

Numericals

i) A coal sample has following composition,

$$C = 70\% \quad H = 5\% \quad O = 23\% \quad S = 1.50\% \\ N = 0.40\% \quad \text{Ash} = 0.10\%$$

Calculate GCV & LCV of fuel.

$$\rightarrow \text{GCV} = \frac{1}{100} \left[8080 C + 34500 \left(H - \frac{O}{8} \right) + 2240 S \right] \\ = \frac{1}{100} \left[8080 (70) + 34500 \left(5 - \frac{23}{8} \right) + 2240 \times (1.50) \right] \\ \text{GCV} = \frac{642272.5}{100} \\ \therefore \text{GCV} = \underline{\underline{6422.725}} \text{ kcal/kg}$$

$$\text{LCV} = \text{GCV} - \left(\frac{9H}{100} \times 587 \right) \\ = 6422.725 - \left(\frac{9 \times 5}{100} \times 587 \right)$$

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2] A solid fuel containing 90% carbon, 8% hydrogen, 1.5% sulphur, 2% nitrogen, 5% oxygen & remaining ash. Calculate high & low calorific value of solid fuel.

$$\rightarrow C = 90\% \quad H = 8\% \quad S = 1.5\% \quad N = 2\% \\ O = 5\%$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gross/High calorific value (GCV)} &= \frac{1}{100} \left[8080C + 34500 \left(\frac{H-O}{8} \right) + 2240S \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{100} \left[8080 \times 90 + 34500 \left(8 - \frac{5}{8} \right) + 2240(1.5) \right] \\ &= \frac{984997.5}{100} \\ GCV &= \underline{\underline{9849.975}} \text{ kcal/kg.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Low calorific value (LCV)} &= GCV - \left(\frac{9H}{100} \times 587 \right) \\ &= 9849.975 - 0.09 \times 8 \times 587 \\ LCV &= 9427.335 \text{ kcal/kg.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ans :- high calorific value} &= 9849.975 \text{ kcal/kg.} \\ \text{low calorific value} &= 9427.335 \text{ kcal/kg.} \end{aligned}$$

3] $\frac{1}{2}$ g of air dried sample of coal on heating at 110°C for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour produced a residue 0.850 g & this residue on heating at 950°C for 7 minutes in absence of air left 0.72 g mass which on combustion left 0.1 g of non-combustible matter. Calculate the result of proximate analysis.



i) weight of coal taken = $\frac{1}{2}$ g

ii) weight of coal after heating at 110°C = 0.850 g

iii) weight of coal after heating at 950°C = 0.72 g

$$\therefore \text{i) Moisture \%} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} - 0.850}{\frac{1}{2}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{0.150}{\frac{1}{2}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Moisture \%} = \underline{15} \%$$

$$\text{2) Volatile matter \%} = \frac{\text{Loss in weight due to volatile matter}}{\text{weight of coal taken}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{0.850 - 0.72}{\frac{1}{2}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Volatile matter \%} = \underline{13} \%$$

$$\text{3). Ash \%} = \frac{0.1}{\frac{1}{2}} \times 100$$

$$\therefore \text{Ash \%} = 10 \%$$

$$\text{4) Fixed carbon \%} = 100 - [\text{Moisture \%} + \text{Volatile matter \%} + \text{Ash \%}]$$

$$= 100 - (15 + 13 + 10)$$

$$(\%) \text{ Fixed carbon} = 62 \%$$

u) A sample was analyzed for content of moisture, volatile matter & ash. Use the data & calculate the % of above quantities

i) weight of coal = 2.5 g

ii) weight of coal after heating at 110°C = 2.368 g

iii) weight of coal after heating covered crucible at 950°C = 1.75 g

iv) const. weight obtained at the end of experiment = 0.95 g

$$\rightarrow \text{Moisture \%} = \frac{\text{loss in weight}}{\text{weight of coal sample}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{2.5 - 2.368}{2.5} \times 100$$

