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University of British Columbia  
**CHEM 205** Mid-term Examination  
12 February 2015, 6:30–7:30 PM

**Time: 60 minutes**  
**Answer all questions**  
**ALL CALCULATORS ARE PERMITTED**

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Question	Max	Mark
Part A	10	
Part B	15	
Part C	10	
Part D	5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	

**Part A: [10 marks]** There is **only one** correct answer for each of the following questions. Please circle it.

1. [1 mark] An isothermal process is one in which
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2. [1 mark] If an ideal gas undergoes an isothermal irreversible process adiabatically. Which of the following is **not always** true?
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4. [1 mark] For a system going from state A to state B through two alternative processes, one reversible and the other irreversible, which of the following is true?
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**Part B: [15 marks]** Consider ethane to be an ideal gas with  $C_{v,m} = 39 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ . Three moles of ethane gas at 300 K are compressed isothermally against a constant external pressure of 2 atm until the pressure of the gas equals the external pressure. During this compression, 3000 J of work are done on the ethane, and the temperature of the surroundings is kept at 300 K.

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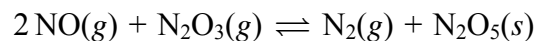
(b) [9 marks] Calculate  $q$ ,  $\Delta U$ ,  $\Delta H$ ,  $\Delta S$ ,  $\Delta G$ , and  $\Delta S_{surr}$  for this process.

(c) [2 marks] This process is: (circle on below)

1) spontaneous      2) reversible      3) spontaneous in the opposite direction

**Explain your answer here:**

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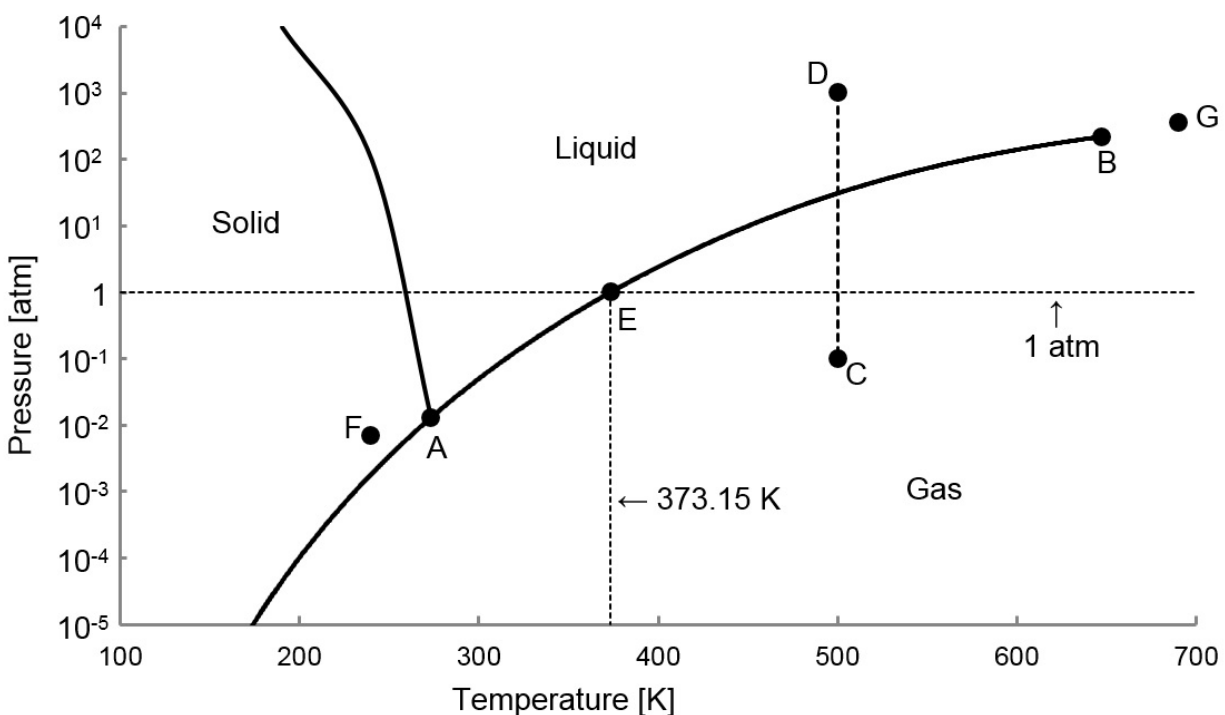


