



Christ Church  
Grammar School

# Year 12 Chemistry

## Acids and Bases Test 2021

**Time allowed:**

**45 minutes**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark = ...../48**

**SECTION 1****MULTIPLE CHOICE****10 marks**

1. In which group would all three oxides be classified as basic oxides?

- A.  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{CuO}$
- B.  $\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$
- C.  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ .
- D.  $\text{ZnO}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$

2. In which of the following reactions is water behaving as an acid?

- A.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) + \text{Mg}(\text{s}) \rightleftharpoons \text{MgO}(\text{s}) + \text{H}_2(\text{g})$
- B.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}(\ell) + \text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
- C.  $2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\ell) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g})$
- D.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons \text{HS}^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})$

3. Consider the following information regarding weak acids.

Solution 1: 20.0 mL of 0.100 mol L<sup>-1</sup> HClO has a pH of 4.27

Solution 2: 20.0 mL of 0.100 mol L<sup>-1</sup> HCN has a pH of 5.11

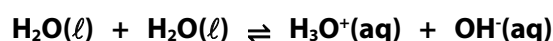
The two solutions are combined. Which of the following would be present in the mixture at the highest concentration?

- A.  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$
- B. HCN
- C. HClO
- D.  $\text{ClO}^-$

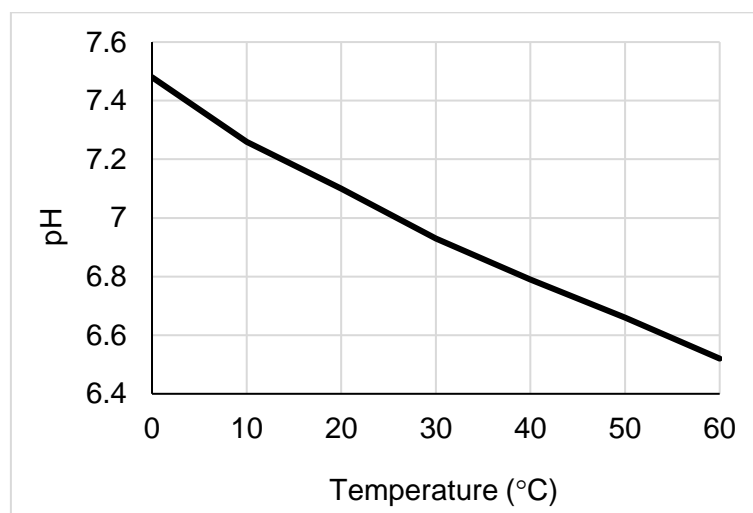
4. Which of the following equations shows the hydrogen sulfide ion,  $\text{HS}^-$  acting as a base ?

- A.  $\text{HS}^-(\text{aq}) + \text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{aq}) + \text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$
- B.  $2\text{HS}^-(\text{aq}) + \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Cu}(\text{HS})_2(\text{s})$
- C.  $\text{HS}^-(\text{aq}) + \text{F}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons \text{S}(\text{s}) + \text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 2\text{F}^-(\text{aq})$
- D.  $\text{HS}^-(\text{aq}) + \text{O}^{2-}(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) + \text{S}^{2-}(\text{aq})$

5. Which of the following statements is incorrect ?
- A. The higher the pH of a solution, the higher its  $[\text{OH}^-]$ .
  - B. The higher the pH of a solution, the more acidic it is.
  - C. The lower the alkalinity of a solution, the lower its pH.
  - D. The higher the concentration of  $\text{OH}^-$  in a solution, the lower its  $[\text{H}^+]$ .
6. 'Milk of magnesia' consists of a saturated solution of magnesium hydroxide, and is used to treat acid indigestion. If the pH of milk of magnesia is 10, the concentration of  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  in the solution is :
- A.  $1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$
  - B.  $5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$
  - C.  $1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$
  - D.  $5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$
7. A chemist carried out an experiment to investigate the self-ionisation of water.



The data collected by the chemist is shown in the graph below.



Which of the following is **not** a conclusion that can be made from the data collected in this experiment?

- A. An increase in water temperature will favour the forward reaction.
- B. An increase in water temperature will increase the forward reaction rate.
- C. The self-ionisation of water is exothermic.
- D. The concentration of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})$  in water is temperature-dependant.

8. A chemist prepares solutions of nitrous acid and hydrocyanic acid that have the same concentration

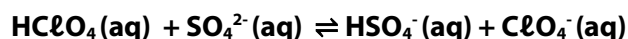
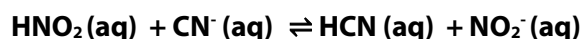
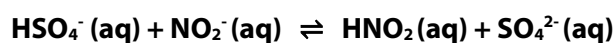
The  $K_a$  values of these acids are:

- Nitrous acid ( $\text{HNO}_2$ )  $K_a = 4.6 \times 10^{-4}$
- Hydrocyanic acid ( $\text{HCN}$ )  $K_a = 6.17 \times 10^{-10}$

