X mL of H₂ gas effuses through a hole in a container in 5 seconds. The time taken for the effusion of the same volume of the gas specified below under identical conditions is:

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(a) 10 seconds : He

(b) 20 seconds : O₂

(c) 25 seconds: CO

(d) 55 seconds: CO₂

(b) Under identical conditions, $\frac{r_1}{r_2} = \sqrt{\frac{M_2}{M_1}}$

As rate of diffusion is also inversely proportional to

time, we will have,
$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \sqrt{\frac{M_2}{M_1}}$$

(a) Thus, For He,
$$t_2 = \sqrt{\frac{4}{2}}(5s) = 5\sqrt{2}s \neq 10s$$
;

(b) For
$$O_2$$
, $t_2 = \sqrt{\frac{32}{2}}(5s) = 20s$

(c) For CO,
$$t_2 = \sqrt{\frac{28}{2}}(5s) \neq 25s$$
;

(d) For CO₂,
$$t_2 = \sqrt{\frac{44}{2}}(5s) \neq 55s$$