



IB Chemistry – HL
Topic 6 Answers

1. C
2. D
3. D
4. D
5. B
6. B

7. C
8. C
9. A
10. C
11. A
12. D
13. B
14. D
15. C

16. (a) (order with respect to) NO = 2;
(order with respect to) H₂ = 1;
rate increases ×4 when [NO] doubles/*OWTTE*; 3
- (b) rate = $k[\text{NO}]^2[\text{H}_2]$; 1
ECF from (a).
- (c) $(2.53 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1} = k (0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3})^2 (0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}))$
 $k = 2.53 \times 10^{-3}$; 1
 $\text{mol}^{-2} \text{ dm}^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$; 1
ECF from (b).
- (d) agrees/yes;
slow step depends on X and NO;
X depends on H₂ and NO;
(so) NO is involved twice and H₂ once;
Overall equation matches the stoichiometric equation;
Award [1] each for any three of the four above.
OWTTE
ECF for “no”, depending on answer for (b).



Or agrees/yes;

$$\text{and } \frac{[X]}{[H_2][NO]} = \text{constant};$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rate of slow step} &= k [X][NO] \\ &= k [H_2][NO]^2; \end{aligned}$$

4

ECF for "no", depending on answer for (b).

(e) reaction involves four molecules;
statistically/geometrically unlikely;

2

(f) the rate of formation of $H_2O(g) = 2 \times \text{rate for } N_2(g)$;
because 2 moles H_2O formed with 1 mole N_2 /OWTTE;

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17. (a) first order (with respect to O_2);

1

(b) second order (with respect to NO);

1

(c) $\text{rate} = k[NO]^2[O_2]$;

1

Allow ECF from parts (a) and (b).

(d) $k = \frac{3.75 \times 10^{-3}}{(3.50 \times 10^{-2})^2 (1.75 \times 10^{-2})} = 1.75 \times 10^2$;

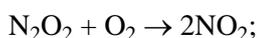
$$dm^6 mol^{-2} s^{-1};$$

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Award [1] mark for the answer and [1] mark for units.

Allow ECF from part (c).

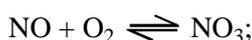
(e) $NO + NO \rightleftharpoons N_2O_2$;



second step is rate determining step;

Allow ECF from part (c).

OR



second step is rate determining step;

Allow ECF from part (c).

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18. (a) time for reactant concentration to halve/OWTTE;

1



Accept "time for mass to halve".

- (b) 1000 s;
1000 s; 2

Accept 900-1100 s.

- (c) first order;
constant half-life;
rate = $k[A]$; 3

Allow ECF for rate expression from stated order.

(d) $k = \frac{\text{rate}}{[D]^2[E]} / \frac{3.75 \times 10^{-5}}{(1.35 \times 10^{-2})^3};$

= 15.2;

Accept answer in range 15.2 to 15.3.

$\text{mol}^{-2} \text{dm}^6 \text{min}^{-1};$ 3

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19. (a) first order;
constant half-life; 2

- (b) rate = $k[\text{HI}][\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]$; 1
ECF from (a).

- (c) 47 sec; 2
Accept answer in range 45 to 49.

$\left(t_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{0.693}{k} \right) = 0.015;$ 2

Accept answer in range 0.014-0.015.

ECF from half-life.

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20. (a) (i) (C) first order;
doubling [C] doubles rate/OWTTE; 4

- (D) zero order;
changing [D] has no effect on rate/OWTTE; 4

- (ii) rate = $k[C]$ /rate = $k[C]^1[D]^0$; 1
Apply ECF from (a)(i).

- (iii) $k = \frac{\text{rate}}{[C]} / \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-6}}{2.0 \times 10^{-3}};$
= $5.0 \times 10^{-4};$
 $\text{min}^{-1};$ 3
Apply ECF from (a)(ii).



(b) time for half of (amount/concentration of) reactant to react/disappear;

$$t \frac{1}{2} (= 0.693 \div 0.033) = 21 \text{ min};$$

2

Units needed for second mark.

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21. (a) (order with respect to) $\text{H}_2 = 1$;
(order with respect to) $\text{NO} = 2$;

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(b) $\text{rate} = k[\text{H}_2][\text{NO}]^2$;

1

ECF from (a).

(c) $(2.53 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1} = k(0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3})(0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3})^2)$
 $k = 2.53 \times 10^{-3}$;
 $\text{mol}^{-2} \text{ dm}^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$;

2

ECF from (b).

