## S 5 EXERCISE IN THERMODYNAMICS

- 1. Explain the fact that the heat required to raise the temperature of a fixed mass of gas at constant volume by 1K is different from that required when the pressure is kept constant.
  - i. Derive an expression for the difference in molar heat capacities of a gas.
  - ii. State the conditions necessary for a reversible isothermal process
- 2. A fixed mass of gas at a pressure  $P_1$  and volume  $V_1$  expands isothermally to a pressure  $P_2$  and volume  $V_2$ .
  - i. Derive an expression for the work done by the gas.
  - A gas of volume 2 litres at a temperature of 27°C and pressure of 1.5 x 10<sup>5</sup> Pa is heated at constant pressure until its volume doubles. It is then cooled at constant volume back to its original temperature before finally being compressed isothermally to its original volume. Draw a p-V diagram of the whole cycle and find the net work done by the gas.
- 3. State Boyle's law.
  - i. Describe an experiment to verify Boyle's law.
  - ii. Derive the ideal gas equation
  - iii. A cylinder contains 100 litres of gaseous oxygen at a pressure of  $1.217 \times 10^7$  Pa and temperature 20°C. Assuming oxygen behaves as an ideal gas in this region of pressure and temperature, find the volume of liquid oxygen (density 1140 kg m<sup>-3</sup>) that may be made by liquefying completely the contents of the cylinder. [Relative molecular mass of oxygen = 32]
- 4. A gas at a pressure of 1.2 x 10<sup>6</sup> Pa and temperature 90°C expands adiabatically to twice its volume and then compressed isothermally to its original volume. [Take ratio of the principal heat capacities,
  - i. Find the final pressure and temperature of the gas.
  - ii. Sketch and label the two stages on a P-V diagram.
- 5. An ideal gas at a pressure of  $2.0 \times 10^{6}$ Pa occupies a volume of  $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$ m<sup>3</sup> at 47.5°C. The gas expands adiabatically to a final pressure of  $1.1 \times 10^{5}$ Pa. The ratio of specific heat capacity at constant pressure to that at constant volume is 1.4. Calculate the:

- i. Number of moles of the gas
- ii. Final volume of the gas
- iii. Work done by the gas
- 6. The temperature of one mole of oxygen gas at a pressure of  $3.0 \times 10^5$  Pa falls from 80°C to 17°C when the gas expands adiabatically. Find the final pressure of the gas.[Take  $\gamma = 1.40$ ]
  - i. Explain the conditions for a reversible adiabatic change.
  - ii. Explain why a gas heats up when it is compressed adiabatically.
- 7. An ideal gas of volume  $1 \ge 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$  at s.t.p expands at a constant pressure to a volume of  $3.0 \ge 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$ . Calculate :
  - i. The work done by the gas.
  - ii. The final temperature of the gas.