G12 Chemistry: Class 10 Homework

- 1. Cyclopropane, C₃H₆ has a three-membered hydrocarbon ring structure. It undergoes rearrangement to propene. At 1000°C, the first-order rate constant for the decomposition of cyclopropane is 9.2s⁻¹. [3 marks]
 - a) Determine the half-life of the reaction.
 - b) What percent of the original concentration of cyclopropane will remain after 4 halflives?

- 2. Peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN), $H_2CCO_2ONO_2$ is a constituent of photochemical smog. It undergoes a first-order decomposition reaction with $t_{1/2} = 32$ min. [4 marks]
 - a) Calculate the rate constant in s⁻¹ for the first-order decomposition of PAN.
 - b) 128min. after a sample of PAN began to decompose, the concentration of PAN in the air is 3.1×10^{13} molecules/L. What was the concentration of PAN when the decomposition began?

3. In general, a reaction is essentially over after 10 half-lives. Prove that this generalization is reasonable. [2 marks]

4. The following reaction is exothermic:

 $2CIO(g) \rightarrow CI_2(g) + O_2(g)$

Draw and label a potential energy diagram for the reaction. Propose a reasonable activated complex. **[5 marks]**

5. A researcher is investigating the following overall reaction.

$$2C + D \rightarrow E$$

The researcher claims that the rate law equation for the reaction is written as follows: Rate = k[C][D] [3 marks]

- a) Is the rate law equation possible for the given reaction?
- b) If so, suggest a mechanism that would match the rate law. If not, explain why or why not.

6. A chemist proposes the following reaction mechanism for a certain reaction. [3 marks]

Step 1: $A + B \rightarrow C$ (slow) Step 2: $C + A \rightarrow E + F$ (fast)

- a) Write the equation for the chemical reaction that is described by this mechanism.
- b) Write a rate law equation that is consistent with the proposed mechanism.

7. Chlorine gas reacts with aqueous hydrogen sulfide (also known as hydrosulfuric acid) to form elemental sulfur and hydrochloric acid.

$$Cl_2(g) + H_2S(aq) \rightarrow S(s) + 2HCl(aq)$$

The experimentally obtained rate law equation is written as follows: Rate = $k[Cl_2][H_2S]$. Which of the following mechanisms is consistent with this information? Explain your answer. [2 marks]

Mechanism A

Step 1
$$Cl_2 + H_2S \rightarrow Cl^+ + HCl + HS^-$$
 (slow)

Step 2
$$Cl^+ + HS^- \rightarrow HCl + S$$
 (fast)

Mechanism B

Step 1
$$Cl_2 \rightarrow Cl^+ + Cl^-$$
 (slow)

Step 2
$$Cl^- + H_2S \rightarrow HCl + HS^-$$
 (fast)

Step 3
$$Cl^+ + HS^- \rightarrow HCl + S$$
 (fast)

- 8. In each process, does the entropy of the system increase or decrease? [5 marks]
 - a) Ice melting
 - b) Water vapour condensing
 - c) Sugar dissolving in water
 - d) $HCI(g) + NH_3(g) \rightarrow NH_4CI(s)$
 - e) $CaCO_3(s) \rightarrow CaO(s) + CO_2(g)$
- 9. What is the sign of the entropy change in each chemical reaction? [5 marks]
 - a) $N_2O_4(g) \rightarrow 2NO_2(g)$
 - b) $PCl_3(g) + Cl_2(g) \rightarrow PCl_5(g)$
 - c) $2AI(s) + 3/2O_2(g) \rightarrow AI_2O_3(s)$
 - d) $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightarrow 2NH_3(g)$
 - e) $S(s) + O_2(g) \rightarrow SO_2(g)$

- 10. Which of the following reactions would be spontaneous at 25°C? If either of the reactions is nonspontaneous, at what temperature might it become spontaneous? [5 marks]
 - a) $\Delta H = -10.5 \text{ kJ/mol}$ $\Delta S = 30 \text{ J/Kmol}$

b) $\Delta H = 1.8 \text{ kJ/mol}$ $\Delta S = -113 \text{ J/Kmol}$

- 11. Find the temperatures at which reactions with the following ΔH and ΔS values would become spontaneous: [4 marks]
 - a) $\Delta H = -126 \text{ kJ/mol}$ $\Delta S = 84 \text{ J/Kmol}$

b) $\Delta H = -11.7 \text{ kJ/mol}$ $\Delta S = -105 \text{ J/Kmol}$