



## Chapter – 5

### States of Matter

#### NCERT Back Exercises :

**Ques 5.1:** What will be the minimum pressure required to compress 500 dm<sup>3</sup> of air at 1 bar to 200 dm<sup>3</sup> at 30°C?

**Ans 5.1:** Given,

Initial pressure,  $P_1 = 1$  bar

Initial volume,  $V_1 = 500$  dm<sup>3</sup>

Final volume,  $V_2 = 200$  dm<sup>3</sup>

Since the temperature remains constant, the final pressure ( $P_2$ ) can be calculated using Boyle's law.

According to Boyle's law,

$$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$$

$$P_2 = \frac{P_1 V_1}{V_2}$$

$$= \frac{1 \times 500}{200} \text{ bar}$$

$$= 2.5 \text{ bar}$$



Therefore, the minimum pressure required is 2.5 bar.

**Ques 5.2:** A vessel of 120 mL capacity contains a certain amount of gas at 35 °C and 1.2 bar pressure. The gas is transferred to another vessel of volume 180 mL at 35 °C. What would be its pressure?

**Ans 5.2:** Given,

Initial pressure,  $P_1 = 1.2$  bar

Initial volume,  $V_1 = 120$  mL

Final volume,  $V_2 = 180$  mL

Since the temperature remains constant, the final pressure ( $P_2$ ) can be calculated using Boyle's law.



According to Boyle's law,

$$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$$

$$P_2 = \frac{P_1 V_1}{V_2} = \frac{1.2 \times 120}{180} \text{ bar} = 0.8 \text{ bar}$$

Therefore, the pressure would be 0.8 bar.

**Ques 5.3:** Using the equation of state  $pV = nRT$ ; show that at a given temperature density of a gas is proportional to gas pressure  $p$ .

**Ans 5.3:**

The equation of state is given by,

$$pV = nRT \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

Where,

$p \rightarrow$  Pressure of gas

$V \rightarrow$  Volume of gas

$n \rightarrow$  Number of moles of gas

$R \rightarrow$  Gas constant

$T \rightarrow$  Temperature of gas

From equation (i) we have,

$$\frac{n}{V} = \frac{p}{RT}$$

Replacing  $n$  with  $\frac{m}{M}$ , we have

$$\frac{m}{MV} = \frac{p}{RT} \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

Where,

$m \rightarrow$  Mass of gas

$M \rightarrow$  Molar mass of gas

But,  $\frac{m}{V} = d$  ( $d$  = density of gas)

Thus, from equation (ii), we have

$$\frac{d}{M} = \frac{p}{RT}$$





$$d = \left(\frac{M}{RT}\right)p$$

$$d \propto p$$

Hence, at a given temperature, the density ( $d$ ) of gas is proportional to its pressure ( $p$ )

**Ques 5.4:** At  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , the density of a certain oxide of a gas at 2 bar is same as that of dinitrogen at 5 bar. What is the molecular mass of the oxide?

**Ans 5.4:** Density ( $d$ ) of the substance at temperature ( $T$ ) can be given by the expression,

$$d = \frac{Mp}{RT}$$

Now, density of oxide ( $d_1$ ) is given by,

$$d_1 = \frac{M_1p_1}{RT}$$

Where,  $M_1$  and  $p_1$  are the mass and pressure of the oxide respectively.

Density of di nitrogen gas ( $d_2$ ) is given by,

$$d_2 = \frac{M_2p_2}{RT}$$

Where,  $M_2$  and  $p_2$  are the mass and pressure of the oxide respectively.

According to the given Question,

$$d_1 = d_2$$

$$M_1p_1 = M_2p_2$$

Given,

$$p_1 = 2 \text{ bar}$$

$$p_2 = 5 \text{ bar}$$

Molecular mass of nitrogen,  $M_2 = 28 \text{ g/mol}$

Now,

$$M_1 = \frac{M_2p_2}{p_1}$$

$$= \frac{28 \times 5}{2} = 70 \text{ g/mol}$$

Hence, the molecular mass of the oxide is 70 g/mol.



