

Specific Heat Problems

- 1) How much heat must be absorbed by 375 grams of water to raise its temperature by 25° C?
- 2) What mass of water can be heated from 25.0° C to 50.0° C by the addition of 2825 J?
- 3) What is the final temperature when 625 grams of water at 75.0° C loses 7.96×10^4 J?
- 4) A copper cylinder has a mass of 76.8 g and a specific heat of 0.092 cal/g·C. It is heated to 86.5° C and then put in 68.7 g of turpentine whose temperature is 19.5° C. The final temperature of the mixture is 31.9° C. What is the specific heat of the turpentine?
- 5) A 65.0 g piece of iron at 525° C is put into 635 grams of water at 15.0° C. What is the final temperature of the water and the iron?

Solutions

1) $m_w = 375 \text{ g}$

$$c_w = 4.18 \text{ J/g}\cdot\text{K}$$

$$\Delta T = 25^\circ \text{ C} = 25 \text{ K}$$

$$q_g = m_w c_w \Delta T_w$$

$$q_g = 375 \text{ g} \times 4.18 \text{ J/g}\cdot\text{K} \times 25 \text{ K} = 3.9 \times 10^4 \text{ J}$$

2) $m_w = ?$

$$c_w = 4.18 \text{ J/g}\cdot\text{K}$$

$$\Delta T = 50.0^\circ \text{ C} - 25.0^\circ \text{ C} = 25.0 \text{ K}$$

$$q_g = m_w c_w \Delta T_w$$

$$m = q_g / c \Delta T$$

$$m = 2825 \text{ J} / (4.18 \text{ J/g}\cdot\text{K} \times 25.0 \text{ K}) = 27.0 \text{ g H}_2\text{O}$$

3) $m_w = 625 \text{ g}$
 $c_w = 4.18 \text{ J/g}\cdot\text{K}$
 $T_i = 75.0^\circ \text{ C}$
 $q_l = 7.96 \times 10^4 \text{ J}$

$$q_l = m_w c_w \Delta T_w$$

$$\Delta T_w = q_l / (m \times c)$$

$$\Delta T_w = 7.96 \times 10^4 \text{ J} / (625 \text{ g} \times 4.18 \text{ J/g}\cdot\text{K}) = 30.5 \text{ K} = 30.5^\circ \text{ C}$$

$$\Delta T = T_i - T_f$$

$$T_f = T_i - \Delta T = 75.0^\circ \text{ C} - 30.5^\circ \text{ C} = 44^\circ \text{ C}$$

4) $m_c = 76.8 \text{ g}$
 $c_c = 0.092 \text{ cal/g}\cdot\text{C}$

$$m_t = 68.7 \text{ g}$$

$$c_t = ?$$

$$\Delta T = T_i - T_f$$

$$\Delta T = T_f - T_i$$

$$\Delta T = 86.5^\circ \text{ C} - 31.9^\circ \text{ C} = 54.6^\circ \text{ C}$$

$$\Delta T = 31.9^\circ \text{ C} - 19.5^\circ \text{ C} = 12.4^\circ \text{ C}$$

$$\Delta q = 0$$

$$q_l = q_g$$

$$m_c c_c \Delta T_c = m_t c_t \Delta T_t$$

$$c_t = m_c c_c \Delta T_c / m_t \Delta T_t$$

$$c_t = 76.8 \text{ g} \times 0.092 \text{ cal/g}\cdot\text{C} \times 54.6^\circ \text{ C} / (68.7 \text{ g} \times 12.4^\circ \text{ C}) = 0.45 \text{ cal/g}\cdot\text{C}$$

5) $m_{\text{iron}} = 65.0 \text{ g}$

$m_w = 635 \text{ g}$

$c_{\text{iron}} = 0.451 \text{ J/g}\cdot\text{K}$

$c_w = 4.18 \text{ J/g}\cdot\text{K}$

$T_i = 525^\circ \text{ C}$

$T_i = 15^\circ \text{ C}$

$\Delta q = 0$

$q_l = q_g$

$m_i c_i \Delta T_i = m_w c_w \Delta T_w$

$65.0 \text{ g} \times 0.451 \text{ J/g}\cdot\text{K} \times (525^\circ \text{ C} - T_f) = 635 \text{ g} \times 4.18 \text{ J/g}\cdot\text{K} \times (T_f - 15^\circ \text{ C})$

$T_f = 20.6^\circ \text{ C}$