$$= 0.0528 \times 100$$

$$= 5.28 \%$$

$$\text{Volatile matter \%} = \frac{\text{loss in weight due to volatile matter}}{\text{weight of coal}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{2.368 - 1.75}{2.5} \times 100$$

$$= 24.72 \%$$

$$\text{Ash \%} = \frac{0.95}{2.5} \times 100$$

$$= 38\%$$

- \therefore Ans:- i) Moisture (%) in coal = 5.28 %
 ii) % volatile matter in coal = 24.72 %
 iii) Ash (%) in coal = 38 %.

Q6] The analysis of coal found to contain following constituents
 $C = 81\%$, $H = 6\%$, $O = 7\%$, $N = 1\%$. Calculate the weight of air required for combustion of 1 kg of air.

Components	% composition	Weight of component per kg
C	81	0.81
H	6	0.06
N	1	0.01
O	7	0.07

Nitrogen do not participate in combustion

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Weight of air required} &= \frac{100}{23} [2.67 C + 8H + S - O] \text{ kg.} \\ &= \frac{100}{23} [2.67 \times 0.81 + 8(0.06) + 0 - 0.07] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Weight of air required} = \underline{\underline{11.1856}} \text{ kg}$$

Q7] Calculate the volume of air required for combustion of 1 m^3 of gaseous fuel which has following composition $\text{CH}_4 = 34\%$, $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6 = 4\%$, $\text{CO} = 10\%$, $\text{H}_2 = 15\%$, $\text{N} = 2\%$, water vapour = 4% .

$$\rightarrow \text{Volume of fuel} = 1\text{ m}^3$$

$$\text{Volume of } \text{CH}_4 = 0.34\text{ m}^3$$

$$\text{Volume of } \text{C}_2\text{H}_6 = 0.04\text{ m}^3$$

$$\text{Volume of water vapour} = 0.04\text{ m}^3$$

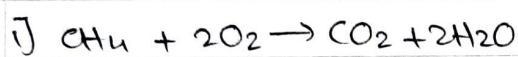
$$\text{Volume of CO} = 0.1\text{ m}^3$$

$$\text{Volume of H}_2 = 0.15\text{ m}^3$$

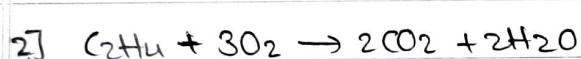
$$\text{Volume of N} = 0.02\text{ m}^3$$

Reactions.

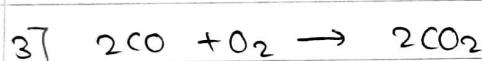
Volume of O_2 required



$$0.34 \times 2 = 0.68\text{ m}^3$$



$$0.04 \times 3 = 0.12\text{ m}^3$$



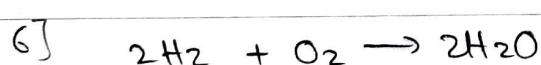
$$0.5 \times 0.1 = 0.05\text{ m}^3$$

4] Nitrogen (No reaction)

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5) Water vapour (no reaction)

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$$0.5 \times 0.15 = 0.225\text{ m}^3$$

$$\therefore \text{Total O}_2 \text{ required} = 0.68 + 0.12 + 0.05 + 0.225$$

$$\text{Total O}_2 \text{ required} = 1.075\text{ m}^3$$

$$\therefore \text{Volume of air} = \text{Volume of O}_2 \times \frac{100}{21}$$

$$= 1.075 \times \frac{100}{21}$$

$$\text{Volume of air} = 5.19\text{ m}^3 \text{ of air}$$

Q8] A gaseous fuel has following composition by volume $H_2 = 40\%$
 $CH_4 = 30\%$ $C_3H_8 = 12\%$, $CO = 10\%$, $CO_2 = 3\%$, $N_2 = 3\%$
 $O_2 = 2\%$. Calculate the volume & weight required for combustion of $\pm m^3$ of fuel.