**Ques 5.5:** Pressure of 1 g of an ideal gas A at 27 °C is found to be 2 bar. When 2 g of another ideal gas B is introduced in the same flask at same temperature the pressure becomes 3 bar. Find a relationship between their molecular masses.

**Ans 5.5:** For ideal gas A, the ideal gas equation is given by,

$$p_A V = n_A RT \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

Where,  $p_A$  and  $n_A$  represent the pressure and number of moles of gas A. For ideal gas B, the ideal gas equation is given by,

$$p_B V = n_B RT \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

Where,  $p_B$  and  $n_B$  represent the pressure and number of moles of gas B. [ $V$  and  $T$  are constants for gases A and B]

From equation (i), we have

$$p_A V = \frac{m_A}{M_A} RT \implies \frac{p_A M_A}{m_A} = \frac{RT}{V} \dots\dots\dots (iii)$$

From equation (ii), we have

$$p_B V = \frac{m_B}{M_B} RT \implies \frac{p_B M_B}{m_B} = \frac{RT}{V} \dots\dots\dots (iv)$$
 Where,  $M_A$  and  $M_B$  are the molecular masses of gases A and B respectively.

Now, from equations (iii) and (iv), we have

$$\frac{p_A M_A}{m_A} = \frac{p_B M_B}{m_B} \dots\dots\dots (v)$$

Given,

$$m_A = 1\text{ g} , m_B = 2\text{ g}$$

$$p_A = 1\text{ bar} , p_B = (3 - 2) = 1\text{ bar}$$

(Since total pressure is 3 bar)

Substituting these values in equation (v), we have

$$\frac{2 \times M_A}{1} = \frac{1 \times M_B}{2}$$

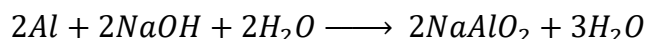
$$\implies 4M_A = M_B$$

Thus, a relationship between the molecular masses of A and B is given by  $4M_A = M_B$ .



**Ques 5.6:** The drain cleaner, Drainex contains small bits of aluminum which react with caustic soda to produce dihydrogen. What volume of dihydrogen at 20 °C and one bar will be released when 0.15g of aluminum reacts?

**Ans 5.6:** The reaction of aluminium with caustic soda can be represented as:



At STP (273.15 K and 1 atm), 54 g ( $2 \times 27$  g) of Al gives  $3 \times 22400$  mL of  $H_2$

0.15 g Al gives  $\frac{3 \times 22400 \times 0.15}{54}$  mL of  $H_2$  i.e., 186.67 mL of  $H_2$

At STP,

$$p_1 = 1 \text{ atm}$$

$$V_1 = 186.67 \text{ mL}$$

$$T_1 = 273.15 \text{ K}$$

Let the volume of dihydrogen be  $V_2$  at  $p_2 = 0.987$  atm (since 1 bar = 0.987 atm) and

$$T_2 = 20^\circ\text{C} = (273.15 + 20) \text{ K} = 293.15 \text{ K}.$$

Now,

$$\frac{p_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{p_2 V_2}{T_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_2 = \frac{p_1 V_1 T_2}{p_2 T_1}$$

$$= \frac{1 \times 186.67 \times 293.15}{0.987 \times 273.15}$$

$$= 202.98 \text{ mL}$$

$$= 203 \text{ mL}$$

Therefore, 203 mL of dihydrogen will be released.



**Ques 5.7:** What will be the pressure exerted by a mixture of 3.2 g of methane and 4.4 g of carbon dioxide contained in a 9 dm<sup>3</sup> flask at 27 °C ?

**Ans 5.7 :** It is known that,

$$p = \frac{m}{M} \frac{RT}{V}$$

For methane (CH<sub>4</sub>),

$$p_{CH_4} = \frac{3.2}{16} \times \frac{8.314 \times 300}{9 \times 10^{-3}} \quad [\text{Since } 9 \text{ dm}^3 = 9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3]$$
$$= 5.543 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$$

For carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>),

$$p_{CO_2} = \frac{4.4}{44} \times \frac{8.314 \times 300}{9 \times 10^{-3}}$$
$$= 2.771 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$$

Total pressure exerted by the mixture can be obtained as:

$$p = p_{CH_4} + p_{CO_2}$$

$$= (5.543 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa} + 2.771 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa})$$

$$= 8.314 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$$

Hence, the total pressure exerted by the mixture is  $8.314 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$ .

