

112-2 semester General Chemistry Midterm Exam (C) -20240417

MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1) Which one of the following pairs cannot be mixed together to form a buffer solution?

- A) NaCl, HCl
- B) RbOH, HF
- C) H_2SO_3 , KHSO_3
- D) KOH, HNO_2
- E) HONH_2 , HONH_3Cl

Answer: A

2) What change will be caused by addition of a small amount of HCl to a solution containing fluoride ions and hydrogen fluoride?

- A) The concentration of hydrogen fluoride will decrease and the concentration of fluoride ions will increase.
- B) The concentration of fluoride ion will decrease and the concentration of hydrogen fluoride will increase.
- C) The concentration of fluoride ions will increase as will the concentration of hydronium ions.
- D) The concentration of hydronium ions will increase significantly.
- E) The fluoride ions will precipitate out of solution as its acid salt.

Answer: B

3) In a solution, when the concentrations of a weak acid and its conjugate base are equal, _____.

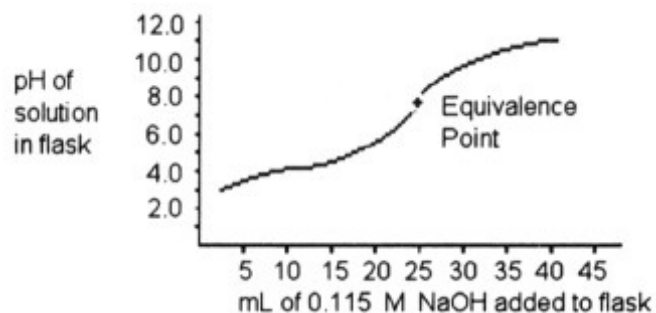
- A) the buffering capacity is significantly decreased
- B) the system is not at equilibrium
- C) the $-\log$ of the $[\text{H}^+]$ and the $-\log$ of the K_a are equal
- D) All of the above are true.

Answer: C

4) Which solution has the greatest buffering capacity?

- A) 0.085 M NH_3 and 0.090 M NH_4Cl
- B) 0.540 M NH_3 and 0.550 M NH_4Cl
- C) 0.200 M NH_3 and 0.565 M NH_4Cl
- D) 0.335 M NH_3 and 0.100 M NH_4Cl
- E) They are all buffer solutions and would all have the same capacity.

Answer: B



5) A 50.0 mL sample of a solution of a monoprotic acid is titrated with a 0.115 M NaOH solution. The titration curve above was obtained. The concentration of the monoprotic acid is about _____ mol/L.

- A) 0.120
- B) 0.0600
- C) 0.240
- D) 25.0
- E) 0.100

Answer: B

Consider the following table of K_{sp} values.

Name	Formula	K_{sp}
Cadmium carbonate	$CdCO_3$	5.2×10^{-12}
Cadmium hydroxide	$Cd(OH)_2$	2.5×10^{-14}
Calcium fluoride	CaF_2	3.9×10^{-11}
Silver iodide	AgI	8.3×10^{-17}
Zinc carbonate	$ZnCO_3$	1.4×10^{-11}

6) Which compound listed below has the greatest molar solubility in water?

- A) $Cd(OH)_2$ B) $ZnCO_3$ C) CaF_2 D) AgI E) $CdCO_3$

Answer: C

7) In which one of the following solutions is silver chloride the most soluble?

- A) 0.200 M HCl
B) 0.0150 M NH_3
C) pure H_2O
D) 0.750 M $LiNO_3$
E) 0.185 M KCl

Answer: B

8) A result of the common-ion effect is _____.

- A) that ions such as K^+ and Na^+ are common ions, so that their values in equilibrium constant expressions are always 1.00
B) that some ions, such as Na^+ (aq), frequently appear in solutions but do not participate in solubility equilibria
C) that common ions precipitate all counter-ions
D) that common ions, such as Na^+ (aq), don't affect equilibrium constants
E) that the selective precipitation of a metal ion, such as Ag^+ , is promoted by the addition of an appropriate counterion (X^-) that produces a compound (AgX) with a very low solubility

Answer: E

9) Calculate the pH of a solution that is 0.278 M in sodium formate ($NaHCO_2$) and 0.222 M in formic acid (HCO_2H). The K_a of formic acid is 1.77×10^{-4} .

- A) 10.16 B) 4.954 C) 3.647 D) 3.843 E) 13.90

Answer: D

10) When argon is placed in a container of neon, the argon spontaneously disperses throughout the neon because _____.

