## Question # 80564, answer

The balanced equation below shows the burning of methane in air.

 $CH4(g) + 2O2(g) \rightarrow CO2(g) + H2O(l)$ 

How many grams of carbon dioxide will be produced when 1 mole of methane burns completely? Given the atomic masses:

$$C = 12$$
,  $H = 1$ , and  $O = 16$ 

## Answer:

- 1) Balance the reaction equation:  $CH4(g) + 2 O2(g) \rightarrow CO2(g) + 2 H2O(I)$
- 2) Based on reaction stoichiometry 1 mole of carbon dioxide CO2 will be produced as 1 mole of methane CH4 was burned
- 3) MW of CO2 = 12 + 2\*16 = 44 g/mole
- 4) Mass of CO2 = MW (CO2) \* number of moles CO2 = 44 g/mole \* 1 mole = 44 g