

AQA A-level Chemistry

3.1 Physical Chemistry

3.1.8 Born - Haber cycles

Define the terms: Enthalpy of formation, ionisation energy, enthalpy of atomisation, bond enthalpy, electron affinity and lattice enthalpy

Construct Born - Haber cycles to calculate lattice enthalpies using these enthalpy changes

Construct Born-Haber cycles to calculate one of the other enthalpy changes

Compare lattice enthalpies from Born-Haber cycles with those from calculations based on a perfect ionic model to provide evidence for covalent character in ionic compounds

Define the term enthalpy of hydration

Perform calculations of an enthalpy change using these cycles

Understand ΔS as the concept of increasing disorder and a means of accounting for the deficiencies of ΔH to explain feasible change

Calculate entropy changes from absolute entropy values

Use the relationship $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$ to determine how ΔG varies with temperature

Use the relationship $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$ to determine the temperature at which a reaction becomes feasible

3.1.9 Rate equations

Define the term order of reaction and rate constant

Perform calculations using the rate equation: $\text{rate} = k[A]^m[B]^n$

Explain the qualitative effect of changes in temperature on the rate constant k

Perform calculations using the equation $k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$

Understand that the equation $k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$ can be rearranged into the form $\ln k = -E_a/RT + \ln A$ and know how to use this rearranged equation with experimental data to plot a straight line $-E_a/R$

Use concentration time graphs to deduce the rate of a reaction

Use initial concentration time data to deduce the initial rate of reaction

Use rate concentration data or graphs to deduce the order (0, 1 or 2) with respect to a reactant

Derive the rate equation for a reaction from the orders with respect to each of the reactants

Use the orders with respect to the reactants to provide information about the rate determining step/ limiting step of a reaction

REQUIRED PRACTICAL 7: Measuring the rate of a reaction by initial rate method; by continuous monitoring method

3.1.10 Equilibrium constant K_p

Derive partial pressure from mole fraction and total pressure

Construct an expression for K_p for a homogeneous system in equilibrium

Perform calculations involving K_p

Predict the qualitative effects of changes in temperature and pressure on the position of equilibrium

Predict the qualitative effects of changes in temperature on the value of K_p

Understand that, whilst a catalyst can affect the rate of attainment at equilibrium, it does not affect the value of the equilibrium constant

3.1.11 Electrode potentials

Use E^\ominus values (standard conditions: 298K, 100 kPa, 1.00 mol dm ⁻³) to predict the direction of simple redox reactions; and the importance of the conditions
Calculate the EMF of a cell
Write and apply the conventional representation of a cell; including half equations
REQUIRED PRACTICAL 8: Measuring the EMF of an electrochemical cell
Understand that cells can be rechargeable, non-rechargeable or fuel cells; the simplified electrode reactions in a lithium cell and an alkaline hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell
Benefits and risks to society of using these cells
Use given electrode data to deduce the reactions occurring in non-rechargeable and rechargeable cells
Deduce the EMF of a cell
Explain how the electrode reactions can be used to generate an electric current
3.1.12 Acids and Bases
Define acids, bases and acid-base equilibria
Convert concentration of hydrogen ions into pH and vice versa using $\text{pH} = -\log_{10}[\text{H}^+]$
Calculate the pH of a solution of a strong acid from its concentration
Understand K_w is derived from the equilibrium constant for the slight dissociation of water and that it varies with temperature. $K_w = [\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-]$
Use K_w to calculate the pH of a strong base from its concentration
Understand K_a is the dissociation constant for a weak acid and that weak acids and bases dissociate slightly in aqueous solution. $\text{p}K_a = -\log_{10} K_a$
Construct an expression for K_a
Perform calculations relating the pH of weak acid to the concentration of the acid and the dissociation constant K_a
Convert K_a into $\text{p}K_a$ and vice versa
Perform calculations for titrations of acids and bases based on experimental results
Sketch and explain the shapes of typical pH curves
Use pH curves to select an appropriate indicator
REQUIRED PRACTICAL 9: Investigate how pH changes when a weak acid reacts with a strong base and when a strong base reacts with a weak acid
Understand what a buffer solution is; its applications and what acidic and basic buffers contain
Explain qualitatively the action of acidic and basic buffers
Calculate the pH of acidic buffer solutions

