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## PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY II

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## Rate Equations - 1

1. The rate of the reaction between substance A and substance B was studied in a series of experiments carried out at the same temperature.

In each experiment the initial rate was measured using different concentrations of A and B.

These results were used to deduce the order of reaction with respect to A and the order of reaction with respect to B.

**(a)** What is meant by the term order of reaction with respect to A?

(1)

**(b)** When the concentrations of A and B were both doubled, the initial rate increased by a factor of 4.

Deduce the overall order of the reaction.

(1)

**(c)** In another experiment, the concentration of A was increased by a factor of three and the concentration of B was halved.

This caused the initial rate to increase by a factor of nine.

Deduce the order of reaction with respect to A and the order with respect to B.

Write a rate equation for the reaction and suggest suitable units for the rate constant.

(4)

2. The rate expression for the reaction between X and Y is  $\text{rate} = k [X]^2[Y]$   
Which statement is correct?
- A. The rate constant has units  $\text{mol}^{-1} \text{dm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$   
B. The rate of the reaction is halved if the concentration of X is halved and the concentration of Y is doubled.  
C. The rate increases by a factor of 16 if the concentration of X is tripled and the concentration of Y is doubled.  
D. The rate constant is independent of temperature.
- (1)
3. The following data were obtained in a series of experiments on the rate of the reaction between NO and O<sub>2</sub> at a constant temperature.

Experiment	Initial concentration of NO/mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	Initial concentration of O <sub>2</sub> /mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	Initial rate/mol dm <sup>-3</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
1	$5.0 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.5 \times 10^{-4}$
2	$6.5 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-2}$	To be calculated

The rate equation for this reaction is  $\text{rate} = k[\text{NO}]^2 [\text{O}_2]$

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(a) Use the data from experiment 1 to calculate a value for the rate constant,  $k$ , at this temperature, and state its units.

(2)

(b) Calculate a value for the initial rate in experiment 2.

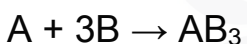
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4. What are the units of the rate constant for a third order reaction?

- A.  $\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$
- B.  $\text{mol}^{-1} \text{dm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$
- C.  $\text{mol}^2 \text{dm}^{-6} \text{s}^{-1}$
- D.  $\text{mol}^{-2} \text{dm}^6 \text{s}^{-1}$

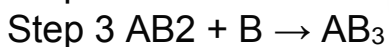
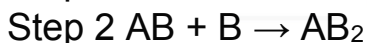
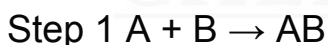
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5. Compound A reacts with compound B as shown by the overall equation



The rate equation for the reaction is  $\text{rate} = k[\text{A}][\text{B}]^2$

A suggested mechanism for the reaction is



Deduce which one of the three steps is the rate-determining step.

Explain your answer.

(2)

6. The results of an investigation of the reaction between P and Q are shown in this table

Experiment	[P] / mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	Initial [Q] / mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	Initial rate / mol dm <sup>-3</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
1	0.200	0.500	0.400
2	0.600	To be calculated	0.800

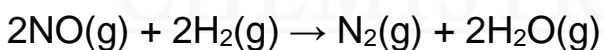
The rate equation is: rate = k [P] [Q]<sup>2</sup>

What is the initial concentration of Q in experiment 2?

- A. 0.167
- B. 0.333
- C. 0.408
- D. 0.612

(1)

7. In the presence of the catalyst rhodium, the reaction between NO and H<sub>2</sub> occurs according to the following equation.



The kinetics of the reaction were investigated and the rate equation was found to be rate = k[NO]<sub>2</sub> [H<sub>2</sub>]

The initial rate of reaction was 6.2 × 10<sup>-6</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

When the initial concentration of NO was 2.9 × 10<sup>-2</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup> and the initial concentration of H<sub>2</sub> was 2.3 × 10<sup>-2</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>.

**(a)** Calculate the value of the rate constant under these conditions and give its units.

**(3)**

**(b)** Calculate the initial rate of reaction if the experiment is repeated under the same conditions but with the concentrations of NO and of H<sub>2</sub> both doubled from their original values.

**(1)**

8. Solutions of two compounds, W and X, react together in the presence of a soluble catalyst, Y, as shown in the equation  $2W + X \rightarrow Z$

When the concentrations of W, X and Y are all doubled, the rate of reaction increases by a factor of four.

Which is a possible rate equation for this reaction?

**A.** rate =  $k [W]^2 [X]$

**B.** rate =  $k [W]^2 [Y]$

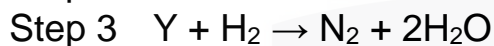
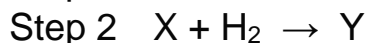
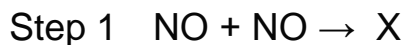
**C.** rate =  $k [X] [Y]$

**D.** rate =  $k [X] [Z]$

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9. Using the rate equation and the overall equation, the following three-step mechanism for the reaction was suggested.

X and Y are intermediate species.



Suggest which one of the three steps is the rate-determining step.

Explain your answer.

(2)

10. The rate equation for the acid-catalysed reaction between iodine and propanone is:

$$\text{rate} = k [\text{H}^+] [\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}]$$

The rate of reaction was measured for a mixture of iodine, propanone and sulfuric acid at  $\text{pH} = 0.70$

In a second mixture the concentration of the sulfuric acid was different but the concentrations of iodine and propanone were unchanged.

The new rate of reaction was a quarter of the original rate.  
What was the pH of the second mixture?

- A. 1.00
- B. 1.30
- C. 1.40
- D. 2.80

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