AQA GCSE Combined Science - Trilogy | 8464

SPECIFICATION POINT 5.6.2.1

Reversible reactions

Past-paper questions

Tier	**Higher**
Question groups	**3**
Available paper years	**2020–2024**

Using this booklet

1. Answer the questions in order and show your working.
2. Original question numbers and marks are retained.
3. Print at actual size (100%) for measuring questions.
4. Use the companion answer booklet to check your work.

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Whole questions are retained for context, so some parts assess other specification points. Current and legacy sources are labelled. Continue on extra paper if needed.

5.6.2.1 Reversible reactions

Question 01

November 2020 | 8464/C/2H | Original Q7

0 7 This question is about equilibrium.

0 7 . 1 Describe how a reaction reaches equilibrium.

[2 marks]

Nitrogen dioxide gas reacts to form dinitrogen tetraoxide gas.

The reaction is reversible.

The equation for the reaction is:

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

0 7 . 2 Explain the effect on the equilibrium position of increasing the pressure.

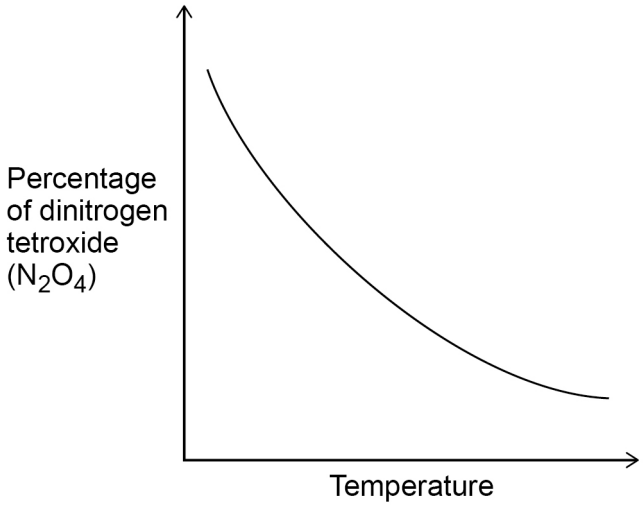
[2 marks]

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Question 01 · continued

0 7 . 3 **Figure 7** shows the change in the percentage of dinitrogen tetroxide (N_2O_4) in the equilibrium mixture as the temperature of the equilibrium mixture is changed.

Figure 7



Explain the effect on the equilibrium position of increasing the temperature.

Use **Figure 7**.

[3 marks]

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Question 02

0 6 This question is about catalysts and equilibrium.

0 6 . 1 What type of substance is a catalyst in biological systems?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Algae ☐
- Alkene ☐
- Enzyme ☐
- Formulation ☐

0 6 . 2 Explain how a catalyst increases the rate of a reaction.

[2 marks]

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Question 02 · continued

The reversible reaction for the production of ammonia is:

$$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g)$$

0 6 . 3 What can scientists predict using Le Chatelier's Principle?

[1 mark]

0 6 . 4 Describe how a reversible chemical reaction is able to reach equilibrium.

[2 marks]

0 6 . 5 Explain the effect of increasing the pressure on the yield of ammonia.

[2 marks]

0 6 . 6 The forward reaction to produce ammonia is exothermic.

Explain the effect of increasing the temperature on the yield of ammonia.

[2 marks]

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Question 03

June 2024 | 8464/C/2H | Original Q5

0 5 Sulfuric acid is produced by an industrial process.

In the process, sulfur dioxide (SO_2) reacts with oxygen (O_2) to produce sulfur trioxide (SO_3).

The equation for the reversible reaction is:

$$2\,SO_2(g) + O_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2\,SO_3(g)$$

The forward reaction releases 198 kJ/mol of energy.

0 5 . 1 What is the amount of energy transferred during the reverse reaction?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

< 198 kJ/mol ☐

= 198 kJ/mol ☐

> 198 kJ/mol ☐

0 5 . 2 The concentration of oxygen is increased.

What is the effect on the position of the equilibrium?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Equilibrium position shifts to the left ☐

Equilibrium position does not change ☐

Equilibrium position shifts to the right ☐

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Question 03 · continued

0 5 . 3 The pressure is decreased.

