

## **KnowIT Questions – AQA GCSE Energy Changes**

### A. Exothermic and endothermic reactions

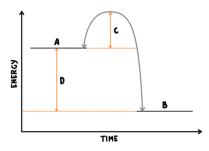
- 1. How would you know if an exothermic reaction had occurred?
- 2. How would you know if an endothermic reaction had occurred?
- 3. Below is a table of results for four reactions, the temperatures before and after the reactions are also given.

Reaction	Temperature at start C	Temperature at end C
Α	22	28
В	20	20
С	21	12
D	25	25

- a) Which reaction is endothermic? Explain how you know this.
- b) Which reaction is exothermic? Explain how you know this.

### **B.** Activation energies and reaction profiles

- 1. What is meant by the term activation energy?
- 2. On the reaction profile below what is shown by the letters?



- 3. What two things are needed for a chemical reaction to occur?
- 4. What is an exothermic reaction?
- 5. What is an endothermic reaction?



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## C. The Energy Change of Reactions – HIGHER Tier ONLY

- 1. Which process is exothermic, bond breaking or bond making?
- 2. Explain your answer to question 1.
- 3. How do we calculate the overall energy change of a reaction?
- 4. The bond energy between a hydrogen and a nitrogen atom is 386 Kj/mol, the bond energy between the two hydrogen atoms is 432 Kj/mol and the bond energy between two nitrogen atoms is 942 Kj/mol.

Using these bond energies, calculate the overall energy change for the following reaction:  $2NH_3 \longrightarrow N_2 + 3H_2$ 

5. Is the reaction exothermic or endothermic? Explain your answer.

#### D. Chemical Cells and Fuel Cells - CHEMISTRY ONLY

- 1. Give two factors which may affect the voltage given out by a battery.
- 2. Here is a reactivity series of metals. The most reactive is first, the least reactive is last:

Magnesium Zinc Tin Copper

Which two metals would you use to make a battery which had the highest voltage?

- 3. Why do non-renewable batteries stop producing voltage after a certain time?
- 4. How are rechargeable batteries recharged?
- 5. What chemical is the fuel in a fuel cell?
- 6. What happens to this fuel inside the fuel cell to produce a potential difference?
- 7. Write the overall balanced symbol equation for the reaction in a fuel cell.
- 8. Write the half equation for the reaction that happens at the cathode in a fuel cell.
- 9. Write the half equation for the reaction that happens at the anode in a fuel cell.



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