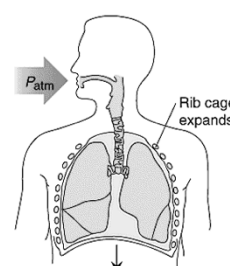


Gases

Chem 120 Prep

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Do you have enough oxygen to climb Mt. Everest?
<http://chemconnections.org/chemwiki/everest/everest.htm>

QUESTION

Typical total volume for human lungs is approximately 5,800 mL. At a temperature of 37°C (average body temperature) and pressure of 0.98 atm, how many theoretical number of moles of air can we carry inside our lungs? ($R = 0.08206 \text{ L atm/ K mol}$)

A) 1.9 mol
 B) 0.22 mol
 C) 230 mol
 D) 2.20 mol
 E) 0 mol: Moles can harm a person's lungs.

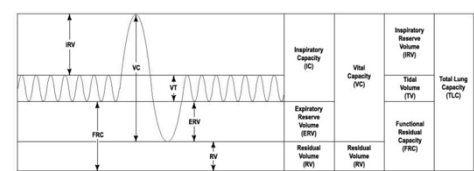
ANSWER

B)

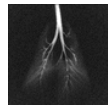
The units for temperature must be in K, pressure in atm, and volume in L. Then using the universal constant 0.08206 L atm/ K mol :

$$n_{\text{air}} = PV / RT$$

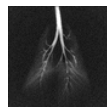
$$n_{\text{air}} = 0.98 \text{ atm} \times 5.800 \text{ L} / (37 + 273) \text{ K} \times 0.08206 \text{ L} \cdot \text{atm} / \text{K mol}$$

$$n_{\text{air}} = 0.22 \text{ mol}$$


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- How many moles of O_2 are actually in a typical breath?.
- What is the mass of O_2 in a typical breath?.
- How much of the O_2 is essential biochemically?

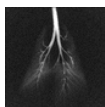


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 B) 0.020 mol
 C) 0.030 mol
 D) 0.025 mol
 E) 0.0041 mol



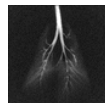
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$$n_{O_2(g)} = (20.9\%) * PV / RT$$

$$n_{O_2(g)} = (0.209 \text{ mol } O_2(g) / \text{mol air}) \times 1.0 \text{ atm} \times (3.5 \text{ L} - 3.0 \text{ L}) / (0.08206 \text{ L} \cdot \text{atm} / \text{K} \cdot \text{mol} \times 310 \text{ K})$$

$$n_{O_2(g)} = 0.0041 \text{ mol}$$



ANSWER

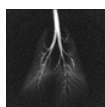
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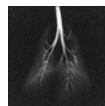


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What is the mass of O₂ in a typical breath?

- A) 0.0041 mol x 16 g/mol
- B) 0.020 mol x 16 g/mol
- C) 0.0041 mol x 32 g/mol
- D) 0.020 mol x 32 g/mol



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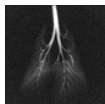
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$$n_{O_2(g)} = (0.209 \text{ mol } O_2(g) / \text{mol air}) (1.0 \text{ atm} \times (3.5 \text{ L} - 3.0 \text{ L}) \times \text{K} / 0.0821 \text{ L} \cdot \text{atm} \cdot \text{K} / \text{mol})$$

$$n_{O_2(g)} = 0.0041 \text{ mol}$$

$$g_{O_2(g)} = 0.0041 \text{ mol} \times 32.0 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$g_{O_2(g)} = 0.13 \text{ g}$$



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How much of the O₂ is essential biochemically?

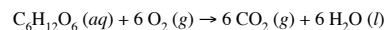
Two estimates for a person with normal physical activity range from

0.67 - 0.84 kg of O₂ being used per day
(NASA provided the higher value). How many breaths do you take in one day? ~ 5 mol % of the O₂ is actually used per breath.

Hard exercise increases this oxygen demand (intake) about 10 fold.

QUESTION

The primary source of exhaled CO₂ is from the combustion of glucose, C₆H₁₂O₆ (molar mass = 180. g/mol.). The balanced equation is shown here:

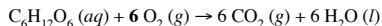


If you oxidized 5.42 grams of C₆H₁₂O₆ while tying your boots to climb Mt. Everest, how many liters of O₂ @ STP conditions did you use? (R = 0.08206 L atm/ K mol)

- A) 0.737 L
- B) 0.672 L
- C) 4.05 L
- D) 22.4 L

ANSWER

C) 4.05 L



The number of moles of glucose must first be determined (5.42 g / 180. g/mol = 0.0301 moles), then this is multiplied by 6 to account for the stoichiometric ratio between glucose and oxygen.

