

Chemistry 1B, Exam II
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TOTAL EXAM SCORE (100) _____

Rules:

- Work all problems to 3 significant figures
- No lecture notes or books permitted
- No word processing calculators
- Time: 50 minutes
- Show all work to get partial credit
- Periodic Table, Tables of Physical Constants, Conversion Factors, and Key Equations included

1. (10 points) A thermodynamic engine operates cyclically and reversibly between two temperature reservoirs, absorbing heat from the high-temperature bath at 450 K and discharging heat to the low-temperature bath at 300 K. How much heat is discarded to the low-temperature bath if 1500 J of heat is absorbed from the high-temperature bath during each cycle?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{q_H}{T_H} &= \frac{q_L}{T_L} \rightarrow q_L = \frac{q_H \cdot T_L}{T_H} \\ &= \frac{1500 \text{ J} \cdot 300 \text{ K}}{450 \text{ K}} \\ &= \boxed{1000 \text{ J}} \\ &\quad (1.00 \times 10^3 \text{ J w/ 3 sf}) \end{aligned}$$

2. (10 points) The strongest known chemical bond is that in carbon monoxide, CO, with bond enthalpy of $1.05 \times 10^3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$. Furthermore, the entropy increase in a gaseous dissociation of the kind $AB \rightleftharpoons A + B$ is about $110 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$. These factors establish a temperature above which there is essentially no chemistry of molecules. Show why this is so, and find the temperature.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G &= \Delta H - T\Delta S = 0 \quad \text{@ equilibrium} \\ &\quad \downarrow \text{above this temperature, the forward rxn} \\ &\quad \text{will dominate } AB \rightarrow A + B \quad (\Delta G < 0) \\ T &= \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta S} = \frac{1.05 \times 10^3 \text{ kJ/mol}}{0.110 \text{ kJ/mol}\cdot\text{K}} = 9545 \text{ K} \\ &= \boxed{9500 \text{ K}} \\ &\quad (9550 \text{ K w/ 3 s.f.}) \end{aligned}$$

3. (8 points each) Consider the combustion of methane (CH_4) occurring at 2500 K:

A) Calculate the total maximum work that can be extracted from the reaction.

$$\text{CH}_4(g) + 2\text{O}_2(g) \rightarrow \text{CO}_2(g) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(g)$$

$$W_{\text{max(heat)}} = \Delta A = \Delta H - T\Delta S - P\Delta V$$

$$= \Delta H - T\Delta S - \Delta n RT$$

$$= -802340 \text{ J} - 2500\text{K}(-5.14 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}}) - 0$$

$$= -789490 \text{ J}$$

$$= \boxed{-789 \text{ kJ}}$$

$$\Delta H = [1(-393.51) + 2(-241.82)] - [1(-79.9)]$$

$$= -802.34 \text{ kJ}$$

$$\Delta S = [1(213.63) + 2(188.72)] - [1(186.15) + 2(205.1)]$$

$$= -5.14 \text{ J/K}$$

$$\Delta n = [1+2] - [1+2] = 0$$

B) If this reaction is used to drive an internal combustion engine wherein the exhaust is removed to a cold reservoir at $T = 1000 \text{ K}$, calculate the maximum work that this engine could perform

$$W_{\text{max}} = W_{\text{max(heat)}} \times \epsilon$$

$$= W_{\text{max(heat)}} \times \left(1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H}\right)$$

$$= -789 \text{ kJ} \left(1 - \frac{1000\text{K}}{2500\text{K}}\right) = \boxed{-473 \text{ kJ}}$$

C) Calculate the electrical work that could be extracted from the reaction in a fuel cell (at 2500 K).

$$W_{\text{max(elec)}} = \Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S = \boxed{-789 \text{ kJ}} \quad (\text{same as part (a)})$$

D) Calculate the voltage output of this fuel cell.

$$\Delta G = -nF\Delta E \quad n = \# e^-$$

$$\Delta E = -\frac{\Delta G}{nF}$$

$$= \frac{789 \times 10^3 \text{ J}}{(8 \text{ mole}) (96485 \text{ C/mole})} = \boxed{1.02 \text{ V}}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{C}^{+4} \quad \text{O}^{-2} \\ \text{CH}_4 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{C}^{+4} \quad \text{O}^{-2} \\ \text{CO}_2 \end{array}$$

E) If this fuel cell can produce 50 amps of current, what is the power that it can produce?

$$P = I \Delta E = (50 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{s}}) (1.02 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{C}}) = \boxed{51 \text{ W}}$$

4. (10+10 points)

A) A $\text{Ni}|\text{Ni}^{2+}||\text{Ag}^+|\text{Ag}$ galvanic cell is constructed in which the standard cell voltage is 1.03 V. Calculate the free energy change at 25°C when 1.00 g of silver plates out, if all concentrations remain at their standard value of 1 M throughout the process.

$$\Delta G = -nF\Delta E^\circ \quad \text{Ni(s)} + 2\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Ni}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{Ag(s)}$$

$$= -(2\text{ mol e}^-)(96485 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{mol e}^-})(1.03 \text{ V})$$

$$= -199 \text{ kJ per mol rxn}$$

$$\frac{-199 \text{ kJ}}{\text{mol rxn}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ mol rxn}}{2 \text{ mol Ag}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ mol Ag}}{107.87 \text{ g Ag}} \times 1.00 \text{ g Ag} = -0.922 \text{ kJ}$$

$$= \boxed{-922 \text{ J}}$$

B) What is the maximum electrical work done by the cell on its surroundings during this experiment if the ion concentrations drop to 0.20 M?

$$\Delta E = \Delta E^\circ - \frac{0.0592}{n} \log Q \quad Q = \frac{[\text{Ni}^{2+}]}{[\text{Ag}^+]^2}$$

$$= 1.03 \text{ V} - \frac{0.0592}{2} \log \frac{(0.2 \text{ M})}{(0.2 \text{ M})^2}$$

$$= 1.01 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta G = -nF\Delta E = -(2 \text{ mol e}^-)(96485 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{mol e}^-})(1.01 \text{ V})$$

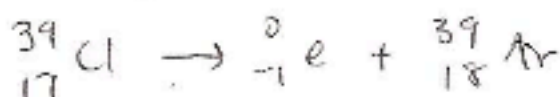
$$= \boxed{-195 \text{ kJ}}$$

5. (2 points each) Briefly rationalize the following observations regarding the cosmic abundance of the elements:

- A) Even Z nuclei are more abundant than odd Z nuclei nuclear shell theory
(spin pairing of protons).
- B) H and He comprise 88.6% and 11.3% of the atoms in the Universe originated
in the big bang.
- C) In the lighter elements, those with mass number divisible by 4 are more abundant formed
from ${}^4_2\text{He}$ fusion cycle.
- D) ${}^{56}\text{Fe}$ is considerably more abundant than adjacent mass number elements it has
the most stable nucleus.
- E) Li, Be, and B are very rare compared to neighboring elements very short lived
and used to create heavier elements.

6. (5 points each) Write balanced equations that represent the following nuclear reactions.

- A) Beta emission by ${}^{39}_{17}\text{Cl}$



- B) Alpha emission by ${}^{226}_{88}\text{Ra}$

