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Specific Heat Quiz: Solutions

1. Determine the amount of energy required for a 5 pound iron skillet to increase 75 °C.

$$\Delta Q = mc\Delta T$$

$$\Delta Q = (5 \text{ lb})(\text{kg}/2.205 \text{ lbs})(1000 \text{ g}/\text{kg})(0.448 \text{ J}/(\text{g}\cdot^\circ\text{C}))(75 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})$$

$$\Delta Q = 76200 \text{ J}$$

2. An unknown metal having a mass of 13 g increases 25 °C when 292 J of energy is added. Identify the metal.

$$\Delta Q = mc\Delta T$$

$$292 \text{ J} = (13 \text{ g})(c)(25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})$$

$$c = 0.898 \text{ J}/(\text{g}\cdot^\circ\text{C})$$

The metal is aluminum.

3. Gold, silver and iron samples, each with a mass of 50 g, have an initial temperature of 20 °C. Determine the temperature of each metal when 1.2 kJ of energy is applied to each sample.

Gold:

$$\Delta Q = mc\Delta T$$
$$(1.2 \text{ kJ})(1000 \text{ J}/\text{kJ}) = (50 \text{ g})(0.129 \text{ J}/(\text{g}\cdot^\circ\text{C}))(T - 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})$$
$$T = 206 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

Silver:

$$\Delta Q = mc\Delta T$$
$$(1.2 \text{ kJ})(1000 \text{ J}/\text{kJ}) = (50 \text{ g})(0.234 \text{ J}/(\text{g}\cdot^\circ\text{C}))(T - 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})$$
$$T = 123 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

Iron:

$$\Delta Q = mc\Delta T$$
$$(1.2 \text{ kJ})(1000 \text{ J}/\text{kJ}) = (50 \text{ g})(0.448 \text{ J}/(\text{g}\cdot^\circ\text{C}))(T - 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})$$
$$T = 73.6 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$



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4. A 42.1 g sample of silver has a final temperature of 83.9 °C when 300 J of energy is applied. Determine the initial temperature of the silver.

$$\Delta Q = mc\Delta T$$

$$\Delta Q = (m)(c)(T - T_o)$$

$$300 \text{ J} = (42.1 \text{ g})(0.234 \text{ J/(g}\cdot\text{°C)})(83.9 \text{ °C} - T_o)$$

$$T_o = 53.4 \text{ °C}$$

5. A metal sample requires 5 kJ of energy for a temperature increase of 10 °C. Determine the amount of energy required to raise the metal sample 30 °C.

Solution 1: $(5 \text{ kJ})(3) = 15 \text{ kJ}$

Solution 2: $\Delta Q = mc\Delta T$
 $5 \text{ kJ} = (mc) 10 \text{ °C}$
 $mc = 5 \text{ kJ} / 10 \text{ °C}$

$$\Delta Q = mc\Delta T$$
$$\Delta Q = (5 \text{ kJ} / 10 \text{ °C})(30 \text{ °C})$$
$$\Delta Q = 15 \text{ kJ}$$

6. Determine the energy required to raise the temperature of 800 mL of water from 24.2 °C to 28.1 °C. The density of water over this temperature range is approximately 0.997 g/mL.

$$D = m / V$$

$$0.997 \text{ g/mL} = m / 800 \text{ mL}$$

$$m = 797.6 \text{ g}$$

$$\Delta Q = mc\Delta T$$

$$\Delta Q = 797.6 \text{ g} (4.184 \text{ J/(g}\cdot\text{°C)})(28.1 \text{ °C} - 24.2 \text{ °C})$$

$$\Delta Q = 13000 \text{ J}$$



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7. Determine the mass of zinc at 293 K that requires 5.2×10^3 J of energy to raise the temperature to 312 K.

$$\Delta T = (T - T_o)$$

$$\Delta T = 312 \text{ K} - 293 \text{ K}$$

$$\Delta T = 19 \text{ K}$$

$$\Delta T = 19 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T_K = T_C + 273.15$$

$$312 = T_C + 273.15$$

$$T_C = 38.85 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T_K = T_C + 273.15$$

$$293 = T_C + 273.15$$

$$T_C = 19.85 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\Delta T = (T - T_o)$$

$$\Delta T = 38.85 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} - 19.85 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\Delta T = 19 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\Delta Q = mc\Delta T$$

$$5.2 \times 10^3 \text{ J} = m (0.388 \text{ J}/(\text{g}\cdot^\circ\text{C}))(19 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})$$

$$m = 705 \text{ g}$$