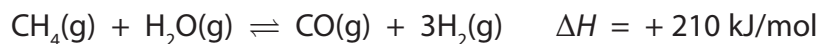


- 1 The hydrogen needed for the manufacture of ammonia is made by a process called steam reforming.

In this process, a mixture of methane and steam is passed over a nickel catalyst.

The equation for the reaction is



- (a) In this part of the question, assume that the reaction reaches a position of equilibrium.

- (i) Predict whether a high or low temperature would produce the highest yield of hydrogen.

Give a reason for your choice.

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- (ii) Predict whether a high or low pressure would produce the highest yield of hydrogen.

Give a reason for your choice.

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- (b) Explain how a catalyst increases the rate of a reaction.

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(c) Some of the carbon monoxide produced is removed in another reaction.

In this reaction, carbon monoxide is mixed with steam and passed over a heated catalyst.

The reaction is reversible and the carbon monoxide is oxidised to carbon dioxide.

(i) Write a chemical equation for this reaction.

(2)

(ii) Explain why the carbon in carbon monoxide is oxidised in this reaction.

(1)

(iii) The carbon dioxide produced can be removed by passing the gas through a solution of potassium carbonate, K_2CO_3

The potassium carbonate reacts with carbon dioxide and water to form potassium hydrogencarbonate, $KHCO_3$

Write a chemical equation for this reaction.

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(Total for Question 1 = 9 marks)