

CHEMICAL KINETICS

Syllabus

Rate of a reaction (Average and instantaneous), factors affecting rate of reaction: concentration, temperature, catalyst; order and molecularity of a reaction, rate law and specific rate constant, integrated rate equations and half-life (only for zero and first order reactions).



STAND ALONE MCQs

[1 Mark each]

- **AI** Q. 1. The unit of rate constant depends upon the
 - (A) molecularity of the reaction
 - (B) activation energy of the reaction
 - (C) order of the reaction
 - (D) temperature of the reaction

U [CBSE Delhi Set-III, 2020]

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: For the reaction,

$$xA + yB \rightarrow Product$$

 $r = k[A]^x[B]^y$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = k[A]^x[B]^y$$

$$mol L^{-1}s^{-1} = k(mol L^{-1})^x(mol L^{-1})^y$$

$$k = \frac{mol L^{-1}s^{-1}}{(mol L^{-1})^x(mol L^{-1})^y}$$

$$= (mol L^{-1})^{1-(x+y)}s^{-1}$$
Where $(x + y) = order of the reaction$

AI Q. 2. Compounds 'A' and 'B' react according to the following chemical equation:

$$A_{(g)} + 2B_{(g)} \rightarrow 2C_{(g)}$$

Concentration of either 'A' or 'B' were changed keeping the concentration of one of the reactants constant and rates were measured as function of initial concentration. Following results were obtained. Choose the Correct option for this reaction.

Experi- ment	Initial concentration of [A]/mol L ⁻¹		Initial concentration of [C]/mol L ⁻¹
1.	0.30	0.30	0.10
2.	0.30	0.60	0.40
3.	0.60	0.30	0.20

(A) Rate = $k [A]^2 [B]$

(b) Rate = $k [A][B]^2$

(C) Rate = k [A][B]

(d) Rate = $k [A]^2 [B]^0$

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: Suppose order with respect to A and B are x and y respectively.

Rate =
$$k[A]^x[B]^y$$

For experiment 1,
 $0.1 = k(0.3)^x(0.3)^y$...(i)
For experiment 2,
 $0.4 = k(0.3)^x(0.6)^y$...(ii)

For experiment 3,

$$0.2 = k(0.6)^{x}(0.3)^{y}$$
 ...(iii)

Dividing equation (ii) by (i)

$$\frac{0.4}{0.1} = \frac{(0.6)^y}{(0.3)^y}$$

y = 2

Dividing equation (iii) by (i)

$$\frac{0.2}{0.1} = \frac{\left(0.6\right)^y}{\left(0.3\right)^y}$$

.. Rate law

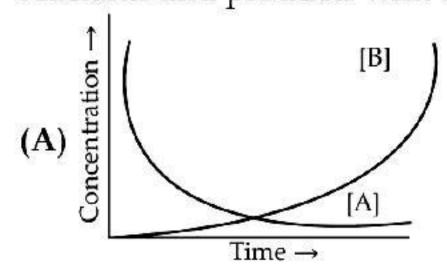
Rate = $k[A][B]^2$

x = 1

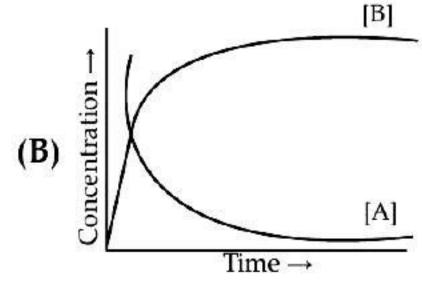


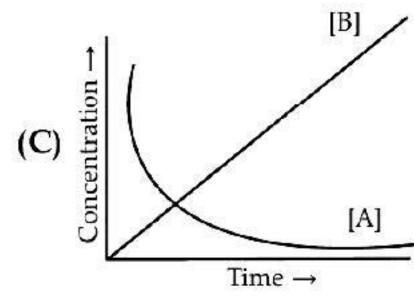


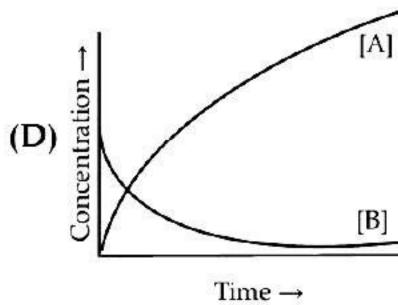
 \mathbf{AI} Q. 3. Consider the reaction $A \rightleftharpoons B$. The concentration of both the reactants and the products varies exponentially with time. Which of the following figures correctly describes the change in concentration of reactants and products with time?



