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HANDOUT-MODULE - 2/6

SUBJECT – CHEMISTRY CLASS – XI

UNIT – VII, EQUILIBRIUM

(CHEMICAL EQUILIBRIUM)

**Law of Mass action:** In 1864 Guldberg and Waage were presented this law. It states that: “At a given temperature, the rate of a chemical reactionat any instant is proportional to the product of molar concentration of reactants where the stoichiometric coefficients are raised in the form of power”.

For a chemical reaction:

A + B C + D

Rate of reaction α [A] [B]

Rate of reaction = k [A] [B] where k is proportionality constant

This law is applicable to write the law of chemical equilibrium.

**Law of Chemical equilibrium:** In a reversible chemical reaction, at equilibrium the rate of forward and backward reactions are same. For a chemical reaction:

A + B C + D kf [A] [B] = kb [C] [D] at equilibrium where Kc is equilibrium constant in term of concentration. This law can also be written in terms of pressure where all the reactants and products are gases, Kp = where Kp is equilibrium constant in terms of pressure.

Kp and Kc are related as follows:

Kp = Kc (RT)∆n where R is universal gas constant Equilibrium constant has no unit because it is ratio of activity

Mass action ratio ‘Q’ predict the direction of reaction

Hence, Mass action ratio Qc = When Q = K the reaction is at equilibrium When Q > K the reaction proceeds in backward direction and When Q < K the reaction proceeds in forward direction