What is the effect on the position of the equilibrium?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Equilibrium position shifts to the left ☐

Equilibrium position does not change ☐

Equilibrium position shifts to the right ☐

0 5 . 4 The temperature is increased.

What is the effect on the position of the equilibrium?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Equilibrium position shifts to the left ☐

Equilibrium position does not change ☐

Equilibrium position shifts to the right ☐

0 5 . 5 A catalyst is used in the reaction.

Suggest what effect the catalyst has on the position of the equilibrium.

Give **one** reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

Effect _____

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Reason _____

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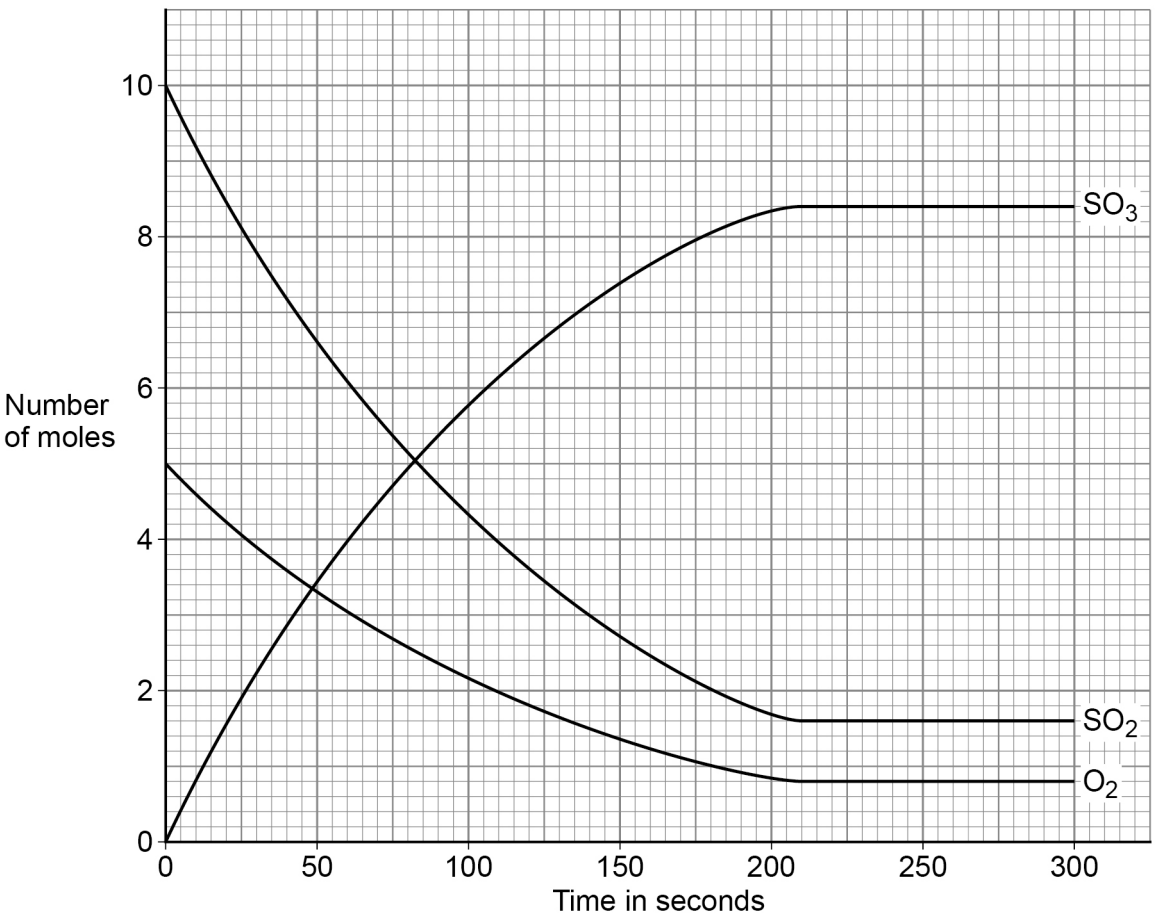
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Question 03 · continued

A scientist measured how the number of moles of sulfur dioxide, oxygen and sulfur trioxide varied with time during the reaction.

