LIMITING REAGENT Practice Problems

1. At high temperatures, sulfur combines with iron to form the brown-black iron (II) sulfide: Fe (s) + S (l) \rightarrow FeS (s)

In one experiment, 7.62 g of Fe are allowed to react with 8.67 g of S.

- a. What is the limiting reagent, and what is the reactant in excess?
- b. Calculate the mass of FeS formed.
- 2. Arcylonitrile, C_3H_3N , is the starting material for the production of a kind of synthetic fiber acrylics) and can be made from propylene, C_3H_6 , by reaction with nitric oxide, NO, as follows:

 $4 \text{ C}_{3}\text{H}_{6}(g) + 6 \text{ NO}(g) \rightarrow 4 \text{ C}_{3}\text{H}_{3}\text{N}(s) + 6 \text{ H}_{2}\text{O}(l) + N_{2}(g)$

What mass of C₃H₃N can be made when 21.6 g of C3H6 react with 21.6 g of nitric oxide?

- 3. Calculate the percent yield for the reaction: $P_4(s) + 6 \operatorname{Cl}_2(g) \rightarrow 4 \operatorname{PCl}_3(l)$ if 75.0 g of phosphorus reacts with excess chlorine gas to produce 111.0 g of phosphorus trichloride.
- 4. Formic acid, HCHO₂, burns in oxygen to form carbon dioxide and water as follows:

 $HCHO_2(aq) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2 CO_2(g) + 2 H_2O(l).$

If a 3.15-g sample of formic acid was burned in 2.0 L of oxygen, what volume of carbon dioxide would be produced? (Assume the reaction occurs at standard temperature and pressure, STP.)

- 5. Zinc metal reacts with hydrochloric acid to produce zinc chloride and hydrogen gas.
 - a. Balance the following reaction: $Zn(s) + HCl(aq) \rightarrow ZnCl_2(aq) + H_2(g)$
 - b. A 3.50-g sample of zinc metal is allowed to react with 2.50 g of hydrochloric acid.

Reactants/products	Zn (grams)	HCl (grams)	ZnCl ₂ (grams)	H ₂ (L)
Before reaction				
After reaction	1.26 g			

Complete the following table:

- 6. Consider the reaction: $MnO_2 + 4 HCl \rightarrow MnCl_2 + Cl_2 + 2 H_2O$ If 0.45 mols of MnO2 can react with 48.2 g of HCl, how many grams of Cl₂ could be produced?
- 7. One of the components of the fuel mixture on the Apollo lunar module involved a reaction with hydrazine, N₂H₄, and dinitrogen tetraoxide, N2O4. If the balanced equation for this reaction is

$$2 N_2 H_4 (l) + N_2 O_4 (g) \rightarrow 3 N_2 (g) + 4 H_2 O (g),$$

What volume of N_2 gas (measured at STP) would result from the reaction of 1500 kg of hydrazine and 1000 kg of N_2O_4 ?

8. Calculate the percent yield for an experiment in which 5.50 g of SOCl₂ was obtained in a reaction of 5.80 g of SO₂ with excess PCl₅. Use the following equation:

 $SO_2(l) + PCl_5(l) \rightarrow SOCl_2(l) + POCl_3(l).$

- 9. Chlorine gas reacts with silica, SiO₂, and carbon to give silicon tetrachloride and carbon monoxide.
 - a. Balance the following equation: $Cl_2(g) + SiO_2(s) + C(s) \rightarrow SiCl_4(l) + CO(g)$
 - b. How much CO gas can be produced from 15.0 g of silica?
- 10. When iron (II) hydroxide is mixed with phosphoric acid, iron (II) phosphate precipitate results.
 - a. Balance the following equation: $Fe(OH)_2(aq) + H_3PO_4(aq) \rightarrow Fe_3(PO_4)_2(s) + H_2O(l)$
 - b. If 3.20 g of Fe(OH)₂ is treated with 2.50 g of phosphoric acid, what is the limiting reagent and what is the reactant in excess?
 - c. How many grams of Fe₃(PO₄)₂ precipitate can be formed?
 - d. If 3.99 g of Fe₃(PO₄)₂ is actually obtained, what is the percent yield?

Answer Key

1. a. Fe is the limiting reagent, S is in excess	6. 23.4 g Cl ₂
b. 12.2 g FeS formed	7. 7.30 x 105 L N ₂ gas
2.25.5 g C ₃ H ₃ N	8. 51.0%
3. % yield = 33.3%	9. a. $2 \operatorname{Cl}_2(g) + \operatorname{SiO}_2(s) + 2 \operatorname{C}(s) \rightarrow \operatorname{SiCl}_4(l) + 2 \operatorname{CO}(g)$ b. 14.0 g CO gas

4. 3.07 L CO₂

5. a. Zn (s) + 2 HCl (aq) \rightarrow ZnCl₂(aq) + H₂(g) b. Shown below:

Reactants/products	Zn (grams)	HCl (grams)	ZnCl ₂ (grams)	H ₂ (L)
Before reaction	3.50	2.50	0	0
After reaction	1.26 g	1.26	4.67	0.768

10. a. 3 Fe(OH)₂(aq) + 2 H₃PO₄(aq) \rightarrow Fe₃(PO₄)₂(s) + 6 H₂O(l)

b. Fe(OH)₂=limiting reagent, H₃PO₄ in excess c. 4.24 g Fe₃(PO₄)₂(s) d.94.0%