- A) of the large attractive forces between argon and neon atoms
B) of solvent-solute interactions
C) the dispersion of argon atoms produces an increase in disorder
D) of hydrogen bonding
E) a decrease in energy occurs when the two mix

Answer: C

- 11) In a saturated solution of a salt in water, _____.
- A) the rate of crystallization > the rate of dissolution
 - B) addition of more water causes massive crystallization
 - C) the rate of crystallization = the rate of dissolution
 - D) the rate of dissolution > the rate of crystallization
 - E) seed crystal addition may cause massive crystallization

Answer: C

- 12) The solubility of nitrogen gas at 25 °C and 101.325 kPa is 6.8×10^{-4} mol/L. If the partial pressure of nitrogen gas in air is 77.01 kPa, what is the concentration (molarity) of dissolved nitrogen?
- A) 6.8×10^{-4} M B) 5.2×10^{-4} M C) 3.8×10^{-4} M D) 1.1×10^{-5} M E) 4.9×10^{-4} M

Answer: B

- 13) Which of the following statements is false?
- A) Nonpolar liquids tend to be insoluble in polar liquids.
 - B) The solubility of gases in water decreases with increasing temperature.
 - C) The solubility of a gas increases in direct proportion to its partial pressure above the solution.
 - D) The weaker the attraction between the solute and solvent molecules, the greater the solubility.
 - E) Substances with similar intermolecular attractive forces tend to be soluble in one another.

Answer: D

- 14) Which one of the following concentration units varies with temperature?
- A) molality
 - B) molarity
 - C) mass percent
 - D) mole fraction
 - E) all of the above

Answer: B

- 15) The magnitudes of K_f and of K_b depend on the identity of the _____.
- A) solution
 - B) solute
 - C) solute and solvent
 - D) solvent
 - E) solvent and on temperature

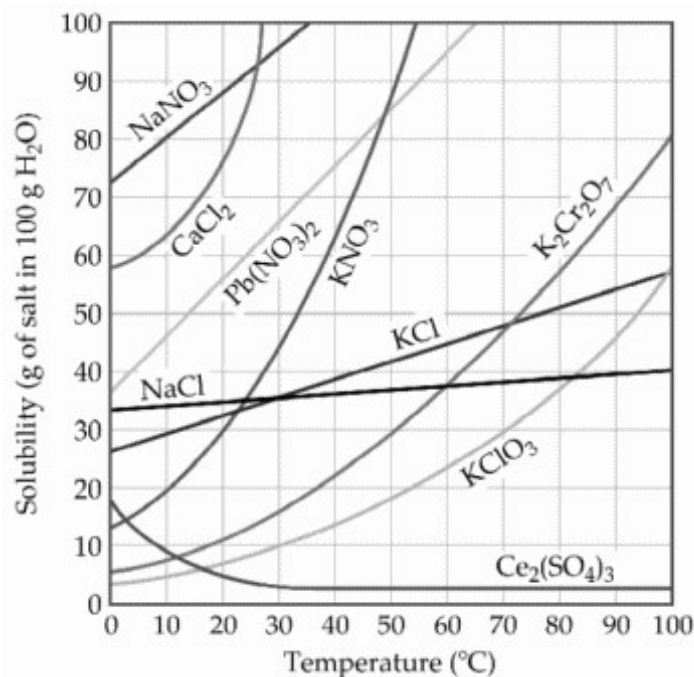
Answer: D

- 16) Which of the following liquids will have the lowest freezing point?
- A) pure H₂O
 - B) aqueous FeI₃ (0.24 m)
 - C) aqueous KF (0.50 m)
 - D) aqueous glucose (0.60 m)
 - E) aqueous sucrose (0.60 m)

Answer: C

- 17) Colligative properties of solutions include all of the following except _____.
- A) depression of the freezing point of a solution upon addition of a solute to a solvent
 - B) the increase of reaction rates with increase in temperature
 - C) elevation of the boiling point of a solution upon addition of a solute to a solvent
 - D) depression of vapor pressure upon addition of a solute to a solvent
 - E) an increase in the osmotic pressure of a solution upon the addition of more solute

Answer: B



- 18) A 81.5 g sample of calcium chloride is dissolved in 102 g of water at 45 °C (See the figure above). The solution is cooled to 20.0 °C and no precipitate is observed. This solution is _____.
- A) hydrated
 - B) placated
 - C) saturated
 - D) unsaturated
 - E) supersaturated

Answer: E

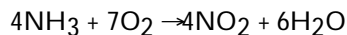
- 19) What is the molarity of a 7.00% by mass ammonium chloride aqueous solution at 20 °C? Density of the solution is 1.0198 g/mL.
- A) 1.41
 - B) 0.146
 - C) 6.86
 - D) 1.33
 - E) 0.133

Answer: D

- 20) Under constant conditions, the half-life of a first-order reaction _____.
- A) does not depend on the initial reactant concentration
 - B) can be calculated from the reaction rate constant
 - C) is constant
 - D) is the time necessary for the reactant concentration to drop to half its original value
 - E) All of the above are correct.

