

Regents Chemistry – Calorimetry Practice

1. If the temperature of 34.4 g ethanol increases from 25.0 °C to 78.8°C, how much heat was absorbed the ethanol? (C_p ethanol = 2.44 J/g°C)
2. A 155 g sample of an unknown substance was heated from 25.0 °C to 40.0 °C by absorbing 5696 J of energy. What is the specific heat of the substance?
3. A piece of aluminum absorbs 345 J when heated from 298 K to 368 K. What is the mass of the aluminum? (C_p aluminum = 0.9025 J/gK)
4. A piece of aluminum is heated to 87.5 °C and placed into a Styrofoam cup calorimeter containing 350. g of water at an initial temperature of 23.0 °C. The final temperature of the aluminum and water is 24.8°C. How much heat was released by the aluminum?
5. A piece of gold is heated to 65.4°C and placed in a calorimeter containing 160. g of water at 25.5°C. The final temperature of the metal and water is 27.8°C. How much energy was released by the gold?

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1. If the temperature of 34.4 g ethanol increases from 25.0 °C to 78.8 °C, how much heat was absorbed the ethanol? (C_p ethanol = 2.44 J/g °C)

$$q = mc\Delta T$$
$$x = (34.4\text{g})(2.44\text{J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C})(78.8 - 25.0^\circ\text{C})$$
$$x = (34.4\text{g})(2.44\text{J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C})(53.8^\circ\text{C})$$
$$x = 4515.7568\text{ J} \rightarrow \boxed{4520\text{ J}}$$

2. A 155 g sample of an unknown substance was heated from 25.0 °C to 40.0 °C by absorbing 5696 J of energy. What is the specific heat of the substance?

$$q = mc\Delta T$$

~~5696 J = (155g)(x)(40.0 - 25.0)~~

$$5696\text{ J} = (155\text{g})(x)(15^\circ\text{C})$$
$$5696\text{ J} = \frac{(2325\text{g}\cdot^\circ\text{C})(x)}{2325\text{g}\cdot^\circ\text{C}}$$
$$x = 2.45\text{ J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C} \quad \boxed{x = 2.45\text{ J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C}}$$

3. A piece of aluminum absorbs 345 J when heated from 298 K to 368 K. What is the mass of the aluminum? (C_p aluminum = 0.9025 J/gK)

$$q = mc\Delta T$$
$$345\text{ J} = (x)(0.9025\text{ J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C})(368 - 298\text{K})$$
$$345\text{ J} = (x)(0.9025\text{ J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C})(70\text{K})$$
$$345\text{ J} = \frac{(63.175\text{ J/g})(x)}{63.175}$$
$$x = 5.4610209$$
$$x = 5.46\text{ g} \quad \boxed{x = 5.46\text{ g}}$$

4. A piece of aluminum is heated to 87.5 °C and placed into a Styrofoam cup calorimeter containing 350. g of water at an initial temperature of 23.0 °C. The final temperature of the aluminum and water is 24.8 °C. How much heat was released by the aluminum?

$$q = mc\Delta T$$
$$x = (350.\text{g})(4.18\text{J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C})(24.8 - 23.0^\circ\text{C})$$
$$(350.\text{g})(4.18\text{J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C})(1.8^\circ\text{C})$$
$$x = 2633.4\text{ J} \quad \boxed{2630\text{ J}}$$

5. A piece of gold is heated to 65.4 °C and placed in a calorimeter containing 160. g of water at 25.5 °C. The final temperature of the metal and water is 27.8 °C. How much energy was released by the gold?

$$(160.\text{g})(4.18\text{J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C})(27.8 - 25.5^\circ\text{C})$$
$$(160.\text{g})(4.18\text{J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C})(2.3^\circ\text{C})$$
$$x = 1538.24\text{ J} \rightarrow \boxed{1540\text{ J}}$$