



## EQUILIBRIUM

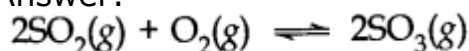
Question 1. A liquid is in equilibrium with its vapours in a sealed container at a fixed temperature. The volume of the container is suddenly increased, (i) What is the initial effect of the change on the vapour pressure? (ii) How do the rates of evaporation and condensation change initially? (iii) What happens when equilibrium is restored finally and what will be the final vapour pressure?

Answer: (i) On increasing the volume of the container, the vapour pressure will initially decrease because the same amount of vapours are now distributed over a larger space. (ii) On increasing the volume of the container, the rate of evaporation will increase initially because now more space is available. Since the amount of the vapours per unit volume decrease on increasing the volume, therefore, the rate of condensation will decrease initially.

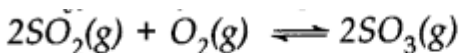
(iii) Finally, equilibrium will be restored when the rates of the forward and backward processes become equal. However, the vapour pressure will remain unchanged because it depends upon the temperature and not upon the volume of the container.

Question 2. What is  $K_c$  for the following reaction in state of equilibrium?

Answer:



$$K_c = \frac{[\text{SO}_3]^2}{[\text{SO}_2]^2 [\text{O}_2]} = \frac{(1.9 \text{ M}) \times (1.9 \text{ M})}{(0.6 \text{ M}) \times (0.6 \text{ M}) \times (0.82 \text{ M})}$$
$$= 12.229 \text{ M}^{-1} = \mathbf{12.229 \text{ L mol}^{-1}}$$



Given:  $[\text{SO}_2] = 0.6 \text{ M}$ ;  $[\text{O}_2] = 0.82 \text{ M}$ ; and  $[\text{SO}_3] = 1.90 \text{ M}$

Question 3. Write the expression for the equilibrium constant for each of the following reactions

- (i)  $2\text{NOCl}(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{NO}(\text{g}) + \text{Cl}_2(\text{g})$
- (ii)  $2\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{s}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{CuO}(\text{s}) + 4\text{NO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g})$
- (iii)  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons \text{CH}_3\text{COOH}(\text{aq}) + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}(\text{aq})$
- (iv)  $\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{aq}) + 3\text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3(\text{s})$
- (v)  $\text{I}_2(\text{s}) + 5\text{F}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{IF}_5(\text{l})$

Answer:

$$(i) \quad K_c = \frac{[\text{NO}(g)]^2 [\text{Cl}_2(g)]}{[\text{NOCl}(g)]^2}$$

$$(ii) \quad K_c = \frac{[\text{CuO}(g)]^2 [\text{NO}_2(g)]^4 [\text{O}_2(g)]}{[\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2(s)]^2} = [\text{NO}_2(g)]^4 [\text{O}_2(g)]$$

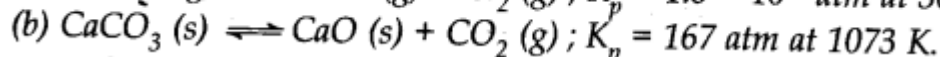
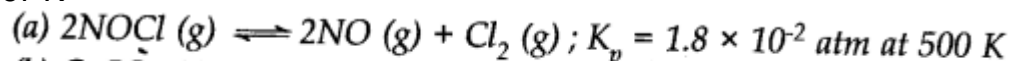
$$(iii) \quad K_c = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}(aq)][\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}(aq)]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5(aq)][\text{H}_2\text{O}(l)]}$$

$$= \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}(aq)][\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}(aq)]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5(aq)]}$$

$$(iv) \quad K_c = \frac{[\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3(s)]}{[\text{Fe}^{3+}(aq)][\text{OH}^-(aq)]^3} = \frac{1}{[\text{Fe}^{3+}(aq)][\text{OH}^-(aq)]^3}$$

$$(v) \quad K_c = \frac{[\text{IF}_5(l)]^2}{[\text{I}_2(s)][\text{F}_2(g)]^5} = \frac{[\text{IF}_5(l)]^2}{[\text{F}_2(g)]^5}$$

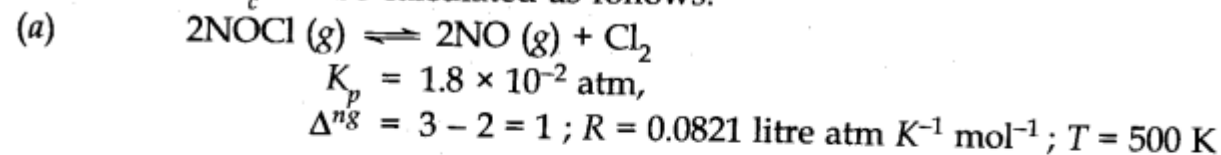
Question 4. Find the value of  $K_c$  for each of the following equilibria from the value of  $K$



