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COURSE : YAB2023 - PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY II
DATE : 10 AUGUST 2022 (WEDNESDAY)
TIME : 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON (3 HOURS)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer **ALL** questions in the Answer Booklet.
2. Begin **EACH** answer on a new page in the Answer Booklet.
3. Indicate clearly answers that are cancelled, if any.
4. Where applicable, show clearly steps taken in arriving at the solutions and indicate **ALL** assumptions, if any.
5. **DO NOT** open this Question Booklet until instructed.

Note :

- i. There are **TEN (10)** pages in this Question Booklet including the cover page .
- ii. **DOUBLE-SIDED** Question Booklet.
- iii. Use graph paper for Question 4 and Question 5. d.

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1. a. Discuss the Grotthus mechanism of proton conduction in liquid water.
[2 marks]
- b. A sample of gaseous uranium hexafluoride, UF_6 , (M_w : 352.0 g/mol) is held at a temperature of 300 K and a pressure of 0.1 mbar. The collision diameter of UF_6 is 0.40 nm. Under these conditions, calculate the:
- i. Mean speed of the molecules, \bar{c}
[2 marks]
- ii. Collision frequency, z
[3 marks]
- ii. Mean free path, λ
[3 marks]
- c. Neon lighting is used in cold regions and aircraft because the light emitted from ionized neon can pass through water fog. Assuming neon gas, (M_w : 20.18 g/mol) is confined in a cubic vessel of length 15 cm, with different temperature at each wall, one wall at 305 K and the one opposite at 295 K. Given $C_{v,m}$: 12.4715 J/K.mol and σ : 0.24 nm, calculate the;
- i. Thermal conductivity, k
[4 marks]
- ii. Neon gas flux, J from one wall to the other
[4 marks]
- iii. Rate of energy loss
[2 marks]

2. a. The rate of consumption of B in the reaction $A + 3B \rightarrow C + 2D$ is $7.20 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$.
- i. State the rate of reaction, v .
[2 marks]
- ii. Calculate the rates of formation or consumption of A, C and D.
[4 marks]
- iii. If the experimental rate law was found to be $v = k_r [A] [B]^2$, suggest the unit for the rate constant.
[2 marks]
- b. At 400 K, the rate of decomposition of acetaldehyde gaseous compound initially at a pressure of 12.6 kPa, dropped to 9.71 Pa/s when 10.0% had reacted and 7.67 Pa/s when 20.0% had reacted. Determine the order of the reaction.
[6 marks]
- c. The rate constant of N_2O_5 decomposition is $1.70 \times 10^{-2} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 24°C and $2.01 \times 10^{-2} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 37°C .
- i. Determine the activation energy, E_a of N_2O_5 decomposition.
[4 marks]
- ii. Evaluate the Arrhenius parameters of the reaction.
[2 marks]

3. a. i. Distinguish between a diffusion-controlled reaction and an activation-controlled reaction.

[4 marks]

- ii. Define the Cage effect.

[2 marks]

- b. In a research laboratory, recombination of two atoms in benzene at 298 K will be conducted at 298 K with $\eta = 0.601$ cP. Assuming the reaction is elementary and initial concentration of the reactant is 1.8 mmol dm^{-3} .

- i. Determine the diffusion-controlled rate constant, k_d .

[4 marks]

- ii. Calculate the duration required for the reaction to be 50% complete.

[4 marks]

- c. The reactive cross-section obtained from experimental value of the pre-exponential factor is $8.7 \times 10^{-22} \text{ m}^2$ for the gaseous reaction $A + B \rightarrow P$. The collision cross-sections of A and B estimated from the transport properties are 0.88 and 0.40 nm^2 , respectively. Calculate the P factor for the reaction.

[6 marks]

4. The rates of thermolysis of a variety of *cis*- and *trans*-azoalkanes have been measured over a range of temperatures concerning the mechanism of the reaction. In ethanol solvent, an unstable *cis*-azoalkane decomposed at a rate that was followed by observing the N_2 progression, which led to the rate constants listed in **TABLE Q4**.

TABLE Q4: Rate constants of reaction at various temperatures.

T ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	-24.82	-20.73	-17.02	-13.00	-8.95
k (s^{-1})	1.22×10^{-4}	2.31×10^{-4}	4.39×10^{-4}	8.50×10^{-4}	14.3×10^{-4}

- a. By using a graph paper, construct a suitable plot ($-\ln k$ vs. $1/T$) and determine activation energy, E_a . [8 marks]
- c. Determine the pre-exponential factor, A with its correct unit. [4 marks]
- d. Evaluate the enthalpy of activation, ΔH at -40°C . [3 marks]
- e. Determine the entropy, ΔS at -40°C . [3 marks]
- f. Calculate the Gibbs free energy of activation, ΔG at -40°C . [2 marks]

5. a. Propose **THREE (3)** examples of adsorption isotherms.

[6 marks]

- b. A monolayer of carbon monoxide molecules with effective area 0.165 nm^2 is adsorbed on the surface of 1.00 g of an $\text{Fe/Al}_2\text{O}_3$ catalyst at 77 K . Immediately after warming, the carbon monoxide occupies 4.25 cm^3 at 0°C and 1.00 bar . Determine the surface area of the catalyst.

[4 marks]

- c. The adsorption of hexacyanoferrate(III) ion, $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$, on $\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ from aqueous solution was examined in metal removal, part of a wastewater treatment research project. They modelled the adsorption with a modified Langmuir isotherm, which obtain the following values of K at $\text{pH} = 6.5$ in **Table Q5**. Given $\Delta_{\text{ads}}S^\ominus = +146 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ at 298 K under these conditions

TABLE Q5: Rate constants of reaction at various temperatures.

