

Revision 5 Reaction pathways, enthalpy and galvanic cells

 A weighed sample of methyl palmitate, C17H34O2, was burnt in excess oxygen in a bomb calorimeter. The experimental results are shown in the following table.

mass of methyl palmitate	4.56 g
temperature rise	2.36 °C
calorimeter constant (calibration factor)	42.4 kJ °C ⁻¹
<i>M</i> (C ₁₇ H ₃₄ O ₂)	270.0 g mol ⁻¹

- a) Use the data provided to calculate the molar enthalpy of combustion of the methyl palmitate
- b) Write a balanced **thermochemical** equation for the combustion reaction.
- The switch in the galvanic cell on the right may be closed to allow a current to flow through the circuit.
 - a) Which of the electrodes can be made of carbon?
 - b) Indicate on the diagram the direction of electron flow.
 - c) Indicate the direction of positive ion flow.
 - d) What is the predicted cell voltage measured at the voltmeter when the switch is closed?
 - e) Indicate the anode and cathode.
 - f) Write the overall reaction taking place in the cell when the switch is closed?
 - g) The galvanic cell is to be recharged. It is connected to a power source and the switch closed. Indicate on the diagram
 - i. The polarity of the electrodes.
 - ii. The cathode and anode
 - iii. The half-cell reactions taking place oxidation ______reduction ______



