# 2002 AP® CHEMISTRY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

## **CHEMISTRY**

## **Section II**

(Total time—90 minutes)

#### Part A

## Time—40 minutes

## YOU MAY USE YOUR CALCULATOR FOR PART A.

CLEARLY SHOW THE METHOD USED AND THE STEPS INVOLVED IN ARRIVING AT YOUR ANSWERS. It is to your advantage to do this, since you may obtain partial credit if you do and you will receive little or no credit if you do not. Attention should be paid to significant figures.

Be sure to write all your answers to the questions on the lined pages following each question in the booklet with the pink cover. Do NOT write your answers on the green insert.

Answer Question 1 below. The Section II score weighting for this question is 20 percent.

$$HOBr(aq) \rightleftharpoons H^+(aq) + OBr^-(aq)$$
  $K_a = 2.3 \times 10^{-9}$ 

- 1. Hypobromous acid, HOBr, is a weak acid that dissociates in water, as represented by the equation above.
  - (a) Calculate the value of [H<sup>+</sup>] in an HOBr solution that has a pH of 4.95.
  - (b) Write the equilibrium constant expression for the ionization of HOBr in water, then calculate the concentration of HOBr(aq) in an HOBr solution that has  $[H^+]$  equal to  $1.8 \times 10^{-5} M$ .
  - (c) A solution of Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub> is titrated into a solution of HOBr.
    - (i) Calculate the volume of  $0.115 M \text{ Ba}(\text{OH})_2(aq)$  needed to reach the equivalence point when titrated into a 65.0 mL sample of 0.146 M HOBr(aq).
    - (ii) Indicate whether the pH at the equivalence point is less than 7, equal to 7, or greater than 7. Explain.
  - (d) Calculate the number of moles of NaOBr(s) that would have to be added to 125 mL of 0.160 M HOBr to produce a buffer solution with  $[H^+] = 5.00 \times 10^{-9} M$ . Assume that volume change is negligible.
  - (e) HOBr is a weaker acid than HBrO<sub>3</sub>. Account for this fact in terms of molecular structure.