



End-of-Topic A4 Quick-Mark Homeworks

for GCSE AQA Combined Science
Chemistry Topics 6–10

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Teacher's Introduction

These End-of-Topic Quick-Mark Homeworks are designed to test and consolidate students' knowledge of the **AQA GCSE (9–1) Combined Science** course, **Chemistry Topics 6–10**.

The second half of the course is split into six topics, five of which are covered by approximately 50 questions, with one shorter 22-question test for a total of over 280 questions.

Remember!

Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample assessment material.

The questions increase in difficulty across each homework, with an extension section at the bottom of each homework. The **Fundamentals** section on each homework is targeted at students aiming for grade 4–5. The **Challenge** section is targeted at students aiming for grade 6. The **Extension** section is targeted at students aiming for grade 7 and above. All Higher-tier-only content is in the extension section, so the main body of the homework is suitable for students completing Foundation-tier exams.

All of the topics are in the same order as in the specification.

Maths questions and some shorter-answer questions may contain working or explanation that is not required in the answer so that students can more easily understand and follow difficult answers.

The homeworks are intended to be used at the end of each topic, but they can also be used at the end of the course to aid revision. Alternatively, you may choose to use them as tests in class or for students to work through by themselves or in pairs to test their understanding of the course material.

The first set of fundamentals questions for each homework are presented at the back of the pack for use with weaker students who may struggle with the full homework. These can be cut down to use one test at a time or to test two or three topics at a time.

Answers are presented at the back of the resource, enabling students to check their answers, or teachers to mark students' work, quickly and easily.

I hope you find this resource useful in your teaching.

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Specification Reference Table

Homework	Title	Specification Reference
1	Rates of Reactions	5.6.1
2	Reversible Reactions and Dynamic Equilibrium	5.6.2
3	Carbon Compounds as Fuels and Feedstock	5.7.1
4	Chemical Analysis	5.8
5	Chemistry of the Atmosphere	5.9
6	Potable Water and Life Cycle Assessments	5.10.1–5.10.2

Topic 1 — Rates of Reaction

Fundamentals

1. The concentration of acid used in an experiment is increased. How does this affect the rate?
2. Give the units of mean rate of reaction if the volume of product/reactant is measured.
3. Give the units of mean rate of reaction if the mass of product/reactant is measured.
4. What is the name given to the minimum amount of energy needed for a successful reaction?
5. In a rate graph, where do you find the steepest part of the curve?
6. Give the equation for the mean rate of reaction with respect to products.
7. What is the name given to a biological catalyst?
8. How does the reaction profile of a catalysed reaction compare to that of an uncatalysed one?
9. How does adding a catalyst affect the rate of a reaction?
10. Name two factors that affect the rate of a reaction involving a gas.
11. 30 cm³ of reactant A was used up in 89 s. Calculate the mean rate of reaction to 2 s.f.
12. Calculate the surface area of a cube with a side length of 3 cm.
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14. Give the equation for the mean rate of reaction with respect to reactants.
15. A chemical reaction took place in the solution cloudy. Suggest a way to record the rate of reaction.
16. State the conditions needed for a reaction to occur, according to collision theory.
17. Explain what is meant by the term 'higher concentration'.

1. 0.02 g of product was formed in 10 s. Calculate the mean rate of reaction to 2 s.f.
2. State the labels on a rate graph.
3. Is the tangent to a rate graph at the middle or end of the reaction?
4. Why are catalysts used? Write a balanced equation for a reaction that uses a catalyst.
5. Compare the activation energy of a catalysed reaction and an uncatalysed reaction.
6. Calculate the surface area of a cube with side length 4 cm.
7. Predict what will happen to the rate of a reaction if the concentration of a reactant is doubled.
8. Name two factors that affect the rate of a reaction involving a solution.
9. Predict what will happen to the rate of a reaction if the pressure is doubled.
10. 15.1 moles of reactant A were used up in 10 s. Calculate the mean rate of reaction to 2 s.f.
11. Why does the rate of a reaction change over a period of time?
12. Which catalyst would you use for a reaction involving a solid lump?
13. What does it mean when a reaction is 'first order'?
14. Explain what is meant by 'higher pressure'.
15. Particles react when they collide. What conditions must be met for a collision to lead to a reaction?
16. Describe how to measure the rate of a reaction produced using a gas.
17. Explain how a catalyst affects the rate of a reaction.

