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# CHEMISTRY

## PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

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TOTAL QUESTIONS	10
TOTAL MARKS	60

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## Chemical Equilibria - 1

1. (A)

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2. (D)

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3. (a)

High pressure favors the side with fewer gas molecules, which in this case is the formation of methanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ).

Low temperature benefits the exothermic forward reaction. Both conditions enhance the yield of methanol by pushing the equilibrium towards its production.

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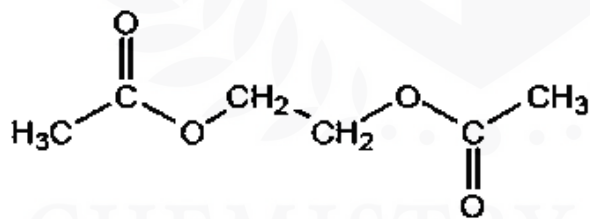
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The actual conditions used in the chemical industry might be different from those mentioned above as it can be too expensive to use a high pressure or could be too slow to use a low temperature.

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4. (a)

Structural formula for the diester  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4$



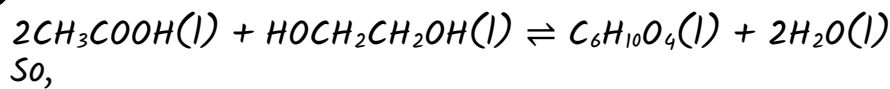
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Amount in the mixture / mol				
	$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$	$\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$
At the start	0.470	0.205	0	0
At equilibrium	0.180	0.06	0.145	0.29

(3)

(c)



$$K_c = \frac{[\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4][\text{H}_2\text{O}]^2}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]^2[\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}]}$$

(2)

(d)

$$K_c = 6.45$$

Initial amounts:

$$\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH} = 0.264 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4 = 0.802 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{H}_2\text{O} = 1.15 \text{ mol}$$

$$K_c = \frac{[\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4][\text{H}_2\text{O}]^2}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]^2[\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}]}$$

$$\left[\frac{\text{mol CH}_3\text{COOH}}{V}\right]^2 = \frac{[\text{mol C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4/V][\text{mol H}_2\text{O}/V]^2}{K_c [\text{mol HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/V]}$$

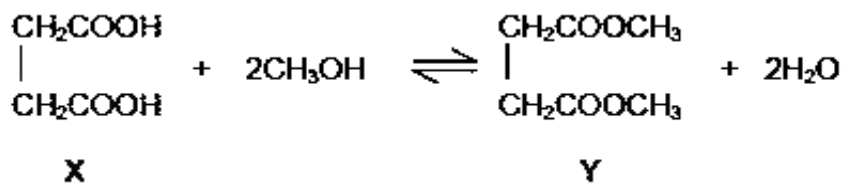
$$\left[\frac{\text{mol CH}_3\text{COOH}}{V}\right]^2 = \frac{\left[\frac{0.802 \times 10^{-1}}{V}\right] \left[\frac{1.15}{V}\right]^2}{6.45 \left[\frac{0.264 \times 10^{-1}}{V}\right]}$$

$$\text{mol} = \sqrt{\frac{0.802 \times 10^{-1} [1.15]^2}{6.45 \times 0.264 \times 10^{-1}}}$$

$$\text{Mol CH}_3\text{COOH} = 0.789$$

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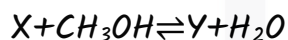
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5.  
(a)

$$K_c = \frac{[\text{Y}][\text{H}_2\text{O}]^2}{[\text{X}][\text{CH}_3\text{OH}]^2} \quad (1)$$

(b)

The reaction between an acid (X) and methanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ) to form an ester (Y) and water ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) is typically represented as:



So, at equilibrium:

Amount of acid X = 0.32 mol (initial) - 0.26 mol (consumed) = 0.06 mol

Amount of methanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ) at equilibrium: 0.32 mol

Amount of water ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) at equilibrium:  $0.84 - 0.32 = 0.52$  mol

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$$K_c = \frac{0.26 \times 0.52^2}{0.06 \times 0.32^2}$$

No units as moles of reactants are equal to products.

