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AQA AS CHEMISTRY

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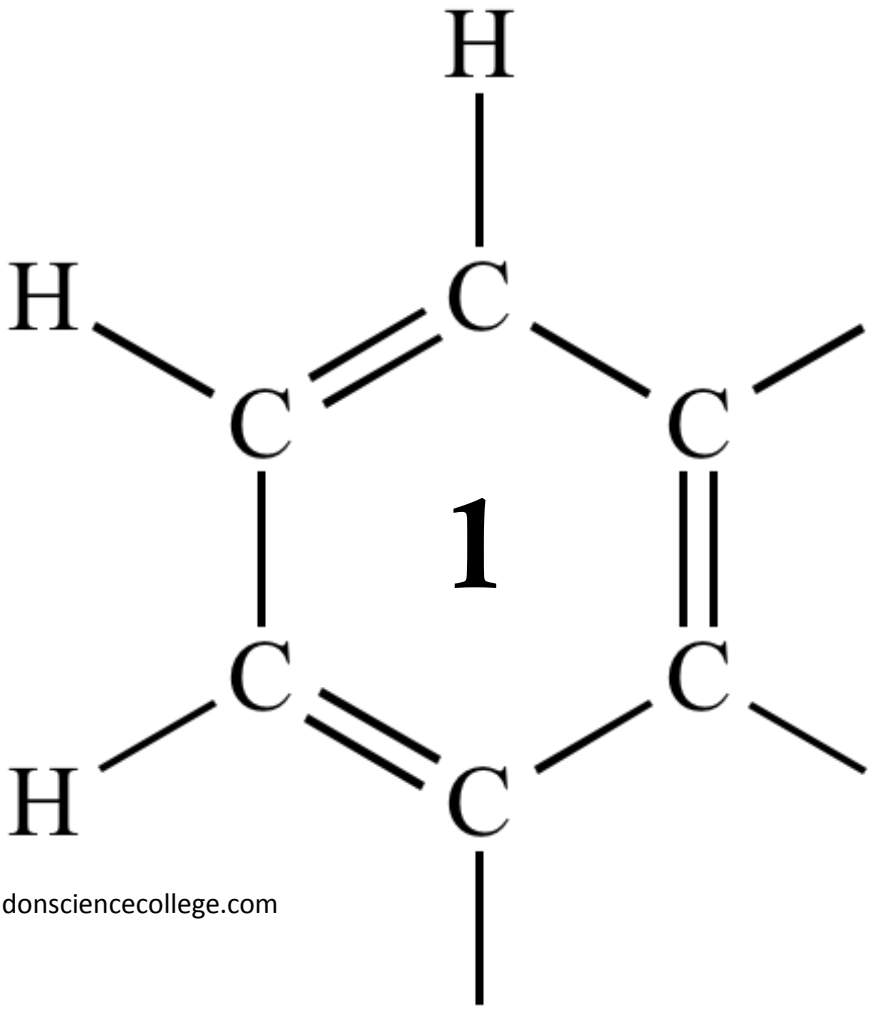

1 A pale brown mixture of NO_2 and N_2O_4 is allowed to reach equilibrium in a sealed gas syringe according to the following equation.

$$2NO_2(g) \rightleftharpoons N_2O_4(g)$$

When the plunger is pushed further into the syringe the pressure increases and the mixture becomes paler in colour.

When the syringe is placed in a hot oven the mixture becomes darker in colour.

Which of the following statements is correct?

A NO_2 is brown and the forward reaction is exothermic. ⬭

B NO_2 is brown and the forward reaction is endothermic. ⬭

C NO_2 is colourless and the forward reaction is exothermic. ⬭

D NO_2 is colourless and the forward reaction is endothermic. ⬭

(Total 1 mark)

2 Ethene reacts with steam in the presence of an acid catalyst to form ethanol.

$$CH_2{=}CH_2(g) + H_2O(g) \rightleftharpoons CH_3CH_2OH(g)$$

(a) Write an expression for the equilibrium constant K_c for this equilibrium.
Deduce the units of K_c.

Expression .....

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Units .....

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(b) An equilibrium mixture was found to contain 0.700 mol of ethene, 1.20 mol of steam and 4.40 mol of ethanol at a temperature ***T***. The volume of the container was 2.00 dm^3.

