

**Chemistry 1B, Exam II**  
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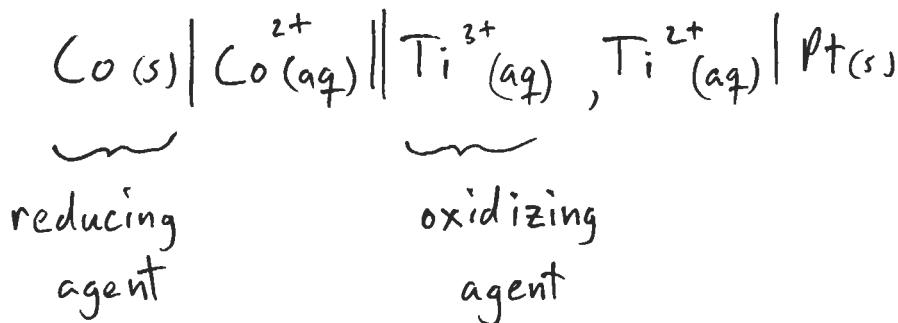
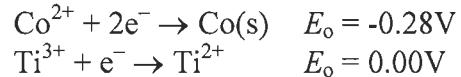
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**TOTAL EXAM SCORE (100)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rules:**

- Work all problems to 2 significant figures
- No lecture notes or books permitted
- No word processing calculators
- Time: 90 minutes
- Show all work to get partial credit
- Periodic Table, Tables of Physical Constants, and Conversion Factors included

1. (10 points) Suppose that the following redox couple is joined to form a galvanic cell that generates a current under standard conditions. Identify the oxidizing agent and the reducing agent, write a cell diagram, and calculate the standard cell emf.



$$E^\circ = 0.00\text{V} - (-0.28\text{V}) = \boxed{0.28\text{V}}$$

2. (2 points each) The total world energy consumption is 14 TW, which is increasing

at a rate of 5% per year, corresponding to a doubling time of 14 years.

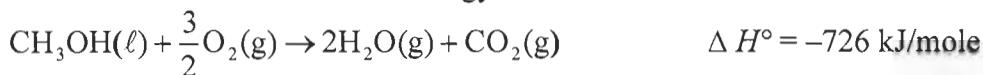
Transportation accounts for 27 % of this energy use. A typical gasoline auto engine operates at a

maximum efficiency near 30 - 50 %, wasting much of this energy.

thermal

14% also accepted

3. (5 points each) Consider the following chemical reaction (note: 6 electrons are transferred) as a potential source of abundant clean energy for the world:



Partial pressures are 1 bar

$$\begin{aligned} S^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})) &= 189 \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{ mole}^{-1} \\ S^\circ(\text{CO}_2(\text{g})) &= 198 \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{ mole}^{-1} \\ S^\circ(\text{O}_2(\text{g})) &= 205 \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{ mole}^{-1} \\ S^\circ(\text{CH}_3\text{OH}(\ell)) &= 127 \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{ mole}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

- a) Calculate the maximum possible efficiency for using this reaction in an internal combustion engine operating between temperatures of 2800K and 800K with a compression ratio of 15.

$$\text{eff} = 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_h} = 1 - \frac{800\text{K}}{2800\text{K}} = 0.714$$

71.4 %

- b) Calculate the maximum electrical work obtainable from a methanol fuel cell operating at 1000K.

$$\begin{aligned} w_{e_{\max}} &= \Delta G = \Delta H - T \Delta S \\ &= -726 \text{ kJ/mol} - (1000\text{K}) \left( 2 \left( 189 \text{ J/mol K} \right) + 198 \text{ J/mol K} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 127 \text{ J/mol K} - \frac{3}{2} (205 \text{ J/mol K}) \right) \\ &= \boxed{-868 \text{ kJ/mol}} \end{aligned}$$

- c) Calculate the maximum electrical power obtainable from the fuel cell above if it can produce a current of 1.0 amperes.

$$\begin{aligned} P &= IE \quad \Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ \\ E^\circ &= -\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{nF} = -\frac{(-868 \text{ kJ/mol})}{6(96485 \text{ C/mol e}^-)} = 1.50V \end{aligned}$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln Q \quad Q = \frac{(1 \text{ bar})^2 (1 \text{ bar})}{(1 \text{ bar})^{3/2}} = 1 \Rightarrow \ln Q = 0$$

$$P = (1\text{A})(1.5\text{V}) = \boxed{1.5\text{W}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = E^\circ$$

- d) Calculate the maximum total work obtainable from this reaction at 1000K and 1 atm pressure  
 (hint: use ideal gas approximation).

$$W_{\text{Tot}} = W_{\text{elec}} + W_{\text{PV}}$$

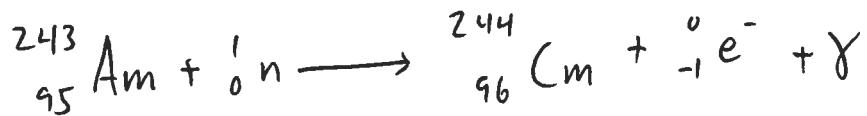
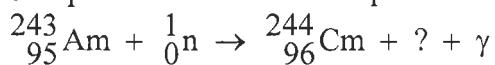
$$W_{\text{PV}} = P \Delta V = \Delta n R T = (1.5 \text{ mol}) (8.314 \text{ J/mol K}) (1000 \text{ K})$$

$$= 12.5 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$W_{\text{Tot}} = -86.8 \text{ kJ/mol} - 12.5 \text{ kJ/mol} = \boxed{-880 \text{ kJ/mol}}$$

**4. (5 points each)**

- a) Complete and balance the equation for the nuclear reaction:



or  $\beta^-$

- b) Calculate the energy liberated in this reaction (kJ/mol). Use attached table.

