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**TRU Chemistry Contest**  
**Chemistry 12 Answers**  
**May 16, 2007      Time: 90 minutes**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Please follow the instructions below. We will send your teacher a summary of your results. Top performers are eligible for prizes.

**Part A:** Please answer on the Scantron answer sheet. In the **top right**  
(20 points) **hand corner** of the answer sheet, please **clearly print** the following:

**Your name (last name, first name), your school, your teacher**

On the answer sheet, mark one choice beside the question number with a firm pencil mark, to fill the selected answer box. If you change your answer, completely erase your previous answer. All questions are of equal value, there is no particular order and there is no penalty for incorrect answers.

**Part B:** Please answer in **ink** on the Contest paper.  
(20 points)

**Additional material:** The last page of the test contains a Periodic Table and the value for  $K_w$  at 25°C. Any other useful information is included in the question.

**Programmable calculators are not permitted**

**Part A: Select one answer on the Scantron Answer Sheet**

1. For which of the following situations will the solubility of  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2(\text{s})$  be greater than the solubility of  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2(\text{s})$  in pure water?

- (a)  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2(\text{s})$  is added to a  $\text{FeCl}_2(\text{aq})$  solution
- (b)  **$\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2(\text{s})$  is added to a  $\text{NaHSO}_4(\text{aq})$  solution**
- (c)  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2(\text{s})$  is added to a solution buffered at pH 8
- (d)  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2(\text{s})$  is added to a 0.80 M  $\text{KCl}(\text{aq})$  solution

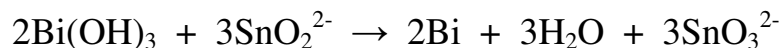
2. As the temperature of a reaction is decreased, the rate of the reaction:

- (a) decreases because the reactant molecules collide more frequently
- (b) decreases due to a lower activation energy
- (c) increases because reactant molecules collide less frequently but with more energy per collision
- (d) **decreases because reactant molecules collide with less energy per collision**

3. An ammonia - ammonium chloride buffer solution is prepared by making an aqueous solution that is 0.050 M in  $\text{NH}_3$  and 0.050 M in  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ . If 0.0010 moles of hydrobromic acid,  $\text{HBr}(\text{aq})$  are added to 250.0 mL of this buffer solution, the resulting solution will:

- (a) **be only slightly more acidic than the original buffer**
- (b) no longer be a buffer solution
- (c) be only slightly more basic than the original buffer
- (d) have the same pH as the original buffer

4. In the following reaction



The reducing agent is:

- (a)  $\text{Bi}(\text{OH})_3$
- (b)  **$\text{SnO}_2^{2-}$**
- (c)  $\text{SnO}_3^{2-}$
- (d) Bi

5. A 0.523 g sample of an unknown organic base is dissolved in water and requires 32.82 mL of a 0.370 M hydrochloric acid solution to reach the equivalence point. The unknown base and HCl(aq) react in a 1:2 mole ratio. What is the molar mass of the unknown base?
- (a) 43.22 g/mol  
(b) 172.9 g/mol  
(c) 8.722 g/mol  
→ (d) **86.14 g/mol**
6. The oxidation state of molybdenum in the  $\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$  ion is:
- (a) +7  
(b) +2  
(c) +14  
→ (d) **+6**
7. What is the pH of a  $1.0 \times 10^{-12}$  M KOH(aq) solution?
- (a) **7.00**  
(b) 5.00  
(c) 8.00  
(d) 12.00
8. The pH of a 0.30 M solution of the monoprotic acid ascorbic acid is 2.31. What is the  $K_a$  value for ascorbic acid?
- (a)  $1.2 \times 10^4$   
(b)  $1.6 \times 10^{-2}$   
(c)  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$   
→ (d)  **$8.0 \times 10^{-5}$**
9. Ephedrine is a base that is used in nasal sprays as a decongestant. It has a  $K_b = 1.4 \times 10^{-4}$ . What is the value of  $pK_a$  for its conjugate acid?
- (a) 3.85  
→ (b) **10.15**  
(c)  $1.4 \times 10^{-4}$   
(d)  $7.0 \times 10^{-11}$