Extension

1. How does lowering the activation energy affect reaction rate?
2. Name three quantities that the amount of a substance can be measured in.
3. Which factor should you change to alter the energy that particles have?
4. Give the equation for calculating the gradient of a tangent.
5. Give the units of mean rate of reaction if the number of moles of product/reactant is measured.
6. Why does changing the pressure not alter the rate of this reaction? $A(s) + B(aq) \rightarrow C(g)$
7. 530 cm³ of product Z was made in 1 hour. Calculate the mean rate of reaction to 2 s.f.
8. Pressure of A and concentration of B are doubled. How is rate affected? $A(g) + B(aq) \rightarrow C(g)$
9. How is a catalyst affected by a reaction it does not take part in?
10. In a reaction, 19 g of Na was used up in 125 s. Find the rate of reaction in mol/s.
11. Predict what happens to the rate if the concentration of B doubles: $A(s) + B(aq) \rightarrow C(g)$
12. What happens to the rate of reaction if the size of the container is reduced? $A(g) + B(g) \rightarrow C(g)$
13. In a reaction, 6.2 g H₂ was formed at a rate of 0.079 mol/s. Find the time taken in s.
14. Why does a greater surface area increase the rate of reaction?
15. Describe how temperature affects reaction rate and explain this in terms of collision theory.
16. "If the temperature doubles, the rate doubles." Explain why this statement is incorrect.
17. Explain in terms of collision theory how reducing the pressure will affect the rate of a reaction.
18. Explain why keeping something cold slows down any reactions in it.

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Topic 2 — Reversible Reactions and Dyn

Fundamentals

1. In a balanced equation, what does the symbol \rightleftharpoons mean?
2. Write the equation for the reverse reaction: $2\text{SO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{SO}_3$
3. If a forward reaction is exothermic, what does this mean about the reverse reaction?
4. What does it mean for a system where forward and reverse reactions happen at the same rate?
5. A reversible reaction is heated to form products. How would you form the reactants again?
6. The backward reaction is being favoured. Where is the equilibrium position?
7. What happens to the amounts of products and reactants at equilibrium?
8. What is an exothermic reaction?
9. Is dissolving salt in water a reversible process?
10. Define the term 'reversible reaction'.
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1. How is equilibrium achieved?
2. If the position of equilibrium is being favoured?
3. How can you make a reaction...
4. Describe the relative rates of... at equilibrium.
5. A reaction is endothermic in the... What happens if the temperature...
6. State one thing in a reaction... than equilibrium position.
7. The energy change in a reaction... What is it in the reverse direction?
8. As temperature increases, the... What can you say about the reaction?
9. What happens if more water is added? $\text{BiCl}_3(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons \text{BiOCl}(\text{s}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$
10. Explain why a reaction involving... won't reach equilibrium.
11. What happens to a system in... reaction conditions is changed?
12. Where should the equilibrium... more products than reactants?
13. Define the term 'dynamic equilibrium'.
14. What happens to position of equilibrium and why? $\text{A}(\text{g}) + \text{B}(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons \text{C}(\text{g}) + \text{D}(\text{g})$
15. Describe the relative levels of... equilibrium position is to the left.
16. What happens to the amount of reactants is reduced at equilibrium?
17. Describe what you would see in a reaction: $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{NH}_3(\text{g}) + \text{HCl}(\text{g})$
18. There is no overall energy exchange in a reversible reaction. What does this mean?

Extension

1. If the equilibrium position is exactly halfway between reactants and products, what does this tell you about the reaction?
2. During a reversible reaction, more reactant is added. What happens to the equilibrium position?
3. How does adding a catalyst affect the position of equilibrium?
4. Anhydrous reactants are added to water to form hydrated products. How do you know the reaction is reversible?
5. Where must the equilibrium position be to maximise the yield of a reaction?
6. If temperature is decreased, which side of a reversible reaction is favoured?
7. Suggest a way to increase yield in this reaction: $2\text{SO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{SO}_3(\text{g})$
8. As temperature increases, the percentage of reactants increases. What can you tell about the reaction?
9. If pressure is increased, which side of a reversible reaction is favoured?
10. Describe what would happen to the amounts of A and B when the amount of C is increased in the reaction: $\text{A} + \text{B} \rightleftharpoons \text{C}$
11. Explain why combustion reactions can't reach equilibrium.
12. The forward reaction is exothermic. How does increasing temperature affect the position of equilibrium?
13. What happens to the equilibrium if NaCl was added, and why? $\text{PbCl}_2(\text{s}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Pb}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{Cl}^{-}(\text{aq})$
14. Explain what happens to the position of equilibrium if the pressure is increased: $2\text{SO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{SO}_3(\text{g})$
15. What does Le Chatelier's principle state?
16. Suggest why low temperatures aren't used in industry even if they favour product formation.
17. Describe a situation where high pressure would increase rate but decrease yield.