Calculate a value of K_c for this equilibrium at this temperature.

Give your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

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(Total 4 marks)

3 **A** and **B** react together in this reversible reaction.

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{3B} \rightleftharpoons \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{2D}$$

A mixture of 10 mol of **A** and 10 mol of **B** were left to reach equilibrium. The equilibrium mixture contained 4 mol of **B**.

What is the total amount, in moles, of substances in the equilibrium mixture?

A 14 ⬭

B 16 ⬭

C 18 ⬭

D 20 ⬭

(Total 1 mark)

4 Hydrogen is produced by the reaction of methane with steam. The reaction mixture reaches a state of dynamic equilibrium.

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

Which of the following shows how the equilibrium yield of hydrogen and the value of the equilibrium constant are affected by the changes shown?

	Change	Effect on equilibrium yield of $H_2(g)$	Effect on value of K_c	
A	Increase pressure	decrease	decrease	⬭
B	Add a catalyst	increase	no effect	⬭
C	Increase temperature	increase	increase	⬭
D	Remove CO(g) as formed	increase	increase	⬭

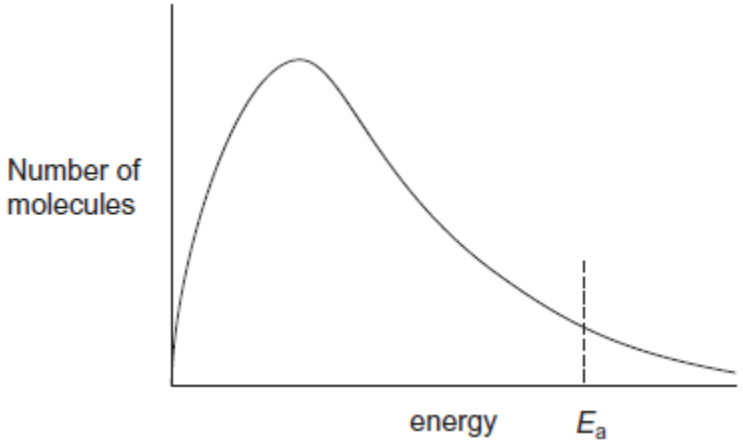
(Total 1 mark)

5 Methanol, for use as a fuel, can be produced by the reaction of carbon monoxide with hydrogen.

$$CO(g) + 2H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons CH_3OH(g) \quad \Delta H = -90 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

The reaction is typically carried out at 300 °C and 3×10^7 Pa, in the presence of a catalyst.

(a) The graph shows the Maxwell–Boltzmann distribution for a mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen at 300 °C.



(i) Sketch a second curve on the graph to show the distribution of molecular energies in this mixture at a higher temperature.

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(ii) Explain with reference to both curves on the graph how a small change in temperature leads to a large change in the rate of reaction.

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(b) Both the rate of production and equilibrium yield of methanol are considered when choosing the most appropriate conditions for the operation of this process on an industrial scale.

(i) State and explain the effect of a higher pressure on the equilibrium yield of methanol.

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(ii) By considering both rate and yield, state why the reaction is carried out at a temperature of 300 °C rather than at a higher temperature.

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(Total 8 marks)

6 Colourless solutions of **X**(aq) and **Y**(aq) react to form an orange solution of **Z**(aq) according to the following equation.

$$\mathbf{X}(aq) + 2\mathbf{Y}(aq) \rightleftharpoons \mathbf{Z}(aq) \quad \Delta H = -20 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

A student added a solution containing 0.50 mol of **X**(aq) to a solution containing 0.50 mol of **Y**(aq) and shook the mixture.
After 30 seconds, there was no further change in colour.
The amount of **Z**(aq) at equilibrium was 0.20 mol.

(a) Deduce the amounts of **X**(aq) and **Y**(aq) at equilibrium.