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Ans. Option (B) is correct.

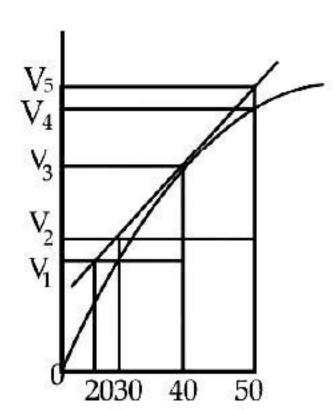
Explanation: As the reactant A's concentration decreases with time, so the product B's concentration increases. Also since the reaction is reversible, the increase and decrease in concentration with respect to time is similar.

- [AI] Q. 4. In the presence of a catalyst, heat evolved or absorbed during reaction:
 - (A) increases.
 - (B) decreases.
 - (C) remains unchanged.
 - (D) may increase or decrease.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: There is no effect on heat evolved or absorbed during the reaction in the presence of a catalyst. It is because catalyst influence the rate of reaction and does not participate in the reaction.

Q. 5. A graph of volume of hydrogen released vs. time for the reaction between zinc and dilute HCl is given in figure. On the basis of this mark the correct option.



- (A) Average rate up to 40 seconds is $\frac{V_3 V_2}{10}$
- (B) Average rate up to 40 seconds is $\frac{V_3 V_2}{40 30}$
- (C) Average rate up to 40 seconds is $\frac{V_3}{2}$
- (D) Average rate up to 40 seconds is $\frac{V_3 V_2}{40 20}$

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: Average rate of reaction up to 40 seconds on the basis of the graph is:

$$\frac{V_3 - 0}{40 - 0} = \frac{V_3}{40}$$

- **AI** Q. 6. Which of the following statement is correct?
 - (A) The rate of a reaction decreases with passage of time as the concentration of reactants decreases.
 - (B) The rate of a reaction is same at any time during the reaction.
 - (C) The rate of a reaction is independent of temperature change.
 - (D) The rate of a reaction decreases with increase in concentration of reactant(s).

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: The rate of a reaction depends upon the concentration of reactants.

- [AI] Q. 7. Rate law cannot be determined from balanced chemical equation if:
 - (A) reverse reaction is involved.
 - (B) it is an elementary reaction.
 - (C) it is a sequence of elementary reactions.
 - (D) any of the reactants is in excess.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: In case of elementary reaction the rate law can be determined from balanced chemical equation.

Q. 8. Which of the following expressions is correct for the rate of reaction given below?

> $5Br^{-}$ (aq) + BrO_{3}^{-} (aq) + $6H^{+}$ (aq) $\rightarrow 3Br_{2}$ (aq) + $3H_2O(l)$

(A)
$$\frac{\Delta[Br^{-}]}{\Delta t} = 5 \frac{\Delta[H^{+}]}{\Delta t}$$

(A)
$$\frac{\Delta[Br^-]}{\Delta t} = 5 \frac{\Delta[H^+]}{\Delta t}$$
 (B)
$$\frac{\Delta[Br^-]}{\Delta t} = \frac{6}{5} \frac{\Delta[H^+]}{\Delta t}$$

(C)
$$\frac{\Delta[Br^-]}{\Delta t} = \frac{5}{6} \frac{\Delta[H^+]}{\Delta t}$$
 (D)
$$\frac{\Delta[Br^-]}{\Delta t} = 6 \frac{\Delta[H^+]}{\Delta t}$$

(**D**)
$$\frac{\Delta[B\mathbf{r}^-]}{\Delta t} = 6 \frac{\Delta[H^+]}{\Delta t}$$

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: Rate law expression for the above equation is written as:

$$5Br^{-}$$
 (aq) + BrO_{3}^{-} (aq) + $6H^{+}$ (aq) $\rightarrow 3Br_{2}$ (aq.) + $3H^{2}O(l)$

