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Module 5: Physical chemistry and transition elements

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1 Chemists use three energy terms, enthalpy, entropy and free energy, to help them make predictions about whether reactions may take place.

(a) The table below shows five processes. Each process has either an increase in entropy or a decrease in entropy.

For each process, tick (✓) the appropriate box.

process		increase in entropy	decrease in entropy
A	$C_2H_5OH(l) \rightarrow C_2H_5OH(g)$		
B	$C_2H_2(g) + 2H_2(g) \rightarrow C_2H_6(g)$		
C	$NH_4Cl(s) + aq \rightarrow NH_4Cl(aq)$		
D	$4Na(s) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2Na_2O(s)$		
E	$2CH_3OH(l) + 3O_2(g) \rightarrow 2CO_2(g) + 4H_2O(l)$		

[2]

(b) At 1 atm (101 kPa) pressure, ice melts into water at 0 °C.

Complete the table below using the symbols '+', '-' or '0' to show the sign of ΔH and ΔS for the melting of ice at 0 °C and 1 atm.

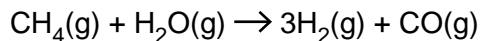
For each sign, explain your reasoning.

energy change	sign +, - or 0	reasoning
ΔH		
ΔS		

[2]



- (c) Much of the hydrogen required by industry is produced by reacting natural gas with steam:



Standard entropies are given in the table below.

substance	CH ₄ (g)	H ₂ O(g)	H ₂ (g)	CO(g)
S°/J K ⁻¹ mol ⁻¹	186	189	131	198

- (i) Calculate the standard entropy change, in J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹, for this reaction of natural gas with steam.

$$\Delta S^\ominus = \dots\dots\dots \text{J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1} \quad [2]$$

- (ii) State **two** large-scale uses for the hydrogen produced.

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2. [1]



- (d) Ammonium chloride, NH_4Cl , can dissociate to form ammonia, NH_3 , and hydrogen chloride, HCl .



At 298 K, $\Delta H = +176 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ and $\Delta G = +91.2 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$.

- Calculate ΔG for this reaction at 1000 K.
- Hence show whether this reaction takes place spontaneously at 1000 K.

Show **all** your working.

$\Delta G = \dots\dots\dots \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ [4]

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of processes.

- (a) Write down the equation that links the free energy change with the enthalpy change and temperature.

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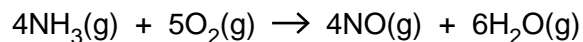
- (b) You are provided with equations for five processes.

For each process, predict the sign of ΔS .

process	sign of ΔS
$2\text{CO}(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$	
$\text{NaCl}(\text{s}) + (\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{NaCl}(\text{aq})$	
$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{s})$	
$\text{Mg}(\text{s}) + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{MgSO}_4(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2(\text{g})$	
$\text{CuSO}_4(\text{s}) + 5\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{s})$	

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- (c) Ammonia can be oxidised as shown in the equation below.



Standard entropies are given in the table below.

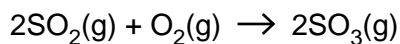
substance	$\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$	$\text{O}_2(\text{g})$	$\text{NO}(\text{g})$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$
$S^\ominus / \text{J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$	192	205	211	189

Calculate the standard entropy change, in $\text{J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$, for this oxidation of ammonia.

$$\Delta S^\ominus = \dots\dots\dots \text{J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1} \text{ [2]}$$



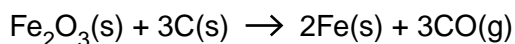
- (d) The exothermic reaction below occurs spontaneously at low temperatures but does **not** occur at very high temperatures.



Explain why.

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- (e) An ore of iron contains iron(III) oxide, Fe_2O_3 .
Iron is extracted from this ore by heating with carbon.
The equation below shows one of the reactions which takes place.



$$\Delta S = +543 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ and } \Delta H = +493 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Calculate the minimum temperature at which this reaction becomes feasible.

Show **all** your working.

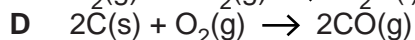
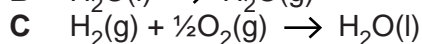
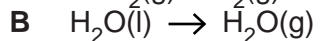
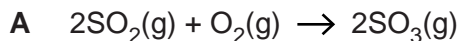
minimum temperature = [3]

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3 Entropy changes are an important factor in determining the feasibility of reactions.

(a) You are provided with equations for four processes.



For each process, explain why ΔS has the sign shown below.

A: sign of ΔS : negative

reason for sign:
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B: sign of ΔS : positive

reason for sign:
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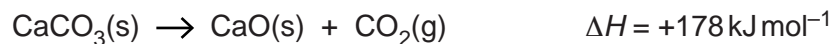
C: sign of ΔS : negative

reason for sign:
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D: sign of ΔS : positive

reason for sign:
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- (b) Calcium oxide, CaO, is used to make cement. Calcium oxide is manufactured by the thermal decomposition of calcium carbonate.



Standard entropies of $\text{CaCO}_3(\text{s})$, $\text{CaO}(\text{s})$ and $\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$ are given in the table below.

substance	$\text{CaCO}_3(\text{s})$	$\text{CaO}(\text{s})$	$\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$
$S / \text{J K}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$	89	40	214

- Using the information in the table, show that the entropy change, ΔS , for the decomposition of calcium carbonate is $0.165 \text{ kJ K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$.
- Show that calcium carbonate is stable at room temperature (25°C).
- Calculate the minimum temperature needed to decompose calcium carbonate.

Show all your working.

[7]

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