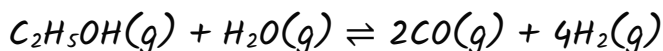
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If the reaction is carried out at a lower temperature  $K_c$  will increase

(1)

6. (a)



The expression for  $K_c$  for this reaction is:

$$K_c = \frac{[CO]^2 [H_2]^4}{[H_2O][C_2H_5OH]}$$

Units:  $\text{mol}^4 \text{dm}^{-1}$

(2)

(b)

Given:

- Volume of the container =  $750 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.75 \text{ L}$  (since  $1 \text{ L} = 1000 \text{ cm}^3$ )
- $C_2H_5OH(g)$ :  $0.0750 \text{ mol} / 0.75 \text{ L} = 0.100 \text{ M}$
- $H_2O(g)$ :  $0.156 \text{ mol} / 0.75 \text{ L} = 0.208 \text{ M}$
- $CO(g)$ :  $0.110 \text{ mol} / 0.75 \text{ L} = 0.147 \text{ M}$
- $H_2(g)$ :  $0.220 \text{ mol} / 0.75 \text{ L} = 0.293 \text{ M}$

$$K_c = \frac{[CO]^2 [H_2]^4}{[H_2O][C_2H_5OH]}$$

$$K_c = \frac{[0.147]^2 [0.293]^4}{[0.208][0.100]}$$

$$K_c = 7.66 \times 10^{-3}$$

(3)

(c)

**Equilibrium Yield of Hydrogen :**

- Yield would decrease.
- Explanation:

**Effect on Equilibrium Position:**

Equilibrium position shifts to the left/in the direction of the reverse reaction. As movement occurs to oppose/in response to the increase in pressure/reduce pressure.

**Regarding Moles/Molecules of Gases :**

Fewer moles/molecules of gas on the left-hand side compared to the right-hand side. Specifically, 2 moles/molecules of gas on the left-hand side and 6 moles/molecules of gas on the right-hand side.

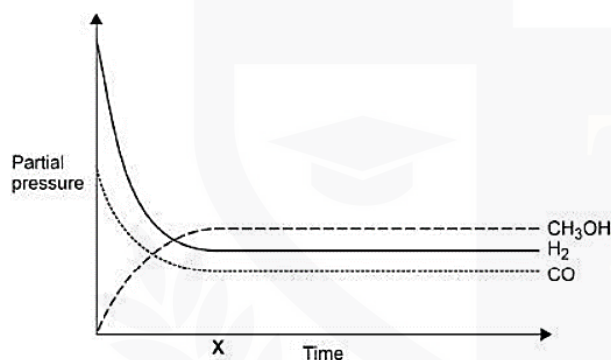
**Effect on  $K_c$  :**

- **No effect on  $K_c$**
- **Explanation:**  $K_c$  remains constant as it's determined solely by the concentrations of products and reactants at equilibrium, unaffected by changes in pressure.

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7.

(a)



(1)

(b)

Total moles at equilibrium = Moles of  $H_2$  + Moles of  $CO$

Total moles at equilibrium =  $0.24 + 0.23$

Total moles at equilibrium =  $0.47$

At equilibrium, the moles of hydrogen ( $H_2$ ) are  $0.24$ , and the moles of carbon monoxide ( $CO$ ) are  $0.23$ , resulting in a total of  $0.47$  moles in the system.

