Homework No 1 (Thermochemistry)

- 1. Calculate the stoichiometry air/fuel ratio of ethanol (C₂H₆O).
- 2. A furnace, operating at 1 atm (isobaric), uses preheated air to improve its fuel efficiency. Determine the adiabatic flame temperature when the furnace is run at a mass air/fuel ratio of 18 for air and fuel mixture preheated to 600 K. Assuming the following simplified thermodynamic properties:

$$\begin{split} T_{ref} &= 300 \ K \\ M_{fuel} &= M_{air} = M_{prod} = 29 \ kg/kmol \\ c_{p,fuel} &= 3500 \frac{J}{kgK}, c_{p,air} = c_{p,prod} = 1200 \frac{J}{kgK} \\ \bar{h}_{f,air}^0 &= \bar{h}_{f,prod}^0 = 0 \\ \bar{h}_{f,fuel}^0 &= 1.16 \times 10^9 \ J/kmol \end{split}$$

- 3. Consider a chemical reaction $N_2 + O_2 \Leftrightarrow 2NO$ at 1 atm and 2400 K, calculate the standard-state Gibbs functions change, and the equilibrium constant K_p .
- 4. Use the principle of Le Châtelier, describe the effect of pressure on the equilibrium for the following reactions, indicating if pressure increases, the reaction will shift to which side (make a short explanation):

$$O_2 \Leftrightarrow 20$$
 (1)

$$N_2 + O_2 \Leftrightarrow 2NO$$
 (2)

$$CO + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \Leftrightarrow CO_2$$
 (3)