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$S^0 \text{ [J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}]$	314.63	191.50	178.20

- (a) [3 marks] Calculate the standard entropy of  $\text{NO}(g)$  at 298 K.
- (b) [5 marks] Calculate the standard Gibbs free energy of reaction and the equilibrium constant  $K$  at 298 K.
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- 1) Increasing only  $T$
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**SOME FAMILIAR EQUATIONS and CONSTANTS:**

NOTE: conditions to which they apply are NOT specified here.

$$R = 8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} = 0.08206 \text{ L atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$k = 1.3807 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$$

$$e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$N_A = 6.0221 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$F = eN_A = 96485 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$$

$$c = 2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

$$1 \text{ atm} = 101325 \text{ Pa}$$

$$\left(p + a \frac{n^2}{V^2}\right)(V - nb) = nRT$$

$$\Delta U = U_2 - U_1 = q + w$$

$$dw = -p_{\text{ex}} dV$$

$$w = -p_{\text{ex}} (V_2 - V_1)$$

$$w = -nRT \ln\left(\frac{V_2}{V_1}\right)$$

$$dq = C dT$$

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$$H = U + pV$$

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$$C_{V,m} = \frac{3}{2}R \quad C_{p,m} = \frac{5}{2}R$$

$$dS = dq_{\text{rev}}/T$$

$$S = k \ln W$$

$$\Delta S = S_2 - S_1 = \int_{\text{state1}}^{\text{state2}} (dq_{\text{rev}}/T)$$

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$$\ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} = -\frac{\Delta_{\text{vap}} H_m}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1}\right)$$

$$G = H - TS$$

$$F = C - P + 2$$

$$\Delta_r G = \Delta_r G^0 + RT \ln(Q)$$

$$E = -\frac{\Delta_r G^0}{n \cdot F} - \frac{R \cdot T}{n \cdot F} \cdot \ln(Q)$$

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$$\Delta T_b = T_{b,\text{mix}} - T_{b,\text{pure}} \approx K_b b_B = K_b m_B$$

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$$\Pi = c_B RT$$

$$\varepsilon \approx -\frac{RT}{z_i F} \ln\left(\frac{[i]_R}{[i]_L}\right)$$

$$\Delta \Pi = \Delta c RT$$

$$c = \lambda \nu$$

$$\Delta E = h \nu = h c / \lambda$$

$$T = I / I_0$$

$$A = \log_{10}(I_0 / I) = \varepsilon c l$$

$$E_{\text{vib}} = \hbar \sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu}} \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$[A] = [A]_0 - k t \quad \text{and} \quad t_{1/2} = [A]_0 / (2k)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{[A]}{[A]_0}\right) = -k t \quad \text{and} \quad t_{1/2} = (\ln 2) / k$$

$$\frac{1}{[A]} - \frac{1}{[A]_0} = k t \quad \text{and} \quad t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{k[A]_0}$$

$$k = A \exp(-E_a / (RT))$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{k_1}{k_2}\right) = -\frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right)$$

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$$(a) \begin{cases} p_f V_f = nRT \Rightarrow V_f = \frac{nRT}{p_f} = \frac{3 \times 0.08206 \times 300}{2} = 36.9 \text{ L (or } 0.0369 \text{ m}^3) \\ w = -p_{ex} \cdot (V_f - V_i) \Rightarrow V_i = V_f + \frac{w}{p_{ex}} = 36.9 + \frac{3000}{2 \times 101.325} = 51.7 \text{ L (or } 0.0517 \text{ m}^3) \end{cases}$$

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$$(b) \begin{cases} w = 3000 \text{ J} \\ dT = 0 \text{ for ideal gas} \Rightarrow \Delta U = 0, \Delta H = 0 \\ \Delta U = q + w = 0 \Rightarrow q = -w = -3000 \text{ J (-3 kJ)} \\ \Delta S_T = nR \ln \frac{V_f}{V_i} = 3 \times 8.314 \times \ln \frac{36.9}{51.7} = -8.41 \text{ J/K} \\ \Delta G = \Delta H - T \cdot \Delta S = -T \cdot \Delta S = -300 \times (-8.41) = 2523 \text{ J (2.52 kJ)} \\ \Delta S_{surr} = \frac{-q}{T} = \frac{3000}{300} = 10 \text{ J/K} \end{cases}$$