(d) agrees/yes;

slow step depends on X and NO;

(so) NO is involved twice and H_2 once;

overall equation matches the stoichiometric equation/OWTTE;

ECF for "no", depending on answer for (b).

OR

agrees/yes;

and $\frac{[\text{X}]}{[\text{H}_2][\text{NO}]} = \text{constant}$;

rate of slow step = $k[\text{X}][\text{NO}]$;

but X depends on H_2 and NO;

rate of slow step = $k[\text{H}_2][\text{NO}]^2$;

4

max

Award [1] each for any three of the four above.

ECF for "no", depending on answer for (b).

(e) reaction involves four molecules;
statistically/geometrically unlikely;

2

(f) the rate of formation of $\text{H}_2\text{O} = 2 \times \text{rate}$ for N_2 ;
because 2 moles H_2O formed with 1 mole N_2 /OWTTE;

2

[13]

(i) the power of a reactant's concentration in the rate equation/sum of
powers of concentration/rate = $k[\text{X}]^n$, where n = order of reaction;

1



Must be in terms of powers of concentration.

- (ii) experiment 1—2 : [X] doubles and rate $\times 4$;
2nd order for X;
experiment 2—3 : [Y] doubles and rate $\times 2$;
1st order for Y; 4

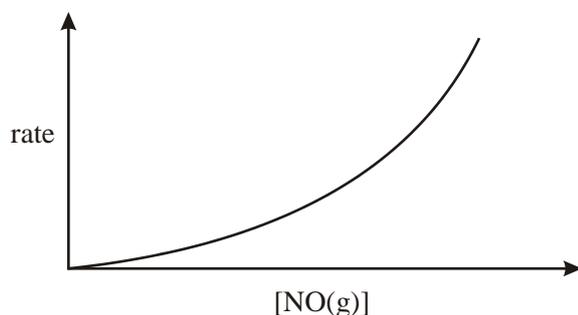
- (iii) rate = $k[X]^2[Y]$ (ECF from (ii))
for experiment 1, $1.0 \times 10^{-2} = k(0.25)^2(0.25)$;
 $k = 0.64$;
 $\text{mol}^{-2} \text{ dm}^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$; 4
Allow ECF from rate expression.

- (iv) rate = $0.64[0.40]^2[0.60]$;
= 0.061; 2
Final answer to 2 sig figs only.
Allow ECF from (iii).

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23. (a) 1/first order;
rate is (directly) proportional to concentration of oxygen/OWTTE; 2

(b)



correct axes;
correct shape curve; 2

- (c) 3/third order;
Allow ECF from (a) and (b). 1

- (d) overall effect on rate = $4 \times \frac{1}{2}$ /doubled/ $\times 2$;
[NO(g)] doubled, rate = $\times 4$ /quadrupled;
[O₂(g)] halved, rate = $\times 1$ /halved; 3
Allow ECF from (a) and (b).

- (e) rate = $k[\text{NO}(\text{g})]^2 [\text{O}_2(\text{g})]$;

$$k = \frac{\text{rate}}{[\text{NO}(\text{g})]^2 [\text{O}_2(\text{g})]} = \frac{6.3 \times 10^{-4}}{(3.0 \times 10^{-2})^2 (1.0 \times 10^{-2})};$$

$$= 70;$$



$$\text{mol}^{-2} \text{ dm}^6 \text{ s}^{-1};$$

Allow ECF.

State symbols not needed.

