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VCE Chemistry ¾
Le Chatelier's Principle [2.8]
Test

20 Marks. 1 Minute Reading. 17 Minutes Writing.

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Section A: Test Questions (15 Marks)

Question 1 (3 marks)

Tick whether the following statements are **true** or **false**.

	Statement	True	False
a.	According to Le Chatelier's Principle, a system at equilibrium can completely offset any changes imposed.		
b.	When ions are added to an aqueous equilibrium mixture, there may be an effect on the concentration of some pre-existing species within the system.		
c.	If one of the reactants is added to a system already at equilibrium, the forwards reaction will always be favoured.		
d.	Both Le Chatelier's Principle and a comparison between Q_c and K_c can be used at any point in time for an equilibrium system to determine which reaction is being favoured.		
e.	When there is a change in volume, the initial change in concentration of the species is dependent on the stoichiometric ratios present in the balanced equation.		
f.	When a reversible equation has the same number of particles on both sides of the equation, an overall pressure change will not change the position of equilibrium.		

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Question 2 (1 mark)

In which one of the following would the position of the equilibrium not be affected by a volume change at constant temperature?

- **A.** $2CO(g) + O_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2CO_2(g)$
- **B.** $C_2H_6(g) \rightleftharpoons C_2H_4(g) + H_2(g)$
- C. $N_2O_4(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NO_2(g)$
- **D.** $CO(g) + H_2O(g) \rightleftharpoons H_2(g) + CO_2(g)$

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Question 3 (5 marks)

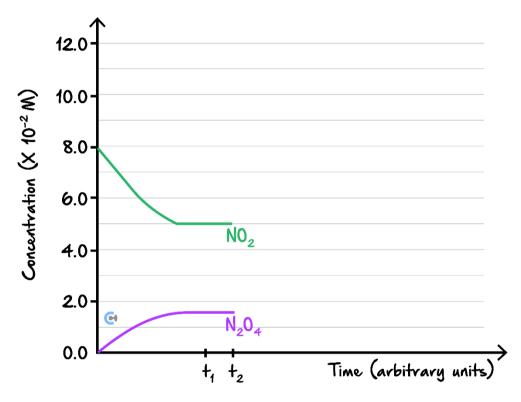
A student is investigating the following reaction system:

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

brown colourless

 $\Delta H < 0$

Below is the concentration versus time graph for the reaction system. The graph was produced using secondary data at a temperature of 22° C.



a. Time t_1 is shown in the graph above. Calculate the equilibrium constant at a time t_1 . (2 marks)



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b.	At time t_2 the volume of the system was halved, keeping the temperature at 22°C.
	Continue the graph to show how this change would affect the reaction system and how the system would respond to this change until equilibrium is restored. (3 marks)
	
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Question 4 (6 marks)

The way in which equilibrium responds to changes is being investigated by making multiple changes to the system involving the dissociation of carbonic acid:

$$H_2CO_3(aq) \rightleftharpoons 2H^+(aq) + CO_3^{2-}(aq)$$

- a. If water were added to the system above which is already at equilibrium explain what would happen to the concentration of CO₃²⁻ from immediately after the change up until equilibrium is re-established. (3 marks)
 b. If a solution of sodium hydroxide, NaOH(aq) were added to the system, explain what would happen to the concentration of H⁺ from immediately after the change up until equilibrium is re-established, and consequently, to the overall effect on the pH as a result. (3 marks)

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Section B: Extension (5 Marks)

Question 5 (5 marks)

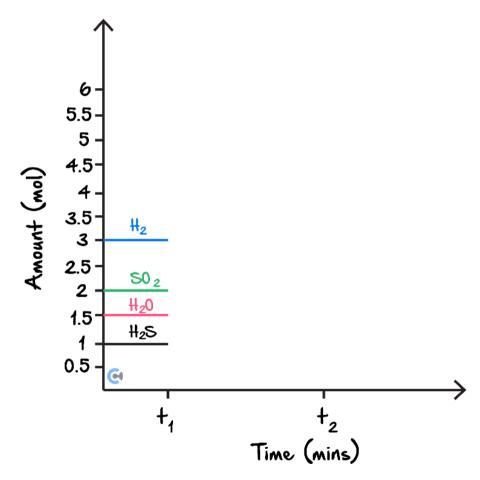
Aliya is investigating the following homogenous equilibrium system:

$$H_2S(g) + 2H_2O(g) \rightleftharpoons SO_2(g) + 3H_2(g)$$
 $K_c = 23.9 M$

Once equilibrium is established, Aliya tampers with the system by halving the volume of the vessel. Assume there is no effect on the temperature of the system.

a.

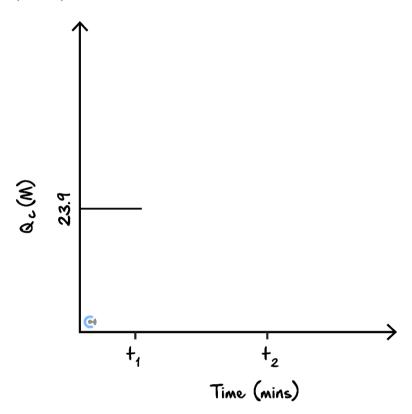
i. Sketch the amount-time graph below, where t_1 represents the point in time where Aliya halved the volume, and t_2 represents the point at which equilibrium is re-established. (2 marks)



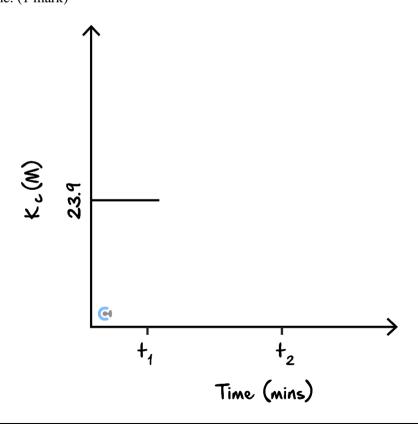
ii. Hence, or otherwise, outline what effect the imposed change had on the overall yield of hydrogen gas. (1 mark)



- **b.** For the same change described above, graph the following relationships.
 - i. Q_c against time. (1 mark)



ii. K_c against time. (1 mark)





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