
CHEMISTRY VCE UNITS 1&2 DIAGNOSTIC TOPIC TESTS 2007

TEST 8: GASES

SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS AND MARKING SCHEME

SECTION A: MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

Question 1 D

N_2 is not an infrared absorbing gas and so does not contribute to the greenhouse effect. CO_2 , CH_4 and H_2O are all greenhouse gases.

Question 2 B

$$n(H_2) = \frac{m}{M} = \frac{0.10}{2.0} = 0.050$$

$$V_M = \frac{V}{n} = \frac{0.625}{0.050} = 12.5 \text{ L}$$

Note that 22.4 L and 24.5 L are the molar volumes of gases at STP and SLC respectively.

Question 3 B

Nitrogen fixation is the conversion of atmospheric nitrogen, N_2 , to a soluble form that plants can absorb, such as NO_3^- and NH_4^+ . Interconversion of NH_4^+ and NO_3^- is the action of nitrifying bacteria (so **A** is not the correct answer). Return to N_2 to the air is denitrification (so **C** is not the correct answer). Breakdown of wastes is decomposition (so **D** is not the answer).

Question 4 A

$$\frac{p_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{p_2 V_2}{T_2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{621 \times V_1}{293} = \frac{500 \times V_2}{288}$$

$\therefore V_2 = 1.22 V_1$. Volume has increased by 0.22, or approximately 25%.

Question 5 **A**

$$V(\text{air}) = 4 \times 4 \times 2 = 32 \text{ m}^3$$

$$n(\text{air}) = \frac{V}{V_M} = \frac{32}{24.5 \times 10^{-3}} \text{ mol}$$

$$n(\text{N}_2) = \frac{80}{100} \times n(\text{air})$$

$$N(\text{N}_2) = n \times N_A = \frac{80}{100} \times \frac{32}{24.5 \times 10^{-3}} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 6.29 \times 10^{26}$$

Question 6 **A**

For an actively growing plant, the overall rate of CO₂ uptake for photosynthesis will be greater than the overall rate of CO₂ release by respiration. Hence uptake of carbon dioxide (K) and release of oxygen (M).

Question 7 **B**

Fermentation is a form of anaerobic respiration, hence there is no oxygen uptake (therefore the correct answer is not D). Fermentation releases carbon dioxide, therefore answer B. (A is incorrect). No oxygen is released (C is incorrect).

Question 8 **C**

For the gas in A, when forced into B, $p_1V_1 = p_2V_2$

$$\therefore 1.5 \times 200 = p_2 \times 800$$

$$\therefore p_2 = 0.375$$

Total pressure will be 1.0 (the original gas exerts this) plus 0.375. Hence 1.4 atm.

Question 9 **C**

Kyoto dealt with greenhouse gas emissions. The Montreal Protocol dealt with CFCs and ozone depletion (hence the correct answer is not D).

Question 10 **D**

The gas is exerting a pressure greater than the atmospheric pressure by 95 mmHg. Hence pressure is 760 + 95 = 855 mmHg (answer C or D).

$$760 \text{ mmHg} = 1 \text{ atm}$$

$$\therefore 855 \text{ mmHg} = \frac{855}{760} = 1.125 \text{ atm (hence answer D)}.$$

SECTION B: SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

Question 1

- a. At high temperatures, gas particles are moving rapidly and collisions are likely to be elastic. Minimal forces will operate between the particles. At low pressures particles are widely spaced. 1 mark
- Under these conditions the gas particles act like those described in the kinetic molecular theory, and so the gas behaves more 'ideally'. 1 mark
- b. Atmospheric carbon dioxide dissolves in rainwater to form carbonic acid. 1 mark
- $\text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{aq})$
- $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq})$ 1 mark
- c. Ground level ozone is a respiratory irritant and is toxic to plants. 1 mark
- Ozone in the upper atmosphere absorbs harmful ultraviolet radiation. 1 mark
- Total 6 marks

Question 2

- a. i. increases 1 mark
($p \propto T$ at fixed V and n)
- ii. remains unchanged 1 mark
(This area represents the fixed number of particles.)
- iii. increases 1 mark
(Average kinetic energy is proportional to temperature.)
- b. i. X 1 mark
($V \propto T$)
- ii. Y 1 mark
($V \propto n$, not $V \propto \frac{1}{n}$)
- c. i. incomplete combustion of coal (carbon) 1 mark
($2\text{C}(\text{s}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{CO}(\text{g})$)
- ii. combustion of methane 1 mark
OR
aerobic respiration
OR
incomplete combustion of coal (carbon) 1 mark
(all have oxygen as a reactant)
- iii. addition of magnesium to dilute acid 1 mark
($\text{Mg}(\text{s}) + 2\text{HA}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{MgA}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2(\text{g})$)
- Total 8 marks

Question 3

- a. $V \propto n$ for gases at the same temperature and pressure.
20 mL of NO reacts with 10 mL of O₂ to produce 20 mL of NO₂ (ratio is 2 : 1 : 2). 1 mark
Therefore the remaining volume is 30 mL (10 mL of O₂ and 20 mL of NO₂) 1 mark
- b. Contributes to acid rain.
2NO₂(g) + H₂O(l) → HNO₂(aq) + HNO₃(aq)
OR
Contributes to photochemical smog.
Oxides react with unburnt hydrocarbons and oxygen in the presence of sunlight to form secondary pollutants such as PAN. 2 marks
- Total 4 marks

Question 4

- a. $\text{CuCO}_3(\text{s}) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{CuO}(\text{s}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$ 1 mark
- b. i. $p_{\text{gas}} = p_{\text{total}} - p_{\text{water}} = 762 - 21 = 741 \text{ mmHg}$ 1 mark
- ii. $n = \frac{pV}{RT} = \frac{741 \times 101.3 \times 0.621}{760 \times 8.31 \times 295} = 0.0250 \text{ mol}$ 2 marks
- iii. $n(\text{CuCO}_3) = n(\text{CO}_2)$ 1 mark
 $m(\text{CuCO}_3) = n \times M = 0.0250 \times 123.5 = 3.09 \text{ g}$ 1 mark
- c. Carbon dioxide is partially soluble in water. The measured gas volume is smaller than it should be, resulting in a smaller calculated value for the mass of copper(II) carbonate. 1 mark
- Total 7 marks