Stoichiometry

(Past Year Topical Questions 2010-2015)

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(e) The titanium ore contains 36.8% iron, 31.6% titanium and the remainder is oxygen.

(i) Determine the percentage of oxygen in this titanium compound.

percentage of oxygen = ... % [1]

(ii) Calculate the number of moles of atoms for each element.
The number of moles of Fe is shown as an example.
number of moles of Fe = 36.8 / 56 = 0.66

number of moles of Ti = ...

number of moles of O = ... [1]

(iii) What is the simplest ratio for the moles of atoms?

Fe	:	Ti	:	O
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[1]

(iv) What is the formula of this titanium compound?

..... [1]

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(c) A 5.00 g sample of impure lead(II) nitrate was heated. The volume of oxygen formed was 0.16 dm^3 measured at r.t.p. The impurities did not decompose.
Calculate the percentage of lead(II) nitrate in the sample.

$$2Pb(NO_3)_2 \rightarrow 2PbO + 4NO_2 + O_2$$

Number of moles of O_2 formed = ...

Number of moles of $Pb(NO_3)_2$ in the sample = ...

Mass of one mole of $Pb(NO_3)_2$ = 331 g

Mass of lead(II) nitrate in the sample = ... g

Percentage of lead(II) nitrate in sample = ... [4]

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(b) 6.0 g of cobalt(II) carbonate was added to 40 cm^3 of hydrochloric acid, concentration 2.0 mol/dm^3. Calculate the maximum yield of cobalt(II) chloride-6-water and show that the cobalt(II) carbonate was in excess.

$$CoCO_3 + 2HCl \rightarrow CoCl_2 + CO_2 + H_2O$$

$$CoCl_2 + 6H_2O \rightarrow CoCl_2.6H_2O$$

Maximum yield

Number of moles of HCl used = ...

Number of moles of $CoCl_2$ formed = ...

Number of moles of $CoCl_2.6H_2O$ formed = ...

Mass of one mole of $CoCl_2.6H_2O$ = 238 g

Maximum yield of $CoCl_2.6H_2O$ = ... g [4]

To show that cobalt(II) carbonate is in excess

Number of moles of HCl used = ... (use value from above)

Mass of one mole of $CoCO_3$ = 119 g

Number of moles of $CoCO_3$ in 6.0 g of cobalt(II) carbonate = ... [1]

Explain why cobalt(II) carbonate is in excess .....

..... [1]

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(d) 20.0 cm^3 of sulfuric acid, concentration 0.30 mol / dm^3, was added to 40 cm^3 of sodium hydroxide, concentration 0.20 mol / dm^3.

$$2NaOH + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow Na_2SO_4 + 2H_2O$$

(i) How many moles of H_2SO_4 were added? ..... [1]

(ii) How many moles of NaOH were used? ..... [1]

(iii) Which reagent is in excess? Give a reason for your choice.

reagent in excess ..... [1]

reason .....

..... [1]

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(b) Maleic acid is an unsaturated acid. 5.8 g of this acid contained 2.4 g of carbon, 0.2 g of hydrogen and 3.2 g of oxygen.

(i) How do you know that the acid contained only carbon, hydrogen and oxygen?

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..... [1]

(ii) Calculate the empirical formula of maleic acid.

Number of moles of carbon atoms = ...

Number of moles of hydrogen atoms = ...

Number of moles of oxygen atoms = ...

The empirical formula is ..... [3]

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8 Hydrocarbons are compounds which contain only carbon and hydrogen.

(a) 20 cm^3 of a gaseous hydrocarbon was burned in 120 cm^3 of oxygen, which is in excess. After cooling, the volume of the gases remaining was 90 cm^3. Aqueous sodium hydroxide was added to remove carbon dioxide, 30 cm^3 of oxygen remained. All volumes were measured at r.t.p..

(i) Explain why it is essential to use excess oxygen.

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..... [2]

(ii) Carbon dioxide is slightly soluble in water. Why does it dissolve readily in the alkali, sodium hydroxide?

..... [1]

(iii) Complete the following.

volume of gaseous hydrocarbon = ... cm^3

volume of oxygen used = ... cm^3

volume of carbon dioxide formed = ... cm^3 [2]

(iv) Use the above volume ratio to find the mole ratio in the equation below and hence find the formula of the hydrocarbon.

..... $C_xH_y(g)$ + ... $O_2(g)$ → ..... $CO_2(g)$ + ... $H_2O(l)$

hydrocarbon formula = ... [2]

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(c) There are three possible equations for the thermal decomposition of sodium hydrogencarbonate.

$2NaHCO_3(s) \rightarrow Na_2O(s) + 2CO_2(g) + H_2O(g)$ **equation 1**

$NaHCO_3(s) \rightarrow NaOH(s) + CO_2(g)$ **equation 2**

$2NaHCO_3(s) \rightarrow Na_2CO_3(s) + CO_2(g) + H_2O(g)$ **equation 3**

The following experiment was carried out to determine which one of the above is the correct equation.

