Oxford A Level Sciences

AQA Chemistry

6 Equilibria Answers to practice questions

Question number	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1 (a)	rate of forward reaction = rate of backward reaction concentrations of reactants and products remain constant	2	The concentrations remain constant. They are not the same.
1 (b)	fewer moles of gas on right-hand side therefore equilibrium moves to right side to oppose the change or reduce the applied pressure	2	
1 (c)	power or energy required to provide high pressure strong pressure vessel needed (to withstand high pressure)	2	This is to do with the energy needed for pumping.
1 (d)	<i>effect</i> : decreases <i>explanation</i> : reaction is exothermic system tries to lower <i>T or</i> remove constraint <i>or</i> oppose the change	3	If the effect is wrong you lose the explanation marks too.
1 (e)	to speed up reaction	1	You could say to give more molecules $E > E_a$
2 (a)	loss of electrons	1	
2 (b)	no change equal number of gaseous moles on either side therefore both sides affected equally increases equilibrium moves to lower the temperature or oppose the change forward reaction is endothermic	6	If the effect is wrong in either case you will lose the explanation marks too. It is worth working out the answer by always referring to Le Châtelier's principle.
3 (a)	the position of equilibrium moves to oppose any change	1	
3 (b)	(i) effect on yield of hydrogen: decreases explanation: pressure lowered or increase opposed by favouring fewer moles of gas	6	
	 (ii) effect on yield of hydrogen: increases explanation: equilibrium will move to the right 		

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	to remove the increase in steam		
	or remove the increase in pressure		
3 (c)	<i>reason 1</i> : high temperature is expensive <i>reason 2</i> : cost of plant able to resist high temperature is too high	2	Don't just say expensive. You always need to qualify this.
4 (a)	mark labelled X on curve A where curve C joins A	1	
4 (b)	the position of equilibrium moves to oppose any change	1	
4 (c)	B more ammonia is produced fewer moles of gas on right (or 4 mol goes to 2 mol) equilibrium moves to oppose increase in pressure <i>or</i> oppose change	4	In (c) and (d) you must get the answers B and C , respectively, to be able to score the next marks.
4 (d)	C amount of ammonia unchanged reaction is faster	3	In (c) and (d) you must get the answers B and C , respectively, to be able to score the next marks.
5 (a) (i)	mol CH ₄ = 0.75	1	
	mol $H_2O = 1.5$	1	
	mol H ₂ = $1(.0)$	1	
5 (a) (ii)	0.15 mol dm ⁻³	1	<u>conseq = (mol CH₄)/5</u>
5 (b) (i)	$\frac{[CO_2][H_2]^4}{[CH_4][H_2O]^2}$	1	do not penalise () If wrong K_c no marks for calc but allow units conseq to their K_c
	Not just numbers		
5 (b) (ii)	$(0.15 \times 0.25^4) / (0.10 \times 0.48^2)$	1	No marks for calc if concs used wrongly or wrong values inserted
	0.025(4)	1	allow 1 here for correct units from
	mol ² dm ⁻⁶	1	wrong K _c
5 (c)	increase 1	1	if wrong, no further marks in (c)
	lower P	1	not "greater volume" for M1 but allow "moves to form a

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	eqm shifts to side with more moles (Le Châtelier)	1	greater volume" for M2
5 (d)	(forward reaction is) endothermic or <u>backward</u> reaction is exothermic	1	
	eqm shifts in exothermic direction or to oppose reduction of or change in temp	1	This mark must have reference to temp change or exothermic reaction