Answer: E

21) Which one of the following is not a valid expression for the rate of the reaction below?



A) $\frac{1}{4} \frac{\Delta[\text{NO}_2]}{\Delta t}$

B) $\frac{1}{6} \frac{\Delta[\text{H}_2\text{O}]}{\Delta t}$

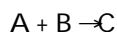
C) $-\frac{1}{4} \frac{\Delta[\text{NH}_3]}{\Delta t}$

D) $-\frac{1}{7} \frac{\Delta[\text{O}_2]}{\Delta t}$

E) All of the above are valid expressions of the reaction rate.

Answer: E

The data in the table below were obtained for the reaction:



Experiment Number	[A] (M)	[B] (M)	Initial Rate (M/s)
1	0.451	0.885	1.13
2	0.451	1.77	1.13
3	1.35	0.885	10.17

22) (See the table above) The rate law for this reaction is rate = _____.

A) $k[\text{P}]$

B) $k[\text{A}]^2$

C) $k[\text{A}]^2[\text{B}]^2$

D) $k[\text{A}][\text{B}]$

E) $k[\text{A}]^2[\text{B}]$

Answer: B

23) The rate constant of a first-order process that has a half-life of 3.50 min is _____ s^{-1} .

A) 0.198

B) 1.65×10^{-2}

C) 3.30×10^{-3}

D) 1.98

E) 0.693

Answer: C

24) The rate of a reaction depends on _____.

A) collision energy

B) collision orientation

C) collision frequency

D) all of the above

E) none of the above

Answer: D

25) In the Arrhenius equation,

$$k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$$

_____ is the frequency factor.

A) E_a

B) A

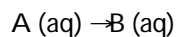
C) k

D) e

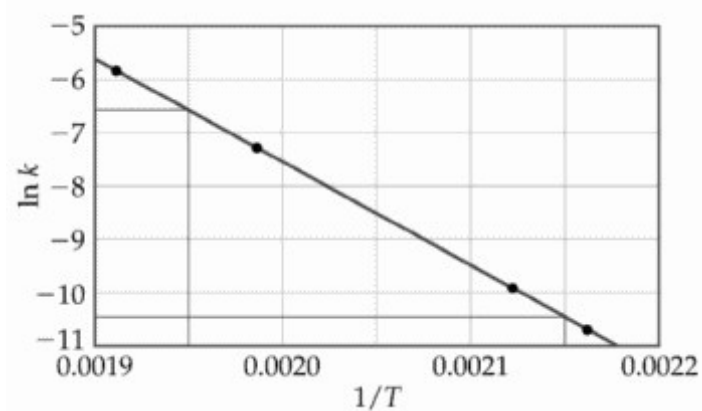
E) R

Answer: B

26) The decomposition of [A] in solution at 80 °C proceeds via the following reaction:



The dependence of the rate constant on temperature is studied and the graph below is prepared from the results.

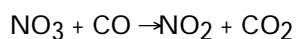


What is the energy of activation (kJ/mol) for this reaction?

- A) 4.4×10^{-7} B) 4.4×10^{-4} C) 1.6×10^5 D) 1.9×10^4 E) 160

Answer: E

27) For the elementary reaction

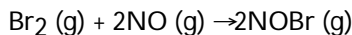


the molecularity of the reaction is _____, and the rate law is rate = _____.

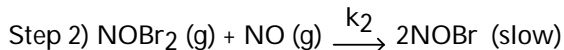
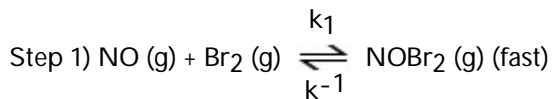
- A) 2, $k[NO_2][CO_2]$
B) 2, $k[NO_3][CO]/[NO_2][CO_2]$
C) 4, $k[NO_3][CO][NO_2][CO_2]$
D) 2, $k[NO_3][CO]$
E) 4, $k[NO_2][CO_2]/[NO_3][CO]$

Answer: D

28) A possible mechanism for the overall reaction



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What is the rate determining step for this reaction?