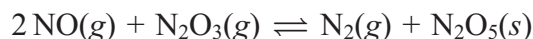
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$$(c) \begin{cases} \text{Because of non - iso - } p, \Delta G \text{ cannot be used here.} \\ \Delta S_{univ} = \Delta S_{sys} + \Delta S_{surr} = -8.41 + 10 = 1.59 \text{ J/K} > 0 \end{cases}$$

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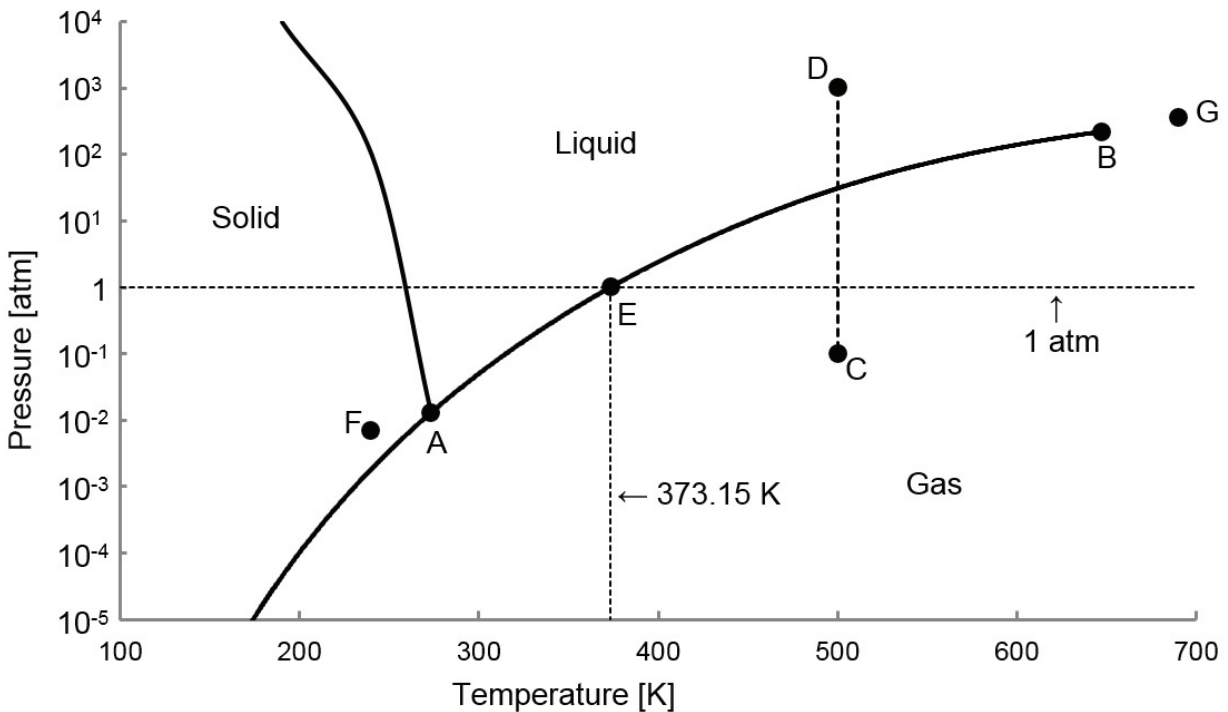
$$(b) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta G^0 = \Delta H^0 - T \cdot \Delta S^0 = -314.88 + 0.298 \times 366.45 = -205.68 \text{ kJ} \\ \Delta G^0 = -(1 \text{ mol}) \cdot RT \cdot \ln K \Rightarrow \ln K = \frac{-\Delta G^0}{(1 \text{ mol}) \cdot RT} = \frac{205.68}{8.314 \times 0.298} = 83.02 \\ K = e^{83.02} = 1.13 \times 10^{36} \end{array} \right.$$

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$$(c) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Reverse reaction is spontaneous: } \Delta G_{back}^0 = -\Delta G^0 = -(\Delta H^0 - T \cdot \Delta S^0) = T \cdot \Delta S^0 - \Delta H^0 < 0 \\ T \cdot \Delta S^0 < \Delta H^0 \\ \Delta S^0 < 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow T > \frac{\Delta H^0}{\Delta S^0} = \frac{-314.88}{-0.36645} = 859.3 \text{ K (or } 586 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C)}$$

where  $\Delta H^0$  &  $\Delta S^0$  are assumed to be independent of  $T$

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