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Topic 3 — Carbon Compounds as Fuels

Fundamentals

- Write the general formula for alkanes.
- Give two examples of products of cracking that are useful to us.
- Name the chemical with the formula C_2H_6 .
- Using whole numbers, balance the combustion equation:
 $?C_2H_6 + ?O_2 \rightarrow ?CO_2 + ?H_2O$
- Name two products of complete combustion of a hydrocarbon.
- Predict the second product of the cracking of octane: $C_8H_{18} \rightarrow C_3H_6 + ?$
- Name the types of bonds present in an alkane.
- Name the alkane with four carbon atoms.
- Name the apparatus in which fractional distillation takes place.
- Give the condition(s) needed for complete combustion to occur.
- What product(s) form(s) instead of carbon dioxide in incomplete combustion of alkanes?
- Name the process by which hydrocarbons in crude oil are separated.
- Give one observation that would indicate that a fuel is not burning efficiently.
- Crude oil is a finite resource. Explain what the term 'finite resource' means.
- C_9H_{20} is cracked to form one product and another product. Give the chemical formula of the other product.
- What defines a molecule as a hydrocarbon?
- Define the term 'feedstock'.
- Compare the reactivity of alkenes and alkanes.

Extension

- Name the conditions required for steam cracking.
- Describe the colour change observed when bromine water is added to an alkene.
- Give two common uses of alkenes.
- Predict the chemical formula of the alkane with 20 carbons.
- Describe how viscosity changes as hydrocarbon size increases.
- An alkane fuel is burned in a container with poor air flow. Predict any observations.
- Define the term 'petrochemicals'.
- Alkanes are described as being 'saturated'. What does this mean?
- Describe the temperature distribution in a fractionating column.
- Ethane is bubbled through bromine water. Predict any observations.
- Name the phase change that must occur for fractions to be separated.
- Explain how hydrocarbons get separated out in fractional distillation.
- Name the conditions required for catalytic cracking and the effects they have.
- A machine needs a liquid fuel. Which is better suited, and why – $C_{30}H_{62}$ or C_7H_{16} ?
- Explain how molecular size affects boiling point in alkanes.
- Why are some hydrocarbon fractions more desirable than others?
- Cracking is a thermal decomposition reaction. What does this mean?

- Name the first four alkanes.
- Write the balanced equation for the combustion of propane.
- Write the chemical formula for an alkane with nine carbons.
- Name two non-fuel hydrocarbons from crude oil.
- What do all the different fractions have in common?
- In fractional distillation, name the hydrocarbons collected at the top and bottom.
- Describe how ease of combustion as size increases.
- Describe the difference in boiling points between C_4H_{10} and $C_{18}H_{38}$.
- Give two examples of products from oil fractions.
- Name the two types of cracking an alkane undergoes.
- Write the balanced equation for the combustion of methane.
- Describe how boiling point increases with molecular size.
- Why are alternative fuels being developed?
- Define the term 'hydrocarbon'.
- Why do alkanes and bromine water react?
- Crude oil is a fossil fuel. Describe how it is formed.
- Explain why cracking is necessary.
- Why are there so many different fractions from crude oil?

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Topic 4 – Chemical Analysis

Fundamentals

- On a chromatogram, the solvent moved 9.4 cm and a spot moved 7.1 cm. Calculate the R_f value.
- Describe the chemical test and positive result for identifying oxygen gas.
- What happens to a formulation if the components aren't in the correct ratios?
- Carbon dioxide is bubbled through lime water. Describe what you would see.
- A glowing splint is held over a test tube and a squeaky pop is heard. Identify the substance detected.
- Describe how litmus paper is used to detect chlorine gas.
- Describe a pure substance using everyday terms and chemistry terms.
- Two samples of a substance have melting points of 86 °C and 83 °C. Explain which sample is more impure.
- Define the term 'formulation'.

- Give the equation for the reaction of a substance with a reagent in a chromatogram.
- Describe the chemical test and positive result for identifying carbon dioxide.
- Identify the stationary phase in a paper chromatogram.
- Is air a pure substance?
- Describe the difference between a pure substance and a mixture.
- A chemist measures the melting point of a substance. How can they tell if it is pure?
- Explain why chromatography is a separation technique.
- Give three everyday examples of mixtures.

