## CHEM 142 Exam 3 Study Guide Chapter 15: Acid-Base Equilibria

## A. Terminologies and Concepts

- 1. Bronsted-Lowry definitions acids vs. bases; give examples
- 2. Amphoteric substances define and give examples
- 3. Salts define and give examples
- 4. Conjugate acid-base pairs define and give examples
- 5. Acid-base indicators define and give examples
- 6. Strong vs. weak acids define and give examples
- 7. Strong vs. weak bases define and give examples
- 8. Polyprotic acids define and give examples
- 9. Acid ionization vs. base dissociation equations
- 10. Autoprotolysis (or autoionization) of water
- 11. pH, pOH, [H<sup>+</sup>], [OH<sup>-</sup>], K<sub>w</sub>
- 12. Explain the importance of pH control in:
  - (a) Blood (circulatory system)
  - (b) Agriculture (soil pH)
  - (c) Environment (e.g. lakes and rivers)
  - (d) Stomach
- 13. Discuss two ways of controlling pH
- 14. Define neutralization. What are the products of neutralization?
- 15. Given the reactants of a neutralization reaction, write the formulas of the products formed.
- 16. What are buffers?
- 17. Identify species that can act as buffers.
- 18. Explain what happens to the pH of a buffer solution if a small amount of HI is added.
- 19. Explain what happens to the pH of a buffer solution if a small amount of Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> is added.
- 20. Calculate the pH of buffer solutions using the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation
- 21. Write the ionic species produced when an insoluble salt is in equilibrium with its ions.
- 22. Write the solubility product constant expression for a given salt.

## **B.** Problem-Solving

1. For each of the following reactions, indicate the Bronsted-Lowry acids and bases, as well as the conjugate acid-base pairs. (For simplicity, the subscript (aq) has been omitted, but all species are aqueous.)

a) 
$$SO_4^{2-}$$
 + HClO  $\Leftrightarrow$  HSO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> + ClO<sup>-</sup>  
b) Fe(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> + H<sub>2</sub>O  $\Leftrightarrow$  Fe(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>5</sub>(OH)<sup>+</sup> + H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>  
c) HNO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O  $\Leftrightarrow$  NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> + H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>

d)  $CH_3NH_3^+ + HSO_4^- \Leftrightarrow CH_3NH_2 + H_2SO_4$ 

2. According to the Bronsted-Lowry theory, which of the following would you expect to act as an acid? Which as a base? Which is ampotheric?

a)  $NH_4^+$  b)  $CN^-$  c)  $O^{2-}$  d)  $HNO_2$  e)  $HPO_3^{2-}$  f)  $CHO_2^{-}$ 

3. Complete the table below by writing the formula of the conjugate acid or conjugate base of each of the following species. You must provide the <u>correct ionic charge</u>, if applicable.

Conjugate acid	Conjugate base	Conjugate acid	Conjugate base
H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>			PO <sub>4</sub> -3
	Br	$\mathrm{NH_4}^+$	
	ClO		$C_2H_3O_2^-$
HBrO <sub>2</sub>		$H_2SO_4$	
CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>			C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>

4. Consider the following weak acids and their corresponding pKa's.

Weak acid (WA):	HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	$\mathrm{NH_4}^+$	HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	HCNO
$K_a$ :	2.3 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	5.6 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	$4.2 \times 10^{-13}$	3.5 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
$pK_a$ :				
Conjugate base:				
$K_b$ :				
$pK_b$ :				

a) For each acid, write the formula of its conjugate base at the space provided.

b) For each acid, calculate the  $pK_a$  as well as  $K_b$  and  $pK_b$  of its conjugate base. Write your answer at the space provided.

c) Which of the weak acids above is the strongest acid? Which is the weakest? Justify your answer.

d) Which of the conjugate bases above is the strongest base? Which is the weakest? Justify your answer.

e) Write the chemical equation for the reaction between ammonia, NH<sub>3</sub>, and the weak acid cyanic acid, HCNO. Using the K<sub>a</sub>'s provided or given in the text, calculate the value of the equilibrium constant for this reaction.

5. Write the ionization equation and the  $K_a$  expression for each of the following acids: a) HSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>

b) HBrO<sub>2</sub>

c) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>

6. Write the ionization (also called hydrolysis) equation and K<sub>b</sub> expression for each of the following bases:
a) S<sup>2-</sup>

b) ClO<sup>-</sup>

c)  $H_2PO_4^-$ 

7. Calculate the [H<sup>+</sup>], [OH], pH and % ionization of a 0.250 M acetic acid (HC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>). K<sub>a</sub> for acetic acid at 25  $^{0}$ C is 1.8 x 10<sup>-5</sup>.

8. (Adapted from Brown et al., 2009) Niacin, one of the B vitamins, has the molecular formula  $HC_5H_4NCO_2$ . A 0.020 M solution of niacin has a pH of 3.26. What is the acid dissociation constant,  $K_a$ , for niacin?

- 9. (a) Write the base ionization of and the K<sub>b</sub> expression for trimethylamine, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>N, a gas with a fishy, ammonia-like odor.
  - (b) An aqueous solution that is 0.25 M (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>N has a pH of 11.63. What is the  $K_b$  for (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>N? Show your work and include the correct unit in your answers.

10. Note whether aqueous solutions of each of the following salts will be acidic, basic or neutral. Explain your answer.

(a) NaI

(b) NaCHO<sub>2</sub>

(c) KIO

(d) Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

(e) NH<sub>4</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub>

11. Calculate the pH of each of the following aqueous solutions.

a) 0.175 g KOH dissolved in enough water to make 750 mL of solution

b) 0.350 M solution of HClO<sub>4</sub>

c) 0.175 M solution of  $NH_3$  (K<sub>b</sub> for  $NH_3 = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ )

d) 0.33 M solution of Ca(ClO)<sub>2</sub> (K<sub>b</sub> for ClO<sup>-</sup> =  $3.3 \times 10^{-7}$ )

11. Calculate the pH – *Cont*.

e) 0.555 M NH<sub>4</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub> (K<sub>b</sub> for NH<sub>3</sub> =  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ )

f) 1.55 M solution of KCl

- 12. For each of the following acid-base pairs, indicate the pair that will function as buffer. Explain your answer.
  - a) NaHSO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> and Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>
  - b) HCl and KCl
  - c) NaOH and H<sub>2</sub>O
  - d)  $HC_2H_3O_2$  and  $NaC_2H_3O_2$
  - e) HClO and KClO
  - f) CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>Cl and CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>

13. Calculate the pH of a buffer solution prepared by mixing 20.0 g NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (FW 53.56 g/mol) and 0.50 mol NH<sub>3</sub> to make a 100 mL solution. ( $K_b$  NH<sub>3</sub> = 1.8 x 10<sup>-5</sup>)

- 14. Calculating pH during titration: Work on Chapter 16 Problems 68, 72 and 74 (Tro, p. 764)
- 15. Write the equation for the dissociation of each of the following sparingly soluble salts and the corresponding solubility product constant expression.

a) Ag<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub>

b) Ca<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>