

**16-CHEM-A1, PROCESS BALANCES and CHEMICAL THERMODYNAMICS**

**MAY 2018**

**Three Hours Duration**

**NOTES:**

- 1) If doubt exists as to the interpretation of any question, you are urged to submit a clear statement of any assumptions made along with the answer paper.
- 2) Property data required to solve a given problem are provided in the problem statement or are available in the recommended texts. If you are unable to locate the required data, do not let this prevent you from solving the rest of the problem. Even in the absence of property data, you still have the opportunity to provide a solution methodology.
- 3) This is an open-book exam.
- 4) Any non-communicating calculator is permitted.
- 5) The examination is in two parts – Part A (Questions 1 to 3): Process Balances  
Part B (Questions 4 and 6): Chemical Thermodynamics
- 6) Answer **TWO** questions from Part A and **TWO** questions from Part B.
- 7) **FOUR** questions constitute a complete paper.
- 8) Each question is of equal value.

### PART A: PROCESS MASS and ENERGY BALANCES

- 1) Propane ( $C_3H_8$ ) is burned with excess air to ensure complete combustion. 55 kg of carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ ) and 15 kg of carbon monoxide ( $CO$ ) are obtained when propane is completely burned with 500 kg of air. Determine the following:
  - (a) The mass of propane burnt in kg.
  - (b) The percent of excess air.
  - (c) The molar composition of flue gas.
  
- 2) Air at 320 K saturated with water vapor is dehumidified by cooling to 285 K and by condensation of water vapor. Air leaving the dehumidifier saturated at 285 K is mixed with a part of the original air, which has bypassed the dehumidifier. The resulting air stream is reheated to 320 K. It is desired that the final air contain water vapor not exceeding 0.03 kg/kg of dry air. Calculate:
  - (a) The dry air bypassed (in kg) per each kg of dry air sent through the dehumidifier.
  - (b) The water vapor condensed in the dehumidifier (in kg) per 100 m<sup>3</sup> of air sent through it.
  - (c) The volume of final air obtained per 100 m<sup>3</sup> of air passed through the dehumidifier.

DATA: Total pressure of system = 1 atm or 101.3 kPa

Vapor pressure of water at 285 K = 1.4 kPa      Vapor pressure of water at 320 K = 10.6 kPa

- 3) Ammonium sulfate ( $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ ) is dried from 4.0% to 0.2% moisture in a countercurrent rotary drier. Hot air at 363 K and containing 0.01 kg/kg dry air is admitted at one end of the drier feed, flows countercurrently in contact with the solids, and leaves at the other end of the drier at 305 K. The solid enters at 298 K and leaves at 333 K. The heat loss from the drier is estimated to be  $4 \times 10^4$  kJ/hr. Estimate the air requirement for the drier (in kg/hr) for producing ammonium sulfate at the rate of 1000 kg/hr.

DATA: Latent heat of vaporization of water at 273 K = 2502.3 kJ/kg

Heat capacity of dry air = 1.005 kJ/kg.K      Heat capacity of water vapor = 1.884 kJ/kg.K

Heat capacity of water = 4.2 kJ/kg.K      Heat capacity of dry  $(NH_4)_2SO_4$  = 1.507 kJ/kg.K

## PART B: CHEMICAL THERMODYNAMICS

- 4) A gas mixture at 500 °R and 200 psia contains 80% hydrochloric acid (HCl) and 20% dichloromethane (DCM) on a molar basis. Calculate the fugacity coefficients of HCl and DCM at this temperature and pressure.

DATA:      Critical temperature of HCl = 584 °R  
                  Critical temperature of DCM = 933 °R  
                  Critical pressure of HCl = 1209.6 psia  
                  Critical pressure of DCM = 893 psia

- 5) Calculate the standard Gibbs free energy change ( $\Delta G^\circ$ ) for the following ethanol decomposition reaction at 443 K using the attached heat capacity table:



DATA:

Standard enthalpy of the reaction at 298 K ( $\Delta H^\circ_{298}$ ) = 44.843 kJ/mole  
Standard Gibbs free energy of formation of ethanol at 298 K ( $\Delta G^\circ_{f,298}$ ) = -168.16 kJ/mole  
Standard Gibbs free energy of formation of ethylene at 298 K ( $\Delta G^\circ_{f,298}$ ) = 68.06 kJ/mole  
Standard Gibbs free energy of formation of water at 298 K ( $\Delta G^\circ_{f,298}$ ) = -228.37 kJ/mole

- 6) The volume occupied by one mole of nitrogen gas at 400 K is one liter. Find the change in Gibbs free energy ( $\Delta G$ ) and entropy ( $\Delta S$ ) when the volume is increased to 2 liters (isothermal expansion) for the following cases:
- Nitrogen behaves as an ideal gas.
  - Nitrogen behaves as van der Waals gas.

