2011 AP® CHEMISTRY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

3. Hydrogen gas burns in air according to the equation below.

$$2 H_2(g) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2 H_2O(l)$$

- (a) Calculate the standard enthalpy change, ΔH_{298}° , for the reaction represented by the equation above. (The molar enthalpy of formation, ΔH_f° , for H₂O(*l*) is -285.8 kJ mol⁻¹ at 298 K.)
- (b) Calculate the amount of heat, in kJ, that is released when 10.0 g of $H_2(g)$ is burned in air.
- (c) Given that the molar enthalpy of vaporization, ΔH_{vap}° , for $H_2O(l)$ is 44.0 kJ mol⁻¹ at 298 K, what is the standard enthalpy change, ΔH_{298}° , for the reaction $2 H_2(g) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2 H_2O(g)$?

A fuel cell is an electrochemical cell that converts the chemical energy stored in a fuel into electrical energy. A cell that uses H_2 as the fuel can be constructed based on the following half-reactions.

Half-reaction	<i>E</i> ° (298 K)
$2 \text{ H}_2\text{O}(l) + \text{O}_2(g) + 4 e^- \rightarrow 4 \text{ OH}^-(aq)$	0.40 V
$2 \text{ H}_2\text{O}(l) + 2 e^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2(g) + 2 \text{ OH}^-(aq)$	-0.83 V

- (d) Write the equation for the overall cell reaction.
- (e) Calculate the standard potential for the cell at 298 K.
- (f) Assume that 0.93 mol of $H_2(g)$ is consumed as the cell operates for 600. seconds.
 - (i) Calculate the number of moles of electrons that pass through the cell.
 - (ii) Calculate the average current, in amperes, that passes through the cell.
- (g) Some fuel cells use butane gas, C_4H_{10} , rather than hydrogen gas. The overall reaction that occurs in a butane fuel cell is $2 C_4H_{10}(g) + 13 O_2(g) \rightarrow 8 CO_2(g) + 10 H_2O(l)$. What is one environmental advantage of using fuel cells that are based on hydrogen rather than on hydrocarbons such as butane?

STOP

If you finish before time is called, you may check your work on this part only.

Do not turn to the other part of the test until you are told to do so.