Equilibria – 2022 GCSE Gateway Chemistry A

Your answer

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 Which statement describes dynamic equilibrium?

 A Occurs in a closed system and the backward reaction is faster than the forward reaction.
 B Occurs in a closed system and the forward reaction is faster than the backward reaction.
 C Occurs in a closed system and the rates of the forward and backward reactions are equal.
 D Occurs in an open system and the rates of the forward and backward reactions are equal.

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Hydrogen gas is made by the reaction between methane, CH_4 , and steam.

The reaction reaches a dynamic equilibrium.

This is the equation for the reaction.

$$CH_4(g) + H_2O(g) \rightleftharpoons CO(g) + 3H_2(g)$$

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(a)	Stat	e what is meant by a dynamic equilibrium .
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(b)	The	position of equilibrium moves if the reaction conditions are changed.
	(i)	The forward reaction is endothermic .
		The temperature of the equilibrium mixture is increased .
		State and explain what happens to the position of the equilibrium.
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	(ii)	The highest yield of hydrogen gas is made using a low pressure, such as 1 atmosphere
		The reaction is actually carried out using a catalyst at a pressure of 30 atmospheres.
		Suggest why a pressure of 30 atmospheres is used.

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(c) A factory uses 200 tonnes of methane a day.

The factory produces 68.4 tonnes of hydrogen per day as shown in the equation.

$$CH_4(g) + H_2O(g) \rightleftharpoons CO(g) + 3H_2(g)$$

Calculate the percentage yield of hydrogen, H₂.

Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

Relative atomic mass (A_r): H = 1.0 C = 12.0

Percentage yield of hydrogen = % [4]