The van der Waals constants for nitrogen are:

$$a = 1.39 \text{ l}^2\text{.atm/mole}^2 \quad b = 39.1 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mole.}$$









# The Periodic Table of the Elements

Element name → Mercury  
 Atomic # ← 80 ←  
 Symbol → Hg ←  
 Avg. Mass ← 200.59 ←

**Legend:**

- Alkali metals
- Alkaline earth metals
- Transition metals
- Other metals
- Metalloids (semi-metal)
- Nonmetals
- Halogens
- Noble gases

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
Hydrogen 1 H 1.01	Beryllium 4 Be 9.01	Scandium 21 Sc 44.96	Titanium 22 Ti 47.88	Vanadium 23 V 50.94	Chromium 24 Cr 52.00	Manganese 25 Mn 54.94	Iron 26 Fe 55.85	Cobalt 27 Co 58.93	Nickel 28 Ni 58.69	Copper 29 Cu 63.55	Zinc 30 Zn 65.39	Gallium 31 Ga 69.72	Germanium 32 Ge 72.61	Arsenic 33 As 74.92	Selenium 34 Se 78.96	Bromine 35 Br 79.90	Iodine 36 Kr 83.80		
Lithium 3 Li 6.94	Magnesium 12 Mg 24.31	Rubidium 37 Rb 85.47	Sr 38 Sr 87.62	Yttrium 39 Y 88.91	Zirconium 40 Zr 91.22	Niobium 41 Nb 92.91	Molybdenum 42 Mo 95.94	Techneium 43 Tc (98)	Ruthenium 44 Ru 101.07	Rhodium 45 Rh 102.91	Palladium 46 Pd 106.42	Silver 47 Ag 107.87	Caesium 48 Cs 132.91	Indium 49 In 114.82	Tin 50 Sn 118.71	Antimony 51 Sb 121.76	Tellurium 52 Te 127.60	Lead 53 Pb 126.90	
Sodium 11 Na 22.99	Calcium 20 Ca 40.08	Cesium 56 Cs 137.33	Bardium 56 Ba 137.33	Lutetium 71 Lu 174.97	Hafnium 72 Hf 178.49	Tantalum 73 Ta 180.95	Tungsten 74 W 183.84	Rhenium 75 Re 186.21	Osmium 76 Os 190.23	Iridium 77 Ir 192.22	Platinum 78 Pt 195.08	Gold 79 Au 196.97	Mercury 80 Hg 200.59	Thallium 81 Tl 204.38	Lead 82 Pb 207.20	Bismuth 83 Bi 208.98	Poison 84 Po (209)	Astatine 85 At (210)	Radiou 86 Rn (222)
Francium 87 Fr (223)	Radium 88 Ra (226)	Rutherfordium 103 Lr (262)	Rutherfordium 104 Rf (267)	Dubnium 105 Db (268)	Seaborgium 106 Sg (271)	Bohrium 107 Bh (272)	Hassium 108 Hs (270)	Moscovium 109 Mt (276)	Darmstadtium 110 Ds (281)	Roentgenium 111 Rg (280)	Copernicium 112 Cn (285)	Ununtrium 113 Uut (284)	Ununpentium 114 Uup (288)	Ununhexium 115 Uuh (293)	Ununseptium 116 Uus (294?)	Ununoctium 117 Uuo (294)	Ununquadium 118 Uuo (294)		
*lanthanides			Lanthanum 57 La 138.91	Cerium 58 Ce 140.12	Praseodymium 59 Pr 140.91	Neodymium 60 Nd 144.24	Promethium 61 Pm (145)	Samarium 62 Sm 150.36	Europium 63 Eu 151.97	Gadolinium 64 Gd 157.25	Terbium 65 Tb 158.93	Dysprosium 66 Dy 162.50	Holmium 67 Ho 164.93	Erbium 68 Er 167.26	Thulium 69 Tm 168.93	Ytterbium 70 Yb 173.04			
			Adinium 89 Ac (227)	Thorium 90 Th 232.04	Protactinium 91 Pa 231.04	Uranium 92 U 238.03	Neptunium 93 Np (237)	Plutonium 94 Pu (244)	Ameritium 95 Am (243)	Curium 96 Cm (247)	Berkelium 97 Bk (247)	Celfornium 98 Cf (251)	Einsteinium 99 Es (252)	Fermium 100 Fm (257)	Mendelevium 101 Md (258)	Nobium 102 No (259)			
**actinides																			