

Gas Laws — Basic Practice

A Physics

$$PV = nRT \quad \text{Ideal Gas Equation}$$

$$\text{Heat Energy, } E = n C_p \Delta T \quad \text{or} \quad n C_v \Delta T$$

DATA

$$\text{gas constant} \rightarrow R = 8.3 \text{ J mole}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

$$1 \text{ atm.} = 1 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$C_p = 28 \text{ J mole}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

$$C_v = 20 \text{ J mole}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

This question is about a diver

1. The diver breathes in 200 cm^3 of air at 1 atmosphere at 20°C . In his lungs it's warmed at 1 atm. to 37°C
 - a) Show that $200 \text{ cm}^3 = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3$. (1)
 - b) Calculate the number of moles of air in 200 cm^3 at 1 atm. and 20°C . (2)
 - c) Calculate the heat energy needed to warm this gas in the diver's lungs. (2)
 - d) What is the new volume of this mass of gas in the diver's lungs? (2)
 - e) The diver has a gas bottle, volume $12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$, containing gas at 20 atm. and 20°C . Calculate the number of moles of gas in the bottle. (2)
 - f) The diver goes into the sea, where the water is at 5°C . Calculate the gas pressure at this temperature. (2)
 - g) A bubble of radius 1 cm escapes from the bottle into the water at a pressure of 4 atmospheres and temperature 5°C . What is the volume of this bubble? ($V_{\text{sphere}} = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$) (2)
 - h) How many moles of gas is it? (2)
 - i) The bubble floats up to the surface: temp 20°C , pressure 1 atm. What is the new bubble volume? (2)

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1. a) $1 \text{ cm} = 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$ so $1 \text{ cm}^2 = (1 \times 10^{-2})^2$ and $1 \text{ cm}^3 = (1 \times 10^{-2})^3 = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$
 so $200 \text{ cm}^3 = 200 \times 10^{-6} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3$ (1)

b) $PV = nRT \rightarrow n = PV/RT = \frac{1 \times 10^5 \times 2 \times 10^{-4}}{8.3 \times 293} = 0.0082 \text{ moles}$ (1)

c) Heat energy = $n C_p \Delta T$ (not cv!) $= 0.0082 \times 28 \times (37 - 20) = 3.9 \text{ Joules}$ (2)

d) new volume ... use $PV = nRT$ (1)
 so $V_{\text{new}} = nRT/p = \frac{0.0082 \times 8.3 \times 310}{1 \times 10^5}$ (or) $\frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2}$
 $= 2.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3$ (1)
 so $V_{2, \text{new}} = \frac{P_1 \times T_2}{T_1} = \frac{2.0 \times 10^{-4} \times 310}{293} = 2.1 \times 10^{-4}$

e) Gas in bottle ... $PV = nRT \rightarrow n = PV/RT = \frac{20 \times 10^5 \times 12 \times 10^{-3}}{8.3 \times 293} = 9.87 \text{ moles}$ (2 max)

f) use $P_1/T_1 = P_2/T_2 \rightarrow \frac{P_2}{T_2} = \frac{P_1 \times T_2}{T_1} = \frac{20 \times 10^5 \times 278}{293} = 19 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$

g) Bubble ... $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi (1 \times 10^{-2})^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi \times 1 \times 10^{-6} = 4.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$ (1)

h) moles of gas ... $PV = nRT \rightarrow n = PV/RT = \frac{4 \times 10^5 \times 4.2 \times 10^{-6}}{8.3 \times 278} = 7.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ moles}$ (1)

i) use $PV = nRT$ (1)
 so $V_{\text{new}} = \frac{nRT}{p} = \frac{7.3 \times 10^{-4} \times 8.3 \times 293}{1 \times 10^5} = 1.77 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3$ (1)
 or ... $\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2}$ (1)
 so $V_{2, \text{new}} = \frac{P_1 \times T_2 \times V_1}{P_2 \times T_1} = \frac{4 \times 10^5 \times 293 \times 4.2 \times 10^{-6}}{1 \times 10^5 \times 278} = 1.77 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3$ (2 max)

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