Practice Question Set For A-Level
Subject : Chemistry
Paper-2 Topic: Kinetics

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Name of the Student:_____
Max. Marks : 20 Marks **Time : 20 Minutes**

Q1.

A student calculated that a value for the enthalpy change of neutralisation is –51.2 kJ mol^{-1}.

The design of a possible hand-warmer using hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide was discussed. It was proposed that 500 cm^3 of hydrochloric acid should be used in a flexible, sealed plastic container with a breakable tube of solid sodium hydroxide also in the container. On breaking the tube, the sodium hydroxide would be released, react with the acid and produce heat.
A 40 °C temperature rise was thought to be suitable.

(a) Calculate the heat energy, in J, required to raise the temperature of the reaction mixture by 40 °C. Assume that the reaction mixture has a density of 1.00 g cm^{-3} and a specific heat capacity of 4.18 J K^{-1} g^{-1}.
Assume that all of the heat energy given out is used to heat the reaction mixture.

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(2)

(b) Use your answer from part (a) and the value for the enthalpy change of neutralisation of –51.2 kJ mol^{-1} to calculate the minimum amount, in moles, and hence the minimum mass of sodium hydroxide required in the breakable tube.
(If you could not complete the calculation in part (a) assume that the heat energy required was 77 400 J. This is **not** the correct answer).

Show your working.

Moles of NaOH _____

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Mass of NaOH _____

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(c) Use the amount, in moles, of sodium hydroxide from part (b) to calculate the minimum concentration, in mol dm^{-3}, of hydrochloric acid required in the 500 cm^3 of solution used in the sealed container.

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(d) Suggest **one** possible risk to a person who uses a hand-warmer containing sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid.

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(e) A commercial hand-warmer uses powdered iron sealed in a plastic container.
A valve allows air to enter the container, and oxygen in the air reacts slowly with the iron to form solid iron(lll) oxide. The heat released warms the container.

(i) Write an equation for this reaction between iron and oxygen to form iron(lll) oxide.

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(ii) One version of an iron-oxygen hand-warmer advertises that it is designed to stay warm for up to four hours.
Other than by increasing the amount of iron in the container, state **one** change to the iron in the hand-warmer that would increase this time.
Explain why this change to the iron might **not** be an advantage.

Change to the iron _____

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Explanation _____

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(f) Another type of hand-warmer uses sodium thiosulfate. Sodium thiosulfate is very soluble in water at 80 °C but is much less soluble at room temperature.
When a hot, concentrated solution of sodium thiosulfate is cooled it does not immediately crystallise. The sodium thiosulfate stays dissolved as a stable 'super-saturated' solution until crystallisation is triggered.
Heat energy is then released when the sodium thiosulfate crystallises.

(i) This type of hand-warmer is re-usable.
Suggest **one** environmental advantage that a sodium thiosulfate hand-warmer has over the other two types.

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(ii) Describe the **two** steps that you would take to make the sodium thiosulfate hand-warmer ready for re-use.

Step 1 _____

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Step 2 _____

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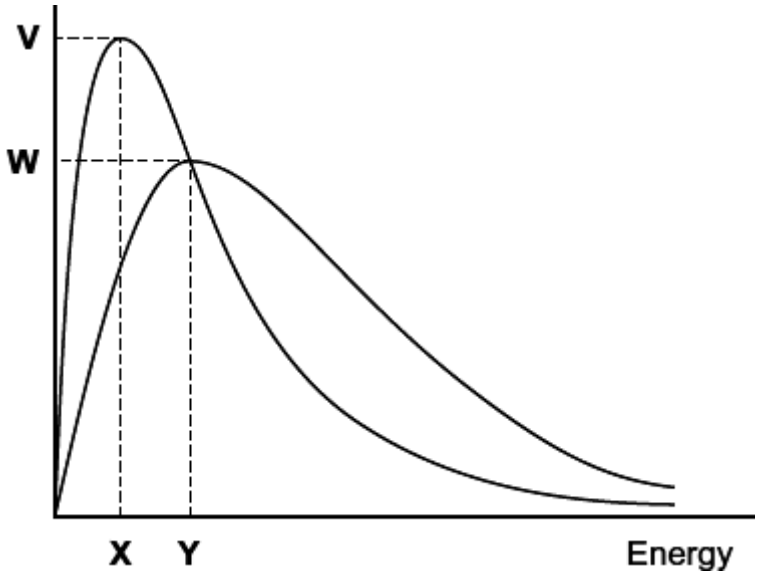
Q2.

The diagram shows the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution of molecular energies in a gas at two different temperatures.



(a) One of the axes is labelled. Complete the diagram by labelling the other axis.

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(b) State the effect, if any, of a solid catalyst on the shape of either of these distributions.

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(c) In the box, write the letter, **V**, **W**, **X** or **Y**, that represents the most probable energy of the molecules at the lower temperature.

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(d) Explain what must happen for a reaction to occur between molecules of two different gases.

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(e) Explain why a small increase in temperature has a large effect on the initial rate of a reaction.

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(Total 6 marks)

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