

Welcome to Chem Lab at the UT Regional. Best of luck!

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For questions 1-7, match the acids to an industrial / commercial / environmental detail according to the table below. In the provided blank, put only the single letter representing your answer choice (ex. "A"). (3.5 points total)

Acids	Industrial / Commercial / Environmental Detail
1.1. HCl	A. Disrupts shell formation in the ocean. Its concentration is tied to dissolved CO ₂ .
1.2. HNO ₃	B. Dilute form produced from fermentation then oxidation of ethanol can be used for cooking and cleaning.
1.3. H ₂ SO ₄	C. Can be bought over-the-counter as Vitamin C.
1.4. H ₃ PO ₄	D. Primarily used in fertilizers (90% of production).
1.5. H ₂ CO ₃	E. Used in manufacturing of PVC (Poly Vinyl Chloride).
1.6. Acetic acid	F. Often neutralized with ammonia to yield ammonium nitrate.
1.7. Ascorbic acid	G. Often used as a catalyst in the production of nylon. Also used in the oil and gas industry to raise octane rating.

1. (0.50 pts) HCl

2. (0.50 pts) HNO₃

3. (0.50 pts) H₂SO₄

4. (0.50 pts) H₃PO₄

5. (0.50 pts) H₂CO₃

6. (0.50 pts) Acetic acid

7. (0.50 pts) Ascorbic acid

For questions 8-12, match the bases to an industrial / commercial / environmental detail according to the table below. In the provided blank, put only the single letter representing your answer choice (ex. "A"). (2.5 points total)

Bases	Industrial / Commercial / Environmental Detail
2.1. NaOH	A. The product produced by the Haber process.
2.2. KOH	B. A strong base with a molar mass around 40 g/mol.
2.3. $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$	C. The saturated version of this compound is called limewater.
2.4. $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$	D. A common component of antacids. Splitting this compound through electrolysis is part of making Air Krete, a recent insulation innovation.
2.5. NH_3	E. Also known as lye.

8. (0.50 pts) NaOH

B

9. (0.50 pts) KOH

E

10. (0.50 pts) $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$

C

11. (0.50 pts) $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$

D

12. (0.50 pts) NH_3

A

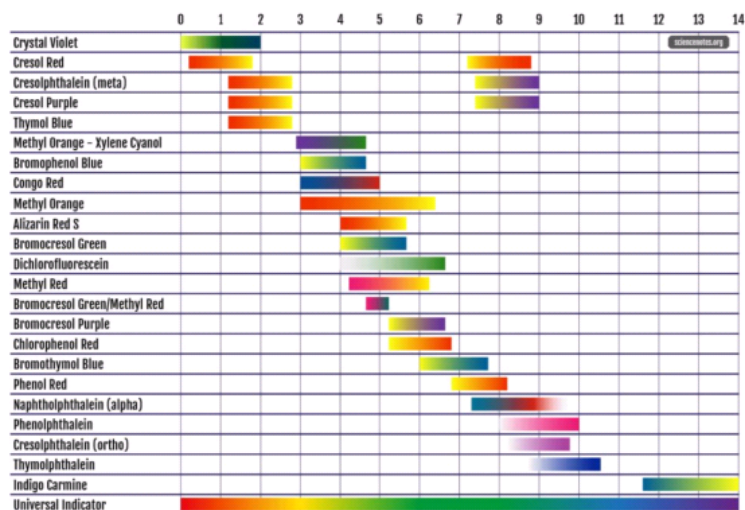
These images may be useful for the next set of questions.

Litmus paper: See below.

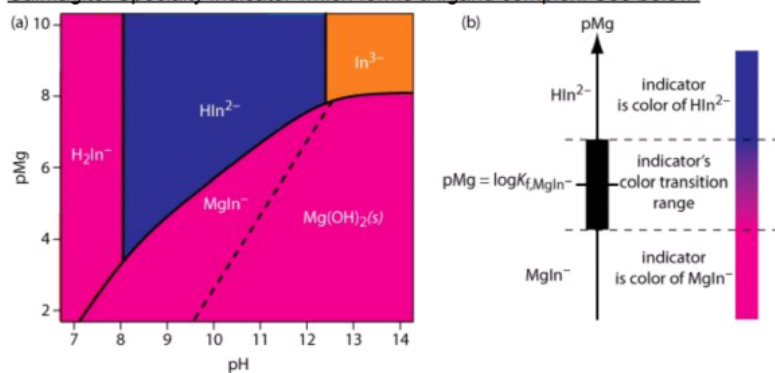
Red: acidic

Blue: alkaline

Universal indicator / phenolphthalein / bromocresol green: See below.