Answer:

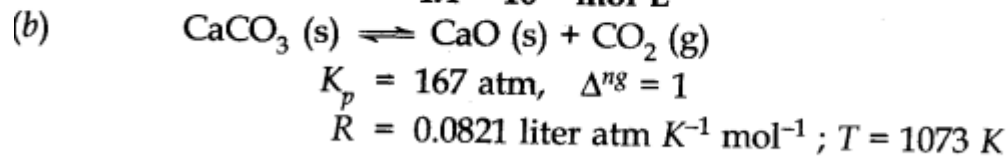
$K_p$  and  $K_c$  are related to each other as  $K_p = K_c (RT)^{\Delta n_g}$

The value of  $K_c$  can be calculated as follows:



$$\therefore K_c = \frac{K_p}{(RT)^{\Delta n_g}} = \frac{(1.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ atm})}{(0.0821 \text{ L atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \times 500 \text{ K})^1}$$

$$= 4.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$



$$K_c = \frac{K_p}{(RT)^{\Delta n_g}} = \frac{(167 \text{ atm})}{(0.0821 \text{ L atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \times 1073 \text{ K})^1}$$

$$= 1.9 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

Question 5. What is meant by conjugate acid-base pair? Find the conjugate acid/base for the following species:  $\text{HNO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}^-$ ,  $\text{HClO}_4$ ,  $\text{OH}^-$ ,  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ,  $\text{S}^{2-}$

Answer: An acid-base pair which differs by a proton only ( $\text{HA} \rightleftharpoons \text{A}^- + \text{H}^+$ ) is known as conjugate acid-base pair.

Conjugate acid:  $\text{HCN}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{HS}^-$ .

Conjugate base:  $\text{NO}_2^-$ ,  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ ,  $\text{O}_2^-$

Question 6 . Which of the following are Lewis Acids?

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{BF}_3$ ,  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,

Answer:  $\text{BF}_3$ ,  $\text{H}^+$  ions are Lewis acids.

Question 7. What will be the conjugate bases for the Bronsted acids?  $\text{HF}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ ?

Answer: Conjugate bases:  $\text{F}^-$ ,  $\text{HSO}_4^-$ ,  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ .

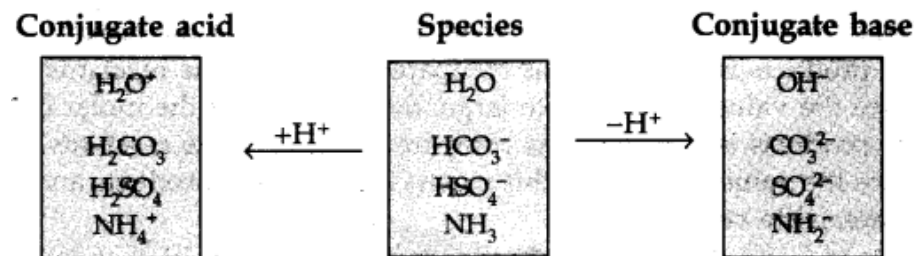
Question 8. Write the conjugate acids for the following Bronsted bases:

$\text{NH}_2^-$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{HCOO}^-$

Answer:  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and  $\text{HCOOH}$

Question 9. The species  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{HSO}_4^-$  and  $\text{NH}_3$  can act both as Bronsted acid and base. For each case, give the corresponding conjugate acid and base.

Answer:



Question 10. Classify the following species into Lewis acids and Lewis bases and show how these can act as Lewis acid/Lewis base?

(a)  $\text{OH}^-$  ions (b)  $\text{F}^-$  (c)  $\text{H}^+$  (d)  $\text{BCl}_3$

Answer: (a)  $\text{OH}^-$  ions can donate an electron pair and act as Lewis base.

(b)  $\text{F}^-$  ions can donate an electron pair and act as Lewis base.

(c)  $\text{H}^+$  ions can accept an electron pair and act as Lewis acid.

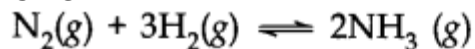
(d)  $\text{BCl}_3$  can accept an electron pair since Boron atom is electron deficient. It is a Lewis acid.

Question 11 The concentration of hydrogen ions in a sample of soft drink is  $3.8 \times 10^{-3}$  M. What is the pH value?