$$\text{Volume of fuel} = \pm m^3$$

$$\text{Volume of } H_2 = 0.4 m^3$$

$$\text{Volume of } CH_4 = 0.3 m^3$$

$$\text{Volume of } C_3H_8 = 0.12 m^3$$

$$\text{Volume of } CO = 0.1 m^3$$

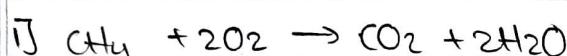
$$\text{Volume of } CO_2 = 0.03 m^3$$

$$\text{Volume of } N_2 = 0.03 m^3$$

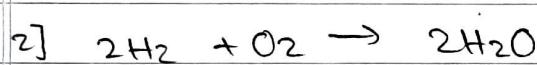
$$\text{Volume of } O_2 = 0.02 m^3$$

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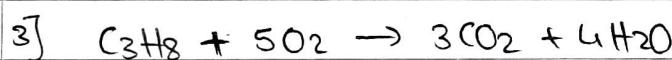
Volume of O_2 required



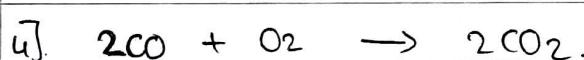
$$2 \times 0.3 = 0.6 m^3$$



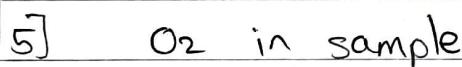
$$\frac{1}{2} \times 0.4 = 0.2 m^3$$



$$5 \times 0.12 = 0.6 m^3$$



$$0.1 \times \frac{1}{2} = 0.05 m^3$$



$$0.02 m^3$$

$$\therefore \text{Total } O_2 \text{ required} = [0.6 + 0.2 + 0.6 + 0.05] - 0.02$$

$$\text{Volume} = \underline{\underline{1.43 m^3}}$$

$$\therefore \text{Volume of air required} = 1.43 \times \frac{100}{21} = \underline{\underline{6.809 m^3}}$$

For weight of air,

$$22.4 m^3 \text{ requires } 28.94 \text{ kg air}$$

$$6.809 m^3 \text{ requires } ?$$

$$\therefore \text{Weight of air} = \left(\frac{28.94 \times 6.809}{22.4} \right) \text{ kg.}$$

(Required)

$$= \underline{\underline{8.797 \text{ kg}}}$$

Ans:- Volume of air required = 6.809 m^3 .
 Weight of air required = 8.797 kg .

- (Q3) 1.5 gm of coal sample was Kjeldahlised & the ammonia evolved was absorbed in 50 ml of N/10 H_2SO_4 . After absorption the excess H_2SO_4 required 35 ml of 0.1 N NaOH for neutralization.
 0.5 gm of the same coal sample was burnt in a bomb calorimeter & on treatment with BaCl_2 produced 0.08 gm of BaSO_4 precipitate. Calculate the percentage of nitrogen & sulphur in the given coal sample.

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$$\% \text{ Nitrogen} = \frac{1.4 \times (\text{volume of acid consumed}) \times \text{Normality}}{\text{weight of coal sample}}$$

$$\% \text{ N} = \frac{1.4 \times (50 - 35) \times 0.1}{1.5}$$

$$\boxed{\% \text{ N} = 1.4 \%}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ Sulphur} &= \frac{32}{233} \times \frac{\text{weight of } \text{BaSO}_4 \text{ ppt}}{\text{weight of coal sample}} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{32}{233} \times \frac{0.08}{0.5} \times 100 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\% \text{ S} = 2.197 \%}$$

Ans:- % of nitrogen = 1.4%
 % of sulphur = 2.197%.

Q10] 2.2 gm of coal was heated in Kjeldahl's flask & ammonia gas evolved was absorbed in 45 ml of N/S H₂SO₄. The excess acid required 35 ml of N/S KOH for neutralization. Calculate % of nitrogen in coal sample.

