

- 2 (a) One mole of hydrogen at a temperature of 420 K is mixed with one mole of oxygen at 320 K. After a short period of time the mixture is in *thermal equilibrium*.

- (i) Explain what is meant by *thermal equilibrium*.

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- (ii) The kinetic theory of gases leads to the derivation of the equation

$$pV = \frac{1}{3} Nm < c^2 >.$$

Using the formula above and the ideal gas equation, derive an expression for the mean kinetic energy of an ideal gas molecule in terms of the Boltzmann constant,  $k$ , and the temperature  $T$ .

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- (iii) Hence determine the average kinetic energy of a hydrogen molecule *before* the two gases are mixed.

kinetic energy = .....J [1]

- (b) (i) Two different gases at the same temperature have molecules with different mean square speeds. Explain why this is so.

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- (ii) Explain why in the earth's atmosphere, there is hardly any hydrogen, compared to oxygen molecules.

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