A known mass of sodium hydrogencarbonate was heated for ten minutes. It was then allowed to cool and weighed.

Results
Mass of sodium hydrogencarbonate = 3.36 g
Mass of the residue = 2.12 g

Calculation
M_r for $NaHCO_3$ = 84 g; M_r for Na_2O = 62 g; M_r for NaOH = 40 g
M_r for Na_2CO_3 = 106 g

(i) Number of moles of $NaHCO_3$ used = ... [1]

(ii) If residue is Na_2O, number of moles of Na_2O = ...

If residue is NaOH, number of moles of NaOH = ...

If residue is Na_2CO_3, number of moles of Na_2CO_3 = ... [2]

(iii) Use the number of moles calculated in **(i)** and **(ii)** to decide which one of the three equations is correct. Explain your choice.

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..... [2]

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(c) Insoluble salts are made by precipitation. An equation for the preparation of barium sulfate is given below.

$$BaCl_2(aq) + MgSO_4(aq) \rightarrow BaSO_4(s) + MgCl_2(aq)$$

This reaction can be used to find x in the formula for hydrated magnesium sulfate $MgSO_4.xH_2O$.

A known mass of hydrated magnesium sulfate, $MgSO_4.xH_2O$, was dissolved in water. Excess aqueous barium chloride was added. The precipitate of barium sulfate was filtered, washed and dried. Finally it was weighed.

Mass of hydrated magnesium sulfate = 1.476 g

Mass of barium sulfate formed = 1.398 g

The mass of one mole of $BaSO_4$ = 233 g

The number of moles of $BaSO_4$ formed = ... [1]

The number of moles of $MgSO_4.xH_2O$ = ... [1]

The mass of one mole of $MgSO_4.xH_2O$ = ... g [1]

The mass of one mole of $MgSO_4$ = 120 g

The mass of xH_2O in one mole of $MgSO_4.xH_2O$ = ... [1]

x = ... [1]

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(b) A sample of rust had the following composition:

51.85 g of iron 22.22 g of oxygen 16.67 g of water.

Calculate the following and then write the formula for this sample of rust.

number of moles of iron atoms, Fe = ... [1]

number of moles of oxygen atoms, O = ... [1]

number of moles of water molecules, H_2O = ... [1]

simplest mole ratio Fe : O : H_2O is ..... : ..... : .....

formula for this sample of rust is ..... [1]

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(b) Strontium chloride-6-water can be made from the insoluble compound, strontium carbonate, by the following reactions.

$SrCO_3(s) + 2HCl(aq) \rightarrow SrCl_2(aq) + CO_2(g) + H_2O(l)$

$SrCl_2(aq) + 6H_2O(l) \rightarrow SrCl_2.6H_2O(s)$

(c) In the above experiment, 50.0 cm^3 of hydrochloric acid of concentration 2.0 mol/dm^3 was used. 6.4 g of $SrCl_2.6H_2O$ was made.
Calculate the percentage yield.

number of moles of HCl used = ...

number of moles of $SrCl_2.6H_2O$ which could be formed = ...

mass of one mole of $SrCl_2.6H_2O$ is 267 g

theoretical yield of $SrCl_2.6H_2O$ = ...g

percentage yield = ...% [4]

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(d) Sulfur dioxide can also be made by the reaction between a sulfite and an acid.

$$Na_2SO_3 + 2HCl \rightarrow 2NaCl + SO_2 + H_2O$$

Excess hydrochloric acid was added to 3.15 g of sodium sulfite. Calculate the maximum volume, measured at r.t.p., of sulfur dioxide which could be formed.
The mass of one mole of Na_2SO_3 is 126 g.

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(b) Another hydride of arsenic has the composition below.

arsenic 97.4 % hydrogen 2.6 %

(i) Calculate the empirical formula of this hydride **from the above data**.
Show your working.

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.....[2]

(ii) The mass of one mole of this hydride is 154 g. What is its molecular formula?

..... [1]

(iii) Deduce the structural formula of this hydride.

[1]

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(b) The concentration of the hydrochloric acid was 2.20 mol / dm^3. The volume of acid needed to neutralise the 25.0 cm^3 of lithium hydroxide was 20.0 cm^3. Calculate the concentration of the aqueous lithium hydroxide.

$$LiOH + HCl \rightarrow LiCl + H_2O$$

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..... [2]

(c) Lithium chloride forms three hydrates. They are $LiCl.H_2O$, $LiCl.2H_2O$ and $LiCl.3H_2O$. Which **one** of these three hydrates contains 45.9 % of water?
Show how you arrived at your answer.