**Ques 5.8:** What will be the pressure of the gaseous mixture when 0.5 L of H<sub>2</sub> at 0.8 bar and 2.0 L of dioxygen at 0.7 bar are introduced in a 1L vessel at 27°C?

**Ans 5.8:** Let the partial pressure of H<sub>2</sub> in the vessel be  $p_{H_2}$ .

Now,

$$p_1 = 0.8 \text{ bar}$$

$$p_2 = p_{H_2} = ?$$

$$V_1 = 0.5 \text{ L}$$

$$V_2 = 1 \text{ L}$$

It is known that,

$$p_1 V_1 = p_2 V_2$$

$$p_2 = \frac{p_1 V_1}{V_2}$$



$$p_{H_2} = \frac{0.8 \times 0.5}{1} = 0.4 \text{ bar}$$

Now, let the partial pressure of O<sub>2</sub> in the vessel be  $p_{CO_2}$ .

Now,

$$p_1 = 0.7 \text{ bar}$$

$$p_2 = p_{CO_2} = ?$$

$$V_1 = 2.0 \text{ L}$$

$$V_2 = 1 \text{ L}$$

$$p_1 V_1 = p_2 V_2$$

$$p_2 = \frac{p_1 V_1}{V_2}$$

$$p_{CO_2} = \frac{0.7 \times 20}{1} = 1.4 \text{ bar}$$

Total pressure of the gas mixture in the vessel can be obtained as:

$$\begin{aligned} p_{total} &= p_{H_2} + p_{CO_2} \\ &= 0.4 + 1.4 \\ &= 1.8 \text{ bar} \end{aligned}$$



Hence, the total pressure of the gaseous mixture in the vessel is 1.8 bar.

**Ques 5.9:** Density of a gas is found to be 5.46 g/dm<sup>3</sup> at 27 °C at 2 bar pressure. What will be its density at STP?

**Ans 5.9:** Given,

$$d_1 = 5.46 \text{ g/dm}^3$$

$$p_1 = 2 \text{ bar}$$

$$T_1 = 27^\circ\text{C} = (27 + 273)\text{K} = 300\text{K}$$

$$p_2 = 1 \text{ bar}$$

$$T_2 = 273\text{K}$$

$$d_2 = ?$$

The density ( $d_2$ ) of the gas at STP can be calculated using the equation,



$$d = \frac{Mp}{RT}$$

$$\frac{d_1}{d_2} = \frac{\frac{Mp_1}{RT_1}}{\frac{Mp_2}{RT_2}}$$

$$\frac{d_1}{d_2} = \frac{p_1 T_2}{p_2 T_1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow d_2 &= \frac{p_2 T_1 d_1}{p_1 T_2} \\ &= \frac{1 \times 300 \times 5.46}{2 \times 273} \\ &= 3 \text{ g dm}^{-3}\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the density of the gas at STP will be  $3 \text{ g dm}^{-3}$ .

**Ques 5.10:** 34.05 mL of phosphorus vapour weighs 0.0625 g at  $546^\circ\text{C}$  and 0.1 bar pressure. What is the molar mass of phosphorus?

**Ans 5.10:** Given,

$$p = 0.1 \text{ bar}$$

$$V = 34.05 \text{ mL} = 34.05 \times 10^{-3} \text{ L} = 34.05 \times 10^{-3} \text{ dm}^3$$

$$R = 0.083 \text{ bar dm}^3 \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$T = 546^\circ\text{C} = (546 + 273) \text{ K} = 819 \text{ K}$$

The number of moles ( $n$ ) can be calculated using the ideal gas equation as:

$$pV = nRT$$

$$\begin{aligned}n &= \frac{pV}{RT} \\ &= \frac{0.1 \times 34.05 \times 10^{-3}}{0.083 \times 819} \\ &= 5.01 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, molar mass of phosphorus } \frac{0.0625}{5.01 \times 10^{-5}} = 1247.5 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

Hence, the molar mass of phosphorus is  $1247.5 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ .





