## Catalysts

- 1. Name five factors that will affect the rate of reaction. Provide an example of each.
- 2. Explain why if a lit match is applied to a lump of coal there is little effect, but if a lit match is applied to coal dust the result is an explosive reaction.
- 3. The following reaction has a high activation energy, is exothermic, and self-sustaining.

 $2 H_2(g) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2 H_2O(g)$ 

Why is it unlikely the reaction occurs as a single step, and how can the reaction rate be increased?

- 4. How does a catalyst increase the rate of a reaction?
- 5. Indicate which of the following are heterogeneous or homogeneous catalysts.
  - a) Rhodium and platinum metals are used in a car's catalytic converter to convert exhaust gases into safer gases.
  - b) Gaseous chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) have been shown to catalyze the breakdown of ozone in the upper atmosphere.
  - c) Aqueous sulfuric acid will catalyze the decomposition of aqueous formic acid into carbon monoxide and water.
  - d) Powdered TiCl4 is used in the formation of polyethylene polymer from gaseous ethylene