



Science Department

Chemistry ATAR - Year 12

Acids & Bases Test

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Instructions to Students:

1. 50 minutes permitted
2. Attempt all questions
3. Write in the spaces provided
4. Show all working when required
5. All answers to be in blue or black pen, diagrams in pencil.

Multiple Choice	Short Answer	TOTAL
/10	/40	/50

Final Percentage



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Multiple Choice Section:

1. A Brønsted-Lowry acid is defined as a substance that
 - a. accepts a proton
 - b. accepts an electron
 - c. donates a proton
 - d. donates an electron

2. Given the following equation: $\text{HF} + \text{HCO}_3^- \rightleftharpoons \text{F}^- + \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$
Identify the two bases in the reaction.
 - a. F^- and H_2CO_3
 - b. HF and H_2CO_3
 - c. F^- and HCO_3^-
 - d. HF and F^-

3. The value of K_w at 25°C is
 - a. 1.0×10^{-14}
 - b. 1.0×10^{-7}
 - c. 7.00
 - d. 14.00

4. What volume of 0.1 mol.L^{-1} of hydrochloric acid is needed to react completely with 40.0 mL of 0.20 mol.L^{-1} barium hydroxide?
 - a. 20 mL
 - b. 40 mL
 - c. 80 mL
 - d. 160 mL

5. A chemist added 20.0 mL of 0.0010 mol.L⁻¹ hydrochloric acid to 100.0 mL of 0.100 mol.L⁻¹ potassium chloride solution. Which one of the following is the correct pH of the resulting solution?
- a. 2.6
 - b. 3.0
 - c. 3.8
 - d. 5.2
6. Which of the following is both a strong electrolyte and a weak acid?
- a. Na₂CO₃
 - b. NH₄NO₃
 - c. CH₃COOH
 - d. HCl
7. Which of the following could function as an amphiprotic species in water solution?
- a. HCl
 - b. Al₂O₃
 - c. HSO₄⁻
 - d. NH₄⁺
8. Which of the following pairs of compounds could be used to prepare a buffer solution?
- a. HCl and KCl
 - b. NH₃ and NH₄Cl
 - c. H₂S and Na₂SO₄
 - d. Na₂CO₃ and NaOH
9. When the pH of a 0.01 mol.L⁻¹ solution of sulfuric acid is measured it is found to be significantly lower than the pH of a 0.01 mol.L⁻¹ solution of phosphoric acid. What is the reason for this?
- a. Phosphoric acid is a triprotic acid, while sulfuric acid is only diprotic, therefore the concentration of hydrogen ions is higher in the phosphoric acid solution than in the sulfuric acid solution.
 - b. Phosphoric acid is a stronger acid than sulfuric acid, so the phosphoric acid is more likely to produce hydrogen ions in solution than the sulfuric acid.
 - c. Sulfuric acid is a stronger acid than phosphoric acid, so there are more hydrogen ions in the sulfuric acid solution than the phosphoric acid solution.
 - d. The sulfuric acid solution is more concentrated than the phosphoric acid solution, therefore there will be more hydrogen ions in the sulfuric acid solution than the phosphoric acid solution.

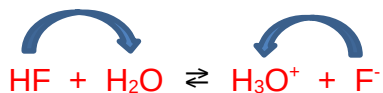
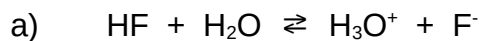
10. Each of the following salts is dissolved in water. Which answer correctly classifies the salts as acidic, basic or neutral?

	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_{3(\text{aq})}$	$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}_{(\text{aq})}$	$\text{K}_3\text{PO}_{4(\text{aq})}$
a.	neutral	acidic	basic
b.	acidic	basic	neutral
c.	basic	acidic	basic
d.	basic	basic	acidic

End of Multiple Choice Section

Short Answer Questions

1. Rewrite the following equations and show how each of the species are acting either as a Lowry-Bronsted acid or base. State the conjugate acid/base and base/acid pairs for each reaction.

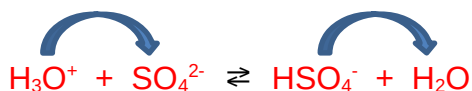
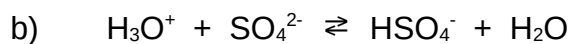


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Conjugate acid/base pair: HF/F^-

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Conjugate base/acid pair: $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$



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Conjugate acid/base pair: $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+/\text{H}_2\text{O}$

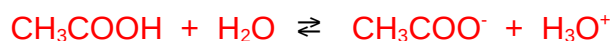
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Conjugate base/acid pair: $\text{SO}_4^{2-}/\text{HSO}_4^-$

[4 marks]

2. Write equations to show that in aqueous solution:

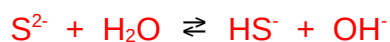
a) CH_3COOH is an **acid**.



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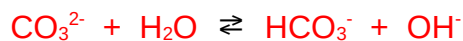
b) Na_2S is **basic**.

c)



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d) Carbonate ions are **basic**.



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[3 marks]

3. a) Write two equations to show how bicarbonate ions and acetate ions could be considered basic in aqueous solution.



