

## 1 Worksheet: Chemical equilibrium

## **QUESTION 1**

1.1 A mixture of 2 mol CO(g) and 2 mol H<sub>2</sub>(g) is sealed in a container. Equilibrium with metanol (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) is established according to the following equation:

$$CO(g) + 2H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons CH_3OH(g)$$

Which ONE of the following statements is CORRECT? At equilibrium the mixture will contain . . .

- A 3 mol CH<sub>3</sub>OH.
- B 2 mol CH<sub>3</sub>OH.
- C 1 mol CH<sub>3</sub>OH.
- D less than 1 mol CH<sub>3</sub>OH.
- 1.2 Write equations for the equilibrium constant for each of the following reactions:

$4NH_3(g) + 5O_2(g) \iff 4NO(g) + 6H_2O(l)$	
$CaCO_3(s) \iff CaO(s) + CO_2(g)$	

1.3 PCl<sub>5</sub> decomposes according to the following equation:

$$PCl_5(g) \rightleftharpoons PCl_3(g) + Cl_2(g)$$

At equilibrium  $[PCI_5] = 0.10 \text{ mol.dm}^{-3}$ ,  $[PCI_3] = 0.15 \text{ mol.dm}^{-3}$  and  $[CI_2] = 0.37 \text{ mol.dm}^{-3}$ . Calculate the equilibrium constant.

- 1.4  $ZnO(s) + CO(g) \rightleftharpoons Zn(s) + CO_2(g)$ . At 400 K the K<sub>c</sub>-value for this reaction is 2,78. If there is 5,6 g CO(g) in the 3 dm<sup>3</sup> container at equilibrium, calculate the concentration of the CO<sub>2</sub>.
- 1.5 3,70 mol of A is placed in a 4 dm $^3$  container and heated. When equilibrium is established at 700°C 38,8% of A has dissociated according to the equation:  $3A(g) \rightleftharpoons 5B(g) + 2C(g)$ . Calculate the equilibrium constant at this temperature.
- 1.6 At 400 K the equilibrium constant for the reaction  $Br_2(g) + Cl_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2BrCl(g)$  is 7,00. 48 g  $Br_2$  and 21,3 g  $Cl_2$  are sealed in a 2 dm<sup>3</sup> container. What is the concentration of BrCl at equilibrium?



## **QUESTION 2**

2.1 Chromate ions and dichromate ions are in equilibrium with each other in an aqueous solution according to the following balanced equation:

$$\underbrace{\frac{2\mathsf{CrO}_4{}^{2-}(\mathsf{aq})}{\mathsf{yellow}}}_{\mathsf{yellow}} + 2\mathsf{H}^+(\mathsf{aq}) \; \rightleftharpoons \; \underbrace{\mathsf{Cr}_2\mathsf{O}_7{}^{2-}(\mathsf{aq})}_{\mathsf{orange}} + \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O}(\ell)$$

Which ONE of the following reagents should be added to change the colour of the solution to more yellow?

- A HNO<sub>3</sub>
- B H<sub>2</sub>O
- C LiOH
- D  $K_2CrO_4$

2.2 Consider the following reaction that reaches equilibrium in a closed container:

$$C(s)+CO_2(g) \implies 2CO(g) \quad \Delta H > 0$$

How will the amount of CO(g) change if the following takes place?

- a. Temperature is decreased.
- b. The volume of the container is increased at constant temperature.
- c. More carbon is added.
- d. A catalyst is added to the container.

2.3 Consider the following reaction:

$$\underbrace{\mathsf{Cu}(\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O})_6{}^{2+}(\mathsf{aq})}_{\text{blue}} \ + \ 4\mathsf{CI}^-(\mathsf{aq}) \ \Longrightarrow \ \underbrace{\mathsf{CuCl}_4{}^{2-}(\mathsf{aq})}_{\text{green}} \ + \ 6\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O}(\ell) \quad \Delta H > 0$$

What will happen to the colour of the solution when ... (Write only more blue, more green or stays constant)

а	the solution is cooled	
b	concentrated HCI is added	
С	a few drops silver nitrate is added	
d	a few drops of water is added	
е	a few NaCl crystals are added	

2.4 Consider the following reaction that reaches equilibrium in a closed container:

$$NH_4HS(s) \rightleftharpoons NH_3(g) + H_2S(g) \quad \Delta H > 0$$

How will the amount of NH<sub>3</sub>(g) change if the following takes place?

- a. The pressure is increased by decreasing the volume of the container.
- b. More H<sub>2</sub>S(g) is added.
- c. More NH<sub>4</sub>HS(s) is added.
- d. Temperature is increased.



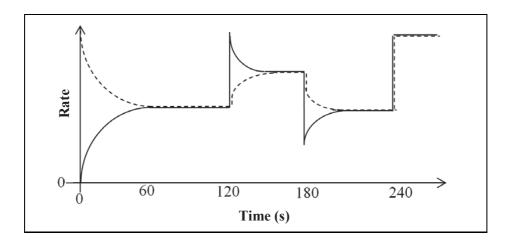
## **QUESTION 4**

(Question 3 focuses on the study material covered in video 3 and 4.)

Ammonia is introduced into a flask, which is then sealed and allowed to reach dynamic chemical equilibrium at a certain temperature. The balanced chemical equation for the reaction is:

$$2NH_3(g) \iff N_2(g) + 3H_2(g)$$

The graph below shows the changes in the rates of the forward and reverse reactions with time. The dotted line represents the forward reaction.



- 4.1 Write down the reaction that is represented by the solid line. (1)
- 4.2 Explain why the rate of the reverse reaction increases (as shown on the graph) during the first 60 s. (2)
- 4.3 At t = 120 s the volume of the container is changed at constant temperature.
  - a. Is the volume increased or decreased? Explain the answer. (2)
  - b. The graph shows that at t = 120 s, the rates of BOTH the forward and reverse reactions increase immediately. Why is this so? (2)
  - c. Which reaction is favoured between t = 120 s and t = 150 s(FORWARD OR REVERSE)? (1)
  - d. Explain your answer to question c by applying Le Chatelier's Principle. (2)
  - e. How does the  $K_c$  value at 150 s compare with the  $K_c$  at 100 s? (1)
- 4.4 At t = 180 s the temperature is changed and pressure is kept constant.
  - a. Is the temperature increased or decreased? Explain the answer. (2)
  - b. Is the forward reaction EXOTHERMIC or ENDOTHERMIC? Explain by applying Le Chatelier's Principle. (3)
  - c. How does the  $K_c$  value at 200 s compare with the  $K_c$  at 150 s? (1)
- 4.5 Name a change in reaction conditions that can explain the graph at t = 240 s. (1)
- 4.6 How does the concentration of  $H_2(g)$  change between 230 s and 250 s? Explain. (3)

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