Extension

- What role does a solvent have in a formulation?
- A paint formulation contains 20 % solvent, 30 % pigment and 25 % binder. How much pigment is in 100 g of paint?
- Compounds have the same R_f value in a solvent – true or false?
- How does a substance interact with the mobile phase if it moves very far on a chromatogram?
- Explain why, in a paper chromatography experiment, the start line must be above the solvent level.

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Topic 5 — Chemistry of the Atmosphere

Fundamentals

1. What percentage of Earth's modern atmosphere is nitrogen?
2. Name two human activities that increase carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere.
3. Name three gases that are present in trace gases in the atmosphere.
4. What gas makes up, for example, 20 % of Earth's modern atmosphere?
5. In the 'greenhouse effect', what type of radiation is reflected back into space by the atmosphere?
6. Name an atmospheric pollutant that causes acid rain.
7. Name two human activities that increase methane levels in the atmosphere.
8. In the 'greenhouse effect', what type of radiation passes through the atmosphere?
9. Give the word equation for the sunlight-catalysed process that uses up CO₂.
10. Why does carbon monoxide present a hazard?
11. How would global temperature be different if the greenhouse effect didn't occur?
12. Describe how coal is formed.
13. List four possible effects of global climate change.
14. Describe how the atmosphere 4 billion years ago was different from the atmosphere today.
15. What causes sulfur dioxide to be released into the atmosphere?
16. Describe how volcanic activity billions of years ago changed the atmosphere.
17. Describe how the world's first oceans formed.

1. Roughly how long has the modern atmosphere been around?
2. Name one process that has led to a decreased atmospheric CO₂ level.
3. Name the process that has led to an increase in atmospheric O₂ levels.
4. Predict the atmospheric temperature at the combustion of ethanol.
5. List two problems caused by greenhouse gases released by the combustion of fossil fuels.
6. How is carbon monoxide produced?
7. Which city will have higher temperatures, London or the Arctic?
8. Predict the atmospheric temperature at the combustion of carbon monoxide.
9. State the first type of atmosphere on Earth.
10. Why did nitrogen levels increase in the early atmosphere?
11. How has the level of CO₂ changed over the past 200 years?
12. What effect is rising CO₂ levels likely to have on the climate?
13. Explain how the formation of the first CO₂ levels in the atmosphere.
14. Define the term 'carbon footprint'.
15. How did the formation of the first oceans affect the composition of the atmosphere?
16. Describe how limestone is formed.
17. Define the term 'global warming'.

Extension

1. The early atmosphere of Earth more closely resembled that of which planets?
2. A car produces 371 g of CO₂ on its journey. Calculate the number of moles of CO₂ produced.
3. Name a greenhouse gas that human activity has little effect on.
4. What pollutant is caused by diethyl sulfide contamination in fuels?
5. Why is carbon monoxide difficult to detect?
6. How can the amount of pollutants released from a fuel be reduced?
7. Name three materials formed over millions of years that initially reduced CO₂ levels.
8. Not all solar radiation reaches Earth. What happens to the rest?
9. Give three ways in which we can reduce our carbon footprint.
10. Why have CO₂ emissions increased so much in the last 100 years?
11. What is meant by the term 'peer review'?
12. What does the term 'carbon footprint' mean?
13. Explain why it is difficult to predict the effect of rising greenhouse gases on the climate.
14. Give three problems that make reducing the global carbon footprint difficult.
15. Explain how nitrous oxides are produced in a car engine.
16. Explain the correlation between global temperature and atmospheric CO₂ levels.
17. Why are there competing theories about Earth's early development?
18. Write a balanced equation for photosynthesis.

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Topic 6 — Potable Water and Life Cycle

Fundamentals

1. What does 'LCA' stand for?
2. Suggest a synthetic alternative to using wool in clothing.
3. Define the term 'finite resource'.
4. List three things we use Earth's resources for.
5. Suggest a source of renewable energy that could help replace fossil fuels.
6. Name two ways in which we can help in treating waste water.
7. Name two sterilising agents used to treat fresh water.
8. Define the term 'potable water'.
9. What non-renewable resource could solar power help to replace?
10. Name three ways in which we (as product users) can reduce the use of limited resources.
11. What is the name given to the liquid portion of sewage treated to be made drinkable?
12. Name three sources of fresh water used to make potable water in the UK.
13. Why is it more environmentally friendly to recycle than make new products?
14. Explain why sterilisation is needed when treating fresh water for drinking.
15. Explain why screening and filtration are needed when treating fresh water for drinking.
16. Is coal a renewable or finite resource? Explain your answer.
17. What does the process of desalination do?
18. Why is reverse osmosis an expensive process?