Calmagite: Specialty indicator which forms a ligand complex. See below.

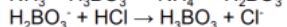
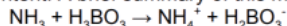


For questions 13-17, match each scenario to an indicator according to the table below. In the provided blank, put only the single letter representing your answer choice (ex. "A"). (2.5 points total)

Scenario

3.1. Standardizing NaOH (titrant) using a known mass of KHP dissolved in a volumetric flask (titrate).

3.2. Using the Kjeldahl method to find the ammonium salt content. A brief summary of this method:



dihydrogen borate, ($\text{pKb} = 4.76$)

3.3. Titrating MgO with standard EDTA.

3.4. Quickly identifying a beaker of HCl and a beaker of NaOH which are missing labels.

3.5. Measuring the pH as an indicator of water quality in the field.

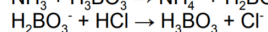
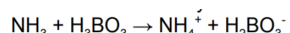
Indicator

- A. Litmus paper
- B. Universal indicator
- C. Phenolphthalein
- D. Bromocresol green
- E. Calmagite indicator

13. (0.50 pts) Standardizing NaOH (titrant) using a known mass of KHP dissolved in a volumetric flask (titrate).

C

14. (0.50 pts) Using the Kjeldahl method to find the ammonium salt content. A brief summary of this method:



dihydrogen borate, ($\text{pKb} = 4.76$)

D

15. (0.50 pts) Titrating MgO with standard EDTA.

E

16. (0.50 pts) Quickly identifying a beaker of HCl and a beaker of NaOH which are missing labels.

A

17. (0.50 pts) Measuring the pH as an indicator of water quality in the field.

B

This section will cover acid-base reactions. Reactions include metals, carbonates, bicarbonates, sulfites, bisulfites, oxides, and neutralizations.

18. (2.00 pts) Is CaCl_2 an acidic, neutral, or basic salt? Justify your answer with a chemical equation showing the formation of the salt.

Expected Answer: neutral, $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 + 2\text{HCl} \Rightarrow \text{CaCl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

19. (2.00 pts) Is KCN an acidic, neutral, or basic salt? Justify your answer with a chemical equation showing the formation of the salt.

Expected Answer: basic, $\text{KOH} + \text{HCN} \Rightarrow \text{KCN} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

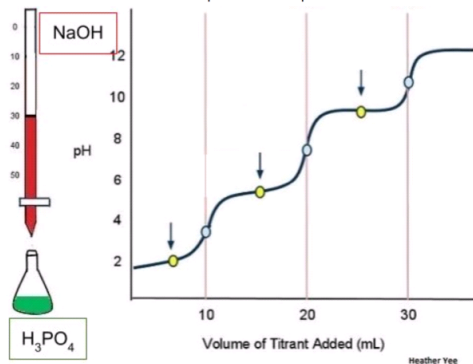
20. (2.00 pts) Is NH_4Cl an acidic, neutral, or basic salt? Justify your answer with a chemical equation showing the formation of the salt.

Expected Answer: acidic, $\text{NH}_3 + \text{HCl} \Rightarrow \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$

21. (1.00 pts) Give a net ionic equation for a neutralization reaction.

Expected Answer: $\text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^- \Rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$

22. (3.00 pts) Write a series of chemical equations that represent this titration curve.



Expected Answer: " $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + \text{OH}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^- + \text{OH}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{HPO}_4^{2-} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\text{HPO}_4^{2-} + \text{OH}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{PO}_4^{3-} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ "

This section consists of a multi-part titration problem to answer a series of questions. This section might be more time-intensive.

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Use the following information to answer questions 23-29:

A new solid, monoprotic weak acid, HY, is synthesized. A titration of 0.4206 g of HY dissolved in 50.00 mL of water requires 30.00 mL of 0.10 M KOH solution to reach the equivalence point.

23. (1.00 pts) Write the dissociation equation for HY in water and its equilibrium expression (K_a).

Expected Answer: " $\text{HY} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{Y}^-$ $K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{Y}^-]}{[\text{HY}]}$ "

24. (1.00 pts) Write the net ionic equation for the titration reaction.

Expected Answer: $\text{HY} + \text{OH}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Y}^-$

25. (3.00 pts) Calculate the molar mass of HY in g/mol. Report your answer to the ones place and do not write units in the blank.

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26. (3.00 pts) After 6.00 mL of the base is added, the pH of solution is 5.00. What is the value for the K_a of HY?

Expected Answer: 2.50E-06

27. (1.00 pts) What is the value of K_b for the Y^- ion?