Which acid is stronger and which has the highest pH

|    | <b>STRONGER ACID</b> | <b>HIGHER pH</b> |
|----|----------------------|------------------|
| A. | Nitrous acid         | Hydrocyanic acid |
| B. | Nitrous acid         | Nitrous acid     |
| C. | Hydrocyanic acid     | Hydrocyanic acid |
| D. | Hydrocyanic acid     | Nitrous acid     |

9. The following three reactions all have  $K$  values  $> 1$ .



Rank the bases above in order from strongest to weakest

- A.  $\text{ClO}_4^- > \text{SO}_4^{2-} > \text{NO}_2^- > \text{CN}^-$
- B.  $\text{CN}^- > \text{NO}_2^- > \text{SO}_4^{2-} > \text{ClO}_4^-$
- C.  $\text{ClO}_4^- > \text{NO}_2^- > \text{SO}_4^{2-} > \text{CN}^-$
- D.  $\text{CN}^- > \text{NO}_2^- > \text{ClO}_4^- > \text{SO}_4^{2-}$
10. Which of the following solutions describes the buffer with the highest buffering capacity?
- A. Equal volumes of  $0.5 \text{ molL}^{-1} \text{ Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$  and  $0.5 \text{ molL}^{-1} \text{ K}_3\text{PO}_4$
- B. Equal volumes of  $2.0 \text{ molL}^{-1} \text{ Na}_3\text{PO}_4$  and  $2.0 \text{ molL}^{-1} \text{ K}_3\text{PO}_4$
- C. Equal volumes of  $2.0 \text{ molL}^{-1} \text{ Na}_3\text{PO}_4$  and  $1.0 \text{ molL}^{-1} \text{ KOH}$
- D. Equal volumes of  $2.0 \text{ molL}^{-1} \text{ Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$  and  $1.0 \text{ molL}^{-1} \text{ KOH}$

**SECTION 2****SHORT ANSWER****(38 marks)****Question 1****(8 marks)**

Write ionic equations for the following:

- (a) The hydrogencarbonate ion acting as Bronsted-Lowry base.

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(2 marks)

- (b) The hydrocyanic acid (HCN) acting as a Bronsted-Lowry acid.

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(2 marks)

For the equation you wrote in (b) identify the conjugate acid-base pairs

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Acid-base pair 1 | Acid- base pair 2 |
| Acid: _____      | Acid: _____       |
| Base: _____      | Base: _____       |

(2 marks)

- (d) A
- $0.1 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$
- solution of HCN has a
- $\text{pH} = 5.2$
- . Calculate the % ionisation of the HCN.

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(2 marks)

**Question 2****(8 marks)**

- (a) The following ionic salts were all dissolved separately in equal volumes of water at 25°C. Complete the table below indicating whether the solutions would be acidic, basic or neutral.

| <b>Salt</b>               | <b>Acid, base or neutral</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Potassium nitrate         |                              |
| Ammonium chloride         |                              |
| sodium ethanoate          |                              |
| Potassium hydrogensulfate |                              |

(4 marks)

- (b) Another salt, ammonium phosphate was dissolved in water and found to have a pH of 8.1. Use your knowledge of acid/base chemistry to account for this observation. Use equations to support your answer.

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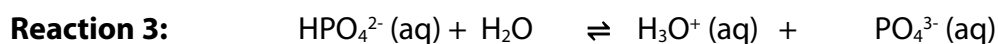
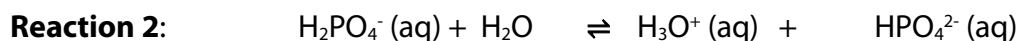
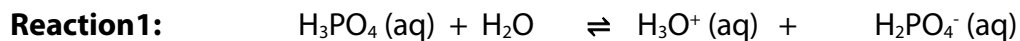
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**Question 3****(9 marks)**

The pH within the human body is tightly controlled by a series of buffer systems. One of the major buffers present is the phosphate buffering system, as shown below:



(b) The value for the equilibrium constant ( $K_a$ ) for Reaction 2 is  $6.23 \times 10^{-8}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . This value changes to  $7.82 \times 10^{-8}$  at  $40^\circ\text{C}$ . Is it an endothermic or exothermic reaction? Circle the correct alternative below and explain your answer.

**Endothermic****Exothermic****(1 mark)**

Explanation:

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**(3 marks)**

(d) Using collision theory explain how Reaction 2 acts as a buffer if the  $[\text{OH}^-]$  increases. Use appropriate equations in your answer.

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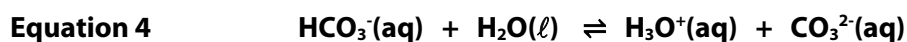
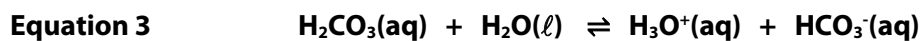
**(5 marks)**





**Question 5****(4 marks)**

There is evidence to suggest that the increase in ocean acidification is caused carbon dioxide produced as a result of human activity such as the burning of fossil fuels. The chemistry of carbon dioxide dissolving in seawater is summarized in the equations below.



- (a) How does an increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide can lead to an increase in acidity in seawater?

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(2 marks)

- (b) There is also evidence that the increased acidity is causing thinning of seashells. Write an ionic equation for this process.

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(2 marks)