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QUESTION 1



Four possible options are provided as possible answers to the following questions. Each question has only ONE correct answer. Choose the answer and write only the letter (A – D) next to the question number (1.1 – 1.10 in the ANSWER BOOK, e.g. 1.11 E.

1.1 Which one of the following compounds is not an ester?

- A $C_3H_8O_2$
- B $C_2H_4O_2$
- C $C_3H_6O_2$
- D $C_4H_8O_2$

(2)

1.2 In which ONE of the following options are the three compounds arranged in order of increasing boiling points?

A	CH_3CH_2COOH	$CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$	$CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$
B	$CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$	$CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$	CH_3CH_2COOH
C	$CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$	$CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$	CH_3CH_2COOH
D	$CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$	CH_3CH_2COOH	$CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$

(2)

1.3 Which of the following reactions can be used to prepare ethane from octane?

- A Addition
- B Hydrogenation
- C Cracking
- D Substitution

(2)

1.4 The molecular formula of 1,2-dichlorobutane is:

- A $C_4H_{11}Cl$
- B C_5H_5Cl
- C $C_4H_8Cl_2$
- D $C_6H_8Cl_2$

(2)

1.5 According to the Collision Theory, reaction rate increases if there is:

- A Decrease in temperature.
- B Decrease in activation energy.
- C Decrease in concentration.
- D Decrease in kinetic energy of molecules.

(2)

1.6 Which one of the following statements correctly describes the characteristics of an endothermic reaction?

- A ΔH is positive and the products have less energy than the reactants.
- B ΔH is positive and the products have more energy than the reactants.
- C ΔH is negative and the products have less energy than the reactants.
- D ΔH is negative and the products have more energy than the reactants.

(2)

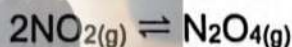
A system is at chemical equilibrium. Which of the following will change as the temperature of the equilibrium mixture is changed?

- (i) Total mass of reactants and products.
- (ii) K_c value.
- (iii) Rate of the reverse reaction.

- A (i) only
- B (i) and (iii) only
- C (ii) and (iii) only
- D (i), (ii) and (iii)

(2)

Consider the balanced chemical equation for the following reaction in equilibrium.



The equilibrium constant, K_c , for this reaction is 170,3 at 30°C.

What is the equilibrium constant for the reverse reaction?

- A $\sqrt{170,3}$
- B $\frac{170,3}{2}$
- C $\frac{1}{170,3}$
- D $170,3^2$

(2)

Which one of the following is true for an acidic solution at 25°C?

- A It contains both H_3O^+ ions and OH^- ions.
- B It contains H_3O^+ ions only.
- C It contains OH^- ions only.
- D It contains neither H_3O^+ ions nor OH^- ions.

(2)

Which one of the following is a strong acid?

- A H_2O .
- B HBr .
- C H_2S .
- D CH_3COOH .

(2)

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QUESTION 2

2.1 The letters A to G in the table below represent seven organic compounds.

A But-1-ene	B 1-bromopropan-2-one	C Propanoic acid
D $\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \\ \\ \text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_3 \end{array}$	E $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} & \text{H} \\ & \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\ & \\ \text{H} & \text{H} \end{array}$	F $\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \\ \\ \text{CH}_3-\text{C}-\text{CH}_3 \\ \\ \text{OH} \end{array}$
G $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{O} \\ & & & \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C} \\ & & & \\ \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{Br} & \text{H} \end{array}$	H $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CCH}$	

2.1 Write down the LETTER(S) which represents:

- 2.1.1 An alcohol. (1)
- 2.1.2 A carboxylic acid. (1)
- 2.1.3 A positional isomer of but-2-ene. (1)
- 2.1.4 A product formed by the hydrolysis of a haloalkane. (1)
- 2.1.5 Unsaturated compound(s). (2)
- 2.1.6 A compound with a formyl functional group. (1)
- 2.1.7 A compound with a pleasant smell. (1)

