# **GATE XL (Life Sciences) Chemistry**

# Chemical Equilibria:

# 1. Conceptual MCQ

## At equilibrium, which of the following statements is always true?

- (A) The concentrations of reactants and products are always equal.
- (B) The forward and reverse reaction rates are equal.
- (C) The reaction stops completely.
- (D) The equilibrium constant changes with the initial concentrations.

Answer: (B) The forward and reverse reaction rates are equal.

### 2. Numerical NAT

For the reaction:

N2O4(g)⇒2NO2(g)

The equilibrium constant KpK\_pKp at 25°C is **0.144**. If the total pressure at equilibrium is **1 atm**, calculate the partial pressure (in atm) of **NO**<sub>2</sub> at equilibrium.

## Answer: 0.401 atm

(Solution involves solving for PNO2P\_{NO\_2}PNO2 using equilibrium expressions.)

# 3. Thermodynamics MCQ

For an endothermic reaction, how does an increase in temperature affect the equilibrium position?

- (A) Shifts the equilibrium to the left
- (B) Shifts the equilibrium to the right
- (C) No effect on equilibrium position
- (D) Decreases the equilibrium constant

Answer: (B) Shifts the equilibrium to the right

(According to Le Chatelier's principle, an increase in temperature favors the endothermic direction.)

# 4. Le Chatelier's Principle MCQ

For the reaction:

 $CO(g)+2H2(g) \rightleftharpoons CH3OH(g) \setminus text{CO}(g) + 2 \setminus text{H}_2(g) \setminus text{CH}_3 \setminus text{OH}(g) \cap CO(g) + 2H2(g) \rightleftharpoons CH3OH(g)$ 

What will happen if the pressure of the system is increased by decreasing the volume?

- (A) More methanol is formed
- (B) More CO and H<sub>2</sub> are formed
- (C) No change in equilibrium composition
- (D) The equilibrium constant changes

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### Answer: (A) More methanol is formed

(Since methanol formation decreases the number of gas molecules, increasing pressure shifts equilibrium toward  $CH_3OH$ .)

# 5. Calculation-Based MCQ

For the reaction:

 $H_2(g)+I_2(g) \Rightarrow 2H_1(g) + 1_2(g) + 1_2(g) + 1_2(g) = 2H_1(g) \Rightarrow 2$ 

The equilibrium constant KcK\_cKc at 400°C is **50**. If the initial concentrations of  $H_2$  and  $I_2$  are **0.5** M each, and no HI is present initially, what is the equilibrium concentration of HI?

(A) 0.98 M (B) 0.45 M (C) 1.0 M (D) 0.90 M

## Answer: (C) 1.0 M

(Solution involves solving the quadratic equation from the ICE table.)