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Answer Key: Stellar Synthesis Quest: stoichiometry for 7th Grade Chemists

Calculate cosmic chemical yields and balance planetary fuel ratios as you synthesize the relationship between Avogadro's number and mass conservation.

1. An environmental engineer is analyzing a water sample where 2.0 moles of Silver Nitrate (AgNO_3) reacts with excess Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH). If the reaction theoretical yield is 1.0 mole of Silver Oxide (Ag_2O), which stoichiometric ratio represents the connection between the reactant and this specific product?

Answer: B) 2:1 ratio

If 2.0 moles of reactant (AgNO_3) produce 1.0 mole of product (Ag_2O), the molar ratio is 2:1, reflecting the Law of Definite Proportions in the balanced chemical equation.

2. A space station's life support system uses Lithium Hydroxide to scrub CO_2 . If the molar mass of Lithium is 7 g/mol, Oxygen is 16 g/mol, and Hydrogen is 1 g/mol, the molar mass of the compound LiOH is exactly ____ g/mol.

Answer: B) 24

Summing the individual atomic masses ($7 + 16 + 1$) equals 24 g/mol for the compound LiOH .

3. True or False: In a closed system, if you react 1 mole of Iron (Fe) with 1 mole of Sulfur (S) to form Iron(II) sulfide (FeS), the total mass of the system remains identical before and after the reaction.

Answer: A) True

The Law of Conservation of Mass dictates that mass is neither created nor destroyed, regardless of the chemical transformation taking place.

4. A chemist has 3.011×10^{23} molecules of a mystery gas. Which of the following best describes this quantity relative to a standard mole?

Answer: B) Exactly 0.5 moles

Avogadro's number is 6.022×10^{23} . Dividing 3.011×10^{23} by 6.022×10^{23} yields 0.5 moles.

5. In the reaction $2\text{Al} + 3\text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{AlCl}_3$, if you want to produce 10 moles of Aluminum Chloride (AlCl_3), you would need to start with ____ moles of Chlorine gas (Cl_2).

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Answer: B) 15

Using the stoichiometric ratio from the equation ($3 \text{ Cl}_2 / 2 \text{ AlCl}_3$), we multiply 10 moles by 1.5 to get 15 moles of Chlorine.

6. If you have 1 mole of Glucose ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$), how many total moles of 'atoms' are contained within that single mole of the compound?

Answer: C) 24 moles of atoms

One molecule of glucose has 6 Carbon + 12 Hydrogen + 6 Oxygen = 24 atoms. Therefore, 1 mole of the substance contains 24 moles of individual atoms.

7. True or False: The molar mass of a substance is numerically equal to its atomic or molecular mass, but the units change from atomic mass units (amu) to grams per mole (g/mol).

Answer: A) True

The mole is defined specifically to bridge the gap between microscopic atomic mass units and macroscopic grams used in laboratories.

8. Imagine you are synthesizing ammonia: $\text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3$. If you have 4 moles of Nitrogen and 9 moles of Hydrogen, which reactant will run out first (the limiting reactant)?

Answer: B) Hydrogen (H_2)

To use up 4 moles of N_2 , you need 12 moles of H_2 (4×3). Since you only have 9 moles, the Hydrogen will be consumed before the Nitrogen is finished.

9. A balloon is filled with 4.0 grams of Helium (He). Given that the molar mass of Helium is roughly 4 g/mol, the balloon contains approximately ____ atoms.

Answer: B) 6.022×10^{23}

4.0 grams of Helium is exactly 1 mole. 1 mole of any element contains Avogadro's number (6.022×10^{23}) of atoms.

10. True or False: Stoichiometry allows scientists to predict the exact amount of product that will form, even if the reaction temperature and pressure change constantly in an open environment.

Answer: B) False

While stoichiometry predicts 'theoretical yield,' real-world factors like temperature, pressure, and side reactions often lead to a lower 'actual yield.'

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