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Numerical Questions – Beer Lambert Law: Questions and Answers

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Beer Lambert Law

Q1) In a spectrophotometric cell of 2.0 cm path length, the solution of a substance shows the absorbance value of 1.0. If the molar absorptivity of the compound is $2 \times 10^4 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$, calculate the concentration of the substance in solution. What is the concentration of the substance in that solution?

- (1) $2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$
- (2) $4.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$
- (3) $1.0 \times 10^4 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$
- (4) $5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$

Answer: (1) $2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$

$$A = \epsilon * C * L$$

Where,

$$\text{Path Length (L)} = 2.0 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Molar Absorptivity } (\epsilon) = 2 \times 10^4 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Absorbance (A)} = 1.0$$

$$1 = 2 \times 10^4 \times C \times 1$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2 \times 2 \times 10^4}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{4 \times 10^4}$$

$$C = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$$

Q2) . A solution of chemical 'A' having its 0.14 mol L – 1 concentration has an absorbance of 0.42. Another solution of 'A' under the same conditions has an absorbance of 0.36. What is the concentration of this solution of 'A' ?

- (1) 0.108 mol L – 1
- (2) 0.35 mol L – 1
- (3) 0.12 mol L – 1

(4) 0.10 mol L⁻¹

Answer: Option (3) 0.12 mol L⁻¹

$$A = \epsilon * C * L$$

Given Values,

Solution - 1

$$\text{Absorbance} = 0.42$$

$$\text{Concentration} = 0.14 \text{ mol}$$

Solution - 2

$$\text{Absorbance} = 0.36$$

$$\text{Concentration} = ?$$

For Solution 1

$$A = \epsilon * C * L$$

$$0.42 = \epsilon * 0.14 * L \dots (i)$$

For Solution 2

$$A = \epsilon * C * L$$

$$0.36 = \epsilon * C * L \dots (ii)$$

$$\frac{0.42}{0.36} = \frac{\epsilon * 0.14 * L}{\epsilon * C * L}$$

$$0.42 * C = 0.36 * 0.14$$

$$C = \frac{0.36 * 0.14}{0.42}$$

$$C = 0.12 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

Q3) A student prepared a calibration curve by measuring of the absorbance of five standard solutions of a compound at 300nm. A cuvette with a path length of 5cm was used in the stratosphere the slope if the curve was 300 L/mol the molar absorptivity of the compound is

(1) 0.2 L mol⁻¹cm⁻¹

(2) 60 L mol⁻¹cm⁻¹

(3) 5.0 L mol⁻¹cm⁻¹

(4) 1500.0 L mol⁻¹cm⁻¹

Answer: Option (2) $60 \text{ L mol}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$

Slope = 300 L/mol

Path Length = 5 cm

Molar Absorptivity = ?

Slope = Molar Absorptivity x Path Length

$300 = \text{Molar Absorptivity} \times 5$

Molar Absorptivity = $60 \text{ L mol}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$

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