

AS level Chemistry A

H032/02 Depth in chemistry

Question Set 3

- 3. Alkanes are saturated hydrocarbons with the general formula C_nH_{2n+2} .
 - (a) A student carries out an experiment to measure the enthalpy change of combustion, $\Delta_{\rm c}H$, of hexane.

The student finds that combustion of 1.29g of hexane changes the temperature of 200g of water from 20.5 °C to 65.5 °C.

(i) Calculate the enthalpy change of combustion, $\Delta_c H$, of hexane, in kJ mol⁻¹. [4]

Give your final answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

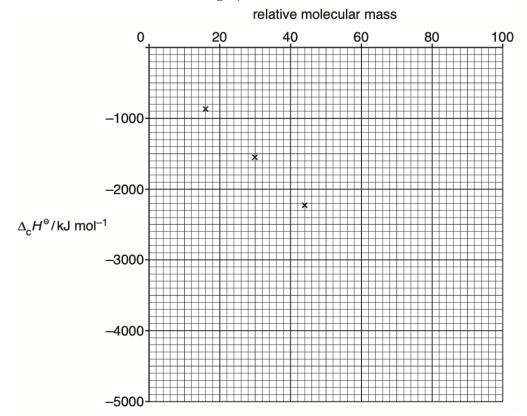
(ii) The calculated value of $\Delta_c H$ for hexane from this experiment is different from the [2] databook value.

Suggest two reasons for this difference.

(b) Data book values for the standard enthalpy changes of combustion, $\Delta_c H$, of the first four alkanes are shown in the table.

Alkane	methane	ethane	propane	butane
$\Delta_{\rm c}H^{\rm e}/{\rm kJmol^{-1}}$	-890	-1560	-2219	-2877

Plot the value for butane on the graph.



(ii) Use the graph to estimate the energy released, in kJ, during complete combustion [3] of 1.80 g of pentane.

Show relevant working below and on the graph.

(c) The equation for the complete combustion of cyclohexane is shown below. [3]

$$\mathrm{C_6H_{12}(I)} + 9\mathrm{O_2(g)} \rightarrow 6\mathrm{CO_2(g)} + \mathrm{H_2O(I)}$$

Standard enthalpy changes of formation, $\Delta_f H$, are shown in the table.

Substance	C ₆ H ₁₂ (I)	CO ₂ (g)	H ₂ O(I)
Δ _f H ^e / kJ mol ^{−1}	-156.3	-393.5	-285.8

Calculate the standard enthalpy change of combustion, $\Delta_{\rm c}H$, in kJ mol⁻¹, of cyclohexane.

Total Marks for Question Set 3: 13



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