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$$\% \text{ N} = \frac{1.4 \times \text{Volume of acid consumed} \times \text{Normality}}{\text{Weight of coal sample}}$$

$$= \frac{1.4 \times (45 - 35) \times 0.2}{2.2}$$

$$\% \text{ N} = \frac{1.4 \times 10 \times 0.2}{2.2}$$

$$\% \text{ N} = \frac{1.4 \times 2}{2.2}$$

$$\% \text{ N} = 1.27 \%$$

Ans:- 1.27 % of Nitrogen is present in 2.2 g of coal sample.

Q11] 2 gm of coal sample was taken for nitrogen estimated by Kjeldahl's method. The ammonium liberated required 10 ml of 0.5 N H₂SO₄ for neutralization. Calculate % of nitrogen in coal sample.

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$$\% \text{ N} = \frac{1.4 \times \text{Volume of acid consumed} \times \text{Normality}}{\text{Weight of coal sample}}$$

$$= \frac{1.4 \times 10 \times 0.5}{2}$$

$$\% \text{ N} = \underline{3.5}$$

Ans:- 3.5 % of nitrogen is present in coal sample.

Q(2) 2 gm of coal sample was burnt in combustion tube & products of combustion were absorbed in previously weighted KOH bulb & CaCl₂ tube. The increase in weight of KOH bulb & CaCl₂ tube were found to be 3.5 gm & 1.5 gm respectively. Calculate % of carbon & hydrogen in the coal sample.

→ By formula,

$$\% C = \frac{\text{weight increase in KOH bulb}}{\text{weight of coal sample}} \times \frac{12}{44} \times 100$$

$$\% C = \frac{3.5}{2} \times \frac{12}{44} \times 100$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\begin{aligned} \% C &= 47.27 \% \\ \% C &= 47.72 \% \end{aligned}}$$

$$\% H = \frac{\text{weight increase in CaCl}_2\text{ tube}}{\text{weight of coal sample}} \times \frac{4}{36} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{1.5}{2} \times \frac{4}{36} \times 100$$

$$\boxed{\% H = 8.33 \%}$$

Ans:- Carbon (%) in coal sample is 47.72 %.
Hydrogen(%) in coal sample is 8.33 %.

Q13] 1.5 gm of coal sample was taken for estimation by combustion method. The increase in weight of KOH bulb & CaH_2 tube was found to be 2.5 gm & 5.0 gm respectively. Calculate % of C & H.

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By formula,

$$\% \text{C} = \frac{\text{weight increase in KOH bulb}}{\text{weight of coal sample}} \times \frac{12}{44} \times 100$$

$$\therefore \% \text{C} = \frac{2.5 \times \frac{12}{44} \times 100}{1.5}$$

$$\therefore \% \text{C} = 45.45\%$$

$$\% \text{H} = \frac{\text{weight increase in } \text{CaH}_2 \text{ tube}}{\text{weight of coal sample}} \times \frac{4}{36} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{5}{1.5} \times \frac{4}{36} \times 100$$

$$\therefore \% \text{H} = 37.037\%$$

Ans :- % of carbon in coal sample = 45.45%.
 % of hydrogen in coal sample = 37.037%.

Q14] 1 gm of coal sample was burnt in bomb calorimeter produced 0.1 gm of BaSO_4 . Calculate % of sulphur in coal sample.

→ B

By formula,

$$\% \text{ Sulphur} = \frac{32}{233} \times \frac{\text{weight of } \text{BaSO}_4 \text{ ppt}}{\text{weight of coal sample}} \times 100$$

$$\therefore \% S = \frac{32}{233} \times \frac{0.1}{1} \times 100$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\% S = 1.373 \%}$$

~~Ans :-~~ % of sulphur in coal sample is 1.373 %

* Theory Questions *

Q1] What do you mean by unleaded petrol? Write the advantages of unleaded petrol.

