

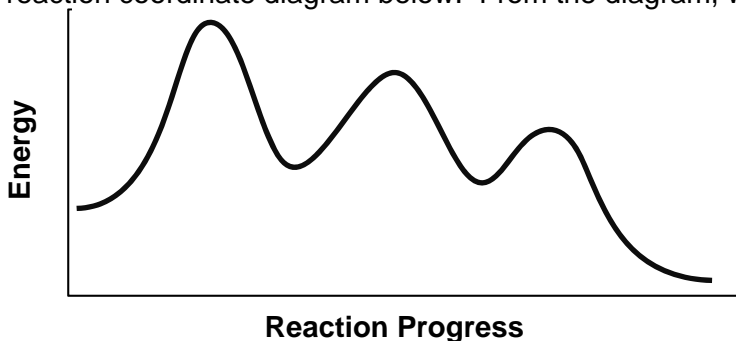
Please follow the instructions for each section of the exam. Show your work on all mathematical problems. Provide answers with the correct units and significant figures. Be concise in your answers to discussion questions.

Part 0: Warmup. 4 points each

1. The steady-state approximation is most useful when
- the equilibrium constant for a reaction is small.
 - there is no clear slow step in a proposed reaction mechanism. Answer _____
 - a reaction occurs through a single-step mechanism.
 - the concentration of reactants is small compared to the equilibrium constant.

2. The pressure of a reaction vessel that contains an equilibrium mixture in the reaction $\text{SO}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons \text{SO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{Cl}_2(\text{g})$ is increased. When equilibrium is reestablished:
- the amount of Cl_2 will have increased.
 - the amount of SO_2 will have decreased. Answer _____
 - the amounts of SO_2 and Cl_2 will have remained the same.
 - the amounts of all SO_2 , Cl_2 , and SO_2Cl_2 will have decreased..

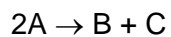
3. Consider the reaction coordinate diagram below. From the diagram, we can conclude:



- The reaction is endothermic.
 - The reaction occurs by a two-step mechanism. Answer _____
 - The first step of the mechanism is the rate-determining step.
 - The reaction is nonspontaneous.
4. For the reaction $\text{CO}(\text{g}) + 2\text{H}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons \text{CH}_3\text{OH}(\text{g})$ $K_c = 14.5$. If 5.00 mol CO , 2.00 mol H_2 and 3.00 mol of CH_3OH are brought together and allowed to react in a 2.0 L container, which of the following describes the composition of the system at equilibrium?
- Some CO and H_2 will have been consumed to make more CH_3OH . Answer _____
 - Some CH_3OH will have been consumed to make more CO and H_2
 - The amounts of CO , H_2 , and CH_3OH will be unchanged from their initial values.
 - There is not enough information to determine the equilibrium composition.

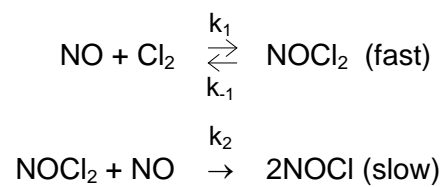
Part I Kinetics. Answer three (3) of problems 5-8. Clearly mark the problems you do not want graded. 14 points each.

5. Consider the data below. The data corresponds to the reaction below and shows dependence of concentration of A on time in experiments run at three temperatures. Assuming you know the reaction to be first order in A, describe how you could determine the activation energy for the reaction. No calculations are necessary. Feel free to include appropriate diagrams.



	T = 298 K	T = 348 K	T = 398 K
Time (sec)	[A] (M)	[A] (M)	[A] (M)
0	0.1000	0.1000	0.1000
1	0.0999	0.0991	0.0940
2	0.0999	0.0983	0.0883
8	0.0995	0.0932	0.0609
32	0.0980	0.0755	0.0137

6. Experiment has shown that the rate law for the reaction $2\text{NO}(\text{g}) + \text{Cl}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{NOCl}(\text{g})$ is $\text{Rate} = k[\text{NO}][\text{Cl}_2]$. One proposed mechanism for this process is shown below, with the second step being rate-determining. Is this a reasonable mechanism for the reaction? Justify your decision.

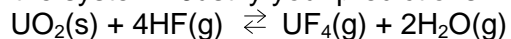


7. The decomposition of hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) to liquid water and oxygen gas is a spontaneous process, but occurs slowly, allowing for a reasonable shelf-life for peroxide solutions. In the presence of a catalyst (like the iron in your blood), the decomposition is much more rapid. Draw and correctly label reaction coordinate diagrams that represent each of the two situations and describe how each diagram reflects the thermodynamics and kinetics of the situation.
8. In our kinetics experiment we used the *isolation method* (sometimes called *pseudo-order* kinetics) to determine the rate law for the reaction of crystal violet with hydroxide ion. Describe how the isolation method allows the determination of the reaction orders for multiple reactants, as well as the overall rate constant for a reaction. You may wish to use the CV reaction as an example.

Part II Equilibrium. Answer three (3) of problems 9-12. Clearly mark the problems you do not want graded. 14 points each

9. What do we mean when we say a system has *come to equilibrium*? Describe the equilibrium condition and why we don't use a single headed arrow when we write equilibria. What does a small equilibrium constant mean in terms of thermodynamics?

10. Suppose the reaction system below has already reached equilibrium. Predict the effect of the following changes on the system. Justify your predictions with a brief statement.



- More UO_2 is added to the system.
- The reaction is performed in a glass reaction vessel and the HF reacts with the glass.
- Water vapor is removed.
- The volume is increased.

11. A mixture consisting of 0.150 mol H_2 and 0.150 mol I_2 is brought to equilibrium at 445°C in a 1.50 L flask. What are the equilibrium concentrations of each species?



12. For the reaction below, an equilibrium mixture contains 0.550 mol of each of the products (carbon dioxide and hydrogen gas) and 0.200 mol of each of the reactants (carbon monoxide and water vapor) in a 1.00-L container. How many moles of carbon dioxide would have to be added at constant temperature and volume to increase the amount of carbon monoxide to 0.300 mol once equilibrium has been reestablished?

