

Chapter 15 – Chemical Equilibrium (Syllabus)

Chemistry: The Central Science

(pgs. 622-663)

1. This Chapter is the beginning of the **MOST IMPORTANT** topic on the AP Exam!!!
 - Read the chapter a minimum of a couple of times (including all the Sample & Practice Exercises).
 - Try as many problems as possible.
 - An equilibrium problem is guaranteed to be the first problem on the AP Exam!!
 - The discussion of equilibrium will extend into Chapters 16 & 17.
2. Intro. & 15.1 (The Concepts Of Equilibrium): Basic terminology and concept setup (What is chemical equilibrium?)
3. 15.2 (The Equilibrium Constant):
 - Describe the Haber process and its significance.
 - The law of mass action
 - Equilibrium constant expressions (K_{eq} , K_c , and K_p)
 - How does K_c relate to K_p ? (on AP Equation sheet)
 - What does the magnitude of K tell us about the reactants and products?
 - How does the direction of a reaction relate to K ?
4. 15.3 (Understanding And Working With Equilibrium Constants):
 - What is significance of the size (magnitude) of K ?
 - What does the value of K relate to the direction of the chemical equation?
 - How does the balanced equation relate to K ?
5. 15.4 (Heterogeneous Equilibria):
 - Homogeneous vs. heterogeneous equilibria
 - What types of substances do not appear in the K expression? Explain.
6. 15.5 (Calculating Equilibrium Constants):
 - ✓ Calculations involving equilibrium concentrations, equilibrium partial pressures, and K (K_{eq} , K_c , and K_p)
 - ✓ Get to REALLY know the 4 steps to help you work through equilibrium problems (pg. 639).
 - ✓ This will take a lot of practice with the problems!!
7. 15.6 (Applications Of Equilibrium Constants): What is Q ? How does it relate to K ?
8. 15.7 (Le Châtelier's Principle):
 - ✓ How do different stresses on a system affect its equilibrium?
 - ✓ Stresses: changes in temperature, concentration, volume, pressure, and catalysts added to the system
9. Labs:
 - ❖ Experiment 15-1: Equilibrium Water Games (NOT IN LAB MANUAL)
 - ❖ LabQuest 10: Colorimetric Determination of an Equilibrium Constant (K_c) in Aqueous Solution
 - ❖ *(as time permits) Experiment 23: Chemical Equilibrium: LeChâtelier's Principle (or a similar lab)
10. Chapter 15 Exercises:
 - Visualizing Concepts & Exercises: #'s 1, 2, 13, 15, 3, 17, 21, 25, 27, 29, 32, 37, 41, 43, 45, 47, 53, 55, 61, 63 & 65
 - Additional Exercises: #'s 71, 74, 80, 83, & 91
 - Integrative Exercises: #'s 95 & 97
11. Ch. 15 Test: The test will be in about 2 weeks and will be about a 100 pt. test & may contain at least 1 AP Exam question.