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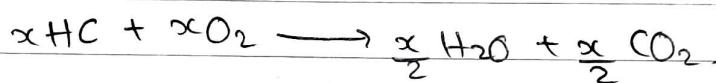
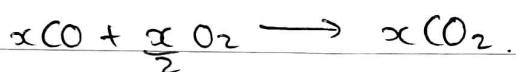
Unleaded petrol is practically the zero lead quantity gasoline supplied for motor fuels.

- 1] In car exhaust, if catalytic converter is connected, leaded petrol cannot be used, because lead destroys the active sites of catalyst.
- 2] Two types of catalyst are used in catalytic converter.
 - i] Reduction catalyst.
 - ii] Oxidation catalyst.

3. Catalyst helps to reduce emission of harmful gases by following reactions.
4. Reduction catalyst contains Pt or Rh, which can reduce NO_x as,



5. Oxidation catalyst helps treating unburnt hydrocarbon oxidation catalyst unburnt hydrocarbons & carbon monoxide due to presence of Pd or Pt.



6. Engine is connected with computerised oxygen sensors & signals are indicated to adjust the requirement of oxygen which is adjusted.

* Advantages of Unleaded petrol.

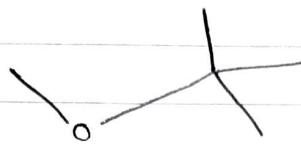
- 1] It is fuel without lead which is a heavy metal & very harmful.
- 2] The use of ULP helps in controlling knocking in engines as it supports the use of catalytic converters attached to exhaust in automobiles.
- 3] Octane rating can be further improved by adding small amount of MTBE which supports combustion also.
- 4] ULP also allows use of catalysts like Rhodium which converts exhaust gases like CO & NO to CO_2 & N_2 . Rhodium also converts unburnt hydrocarbons to CO_2 & H_2O .

2] What is MTBE. Why is it preferably used? State its advantages & disadvantages.

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A] MTBE is methyl tertiary butyl ether.

B] Uses of MTBE



B] Uses of MTBE is preferred because,

i] It can be produced by simple reaction of iso-butylene & methanol.

ii] It helps to avoid disadvantages of methanol, rather provides alternative with safety & efficiency.

iii] Industry does not depend on corn crop for production of MTBE.

C] Advantages :-

i] It contains "oxygen" in the form of ether group. It has low photochemical reaction with hydroxyl radical.

ii] This oxygen in MTBE supports combustion of petrol in I.C. engine.

iii] Due to presence of oxygen, formation of "peroxy" compound is reduced & thus "octane" rating is enhanced.

iv] Protection of environment is achieved.

D] Disadvantages :-

i] MTBE needs to be blended with gasoline at refinery. (cannot)

ii] MTBE is poisonous, hence may contaminate ground waters if gasoline leaks.

3] Significance of proximate analysis & ultimate analysis

A] Significance of proximate analysis :-

i] Moisture :-

- i] It decreases calorific value of coal largely as it does not burn & takes away heat in the form of latent heat.
- ii] It increases ignition point of coal.
Hence, coal with lower moisture % is of better quality.

2] Volatile matter :-

- i] It decreases the calorific value of coal.
- ii] It elongates flame & decreases flame temperature.
- iii] It forms smoke & pollutes air.
- iv] Coal containing 15-25% of volatile matter on carbonisation gives coke oven gas which is the source of various organic aromatic chemicals.
- v] Such coals have good caking property & coke can be obtained from the coals.
- vi] The coal with lesser V.M is better quality coal.

3] Ash :-

- i] Ash reduces calorific value of coal as ash is non-burning part in coal.
- ii] Ash disposal is a problem.
- iii] Ash fuses to form clinker at high temperature, obstructing the air supply to coal burning in furnace
Hence, lesser the ash % better is quality of coal.

