PHYSICS-2 Elementary Physics of Energy

Homework 3

Due Date: APRIL 27, 2011

Problems on thermodynamics

1. Consider the chemical reaction of burning methane:

 $CH_4 + 2H_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + 2H_2O + 802 \rm kJ$ per mole of methane.

Calculate the amount of CO_2 released per day into the atmosphere in a plan that generates 1000 Btu of power per day. Also find the amount of methane needed per day. [15]

{ Hint: This and next problem are similar to the problem done in class.}

2. Consider a reaction

 $2H_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O + 484$ kJ per mole of O_2 .

Using 1 tonne of H_2 as a fuel, how much energy does this produce? Also how much oxygen does it consume? [15]

- 3. 15 kg of water at 20°C and 20 kg of Copper at 60°C are mixed, what is the final temperature? The specific heat of copper is 0.358 $\frac{J}{q \cdot C}$. [15]
- 4. In the above problem we forget to measure the quantity of water, but find that the final temperature is 25°C. How much water did we start with? [15]
- 5. Calculate the heat required in BTu to raise 1 tonne of water from 40°F to 120°C. The latent heat of boiling for water is 2.25 MJ/kG. [20]
 { Hint: As in class, do this in two stages. }
- 6. How much heat is liberated when 1 tonne of water goes from 5°C to ice at -15° C? The latent heat for melting of ice is 333 kJ/kg. [20]