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1. Name two methods of obtaining fresh water from seawater.
2. What is the term given to the process of being killed down by bacteria?
3. In the treatment of wastewater, what is the effluent after primary treatment?
4. Name two things that are added to the effluent after primary treatment.
5. Give three sources of energy used in the treatment of wastewater.
6. How would the boiling point of pure water compare to that of an impure sample?
7. What is the purpose of the secondary treatment of wastewater?
8. Why do some countries desalinate their water from salt water?
9. Name three materials used in the construction of a water treatment plant.
10. How can a pH meter be used to test for the presence of acid and impure water samples?
11. What is meant by the term 'biochemical oxygen demand'?
12. Describe how distillation is used to purify water.
13. Describe how the semi-permeable membrane in reverse osmosis works.
14. Name the four key stages in a life cycle assessment.
15. Waste water treatment produces a sludge. How can this sludge be made useful?
16. A study states that 'the world's water resources will be depleted in 20 years'. State three ways in which we can help to conserve water.

Extension

1. What is the copper-containing solution produced by bacteria in bioleaching called?
2. What does 'low-grade' mean when referring to ores?
3. Name two ways in which copper metal can be obtained from copper compounds.
4. Write the ionic equation for the displacement of copper by iron.
5. How can cobalt chloride paper be used to test for the presence of water?
6. Which source of drinking water requires the most purification steps?
7. Suggest a disadvantage of using bioleaching to extract copper from ores.
8. Why might an LCA published by a manufacturer of a product be untrustworthy?
9. Name something that can't be easily quantified when carrying out an LCA.
10. Name three ways in which traditional copper mining damages the environment.
11. Describe how copper compounds can be extracted using phytomining.
12. Give two reasons why we need alternative methods of extracting copper from the ground.
13. Describe how scrap steel is used in the recycling of iron. How is this beneficial?
14. Compare the ease of obtaining potable water from groundwater, salt water and seawater.
15. Explain the advantages of using land to grow plants for phytomining.
16. Explain why it is difficult to estimate when a finite resource will run out.
17. When might the recycling of a material not be preferred to making it from scratch?

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Fundamentals Test

Topic 1 — Rates of Reactions

- 1 The concentration of acid used in an experiment is increased. How does this affect the rate of reaction?
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- 14 Explain why sterilisation is needed when treating fresh water for drinking.
- 15 Explain why screening and filtration are needed when treating fresh water.
- 16 Is coal a renewable or finite resource? Explain your answer.
- 17 What does the process of desalination do?
- 18 Why is reverse osmosis an expensive process?

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Answers

Topic 1 — Rates of Reactions

Fundamentals

1. Rate increases
2. cm^3/s
3. g/s
4. Activation energy
5. At the start
6. Amount of product formed \div time taken
7. An enzyme
8. Catalysed reaction has a smaller curve / lower activation energy
9. Increases the rate
10. Pressure, temperature
11. $0.34 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$
12. 54 cm^2
13. The steepness of the curve
14. Amount of reactant used up \div time taken
15. Place the reaction flask on top of a black cross and record the amount of time it takes for the solution to become completely opaque / the cross to no longer be visible
16. Particles must collide with each other, and with enough energy
17. There are more molecules of a substance dissolved in the same volume of solvent

Challenge

1. 0.000741 g/s
2. x-axis: time, y-axis: amount of product formed OR reaction rate
3. The start of the reaction
4. They don't get used up
5. Catalysed reaction has a lower activation energy
6. 3 : 5
7. The rate doubles
8. Temperature, concentration
9. The rate is halved
10. 0.0028 mol/s
11. The reaction has stopped
12. Powder
13. Draw a straight line that is parallel to the curve at a single point
14. The same number of gas molecules are in a smaller volume
15. Particles need to collide with enough energy (the activation energy)
16. Fill the cylinder with water and invert in a water bath. Place a delivery tube between the reaction vessel and measuring cylinder. Gas bubbles into the cylinder and the volume of gas at the top can be recorded.
17. It reduces the activation energy by providing an alternative reaction path. More particles now have enough energy to react, so the rate increases.

