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$$40 \text{ g} \text{ Fe} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Fe}}{55.8 \text{ g} \text{ Fe}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Fe}_3\text{O}_4}{3 \text{ mol Fe}} = 0.239 \text{ mol Fe}_3\text{O}_4$$

$$16 \text{ g} \text{ H}_2\text{O} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}}{18 \text{ g} \text{ H}_2\text{O}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Fe}_3\text{O}_4}{4 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}} = 0.222 \text{ mol Fe}_3\text{O}_4$$

0.222 mol is less than 0.239 mol. Therefore, the limiting reactant is  $H_2$ 0, and the excess reactant is Fe.

- ② 35.5 g of silver nitrate is reacted with 35.5 grams of sodium sulfide, producing silver sulfide and sodium nitrite.
  - (a) Write and balance the equation.

$$2 \text{ AgNO}_2 + \text{Na}_2 \text{S} \rightarrow \text{Ag}_2 \text{S} + 2 \text{ NaNO}_2$$

(b) Calculate the number of grams of silver sulfide produced in grams.

$$35.5 \text{ g AgNO}_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol AgNO}_2}{153.9 \text{ g AgNO}_2} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Ag}_2 \text{S}}{2 \text{ mol AgNO}_2} = 0.115 \text{ mol Ag}_2 \text{S}$$

$$25.5 \text{ g No S}_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Na}_2 \text{S}}{2 \text{ mol Ag}_2 \text{S}} = 0.455 \text{ mol Ag}_2 \text{S}$$

 $35.5 \text{ g Na}_2\text{S} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Na}_2\text{S}}{78 \text{ g Na}_2\text{S}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Ag}_2\text{S}}{2 \text{ mol Na}_2\text{S}} = 0.455 \text{ mol Ag}_2\text{S}$ 

The amount of silver sulfide produced is 0.115 mol. Let us convert this into grams.

0.115 mol 
$$Ag_2S \times \frac{247.8 \text{ g } Ag_2S}{1 \text{ mol } Ag_2S} = 28.5 \text{ g } Ag_2S$$

- 3 For the following reaction:  $C_3H_8 + 5O_2 \rightarrow 3CO_2 + 4H_2O_3$ 
  - (a) Write and balance the equation.

$$0.37 \text{ g CO}_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol of CO}_2}{44.01 \text{ g CO}_2} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol C}_3 \text{H}_8}{3 \text{ mol CO}_2} = 0.00280 \text{ mol C}_3 \text{H}_8$$

(b) How many grams of propane is this.

$$0.00280 \text{ mol } C_3H_8 \times \frac{44.1 \text{ g } C_3H_8}{1 \text{ mol } C_3H_8} = 0.12348 \text{ g } C_3H_8$$

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