Rate law expression for the above equation can be presented as:

$$\frac{-1}{5} \frac{\Delta(Br^{-})}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta[BrO_{3}^{-}]}{\Delta t} = \frac{-1}{6} \frac{\Delta[H^{+}]}{\Delta t} = \frac{+1}{3} \frac{\Delta[Br_{2}]}{\Delta t}$$
$$\frac{\Delta[Br^{-}]}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta[BrO_{3}^{-}]}{\Delta t} = \frac{-5}{6} \frac{\Delta[H^{+}]}{\Delta t}$$
$$\frac{\Delta[Br^{-}]}{\Delta t} = \frac{5}{6} \frac{\Delta[H^{+}]}{\Delta t}$$

- Q. 9. In a chemical reaction X → Y, it is found that the rate of reaction doubles when the concentration of X is increased four times. The order of the reaction with respect to X is A [CBSE Delhi Set-II 2020]
 - **(A)** 1

(B) 0

(C) 2

(D) 1/2

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: $X \rightarrow Y$

Rate(r) \propto [X]ⁿ [Where n = Order of reaction] If the concentration X is increased by 4 times

$$X' = 4X$$

Then, Rate $(r') \propto [X']^n$

$$\frac{r'}{r} = \frac{\left[4X\right]^n}{\left[X\right]^n} = 2$$

r' is new rate, X' is a new concentration

$$[4]^{n} = 2$$

$$\therefore n = \frac{1}{2}$$

Order of reaction = $\frac{1}{2}$

- **AI** Q. 10. The half-life period for a zero order reaction is equal to
 - (A) $\frac{0.693}{k}$
- **(B)** $\frac{2k}{[R]_0}$
- (C) $\frac{2.303}{k}$
- (D) $\frac{[R]_0}{2k}$

(where $[R]_0$ is initial concentration of reactant and k is rate constant). \square [CBSE Outside Delhi Set-2, 2020] Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: Half life period of a zero order reaction = $\frac{[R]_0}{2k}$

Where $[R]_0$ = initial concentration of reactant k = Rate constant

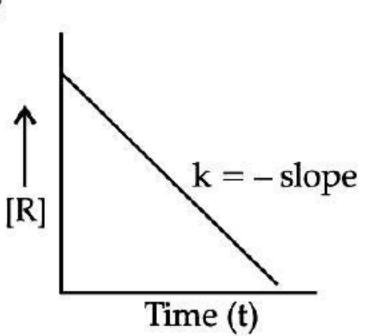
- **AI** Q. 11. For a zero order reaction, the slope in the plot of [R] vs. time is
 - (A) $\frac{-k}{2.303}$
- **(B)** −*k*
- (C) $\frac{+k}{2.303}$
- (D) + k

(where [R] is the final concentration of reactant)

[R] [CBSE O.D. Set-III 2020]

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation:



- Q. 12. A first order reaction is 50% completed in 1.26×10^{14} s. How much time would it take for 100% completion?
 - (A) 1.26×10^{15} s
- **(B)** $2.52 \times 10^{14} \,\mathrm{s}$
- (C) $2.52 \times 10^{28} \,\mathrm{s}$
- (D) Infinite

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: The reaction will be 100% complete only after infinite time.

AI Q. 13. Consider a first order gas phase decomposition reaction given below:

$$A(g) \longrightarrow B(g) + C(g)$$

The initial pressure of the system before decomposition of A was p_i . After lapse of time t, total pressure of the system increased by t units and became p_t . The rate constant t for the reaction is given as:

(A)
$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{p_i}{p_i - x}$$

(B)
$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{p_i}{2p_i - p_t}$$

(C)
$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{p_i}{2p_i + p_t}$$

(D)
$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{p_i}{p_i + x}$$

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: Let us consider a first order gas phase decomposition reaction:

$$A(g) \rightarrow B(g) + C(g)$$

The initial pressure of the system before decomposition of A is P_i . After lapse of time t, total pressure of the system increased by t units and became t.

Hence, the pressure of A decreased by x atom.