**Ques 5.11:** A student forgot to add the reaction mixture to the round bottomed flask at  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$  but instead he/she placed the flask on the flame. After a lapse of time, he realized his mistake, and using a pyrometer he found the temperature of the flask was  $477^{\circ}\text{C}$ . What fraction of air would have been expelled out?

**Ans 5.11:** Let the volume of the round bottomed flask be  $V$ .

Then, the volume of air inside the flask at  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$  is  $V$ .

Now,

$$V_1 = V$$

$$T_1 = 27^{\circ}\text{C} = 300\text{ K}$$

$$V_2 = ?$$

$$T_2 = 477^{\circ}\text{C} = 750\text{ K}$$

According to Charles's law,

$$\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow V_2 &= \frac{V_1 T_2}{T_1} \\ &= \frac{750V}{300} \\ &= 2.5 V\end{aligned}$$



Therefore, volume of air expelled out  $= 2.5 V - V = 1.5 V$

Hence, fraction of air expelled out  $= \frac{1.5 V}{2.5 V} = \frac{3}{5}$

**Ques 5.12:** Calculate the temperature of  $4.0\text{ mol}$  of a gas occupying  $5\text{ dm}^3$  at  $3.32\text{ bar}$ . ( $R = 0.083\text{ bar dm}^3\text{ K}^{-1}\text{ mol}^{-1}$ ).

**Ans 5.12:** Given,

$$n = 4.0\text{ mol}$$

$$V = 5\text{ dm}^3$$

$$p = 3.32\text{ bar}$$

$$R = 0.083\text{ bar dm}^3\text{ K}^{-1}\text{ mol}^{-1}$$

The temperature ( $T$ ) can be calculated using the ideal gas equation as:



$$pV = nRT$$

$$T = \frac{pV}{nR}$$

$$= \frac{3.32 \times 5}{4 \times 0.083} = 50 \text{ K}$$

Hence, the required temperature is 50 K.

**Ques 5.13:** Calculate the total number of electrons present in 1.4 g of dinitrogen gas.

**Ans 5.13:**

Molar mass of dinitrogen ( $\text{N}_2$ ) =  $28 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

$$\text{Thus, 1.4 g of } \text{N}_2 = \frac{1.4}{28} = 0.05 \text{ mol}$$

$$= 0.05 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ number of molecules}$$

$$= 3.01 \times 10^{23} \text{ number of molecules}$$

Now,

1 molecule of  $\text{N}_2$  contains 14 electrons.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } 3.01 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules of } \text{N}_2 \text{ contains} &= 14 \times 3.01 \times 10^{23} \\ &= 4.214 \times 10^{23} \text{ electrons} \end{aligned}$$

**Ques 5.14:** How much time would it take to distribute one Avogadro number of wheat grains, if  $10^{10}$  grains are distributed each second?

**Ans 5.14:** Avogadro number =  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$

Thus, time required

$$= \frac{6.02 \times 10^{23}}{10^{10}} \text{ s}$$

$$= \frac{6.02 \times 10^{23}}{60 \times 60 \times 24 \times 365} \text{ years}$$

$$= 1.909 \times 10^6 \text{ years}$$

Hence, the time taken would be  $1.909 \times 10^6 \text{ years}$ .



**Ques 5.15:** Calculate the total pressure in a mixture of 8 g of dioxygen and 4 g of dihydrogen confined in a vessel of 1 dm<sup>3</sup> at 27°C.  $R = 0.083 \text{ bar dm}^3 \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ .

**Ans 5.15:** Given,

Mass of dioxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) = 8 g

Thus, number of moles of O<sub>2</sub> =  $\frac{8}{32} = 0.25 \text{ mol}$

Mass of dihydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) = 4 g

Thus, number of moles of H<sub>2</sub> =  $\frac{4}{2} = 2 \text{ mol}$

Therefore, total number of moles in the mixture = 0.25 + 2 = 2.25 mole

Given,

V = 1 dm<sup>3</sup>

n = 2.25 mol

R = 0.083 bar dm<sup>3</sup> K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>

T = 27°C = 300 K

Total pressure (p) can be calculated as:

$$pV = nRT$$

$$p = \frac{nRT}{V}$$

$$= \frac{2.25 \times 0.083 \times 300}{1}$$

$$= 56.025 \text{ bar}$$

Hence, the total pressure of the mixture is 56.025 bar.