Extension

1. Rate increases
2. Mass; volume; amount of moles
3. Temperature
4. Change in y value
5. mol/s
6. There are no gas
7. $1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
8. Rate increases
9. It isn't / it doesn't
10. 0.0066 mol/s
11. Rate doubles / increases
12. The rate increases
13. 39 s
14. There are more particles and react, so the successful collisions
15. When temperature increases, particles have more energy and move more frequent and more energetic. The rate increases.
16. Rate is not proportional to change in temperature
17. A lower pressure means particles are further apart from each other. Collisions occur less frequently. Reaction is decreased.
18. Particles have less energy so fewer collisions are successful. The activation energy is higher.

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Topic 2 — Reversible Reactions and Dynamic

Fundamentals

1. The reaction is reversible
2. $2\text{SO}_3 \rightarrow 2\text{SO}_2 + \text{O}_2$
3. It is endothermic
4. Dynamic equilibrium
5. Cool it down
6. The left-hand side of the equation / the reactants side
7. They stay constant
8. A reaction where energy is given out
9. Yes
10. The products can react to form the reactants again
11. Initially fast; slows down as reactants are used up; constant when equilibrium is reached
12. There will always be some reactant present as the reactants continually reform from the products
13. Must occur in a closed system, reaction must be reversible
14. A container/system that reactants/products can't get into or out from
15. (In a reversible reaction) when the products react to reform the reactants
16. Some of the product will always react to reform the reactants

Challenge

1. A reversible reaction occurs in a closed system / in a system where reactants and products can't get out
2. The reverse reaction
3. Add a catalyst
4. They are the same
5. The products are formed/favoured
6. Rate of reaction
7. + 50 kJ
8. The forward reaction is endothermic
9. Position of equilibrium shifts to the right and products are favoured
10. The system is not closed
11. The system opposes the change to restore equilibrium
12. On the right-hand side of the equation
13. A stage in a reversible reaction where the forward and backward reactions are happening at the same rate and the amount of product/reactant stays constant
14. Changing the pressure has no effect because there is an equal number of moles of gas on each side
15. There are more reactants than products
16. Amount of product will reduce (and amount of reactant will increase)
17. Heating NH_4Cl : white powder decomposes and forms gas; cooling the gas: white powder reforms
18. The amount of energy given out by one reaction is equal to the amount taken in by the reverse reaction

Extension

1. Neither / both
2. The position of equilibrium favours the products
3. It has no effect
4. Evaporate the solvent
5. Far to the right
6. The exothermic reaction
7. Increase the pressure
8. The forward reaction
9. The side with fewer moles of gas
10. The amounts of reactants and products
11. The system is not closed
12. Equilibrium favours the forward reaction / takes in heat as the reaction is endothermic / The position of equilibrium shifts towards the reactants
13. Equilibrium position / the reactants / the products have been added
14. The equilibrium position / favour the forward reaction / moles of gas (the reaction is endothermic / the pressure)
15. If the conditions changed, the system will shift to minimise the effect of the change
16. At low temperature
17. In a reversible reaction, the amount of gas on the right-hand side of the equation is less than the amount of gas on the left-hand side

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Topic 3 — Carbon Compounds as Fuels and F

Fundamentals

1. C_nH_{2n+2}
2. Fuels / precursors for polymers / precursors for other chemicals / solvents / lubricants
3. Ethane
4. $2C_2H_6 + 7O_2 \rightarrow 4CO_2 + 6H_2O$
5. Carbon dioxide and water
6. C_5H_{12}
7. C-H and C-C
8. Butane
9. Fractional distillation column
10. A good supply of oxygen
11. Carbon particles / carbon monoxide
12. Fractional distillation
13. Burns with a smoky flame
14. Once the resource has been used up it can't be replenished
15. C_2H_4
16. It must contain only carbon and hydrogen atoms
17. A raw material for use in an industrial process
18. Alkenes are much more reactive