2.2 Write down the IUPAC name of:

- 2.2.1 Compound D. (2)
- 2.2.2 Compound F. (3)
- 2.2.3 Compound G. (2)
- 2.2.4 Compound H. (3)

2.3 Write down the structural formula of:

- 2.3.1 Compound A. (2)
- 2.3.2 Compound C. (2)

2.4 Write down:

- 2.4.1 The molecular formula of a functional isomer of compound E. (1)

- 2.4.2 The structural formula of the functional group of compound B. (1)
- 2.4.3 The condensed structural formula of the acid that was used to make compound E. (2)
- 2.4.4 Name of the alcohol used for the preparation of compound E. (1)
- 2.4.5 The name of the functional group of compound G. (1)
- 2.4.6 The homologous series to which compound H belongs. (1)

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QUESTION 3

Five carboxylic acids represented by the letters **A** to **E** are listed in the table below.

A	Butanoic acid	D	3-methylpentanoic acid
B	Hexanoic acid	E	2,2-dimethylbutanoic acid
C	Octanoic acid		

Learners conduct an investigation to compare the boiling points of the first three carboxylic acids (**A**, **B** and **C**) in the table above.

- 3.1.1 Define the term "boiling point". (2)
- 3.1.2 Name one MAIN item of apparatus they used in their investigation. (1)
- State for this investigation:
- 3.2.1 The independent variable. (1)
- 3.2.2 The dependent variable. (1)
- 3.2.3 A suitable hypothesis. (2)

The boiling point of compound **B** is higher than the boiling point of compound **A**. Which intermolecular force(s) is/are responsible this difference? (2)

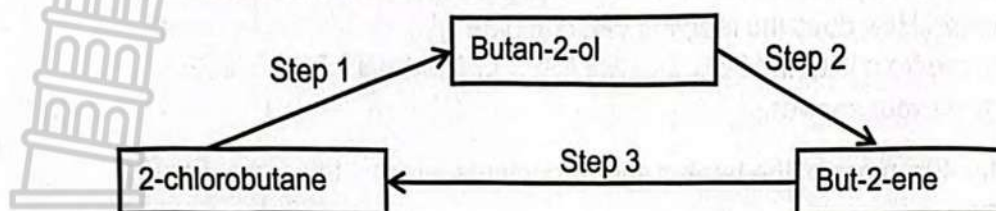
Which one of **D** or **E** has the higher vapour pressure at room temperature? (1)

Refer to the intermolecular forces in **D** and **E** to explain your answer in 3.4 (3)

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QUESTION 4

Under the appropriate reaction conditions, 2-chlorobutane can be converted to but-2-ene and but-2-ene can be converted back to 2-chlorobutane. The flow diagram below illustrates a method to do this.

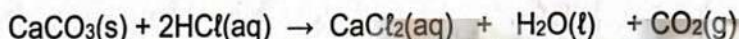


- 4.1 Is 2-chlorobutane a PRIMARY, SECONDARY or TERTIARY haloalkane? (3)
Give a reason for your answer.
- 4.2 Name the type of reaction taking place in Step 1. (2)
- 4.3 Use condensed structural formulae to write a balanced chemical equation for the reaction taking place in Step 2. (3)
- 4.4 Write down the reaction conditions for Step 1. (2)
- 4.5 Write down the NAME and FORMULA of an acid catalyst that can be used in the Step 2. (2)
- 4.6 Write down the type of addition reaction that takes place in step 3. (1)

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QUESTION 5

When excess dilute HCl is used to dissolve 1,00 g of powdered $\text{CaCO}_3(\text{s})$ in a beaker in an experiment on reaction rate, the following reaction takes place:



The results obtained are summarised in the table below:

Mass of beaker, HCl and $\text{CaCO}_3(\text{s})$ (g)	31,0	30,60	30,3	30,1	30,0	30,0
Time (s)	0	10	20	30	40	50