**Equilibrium moles of hydrogen :**

- $n(H_2)$  at equilibrium =  $0.24$  mol

**Total number of moles at equilibrium :**

- Total moles =  $0.47$  mol

**Mole fraction of hydrogen :**

- Mole fraction of  $H_2$

$$= n(\text{H}_2) / \text{Total number of moles}$$

- Mole fraction of  $\text{H}_2 = 0.24 \text{ mol} / 0.47 \text{ mol}$
- Mole fraction of  $\text{H}_2 = 0.5106$

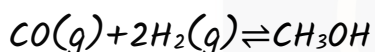
**Partial pressure of hydrogen :**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Partial pressure of H}_2 &= \text{Mole fraction of H}_2 \times \text{Total pressure} \\ &= 0.5106 \times 1.04 \times 10^4 \text{ kPa} \\ &= 5310 \text{ kPa} \end{aligned}$$

(4)

(c)

Given the balanced equation:



$$K_p = \frac{(\text{partial pressure of CH}_3\text{OH})}{(\text{partial pressure of CO}) \times (\text{partial pressure of H}_2)^2}$$

Units:  $\text{Pa}^{-2}$  or  $\text{kPa}^{-2}$

(2)

(d)

Adding more carbon monoxide (CO) will cause the partial pressure of methanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ) to increase as the equilibrium shifts to produce more methanol. However, the value of the equilibrium constant ( $K_p$ ) remains unchanged at the specified temperature.

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(e)

The addition of a catalyst does not alter the value of the equilibrium constant ( $K_p$ ) as it affects the rates of the forward and reverse reactions equally without changing the position of the equilibrium.

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8.

(a)

Initially:

$$\text{NO} = 1.50 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Cl}_2 = 1.00 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{NOCl formed at equilibrium} = 0.350 \text{ mol}$$

The change in moles of NO (x) is equal to the moles of NOCl formed, which is 0.350 mol

So,  
 $x = 0.350 \text{ mol}$  (moles of NO consumed/converted to NOCl).

This means that at equilibrium:

Moles of NO

$$= 1.50 \text{ mol} - x = 1.50 \text{ mol} - 0.350 \text{ mol} = 1.15 \text{ mol}$$

Moles of  $\text{Cl}_2$

$$= 1.00 \text{ mol} - 2x$$

$$= 1.00 \text{ mol} - (0.350 \text{ mol} / 2)$$

$$= 0.825 \text{ mol}$$

(2)

(b)

$$K_c = \frac{[\text{NOCl}]^2}{[\text{Cl}][\text{NO}]^2}$$

(1)

(c)

Given:

$$K_c = 1.32 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ dm}^3$$

$$\text{Moles of NO} = 0.850 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Moles of } \text{Cl}_2 = 0.458 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Volume of flask} = 800 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$K_c = \frac{[\text{NOCl}]^2}{[\text{Cl}][\text{NO}]^2}$$

$$1.32 \times 10^{-2} = \frac{[\text{NOCl}]^2}{[0.85/800][0.458/800]^2}$$

$$[\text{NOCl}]^2 = 8.53 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$$

$$[\text{NOCl}] = \sqrt{8.53 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$[\text{NOCl}] = 0.0924 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{Volume} = 800 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.800 \text{ dm}^3$$

$$n(\text{NOCl}) = 0.0924 \times 0.800 = 0.0739 \text{ mol}$$

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9. (A)

(Total 1 mark)

10. (a)

At equilibrium:

Moles of X(aq) remaining

= Initial moles of X(aq) - Moles of X(aq) reacted Moles of X(aq) remaining

= 0.50 mol - 0.20 mol = 0.30 mol

Moles of Y(aq) remaining

= Initial moles of Y(aq) - Moles of Y(aq) reacted Moles of Y(aq) remaining

= 0.50 mol - (2 × 0.20) = 0.10 mol

(2)

(b)

$$K_c = \frac{[Z]}{[X][Y]^2}$$

$$[Y]^2 = \frac{[Z]}{K_c[X]}$$

$$\sqrt{[Y]^2} = \sqrt{\frac{[Z]}{K_c[X]}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{0.35}{2.9 \times 0.4}} = 0.5498$$

$$0.55 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

(3)

(c)

The addition of Y(aq) would cause the equilibrium to shift to the right, leading to a darker or more orange color in the mixture. This shift occurs to counteract the increase in Y(aq) concentration by favoring the formation of more Z(aq).

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(d)

*If the student warmed the equilibrium mixture the orange colour would fade.*

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