

Problem Set - Calculating Heat Capacities #1 - Answers

1. Calculate the total amount of heat that would be required to raise the temperature of a 24 g sample of iron 52°.

$$Q = \underline{???}$$

$$S = 0.45 \text{ J/g}^\circ \text{ (From Table 3.2 for Iron)}$$

$$W = 24 \text{ g}$$

$$\Delta T = 52^\circ$$

$$Q = S \times W \times \Delta T$$

$$Q = 0.45 \text{ J/g}^\circ \times 24 \text{ g} \times 52^\circ = \cancel{561.6} \text{ J} = \underline{5.6 \times 10^2 \text{ J}}$$

The Input Data has only 2 Sig Figs & ∴ (i.e., Therefore) the answer can have only 2 Sig Figs...

2. Calculate the amount of heat that it would take to raise the temperature of a 1.2 Kg block of Aluminum by 35°.

$$Q = \underline{???}$$

$$S = 0.89 \text{ J/g}^\circ \text{ (From Table 3.2 for Aluminum)}$$

$$W = 1.2 \text{ Kg}$$

$$W = 1.2 \text{ Kg} \times 1,000 \text{ g/Kg} = \underline{1,200 \text{ g}}$$

$$\Delta T = 35^\circ$$

$$Q = S \times W \times \Delta T$$

$$Q = 0.89 \text{ J/g}^\circ \times 1,200 \text{ g} \times 35^\circ = \cancel{37,380} \text{ J} = \underline{3.7 \times 10^4 \text{ J}}$$

The Input Data has only 2 Sig Figs & ∴ the answer can have only 2 Sig Figs...

3. Calculate the amount of heat that it would take to raise 321 g of water from just above its freezing point to just below its boiling point.

$$Q = \underline{???}$$

$$S = 4.184 \text{ J/g}^\circ \text{ (From Table 3.2 for Liquid Water)}$$

$$W = 321 \text{ g}$$

$$\Delta T = ? = T(\text{Freezing}) - T(\text{Boiling}) = 0.000,000,01 - 99.999,999,999 = 99.999,999,99^\circ$$

$$Q = S \times W \times \Delta T$$

$$Q = 4.184 \text{ J/g}^\circ \times 321 \text{ g} \times 99.999,999,99^\circ = \cancel{134,306.4} \text{ J} = \underline{1.34 \times 10^5 \text{ J}}$$

The Input Data has 3 and up Sig Figs & ∴ the answer can have only 3 Sig Figs...

4. What is the weight of a sample of iron to which was applied 343 J which caused its temperature to change by 420°?

$$Q = 343 \text{ J}$$

$$S = 0.45 \text{ J/g}^\circ \text{ (From Table 3.2 for Iron)}$$

$$W = ???$$

$$\Delta T = 420^\circ$$

$$W = Q / (S \times \Delta T)$$

$$W = 343 \text{ J} / (0.45 \text{ J/g}^\circ \times 420^\circ) = 1.8148148 \text{ g} = \underline{1.8 \times 10^0 \text{ g (1.8 g would also be OK)}}$$

The Input Data has only 2 or 3 Sig Figs & ∴ the answer can have only 2 Sig Figs...

5. A sample of Aluminum was heated by 25 J and its temperature subsequently increased from 120° to 136°. What was its weight?

$$Q = 25 \text{ J}$$

$$S = 0.89 \text{ J/g}^\circ \text{ (From Table 3.2 for Aluminum)}$$

$$W = ???$$

$$\Delta T = 136^\circ - 120^\circ = \underline{16^\circ}$$

$$W = Q / (S \times \Delta T)$$

$$W = 25 \text{ J} / (0.89 \text{ J/g}^\circ \times 16^\circ) = 1.755618 \text{ g} = \underline{1.8 \times 10^0 \text{ g (1.8 g would also be OK)}}$$

The Input Data has only 2 Sig Figs & ∴ the answer can have only 2 Sig Figs...

6. When a pot of molten iron was dropped in a container of liquid water it delivered a total heat of 12,342 J which raised the water temperature by 12°. What is the weight of the water in that container.

$$Q = 12,342 \text{ J}$$

$$S = 4.184 \text{ J/g}^\circ \text{ (From Table 3.2 for Liquid Water)}$$

$$W = ???$$

$$\Delta T = 12^\circ$$

$$W = Q / (S \times \Delta T)$$

$$W = 12,342 \text{ J} / (4.184 \text{ J/g}^\circ \times 12^\circ) = 245.8174 \text{ g} = \underline{2.5 \times 10^2 \text{ g}}$$

The Input Data has from 2-5 Sig Figs & ∴ the answer can have only 2 Sig Figs...

7. Calculate the specific heat for a new alloy made out of Silver, Gold, Mercury, & Iron based on the fact that a 6.2 g sample was heated with 84 J and its temperature rose from 4° to 15°.

$$Q = 84 \text{ J}$$

$$S = ???$$

$$W = 6.2 \text{ g}$$

$$\Delta T = 11^\circ$$

$$S = Q / (W \times \Delta T)$$

$$S = 84 \text{ J} / (6.2 \text{ g} \times 11^\circ) = 1.2316716 \text{ J/g}^\circ = \underline{\underline{1.2 \times 10^0 \text{ J/g}^\circ}} \text{ (1.2 J/g}^\circ \text{ would also be OK)}$$

The Input Data has 2 Sig Figs & ∴ the answer can have only 2 Sig Figs...

8. A 1.23 Kg block of Tofu was heated by 378 J and its temperature raised by 0.045°. What is the Specific Heat Capacity of that Tofu?

$$Q = 378 \text{ J}$$

$$S = ???$$

$$W = 1.23 \text{ Kg}$$

$$W = 1.23 \text{ Kg} \times 1,000 \text{ g/Kg} = \underline{1,230 \text{ g}}$$

$$\Delta T = 0.045^\circ$$

$$S = Q / (W \times \Delta T)$$

$$S = 378 \text{ J} / (1,230 \text{ g} \times 0.045^\circ) = 6.8292683 \text{ J/g}^\circ = \underline{\underline{6.8 \times 10^0 \text{ J/g}^\circ}} \text{ (6.8 J/g}^\circ \text{ would also be OK)}$$

The Input Data has 2 or 3 Sig Figs & ∴ the answer can have only 2 Sig Figs...

9. If one took a 400 Kg block of iron and applied 23,440 J of heat to it, how much would it heat up?

$$Q = 23,440 \text{ J}$$

$$S = 0.45 \text{ J/g}^\circ \text{ (From Table 3.2 for Iron)}$$

$$W = 400 \text{ Kg}$$

$$W = 400 \text{ Kg} \times 1,000 \text{ g/Kg} = \underline{400,000 \text{ g}}$$

$$\Delta T = ???$$

$$\Delta T = Q / (S \times W)$$

$$\Delta T = 23,440 \text{ J} / (0.45 \text{ J/g}^\circ \times 400,000 \text{ g}) = 0.1302222^\circ = \underline{\underline{1.3 \times 10^{-1}^\circ}} \text{ (0.13}^\circ \text{ would also be OK)}$$

The Input Data has 2-4 Sig Figs & ∴ the answer can have only 2 Sig Figs...