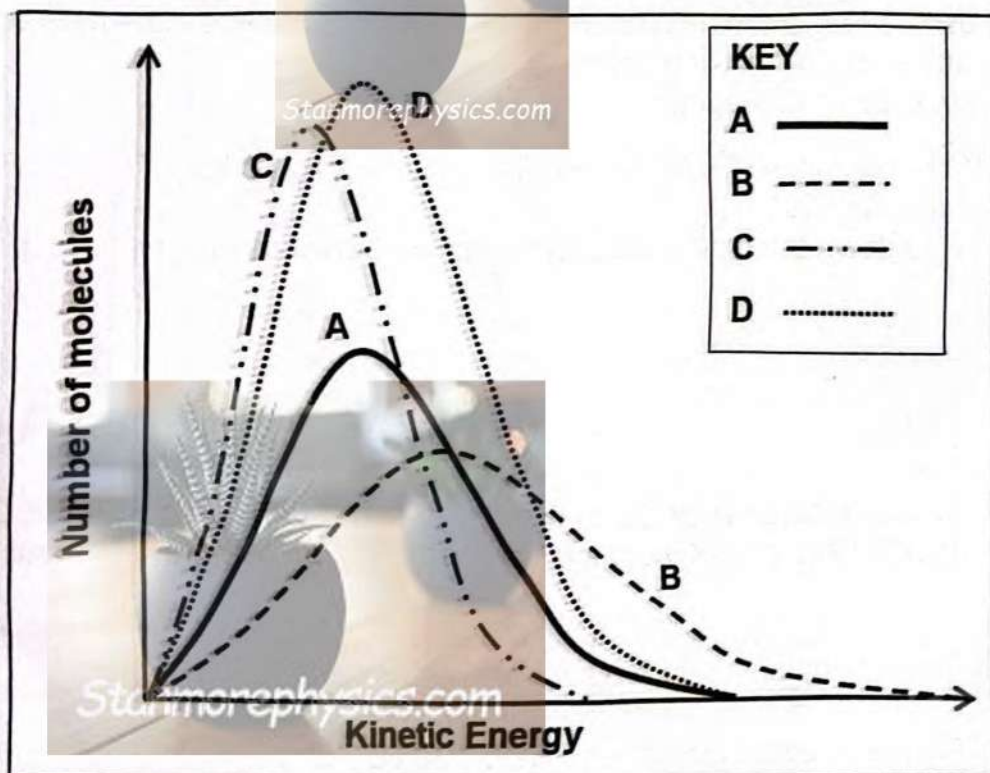
- 5.1 Define the term 'limiting reagent'. (2)
- 5.2 The "excess HCl" does not influence the results. Give a reason for this. (1)
- 5.3 Calculate the amount of $\text{CaCO}_3(\text{s})$ that was used up in the first 10s of the reaction in moles. (3)
- 5.4 Write down the amount of $\text{CaCl}_2(\text{s})$ that was produced in the first 10s of the reaction. (1)
- 5.5 Use your answer in 5.3 to calculate the rate of the reaction in the first 10s in $\text{mol}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$. (3)
- 5.6 Calculate the volume of $\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$ that was collected at STP in this experiment. (4)

When the dilute HCl is replaced by concentrated HCl , the rate of the reaction between HCl and CaCO_3 increases. Use the collision theory to explain this observation. (3)

The same experiment was repeated using CaCO_3 granules instead of powder. How does the reaction rate compare with the first experiment? Choose from INCREASES, DECREASES or REMAINS THE SAME. Explain your answer. (3)

After 40s, mass of the beaker and its contents remains the same. Explain why. (1)

The Maxwell-Boltzmann curve labelled **A** shows the distribution of molecular energies in **0,4 mol** of nitrogen gas (N_2) at STP.



