## Thermochemistry 2008 VCE

The following energy profile relates to the two reactions

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2 \mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{~s})+\mathrm{O}_{2}(\mathrm{~g}) \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{CuO}(\mathrm{~s}) & \Delta H=-312 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \\
2 \mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{~s})+\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}(\mathrm{~g}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Cu}_{2} \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{~s}) & \Delta H=-170 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}
\end{array}
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The value of $\Delta \mathrm{H}$, in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$, for the reaction
$4 \mathrm{CuO}(\mathrm{s}) \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{Cu}_{2} \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{s})+\mathrm{O}_{2}(\mathrm{~g})$ is
A. +284
B. +142
C. -142
D. -284

Solution
A foam cup calorimeter containing 100 mL of water is calibrated by passing an electric current through a small heater placed in the solution.
Assuming that all measurements are accurate, which one of the following is the most likely calibration factor (in $\mathrm{J}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}^{-1}$ ) for the calorimeter and contents?
A. 120
B. 240
C. 480
D. 960

Solution
The numerical value of the heat of combustion of 1-propanol in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{g}^{-1}$ is
A. 33.60
B. 2016
C. $3.360 \times 10^{4}$
D. $1.210 \times 10^{5}$

Solution

Two experiments are carried out. Both involve the combustion of 2.09 g of ethanol.
Experiment 1
Ethanol is used to calibrate a bomb calorimeter. 2.09 g of ethanol is placed in the bomb calorimeter and reacted with excess oxygen. After the reaction is complete, the temperature of the water surrounding the bomb in the calorimeter has increased by $33.2^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
Calculate, to an appropriate number of signifi cant figures, the calibration
factor of the calorimeter, in $\mathrm{kJ}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}^{-1}$.
Solution
The same mass of ethanol is burnt to heat 200 g of water in a can as shown in the following diagram.


Initial temperature of water in the can: $25.3^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

Mass of water in the can: 200 g
Mass of ethanol burnt: 2.09 g
Calculate the final temperature of the water in the can. Assume that 60\% of the heat from the burning ethanol is transferred to the water.
Solution

Since the start of the industrial age, most of the energy used by humans has come from the burning of coal and oil. In that time the amount of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ in the air has increased from approximately $0.42 \%$ by mass to $0.58 \%$ by mass.
Assume that the total mass of the earth's atmosphere is $5.15 \times 10^{18} \mathrm{~kg}$.
Calculate the additional mass of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$, in kg , that has been added to the earth's atmosphere since the start of the industrial age.

Solution

If half of this additional CO 2 has come from the burning of coal, calculate the total amount of energy, in kJ , that has been produced by burning all this coal, given that
$\left.\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{s})+\mathrm{O}_{2}(\mathrm{~g}) \rightarrow \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{~g}\right) ; \Delta \mathrm{H}=-394 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$
For the purposes of this calculation, assume that coal is pure carbon.
Solution

The following reaction can occur to completion in aqueous solution.
$\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{aq})+\mathrm{OH}^{-}(\mathrm{aq}) \rightarrow \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}(\mathrm{aq})+\mathrm{Cl}^{-}(\mathrm{aq})$
The energy change during this process is illustrated by

extent of reaction

A reaction can occur between a $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{Cl}$ molecule and a hydroxide ion
A. every time they collide.
B. only when they collide with exactly the energy $X$.
C. only when they collide with an energy equal to $\mathrm{Y}-\mathrm{Z}$.
D. only when they collide with an energy greater than or equal to energy $X$.

Solution
A catalyst appropriate for this reaction will affect the value of
A. X only.
B. Y only.
C. $X$ and $Z$ only.
D. $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ and Z .

Solution

