

## Kinetics

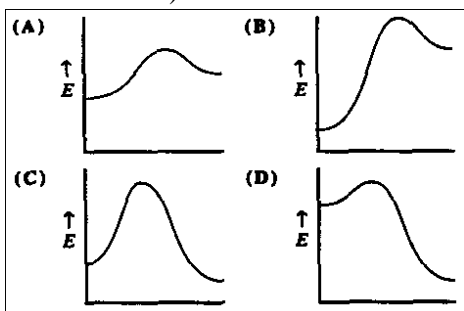
### NChO Practice Problems

#### 1999 NChO Exam

28. The rate of a reaction with just two reactants is observed to double when the concentration of one reactant is doubled and the second reactant is held constant. The rate is also observed to increase by a factor of nine when the concentration of the second reactant is tripled, holding the concentration of the first reactant constant. What is the overall order for this reaction?

- (A) 2                      (C) 5  
(B) 3                      (D) 6

29. Which energy diagram represents a highly exothermic reaction that has a small activation energy? (Assume that all curves are plotted on the same scale.)



30. Tritium decays by a first-order process that has half-life of 12.5 years. How many years will it take to reduce the radioactivity of a tritium sample to 15% of its original value?

- (A) 64 y                      (C) 34 y  
(B) 54 y                      (D) 24 y

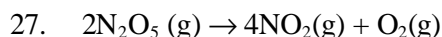
31. What is the overall order of a reaction with a rate constant having the units  $\text{L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ?

- (A) 0                      (C) 2  
(B) 1                      (D) 3

32. In a reaction with several steps, which step limits the rate of the reaction?

- (A) first                      (C) fastest  
(B) last                      (D) slowest

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What is the ratio of the rate of decomposition of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  to the rate of the formation of  $\text{NO}_2$ ?

- (A) 1:2                      (C) 1:4  
(B) 2:1                      (D) 4:1

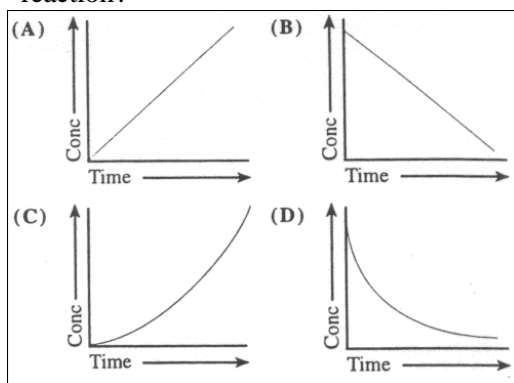
28. When reacted with water, the insecticides DDT decomposes with a half-life of 10 years. Approximately how many years will it take for 99% of a given sample to decompose once exposed to water in the environment?

- (A) 50 yr                      (C) 500 yr  
(B) 70 yr                      (D) 700 yr

29. Which property, if decreased, will cause an increase in the rate of a reaction involving a solid?

- (A) temperature                      (C) concentration  
(B) pressure                      (D) particle size

30. Which graph corresponds to the change in concentration of a reactant that is a first order reaction?



31. Which reaction characteristics are changing by the addition of a catalyst to a reaction to a reaction at constant temperature?

1. activation energy  
2. ending concentrations  
3. reaction enthalpy  
(A) 1 only                      (C) 1 and 2 only  
(B) 3 only                      (D) 1, 2, and 3

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27. A plot of reactant concentration versus time gives a straight line. What is the order of the reaction for this reactant?

- (A) zero                      (C) second  
(B) first                      (D) some other value

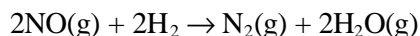
28. Which change does not increase the value of the rate constant for a reaction?

- (A) decreasing the activation energy  
(B) raising the temperature  
(C) adding a catalyst  
(D) increasing the concentration of reactants

29. A certain reaction has a  $\Delta H = -75$  kJ and an activation energy of 40 kJ. A catalyst is found that lowers the activation energy of the forward reaction by 15 kJ. What is the activation energy of the reverse reaction in the presence of this same catalyst?

- (A) 25 kJ                      (C) 90 kJ  
(B) 60 kJ                      (D) 100 kJ

30. Nitrogen(II) oxide and hydrogen react to form nitrogen and water according to this equation.



According to these experimental results, what are the orders for NO and H<sub>2</sub>O?

| [NO]  | [H <sub>2</sub> ] | Rate(M min <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|-------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 0.015 | 0.020             | 0.60                       |
| 0.015 | 0.040             | 1.20                       |
| 0.030 | 0.020             | 2.40                       |

Order,NO      Order,H<sub>2</sub>

- (A)      1              1  
(B)      1              2  
(C)      2              1  
(D)      2              2

31. At a certain temperature the first-order decomposition of hydrogen peroxide exhibits these data.

| time (seconds, s) | [H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ](mol L <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|-------------------|--|
| 0                 | 2.0  |
| 15                | 1.0  |

At what time will the [H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>] = 0.50 mol L<sup>-1</sup>?

- (A) 30. s                      (C) 22 s  
(B) 25 s                      (D) 20. s