Expected Answer: 4.00E-09

28. (2.00 pts) At the equivalence point of the reaction, will the solution be acidic, basic, or neutral? Use an equation to support your conclusion.

Expected Answer: basic, $Y^- + H_2O \rightleftharpoons HY + OH^-$

29. (2.00 pts) Calculate the pH of the solution at the equivalence point. Report your answer to 2 decimal places.

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This section consists of calculations based on supplied data and analysis of an observed trend. This section might be more time-intensive.

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For questions 30-35, fill in the following spots in the table marked "ANSWER 3#" with a numerical value.

Table 6. Temperature Dependence of the pH of Pure Water

T (Celsius)	Kw (mol ² dm ⁻⁶)	pH	pOH
0	0.114e-14	7.47	7.47
10	0.293e-14	ANSWER #30	ANSWER #31
20	ANSWER #32	7.08	7.08
25	1.008e-14	ANSWER #33	ANSWER #34
30	1.471e-14	6.92	6.92
50	ANSWER #35	6.63	6.63
100	51.3e-14	6.14	6.14

30. (0.50 pts) Report answer to 2 decimal places.

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31. (0.50 pts) Report answer to 2 decimal places.

7.27

32. (1.00 pts) Provide the answer for the corresponding blank in the table.

Expected Answer: 6.81E-15

33. (0.50 pts) Report answer to 2 decimal places.

7.00

34. (0.50 pts) Report answer to 2 decimal places.

7.00

35. (1.00 pts) Provide the answer for the corresponding blank in the table.

Expected Answer: 5.48E-14

36. (1.00 pts) Given $\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14$ at STP, which value on the chart corresponds to standard temperature (C)?

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37. (1.00 pts) Is the formation of hydrogen ions and hydroxide ions from liquid water ($\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$) endothermic or exothermic?

- ☒ A) endothermic
☐ B) exothermic

38. (1.00 pts) TRUE or FALSE. Water is becoming more acidic at higher temperatures.

- ☐ True ☒ False

This section consists of multiple choice questions that cover concepts and less involved calculations.

39. (0.50 pts) The pH of 0.0001 M HNO_3 solution is

- ☒ A) 4
☐ B) 3
☐ C) 2
☐ D) 1

40. (0.50 pts) Which property is not typically associated with basic solutions?

- ☐ A) Feel slippery
☒ B) React with metals to produce hydrogen gas
☐ C) Have a pH above 7.0
☐ D) React with solutions containing HCO_3^-

41. (0.50 pts) The pH of a 1.0 M solution of HI

- ☒ A) 0.0
☐ B) 1.0
☐ C) 2.0
☐ D) 12

42. (0.50 pts) The pH of a 0.01 M solution of KOH

- ☐ A) 0.0
- ☐ B) 1.0
- ☐ C) 2.0
- ☒ D) 12

43. (0.50 pts) TRUE or FALSE. It is acceptable to use a weak acid or base as a titrant.

- ☐ True ☒ False

This section (44-53) requires you to sort definitions using three acid-base models. Some questions will have more than one correct answer. All must be correct for credit. Mark these definitions as:

A. Arrhenius

B. Bronsted-Lowry

C. Lewis

Put only the letter for your answer choice in the blank (ex. "A"). If there are multiple answers, put your answers in alphabetical order separated by a comma (ex. "A,B").

44. (0.50 pts) Acids are an electron pair acceptor.

C

45. (0.50 pts) Acids release H⁺ ions in aqueous solutions.

A

46. (0.50 pts) Acids are described as proton donors

B

47. (0.50 pts) Water seen as neither an acid nor base.

A

48. (0.50 pts) Water is seen as amphoteric.

B,C

49. (0.50 pts) KOH is a base.

A,B,C

50. (0.50 pts) Neutralization is the reaction of an acid and a base to form a conjugate acid and a conjugate base.

B

51. (0.50 pts) Neutralization is the reaction of an acid and a base to produce salt and water.

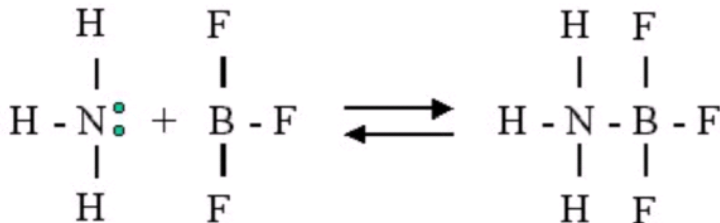
A

52. (0.50 pts) Neutralization is the reaction of an acid and a base to produce a new substance with a new covalent bond.

C

53. (0.50 pts)

Classify the reaction below.