From this, $V = nRT/P$ is used with the appropriate substitutions. ($R = 0.08206 \text{ L atm/ K mol}$)

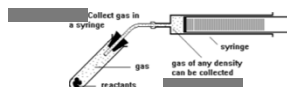
$$= 6 \times 0.0301 \text{ mol O}_2(g) \times 0.08206 \text{ L} \cdot \text{atm} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \times 273 \text{ K} / 1 \text{ atm}$$

Molar Mass of a Gas

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \quad PV &= nRT \\ \delta \quad n &= g \text{ of gas} / MM_{\text{gas}} [MM_{\text{gas}} = g/\text{mol}] \\ \delta \quad PV &= (g \text{ of gas} / MM_{\text{gas}})RT \\ \delta \quad MM_{\text{gas}} &= g \text{ of gas} / V (RT/P) \end{aligned}$$

Density of gas = $g \text{ of gas} / V$ [experimental]

$$\delta \quad MM_{\text{gas}} = \text{density of gas} (RT/P)$$

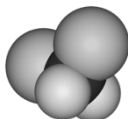


QUESTION

Freon-12, CF_2Cl_2 , a "safe" compressible gas, was widely used from 1935-1994 as a refrigerant in refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioning systems. However, it had been shown to be a greenhouse gas and to catalytically destroy the ozone layer. It was phased out and banned.

200 ml of Freon-12 was collected by syringe. It weighed 0.927 grams, had a temperature of 30.0°C , and a pressure of 698.2 mm of Hg. What is the experimental molar mass of Freon-12? ($R = 0.08206 \text{ L atm/ K mol}$)

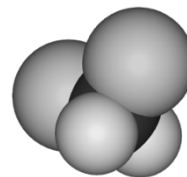
- A. 12.1 g/mol
- B. 84 g/mol
- C. 92.7 g/mol
- D. 115 g/mol
- E. 121 g/mol



ANSWER

E)

$$\begin{aligned} MM_{\text{gas}} &= \text{density of gas} (RT/P) \\ MM_{\text{gas}} &= 0.927 \text{ g} / 0.200 \text{ L} \times 0.08206 \text{ L atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \\ &\quad \times 303 \text{ K} / 698.2 \text{ mm Hg} / 760 \text{ mm Hg} / 1 \text{ atm} \end{aligned}$$



QUESTION

The density of an unknown atmospheric gas pollutant was experimentally determined to be 1.964 g/L @ 0°C and 760 torr.

•What is the molar mass of the gas?

•What might the gas be?

- A) CO B) SO_2 C) H_2O D) CO_2

ANSWER

CO (28g/mol) SO_2 (62g/mol) H_2O (18g/mol) CO_2 (44g/mol)

1.964 g/L @ 0°C and 760 torr.

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

$^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow \text{K}$

torr \rightarrow atm

$$MM_{\text{gas}} = \text{density of gas} (RT/P)$$

$$MM_{\text{gas}} = 1.964 \text{ g/L} \times 0.08206 \text{ L atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \times 273 \text{ K} / 760 \text{ torr} \times 760 \text{ torr} / 1 \text{ atm}$$

$$MM_{\text{gas}} = 44.0 \text{ g/mol}$$

D) CO_2

QUESTION

0.0820 grams of the volatile, gaseous phase, of a compound, which smells like fresh raspberries, was trapped in a syringe. It had a volume of 12.2 mL at 1.00 atmosphere of pressure and 25.0°C. What is the molar mass of this pleasant smelling compound ?

- A) 13.8 g/mol
- B) 164 g/mol
- C) 40.9 g/mol
- D) 224 g/mol



ANSWER

B) 164 g/mol

Using $PV = nRT$:

0.0122 L for V , 298 K for T , 0.08206 for R and solving for n the number of moles represented by 0.0820 grams can be obtained.

Then the MOLAR MASS (grams in one mole) can be determined.

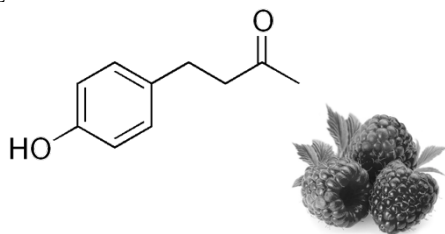
$$MM_{\text{gas}} = \text{density of gas (RT/P)}$$

$$MM_{\text{gas}} = 0.0820 \text{ g/L} \times 0.00122 \text{ L} \times 0.0821 \text{ atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \times 298 \text{ K} / 1 \text{ atm}$$

QUESTION

For the compound that smells like fresh raspberries, the following structure, $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$, matches its calculated molar mass.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



ANSWER

Based on your answers for the compound, which smells like fresh raspberries, in the previous two questions, the following structure matches its molecular formula.

- A) TRUE**
- B) FALSE

