

## 18 • Acid-Base Reactions

1. HCN is a weak acid ( $K_a = 6.2 \times 10^{-10}$ ).  $\text{NH}_3$  is a weak base ( $K_b = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ ). A 1.0 M solution of  $\text{NH}_4\text{CN}$  would be  
 (A) strongly acidic (C) neutral  
 (B) weakly acidic (D) weakly basic

2. How many moles of  $\text{HCOONa}$  must be added to 1.0 L of 0.10 M  $\text{HCOOH}$  to prepare a buffer solution with a pH of 3.4? ( $\text{HCOOH } K_a = 2 \times 10^{-4}$ )  $pK_a = 3.7$   
 (A) 0.01 (C) 0.1 See scratch paper  
 (B) 0.05 (D) 0.2

3. The acid-base indicator methyl red has a  $K_a$  of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$ . Its acidic form is red while its alkaline form is yellow. If methyl red is added to a colorless solution with a pH = 7, the color will be  $\text{color changes at pH} = 4$   
 (A) pink (C) orange red < 4  
 (B) red (D) yellow yellow > 4  
 orange @ pH = 4

4. Which mixture forms a buffer when dissolved in 1.0 L of water?  
 (A) 0.2 mol  $\text{NaOH}$  + 0.2 mol  $\text{HBr}$  SB + SA  
 (B) 0.2 mol  $\text{NaCl}$  + 0.3 mol  $\text{HCl}$  SALT + SA  
 (C) 0.4 mol  $\text{HNO}_2$  + 0.2 mol  $\text{NaOH}$  =  $\text{HNO}_2 + \text{NO}_2^-$   
 (D) 0.5 mol  $\text{NH}_3$  + 0.5 mol  $\text{HCl}$   
 completely titrate =  $\text{NH}_4^+ \text{Cl}^-$

5. A buffer solution is prepared in which the concentration of  $\text{NH}_3$  is 0.30 M and the concentration of  $\text{NH}_4^+$  is 0.20 M. What is the pH of this solution? The equilibrium constant,  $K_b$  for  $\text{NH}_3$  equals  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ .  
 (A) 8.73 (C) 9.43  $pK_b = 4.74$   
 (B) 9.08 (D) 11.72

$$pOH = pK_b - \log \frac{[B]}{[HB^+]}$$

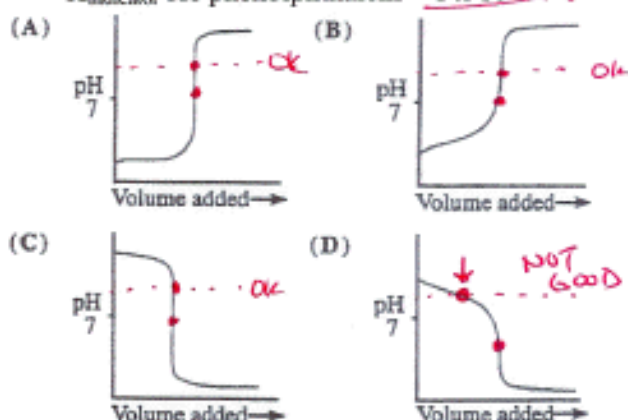
$$= 4.74 - \log \left( \frac{.30}{.20} \right)$$

$$= 4.74 - .176 = 4.56$$

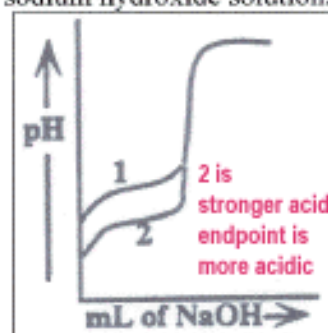
$$pH = 14 - pOH = 9.436$$

### PRACTICE TEST

6. For which titration would the use of phenolphthalein introduce a significant error?  $\text{phth changes color @ pH} = 9$   
 $K_{\text{indicator}}$  for phenolphthalein =  $1 \times 10^{-9}$



7. The titration curves labeled 1 and 2 were obtained by titrating equal volumes of two different acid samples with portions of the same sodium hydroxide solution.  $\text{conc's of acids are same because it takes the same amt of base to neutralize}$



What conclusions can be drawn about the relative concentrations and strengths of acids 1 and 2 from these curves?

- (A) The concentrations are the same but acid 1 is weaker than acid 2.  
 (B) The concentrations are the same but acid 1 is stronger than acid 2.  
 (C) Acid 1 is the same strength as acid 2, but it is less concentrated.  
 (D) Acid 1 is the same strength as acid 2, but it is more concentrated.

STRONGER ACID WILL LOWER THE pH of the neutralized solution.

8. A 0.100 M solution of acetic acid ( $K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ ) is titrated with a 0.1000 M solution of NaOH. What is the pH when 50% of the acid has been neutralized?

- (A) 2.38 (C) 5.70  
 (B) 4.74 (D) 7.00

HALF TITRATION  
 $pH = pK_a$   
 $= -\log 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$   
 $= 4.74$

9. The  $pK_a$  values for several acid-base indicators are given in the table. Which indicator should be used in the titration of a weak base with a strong acid?

Indicator, $pK_a$	
2,4-dinitrophenol	3.5
bromthymol blue	7.0
cresol red	8.0
alizarin yellow R	11.0

~~pH > 7~~  
 $pH < 7$   
acidic!

- (A) 2,4-dinitrophenol  
 (B) bromthymol blue  
 (C) cresol red  
 (D) alizarin yellow R

Scratch Paper

(2)  $pH = pK_a - \log \frac{[HA]}{[A^-]}$

$3.4 = 3.7 - \log \frac{(.10)}{x}$

$-.3 = -\log \frac{.10}{x}$

$.3 = \log \frac{.10}{x}$

$10^{.3} = \frac{.10}{x}$

$2.0 = \frac{.10}{x}$

$x = \frac{.10}{2.0} = \boxed{.050}$