- A) step 1
- B) step 2
- C) reverse of step 2
- D) reverse of step 1
- E) both steps 1 and 2

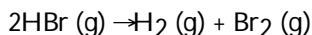
Answer: B

29) A catalyst can _____ the rate of a reaction by providing an alternative pathway with a _____ activation energy

- A) increase, lower
- B) decrease, constant
- C) increase, higher
- D) decrease, lower
- E) decrease, higher

Answer: A

30) The rate of disappearance of HBr in the gas phase reaction



is 0.190 M s^{-1} at 150°C . The rate of appearance of Br_2 is _____ M s^{-1} .

- A) 0.095 B) 0.0361 C) 2.63 D) 0.380 E) 0.436

Answer: A

31) At equilibrium, _____.

- A) all chemical reactions have ceased
- B) the rate constants of the forward and reverse reactions are equal
- C) the rates of the forward and reverse reactions are equal
- D) the value of the equilibrium constant is 1
- E) the limiting reagent has been consumed

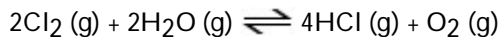
Answer: C

32) Which one of the following will change the value of an equilibrium constant?

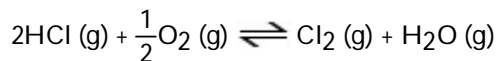
- A) changing the volume of the reaction vessel
- B) adding other substances that do not react with any of the species involved in the equilibrium
- C) varying the initial concentrations of products
- D) varying the initial concentrations of reactants
- E) changing temperature

Answer: E

33) The K_{eq} for the equilibrium below is 7.52×10^{-2} at $480.0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.



What is the value of K_{eq} at this temperature for the following reaction?



A) 0.274

B) 3.65

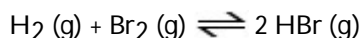
C) 5.66×10^{-3}

D) 13.3

E) -0.0376

Answer: B

34) Given the following reaction at equilibrium, if $K_c = 1.90 \times 10^{19}$ at $25.0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $K_p = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.



A) 1.90×10^{19}

B) 1.56×10^4

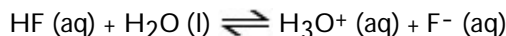
C) 5.26×10^{-20}

D) 6.44×10^5

E) none of the above

Answer: A

35) Which of the following expressions is the correct equilibrium-constant expression for the reaction below?



A) $[\text{HF}][\text{H}_2\text{O}] / [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{F}^-]$

B) $[\text{F}^-] / [\text{HF}]$

C) $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{F}^-] / [\text{HF}]$

D) $1 / [\text{HF}]$

E) $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{F}^-] / [\text{HF}][\text{H}_2\text{O}]$

Answer: C

36) Which of the following statements is true?

A) K_{eq} does not change with temperature, whereas Q is temperature dependent.

B) Q is the same as K_{eq} when a reaction is at equilibrium.

C) Q does not depend on the concentrations or partial pressures of reaction components.

D) K does not depend on the concentrations or partial pressures of reaction components.

E) Q does not change with temperature.

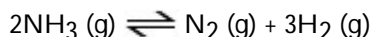
Answer: B

37) Which reaction will shift to the left in response to a decrease in volume?

- A) $2 \text{SO}_3 (\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2 \text{SO}_2 (\text{g}) + \text{O}_2 (\text{g})$
- B) $2 \text{HI} (\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2 (\text{g}) + \text{I}_2 (\text{g})$
- C) $4 \text{Fe} (\text{s}) + 3 \text{O}_2 (\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2 \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 (\text{s})$
- D) $\text{H}_2 (\text{g}) + \text{Cl}_2 (\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2 \text{HCl} (\text{g})$
- E) $\text{N}_2 (\text{g}) + 3 \text{H}_2 (\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons 2 \text{NH}_3 (\text{g})$

Answer: A

38) Consider the following reaction at equilibrium:

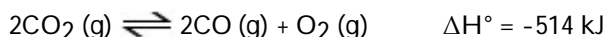


Le Châtelier's principle predicts that the moles of H_2 in the reaction container will increase with _____.

- A) a decrease in the total pressure (T constant)
- B) a decrease in the total volume of the reaction vessel (T constant)
- C) some removal of NH_3 from the reaction vessel (V and T constant)
- D) an increase in total pressure by the addition of helium gas (V and T constant)
- E) addition of some N_2 to the reaction vessel (V and T constant)

Answer: A

39) Consider the following reaction at equilibrium:



Le Châtelier's principle predicts that a decrease in temperature will _____.

