

## A level Chemistry A

H432/01 Periodic table, elements and physical chemistry

**Question Set 5** 

**1. (a)** This question is about equilibrium reactions.

Hydrogen gas is manufactured by the chemical industry using the reaction of methane andsteam. This is a reversible reaction, shown in **equilibrium 20.1** below.

equilibrium 20.1  $CH_{4}(g) + H_{2}O(g) \Rightarrow 3H_{2}(g) + CO(g) \Delta H = +210 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ 

Explain, in terms of le Chatelier's principle, the conditions of pressure and temperaturefor a maximum yield of hydrogen from **equilibrium 20.1**, and explain why the operational conditions used by the chemical industry may be different. [4]

(b) (i) A chemist investigates the equilibrium reaction between sulfur dioxide, oxygen, and sulfurtrioxide, shown below.

 $2SO_2(g) + O_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2SO_3(g)$ 

- The chemist mixes together SO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> with a catalyst.
- The chemist compresses the gas mixture to a volume of 400 cm<sup>3</sup>.
- The mixture is heated to a constant temperature and is allowed to reach equilibriumwithout changing the total gas volume.

The equilibrium mixture contains  $0.0540 \text{ mol SO}_2$  and  $0.0270 \text{ mol O}_2$ .

At the temperature used, the numerical value for  $K_c$  is 3.045 × 10<sup>4</sup> dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>.

Write the expression for  $K_c$  and the units of  $K_c$  for this equilibrium.

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(ii) Determine the amount, in mol, of  $SO_3$  in the equilibrium mixture at this

temperature.Give your final answer to an **appropriate** number of significant figures.

Show all your working.

equilibrium amount of SO<sub>3</sub> = .....mol

[4]

## **Total Marks for Question Set 5: 10**



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