

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

CHEMISTRY

2816/01

Unifying Concepts in Chemistry

Wednesday **19 JUNE 2002** Afternoon 1 hour 15 minutes

Candidates answer on the question paper.

Additional materials:

Data Sheet for Chemistry

Scientific calculator

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in the space above.
- Write your Centre number and Candidate number in the boxes above.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Write your answers in the spaces on the question paper.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

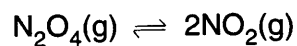
- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication where this is indicated in the question.
- You may use a scientific calculator.
- You may use the *Data Sheet for Chemistry*.
- You are advised to show all the steps in any calculations.

FOR EXAMINER'S USE		
Qu.	Max.	Mark
1	11	
2	18	
3	15	
4	16	
TOTAL	60	

This question paper consists of 10 printed pages and 2 blank pages.

Answer **all** questions.

- 1 A chemist set up an equilibrium system between dinitrogen tetroxide, N_2O_4 , and nitrogen dioxide, NO_2 , at 25°C .



The equilibrium concentrations were: $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4(\text{g})$, $0.0390 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$; $\text{NO}_2(\text{g})$, $0.0150 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$.

- (a) (i) Write the expression for K_c in this equilibrium system.

[1]

- (ii) Calculate K_c for this equilibrium. State the units.

[2]

- (b) The standard enthalpy changes of formation of N_2O_4 and NO_2 are given below.

compound	$\Delta H_f^\ominus/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$
N_2O_4	+9
NO_2	+33

Calculate the standard enthalpy change for the forward reaction in this equilibrium.

[2]

- (c) This equilibrium system was heated at constant pressure. How would you expect the relative proportions of N_2O_4 and NO_2 to change? Explain your answer.

change

explanation

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- (d) NO_2 and N_2O_4 are both poisonous. After this investigation, the chemist needed to dispose of 0.00465 mol N_2O_4 safely. The chemist decided to do this by reacting the N_2O_4 with an alkali and chose aqueous sodium hydroxide.



Calculate the minimum volume of $0.300 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$ required to dispose of this amount of N_2O_4 .

[3]

[Total : 11]

- 2 The reaction between hydrogen, H_2 , and nitrogen monoxide, NO , has the following rate equation.

$$\text{rate} = k[\text{H}_2(\text{g})][\text{NO}(\text{g})]^2$$

- (a) Using $6.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$ and $3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ $\text{NO}(\text{g})$, the initial rate of this reaction was $4.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

Calculate the rate constant, k , for this reaction and state its units.

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- (b) Predict what would happen to the reaction rate after the following changes in concentrations. Show your reasoning.

- (i) The concentration of $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$ is doubled.

effect on rate

reason

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- (ii) The concentration of $\text{NO}(\text{g})$ is halved.

effect on rate

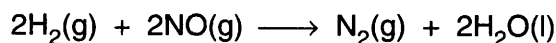
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- (iii) The concentrations of $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$ and $\text{NO}(\text{g})$ are both tripled.

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- (c) The overall equation for the reaction between hydrogen and nitrogen monoxide is shown below.

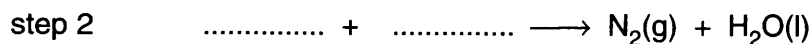
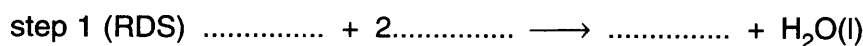


This reaction takes place by a two step mechanism with the rate-determining step taking place first.

- (i) Explain the term *rate-determining step*.

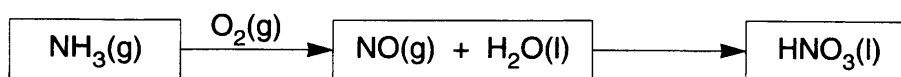
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- (ii) Suggest the two steps for this reaction and write their equations below. The equation for the rate-determining step (RDS) has been partly completed.



[2]

- (d) Each year in the UK, 700 000 tonnes of nitric acid, HNO_3 , are manufactured for the production of fertilisers, dyes, explosives, etc. Nitrogen monoxide, NO , is prepared as an intermediate in the production of nitric acid from ammonia, NH_3 .



- (i) What is the oxidation state of nitrogen in the following?

NH_3

NO

HNO_3 [3]

- (ii) Construct a balanced equation for the formation of $\text{NO}(\text{g})$ from $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$.

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- (iii) Assuming that 1 mol NH_3 produces 1 mol HNO_3 , calculate the mass of NH_3 that is required to meet the annual demand for HNO_3 in the UK.

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[Total : 18]

- 3 Alpha hydroxy acids (AHAs) are monobasic organic acids, used in skin creams to combat the appearance of ageing. Approximately 1% solutions of AHAs remove wrinkles as the low pH aggravates the skin, causing it to swell. More concentrated solutions (approximately 12% or 1.5 mol dm^{-3}) are used to remove dead skin.

(a) An AHA was analysed and had the percentage composition by mass:

C, 40.0%; H, 6.7%; O, 53.3%. $M_r = 90$.

Calculate the molecular formula of this AHA.

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- (b) Calculate the pH of a 1.5 mol dm^{-3} solution of an AHA with an acid dissociation constant, K_a , of $1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$. Show your working.

[4]

- (c) Beauty treatments often contain buffers. An example of a buffer is a mixture of ethanoic acid, CH_3COOH , and an ethanoate salt such as sodium ethanoate, CH_3COONa .

(i) Explain what is meant by a *buffer solution*.

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(ii) Write the chemical equation for the equilibrium in this buffer system.

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(iii) Explain how this buffer solution works. Use equations where appropriate.

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(d) A buffer solution was prepared using equal concentrations of CH_3COOH and CH_3COONa .

What would be the effect on the pH of this buffer solution of adding some solid CH_3COONa ? Explain your answer.

effect on pH

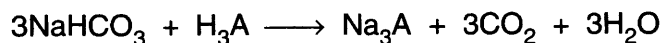
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- (b) An *Alka-Seltzer* tablet contains about 0.5 g sodium hydrogencarbonate, NaHCO_3 , and an excess of citric acid. When water is added to an *Alka-Seltzer* tablet, carbon dioxide gas is released.

The equation for the reaction that takes place is shown below. The formula of citric acid has been simplified as H_3A .



- (i) Explain, using ionic equations, how the addition of water allows the release of carbon dioxide from an *Alka-Seltzer* tablet.

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- (ii) Calculate the minimum mass of citric acid that needs to be in an *Alka-Seltzer* tablet to ensure that all the sodium hydrogencarbonate reacts. (M_r citric acid: 192)

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