Challenge

1. Methane, ethane, propane, butane
2. $C_3H_8 + 5O_2 \rightarrow 4H_2O + 3CO_2$
3. C_9H_{20}
4. Polymers, solvents, lubricants, etc.
5. They are a similar size / have a similar number of carbon atoms / similar boiling point
6. At the top of the column
7. Flammability decreases
8. $C_{18}H_{38}$ is much more viscous
9. Petrol, diesel, kerosene, petroleum gas
10. Alkane and alkene
11. $CH_4 + 2O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O + CO_2$
12. Boiling point increases
13. Crude oil is a finite resource and one day will run out
14. A family of molecules with different numbers of CH_2 units. They all have the same functional group and similar physical properties.
15. Alkenes are more reactive than alkanes
16. Crude oil is found in rocks underground / under the ocean. It is made from dead sea creatures from millions of years ago that got buried under mud and sediment.
17. Smaller hydrocarbons are better for use in higher demand, and the larger alkanes or large hydrocarbons left over from fractional distillation which are less useful
18. Carbon has four bonds, leading to a large number of complex molecules, which group together to form families of similar compounds

Extension

1. Heat alkanes to steam and heat
2. Orange/brown
3. Feedstock for oil to make polymers
4. $C_{20}H_{42}$
5. Viscosity increases
6. Burns with a smoky flame
7. Products derived from the reaction
8. They have the same number of hydrogen atoms
9. Very hot at the top
10. No change / boiling point
11. Evaporation/volatilisation
12. The column is cooled at the bottom, therefore, as hydrocarbons condense at different boiling points)
13. Heat alkenes to steam and heat (zeolite) catalyst
14. C_7H_{16} – it will be a liquid / pour/flow
15. Larger molecules have stronger forces between them, making them harder to separate them
16. Smaller hydrocarbons are less viscous, making them easier to use e.g. as fuels
17. A reaction where the hydrocarbons are being heated

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Topic 4 — Chemical Analysis

Fundamentals

- 0.76
- Hold a glowing (not lighted) splint over the end of an open test tube – if the splint relights, oxygen gas is present
- It won't have the desired effect / won't be as efficient / might not be safe to use
- The liquid turns milky/cloudy
- Hydrogen gas
- Chlorine turns damp litmus paper white / bleaches it
- Every pure substance that hasn't had anything added to it / mixed in with it; chemistry: a substance that only contains one element or compound
- 83 °C (impurities lower the melting point of a substance)
- A mixture with components in fixed ratios that has been designed as a product

Challenge

- $R_f = \text{distance moved by substance} \div \text{distance moved by solvent}$
- Bubble gas through lime water (calcium hydroxide solution) – if carbon dioxide is present, the lime water turns cloudy
- Stationary phase: chromatography paper; mobile phase: solvent (e.g. water)
- No – it contains molecules/atoms of many different elements/compounds
- A pure substance has a single melting point; an impure substance melts over a temperature range (usually lower than the pure substance)
- The melting point is a single temperature (rather than a range of temperatures) and matches the value recorded in databases
- Each component of the mixture interacts with the stationary phase to a different extent and, therefore, moves a different distance, causing separation
- Fertiliser, medicines, cosmetics, cleaning products, fuels, pesticides, food products, cement, paints

Extension

- It keeps everything dissolved / well mixed
- 25 %
- False (R_f values change depending on the solvent used)
- Very strongly
- If the sample is below the solvent level, it will just dissolve into the solvent and not move up the paper

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Topic 5 — Chemistry of the Atmosphere

Fundamentals

- Between 78 % and 80 %
- Deforestation, burning fossil fuels
- Neon / krypton / xenon / carbon dioxide / water vapour / methane / NO_x compounds
- Oxygen
- Short-wave radiation
- Sulfur dioxide / SO₂ or nitrogen oxides / NO_x
- Agriculture / rice / growing / keeping livestock / land
- Long-wave radiation
- Carbon dioxide + water → glucose + oxygen
- It is toxic
- It would be much colder
- Dead material buried and compressed without oxygen for millions of years
- Ice caps melting / loss of habitat for wildlife / sea levels rising / damage to ecosystems / loss of freshwater supplies / more frequent drought and flooding / more severe storms / higher ocean temperatures / more acidic ocean water (due to extra CO₂)
- Barely any / no oxygen; very little nitrogen; lots of carbon dioxide
- Combustion of fuels containing sulfur impurities
- It greatly increased the amount of carbon dioxide and water vapour, and also introduced nitrogen, methane and ammonia
- Water vapour emitted by volcanoes condensed into liquid and fell as rain