**Ques 5.16:** Pay load is defined as the difference between the mass of displaced air and the mass of the balloon. Calculate the pay load when a balloon of radius 10 m, mass 100 kg is filled with helium at 1.66 bar at 27°C. (Density of air = 1.2 kg m<sup>-3</sup> and R = 0.083 bar dm<sup>3</sup> K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>).

**Ans 5.16:** Given,

Radius of the balloon,  $r = 10$  m

$$\text{Volume of the balloon} = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{22}{7} \times 10^3$$

$$= 4190.5 \text{ m}^3 (\text{approx})$$

Thus, the volume of the displaced air is 4190.5 m<sup>3</sup>.

Given,

$$\text{Density of air} = 1.2 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

$$\text{Then, mass of displaced air} = 4190.5 \times 1.2 \text{ kg} = 5028.6 \text{ kg}$$

Now, mass of helium ( $m$ ) inside the balloon is given by,

$$m = \frac{MpV}{RT}$$

Here,

$$M = 4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Kg mol}^{-1}$$

$$p = 1.66 \text{ bar}$$

$$V = \text{Volume of the balloon} = 4190.5 \text{ m}^3$$

$$R = 0.083 \text{ bar dm}^3 \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$T = 27^\circ\text{C} = 300 \text{ K}$$

Then,

$$m = \frac{4 \times 10^{-3} \times 1.66 \times 4190.5 \times 10^3}{0.083 \times 300}$$

$$= 1117.5 \text{ Kg (approx)}$$

$$\text{Now, total mass of the balloon filled with helium} = (100 + 1117.5) \text{ kg} = 1217.5 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Hence, pay load} = (5028.6 - 1217.5) \text{ kg} = 3811.1 \text{ kg}$$

Hence, the pay load of the balloon is 3811.1 kg.



**Ques 5.17:** Calculate the volume occupied by 8.8 g of  $\text{CO}_2$  at  $31.1^\circ\text{C}$  and 1 bar pressure.  $R = 0.083 \text{ bar L K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ .

**Ans 5.17:**

It is known that,

$$pV = \frac{m}{M}RT$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{mRT}{Mp}$$

Here,

$$m = 8.8 \text{ g}$$

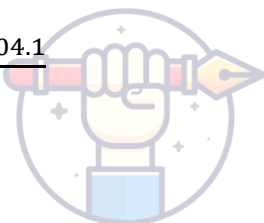
$$R = 0.083 \text{ bar L K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$T = 31.1^\circ\text{C} = 304.1 \text{ K}$$

$$M = 44 \text{ g}$$

$$p = 1 \text{ bar}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Thus, volume}(V) &= \frac{8.8 \times 0.083 \times 304.1}{44 \times 1} \\ &= 5.04806 \text{ L} \\ &= 5.05 \text{ L}\end{aligned}$$



Hence, the volume occupied is 5.05 L.

**Ques 5.18:** 2.9 g of a gas at  $95^\circ\text{C}$  occupied the same volume as 0.184 g of dihydrogen at  $17^\circ\text{C}$ , at the same pressure. What is the molar mass of the gas?

**Ans 5.18:**

Volume (V) occupied by dihydrogen is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}V &= \frac{m}{M} \frac{RT}{p} \\ &= \frac{0.184}{2} \times \frac{R \times 290}{p}\end{aligned}$$

Let M be the molar mass of the unknown gas.



Volume ( $V$ ) occupied by the unknown gas can be calculated as:

$$V = \frac{m}{M} \frac{RT}{p}$$
$$= \frac{2.9}{M} \times \frac{R \times 368}{p}$$

According to the Question ,

$$\frac{0.184}{2} \times \frac{R \times 290}{p} = \frac{2.9}{M} \times \frac{R \times 368}{p}$$

$$M = \frac{0.184 \times 290}{2} = \frac{2.9 \times 368}{M}$$

$$M = \frac{2.9 \times 368 \times 2}{0.184 \times 290}$$
$$= 40 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

Hence, the molar mass of the gas is  $40 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ .

**Ques 5.19:** A mixture of dihydrogen and dioxygen at one bar pressure contains 20% by weight of dihydrogen. Calculate the partial pressure of dihydrogen.

**Ans 5.19:**

Let the weight of dihydrogen be 20 g and the weight of dioxygen be 80 g.

Then, the number of moles of dihydrogen,

$$n_{H_2} = \frac{20}{2} = 10 \text{ moles and}$$

the number of moles of dioxygen,

$$n_{CO_2} = \frac{80}{32} = 2.5 \text{ moles}$$

Given,

Total pressure of the mixture,  $p_{total} = 1 \text{ bar}$

Then, partial pressure of dihydrogen,

$$p_{H_2} = \frac{n_{H_2}}{n_{H_2} + n_{O_2}} \times p_{total}$$
$$= \frac{10}{10 + 2.5} \times 1 = 0.8 \text{ bar}$$

Hence, the partial pressure of dihydrogen is 0.8 bar .



**Ques 5.20:** What would be the SI unit for the quantity  $\frac{pV^2T^2}{n}$ ?

**Ans 5.20:** The SI unit for pressure,  $p$  is  $\text{Nm}^{-2}$ .

The SI unit for volume,  $V$  is  $\text{m}^3$ .

The SI unit for temperature,  $T$  is K.

The SI unit for the number of moles,  $n$  is mol.

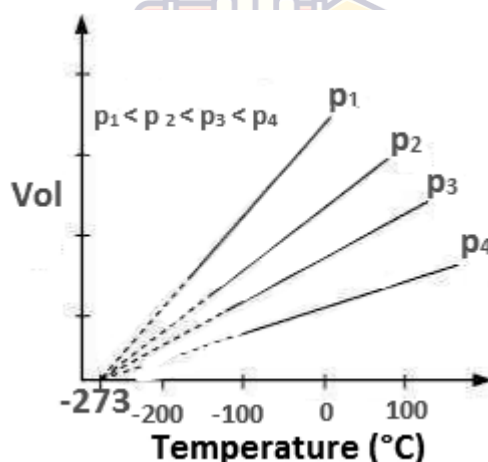
Therefore, the SI unit for quantity  $\frac{pV^2T^2}{n}$  is given by,

$$= \frac{(\text{Nm}^{-2})(\text{m}^3)^2(\text{K})^2}{\text{mol}}$$

$$= \text{Nm}^4\text{K}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$$

**Ques 5.21:** In terms of Charles' law explain why  $-273^\circ\text{C}$  is the lowest possible temperature.

**Ans 5.21:** Charles' law states that at constant pressure, the volume of a fixed mass of gas is directly proportional to its absolute temperature.



It was found that for all gases (at any given pressure), the plots of volume vs. temperature (in  $^\circ\text{C}$ ) is a straight line. If this line is extended to zero volume, then it intersects the temperature-axis at  $-273^\circ\text{C}$ . In other words, the volume of any gas at  $-273^\circ\text{C}$  is zero. This is because all gases get liquefied before reaching a temperature of  $-273^\circ\text{C}$ .

Hence, it can be concluded that  $-273^\circ\text{C}$  is the lowest possible temperature.



**Ques 5.22:** Critical temperature for carbon dioxide and methane are  $31.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-81.9^{\circ}\text{C}$  respectively. Which of these has stronger intermolecular forces and why?

**Ans 5.22:** Higher is the critical temperature of a gas, easier is its liquefaction. This means that the intermolecular forces of attraction between the molecules of a gas are directly proportional to its critical temperature. Hence, intermolecular forces of attraction are stronger in the case of  $\text{CO}_2$ .

**Ques 5.23:** Explain the physical significance of Van der Waals parameters.

**Ans 5.23:** Physical significance of 'a':

'a' is a measure of the magnitude of intermolecular attractive forces within a gas.

**Physical significance of 'b':**

'b' is a measure of the volume of a gas molecule.