3] Fixed Carbon :- i] Carbon is the burning part of coal. Therefore, higher the FC % higher is calorific value.

BJ Significance of Ultimate analysis :-

1] Carbon % :- Greater the % of carbon in coal , better is the coal quality & higher calorific value .

2] Hydrogen % :- most of the hydrogen in the coal is in the form of moisture & volatile matter . Only a small percentage of hydrogen is combustible . It decreases calorific value of coal . Smaller the H% better is coal quality .

3] Nitrogen % :- Nitrogen does not burn during coal combustion therefore it has no calorific value . % nitrogen should be negligible in coal .

4] Sulphur % :- Although sulphur can burn & increase calorific value of coal but it causes SO₂ pollution & cause acid rain , corrosion of metallic equipment . Hence , lower the % of sulphur better is the quality of coal .

5] Oxygen % :- Most of oxygen in coal is in the form of moisture . It decreases calorific value of coal . Hence , lower the oxygen % , better is coal quality .

4) Differences between octane number & cetane number.



Octane number	Cetane number
1) "Octane number" expresses knocking character of petrol.	1) "Cetane Number" expresses knocking character of diesel.
2] It is the % of iso-octane in the mixture of iso-octane & n-heptane, which has similar knocking to petrol sample.	2] It is % of hexadecane in the mixture of n-hexadecane & 2-methyl naphthalene which has some ignition character of diesel.
3]. Octane number of good petrol should be atleast 85 for motor cycles & cars and 100 for aeroplane & helicopters.	3]. Cetane number of good diesel should be 25 for low speed engine & 35 for medium speed engine. & 45 for high speed engine.
4]. Octane number of petrol can be increased by adjusting compression ratio suitable or by adding benzene or toluene or alkylate fraction	4]. Cetane number of diesel can be increased by adding organic compounds containing oxygen atom eg. ethyl nitrate, nitrite, isononyl acetone peroxide.

(Q5) what is knocking of petrol & why does it occur & How does it relate to structure of hydrocarbons present in petrol?

→ A) Knocking:-

- i] Knocking is a term related to internal combustion engine working on petrol.
- ii] In an internal combustion engine, mixture of air & petrol vapour is compressed & then ignited by spark plug & the chemical reaction is oxidation of hydrocarbon molecule where gases are evolved through exhaust.
- iii] Due to combustion, gases are produced which move the piston down the cylinder.
- iv] Rate of combustion depends upon composition of fuel, temperature & design of the engine.
- v] Movement of piston must be uniform without any vibration.
- vi] But sometimes, the rate of combustion is so great that mixture detonates before the ignition of spark plug, which causes uneven moving of piston producing a sound called "knocking".

② B) Relation of knocking with structure of hydrocarbons.

- i] Petrol is a mixture of various hydrocarbons & knocking of engine depend upon structure of hydrocarbons present in petrol.
- ii] Sudden burning of hydrocarbons, which produces a large volume of in short time, causes knocking.
- iii] Straight chain saturated hydrocarbons have more tendency of knocking than unsaturated hydrocarbons.

Knocking tendency :- Straight chain > branch chain > olefins > cyclo parafins > aromatic.

Q6] Significance of Octane & Cetane Number.
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A] Significance of Octane Number :-

- i] Octane Number is a standard measure of ~~an~~ engine the fuel against compression.
- ii] Higher the octane number, the more compression of fuel happens before detonating.
- iii] Fuels with higher octane number are used in higher compression gasoline engines.

B] Significance of Cetane Number :-

- i] Cetane Number refers to compression-ignition engine.
- ii] Gasoline engines rely on ignition of air & fuel compressed together as a mixture, which is ignited near the end of compression stroke using spark plug.
- iii]. High compressibility of fuels matters mainly for gasoline engines.
- iv]. Gasoline with lower cetane numbers may lead to knocking.