Figure 5 shows the results.

Figure 5



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Question 03 · continued

0 5 . 6 Determine the time taken for the reaction to reach equilibrium.

Explain your answer.

Use **Figure 5**.

[3 marks]

Time _____ s

Explanation _____

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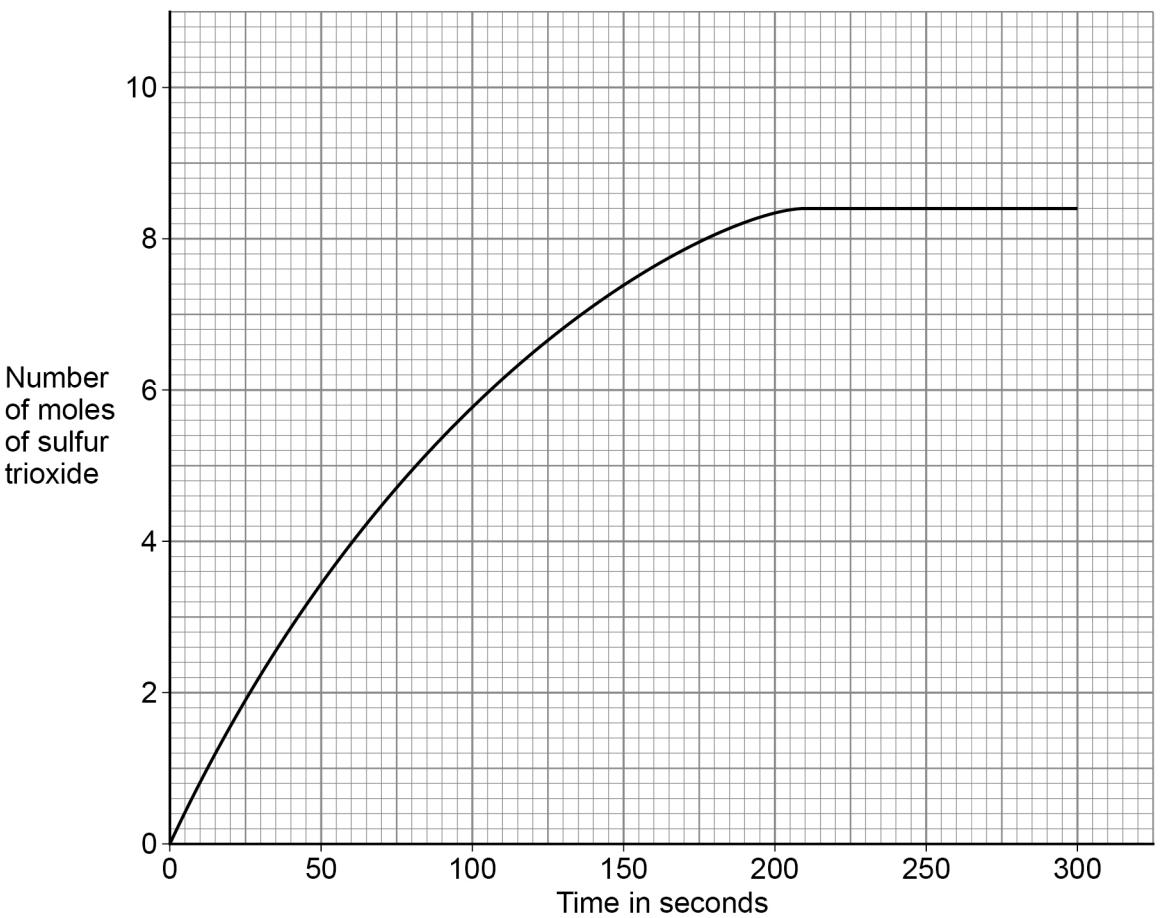
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Question 03 · continued

0 5 . 7 **Figure 6** shows the results for sulfur trioxide.

Figure 6



Determine the rate of reaction at 60 seconds.

[4 marks]

Rate = _____ mol/s

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