- Initial pressure:
- P_i atom
- U
- Pressure after time t: $(P_i x)$ x atm x atm

$$P_{t} = (P_{i} - x) + x + x$$

$$= P_{i} + x \text{ atm.}$$

$$x = P_{t} - P_{i}$$

$$= P_{i} - (P_{t} + P_{i})$$

$$P_{A} = 2P_{i} - P_{t}$$

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[A]_{0}}{[A]}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{P_{i}}{2P_{i} - P_{t}}$$

- **Q. 14.** For the reaction $A \rightarrow B$, the rate of reaction becomes three times when the concentration of A is increased by nine times. What is the order of Α reaction?
 - **(A)** 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 1/2
- **(D)** 0

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation:

$$A \rightarrow B$$

Rate of reaction $r \propto [A]^n$

If concentration of A is increased by nine times, then rate of reaction becomes three times,

$$r'=3r$$

$$r' \propto [A']^n$$

$$3r' \propto [9A]^n$$

$$3r' \propto [9A]^n$$
 ...(ii)

From eq. (i) and (ii)

$$\frac{r}{3r} = \frac{[A]^n}{[9A]^n}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2n}$$

$$1 = 2n$$

$$n = 1/2$$

- \therefore Order of reaction = $[\frac{1}{2}]$
- **Q. 15.** A first-order reaction is 50% completed in 1.26 \times 1014 s. How much time would it take for 100% completion?
 - (A) 1.26×10^{15} s
- (B) $2.52 \times 10^{14} \,\mathrm{s}$
- (C) 2.52×10^{28} s
- (D) Infinite

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: The reaction will be 100% complete only after infinite time.

- **AI** Q. 16. The value of rate constant of a pseudo-firstorder reaction:
 - (A) depends on the concentration of reactants present in small amount.
 - (B) depends on the concentration of reactants present in excess.
 - (C) is independent of the concentration of reactants.
 - (D) depends only on temperature.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: Rate constant of a pseudo-firstorder reaction depends on the concentration of reactants present in excess.

Q. 17. The slope in the plot of ln[R] vs. time gives

$$(A) + k$$

(B)
$$\frac{+k}{2.303}$$

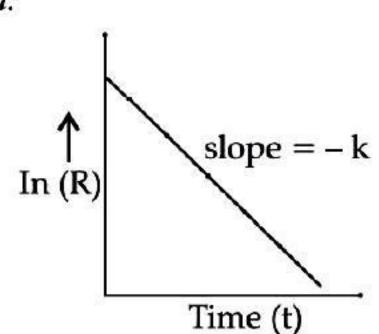
(D)
$$\frac{-k}{2.303}$$

(where [R] is the final concentration of reactant.)

[CBSE O.D. Set-I, 2020]

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation:





ASSERTION AND REASON BASED MCQs

[1 Mark each]

Directions: In the following questions, A statement of Assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason (R). Mark the correct choice as.

- (A) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- (B) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A
- (C) A is true but R is false
- (D) A is false and R is true
- Q. 1. Assertion (A): Rate of reaction doubles when concentration of reactant is doubled if it is a first order reaction.

Reason (R): Rate constant also doubles.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: For first order reaction

$$Rate_1 = k[A_1]$$

Rate₂ =
$$k[2A_1]$$

$$Rate_2 = k[2A_1]$$

$$Rate_2 = k \times 2 Rate_1$$

For a given reaction, rate constant is constant and independent of the concentration of reactant.

Q. 2. Assertion (A): The rate of reaction increases with increase in temperature.

Reason (R): The reactant molecules collide less frequently.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: As the temperature of a reaction is increased, the rate of the reaction increases because the reactant molecules collide more frequently and with greater energy per collision.

Q. 3. Assertion (A): Dust particles suspended in the air inside unheated gain electrons can sometimes react explosively.

Reason (R): The dust particles have large surface area for the reaction.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.



Explanation: Since the dust particles have large surface area for the reaction so these particles suspended in the air inside unheated gain electrons can sometimes react explosively.

Q. 4. Assertion (A): Elementary reactions have same value of order and molecularity.

Reason (R): Molecularity is the number of molecules that participate in the reaction, while order is an experimental quantity.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: An elementary reaction is a chemical reaction in which one or more chemical species react directly to form products in a single reaction step and with a single transition state. Elementary reactions have same value of order and molecularity. Molecularity is the number of molecules that participate in the reaction, while order is an experimental quantity.

AI Q. 5. Assertion (A): Hydrolysis of an ester follows first order kinetics.

Reason (R): Concentration of water remains nearly constant during the course of the reaction.

