

**2008 FALL Semester Midterm Examination  
For General Chemistry II**

**Time Limit: 7:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.**

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| <b>2</b>    | /22    | <b>5</b>    | /30    |           |
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\*\* This paper consists of 12 sheets with 5 problems. Please check all page numbers before taking the exam.

Please take a good use of the reference materials (pages 10, 11 and 12), which include (a) Fundamental constants, (b) Conversion factors, (c) Atomization and bond energies, (d) Atomic weights of the elements, and (e) Standard reduction potentials in aqueous solution relative to standard hydrogen electrode.

No questions are allowed during the exam. You are not allowed to leave during the exam. You have to hold your nature call. Please write down the unit of your answer when applicable. You will get a deduction for a missing unit.

NOTICE: SCHEDULES on DISTRIBUTION and CORRECTION of the EXAM PAPER SCORED.

(채점답안지 분배 및 정정 일정)

1. Period, and Procedure

1) Distribution and Correction Period: **October 27 (Mon), Practice Hours; 7: 00 ~ 8:30**

2) Procedure: During the practice hours, you can take your mid-term paper scored. If you have any claims on it, you can submit a claim paper with your opinion. After writing your opinions on any paper you can get easily, attach it to your mid-term paper scored (Please, write your name, professor, and class.). Submit them to your TA. The papers with the claims will be re-examined by TA.

***The correction is permitted only on the period. Keep that in mind!***

2. Final Confirmation

1) Period: November 3 (Mon)-4 (Tue)

2) Procedure: During this period, you can check final score of the examination *on the website* again.

\*\* For further information, please visit a *General Chemistry website* at [www.gencheminkaist.pe.kr](http://www.gencheminkaist.pe.kr).

[1] (20 pts)

(a) (8 pts) A thermodynamic engine operates cyclically and reversibly between two temperature reservoirs, absorbing heat from the high-temperature bath at 450 K and discharging heat to the low-temperature bath at 300 K. How much heat is discarded to the low-temperature bath, if 1500 J of heat is absorbed from the high-temperature bath during each cycle?

(Answers)

$$(a) \text{ Efficiency} = (T_h - T_l)/T_h = 1 - T_l/T_h = 1 - 300\text{K}/450\text{K} = 0.333.$$

$$\text{Efficiency} = \text{net work done} / \text{heat input} = 0.333 = -W_{\text{net}}/1500\text{J}$$

$$W_{\text{net}} = -500\text{J}$$

$$\text{Therefore Discarded heat} = 1500\text{ J} - 500\text{ J} = 1000\text{J}$$

(b) (12 pts) For ideal gases, heat capacity at constant pressure ( $C_p$ ) is always larger than heat capacity at constant volume ( $C_v$ ) ( $C_p > C_v$ ). Using the given equation for the total energy of an ideal gas ( $E = 3/2 nRT$ ) and equation of state ( $PV = nRT$ ), prove that  $C_p$  is always larger than  $C_v$ . You have to show the detailed steps arriving at your final answer.

(Answers)

$$(b) \text{ Isochoric process; } \Delta V = 0$$

$$\text{if gas in a flask is heated } \rightarrow w = -P \Delta V = 0$$

$$\therefore \Delta E = (3/2)nR\Delta T = q + w = q_v \text{ (at constant V)}$$

$$\text{Because } q = C(T_2 - T_1) \equiv C\Delta T,$$

$$\text{heat capacity } C_v = 3/2 nR \text{ at constant volume.}$$

$$\text{Isobaric process } (\Delta P = 0) \rightarrow \text{heat, work are exchangeable}$$

$$\Delta E = q + w = q_p - p\Delta V$$

$$\Delta E + p\Delta V = q_p$$

$$(E_2 + pV_2) - (E_1 + pV_1) = q_p$$

The amount of heat measured in such a way is equal to  $E + PV$  which is path-independent (state variables).

$$E + pV = H = 3/2 nRT + nRT = 5/2 nRT, \quad \Delta H = q_p = C\Delta T$$

$$\text{heat capacity } C_p = 5/2 nR \text{ at constant pressure}$$

$$C_p - C_v = nR,$$

$$\therefore C_p > C_v$$

[2] (22 pts)

(a) (10 pts) Choose the substance from each pair with higher absolute entropy  $S^{\circ}_{298}$ . You will get 2 pt for a correct answer, 0 pt for no answer, and **-1 pt for a wrong answer**. You don't have to explain the reason for your answer.