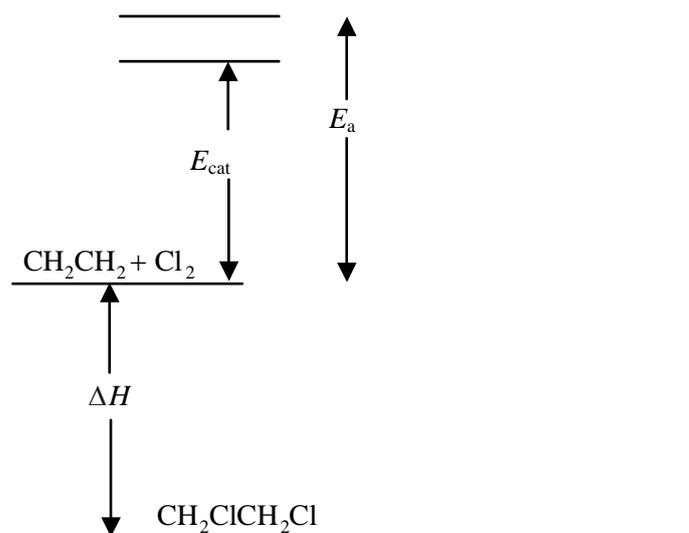
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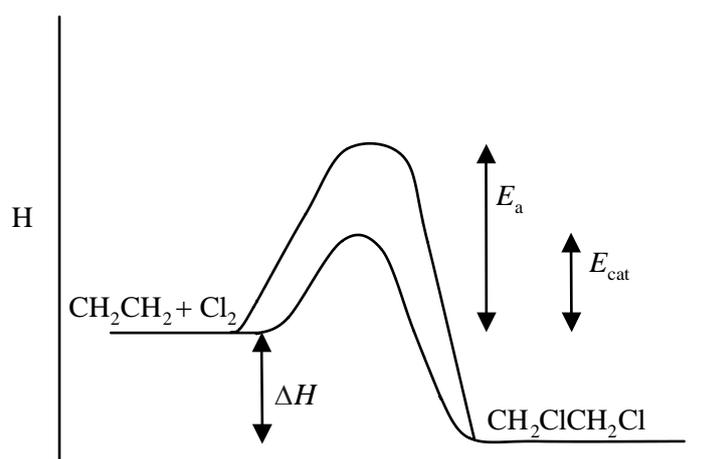
24. (i) $2\text{ICl} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{I}_2 + 2\text{HCl};$ 1
- (ii) *ICl order*
1;
because doubling [ICl] doubles rate (when [H₂] constant);
- H₂ order*
2;
because halving [H₂] quarters rate (when [ICl] constant);
or doubling [H₂] quadruples rate (when [ICl] constant); 4
- (iii) rate = $k [\text{ICl}][\text{H}_2]^2;$ 1
ECF from (ii).
- (iv) $k = 5.00 \times 10^{-3} \div 0.100 \times 0.0500^2 = 20;$
 $\text{mol}^{-2} \text{ dm}^6 \text{ s}^{-1};$ 2
ECF from (iii).
- (v) rate = $20 \times 0.200 \times 0.100^2 = 4.00 \times 10^{-2} (\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1});$ 1
ECF from (iii).

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25. (a) (i) it relates to the geometric requirements of the reaction/orientation of reactants on collision/*OWTTE*; 1
- (ii) minimum energy needed for reactants to react (on collision)/*OWTTE*; 1
- (iii) *k* measured at different values of temperature;
graph plotted of $\ln k$ against $1/T$;
intercept on y-axis is $\ln A$;
 $A = e^{\text{intercept}};$
measured slope of graph = $-E_a/R$;
 $E_a = -R \times \text{gradient};$ 5
Award [1] each for any five.
- (b) (i) homogeneous catalyst is in same phase as reactants and heterogeneous catalyst is in different phase from reactants; 1
- (ii) 4



OR



reactants line higher than product line (*labels not needed*);
 ΔH label;
 E_a label;
 E_{cat} label;

