

**CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT 2023**  
**S.6 BRAINSTORMING TEST**  
**TOPIC; IONIC EQUILIBRIA**  
**SUB-TOPIC; IONISATION OF ACIDS/BASES**  
**AND SALT HYDROLYSIS**

**NAME**.....**INDEX number**.....

**Signature** ..... **expected score(%)**.....

**Instructions; Attempt all questions in this paper.**

1. (a) What is meant by the term a weak acid? (01 mark)

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(b) State two factors on which the strength of an acid depends (02 marks)

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(c) Ethanoic acid is a weak acid and has a pKa value of 4.74

(i) Write an equation for the ionisation of ethanoic acid (1½ marks)

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(ii) Write an expression relating and the degree of dissociation of ethanoic acid. (01 mark)

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(iii) Calculate the ionisation constant of a 0.75M ethanoic acid. (02 marks)

b) Calculate the pH of a solution made by mixing  $20\text{cm}^3$  of a  $0.1\text{ M}$  NaOH with  $15\text{cm}^3$  of  $0.1\text{M}$  HCl. (03 marks)

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2. (a). What is meant by the term pH (01 mark)

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(b) A solution containing  $0.15\text{M}$  of ammonia is  $1.4\%$  ionised.

(i) Write equation for ionisation of ammonia in water. ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  marks)

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(ii) write an expression for base ionization constant for ammonia. (01 mark)

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(c) Calculate the:

(i) pH of ammonia solution ( $K_w = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{mol}^{-2} \text{dm}^{-6}$ ) (2marks)

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(ii) base association constant,  $K_b$  (01 mark)

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3. (a). Write the

(i). Equation for the ionisation of methylamine in water (1½ marks)

(ii). Expression for its base dissociation constant,  $K_b$  (01 mark)

(b). The hydrogen ion concentration of 1M methylamine solution is  $2.5 \times 10^{-13} M$ . Calculate the base dissociation constant,  $K_b$ , for methylamine. (03 marks)

4. What is meant by salt hydrolysis? (01 mark)

(a). Phenylamine hydrochloride undergoes hydrolysis when dissolved in water. Write an equation for the reaction. (1½ marks)

(b). A **0.2M** solution of phenylamine hydrochloride has a pH of **3.5**. Calculate  
(i). the molar concentration of hydrogen ions in the solution. (03marks)

(ii). the hydrolysis constant,  $K_h$ , of phenylamine hydrochloride. (02 marks)

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(c). Expression for the hydrolysis constant,  $K_h$ , for phenylamine hydrochloride in terms of  $K_w$  and  $K_b$ . (0½ mark)

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5. Sodium benzoate undergoes hydrolysis when dissolved in water.

(a). Write an equation for the hydrolysis of sodium benzoate in water(1½mks)

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(b). Write an expression for the hydrolysis constant,  $K_h$ , for sodium benzoate (01 mark)

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(c). The hydrolysis constant of sodium benzoate is  $1.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mol l}^{-1}$ .

(i). Calculate the concentration of hydroxide ions in a 0.1M solution of sodium Benzoate. (03 marks)

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(ii). State the assumptions made in the calculation in (c) (i) (01 mark)

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(iii). From your result in c (i), calculate the hydrogen ion concentration of the Solution. (02 marks)

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9. (a). A solution contains 0.05 moles of sulphuric acid in 1 litre. Calculate the pH of the solution (03 marks)

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