Problem Set 6: Ideal Gas Law and Gas Stoichiometry

HCHE 111L: Introduction to Elementary Inorganic Chemistry

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Problem 1

A 1.54 L gas bulb in a chemistry laboratory contains oxygen gas at 21°C and 758 torr. The air conditioning in the laboratory breaks down (cause....you know....its Morehouse) and the temperature rises to 31°. Calculate the final pressure of the gas given this increase in temperature.

Problem 2

A 20.6 L sample of "pure" air is collected in Greenland at a temperature of -20.0 °C and a pressure of 1.01 atm and is forced into a 1.05 L bottle for shipment to Europe for analysis.

a) Compute the pressure inside the bottle just after it is filled.

b) Compute the pressure inside the bottle as it is open and exposed to the 21°C comfort of the European laboratory.

Problem 3

Consider a weather balloon filled with helium (He) that has a volume of 1.0×10^4 L at 1.00 atm and 30°C.

a) What mass of helium (in kilograms) is necessary to fill such a balloon?

b) The balloon rises to an altitude at which the pressure inside the balloon dropped to 0.60 atm and the temperature drops to -20° C. What is the volume of the balloon then?

Problem 4

The Stirling engine, a heat engine invented by a Scottish minister, has been considered for use in automobile engines because of its efficiency. In such an engine, a gas goes through a four-step cycle of (1) expansion at a constant T, (2) cooling at constant V, (3) compression at constant T to its original volume, and (4) heating at constant V to its original temperature.

a) Suppose the gas starts at a pressure of 1.23 atm, and the volume of the gas changes from 0.350 L to 1.31 L at a constant T. Calculate the pressure of the gas at the end of this step in the cycle.

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b) Assuming the conditions of part a) which step in the Stirling cycle is occuring?

Problem 5

Iodine heptaflouride (IF₇) can be made at elevated temperatures by the reaction

$$I_2(g) + 7 F_2(g) \longrightarrow 2 IF_7(g)$$

Suppose 63.6 L of gaseous IF₇ is made by this reaction at 300°C and a pressure of 0.459 atm.

- a) Calculate the number of **molecules** of IF₇ created in this process.
- b) If the gas is then heated to 400°C at a pressure of 0.980 atm, what is the volume?

Problem 6

Calcium Carbide (CaC₂) is a hard gray-black solid that has a very high melting point. This compound reacts strongly with liquid water to produce Ca(OH)₂ and an unknown gas in the following manner:

$$CaC_2(s) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow Ca(OH)_2(s) + unknown gas$$

A 12.8 g sample of CaC₂ was treated with excess water. The resulting gas was collected in an evacuated 5.00 L glass bulb with a mass of 254.49 g. **AFTER BEING FILLED WITH THE GAS** the bulb had a mass of 259.70 g and a pressure of 0.988 atm when its temperature was 26.8°C.

- a) Calculate the number of moles of the unknown gas.
- b) Some students are arguing over which gas is produced in this process. Some think it is oxygen gas (O₂), some think its ethane (C₂H₂), and a few others think it is methane (CH₄). Use the data in part a) to calculate the molar mass of the unknown gas to identify which compound it is.
- c) Write a balanced chemical equation for this process.
- d) Considering the mass of this gas from part a), calculate the theoretical yield (in grams) of the unknown gas.