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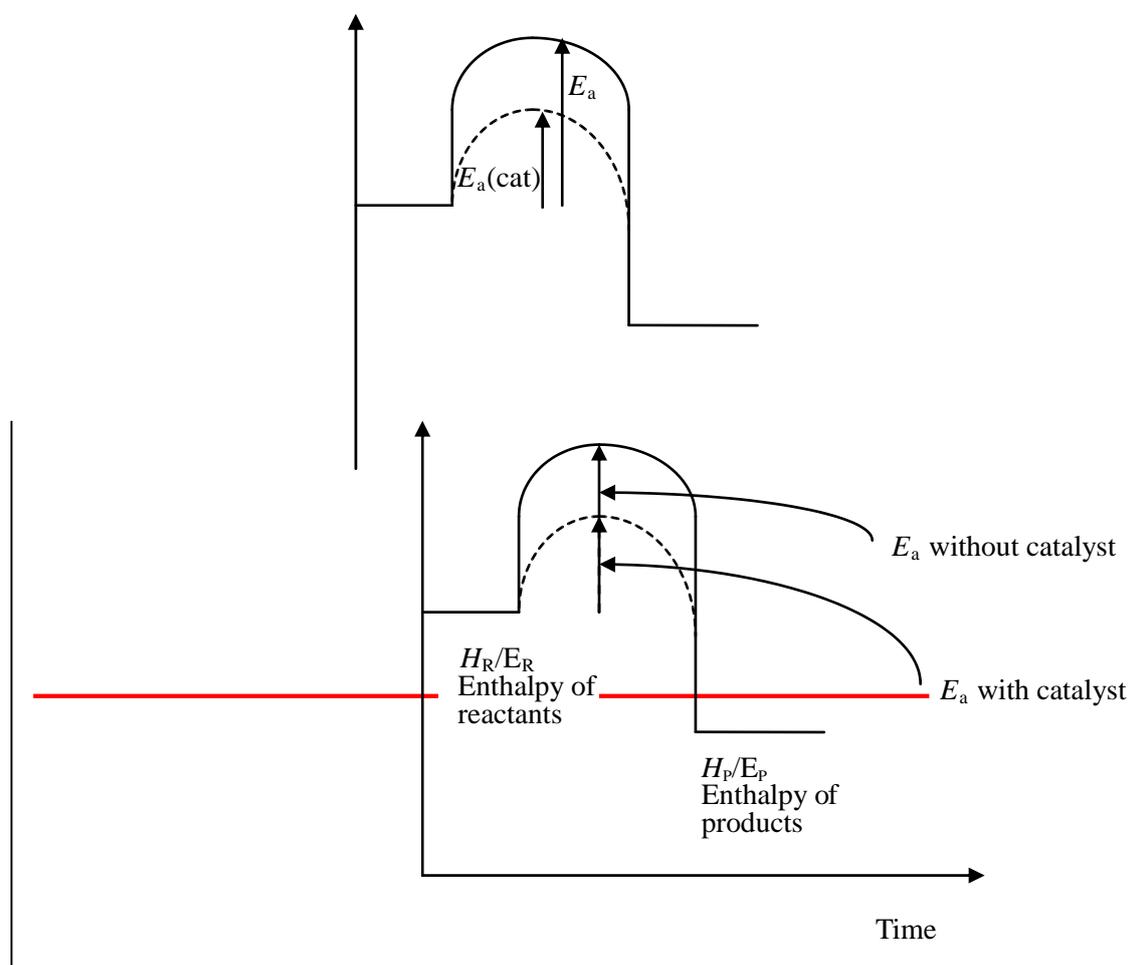
26. (a) *order of NO: second/2 - [NO] doubled, rate $\times 4$ /OWTTE;*
order of Br₂: first/1 - as [Br₂] doubled, rate of reaction doubled/OWTTE; 2
Reason needed for each mark.
- (b) $\text{rate} = k [\text{NO}]^2 [\text{Br}_2]$; 1
Allow ECF from (a).
- (c) $3.20 \times 10^{-3} = k(2.00 \times 10^{-2})^2 \times 5.00 \times 10^{-3}$
 $k = 1.60 \times 10^3$;
 $\text{dm}^6 \text{mol}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$; 2
Allow ECF from (b).
- (d) (i) no effect/K changes only with temperature/OWTTE; 1



(ii) decrease (by a factor of 2);

1

(e)





curve clearly showing E_a without catalyst (E_a);
curve clearly showing E_a with catalyst ($E_a(\text{cat})$);

labelling for x axis;

Accept time/progress of reaction/course of reaction/OWTTE.

Award [2 max] if an enthalpy level diagram for an endothermic reaction has been correctly drawn.

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27. (i) rate = $k[\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3][\text{H}^+]$;

rate = $k[\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3]^2$;

rate = $k[\text{H}^+]^2$;

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(ii) $[\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3]$ doubles, rate doubles **and** $[\text{H}^+]$ doubles, rate doubles;
 $[\text{Br}_2]$ double, no effect on rate;

OR

$[\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3]$ doubles, rate quadruples;

$[\text{Br}_2]$ doubles/ $[\text{H}^+]$ doubles, no effect on rate;

OR

$[\text{H}^+]$ doubles, rate quadruples;

$[\text{Br}_2]$ doubles/ $[\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3]$ doubles, no effect on rate;

2

The answer given must correspond to the selected expression in (i).

(iii) constant half-life;

at least two sets of data to justify statement;

e.g. [] from 1.6 to 0.8 mol dm⁻³, 10s; 0.8 to 0.4, 10s; 0.4 to 0.2, 10s.

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(iv) decrease in the colour of the bromine/OWTTE;
catalyst;

increases rate/speeds up reaction;

by lowering E_a /activation energy (by providing an alternate pathway);

4

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