Answer:  $\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+] = -\log (3.8 \times 10^{-3}) = -\log 3.8 + 3 = 3 - 0.5798 = 2.4202 = 2.42$

Question 12. The following concentration were obtained for the formation of  $\text{NH}_3$  from  $\text{N}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2$  at equilibrium at 500 K.  $[\text{N}_2(\text{g})] = 1.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$   $[\text{H}_2(\text{g})] = 3.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$   $[\text{NH}_3] = 1.2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$ . Calculate equilibrium constant.

Answer:



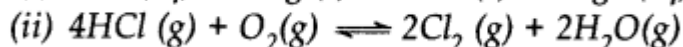
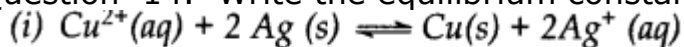
$$\begin{aligned} K_c &= \frac{[\text{NH}_3]^2}{[\text{N}_2][\text{H}_2]^3} \\ &= \frac{[1.2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}]^2}{[1.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}][3.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}]^3} \\ &= 3.55 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M} \end{aligned}$$

Question 13. The pH of a sample of vinegar is 3.76. Calculate the concentration of hydrogen ion in it.

Answer:  $\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$  or  $\log [\text{H}^+] = -\text{pH} = -3.76 = 4.24$

$\therefore [\text{H}^+] = \text{Antilog } 4.24 = 1.738 \times 10^{-4} = 1.74 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$

Question 14. Write the equilibrium constant ( $K_c$ ) expression for the following reactions.



Answer:

(i) 
$$K_c = \frac{[\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq})]^2}{[\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq})]}$$

(ii) 
$$K_c = \frac{[\text{Cl}_2(\text{g})]^2 [\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})]^2}{[\text{HCl}(\text{g})]^4 [\text{O}_2(\text{g})]}$$

Question 15. Given the equilibrium  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{NO}_2(\text{g})$   $K=0.15 \text{ atm}$  at 298 K

(a) What is  $K_p$  using pressure in torr?

(b) What is  $K_c$  using units of moles per litre.

Answer:

(a) 
$$\begin{aligned} K_p &= \frac{(760 \text{ torr}) \times (0.15 \text{ atm})}{(1 \text{ atm})} \\ &= 1.14 \times 10^2 \text{ torr} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$K_p = K_c (RT)^{\Delta n}$$

$$K_c = \frac{K_p}{(RT)^{\Delta n}}$$

$$= \frac{(0.15 \text{ atm})}{(0.0821 \text{ L atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \times 298 \text{ K})^{2-1}}$$

$$= 6.13 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

Question 16. In the reaction  $A + B \rightleftharpoons C + D$ , what will happen to the equilibrium if concentration of A is increased?

(b) The equilibrium constant for a reaction is  $2 \times 10^{-23}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and  $2 \times 10^{-2}$  at  $50^\circ\text{C}$ . Is the reaction endothermic or exothermic?

(c) Mention at least three ways by which the concentration of  $\text{SO}_3$  can be increased in the following reaction in a state of equilibrium.

Answer: (a) The reaction will shift in the forward direction.

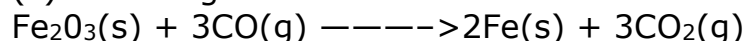
(b) Endothermic

(c) (i) lowering the temperature (ii) increasing pressure.

(iii) increasing concentration of oxygen.

Question 17. (i) Define Le Chatelier's principle.

(ii) Following reactions occur in a Blast furnace.



use Le chatelier's principle to predict the direction of reaction when equilibrium mixture is disturbed by

(a) adding  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  (b) removing  $\text{CO}_2$  .

(c) removing  $\text{CO}$ .

Answer: (a) When a system under equilibrium is subjected to a change in temperature, pressure or concentration, then the equilibrium shifts in such a direction so as to undo the effect of the change.

(ii) (a) On adding  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3(\text{s})$ , the equilibrium will remain unaffected.

(b) By removing  $\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$ , the equilibrium will be shifted in the forward direction.

(c) By removing  $\text{CO}(\text{g})$ , the equilibrium will be shifted in the backward direction

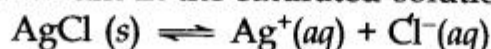
Question 18. (i) Point out the differences between ionic product and solubility product.

(ii) The solubility of  $\text{AgCl}$  in water at  $298 \text{ K}$  is  $1.06 \times 10^{-5}$  mole per litre. Calculate its solubility product at this temperature.