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- b) Write the K_b expression for these two ions.

i. $K_b = [\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3] \times [\text{OH}^-] / [\text{HCO}_3^-]$

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ii. $K_b = [\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}] \times [\text{OH}^-] / [\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]$

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- c) The K values for these two equations are given in the table below:

Base	K_b @ 25°C
HCO_3^{-1}	4.2×10^{-7}
$\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^{-1}$	5.6×10^{-10}

For the two solutions 0.01 mol.L^{-1} sodium bicarbonate and 0.01 mol.L^{-1} sodium acetate solution, which will have the highest pH (closest to 14)? Justify your answer.

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[6 marks]

The highest pH will be the most basic. They are both the same concentration, so the ion with the highest (largest) K_b will have the highest pH. Therefore HCO_3^- .

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4. Write ionic equations (with phases) to show the reaction between:

a) Magnesium and hydrochloric acid.



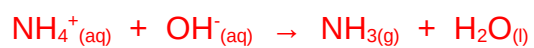
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b) Sodium sulfite solid and hydrochloric acid.



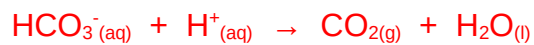
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c) Ammonium Chloride solution and potassium hydroxide solution.



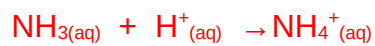
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d) Calcium bicarbonate solution and nitric acid.



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e) Ammonia solution and hydrochloric acid.



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[5 marks]

5. Calculate the pH of:

a) A solution of 1.575×10^{-2} g of HNO_3 in 250 mL of water.

HNO_3

$$m = 1.575 \times 10^{-2} \text{ g}$$

$$M = 63.0 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$n = m/M = 1.575 \times 10^{-2} / 63.0 = 2.50 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$$

0.5

$$[\text{HNO}_3] = n/V = 0.00025 / 0.250 = 0.001 \text{ M}$$

0.5

$$[\text{H}^+] = [\text{HNO}_3]$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log_{10}[\text{H}^+] = -\log_{10}(0.001) = \underline{3.00}$$

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b) A solution of 0.2 g of NaOH in 500 mL of water.

NB: You must show all working in this question.

NaOH

$$m = 0.2 \text{ g}$$

$$M = 40.0 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$n = m/M = 0.2 / 40.0 = 5.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

0.5

$$[\text{NaOH}] = n/V = 0.005 / 0.5 = 0.01 \text{ M}$$

0.5

$$[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-14} / [\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-14} / 0.01 = 10^{-12} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log_{10}[\text{H}^+] = -\log_{10}(10^{-12}) = \underline{12.0}$$

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[4 marks]

6. Gastric juice is approximately 0.15 mol.L^{-1} HCl. Calculate the volume of gastric juice that would be neutralised by an antacid tablet containing 750mg of CaCO_3 .

[3 marks]



CaCO_3

$$m = 0.750\text{g}$$

$$n = m/M = 0.750/100.09 = 7.49 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

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$$M = 100.09 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$n(\text{HCl}) = 2/1 \times (\text{CaCO}_3) = 2 \times 7.49 \times 10^{-3} = 0.0150 \text{ mol}$$

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$$V = n/c = 0.0150/0.15 = 0.0999\text{L} = \underline{99.9\text{mL}}$$

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7. State whether the following solutions of salts will be acid, basic or neutral. In each case that a solution is not neutral give a one line **hydrolysis** equation to justify its acid or base nature.

a) $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$

neutral

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c) LiCl

neutral

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c) KHSO_3

basic – $\text{HSO}_3^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{SO}_3 + \text{OH}^-$

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d) NH_4HSO_4

Acidic – $\text{NH}_4^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

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[4 marks]

8. Give an example of any

a) Acidic oxide

SO₂, CO₂, any non-metal oxide

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b) Basic hydroxide

NaOH, KOH, any metal hydroxide

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c) Amphiprotic substance (Something that can act as an acid or as a base)

Any valid amphiprotic, H₂O, HCO₃⁻ etc

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[3 marks]

10. Explain in a paragraph what happens to the pH of water when there is an increase in temperature beyond 25°C. Be sure to state the effect of the increase in temperature, and the cause.

Water autoionises according to the following equation:



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This is an endothermic process whereby equal concentrations of H⁺ and OH⁻ are created. At 25°C the concentration of each is 10⁻⁷ M. This equates to a pH of 7. **As the temperature is increased, the forward reaction is favoured, producing more H⁺ and OH⁻ ions.** Due to this increase, the pH goes **DOWN below 7**, yet the solution is still neutral, as equal amounts of H⁺ and OH⁻ are present.

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[3 marks]

11. a) Explain in a few sentences why a mixture of Ethanoic Acid and Sodium Ethanoate can act as a buffer, but a mixture of hydrochloric acid and sodium chloride solution cannot.

To be effective as a buffer the combination of species must be of a weak acid and its conjugate base, capable of responding to changes in an equilibrium as predicted by Le Chateliers principle.

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Ethanoic acid and sodium acetate are such a pairing, setting up the following equilibrium:



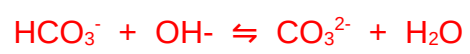
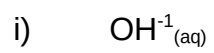
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Hydrochloric acid and sodium chloride could not act in this way as HCl_(aq) is a strong acid with no tendency to reform once ionised, thus would be unable to respond to any imposed change.

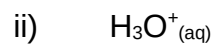
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b) Write equations to show what happens to a buffer solution containing equimolar amounts of HCO₃⁻¹ and CO₃⁻² when we add small amounts of:



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[5 marks]