- A.  $\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{aq})$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})$  (Answer) **A.  $\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})$** , \_\_\_\_\_
- B.  $\text{NO}_2^{-}(\text{aq})$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^{-}(\text{aq})$  (Answer) **B.  $\text{NO}_3^{-}(\text{aq})$** , \_\_\_\_\_
- C.  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}(\text{l})$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}(\text{g})$  (Answer) **C.  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}(\text{g})$** , \_\_\_\_\_
- D.  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$ ,  $\text{Cl}_2(\text{g})$  (Answer) **D.  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$** , \_\_\_\_\_
- E.  $\text{Na}(\text{l})$ ,  $\text{Na}(\text{s})$  (Answer) **E.  $\text{Na}(\text{l})$**  \_\_\_\_\_

(b) (6 pts) For the following chemical reactions, guess the sign of  $\Delta H^{\circ}$ . You will get 2 pt for a correct answer, 0 pt for no answer, and **-1 pt for a wrong answer**. You don't have to explain the reason for your answer.

- A.  $\text{H}^{+}(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^{-}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$  (Answer) **A.  $\Delta H^{\circ} < 0$** , \_\_\_\_\_
- B.  $2\text{CO}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{CO}(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g})$  (Answer) **B.  $\Delta H^{\circ} > 0$** , \_\_\_\_\_
- C.  $\text{HCl}(\text{g}) + \text{NH}_3(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}(\text{s})$  (Answer) **C.  $\Delta H^{\circ} < 0$**  \_\_\_\_\_

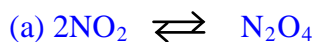
(c) (6 pts) For the following chemical reactions, guess the sign of  $\Delta S^{\circ}$ . You will get 2 pt for a correct answer, 0 pt for no answer, and **-1 pt for a wrong answer**. You don't have to explain the reason for your answer.

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[3] (20 pts)

(a) (4 pts) When nitrogen dioxide ( $\text{NO}_2$ ) gas was allowed to dimerize into  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  gas until the reaction reached equilibrium at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , the total pressure became 1.00 atm. What is the partial pressure of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ ? The equilibrium constant  $K$  is  $6.97 \text{ atm}^{-1}$ .

(Answers)



$$P_{\text{NO}_2} = P - x \text{ and } P_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_4} = x$$

$$K = x/(P-x)^2 \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$x^2 - 2.1435x + 1.00 = 0, x = 0.686$$

$$P_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_4} = 0.686 \text{ atm}, P_{\text{NO}_2} = 0.314 \text{ atm}$$

(b) (4 pts) Pure water is in equilibrium with its vapor at a given temperature. List the following  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 's in the increasing order of molar Gibbs free energy of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Temperature = 298 K, and  $P = 1$  atm.

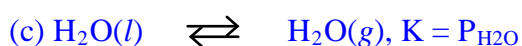
- A. Water vapor in air with 100% relative humidity.
- B. Pure water.
- C. Water in a mixture of 1 ethanol - 1 water (molar ratio)
- D. Water in a mixture of 10 ethanol - 1 water (molar ratio).

(Answers)

(b)  $D < C < B = A$ . Water vapor in air at 100%-humidity is in equilibrium with water. They have the same  $G$ .  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the ethanol mixtures has a lower  $G$  than its pure state. Remember  $\Delta G = \Delta G_0 + RT \ln V_0/V$

(c) (4 pts) Calculate the boiling point of water at a high altitude where the atmospheric pressure is 0.5 atm. Assume that the enthalpy of vaporization of water is 10.5 kcal/mol.

(Answers)



$$\text{Using } \ln \frac{P_2}{P_1} = -\frac{\Delta H^0}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)$$

$$T = 82.6^\circ\text{C}$$

(d) (4 pts) Express the equilibrium constant for the reaction between acetic acid ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ ) and ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ ), in terms of  $K_a$  of acetic acid,  $K_b$  of ammonia, and the autoionization constant  $K_w$  of water. You do not have to show the detailed steps arriving at your final answer.

(Answers)

(d)



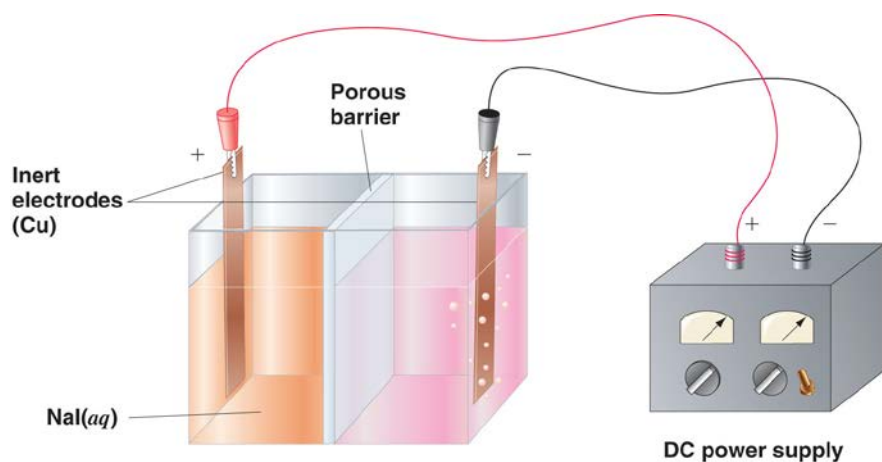
$$K = \frac{K_a K_b}{K_w}$$

(e) (4 pts) Many amine compounds ( $\text{R-NH}_2$ ) act as a Bronsted-Lowry base in aqueous solution with base ionization constant ( $K_b$ ) of around  $10^{-4}$ . However, glycine which has a structure of  $\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{NH}_2$  has very small  $K_b$  value around  $10^{-12}$  in aqueous solution. Explain why.