$T \text{ (K)}$	283	298	308	318
K	2.642×10^{-11}	2.078×10^{-11}	1.286×10^{-11}	1.085×10^{-11}

- i. By using a graph paper, construct a suitable plot ($\ln K$ vs. $1/T$) and determine the isosteric enthalpy of adsorption, $\Delta_{\text{ads}}H^\ominus$.

[6 marks]

- ii. Determine $\Delta_{\text{ads}}G^\ominus$

[4 marks]

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PHYSICAL CONSTANTS

Atomic mass unit	1 amu	=	1.661×10^{-24} g
	1 g	=	6.022×10^{23} amu
Avogadro's number	N_A	=	6.022×10^{23} / mol
Boltzmann's constant	k	=	1.381×10^{-23} J/K
Electron charge	e	=	1.602×10^{-19} C
Faraday's constant	$F = Ne$	=	9.649×10^4 C/mol
Gas constant	R	=	8.314 J/mol-K
		=	0.08206 L-atm/mol-K
Mass of electron	m_e	=	9.110×10^{-31} kg
Mass of neutron	m_n	=	1.675×10^{-27} kg
Mass of proton	m_p	=	1.673×10^{-27} kg
Atomic mass constant	m_u	=	1.660×10^{-27} kg
Pi	π	=	3.142
Planck's constant	h	=	6.626×10^{-34} J-s
Speed of light	c	=	2.998×10^8 m/s
Rydberg constant	R_H	=	1.097×10^7 m ⁻¹
	hcR_H	=	2.179×10^{-18} J

CONVERSION FACTORS AND FORMULAS

<p>Length: SI unit: meter (m)</p> <p>1 km = 0.62137 mi</p> <p>1 mi = 5280 ft = 1.6093 km</p> <p>1 m = 1.0936 yd</p> <p>1 in. = 2.54 cm</p> <p>1 cm = 0.39370 in.</p> <p>1 Å = 10^{-10} m</p>	<p>Pressure: SI unit : Pascal (Pa)</p> <p>1 Pa = 1 N m^{-2} = $1 \text{ kg m}^{-1}\text{s}^{-2}$</p> <p>1 atm = 101325 Pa = 760 torr = 760 mmHg = 14.70 lb in⁻² (or psi)</p> <p>1 bar = 10^5 Pa = 750 torr = 750 mmHg</p>
<p>Mass: SI unit: kilogram (kg)</p> <p>1 kg = 2.2046 lb</p> <p>1 lb = 453.59 g = 16 oz</p> <p>1 amu = 1.66054×10^{-24} g</p>	<p>Volume: SI unit: cubic meter (m³)</p> <p>1 L = 10^{-3} m³ = 1 dm³ = 10³ cm³ = 1.0567 qt</p> <p>1 gal = 4 qt = 3.7854 L</p> <p>1 cm³ = 1 mL</p> <p>1 in³ = 16.39 cm³</p>

FORMULAS

$$\bar{c} = \left(\frac{8RT}{\pi M}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\bar{c}_{rel} = \sqrt{2} \bar{c}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{kT}{\sqrt{2}\sigma p}$$

$$z = \frac{\sigma \bar{c}_{rel} p}{kT}$$

$$z = \frac{\bar{c}_{rel}}{\lambda}$$

$$Z_W = \frac{N_A p}{(2\pi MRT)^{1/2}}$$

$$\text{Rate} = Z_W A = \frac{N_A p A}{(2\pi MRT)^{1/2}}$$

$$\Delta \text{mass}_{loss} = Z_W A m \Delta t$$

$$J(\text{charge}) = z u v c F E$$

$$J(\text{ions}) = \frac{s \Delta t A v c N_A}{A \Delta t} = s v c N_A$$

$$D = \frac{1}{3} \lambda \bar{c}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{3} \lambda \bar{c} C_{v,m}[A]$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{3} \lambda \bar{c} m N$$

$$\text{Rate of reaction; } v = \left(\frac{1}{\nu_j}\right) \frac{d[J]}{dt}$$

$$\text{First order integrated law; } k_r t = \frac{\ln[A]_0}{[A]_0 - x}$$

$$\text{Second order integrated law; } k_r t = \frac{1}{[B]_0 - 2[A]_0} \ln \left[\frac{[A]_0 ([B]_0 - 2[P])}{([A]_0 - [P])[B]_0} \right]$$

$$\text{Third order integrated law; } 2k_r t = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{[A]^2} - \frac{1}{[A]_0^2} \right)$$

$$\text{First order; } t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k_r}$$

$$p = p_0 e^{-k_r t}$$

$$E_a = E_a(a) + E_a(b) - E_a'(a)$$

$$k_r = A e^{-\frac{E_a}{RT}}$$

$$k_r = N_A \sigma c_{rel} e^{-E_a/RT}$$

$$\ln(k) = \ln(A) - \frac{E_a}{RT}$$

$$k = A e^{-E_a/RT}$$

$$\Delta^\ddagger H = E_a - RT$$

$$\Delta^\ddagger S = R \left[\ln \left(\frac{hA}{kT} \right) - 1 \right]$$

$$\Delta^\ddagger G = \Delta^\ddagger H - T\Delta^\ddagger S$$

$$\theta = \frac{Kp}{1 + Kp}$$

$$\theta = \frac{V}{V_{mon}}$$

$$\frac{V_1/V_{mon}}{p_1(1 - V_1/V_{mon})} = \frac{V_2/V_{mon}}{p_2(1 - V_2/V_{mon})}$$

$$\ln(K) = \frac{-\Delta_{ad}H^\ominus}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S^\ominus}{R}$$

$$-\Delta_{ads}G^\ominus = -\Delta_{ads}H^\ominus - T \Delta_{ads}S^\ominus$$