

Reversible reactions

Question Paper 2

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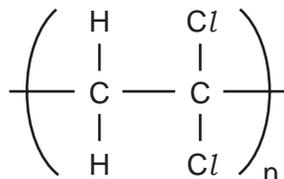
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- 1 Polymers are extensively used in food packaging. Poly(dichloroethene) is used because gases can only diffuse through it very slowly. Polyesters have a high thermal stability and food can be cooked in a polyester bag.

(a) (i) The structure of poly(dichloroethene) is given below.



Draw the structural formula of the monomer.

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(ii) Explain why oxygen can diffuse faster through the polymer bag than carbon dioxide can.

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(b) (A polyester can be formed from the monomers HO-CH₂CH₂-OH and HOOC-C₆H₄-COOH. Draw the structure of this polyester.

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(ii) Name a naturally occurring class of compounds that contains the ester linkage.

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(iii) Suggest what is meant by the term *thermal stability*.

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(c) (Describe **two** environmental problems caused by the disposal of plastic (polymer) waste.

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(ii) The best way of disposing of plastic waste is recycling to form new plastics. What is another advantage of recycling plastics made from petroleum?

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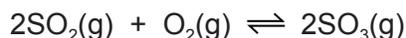
2 Sulfuric acid is made by the Contact process.

(a) Sulfur is burned by spraying droplets of molten sulfur into air.

Suggest and explain an advantage of using this method.

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(b) The following equation represents the equilibrium in the Contact process.



Oxygen is supplied from the air.

The composition of the reaction mixture is 1 volume of sulfur dioxide to 1 volume of oxygen.

What volume of air contains 1 dm³ of oxygen?

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(c) Sulfur dioxide is more expensive than air.

What is the advantage of using an excess of air?

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(d) The forward reaction is exothermic. The reaction is usually carried out at a temperature between 400 and 450 °C.

(i) What is the effect on the position of equilibrium of using a temperature above 450 °C?
Explain your answer.

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(ii) What is the effect on the rate of using a temperature below 400 °C?
Explain your answer.

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(e) A low pressure, 2 atmospheres, is used. At equilibrium, about 98% SO₃ is present.

(i) What is the effect on the position of equilibrium of using a higher pressure?

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(ii) Explain why a higher pressure is **not** used.

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(f) Name the catalyst used in the Contact process.

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(g) Describe how concentrated sulfuric acid is made from sulfur trioxide.

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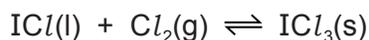
(d) Chlorine is removed from the tube and a new equilibrium is formed.

Explain why there is less of the yellow solid and more dark brown liquid in the new equilibrium mixture.

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(e) A sealed tube containing the equilibrium mixture is placed in ice-cold water. There is an increase in the amount of yellow solid in the equilibrium mixture.

What can you deduce about the forward reaction in this equilibrium?



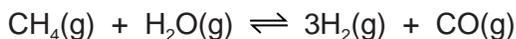
Explain your deduction.

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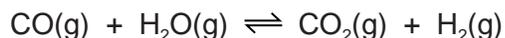
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4 At present the most important method of manufacturing hydrogen is steam reforming of methane.

(a) In the first stage of the process, methane reacts with steam at 800 °C.



In the second stage of the process, carbon monoxide reacts with steam at 200 °C.



(i) Explain why the position of equilibrium in the first reaction is affected by pressure but the position of equilibrium in the second reaction is not.

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(ii) Suggest why a high temperature is needed in the first reaction to get a high yield of products but in the second reaction a high yield is obtained at a low temperature.

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(b) Two other ways of producing hydrogen are cracking and electrolysis.

(i) Hydrogen can be a product of the cracking of long chain alkanes. Complete the equation for the cracking of C_8H_{18} .



(ii) There are three products of the electrolysis of concentrated aqueous sodium chloride. Hydrogen is one of them. Write an equation for the electrode reaction which forms hydrogen.

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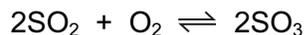
(iii) Name the other **two** products of the electrolysis of concentrated aqueous sodium chloride and give a use of each one.

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product use [4]

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5 (a) Sulfuric acid is made by the Contact process.



This is carried out in the presence of a catalyst at 450 °C and 2 atmospheres pressure.

(i) How is the sulfur dioxide made?

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(ii) Give another use of sulfur dioxide.

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(iii) Name the catalyst used.

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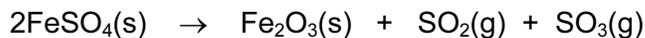
(iv) If the temperature is decreased to 300 °C, the yield of sulfur trioxide increases. Explain why this lower temperature is not used.

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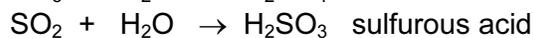
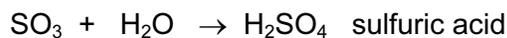
(v) Sulfur trioxide is dissolved in concentrated sulfuric acid. This is added to water to make more sulfuric acid. Why is sulfur trioxide not added directly to water?

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- (b) Sulfuric acid was first made in the Middle East by heating the mineral, green vitriol, $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$. The gases formed were cooled.



On cooling



- (i) How could you show that the first reaction is reversible?

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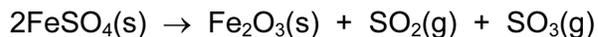
- (ii) Sulfurous acid is a reductant. What would you see when acidified potassium manganate(VII) is added to a solution containing this acid?

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- (iii) Suggest an explanation why sulfurous acid in contact with air changes into sulfuric acid.

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- (c) 9.12 g of anhydrous iron(II) sulfate was heated. Calculate the mass of iron(III) oxide formed and the volume of sulfur trioxide, at r.t.p., formed.



mass of one mole of $\text{FeSO}_4 = 152 \text{ g}$

number of moles of FeSO_4 used =

number of moles of Fe_2O_3 formed =

mass of one mole of $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 = \dots\dots\dots \text{ g}$

mass of iron(III) oxide formed =

number of moles of SO_3 formed =

volume of sulfur trioxide formed =

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