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MAIN EXAMINATION

MAY – JULY 2016 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

SCHOOL FOCUSED PROGRAMME

CHEM 201: PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY II

Date: JULY 2016

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO Questions

- Q1. a) Define the following terms as used in thermodynamics
- i Isolated systems
 - ii State of a system
 - iii Extensive property
 - iv Reversible process
 - v Heat reservoir
- (10 marks)**
- b) A 0.5 mol of an ideal gas of 25^oC was compressed reversibly and isothermally from a volume of 100 ML to 80ML. Calculate
- i The work done **(2 marks)**
 - ii Heat change **(1 mark)**
 - iii Internal energy change **(1 mark)**
 - iv Enthalpy change **(1 mark)**
 - v Entropy change **(2 marks)**
 - vi Gibb's free energy change **(2 marks)**
- c) Determine the enthalpy change for the reaction
- $$2\text{C}_6\text{H}_6(\text{l}) + 15\text{O}_2(\text{g}) \longrightarrow 12\text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{s})$$
- given the following data
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Component | $\Delta\text{H}_f / \text{Kj mol}^{-1}$ |
| CO ₂ (g) | -393.5 |
| H ₂ O(c) | -285.8 |
| C ₆ H ₆ (l) | 48.6 |
- (5 marks)**

- d) At 0°C and 1 atm pressure the volume of a 1.5 mol of an ideal monoatomic gas is 33.63 L. The gas was expanded until its pressure was 0.60 atm by a reversible adiabatic process. Determine the final volume given that $C_v = \frac{3}{2} R$ **(6 marks)**
- Q2. a) Calculate the standard free energy change for ammonia synthesis at 25°C for the following sets of partial pressures 0.30 atm N₂, 1.2 atm H₂ and 1.6 atm NH₃ **(6 marks)**
- b) i What is a Carnot cycle? **(2 marks)**
 ii A 0.5 mol of an ideal perfect gas was taken through a Carnot cycle. Determine w , q , ΔE , ΔH and ΔS for each of the steps involved between the hot temperature T_h and the cold temperature T_l . **(10 marks)**
 iii Express the efficiency of the Carnot engine as a function of the temperatures. **(2 marks)**
- Q3. a) Using the partial method or otherwise, derive the Kirchhoff's equation and define all the terms. **(10 marks)**
- b) i Describe the Joule-Thompson experiment on gas expansion. **(6 marks)**
 ii Using the above experimental results show that $dE = C_v dT$ and $dH = C_p dT$ for 1 mol of an ideal gas. **(4 marks)**
- Q4. a) Explain how the signs and magnitudes of ΔH and ΔS may be used to predict the spontaneity of a chemical process at various temperatures. **(10 marks)**
- b) 4.8 g of Magnesium ribbon was reacted with 500 mL of a 0.8 M HCl(aq) solution at 25°C. Calculate the work done if the reaction was carried out.
 i In a vacuum **(2 marks)**
 ii In a closed vessel of fixed volume **(2 marks)**
 iii In an open beaker **(6 marks)**
 (Mg = 24, Cl = 35.5, H = 1)
- Q5. a) Using the 1st and 2nd laws of thermodynamics show that for a reversible expansion of an ideal gas $\Delta S = \int C_v d \ln T + \int R d \ln V$ **(10 marks)**
- b) Given that $PV^r = \text{constant}$ for an adiabatic process, show that the work done in a reversible adiabatic expansion of 1 mol of an ideal gas is given by

$$w = -\frac{R}{r-1} (T_f - T_i)$$
 (10 marks)