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Answers

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$$1.855 \text{ g Cl}_{2} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Cl}_{2}}{71 \text{ g Cl}_{2}} \times \frac{2 \text{ mol KCl}}{1 \text{ mol Cl}_{2}} \times \frac{74.6 \text{ g KCl}}{1 \text{ mol KCl}} = 3.90 \text{ g KCl}$$

$$1 \text{ mol KBr} \qquad 2 \text{ mol KCl} \qquad 74.6 \text{ g KCl}$$

$$3.205 \text{ g KBr} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol KBr}}{119 \text{ g KBr}} \times \frac{2 \text{ mol KCl}}{2 \text{ mol KBr}} \times \frac{74.6 \text{ g KCl}}{1 \text{ mol KCl}} = 2.01 \text{ g KCl}$$

KBr is the limiting reagent.

(b) How many grams of each product are formed?

$$3.205 \text{ g KBr} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol KBr}}{119 \text{ g KBr}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Br}_2}{2 \text{ mol KBr}} \times \frac{159.8 \text{ g Br}_2}{1 \text{ mol Br}_2} = 2.15 \text{ g Br}_2$$

2.01 g of KCl and 2.15 g of Br, are formed.

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a Identify the limiting and excess reagents. How many liters of ammonia gas are formed?

$$25 L N_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol } N_2}{22.4 L N_2} \times \frac{2 \text{ mol } NH_3}{1 \text{ mol } N_2} \times \frac{22.4 L NH_3}{1 \text{ mol } NH_3} = 50 L NH_3$$

$$25 L H_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol } H_2}{22.4 L H_2} \times \frac{2 \text{ mol } NH_3}{3 \text{ mol } H_2} \times \frac{22.4 L NH_3}{1 \text{ mol } NH_2} = 16.7 L NH_3$$

 H_2 is the limiting reagent, and N_2 is the excess reagent. 16.7 g of NH_3 is formed from this reaction.

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