Challenge

- 200 million years
- Dissolving in the oceans to form carbonates / formation of sediments and fossil fuels
- The evolution of photosynthesis
- CO₂, H₂O, CO, C
- Contributes to global dimming, causes respiratory problems
- Incomplete combustion
- London
- CO₂, SO₂, CO, C
- Algae
- It's unreactive so it didn't react to form other things
- Increased
- Rise in global average temperature
- CO₂ dissolved in the water and formed carbonates / precipitates/sediments so atmospheric CO₂ levels decreased
- The total amount of carbon dioxide / other greenhouse gases released over the life cycle of a product / transport / service
- CO₂ levels were reduced as formation captured carbon which was not rereleased
- Shells/bones of marine animals covered in sediment and heated/crushed
- A gas in the atmosphere that contributes to the warming of Earth by absorbing radiation

Extension

- Mars and Venus
- 8.43 moles
- Water vapour
- Sulfur dioxide
- It is colourless
- Increase combustion
- Limestone, coal
- It is reflected by clouds
- Use fewer fossil fuels / carbon capture / carbon-neutral
- Industrial Revolution / fossil fuels on a large scale
- Research is expensive / difficult to determine whether it is for publication or biased conclusion
- A process that releases greenhouse gases into the atmosphere
- Earth's climate is too complex to model – leads to many factors that affect climate
- Expensive / global warming / with population growth / public understanding / existing infrastructure
- The high temperature of the sun / to react with oxygen
- CO₂ is a greenhouse gas / higher the CO₂ levels the higher the global average temperature
- Nobody was there / degraded or buried
- 6CO₂ + 6H₂O → C₆H₁₂O₆ + 6O₂

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Topic 6 — Potable Water and Life Cycle Assessment

Fundamentals

1. Life cycle assessment
2. Nylon, acrylic, polyester, etc.
3. A resource that can't be replenished once it has been used up
4. Food, shelter, warmth, energy, transport, clothing, etc.
5. Solar/wind/hydroelectricity/fossil fuels/geothermal
6. Screening, filtration
7. Ozonation, ultraviolet light
8. Water that is safe to drink
9. Fossil fuels / coal / crude oil / natural gas
10. Reduce use of products, reuse products, recycle materials
11. Effluent
12. Rivers, lakes, reservoirs, groundwater sources, rain tanks
13. Recycling reduces the amount of raw materials that need to be extracted/processed, which are limited / cause environmental damage
14. To kill any microbes in the water
15. To remove debris and small solid particles, e.g. sand, from the water
16. Finite – it took millions of years to form and, once it has been used up, we can't make more
17. Obtains potable water from seawater / salt water
18. A lot of energy is used to generate the high pressure of the water

Challenge

1. Distillation, reverse osmosis
2. Biodegradable
3. Aerobic treatment – air is pumped through the tank and 'good' bacteria kill harmful bacteria
4. Minerals; (low levels of) microbes; dissolved gases
5. Toilets, baths, sinks, showers, factories, farms
6. Pure water boils at 100 °C; impure water boils at a higher temperature / impurities increase the boiling point of impure water
7. Particles settle out to form a sludge at the bottom
8. Limited sources of fresh water
9. (Some) plastic; metal; glass; paper; cardboard
10. Pure water has a pH of 7.0, whereas impure water will have a pH that is higher or lower than 7.0
11. Using resources in a way that does not deplete them, use them up so there is enough left for future generations
12. Water samples are taken – the water boils but the impurities remain, so they are left behind. Water vapour passes through a condenser and condenses as liquid in another container.

13. Salt water is put under high pressure – water is forced out but impurities are left behind
14. Obtaining raw materials, processing, maintenance; disposal
15. Sludge gets anaerobically digested and produces methane gas
16. Predictions are made about what the system is composed of, what will happen / stay the same, what will change / could be changed up by other students

Extension

1. Leachate
2. Ores that only contain small amounts of compounds
3. Electrolysis, displacement
4. $\text{Fe(s)} + \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{Cu(s)}$
5. It turns from blue to colourless
6. Waste water
7. It's a very slow process, only a small amount of copper is extracted
8. It could be biased, it shows that it's not a good method
9. Pollutants; CO_2 ; long-term impacts
10. Water/air pollution; of rock/soil; deforestation
11. Plants are grown to absorb copper from the soil. The plants are then harvested and the copper compounds are extracted from them.
12. High-grade copper is extracted using mining methods that cause pollution or pollution
13. Scrap steel is added to the process, which reduces the amount of iron that needs to be extracted from the ground
14. Groundwater is contaminated with salt water is easier to extract, less energy demand due to greater distance
15. Large areas of land are used by plants to extract copper, which could have been used for other resources
16. Rate of use might increase, we may not have as much as we have now
17. If recycling is more efficient than starting from scratch

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