Answer: (i)

<i>Ionic Product</i>	<i>Solubility Product</i>
(a) It is applicable to all types of solutions.	(a) It is applicable to the saturated solutions.
(b) Its value changes with the change in concentration of the ions.	(b) It has a definite value for an electrolyte at a constant temperature.

(ii) The solubility equilibrium in the saturated solution is



The solubility of AgCl is  $1.06 \times 10^{-5}$  mole per litre.

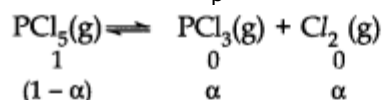
$$[\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq})] = 1.06 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

$$[\text{Cl}^-(\text{aq})] = 1.06 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_{sp} &= [\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq})] [\text{Cl}^-(\text{aq})] \\ &= (1.06 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}) \times (1.06 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}) \\ &= \mathbf{1.12 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ L}^{-2}} \end{aligned}$$

Question 19.. At certain temperature and under a pressure of 4 atm,  $\text{PCl}_5$  is 10% dissociated. Calculate the pressure at which  $\text{PCl}_5$  will be 20% dissociated at temperature remaining constant.

Answer: Calculation of  $K_p$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total no. of moles in the equilibrium mixture} &= 1 - \alpha + \alpha + \alpha \\ &= (1 + \alpha) \text{ mol.} \end{aligned}$$

Let the total pressure of equilibrium mixture =  $p$  atm

Partial pressure of  $\text{PCl}_5$

$$p_{\text{PCl}_5} = \frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha} \times p \text{ atm}$$

$$\text{Partial pressure of } \text{PCl}_3 = \frac{\alpha}{1+\alpha} \times p \text{ atm}$$

Partial pressure of  $\text{Cl}_2$

$$p_{\text{Cl}_2} = \frac{\alpha}{(1+\alpha)} \times p \text{ atm}$$

$$K_p = \frac{p_{\text{PCl}_3} \times p_{\text{Cl}_2}}{p_{\text{PCl}_5}}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{\alpha}{1+\alpha} p \text{ atm}\right) \times \left(\frac{\alpha}{1+\alpha} p \text{ atm}\right)}{\frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha} p \text{ atm}} = \frac{\alpha^2 p}{1-\alpha^2} \text{ atm}$$

$$P = 4 \text{ atm and } \alpha = 10\% = \frac{10}{100} = 0.1$$

$$K_p = \frac{(0.1) \times (0.1) \times (4 \text{ atm})}{1 - (0.1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{0.04}{0.99} = 0.04 \text{ atm.}$$

Calculation of  $P$  under new condition

$$\alpha = 0.2, K_p = 0.04 \text{ atm}'$$

$$K_p = \frac{\alpha^2 p}{1 - \alpha^2} \text{ or } p = \frac{K_p (1 - \alpha^2)}{\alpha^2}$$

$$= \frac{(0.04 \text{ atm}) [(1 - (0.2)^2)]}{(0.2)^2} = \frac{0.04 \text{ atm} \times 0.96}{0.04}$$

$$= 0.96 \text{ atm.}$$

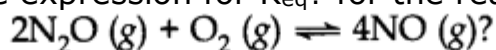
Question 20. The equilibrium expression,  $K_c = [\text{CO}_2]$  represents the reaction.

- (a)  $\text{C}(s) + \text{O}_2(g) \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_2(g)$                       (b)  $\text{CaCO}_3(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{CaO}(s) + \text{CO}_2(g)$   
 (c)  $\text{CO}(g) + \frac{1}{2} \text{O}_2(g) \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_2(g)$                       (d)  $\text{CaO}(s) + \text{CO}_2(g) \rightleftharpoons \text{CaCO}_3(s)$

Question 21. Hydrogen molecule ( $\text{H}_2$ ) can be dissociated into hydrogen atoms (H). Which one of the following changes will not increase the number of atoms present at equilibrium?

- (a) adding H atoms    (b) increasing the temperature  
 (c) increasing the total pressure    (d) increasing the volume of the container

Question 3. What is the expression for  $K_{eq}$ ? for the reaction



- (a)  $\frac{[\text{N}_2][\text{O}_2]}{[\text{NO}]}$     (b)  $\frac{[\text{NO}]^4}{[\text{N}_2\text{O}]^2}$     (c)  $\frac{[\text{NO}]^4}{[\text{N}_2\text{O}]^2 [\text{O}_2]}$     (d)  $\frac{[\text{N}_2\text{O}]^2 [\text{O}_2]}{[\text{NO}]^4}$

Question 22. A catalyst will increase the rate of a chemical reaction by

- (a) shifting the equilibrium to the right    (b) shifting the equilibrium to the left    (c) lowering the activation energy    (d) increasing the activation energy

Question 5. What is the correct expression for the representation of the solubility product constant of  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CrO}_4$ ?

