EXERCISE 1

Car airbags

Given:

- Molar mass g.mol⁻¹: $M_{(Na)} = 23$, $M_{(N)} = 14$; $M_{(O)} = 16$; $M_{(K)} = 39$.
- Molar volume of gas to a 25°C: 22.4 L.mol⁻¹.
- The airbag of a car (Mazda), consists of sodium azide (NaN₃). The airbag comprises a flexible envelope, which may be inflated by a gas produced during a chemical reaction. During an impact, a sensor detects a sudden deceleration and sends an electrical signal that triggers the explosion of sodium azide.

The equation for the reaction that occurs during the inflation of "protective cushion" is:

$$aNaN_{3 (s)} + b KNO_{3 (s)} \rightarrow c N_{2 (q)} + 5 Na_2O_{(s)} + K_2O_{(s)}$$

Questions:

- 1. Write and balance the equation given above by determining the stoichiometric coefficients a, b and c.
- 2. Show that sodium azide NaN_3 and potassium nitrate KNO_3 are mixed in the ratio 5 / 1 (mole) so that they disappear completely during the inflation of "protective cushion.
- 3. If the mass of sodium azide contained in the airbag of the car is 52 g.

Check if the quantity of matter of nitrogen (N₂) is enough to inflate the balloon of 36 L capacity.

4. If we introduce 130 g of NaN₃ and n moles of KNO₃ in the airbag of a (Toyota).

What should the value of n, so that the mixture is stoichiometric?

EXERCISE 2

Dilution of a commercial solution of HNO₃

On the label of a commercial Nitric acid we read:

Commercial Nitric acid: HNO ₃	Density: d =1.26gmL ⁻¹ 40% by mass M(HNO ₃) =63 g .mol ⁻¹ C ₀ = ?
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1) Questions:

- a) Show that the molar concentration of nitro acid solution (S_0) is $C_0 = 8.0$ mol L⁻¹.
- b) Starting with the available commercial nitric acid solution, we prepare solution (S_1) of nitric acid of concentration C_1 = 0.32 mol L^{-1} .

Kit 1	Kit 2	Kit 3
10ml volumetric pipette	15ml volumetric pipette	10ml volumetric pipette
100ml volumetric flask	500ml volumetric flask	250ml volumetric flask

- 1) Among the following kits, choose by justifying each, the kit that should be used to carry out the most precise dilution.
- 2) 10 ml of solution S₁ (HNO₃) are mixed with 50 ml sodium carbonate Na₂CO₃ of concentration 0.01molL⁻¹. Solution of sodium nitrate (NaNO₃), water, and a gas that turns lime water turbid are formed.
 - i- Write the chemical equation of the reaction that takes place.
 - ii- Calculate the initial concentration of the reactants.
 - iii Is the reactant mixture in stoichiometric? If not, indicate the limiting reactant.
 - iv- Calculate the concentration of the chemical species present at the end of the reaction.

Given: M gmol⁻¹: Na = 23, N = 14, C = 12, H = 1, O = 16.