

Answer Key for FRQ Practice #3, p138-139

Mass of $C_3H_7OH(l)$ combusted	0.55 g
Mass of water heated	125.00 g
Initial temperature of water	22.0°C
Final temperature of water	51.1°C
Specific heat of water	4.18 J/(g·°C)

- (a) Calculate the magnitude of the heat energy, in kJ, absorbed by the water. (Assume that the energy released from the combustion is completely transferred to the water.)

$q = mc\Delta T$ $= (125.00 \text{ g})(4.18 \text{ J/(g}\cdot\text{°C)})(51.1\text{°C} - 22.0\text{°C})$ $= 15,200 \text{ J} = 15.2 \text{ kJ}$	1 point is earned for the correct calculation.
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- (b) Based on the experimental data, if one mole of $C_3H_7OH(l)$ is combusted, how much heat, in kJ, is released? Report your answer with the correct number of significant figures.

$1 \text{ mol } C_3H_7OH \times \frac{60.09 \text{ g } C_3H_7OH}{1 \text{ mol } C_3H_7OH} \times \frac{15.2 \text{ kJ}}{0.55 \text{ g } C_3H_7OH} = 1661 \text{ kJ}$ $= 1.7 \times 10^3 \text{ kJ}$	<p>1 point is earned for the correct amount of heat released.</p> <p>1 point is earned for reporting the answer to the appropriate number of significant figures based on the experimental data.</p>
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- (c) A second student performs the experiment using the same mass of water at the same initial temperature. However, the student uses an alcohol burner containing $C_3H_7OH(l)$ that is contaminated with water, which is miscible with $C_3H_7OH(l)$. The difference in mass of the alcohol burner before and after the combustion in this experiment is also 0.55 g. Would the final temperature of the water in the beaker heated by the alcohol burner in this experiment be greater than, less than, or equal to the final temperature of the water in the beaker in the first student's experiment? Justify your answer.

<p>The final temperature measured by the second student would be less than that measured by the first student because:</p> <p>the actual mass of $C_3H_7OH(l)$ combusted will be less than 0.55 g</p> <p>OR</p> <p>combustion of the contaminated sample will also require vaporization of the water in the sample.</p>	1 point is earned for the correct choice with a valid explanation.
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