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..... [3]

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(d) 20 cm^3 of a hydrocarbon was burnt in 175 cm^3 of oxygen. After cooling, the volume of the remaining gases was 125 cm^3. The addition of aqueous sodium hydroxide removed carbon dioxide leaving 25 cm^3 of unreacted oxygen.

(i) volume of oxygen used = ... cm^3 [1]

(ii) volume of carbon dioxide formed = ... cm^3 [1]

(iii) Deduce the formula of the hydrocarbon and the balanced equation for the reaction.

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..... [2]

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(d) Calculate the maximum mass of carbon dioxide given off when 20.0 g of small lumps of calcium carbonate react with 40 cm^3 of hydrochloric acid, concentration 2.0 mol / dm^3.

$$CaCO_3(s) + 2HCl(aq) \rightarrow CaCl_2(aq) + H_2O(l) + CO_2(g)$$

number of moles of HCl used =

mass of carbon dioxide = ... g [4]

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5 Silver(I) chromate(VI) is an insoluble salt. It is prepared by precipitation.
20 cm^3 of aqueous silver(I) nitrate, concentration 0.2 mol / dm^3, was mixed with 20 cm^3 of aqueous potassium chromate(VI), concentration 0.1 mol / dm^3. After stirring, the mixture was filtered. The precipitate was washed several times with distilled water. The precipitate was then left in a warm oven for several hours.

$$2AgNO_3(aq) + K_2CrO_4(aq) \rightarrow Ag_2CrO_4(s) + 2KNO_3(aq)$$

(ii) What mass of silver(I) nitrate is needed to prepare 100 cm^3 of silver(I) nitrate solution, concentration 0.2 mol / dm^3?
The mass of one mole of $AgNO_3$ is 170 g.

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..... [2]

(iii) What is the maximum mass of silver(I) chromate(VI) which could be obtained from 20 cm^3 of aqueous silver(I) nitrate, concentration 0.2 mol / dm^3?

number of moles of $AgNO_3$ used = ... [1]

number of moles of Ag_2CrO_4 formed = ... [1]

mass of one mole of Ag_2CrO_4 = 332 g

mass of Ag_2CrO_4 formed = ... g [1]

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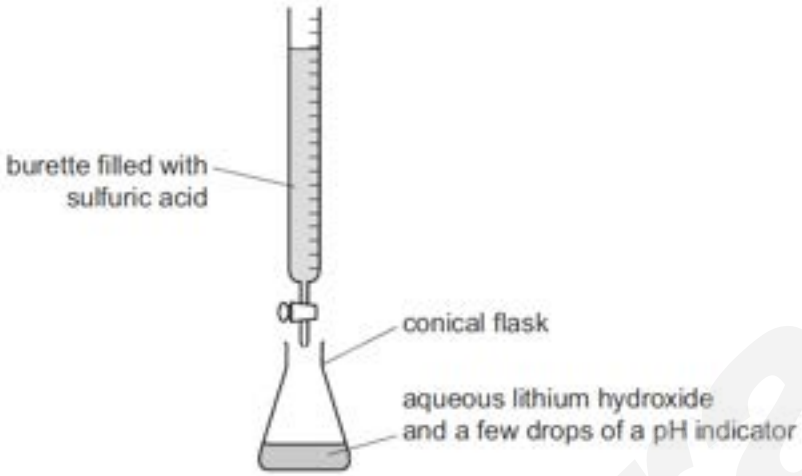
7 The soluble salt hydrated lithium sulfate is made by titration from the soluble base lithium hydroxide.



(b) Using 25.0 cm^3 of aqueous lithium hydroxide, concentration 2.48 mol/dm^3, 2.20 g of hydrated lithium sulfate was obtained.
Calculate the percentage yield, giving your answer to one decimal place.

$$2LiOH + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow Li_2SO_4 + 2H_2O$$

$$Li_2SO_4 + H_2O \rightarrow Li_2SO_4.H_2O$$

Number of moles of LiOH used = ...

Number of moles of $Li_2SO_4.H_2O$ which could be formed = ...

Mass of one mole of $Li_2SO_4.H_2O$ = 128 g

Maximum yield of $Li_2SO_4.H_2O$ = ... g

Percentage yield = ...% [4]

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(ii) 20 cm^3 of a gaseous hydrocarbon was mixed with an excess of oxygen, 200 cm^3. The mixture was ignited. After cooling, 40 cm^3 of oxygen and 100 cm^3 of carbon dioxide remained. Deduce the formula of the hydrocarbon and the equation for its combustion. All volumes were measured at r.t.p..

