

Equilibria

Mark Scheme 5

Level	International A Level
Subject	Chemistry
Exam Board	CIE
Topic	Equilibria
Sub-Topic	
Paper Type	Theory
Booklet	Mark Scheme 5

Time Allowed: 64 minutes

Score: /53

Percentage: /100

Grade Boundaries:

A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
>85%	77.5%	70%	62.5%	57.5%	45%	<45%

1 (a) $2\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + 3\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{CO}_2 + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1) [1]

(b) SO_2 (1)

$\text{NO}_x / \text{NO}_2 / \text{NO}$ – **not** N_2O (1)

Pb compounds – **not** Pb ((any 2)

If more than two answers are given any wrong ones will be penalised. [2]

(c) low temperature (1)
because forward reaction is exothermic (1)

high pressure (1)

because forward reaction goes to fewer molecules (1)

or shows a reduction in volume

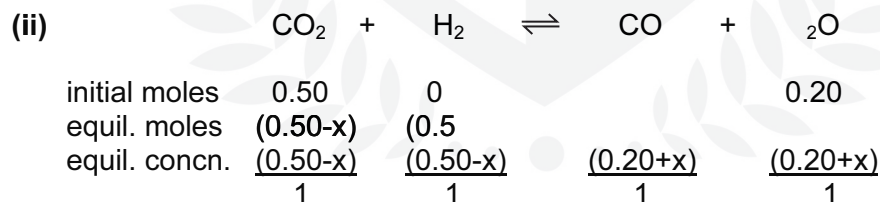
increase $[\text{CO}]$ **or** $[\text{H}_2]$

or remove CH_3OH (

correct explanation in terms of the effect of the change
on the position of equilibrium or on the rate of reaction (1)

(any two pairs) [4]

(d) (i) removes CO_2 (1)
which causes greenhouse effect/global warming (1)



$$K_c = \frac{[\text{CO}][\text{H}_2\text{O}]}{[\text{CO}_2][\text{H}_2]} \quad (1)$$

$$K_c = \frac{(0.20+x)^2}{(0.50-x)^2} = 1.44 \quad (1)$$

gives $x = 0.18$ (1)

at equilibrium,

$$n(\text{CO}_2) = n(\text{H}_2) = 0.32 \text{ and}$$

$$n(\text{CO}) = n(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 0.38 \quad (1)$$

Allow ecf on wrong values of x that are less than 0.5. [7]

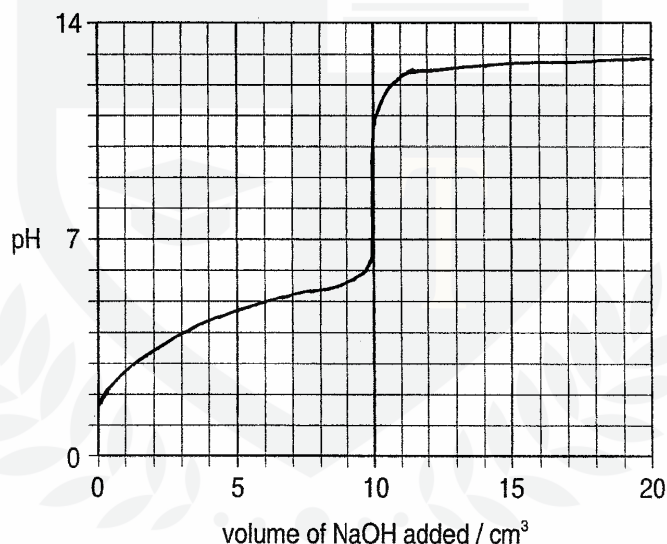
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- 2 (a) acids are proton/ H^+ donors [1]
 bases are proton/ H^+ acceptors [1] [2]

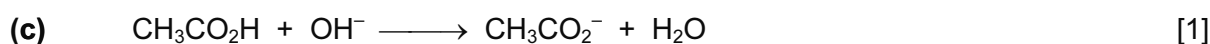
- (b) more Cl atoms produce a **stronger acid** or the larger the K_a the **stronger the acid** [1]
 (NOT just "the more Cl atoms, the larger the K_a " – must refer to acid strength) [1]
 because the anion/ RCO_2^- is more stable or the O-H bond is weaker/polarised [1]
 due to the electronegativity/electron-withdrawing effect of Cl [1]

