}(\text{s})$
- (i) Deduce the overall chemical reaction of the electrochemical cell. (2)
- (ii) If the emf of the cell,  $E_{\text{cell}}$ , is 0.442 V at 25°C, calculate  $\Delta G$ ,  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta S$  for the reaction if the temperature coefficient of the emf is  $-1.25 \times 10^{-4} \text{ VK}^{-1}$  at this temperature. (6)

**QUESTION 5** **[20]**

- (a) What is the overall order of the reaction described by each of the rate expressions below? State the units of the rate coefficient of the rate is in  $\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

(i)  $\text{Rate} = k \frac{[\text{A}]^{1.5}}{[\text{B}]^{1.5}}$  (ii)  $\text{Rate} = k[\text{A}][\text{B}]^{0.5}[\text{C}]^{1.5}$  (4)

- (b) Nitrogen pentoxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ ) gas decomposes according to the reaction



At 328 K, the rate of the reaction under certain conditions is  $0.75 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Assuming that none of the intermediates have appreciable concentrations, determine the values of:

(i)  $\frac{d[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]}{dt}$  (ii)  $\frac{d[\text{NO}_2]}{dt}$  (iii)  $\frac{d[\text{O}_2]}{dt}$  (6)

- (c) The rate of a reaction  $\text{A} \rightarrow \text{Product(s)}$  is given by

$$-\frac{d[\text{A}]}{dt} = k[\text{A}]^2$$

- (i) Derive the integrated rate law equation and state assumptions involved. (7)
- (ii) Deduce the expression for the half-life of A showing your working. (3)

**END OF EXAM**

## LIST OF USEFUL EQUATION AND CONSTANTS

$$\text{Van der Waals eq}^n. \quad P = \frac{nRT}{V - nb} - \frac{n^2 a}{V^2} = \frac{RT}{\bar{V} - b} - \frac{a}{\bar{V}^2}$$

Universal Gas constant	R	=	8.314 J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>
Boltzmann's constant,	k	=	1.381 x 10 <sup>-23</sup> J K <sup>-1</sup>
Planck's constant	h	=	6.626 x 10 <sup>-34</sup> J s
Debye-Hückel's constant,	A	=	0.509 (mol dm <sup>-3</sup> ) <sup>1/2</sup> or mol <sup>-0.5</sup> kg <sup>0.5</sup>
Faraday's constant	F	=	96485 C mol <sup>-1</sup>
Mass of electron	m <sub>e</sub>	=	9.109 x 10 <sup>-31</sup> kg
Velocity of light	c	=	2.998 x 10 <sup>8</sup> m s <sup>-1</sup>
Avogadro's constant	N <sub>A</sub>	=	6.022 x 10 <sup>23</sup>
1 electron volt (eV)		=	1.602 x 10 <sup>-19</sup> J

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