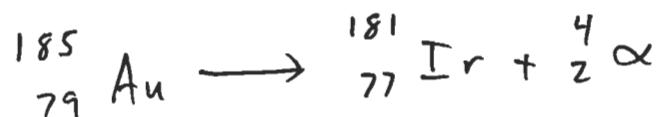
$$\Delta m = (244.063 \text{ u}) (1.6605 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg/u}) + 9.109390 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$- \left[ (243.061) (1.6605 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg/u}) + 1.674929 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \right]$$

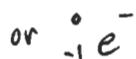
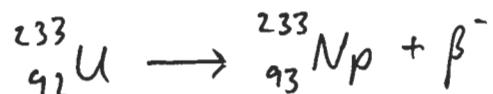
$$= -1.08 \times 10^{-29} \text{ kg} \Rightarrow E = \Delta m c^2 = (-1.08 \times 10^{-29} \text{ kg}) (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})^2$$

$$\boxed{E = 5.83 \times 10^8 \text{ kJ/mol}}$$

- c) Write the balanced equation for  $\alpha$  decay of gold - 185.

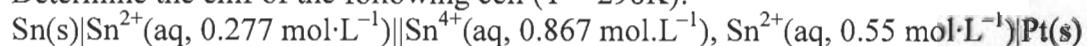
or  $\alpha$ 

- d) Write the balanced equation for the  $\beta^-$  decay of uranium -233.

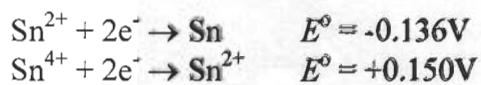


5. (10+5+10 points)

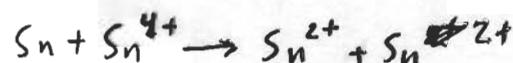
- a) Determine the emf of the following cell ( $T = 298\text{K}$ ):



$$E^\circ = 0.150\text{V} - (-0.136\text{V}) = 0.286\text{V}$$



$$E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{[\text{Sn}^{2+}][\text{Sn}^{2+}]}{[\text{Sn}^{4+}]}$$



$$= 0.286\text{V} - \frac{(8.314 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\text{ mol}^{-1})(298\text{K})}{2(96485 \text{ C}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})} \ln \frac{(0.277)(0.55)}{(0.867)}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = 0.308 \boxed{0.31\text{V}}$$

- b) Calculate the maximum electrical work that can be produced by this cell.

$$\Delta G = -nFE$$

$$= -2(96485 \text{ C/mol}^{-1})(0.31V)$$

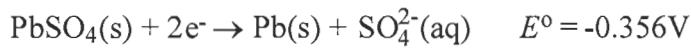
$$\Delta G = \boxed{-60.3 \text{ kJ/mol}}$$

- c) Calculate the equilibrium constant for the overall cell reaction.

$$\ln K = \frac{nFE^\circ}{RT} = \frac{2(96485 \text{ C/mol}^{-1})(0.286V)}{(8.314 \text{ J/mol/K})(298K)} = 22.3$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{K = 4.7 \times 10^9}$$

6. (10+5 points) The relevant half-reactions for the fully charged lead-acid battery (written as reductions) are:



$$([\text{H}^+] = [\text{SO}_4^{2-}] = 6.0 \text{ M})$$

- a) Calculate the maximum electrical power available from this battery if a current of 120 amps is produced at 298K.

$$E^\circ = 1.685\text{V} - (-0.356\text{V}) = 2.041\text{V}$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln Q = 2.041\text{V} - \frac{(8.314)(298)}{2(96485)} \ln \left( \frac{1}{6^4 \cdot 6} \right)$$

$\text{H}^+$        $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$

$$E = 2.156\text{V}$$

$$P = IE = (120\text{A})(2.156\text{V}) = \boxed{260\text{W}}$$

- b) Estimate the energy equivalent (EE) for this battery (assume it is all Pb).

$$\Delta G = -nFE = -2(96485 \text{ C}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})(2.156 \text{ V})$$

$$= 416 \text{ kJ/mol Pb}$$

$$\left( \frac{416 \text{ kJ}}{1 \text{ mol Pb}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ mol Pb}}{207.2 \text{ g Pb}} \right) = 2.0 \times 10^3 \text{ kJ/kg Pb}$$