C

Uh oh...buffers! This section will help you get some practice with a State/Nationals topic. (4 pts total).

54. (2.00 pts) Calculate the pH of a solution that's 0.65M in NaF and 0.75M in HF. (HF, $K_a=7.2 \times 10^{-4}$).

Report answer to 2 decimal places.

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55. (2.00 pts) Calculate the pH of a solution that's 0.65M in NaNO_2 and 0.40M in HNO_2 . (HNO_2 , $K_a=4 \times 10^{-4}$).

Report answer to 2 decimal places.

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Aqueous Solutions

Question types vary and are listed in order of increasing difficulty. These sections will test basic concepts and calculations.

A student adds 32.2 g of table salt ($\text{MM} = 58.44 \text{ g/mol}$) to 2 L of water while cooking pasta.

56. (0.50 pts) What effect will the salt have on the vapor pressure of the water?

Expected Answer: It will lower it.

57. (1.00 pts) What is the molarity of the Na^+ ion in the solution?

Report answer to 3 decimal places.

0.275

58. (1.00 pts) What is the pH of the resulting solution, explain your answer.

Expected Answer: pH = 7, the dissolved ions do not react with the water molecules and as a result do not affect the pH

59. (0.50 pts)

How many moles of Nitric Acid must be added to the 2L of water in order to give a solution with a pH = 4.00? Assume that the Nitric Acid does not react with the dissolved NaCl ions.

Expected Answer: 2.00E-04

Urea, $\text{H}_2\text{NC(O)NH}_2$ (MM = 60.0) is very soluble in water (up to 27 g in 25 mL of solution) but methoxyethane, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$, (MM = 60.1) is only sparingly soluble.

60. (0.50 pts) Calculate the molarity of urea in a 25.0 mL solution that contains 27.0 g of Urea.

Report answer as a whole number.

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61. (0.50 pts) Account for the differences in solubility of urea and methoxyethane in terms of the forces between the solute and solvent molecules.

Expected Answer: Methoxyethane is a non-polar solute that does not interact well with polar molecules such as water. Urea, is a polar molecule that interacts well with water molecules through hydrogen bonding.

This section will test your knowledge of experimental procedures.

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A student is asked to determine the molarity of H_2SO_4 by titrating it with a NaOH solution of known molarity.

62. (2.00 pts) List the pieces of equipment needed to determine the H_2SO_4 molarity and describe briefly the purpose of each item.

Expected Answer: Pipet or buret to measure a specified quantity of H_2SO_4 , beaker or conical flask to mix the NaOH and H_2SO_4 , indicator or pH meter to show equivalence point.

63. (0.50 pts) List the measurements that must be made to determine the molarity.

Expected Answer: Volume of the H_2SO_4 solution, volume of the NaOH solution needed to reach the equivalence point.

64. (1.00 pts) Describe briefly how the student can tell when the reaction is complete.

Expected Answer: The reaction is complete when an indicator reaches the appropriate color or by rapid change in pH if a meter is being used

65. (1.00 pts)

Four successive titrations of the same volume of H_2SO_4 require 23.55, 22.66, 23.46, and 23.48 ml. State the average volume that should be reported. Explain your reasoning.

Expected Answer: 23.50 based on the first, third, and fourth values. The second value is omitted because it is too far from the other three.

This section covers identifying and balancing reactions.

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Consider the following unbalanced equations that occur in aqueous solutions.

- (A) $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 + \text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \rightarrow \text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2 + \text{NaNO}_3$
(B) $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \rightarrow \text{BaSO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
(C) $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7 + \text{SnCl}_2 + \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{SnCl}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{KCl}$

66. (3.00 pts) Identify each equation as an acid-base, oxidation-reduction, and/or precipitation reaction.

Expected Answer: (A) is a precipitation reaction, (B) is both a precipitation and acid-base reaction, (C) is an oxidation-reduction reaction

67. (0.50 pts) Balance each equation.

Expected Answer: $2 \text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 + 3 \text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \rightarrow \text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2 + 6 \text{NaNO}_3$; $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \rightarrow \text{BaSO}_4 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$; $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7 + 3 \text{SnCl}_2 + 14 \text{HCl} \rightarrow 2 \text{SnCl}_4 + 7 \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2 \text{KCl}$

68. (3.00 pts) For each

- (i) acid-base reaction, give the formula of the base.
(ii) oxidation-reduction reaction, identify the oxidizer, and state the number of electrons gained by one unit of the oxidizer
(iii) precipitation reaction, give the formula of the insoluble substance

Expected Answer: (i) $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$; (ii) $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$, 6 electrons gained; (iii) A. $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$, B BaSO_4

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