- A) decrease the partial pressure of O_2 (g)
- B) decrease the partial pressure of CO
- C) decrease the value of the equilibrium constant
- D) increase the value of the equilibrium constant
- E) increase the partial pressure of CO_2 (g)

Answer: D

40) The effect of a catalyst on an equilibrium is to _____.

- A) increase the equilibrium constant so that products are favored
- B) slow the reverse reaction only
- C) increase the rate at which equilibrium is achieved without changing the composition of the equilibrium mixture
- D) increase the rate of the forward reaction only
- E) shift the equilibrium to the right

Answer: C

41) Which one of the following is a Brønsted-Lowry acid?

- A) CH_3COOH
- B) HNO_2
- C) HF
- D) $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{NH}^+$
- E) all of the above

Answer: E

42) Which one of the following statements regarding K_W is false?

- A) The value of K_W shows that water is a weak acid.
- B) pK_W is 14.00 at 25 °C.
- C) The value of K_W is always 1.0×10^{-14} .
- D) K_W changes with temperature.
- E) K_W is known as the ion product of water.

Answer: C

43) The hydride ion, H^- , is a stronger base than the hydroxide ion, OH^- . The product(s) of the reaction of hydride ion with water is/are _____.

- A) H_2O_2 (aq)
- B) OH^- (aq) + H_2 (g)
- C) H_3O^+ (aq)
- D) no reaction occurs
- E) OH^- (aq) + $2H^+$ (aq)

Answer: B

44) The K_a of hypochlorous acid (HClO) is 3.0×10^{-8} at 25.0 °C. What is the percent ionization of hypochlorous acid in a 0.015 M aqueous solution of HClO at 25.0 °C?

- A) 4.5×10^{-8}
- B) 14
- C) 1.4×10^{-3}
- D) 2.1×10^{-5}
- E) 0.14

Answer: E

45) HA is a weak acid. Which equilibrium corresponds to the equilibrium constant K_b for A^- ?

- A) HA (aq) + OH^- (aq) \rightleftharpoons H_2O (l) + H^+ (aq)
- B) HA (aq) + H_2O (l) \rightleftharpoons H_2A^+ (aq) + OH^- (aq)
- C) A^- (aq) + OH^- (aq) \rightleftharpoons HOA^{2-} (aq)
- D) A^- (aq) + H_2O (l) \rightleftharpoons HA (aq) + OH^- (aq)
- E) A^- (aq) + H_3O^+ (aq) \rightleftharpoons HA (aq) + H_2O (l)

Answer: D

46) Using the data in the table, which of the conjugate acids below is the strongest acid?

Base	K_b
ClO^-	3.3×10^{-7}
CO_3^{2-}	1.8×10^{-4}
HS^-	1.8×10^{-7}
NH_2CH_3	4.4×10^{-4}

- A) HClO
- B) H_2S
- C) $NH_3CH_3^+$
- D) HCO_3^-
- E) H_2S and HClO

Answer: B

- 47) An aqueous solution of a particular compound has $\text{pH} = 7.46$. The compound is _____.
- A) a strong acid B) a salt C) a strong base D) a weak acid E) a weak base

Answer: E

- 48) Of the compounds below, a 0.1 M aqueous solution of _____ will have the highest pH.

- A) NaClO , K_a of $\text{HClO} = 3.2 \times 10^{-8}$
B) NH_4NO_3 , K_b of $\text{NH}_3 = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$
C) KCN , K_a of $\text{HCN} = 4.0 \times 10^{-10}$
D) NaHS , K_b of $\text{HS}^- = 1.8 \times 10^{-7}$
E) NaOAc , K_a of $\text{HOAc} = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$

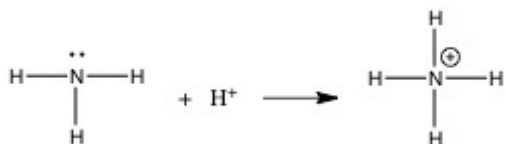
Answer: C

- 49) Of the following, which is the strongest acid?

- A) HClO_3 B) HClO_4 C) HClO_2 D) HClO E) HIO

Answer: B

- 50) In the gas phase reaction below, NH_3 is acting as a(n) _____.



- A) Lewis base
B) Lewis acid
C) Brønsted-Lowry base
D) Arrhenius acid
E) Brønsted-Lowry acid

Answer: A