AQA GCSE Chemistry | 8462

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.6.2.3

Equilibrium

Past-paper questions

Tier	**Foundation**
Question groups	**2**
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Using this booklet

1. Answer the questions in order and show your working.
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4.6.2.3 Equilibrium

Question 01

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0 4 This question is about reactions between gases.

When hydrogen gas is heated with iodine gas, hydrogen iodide gas is produced.

The equation for this reversible reaction is:

$$\text{hydrogen} + \text{iodine} \rightleftharpoons \text{hydrogen iodide}$$

This reversible reaction reaches equilibrium in a sealed container.

0 4 . 1 How does the equation show that the reaction is reversible?

[1 mark]

0 4 . 2 Which **two** statements are correct when the reaction reaches equilibrium?

[2 marks]

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

- The forward reaction and reverse reaction are both exothermic. ☐
- The gases have escaped from the container. ☐
- The hydrogen no longer reacts with iodine. ☐
- The mass of each substance does not change. ☐
- The rates of the forward reaction and reverse reaction are equal. ☐

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Question 01 · continued

0 4 . 3 The initial mixture of hydrogen and iodine in the sealed container is purple.

Hydrogen iodide is colourless.

How will the colour of the mixture in the sealed container have changed when equilibrium is reached?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

The mixture will have become a deeper purple. ☐

The mixture will have become a paler purple. ☐

The mixture will have become colourless. ☐

0 4 . 4 The rate of reaction between gases is affected by changing the pressure.

Complete the sentences.

[3 marks]

When the pressure of the reacting gases is increased,

the rate of reaction _____.

This is because at higher pressures the distance

between the particles _____.

This means that the frequency of collisions _____.

0 4 . 5 Give **one** other way of changing the rate of reaction between gases.

You should **not** refer to pressure in your answer.

[1 mark]

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Question 02

1 0 This question is about water.

1 0 . 1 Hydrogen gas reacts with oxygen gas to produce water.

Water is decomposed into hydrogen gas and oxygen gas using electricity.

Which **two** words describe the reaction between hydrogen gas and oxygen gas?

[2 marks]

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

- Alloying ☐
- Combustion ☐
- Corrosion ☐
- Endothermic ☐
- Reversible ☐

1 0 . 2 Water molecules break down into hydrogen ions and hydroxide ions.

The equation for the reaction is:

$$H_2O \rightleftharpoons H^+ + OH^-$$

Which sentence describes this reaction at equilibrium?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Water molecules break down at a higher rate than they reform. ☐
- Water molecules break down and reform at the same rate. ☐
- Water molecules break down at a lower rate than they reform. ☐

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Question 02 · continued

1 0 . 3 Water collected from rivers is used in the home for drinking and flushing toilets.

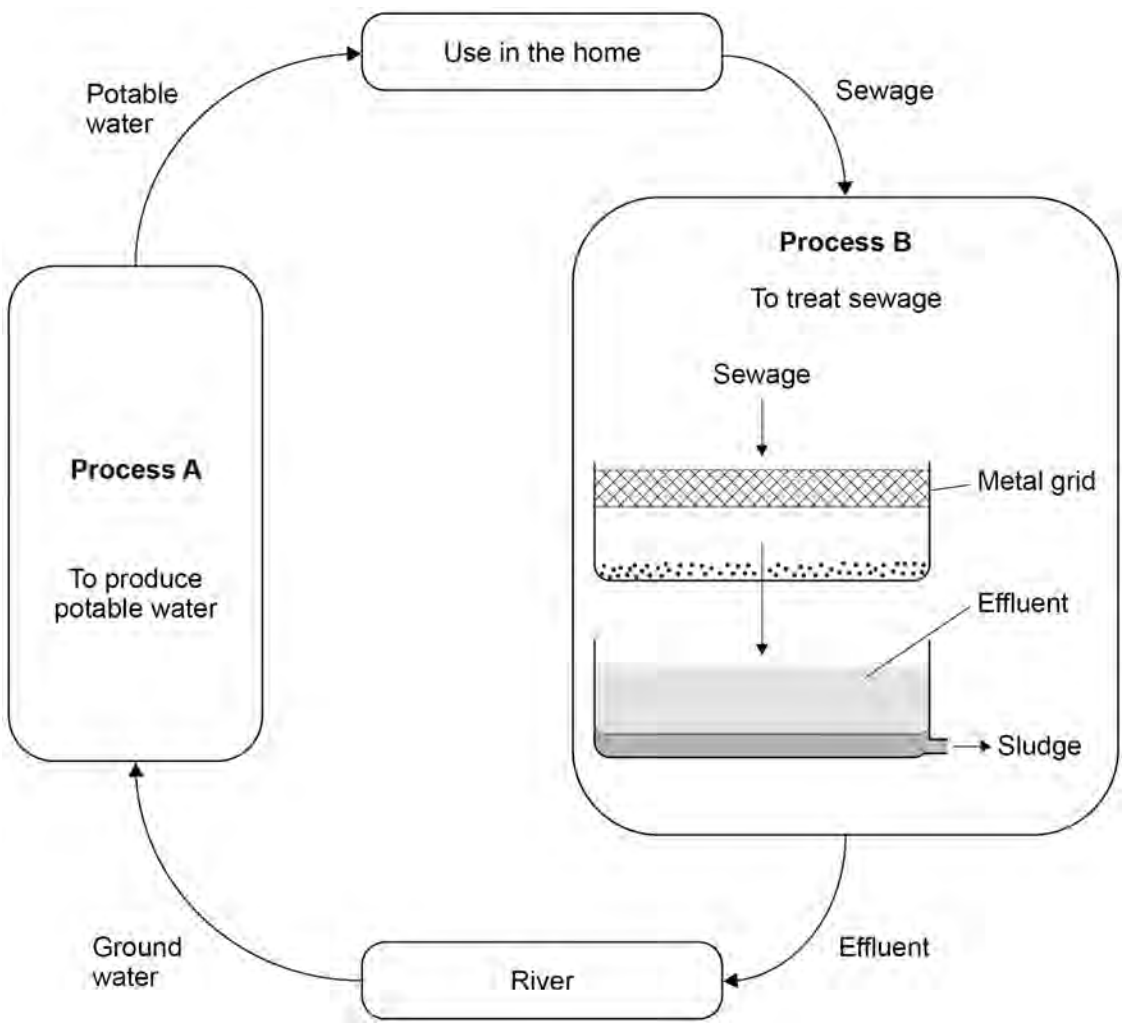
Water used in the home must be potable.

Potable water is safe to drink.

Waste water produced after use in the home is called sewage.

Figure 12 shows how water is collected from rivers and returned to rivers after use.

Figure 12



4.6.2.3 Equilibrium

Question 02 · continued

Explain what happens to water in **Process A** and in **Process B** in **Figure 12**.

Do **not** refer to use of water in the home.

[6 marks]

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