10.1 Which of the curves **B**, **C** or **D** represents 0,4 mol of nitrogen gas at a lower temperature? (1)

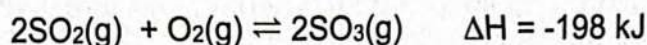
10.2 Which of curves **B**, **C** or **D** represents 0,8 mol of nitrogen gas at STP? (1)

10.3 Explain your answer to 5.10.2 above. (3)

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QUESTION 6

- 6.1 x moles of $\text{SO}_2(\text{g})$ and 40g of $\text{O}_2(\text{g})$ are injected into a 500cm^3 container at 450°C . The container is then sealed and the following equilibrium is established:

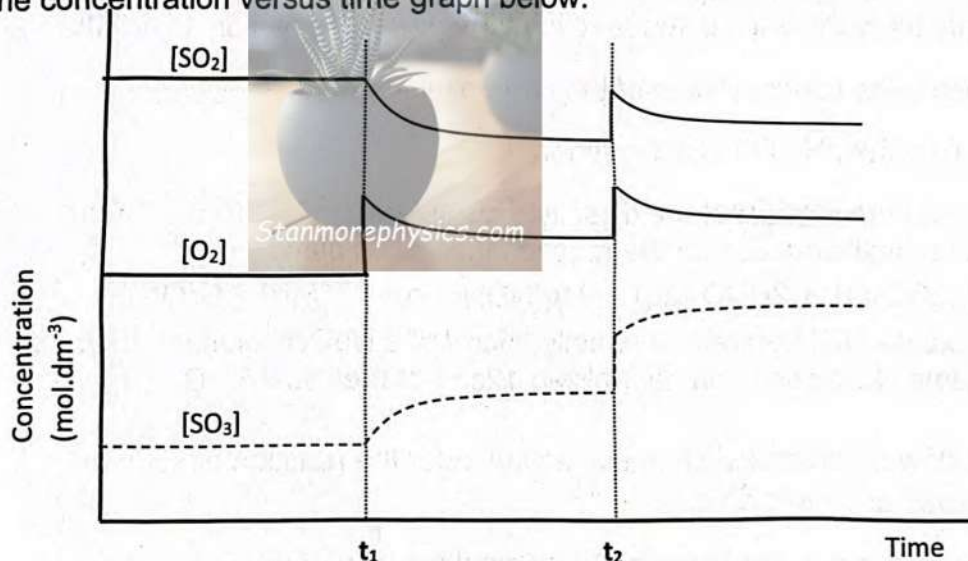


An analysis of the reaction mixture showed that the concentration of $\text{O}_2(\text{g})$ at equilibrium was $1,5 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$. The K_c value for this reaction at 450°C is 42,67.

Calculate the initial number of moles (x) of SO_2 .

(8)

Changes are made to the equilibrium at times t_1 and t_2 respectively, as shown in the concentration versus time graph below.



- 6.2 Identify the change that was made to the equilibrium at:

6.2.1 t_1 (2)

6.2.2 t_2 (2)

6.2.3 Give an explanation for your answer in Question 6.2.2 using Le Chatelier's principle. (4)

- 6.3 Potassium dichromate is a salt that dissolves in water to establish the following equilibrium.



Orange Yellow

6.3.1 Explain what is meant by the term 'closed system' as applied to chemical equilibrium. (2)

6.3.2 Sodium hydroxide is added to the orange solution. What observation is made upon this addition? (1)

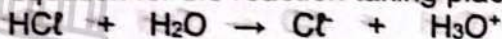
6.3.3 Explain your answer to Question 6.3.2 using Le Chatelier's principle. (3)

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QUESTION 7

Define an acid according to the Lowry Bronsted theory. (2)

3,65 g of HCl(g) are dissolved in 200 cm^3 of distilled water to prepare an acidic solution. The final temperature of the mixture is 25°C . The balanced equation for the reaction taking place is:



7.2.1 Write down the conjugate acid-base pairs in this reaction. (2)

7.2.2 Define an ampholyte. (2)

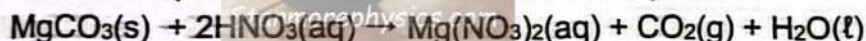
7.2.3 Write down the formula of a substance in the reaction given above, which can act as an ampholyte. (1)

7.2.4 Identify the substance in the reaction that gives the solution its acidity. (1)

7.2.5 Calculate the concentration of the HCl solution prepared. (3)

7.2.6 Calculate the pH of the HCl solution. (3)

1,68g of pure $\text{MgCO}_3(\text{s})$ are dissolved completely in 39cm^3 of HNO_3 . The chemical equation for the reaction that takes place is:



The excess HCl neutralizes exactly 25cm^3 of a NaOH solution. 15cm^3 of the same NaOH solution neutralized 12cm^3 of the initial HNO_3 .

7.3.1 Write down a balanced chemical equation for the reaction of sodium hydroxide and nitric acid. (3)

7.3.2 Calculate the concentration of the original solution of HNO_3 . (10)

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TABLE 1: PHYSICAL CONSTANTS/TABEL 1: FISIESE KONSTANTES

NAME/NAAM	SYMBOL/SIMBOOL	VALUE/WAARDE
Standard pressure <i>Standaarddruk</i>	p^θ	$1,013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
Molar gas volume at STP <i>Molêre gasvolume by STD</i>	V_m	$22,4 \text{ dm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$
Standard temperature <i>Standaardtemperatuur</i>	T^θ	273 K

TABLE 2: FORMULAE/TABEL 2: FORMULES

$n = \frac{m}{M}$	$c = \frac{n}{V}$
$E_{\text{cell}}^\theta = E_{\text{cathode}}^\theta - E_{\text{anode}}^\theta$ / $E_{\text{sel}}^\theta = E_{\text{katode}}^\theta - E_{\text{anode}}^\theta$	
$E_{\text{cell}}^\theta = E_{\text{reduction}}^\theta - E_{\text{oxidation}}^\theta$ / $E_{\text{sel}}^\theta = E_{\text{reduksie}}^\theta - E_{\text{oksidasie}}^\theta$	
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1.7 C✓✓

1.8 C✓✓

1.9 A✓✓

1.10 B✓✓



QUESTION 2

2.1

2.1.1 F✓

2.1.2 C✓

2.1.3 A✓

2.1.4 F✓

2.1.5 A✓ and H✓

2.1.6 G✓

2.1.7 E✓

2.2

2.2.1 2-methyl✓butane✓

2.2.2 methyl✓propan-2-ol✓✓

2.2.3 2-bromo✓butanal✓

Notes:

1. Methyl identified✓
2. Propanol✓
3. Whole structure correct✓

(2)

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2.2.4 3,3-dimethylpent-1-yne✓✓

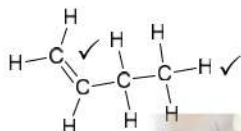
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2. Pentyne✓
3. Whole structure correct✓

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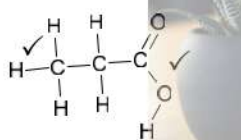


Notes:

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2. Whole structure correct✓

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2.3.2



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2. Whole structure correct✓

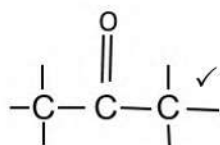
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2.4

2.4.1 $C_3H_6O_2$ ✓

(1)

2.4.2



(1)

2.4.3 CH_3COOH ✓✓/(Accept: $CH_3 - COOH$)

(2)

2.4.4 Methanol✓

(1)

2.4.5 Formyl✓ (group)/Accept: carbonyl

(1)

2.4.6 Alkyne✓

(1)

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QUESTION 3

3.1

3.1.1 The temperature at which the vapour pressure is equal to the atmospheric pressure.✓✓ (2 or 0)

(2)