[CBSE O. D. Set-I, 2020]

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Explanation:

$$CH_3COOC_2H_5 + H_2O \rightarrow CH_3COOH + C_2H_5OH$$

ester

Hydrolysis of an ester follows first order kinetics as [H₂O] remains nearly constant during the course of the reaction. It is pseudo first order reaction.

AII Q. 6. Assertion (A): For complex reactions molecularity and order are not same.

Reason (R): Order of reaction may be zero.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: For a complex reaction,

Order of overall reaction = molecularity of slowest step

As rate of overall reaction depends upon total number of molecules involved in slowest step of the reaction. Hence, for complex reaction, molecularity and order are not same.

AI Q. 7. Assertion (A): Order of the reaction can be zero or fractional.

Reason (R): We cannot determine order from balanced chemical equation.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: Order of a reaction may be zero or fractional. It can be determined through the rate law expression by sum of power of reactants.

AI Q. 8. Assertion (A): For a first order reaction, half-life period is independent of initial concentration of the reacting species.

Reason (R): The half-life of a reaction is the time in which the reactant concentration is reduced to one half of its initial concentration.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: For a first order reaction, half-life period is independent of initial concentration of the reacting species and is calculated from the rate constant or vice versa.



CASE-BASED MCQs

I. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions:

The rate of a reaction, which may also be called its velocity or speed, can be defined with relation to the concentration of any of the reacting substances, or to that of any product of the reaction. If the species chosen is a reactant which has a concentration c at time t the rate is - dc/dt, while the rate with reference to a product having a concentration x at time t is dx/dt. Any concentration units may be used for expressing the rate; thus, if moles per liter are employed for concentration and seconds for the time, the units for the rate are moles litre⁻¹sec⁻¹. For gas reactions pressure units are sometimes used in place of concentrations, so that legitimate units for the rate would be (mm. Hg) sec⁻¹ and atm. sec⁻¹ The order of a reaction concerns the dependence of the rate upon the concentrations of reacting substances; thus, if the rate is found experimentally to be proportional to the αth power of the concentration of one of the reactants A, to the β^{th} power of the concentration of a second reactant B, and so forth, via.,

rate = $k C_A^{\alpha} C_A^{\beta}$

the over-all order of the reaction is simply

 $n = \alpha + \beta + ---- (2)$ Such a reaction is sa

Such a reaction is said to be of the α^{th} order with respect to the substance A, the β^{th} order with respect to B. [CBSE QB 2021]

In the following questions, a statement of Assertion followed by a statement of Reason is given. Choose the correct answer out of the following choices on the basis of the above passage.

- (A) Assertion and reason both are correct statements and reason is correct explanation for assertion.
- (B) Assertion and reason both are correct statements but reason is not correct explanation for assertion.
- (C) Assertion is correct statement but reason is wrong statement.
- (D) Assertion is wrong statement but reason is correct statement.





Q. 1. Assertion: Rate of reaction is a measure of change in concentration of reactant with respect to time. Reason: Rate of reaction is a measure of change in concentration of product with respect to time.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q. 2. Assertion: For a reaction: $P + 2Q \rightarrow Products$, Rate = $k[P]^{1/2}[Q]^1$ so the order of reaction is 1.5 Reason: Order of reaction is the sum of stoichiometric coefficients of the reactants.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

AI Q. 3. Assertion: The unit of k is independent of order of reaction.

Reason: The unit of k is moles $L^{-1}s^{-1}$.

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Q. 4. Assertion: Reactions can occur at different speeds. Reason: Rate of reaction is also called speed of reaction.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

[AI]II. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions:

> The rate of the reaction is proportional to the concentration of the reactant. Hydrogenation of ethene results in the formation of ethane. The rate constant, k for the reaction was found to be $2.5 \times 10^{-15} \text{s}^{-1}$. The concentration of the reactant reduces to one-third of the initial concentration in 5 minutes.

> The following questions are multiple choice questions. Choose the most appropriate answer:

- **AI** Q. 1. Find the order of reaction:
 - (A) Zero order
- (B) First order
- (C) Second order
- (D) Fractional order

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: Since the rate of the reaction is proportional to the concentration for the reactant i.e. ethene so, it is first order reaction.