(Answers)

(e) In aqueous solution near-neutral pH, most of Glycine exists as a zwitterion as a result of an internal proton transfer. The very small  $K_b$  arises from protonation of the carboxylate anion of the zwitterions, rather than the amine group, which is already protonated.

[4] (20 pts) Consider an electrolytic cell in operation with a  $\text{NaI}$  solution as electrolyte as in the following figure. A porous barrier was inserted into the initially uniform solution, and a voltage is being applied, plus-terminal to the left-handed electrode.



(a) (5pts) Write down two possible anode reactions (oxidation reactions) (1.5 pts for each correct reaction). In reality, which oxidation reaction occurs more readily (1 pt) and why (1 pt)?

(Answers)

(a)

**Possible anode reactions**



The first reaction occurs because it requires less voltage.

(b) (5 pts) Write down two possible cathode reactions (reduction reactions) (1.5 pts for each correct reaction). In reality, which reduction reaction occurs more readily (1 pt) and why (1 pt)?

(Answers)

(b)

**Possible cathode reactions**



The second reaction occurs because it requires less voltage

(c) (5 pts) Write down the overall cell reaction (2.5 pts). What is the minimum applied voltage needed to cause this reaction to occur (2.5 pts)?

(Answers)

(c)

**Overall cell reaction**



(d) (5 pts) Suppose a current of 1.0 A is drawn through the NaI cell for a total of 150 seconds. What is deposited at the anode (2 pts) and how many grams (3 pts)?

(Answers)

(d)

$$(4.0\text{A})(150.\text{s})$$

$$\times(1 \text{ mol e}^-/96500 \text{ C})$$

$$\times(1 \text{ mol I}_2/ 2 \text{ mol e}^-)$$

$$\times(254\text{g I}_2 / 1 \text{ mol I}_2) = 0.79 \text{ g}$$

0.79g of I<sub>2</sub> is deposited.

[5] (30 pts) Classify each of the following statements as 'True' or 'False'. You will get 1.5 pt for a correct answer, 0 pt for no answer, and **-1 pt for a wrong answer**.

(a) The molar heat capacity of argon gas is the same as that of helium gas.

(Answer) (a) T

(b) The molar heat capacity of 1 gram of water is smaller than that of 2 grams of water.

(Answer) (b) F

(c) A chemical reaction can occur spontaneously even if the entropy change of the reaction is negative under the reaction condition.

(Answer) (c) T

(d) The Gibbs free energy change of a reaction is zero where the reaction is in equilibrium.

(Answer) (d) T,

(e) The molar heat capacity of a gas at constant pressure is always larger than that at constant volume.

(Answer) (e) T

(f) The entropy change is negative for  $\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}(\ell)$  at 298 K.

(Answer) (f) F

(g) In the Joule's gas expansion, temperature of a gas can actually change if the gas has a significant intermolecular interaction.

(Answer) (g) T

(h) The absolute entropy of liquid helium at 0 K is zero, according to the 3<sup>rd</sup> law of thermodynamics.

(Answer) (h) F

(i) The molar heat capacity of  $\text{H}_2$  gas is larger than that of the helium gas.

(Answer) (i) T

(j) The molar heat capacity of  $\text{Cl}_2$  gas is larger than that of  $\text{O}_2$  gas.

(Answer) (j) T

(k) The standard entropy of formation for  $\text{H}^+$  in aqueous solution is zero regardless of the temperature.

(Answer) (k) F

(l) The molar heat capacity of H<sub>2</sub> gas at constant pressure approaches to  $9R/2$  as temperature increases.

(Answer) (l) T

(m) Reversible expansion of ideal gas yields a maximum amount of work.

(Answer) (m) T

(n) There are Carnot cycles that can work irreversibly.

(Answer) (n) F

(o) The standard Gibbs free energy of a species can change if temperature changes.

(Answer) (o) T

(p) There are other types of work besides the pressure-volume work.

(Answer) (p) T

(q) The molar heat capacity of a monolayer of iron is about  $3R$ .

(Answer) (q) F

(r) The molar heat capacity of liquid water is larger than that of steam (gas water).

(Answer) (r) T

(s) Electrode potential is an extensive variable.

(Answer) (s) F

(t) The pH meter is a type of a concentration electrochemical cell.

(Answer) (t) T

**Answer:**

(a) T, (b) F, (c) T, (d) T, (e) T, (f) F, (g) T, (h) F, (i) T, (j) T, (k) F, (l) T, (m) T, (n) F, (o) T, (p) T, (q) F, (r) T,

(s) F, (t) T