Practice Question Set For A-Level
Subject : Chemistry
Paper-2 Topic: Rate Equations

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Name of the Student:_____
Max. Marks : 21 Marks **Time : 21 Minutes**

Q1.

Kinetic studies enable chemists to suggest mechanisms for reactions.

(a) The following data were obtained in a series of experiments on the rate of the reaction between compounds **A** and **B** at a constant temperature.

Experiment	Initial concentration of **A**/mol dm^{-3}	Initial concentration of **B**/mol dm^{-3}	Initial rate/ mol dm^{-3} s^{-1}
1	0.12	0.15	0.32×10^{-3}
2	0.36	0.15	2.88×10^{-3}
3	0.72	0.30	11.52×10^{-3}

(i) Deduce the order of reaction with respect to **A**.

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(ii) Deduce the order of reaction with respect to **B**.

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(2)

(b) The following data were obtained in a series of experiments on the rate of the reaction between NO and O_2 at a constant temperature.

Experiment	Initial concentration of NO/mol dm^{-3}	Initial concentration of O_2/mol dm^{-3}	Initial rate/ mol dm^{-3} s^{-1}
4	5.0×10^{-2}	2.0×10^{-2}	6.5×10^{-4}
5	6.5×10^{-2}	3.4×10^{-2}	To be calculated

The rate equation for this reaction is

$$\text{rate} = k[\text{NO}]^2[\text{O}_2]$$

(i) Use the data from Experiment **4** to calculate a value for the rate constant, *k*, at this

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temperature, and state its units.

Value of k _____

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Units of k _____

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(ii) Calculate a value for the initial rate in Experiment **5**.

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(iii) Using the rate equation, a scientist suggested a mechanism for the reaction which consisted of the two steps shown below.

Step 1 $NO + NO \rightarrow N_2O_2$

Step 2 $N_2O_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2NO_2$

Which did the scientist suggest was the rate–determining step?

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(5)

(Total 7 marks)

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Q2.

Propanone and iodine react in acidic conditions according to the following equation.

$$CH_3COCH_3 + I_2 \rightarrow ICH_2COCH_3 + HI$$

A student studied the kinetics of this reaction using hydrochloric acid and a solution containing propanone and iodine. From the results the following rate equation was deduced.

$$\text{rate} = k[CH_3COCH_3][H^+]$$

(a) Give the overall order for this reaction.

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(1)

(b) When the initial concentrations of the reactants were as shown in the table below, the initial rate of reaction was found to be 1.24×10^{-4} mol dm^{-3} s^{-1}.

	initial concentration / mol dm^{-3}
CH_3COCH_3	4.40
I_2	5.00×10^{-3}
H^+	0.820

Use these data to calculate a value for the rate constant, *k*, for the reaction and give its units.

Calculation _____

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Units _____

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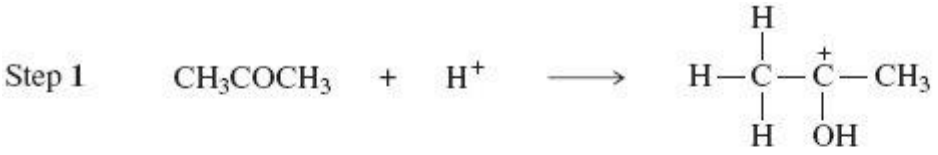
(c) Deduce how the initial rate of reaction changes when the concentration of iodine is doubled but the concentrations of propanone and of hydrochloric acid are unchanged.

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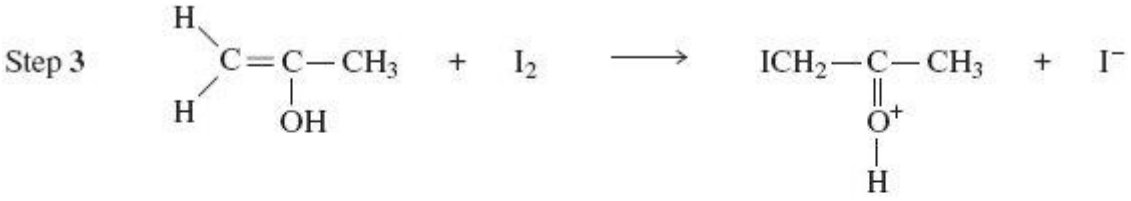
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(d) The following mechanism for the overall reaction has been proposed.

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Step 1 

Step 2 

Step 3 

Step 4 

Use the rate equation to suggest which of the four steps could be the rate-determining step. Explain your answer.

Rate-determining step _____

Explanation _____

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(2)

(e) Use your understanding of reaction mechanisms to predict a mechanism for Step **2** by adding one or more curly arrows as necessary to the structure of the carbocation below.

Step 2 

(1)

(Total 8 marks)

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Q3.

The initial rate of the reaction between the gases NO and H_2 was measured in a series of experiments at a constant temperature and the following rate equation was determined.

$$\text{rate} = k[\text{NO}]^2[\text{H}_2]$$

(a) Complete the table of data below for the reaction between NO and H_2

Experiment	Initial [NO] / mol dm^{-3}	Initial [H_2] / mol dm^{-3}	Initial rate / mol dm^{-3} s^{-1}
1	3.0×10^{-3}	1.0×10^{-3}	1.8×10^{-5}
2	3.0×10^{-3}		7.2×10^{-5}
3	1.5×10^{-3}	1.0×10^{-3}	
4		0.50×10^{-3}	8.1×10^{-5}

(3)

(b) Using the data from experiment 1, calculate a value for the rate constant, *k*, and state its units.

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(3)

(Total 6 marks)

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