

1. This question is about two oxides of sulfur: sulfur dioxide,  $\text{SO}_2$ , and sulfur trioxide,  $\text{SO}_3$ .

$\text{SO}_3$  decomposes to form  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{O}_2$ , as shown in **Equilibrium 18.1**.



- i. 2.25 moles of  $\text{SO}_3$  is heated to  $550^\circ\text{C}$  in the presence of a catalyst and the resulting mixture allowed to reach equilibrium.

The equilibrium mixture contains 0.900 mol of  $\text{SO}_2$  and the total pressure is 2.80 atm.

Calculate the numerical value for  $K_p$  for **Equilibrium 18.1** under these conditions and state the units of  $K_p$ .

Give your answer to **3** significant figures.

$K_p = \dots\dots\dots$

units  $\dots\dots\dots$  **[5]**

- ii. The numerical values of  $K_p$  for **Equilibrium 18.1** at temperatures  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are shown below.

Temperature	$K_p$
$T_1$	$3.3 \times 10^{-5}$
$T_2$	$7.7 \times 10^{-2}$

Explain why  $T_2$  is a higher temperature than  $T_1$ .

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- iii. Suggest how the value of  $K_p$  would change if the reaction was repeated with no catalyst added and the pressure of the system increased.

Tick ( $\checkmark$ ) one box in each row.

Change	Decrease	No change	Increase
No catalyst			
Increased pressure			

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2. Chloroethanoic acid,  $\text{CICH}_2\text{COOH}$ , is a weak monobasic acid.

- i. Write the expression for the acid dissociation constant,  $K_a$ , of  $\text{CICH}_2\text{COOH}$ .

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- ii. The expression for the acid dissociation constant,  $K_a$ , of  $\text{CICH}_2\text{COOH}$  can be simplified to:

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+]^2}{[\text{CICH}_2\text{COOH}]}$$

**Expression 19.1**

State one approximation that allows the expression from (a)(i) to be simplified to **Expression 19.1**.

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iii. A student carries out an experiment to determine the  $pK_a$  value of a solution of  $C/CH_2COOH$ .

- The concentration of  $C/CH_2COOH$  is  $0.090 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .
- The pH of  $C/CH_2COOH$  is 1.95.

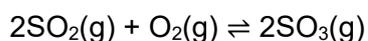
Use **Expression 19.1** to calculate the  $pK_a$  value of  $C/CH_2COOH$ .

Give your answer to **2** decimal places.

$pK_a = \dots\dots\dots$  **[3]**

**3.** In the UK, most sulfuric acid,  $H_2SO_4$ , is manufactured by the Contact process.

One stage in the Contact process involves the equilibrium between sulfur dioxide, oxygen and sulfur trioxide.



This equilibrium is investigated:

**Step 1**  $5.82 \times 10^{-2}$  mol of  $SO_2$  is mixed with  $7.40 \times 10^{-2}$  mol of  $O_2$  in a  $2.00 \text{ dm}^3$  container.

**Step 2** The container is sealed and allowed to reach equilibrium at constant temperature.

**Step 3** At equilibrium,  $5.20 \times 10^{-2}$  mol of  $SO_3$  is formed.

Determine the equilibrium concentrations and calculate  $K_c$ , including units.

$K_c = \dots\dots\dots$  units  $\dots\dots\dots$  **[5]**





