Le Chatelier's Principle: Assignment

- 1. Continuous removal of one of the products of a chemical reaction has the effect of causing the reaction to go to completion. Explain this in terms of Le Chatelier's principle, using suitable examples.
- 2. Explain how each of the following factors affects the amount of hydrogen gas present in an equilibrium mixture in the following reaction ...
 - $3 \text{ Fe}_{(s)} + 4 \text{ H}_2\text{O}_{(g)} \longrightarrow \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(s)} + 4 \text{ H}_{2(g)} \longrightarrow \Delta \text{H} = -150 \text{ kJ}$
 - a) raising the temperature of the mixture
 - b) introducing more steam
 - c) increasing the pressure
 - d) addition of a catalyst
 - e) decreasing the volume
- 3. In both the ammonia, NH₃, synthesis and the production of SO₃, according to ...

$$N_{2(g)} + 3 H_{2(g)} \xrightarrow{3, 7} 2 NH_{3(g)} \Delta H = -92 kJ$$

$$2SO_{2(g)} + O_{2(g)} \longrightarrow 2SO_{3(g)}$$
 $\Delta H = -180 \text{ kJ}$

The mole fraction at equilibrium of the desired product (NH₃, and SO₃), is greater at lower temperatures. Yet, the commercial production of these substances relatively high temperatures are used. Explain why this is so!

- 4. Define equilibrium in terms of ...
 - a) reaction rates
 - b) changes in observable properties
 - c) energy and entropy changes
- 5. Is sugar candy really bad for your teeth? Tooth decay is the result of the dissolving of tooth enamel, $Ca_5(PO_4)_3OH_{(s)}$. In the mouth the following equilibrium is established ...

$$Ca_{5}(PO_{4})_{3}OH_{(s)}$$
 \longrightarrow 5 $Ca^{+2}_{(aq)}$ + 3 $PO_{4}^{-3}_{(aq)}$ + $OH^{-1}_{(aq)}$

- a) When sugar ferments on the teeth, H^{+1} ion is produced. What effect does this increased H^{+1} ion have on tooth enamel?
- b) How would increased concentrations of Ca⁺² ions influence this system in chemical equilibrium? Suggest a method to increase the Ca⁺² ion concentration in your body.
- c) Research has indicated that if teeth are bathed in solutions containing appropriate amounts of Sr^{+2} ions or F^{-1} ions, the dissolving process may be reversed. Suggest an explanation for these findings.
- 6. Arsenic can be extracted from its ores by first reacting the ore with oxygen, (called roasting), to form solid As_4O_6 , which is then reduced using carbon ...

$$As_4O_{6(s)}$$
 + $6C_{(s)}$ \longrightarrow $As_{4(g)}$ + $6CO_{(g)}$

Predict the direction of the shift of the equilibrium position in response to each of the following changes in conditions ...

- a) addition of CO_(g)
- b) addition or removal of carbon or arsenic (III) oxide, As_4O_6
- c) removal of gaseous arsenic, As_{4(g)}