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..... [3]

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(ii) 6.0 g of ethanoic acid, M_r = 60, was reacted with 5.5 g of ethanol, M_r = 46.
Determine which is the limiting reagent and the maximum yield of ethyl ethanoate, M_r = 88.

number of moles of ethanoic acid = ... [1]

number of moles of ethanol = ... [1]

the limiting reagent is ..... [1]

number of moles of ethyl ethanoate formed = ... [1]

maximum yield of ethyl ethanoate = ... [1]

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(d) Calculate the maximum mass of zinc which will react with 50 cm^3 of hydrochloric acid, of concentration 2.0 mol/dm^3.

$$Zn + 2HCl \rightarrow ZnCl_2 + H_2$$

Show your working.

[3]

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(c) The equation for the decomposition of copper(II) nitrate is given below.

$$2Cu(NO_3)_2 \rightarrow 2CuO + 4NO_2 + O_2$$

(ii) Copper(II) nitrate forms a series of hydrates with the formula $Cu(NO_3)_2.xH_2O$.
All these hydrates decompose to form copper(II) oxide.
1 mole of $Cu(NO_3)_2.xH_2O$ forms 1 mole of CuO.

What is meant by 1 mole of a substance?

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..... [2]

(iii) 7.26 g of a hydrate, $Cu(NO_3)_2.xH_2O$, formed 2.4 g copper(II) oxide.

number of moles of CuO formed = ...

number of moles of $Cu(NO_3)_2.xH_2O$ in 7.26 g = ...

mass of 1 mole of $Cu(NO_3)_2.xH_2O$ = ... g

mass of 1 mole of $Cu(NO_3)_2$ is 188 g

the value of *x* in this hydrate = ...

[4]

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3 Quicklime, which is calcium oxide, is made by heating limestone in a furnace.

$$CaCO_3(s) \rightleftharpoons CaO(s) + CO_2(g)$$

(c) Calculate the maximum mass of calcium oxide which could be made from 12.5 tonnes of calcium carbonate. 1 tonne = 1×10^6 g.

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..... [2]

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(c) The table below shows the results obtained by reducing the copper(II) oxide produced by different methods to copper.

(i) Complete the table.

source of copper(II) oxide	mass of copper(II) oxide / g	mass of copper / g	percentage copper / %
$CuCO_3$	2.37	1.89	79.7
$Cu(OH)_2$	2.51	1.99	
$Cu(NO_3)_2$	2.11	1.68	
Cu and O_2	2.29	1.94	

[2]

(ii) One of the samples of copper(II) oxide is impure.

Identify this sample and suggest an explanation why the percentage of copper in this sample is bigger than in the other three samples.

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..... [2]

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5 (a) A compound, **X**, contains 55.85% carbon, 6.97% hydrogen and 37.18% oxygen.

(i) How does this prove that compound **X** contains only carbon, hydrogen and oxygen?

..... [1]

(ii) Use the above percentages to calculate the empirical formula of compound **X**.

..... [2]

(iii) The M_r of **X** is 86.

What is its molecular formula?

..... [2]

(iii) The M_r of **X** is 86.

What is its molecular formula?

.....[2]

(b) (i) Bromine water changes from brown to colourless when added to **X**.

What does this tell you about the structure of **X**?

.....[1]

(ii) Magnesium powder reacts with an aqueous solution of **X**. Hydrogen is evolved.

What does this tell you about the structure of **X**?

.....[1]

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(c) (i) Chloropropane can be hydrolysed to propanol, $CH_3CH_2CH_2OH$, by sodium hydroxide.

Write the equation for this reaction.

..... [2]

(ii) Propanol can be dehydrated. It loses a water molecule to form a hydrocarbon.

Give the name and structural formula of this hydrocarbon.

name .....

structural formula

[2]

(iii) Propanol is oxidised to a carboxylic acid by acidified potassium manganate(VII).

Deduce the name of this acid.

..... [1]

(d) Propanol reacts with methanoic acid to form the ester propyl methanoate.

$$CH_3CH_2CH_2OH + HCOOH \rightarrow HCOOCH_2CH_2CH_3 + H_2O$$

4.0 g of methanoic acid was reacted with 6.0 g of propanol.

(i) Calculate the M_r of methanoic acid = ... [1]

(ii) Calculate the M_r of propanol = ... [1]

(iii) Determine which one is the limiting reagent. Show your reasoning.

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..... [2]

(iv) Calculate the maximum yield in grams of propyl methanoate. M_r = 88.

..... [1]

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(c) Hydrocarbons burn in excess oxygen to form carbon dioxide and water. 20 cm^3 of a gaseous hydrocarbon burned in an excess of oxygen, 200 cm^3. After cooling, the volume of the residual gas at r.t.p. was 150 cm^3, 50 cm^3 of which was oxygen.

(i) Determine the volume of the oxygen used.

..... [1]

(ii) Determine the volume of the carbon dioxide formed.

..... [1]

(iii) The hydrocarbon was an alkane.

Determine the formula of the hydrocarbon.

[1]

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