3.1.2 Thermometer✓/Accept: Bunsen burner/heat source/flame

(1)

3.2

3.2.1 Molar mass✓/molecular size/chain length/number of C atoms/surface area

(1)

3.2.2 Boiling point✓ (1)

3.2.3 Relationship between dependant and independent variables:

As molar mass/molecular size/chain length increases✓ the boiling point also increases. ✓

OR

As molar mass/molecular size/chain length decreases✓ the boiling point also decreases. ✓

(DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL NOT ACCEPTED) (2)

3.3 London forces✓✓/Accept: Dipole-dipole forces (2)

3.4 E✓ (1)

3.5 E has a smaller surface area/shorter chain length/more spherical✓ than D therefore the intermolecular forces in E are weaker✓ and need less energy to overcome than those in D. ✓ (3)

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QUESTION 4

4.1 Secondary.✓The carbon atom bonded to the halogen/chlorine, is bonded to two other carbon atoms.✓✓ (3)

4.2 Substitution/hydrolysis ✓✓ (2)

4.3 $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CHCHCH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ✓ (✓ balancing)
Marking criteria if correct structural formula was used (-1 mark) (3)

4.4 Dilute strong base/Dilute NaOH✓✓/Excess water/moderate heat/ethanol as solvent (2)

4.5 Sulphuric acid✓
 H_2SO_4 ✓ (2)

4.6 Hydrohalogenation/hydrochlorination✓ (1)

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QUESTION 5

5.1 Reactant that is totally consumed when a chemical reaction is completed.✓✓ (2 or 0) (2)

5.2 CaCO_3 is the limiting reagent✓ (1)

5.3
$$n_{(\text{CaCO}_3)} = \frac{m}{M} \checkmark$$
$$= \frac{0,4}{100} \checkmark$$
$$= 0,004 \text{ mol} \checkmark$$
 (3)

5.4 Positive marking from Question 5.3
 $0,004 \text{ mol} \checkmark$ (1)

5.5 Positive marking from Question 5.3
$$\text{Rate} = \frac{n}{\Delta t} \checkmark$$
$$= \frac{0,004}{10} \checkmark$$
$$= 0,0004 \text{ mol/s} \checkmark$$
 (3)

5.6 $n_{(\text{CO}_2)\text{formed}} = n_{(\text{CaCO}_3)\text{reacted}} = 0,004 \text{ mol} \checkmark$
$$n = \frac{V}{V_m} \checkmark$$
$$0,004 = \frac{V}{22,4} \checkmark$$
$$V = 0,896 \text{ dm}^3 \checkmark$$

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 (0)

5.7 When concentration is increased, there are more reactant particles✓ in the same volume, the number of effective collisions per unit time increase,✓✓ increase in the rate of reaction. (3)

5.8 Decreases.✓ When granules are used, the surface area decreases✓ and therefore the number of effective collisions per unit time decreases.✓ (3)

5.9 The reaction is complete/ CaCO_3 has been used up.✓ (1)

5.10



5.10.1 C✓

(1)

5.10.2 D✓

(1)

5.10.3 The average kinetic energy is the same✓ as for graph A showing that the temperature is the same. The area under the graph D is double/larger✓ showing that the quantity of nitrogen gas is larger. ✓

(3)

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QUESTION 6



6.1

OPTION 1	2SO ₂	O ₂	2SO ₃
Initial amount(mol)	1,25✓	0	
Change	1,0	0,5	1,0
Equilibrium amount	x - 1,0	0,75	1,0
Equilibrium conc.	$\frac{x - 1,0}{0,5}$	1,5	2

✓(ratio)

✓

✓(÷ 0,5)

OPTION 2

	2SO ₂	O ₂	2SO ₃
Initial amount(mol)	$\frac{x}{0,5}$	2,5✓	0
Change	-2	-1	+2
Equilibrium amount	$\frac{x}{0,5} - 2$	1,5	2

