Question #62961, Chemistry / Inorganic Chemistry

What is the maximum mass of iron can be produced from 31.9 g of minerals?

Solution:

The iron itself is usually found in the form of magnetite (Fe₃O₄, 72.4% Fe). Iron can be produced according to equation: Fe₃O₄ + 2C \rightarrow 2CO₂ + 3Fe

$$m(Fe) = \frac{m(Fe_3O_4) \times 3 \times M_r(Fe)}{M_r(Fe_3O_4)}$$
$$m(Fe) = \frac{31.9 \ g \times 3 \times 55.845 \ \frac{g}{mol}}{231.533 \ \frac{g}{mol}} = 23.08 \ g$$

Answer:

23.08 g

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