

**17 • Acid-Base Equilibria****PRACTICE TEST**

- In the equation,
 
$$\text{HCN}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{CN}^-(\text{aq})$$
  - $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  is an acid and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is its conjugate base.
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  - $\text{HCN}$  is a base and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is its conjugate acid.
  - Both  $\text{HCN}$  and  $\text{CN}^-$  can function as acids.
- Which of the following would not be expected to function as a Brønsted-Lowry base?
  - $\text{NH}_3$
  - $\text{NH}_4^+$
  - $\text{O}^{2-}$
  - $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
  - $\text{OH}^-$
- All of the following are acid-base conjugate pairs EXCEPT
  - $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{NH}_2^-$ .
  - $\text{OH}^-$  and  $\text{O}^{2-}$ .
  - $\text{NH}_4^+$  and  $\text{NH}_3$ .
  - $\text{HCN}$  and  $\text{HOCN}$ .
  - $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$ .
- Which is the strongest acid?
  - Ascorbic acid,  $K_a = 8.0 \times 10^{-5}$
  - Benzoic acid,  $K_a = 6.5 \times 10^{-5}$
  - 3-chlorobenzoic acid,  $K_a = 1.5 \times 10^{-4}$
  - 2-hydroxybenzoic acid,  $K_a = 1.1 \times 10^{-3}$
  - Chloroacetic acid,  $K_a = 1.4 \times 10^{-3}$
- Which of the following is a weak electrolyte in aqueous solution?
  - $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$
  - $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
  - $\text{HI}$
  - $\text{HNO}_3$
  - $\text{HClO}_3$
- What is the pH of a  $4.2 \times 10^{-4}$  M  $\text{HBr}$  solution?
  - 2.80
  - 3.38
  - 3.80
  - 4.20
  - 4.62
- The conjugate base of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is
  - $\text{H}^+$
  - $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$
  - $\text{O}^{2-}$
  - $\text{HOH}$
  - $\text{OH}^-$
- The hydronium ion concentration of a solution is  $1.34 \times 10^{-4}$  M. The pH of the solution is
  - 3.00
  - 3.40
  - 3.87
  - 4.00
  - 4.13
- A solution which has a pH of 12.8 would be described as
  - very acidic
  - slightly acidic
  - neutral
  - slightly basic
  - very basic
- Given that  $K_a$  for  $\text{HNO}_2$  is  $5.0 \times 10^{-4}$ , calculate the equilibrium constant for the reaction
 
$$\text{NO}_2^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{HNO}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$$
  - $2.0 \times 10^{-11}$
  - $2.0 \times 10^{-4}$
  - $5.0 \times 10^{-4}$
  - $2.0 \times 10^3$
  - $5.0 \times 10^{10}$
- Under the Lewis concept of acids and bases, a base is
  - a proton donor.
  - a proton acceptor.
  - an electron pair acceptor.
  - an electron pair donor.
  - a hydroxide ion donor.

12. Knowing that  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  is a stronger acid than  $\text{HCN}$ , determine, if possible, in which direction the following equilibrium lies.  
 $\text{HCN}(\text{aq}) + \text{HS}^-(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{CN}^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{aq})$   
 a) equilibrium lies to the left (reactant-favored)  
 b) equilibrium lies to the right (product-favored)  
 c) equilibrium is perfectly balanced left & right  
 d) can be determined if the relative acidity of  $\text{HS}^-$  is given  
 e) cannot be determined
13. A 0.20 M solution of an acid,  $\text{HA}$ , has a pH of 3.82 at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . What is the  $K_a$  for this acid?  
 a)  $7.6 \times 10^{-4}$                       d)  $2.3 \times 10^{-8}$   
 b)  $4.5 \times 10^{-5}$                       e)  $4.5 \times 10^{-9}$   
 c)  $1.1 \times 10^{-7}$
14. Hydrogen sulfide is a weak diprotic acid. What is the pH of a 0.10 M  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  solution? ( $K_{a1} = 1.0 \times 10^{-7}$  and  $K_{a2} = 1.3 \times 10^{-13}$ )  
 a) 1.0                                      d) 5.5  
 b) 3.5                                      e) 10.4  
 c) 4.0
15. Consider the following acids:  
 $\text{HClO}_3, \text{HClO}_4, \text{HIO}_3, \text{HIO}_2$   
 When listed from **weakest** to **strongest**, the order would be:  
 a)  $\text{HIO}_2 < \text{HIO}_3 < \text{HClO}_3 < \text{HClO}_4$   
 b)  $\text{HClO}_4 < \text{HClO}_3 < \text{HIO}_3 < \text{HIO}_2$   
 c)  $\text{HIO}_2 < \text{HClO}_3 < \text{HIO}_3 < \text{HClO}_4$   
 d)  $\text{HClO}_3 < \text{HClO}_4 < \text{HIO}_2 < \text{HIO}_3$   
 e)  $\text{HIO}_3 < \text{HIO}_2 < \text{HClO}_4 < \text{HClO}_3$
16. Calculate the dissociation constant,  $K_a$ , of an acid if a 1.00 M solution of the acid has a pH of 3.18.  
 a)  $4.4 \times 10^{-7}$                       d)  $6.6 \times 10^{-3}$   
 b)  $4.4 \times 10^{-6}$                       e)  $3.2 \times 10^{-3}$   
 c)  $6.6 \times 10^{-4}$
17. What is the pH of a 0.054 M  $\text{NaOH}$  solution?  
 a) 1.14                                      d) 12.73  
 b) 1.27                                      e) 13.95  
 c) 8.64
18. What is the pH of a 0.144 M solution of  $\text{NaF}$ ?  
 $K_a$  for  $\text{HF} = 7.1 \times 10^{-4}$   
 a) 5.85                                      d) 8.15  
 b) 7.00                                      e) 9.12  
 c) 7.15
19. Of the following salts, which one forms a 0.1 M solution with the lowest pH?  
 a)  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$                                   d)  $\text{NaNO}_2$   
 b)  $\text{KC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$                               e)  $\text{NaCl}$   
 c)  $\text{KBr}$
20. What is the pH of 0.200 M  $\text{HCN}$  ( $K_a = 4.0 \times 10^{-10}$ )?  
 a) 4.70                                      d) 5.70  
 b) 5.05                                      e) 10.10  
 c) 5.20
21. Which one of the following salts when added to pure water will not change the pH?  
 a)  $\text{NaHCO}_3$                                   d)  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$   
 b)  $\text{NaHSO}_4$                                   e)  $\text{NaBr}$   
 c)  $\text{NaCN}$
22. Hydrogen sulfide is a weak diprotic acid. What is the  $[\text{S}^{2-}]$  in a 0.10 M  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  solution? ( $K_{a1} = 1.0 \times 10^{-7}$  and  $K_{a2} = 1.3 \times 10^{-13}$ )  
 a)  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$                               d)  $1.3 \times 10^{-14}$   
 b)  $1.0 \times 10^{-7}$                               e)  $1.3 \times 10^{-20}$   
 c)  $1.3 \times 10^{-13}$

**Answers:**

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