Chem 10123, Quiz 2

Answer Key

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1. (3 points) Complete the equilibrium constant (K_c) expression for the following reaction.

$$H_3PO_4(aq) + 2 OH^{-}(aq) \implies HPO_4^{2-}(aq) + 2 H_2O_{(1)}$$

 $K_c = [HPO_4^{2-}] / [H_3PO_4][OH^{-}]^2$

- 2. (3 points) If $K_c = 125$ for this reaction: 2 A \implies 3 B + C, then the value of K_c for the related reaction: B + 1/3 C \implies 2/3 A, is equal to 0.20.
- 3. Consider the following reaction that is known to be endothermic ($\Delta H^{\circ} = 156 \text{ kJ}$).

$$N_2O_{(g)} + NO_{2(g)} \implies 3 NO_{(g)}$$

(a) (4 points) Which of the factors listed below would cause the equilibrium concentration of NO to increase? Circle all that apply.

add a catalystincrease the temperatureremove some NO2decrease the pressureadd some N2O

(b) (10 points) SHOW ALL WORK. Clearly state and justify any assumptions that you may make. At 27 °C, the above reaction has an equilibrium constant, $K_c = 2.70 \times 10^{-20}$. In one experiment, 0.020 moles of N₂O and 0.050 moles of NO₂ were added to an empty 1.00-liter container. Determine the molar concentration of NO in this system after equilibrium is established.

$$N_{2}O_{(g)} + NO_{2(g)} \implies 3 NO_{(g)}$$

$$I = 0.020 \text{ M} = 0.050 \text{ M} = 0$$

$$\frac{C - x - x + 3x}{E = 0.020 - x - 0.050 - x} = 3x$$

$$K_{c} = 2.70 \times 10^{-20} = [\text{NO}]^{3} / [\text{N}_{2}\text{O}][\text{NO}_{2}] = (3x)^{3} / (0.020 - x)(0.050 - x)$$
(assume x << 0.020, 0.050)
$$2.70 \times 10^{-20} \approx (3x)^{3} / (0.020)(0.050) \approx 27x^{3} / 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$x \approx 1.0 \times 10^{-8} \qquad \text{(assumption is valid)}$$

$$[\text{NO}] = 3x \approx 3.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$$