Amount of **X**(aq) = ... mol Amount of **Y**(aq) = ... mol

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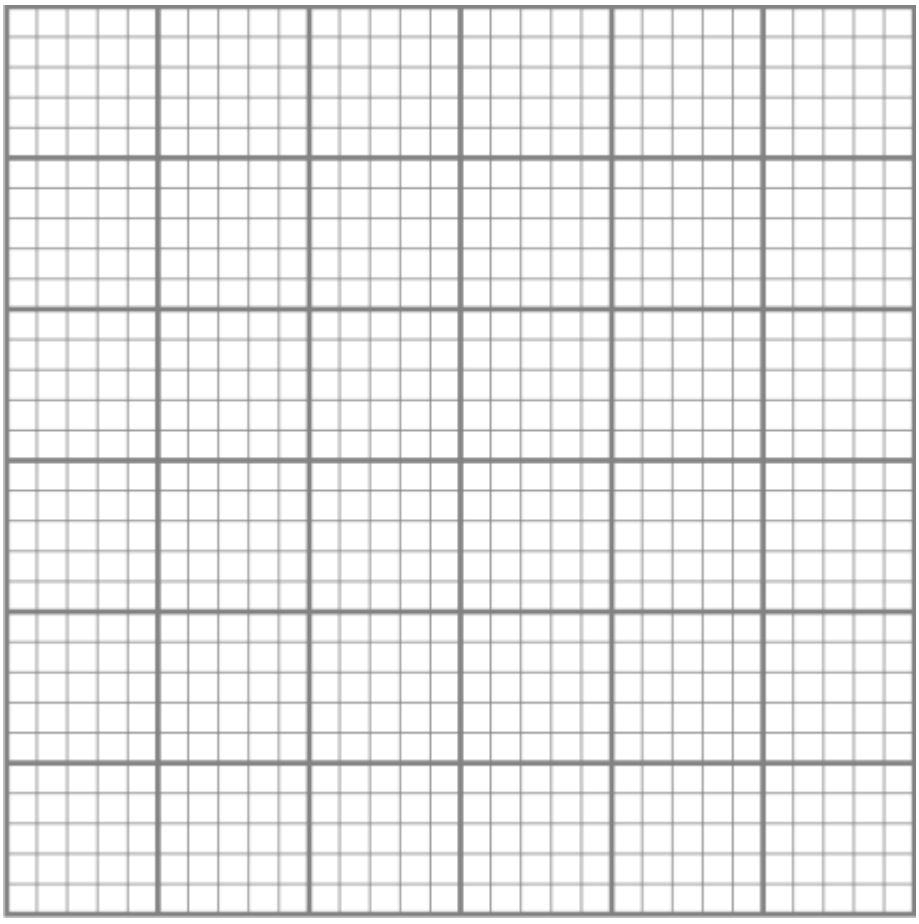
(b) On the grid below, draw a graph to show how the amount of **Z**(aq) changed from the time of initial mixing until 60 seconds had elapsed.



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(c) The student prepared another equilibrium mixture in which the equilibrium concentrations of **X** and **Z** were:
X(aq) = 0.40 mol dm^{-3} and **Z**(aq) = 0.35 mol dm^{-3}.

For this reaction, the equilibrium constant K_c = 2.9 mol^{-2} dm^6.
Calculate a value for the concentration of **Y** at equilibrium.
Give your answer to the appropriate number of significant figures.

[**Y**] = ... mol dm^{-3}

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(d) The student added a few drops of **Y**(aq) to the equilibrium mixture of **X**(aq), **Y**(aq) and **Z**(aq) in part (c).

Suggest how the colour of the mixture changed. Give a reason for your answer.

Colour change .....

Reason .....

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(e) The student warmed the equilibrium mixture from part (c).

Predict the colour change, if any, when the equilibrium mixture was warmed.

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(Total 12 marks)

7 Dodecane ($C_{12}H_{26}$) is a hydrocarbon found in the naphtha fraction of crude oil. Dodecane can be used as a starting material to produce a wide variety of useful products. The scheme below shows how one such product, polymer **Y**, can be produced from dodecane.

Reaction **1**

$$C_{12}H_{26} \longrightarrow C_2H_4 + C_4H_8 + \mathbf{X}$$

Reaction **2**

$$nC_4H_8 \rightleftharpoons \left(\begin{array}{cc} H & CH_3 \\ | & | \\ C & C \\ | & | \\ CH_3 & H \end{array} \right)_n$$

Polymer **Y**

(a) Name the homologous series that both C_2H_4 and C_4H_8 belong to.
Draw a functional group isomer of C_4H_8 that does **not** belong to this homologous series.