- (a)  $[\text{Ag}^+]^2 [\text{CrO}_4^{2-}]$     (b)  $[2\text{Ag}^+] [\text{CrO}_4^{2-}]$     (c)  $[\text{Ag}^+] [\text{CrO}_4^{2-}]$     (d)  $[2\text{Ag}^+]^2 [\text{CrO}_4^{2-}]$

Question 23. For the equilibrium  $2 \text{NOCl}(g) \rightleftharpoons 2 \text{NO}(g) + \text{Cl}_2(g)$  the value of the equilibrium constant  $K_c$  is  $3.75 \times 10^{-6}$  at 1069 K. Calculate the  $K_p$  for the reaction at this temperature?

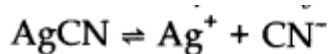
Answer: We know that  $K_p = K_c(RT)^{\Delta n}$

For the above reaction,  $\Delta n = (2 + 1) - 2 = 1$   $K_p = 3.75 \times 10^{-6} (0.0831 \times 1069)$

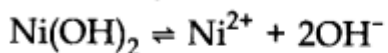
$K_p = 0.033$ .

Question 24. The values of  $K_{sp}$  of two sparingly soluble salts  $\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2$  and  $\text{AgCN}$  are  $2.0 \times 10^{-15}$  and  $6 \times 10^{-17}$  respectively. Which salt is more soluble? Explain.

Answer:



$$K_{sp} = [\text{Ag}^+][\text{CN}^-] = 6 \times 10^{-17}$$



$$K_{sp} = [\text{Ni}^{2+}][\text{OH}^-]^2 = 2 \times 10^{-15}$$

Let  $[\text{Ag}^+] = S_1$ , then  $[\text{CN}^-] = S_1$

Let  $[\text{Ni}^{2+}] = S_2$ , then  $[\text{OH}^-] = 2S_2$

$$S_1^2 = 6 \times 10^{-17}, S_1 = 7.8 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$(S_2)(2S_2)^2 = 2 \times 10^{-15}, S_2 = 0.58 \times 10^{-4}$$

$\text{Ni(OH)}_2$  is more soluble than  $\text{AgCN}$ .

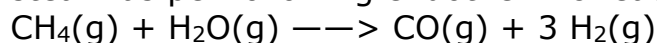
Question 25.. The value of  $K_c$  for the reaction  $2A \rightleftharpoons B + C$  is  $2 \times 10^{-3}$ . At a given time, the composition of reaction mixture is  $[A] = [B] = [C] = 3 \times 10^{-4}$  M. In which direction the reaction will proceed?

Answer: For the reaction the reaction quotient  $Q_c$  is given by  $Q_c = \frac{[B][C]}{[A]^2}$  as  $[A] = [B] = [C] = 3 \times 10^{-4}$  M  $Q_c = \frac{(3 \times 10^{-4})(3 \times 10^{-4})}{(3 \times 10^{-4})^2} = 1$   
as  $Q_c > K_c$ , so, the reaction will proceed in the reverse direction.

Question 26..  $\text{PCl}_5$ ,  $\text{PCl}_3$  and  $\text{Cl}_2$  are at equilibrium at 500 K and having concentration 1.59M  $\text{PCl}_5$  1.59M  $\text{Cl}_2$  and 1.41M  $\text{PCl}_3$ . Calculate  $K_c$  for the reaction  $\text{PCl}_5 \rightleftharpoons \text{PCl}_3 + \text{Cl}_2$   
Answer: The equilibrium constant  $K_c$  for the above reaction can be written as:

$$K_c = \frac{[\text{PCl}_3][\text{Cl}_2]}{[\text{PCl}_5]}$$
$$= \frac{(1.59)^2}{1.41} = 1.79$$

Question 27.. Dihydrogen gas is obtained from natural gas by partial oxidation with steam as per following endothermic reaction:



(a) Write an expression for  $K_p$  for the above reaction.

(b) How will the values of  $K_p$  and composition of equilibrium mixture be affected by (i) increasing the pressure (ii) increasing the temperature (iii) using a catalyst?

Answer:

$$(a) K_p = \frac{[p_{\text{CO}}][p_{\text{H}_2}]^3}{[p_{\text{CH}_4}][p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}]}$$

(b) (i) value of  $K_p$  will not change, equilibrium will shift in backward direction.

(ii) value of  $K_p$  will increase and reaction will proceed in forward direction.

(iii) no effect.

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