✓(÷ 0,5)

✓(ratio)

✓

$$K_c = \frac{[SO_3]^2}{[SO_2]^2[O_2]}$$

$$42,67 \checkmark = \frac{(2)^2}{\left(\frac{x-1,0}{0,5}\right)^2 (1,5)}$$

$$x = 1,125(\text{mol}) \checkmark$$

(8)

6.2

6.2.1 Concentration of O₂ increased.✓✓

(2)

6.2.2 Pressure was increased.✓✓

(2)

6.2.3 Increase in pressure favours the reaction that produces less number of moles.✓ The forward reaction was favoured.✓ As the concentrations of the reactants decrease,✓ the concentration of the products increases.✓

(4)

6.3

6.3.1 System that is isolated from its surroundings.✓✓/ A system that does not constantly interact with the environment / A system that does not exchange energy and matter with the environment (2)

6.3.2 Turns yellow.✓ (1)

6.3.3 Sodium hydroxide reacts with H^+ and reduces their concentration.✓ The forward reaction is favoured.✓ The concentration of chromate ions increases.✓/the product/ H^+ increases (3)

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QUESTION 7

7.1 An acid is a proton (H^+ ion) donor.✓✓ (2)

7.2

7.2.1 HCl and Cl^- ✓
 H_3O^+ and H_2O ✓ (2)

7.2.2 Substance that can either act as acid or base.✓✓ (2)

7.2.3 H_2O ✓ (1)

7.2.4 H_3O^+ ✓ (1)

7.2.5 **OPTION 1**

$$C = \frac{m}{MV} \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{3,65}{(36,5)(0,2)} \checkmark$$

$$= 0,5 \text{ mol.dm}^{-3} \checkmark$$

OPTION 2

$$n = \frac{3,65}{3,65}$$

$$= 0,1 \text{ mol}$$

$$c = \frac{n}{v}$$

$$= \frac{0,1}{0,2}$$

$$= 0,5 \text{ mol.dm}^{-3}$$

(3)

7.2.6 $p^H = -\log [H_3O^+] \checkmark$
 $= -\log (0,5) \checkmark$
 $= 0,3 \checkmark$

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(0)

7.3



(3)

7.3.2 Number of moles of $MgCO_3$

$$n = \frac{m}{M}$$

$$= \frac{1,68}{84} \checkmark$$

$$= 0,02 \text{ mol}$$

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Number of moles of HNO_3 which reacted with $MgCO_3$

$$n = 2(0,02) \checkmark$$

$$= 0,04 \text{ mol}$$

Let the initial concentration of the acid be x

$$c = \frac{n}{V} \checkmark$$

$$x = \frac{n}{0,039} \checkmark$$

$$\therefore n = 0,039x$$

$$n(HNO_3) \text{ in } 12 \text{ cm}^3 = 0,012x \checkmark$$

Ratio $HNO_3:NaOH = 1 : 1$

$$\therefore n(NaOH) \text{ in } 15 \text{ cm}^3 = 0,012x \checkmark$$

$$[NaOH] = \frac{0,012x}{0,015} \checkmark$$

$$= 0,8x$$

$$n(NaOH) \text{ in } 25 \text{ cm}^3 = cV$$

$$= (0,8x)(0,025) \checkmark$$

$$= 0,02x$$

$$n(HNO_3) \text{ in excess} = 0,02x$$

Number of moles of HNO_3 which reacted with $MgCO_3$

$$n(MgCO_3) = 0,039x - 0,02x \checkmark$$

$$= 0,019x$$

$$0,019x = 0,04$$

$$x = 2,11$$

$$[HNO_3] = 2,11 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \checkmark$$

(0)

[27]
- 13

GRAND TOTAL = [150] - [17] = [133].

REWORK THE RAW TOTAL OF 133 BACK TO 150 using the formula

$$\frac{\text{mark obtained}}{133} \times 150$$