- **Q. 2.** The rate law equation is:

 - (A) Rate = $k [C_2H_6]$ (B) Rate = $k [C_2H_4]^2$ (C) Rate = $k [C_2H_4]$ (D) Rate = $k [C_2H_4]^2$

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation:
$$C_2H_4 + H_2 \xrightarrow{Catalyst} C_2H_6$$

Ethene Ethane

Rate law equation, Rate = $K[C_2H_4]$

- **Q. 3.** The half-life for the reaction is:
 - (A) 2.772×10^{-24} s
- **(B)** $2.772 \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}$
- (C) 1.386×10^{-24} s
- **(D)** $1.386 \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}$

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: For first order reaction,

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{K}$$

$$= \frac{0.693}{2.5 \times 10^{-15} \,\text{s}^{-1}}$$

$$= 2.772 \times 10^{-24} \,\text{s}^{-1}$$

- **Q. 4.** The rate constant of the reaction after 5 minutes is:
 - (A) $0.4290 \,\mathrm{min}^{-1}$
- **(B)** $0.1297 \, \text{min}^{-1}$
- (C) $0.2197 \,\mathrm{min}^{-1}$
- **(D)** $0.6591 \, \text{min}^{-1}$

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation:
$$t = 5 \text{ min}$$

$$\frac{[R]_0}{[R]} = 3$$
For first order reaction,
$$K = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[R]_0}{[R]}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{5} \log 3$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{5} \times 0.4771$$

$$= 0.2197 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

OR

The slope of the curve in the reaction is:

- (A) K
- $(\mathbf{B}) \mathbf{K}$
- (C) 2K
- (D) -2K

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

$$Explanation: Slope = -k$$

III. Concentration dependence of rate is called differential rate equation. Integrated differential equations give relation between directly measured experimental data i.e. concentration at different times and rate constant. The integrated rate equations are different for the reactions of different reaction orders. The first-order reaction has a rate constant $1.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$.

The following questions are multiple choice questions. Choose the most appropriate answer:

$$(1\times 4=4)$$

- Q. 1. How long will 5g of this reactant take to reduce to 3g?
 - (A) 222.189 s
- **(B)** 444.379 s
- **(C)** 111.095 s
- (**D**) 888.789 s

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: Initial amount = 5 g

Final concentration = 3 g

Rate constant =
$$1.15 \times 10^{-3}$$
 s⁻¹

We know that for a First order reaction
$$t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{[R_{\text{initial}}]}{[R_{\text{final}}]}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{1.15 \times 10^{-3}} \log \frac{5}{3}$$

$$= \frac{2.303}{1.15 \times 10^{-3}} \times 0.2219$$

$$= 444.379 s$$

- Q. 2. When the rate constant has same units as the rate of reaction, the order of the reaction is:
 - (A) Zero order
- (B) First order
- (C) Second order
- (D) Fractional order

Ans. Option (A) is correct.



Explanation: In case of zero order reaction, the rate constant has same units as the rate of reaction.

$$r = k [A]^0$$

 $r = k$
Unit of rate = mol L⁻¹s⁻¹
Unit of k = mol L⁻¹s⁻¹

- **Q. 3.** Under which condition a bimolecular reaction is kinetically first order reaction:
 - (A) When two reactants are involved.
 - (B) When one of the reactants is in excess.
 - (C) When one of the reactants does not involve in reaction.
 - (D) None of these.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: When one of the reactants is in excess, a bimolecular reaction is kinetically first order reaction.

Q. 4. For a reaction, $A + H_2O \rightarrow B$

Rate \propto [A]

The order of the reaction is:

- (A) Zero order
- (B) Fractional order
- (C) Pseudo first order
- (D) Second order

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: Slope =
$$A + H_2O \rightarrow B$$

 $r \propto [A]$ (:: $[H_2O] = excess$)
It is called pseudo first order reaction.
OR

The integrated rate equation for rate constant of a first order reaction is:

(A)
$$k = \frac{2.303}{t} log \frac{[R]_0}{[R]}$$
 (B) $k = \frac{1}{t} \left[\frac{1}{[R]} - \frac{1}{[R]_0} \right]$

(C)
$$k = \frac{1}{2t} \left[\frac{1}{[R]^2} - \frac{1}{[R]_0^2} \right]$$
 (D) None of these

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: A \rightarrow products

For first order reaction,

Integrated rate equation is, $k = \frac{2.303}{t} \log \frac{[R]_0}{[R]}$