- (ii) $[H^+] = \sqrt{K_a \cdot c} = 0.0114 \text{ (mol dm}^{-3}\text{)}$ [1]
 pH = **1.94** (allow 1.9) ecf from $[H^+]$ [1]
 (correct answer = [2])

(iii)



- start at pH = 1.94 (ecf from (ii) and goes up > 2 pH units before steep portion) [1]
 steep portion (over at least 3 pH units) at $V = 10 \text{ cm}^3$ [1]
 flattens off at pH 12–13 [1] [8]



- (ii) $pK_a = -\log_{10}(1.7 \times 10^{-5}) = 4.77$ or $[H^+] = 8.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ (mol dm}^{-3}\text{)}$ [1]
 $pH = pK_a + \log_{10}(0.2/0.1) = \mathbf{5.07}$ (allow 5.1) [1]
 (correct answer = [2]) [4]

[Total: 14]

3 (a) high temperature (and/or pressure) provide enough energy (1)

to break $\text{N}\equiv\text{N}$ bond
or to provide E_a for N_2/O_2 reaction (1)

[2]

(b) (i) **two** from C, CO, hydrocarbon, SO_2 , H_2S , NO_2/NO_x (1 + 1)

not CO_2 , H_2 , H_2O , SO_3 , NO

(ii) Pt or Pd or Pt/Rh or Pt/Pd/Rh (1)

(iii) $2\text{NO} + 2\text{CO} \rightarrow 2\text{CO}_2 + \text{N}_2$
or $2\text{NO} + \text{C} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{N}_2$ (1)

[4]

(c) (i) $K_c = \frac{[\text{NO}]^2 [\text{Cl}_2]}{[\text{NOCl}]^2}$ (1)

units are mol dm^{-3} (1)

(ii) at 230°C
$$K_c = \frac{(1.46 \times 10^{-3})^2 \times 1.15 \times 10^{-2}}{(2.33 \times 10^{-3})^2}$$

$$= 4.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$
 (1)

at 465°C
$$K_c = \frac{(7.63 \times 10^{-3})^2 \times 2.14 \times 10^{-4}}{(3.68 \times 10^{-4})^2}$$

$$= 9.2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$
 (1)

allow ecf on answer to part (i)

(iii) endothermic **because** K_c increases with temperature
mark is for explanation
allow ecf on answer to part (ii) (1)

[5]

(d) (i) equilibrium moves to RHS (1)

more moles on RHS (1)

(ii) no change to equilibrium position (1)

$[\text{NOCl}]$ and $[\text{NO}]$ change by same amount (1)

[4]

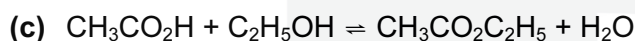
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- 4 (a) rate of forward reaction equals
rate of backward reaction
or equilibrium concentrations remain constant
while reaction is occurring

[1] [1]

(b)
$$K_c = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5][\text{H}_2\text{O}]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}][\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}]}$$

[1] [1]



initial moles	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1
equil. moles	$(0.5 - x)$	$(0.5 - x)$	$(0.1 + x)$	$(0.1 + x)$
equil. concn./ mol dm ⁻³	$\frac{(0.5 - x)}{V}$	$\frac{(0.5 - x)}{V}$	$\frac{(0.1 + x)}{V}$	$\frac{(0.1 + x)}{V}$

[1]

$$K_c = \frac{(0.1 + x)^2}{(0.5 - x)^2} = 4$$

[1]

gives $x = 0.3$

[1]

$n(\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}) = n(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}) = 0.2$ and

$n(\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5) = n(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 0.4$

[1]

allow ecf on wrong equil. moles subject to $x < 0.5$

[4]

(d)

alcohol	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$	$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{COH}$
reagent(s) and conditions			
red phosphorus and iodine heat under reflux	X	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{I})\text{CH}_3$ [1]	X
concentrated H_2SO_4 heat	X	X	$\text{CH}_3-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)=\text{CH}_2$ [1]
$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{H}^+$ heat under reflux	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ [1]	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_3$ [1]	no reaction [1]

[5]