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SCH 3111: BASIC PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTION A AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN SECTION B

Question 1

- a) State and explain any **FIVE** postulates of the Kinetic theory. (10 marks)
- b) If P_1 , V_1 and T_1 are the values of pressure, volume and temperature respectively for any definite quantity of gas, and P_2 , V_2 and T_2 are another set of desired conditions, show that
- $$\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2} \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$
- c) If one mole of an ideal gas occupies 12 Liters at 25°C. What is the pressure of the gas? (5 marks)
- d) (i) Explain the meaning of the term “colligative properties” and give three examples. (5 marks)
(ii) In how much water should 10g of glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) be dissolved to obtain a solution freezing at $-0.35^\circ C$? ($f = 18.6 \text{ K}$ for 100 g of water). (5 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION-EACH QUESTION CARRIES 20 MARKS

Question 2

- a) Define the following terms; (10 marks)
- Equilibrium constant
 - Reversible reaction
 - Order of a reaction
 - Rate law
 - Molecularity
- b) What is a redox reaction? Explain using an example. (5 marks)
- c) The lowering of vapour pressure of a solution of 108.2 g of a substance X in 1 Kg of water at 20°C is 24.79 Nm^{-2} . The vapour pressure of water at this same temperature is 2.338 kNm^{-2} . Calculate the RMM of X. (5 marks)

Question 3

- a) Two flasks of equal volumes are connected by a narrow tube of negligible volume. Initially, both flasks are at 27°C and contain 0.70 moles of H₂ gas, the pressure being 0.50 atmospheres. One of the flasks is then immersed in a hot oil bath at 127°C while the other is kept at 27°C. Calculate the final pressure and the moles of H₂ in each flask. (10 marks)
- b) Distinguish the following terms; (6 marks)
- Electrolysis and Electrochemistry
 - Anode and cathode
 - Electrolytic and galvanic/voltaic cell
- c) When 1 mole of HI is allowed to dissociate in 1.0 dm³ vessel at 440°C, only 0.78 moles of HI are present at equilibrium. What is the equilibrium constant at this temperature for this reaction? (4 marks)

Question 4

- a) The equilibrium constant for the reaction below at 298K is 200 mol⁻¹dm³.
- $$2\text{NO}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons \text{N}_2\text{O}_4(\text{g})$$
- Write the expression for the equilibrium constant for the reaction. (3 marks)
 - If the [NO₂] in the equilibrium mixture at this temperature is 2 x 10⁻² mol dm⁻³, what is the [N₂O₄]? (3 marks)
 - Calculate the equilibrium constant for this reaction at 298K. (3 marks)
- d) Liquid camphor freezes at 175°C. A solution of 1.54 g of naphthalene (C₁₀H₈) in 18 g of camphor freezes at 148.3. What is the freezing point constant of camphor. (5 marks)
- e) Distinguish the following terms; (6 marks)
- Electrolysis and Electrochemistry
 - Anode and cathode
 - Electrolytic and galvanic/voltaic cell

Question 5

- a) 2.0 g of phosphorus elevated the boiling point of 37.4g of carbon disulphide by 1.003°C. What is the molecular formula of phosphorus in CS₂? (M = 31 g for P; b = 2.35°C for 1 mole of P in 1000 g of CS₂) (6 marks)
- b) State and explain any **FOUR** factors that influence the rate of a chemical reaction. (8 marks)
- c) Sketch the isobar and the isotherm that defines Charles' and Boyle's laws respectively and show the trend in Temperature and pressure respectively (6 marks)

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