

Problems of Redox reactions: Electrolysis

1) An electrolytic cell has 1400 mL of 0.2172 mol/L iron(II) solution. A current of 7.8 A flows through the cell for 63 minutes to reduce the ion to its metallic form. Calculate:

- a) Mass of metal obtained at the cathode.
- b) Molarity of the metallic ion in the solution at the end.

Data: 1 Faraday = 96485 C/mol e⁻.

Molar mass (g/mol): Fe = 55.8.

2) An aqueous solution of Cu₂SO₄ is electrolyzed with a current of 1 A for 5 h 42 min. Calculate:

- a) Quantity of electric charge needed.
- b) Mass of metal obtained at the cathode.

Data: 1 Faraday = 96485 C/mol e⁻.

Molar mass (g/mol): Cu = 63.5.

3) An aqueous solution of CrSO₄ is electrolyzed with a constant current for 3 h 48 min. At the cathode, 4.055 g of metallic chromium is obtained. Calculate:

- a) Quantity of electric charge needed.
- b) Electric current applied.

Data: 1 Faraday = 96485 C/mol e⁻.

Molar mass (g/mol): Cr = 52.

4) A current of 500 mA flowed through an aqueous solution of NiSO₄ for 2 h 56 min. At the cathode, 1.606 g of metallic nickel were formed. Determine:

- a) Quantity of electric charge needed.
- b) Atomic mass of nickel.

Data: 1 Faraday = 96485 C/mol e⁻.

5) We want obtain 283.7 g of gold electrolyzing an aqueous solution of gold(I) with a current of 7.4 A. Find out:

- a) Electric charge needed.
- b) Quantity of time required.

Data: 1 Faraday = 96485 C/mol e⁻.

Molar mass (g/mol): Au = 197.

6) An aqueous solution of NO₃⁻ is electrolyzed for 3 h 12 min with a current of 9.4 A to obtain nitrogen gas. Find out:

- a) Electric charge required.
- b) Moles of N₂ formed.
- c) Volume of N₂ gas at 0 °C and at a pressure of 1 atm.

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7) An aqueous solution of a metal is electrolyzed with a current of 4 A for 4 h 11 min. At the cathode, 18.32 g of metal were obtained. Find out:

- a) Electric charge needed.
- b) Equivalent mass (*equivalent weight*) of the metal.

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8) We have a solution of H₂O that is electrolyzed with a current of 6 A. A volume of 5.751 L of oxygen is obtained at 25 °C and 1 atm. Determine:

- a) Quantity of electric charge needed.
- b) Moles of O₂ formed.
- c) Quantity of time required.

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9) An electrolytic cell of nickel(II) is electrolyzed with a constant current. At the cathode, 49.49 g of metallic nickel is formed. Another electrolytic cell of chromium(III) is connected in series with the first one. Find out:

- a) Electric charge needed.
- b) Mass of chromium obtained.

Data: 1 Faraday = 96485 C/mol e⁻.

Molar masses (g/mol): Ni = 58.7, Cr = 52.

10) A current of 8.3 A flowed through an aqueous solution of Fe₂(SO₄)₃ for 7 h 30 min. At the cathode, 43.2 g of metallic iron were formed. Calculate:

- a) Electric charge required.
- b) Oxidation state of the metal in the salt.

Data: 1 Faraday = 96485 C/mol e⁻.

Molar mass (g/mol): Fe = 55.8.

Answers:

- 1) a) 8.526 g; b) 0.108 mol/L.
- 2) a) 20520 C; b) 13.5 g.
- 3) a) 15050 C; b) 1.1 A.
- 4) a) 5280 C; b) 58.7 u.
- 5) a) 1.390×10⁵ C; b) 5 h 13 min.
- 6) a) 1.083×10⁵ C; b) 0.1122 mol; c) 2.516 L.
- 7) a) 60240 C; b) 29.35 g/equiv.
- 8) a) 90720 C; b) 0.2351 mol; c) 4 h 12 min.
- 9) a) 1.627×10⁵ C; b) 29.23 g.
- 10) a) 2.241×10⁵ C; b) +3.