Name .....

Functional group isomer

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(b) Identify compound **X**.

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(c) Name polymer **Y**.

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(d) Reaction **1** is an example of thermal cracking and is carried out at a temperature of 750 °C.

State **one other** reaction condition needed.

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(e) Reaction **2** is exothermic. A typical compromise temperature of 200 °C is used industrially for this reaction.

Explain the effect of a change of temperature on both the position of equilibrium and the rate of reaction, and justify why a compromise temperature is used industrially.

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(Total 11 marks)

8 Ethanol and ethanoic acid react reversibly to form ethyl ethanoate and water according to the equation:

$$CH_3COOH + CH_3CH_2OH \rightleftharpoons CH_3COOCH_2CH_3 + H_2O$$

A mixture of 8.00×10^{-2} mol of ethanoic acid and 1.20×10^{-1} mol of ethanol is allowed to reach equilibrium at 20 °C.

- The equilibrium mixture is placed in a graduated flask and the volume made up to 250 cm^3 with distilled water.
- A 10.0 cm^3 sample of this equilibrium mixture is titrated with sodium hydroxide added from a burette.
- The ethanoic acid in this sample reacts with 3.20 cm^3 of 2.00×10^{-1} mol dm^{-3} sodium hydroxide solution.

(a) Calculate the value for K_c for the reaction of ethanoic acid and ethanol at 20 °C.
Give your answer to the appropriate number of significant figures.

K_c .....

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(b) A student obtained the titration results given in **Table 1**.

Table 1

	Rough	**1**	**2**	**3**
Final burette reading / cm^3	4.60	8.65	12.85	16.80
Initial burette reading / cm^3	0.10	4.65	8.65	12.85
Titre / cm^3				

Complete **Table 1**.

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(c) Calculate the mean titre and justify your choice of titres.

Calculation

Mean titre = ...cm^3

Justification .....

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(d) The pH ranges of three indicators are shown in **Table 2**.

Table 2

Indicator	**pH range**
Bromocresol green	3.8–5.4
Bromothymol blue	6.0–7.6
Thymol blue	8.0–9.6

Select from **Table 2** a suitable indicator for the titration of ethanoic acid with sodium hydroxide.

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(e) The uncertainty in the mean titre for this experiment is ±0.15 cm^3.

Calculate the percentage uncertainty in this mean titre.

Percentage uncertainty = ... %

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(f) Suggest how, using the same mass of ethanoic acid, the experiment could be improved to reduce the percentage uncertainty.

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(Total 13 marks)

9 When one mole of ammonia is heated to a given temperature, 50% of the compound dissociates and the following equilibrium is established.

$$NH_3(g) \rightleftharpoons \tfrac{1}{2}N_2(g) + \tfrac{3}{2}H_2(g)$$

What is the total number of moles of gas present in this equilibrium mixture?

A 1.5 ⬭

B 2.0 ⬭

C 2.5 ⬭

D 3.0 ⬭

(Total 1 mark)

10 Hydrogen is produced in industry from methane and steam in a two-stage process.

(a) In the first stage, carbon monoxide and hydrogen are formed.
The equation for this reaction is

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

(i) Use Le Chatelier's principle to state whether a high or low temperature should be used to obtain the highest possible equilibrium yield of hydrogen from this first stage. Explain your answer.

Temperature .....

Explanation .....

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(ii) Le Chatelier's principle suggests that a high pressure will produce a low yield of hydrogen in this first stage.

Explain, in terms of the behaviour of particles, why a high operating pressure is used in industry.

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(iii) A nickel catalyst is used in the first stage.

Explain why the catalyst is more effective when coated onto an unreactive honeycomb.

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(b) The second stage is carried out in a separate reactor. Carbon monoxide is converted into carbon dioxide and more hydrogen is formed.

The equation for this reaction is

$CO(g) + H_2O(g) \rightleftharpoons CO_2(g) + H_2(g)$ $\Delta H = -41 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

Use Le Chatelier's principle to state the effect, if any, of a **decrease** in the total pressure on the yield of hydrogen in this second stage. Explain your answer.

Effect .....

Explanation .....

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(Total 9 marks)