Q1. Hydrogen is produced by the reaction between steam and methane when the following dynamic equilibrium is established.

$$CH_4(g) + H_2O(g) \rightleftharpoons CO(g) + 3H_2(g) \qquad \Delta H = +206 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

(a) Use Le Chatelier's principle to predict the separate effects of an increase in temperature and of an increase in pressure on the yield of hydrogen obtained in the above reaction. In each case, explain your answer.

(6)

(b) State how, and explain why, the use of a catalyst might or might not change the equilibrium yield of hydrogen, and also the amount of hydrogen produced, in a given time.

(4)
(Total 10 marks)

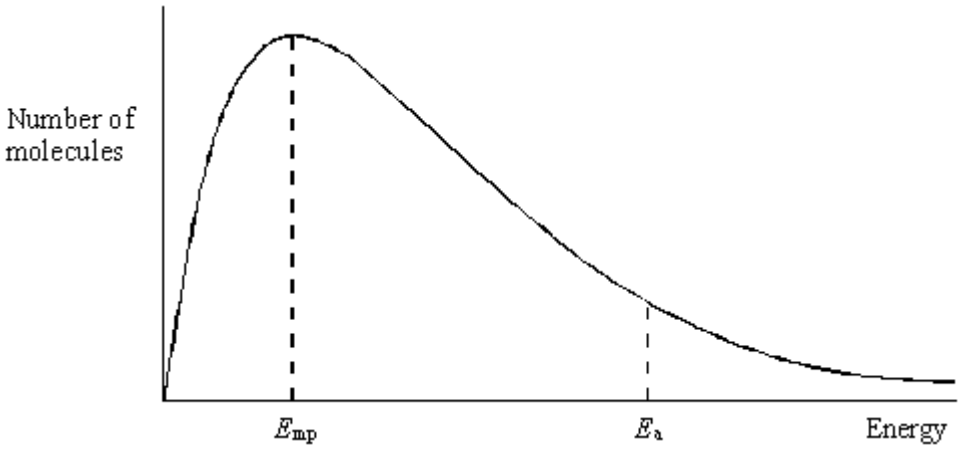
Q2. (a) State what is meant by the term *activation energy* of a reaction.

(1)

(b) State in general terms how a catalyst increases the rate of a chemical reaction.

(2)

(c) The curve below shows the Maxwell–Boltzmann distribution of molecular energies, at a constant temperature, in a gas at the start of a reaction. On this diagram the most probable molecular energy at this temperature is indicated by the symbol E_{mp} and the activation energy by the symbol E_a.



Consider the following changes.

(i) The number of molecules is increased at constant temperature.

(ii) The temperature is decreased without changing the number of molecules.

(iii) A catalyst is introduced without changing the temperature or the number of molecules.

For **each** of these changes state how, if at all, the following would vary:

- the value of the most probable energy, E_{mp}
- the number of molecules with the most probable energy, E_{mp}
- the area under the molecular energy distribution curve
- the number of molecules with energy greater than the activation energy, E_a

(12)
(Total 15 marks)

Q3.

Summarised directions for recording responses to multiple completion questions			
A (i), (ii) and (iii) only	**B** (i) and (iii) only	**C** (ii) and (iv) only	**D** (iv) alone

Which of the following statements about a catalyst is / are true?

(i) It speeds up the forward reaction and slows down the reversere action.

(iii) It increases the proportion of molecules with higher energies.

(iii) A homogeneous catalyst usually acts in the solid state.

(iv) It does not alter the value of the equilibrium constant.

(Total 1 mark)