10. What will happen if 0.500 L of 0.0080 M NaF(aq) is mixed with 0.250 L of 0.050 M CaCl<sub>2</sub>(aq) at 25°C?

$$K_{sp} \text{ CaF}_2 = 3.9 \times 10^{-11} \text{ at } 25^\circ\text{C}$$

- (a) a precipitate of CaCl<sub>2</sub> forms  
(b) no precipitate forms  
→ (c) **a precipitate of CaF<sub>2</sub> forms**  
(d) fluorine gas is evolved
11. The  $K_{sp}$  for Cd(OH)<sub>2</sub> is  $2.5 \times 10^{-14}$ . What is the [Cd<sup>2+</sup>] in a saturated Cd(OH)<sub>2</sub> buffered at pH 8.5?
- (a)  $1.0 \times 10^{-11}$  M  
(b)  $3.2 \times 10^{-9}$  M  
(c)  $2.8 \times 10^{-7}$  M  
→ (d)  **$2.4 \times 10^{-3}$  M**

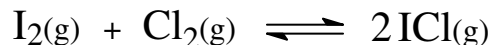
12. Br<sub>2</sub>(g) reacts with H<sub>2</sub>O(l) as follows



This reaction can be encouraged to have the equilibrium favor the products by adjusting the pH of the reaction mixture so that it is constantly kept:

- (a) **greater than 7**  
(b) less than 7  
(c) at 7  
(d) approximately 2
13. The ionization constant for pure water,  $K_w$ , at 10°C is  $0.29 \times 10^{-14}$ . The pH of pure water at 10°C is:
- (a) **7.27**  
(b) 5.40  
(c) 7.00  
(d) 13.5

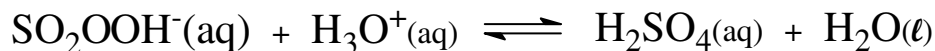
14. A sealed 1.00 L flask contains 6.00 mol of  $\text{I}_2(\text{g})$  and 0.700 mol of  $\text{Cl}_2(\text{g})$ . The following reaction ensues:



When the contents of the flask reach equilibrium, it contains 0.840 mol of  $\text{ICl}(\text{g})$ . The value of  $K_{\text{eq}}$  is:

- (a) 0.538  
(b) 1.86  
→ (c) **0.452**  
(d) 2.21

15. When  $\text{SO}_2(\text{g})$  is dissolved in water it forms  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3(\text{aq})$ . The solution of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3(\text{aq})$  is used in industry to make  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq})$  by oxidation with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{aq})$ . The elementary steps of the mechanism for formation of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq})$  by this method are shown below



and it involves the unusual compound peroxymonosulfurous acid ( $\text{SO}_2\text{OOH}^-$ ). According to this mechanism, the  $\text{SO}_2\text{OOH}^-$  is:

- (a) **an intermediate**  
(b) a catalyst  
(c) an activated complex  
(d) part of a transition state

16. Hydrogen cyanide is a weak acid, with a  $K_a$  of  $4.9 \times 10^{-10}$ . What is the  $[\text{OH}^-]$  of a 0.082 M aqueous hydrogen cyanide solution?

- (a) 5.20  
(b)  $6.3 \times 10^{-6}$   
→ (c)  **$1.6 \times 10^{-9}$**   
(d) 8.80

17. Which one of the following reactions is an oxidation-reduction reaction?

- (a)  $\text{MgO(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow \text{Mg(OH)}_2\text{(aq)}$   
(b)  $\text{CaCO}_3\text{(s)} + 2\text{HNO}_3\text{(aq)} \rightarrow \text{Ca(NO}_3)_2\text{(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} + \text{CO}_2\text{(g)}$   
→ (c)  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{(g)} + \text{KCl(s)} \rightarrow \text{NOCl(g)} + \text{KNO}_3\text{(s)}$   
(d)  $\text{BaCl}_2\text{(aq)} + \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3\text{(aq)} \rightarrow \text{BaCO}_3\text{(s)} + 2\text{KCl(aq)}$

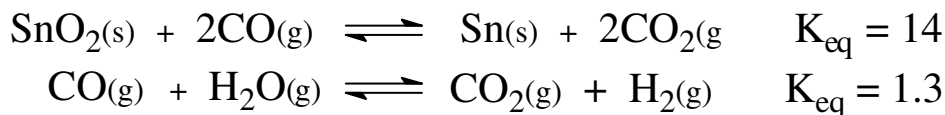
18. Which one of the following indicators would be best for a titration having a pH of 5.0 at the stoichiometric point?

- |                         | pH range of colour change |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) phenolphthalein     | 8.0 - 10.0                |
| → (b) <b>methyl red</b> | <b>4.3 - 6.0</b>          |
| (c) bromocresol purple  | 5.0 - 6.6                 |
| (d) alizarin            | 5.6 - 7.2                 |

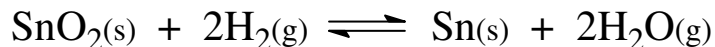
19. An acetic acid - sodium acetate buffer solution is prepared at 25°C by mixing 60.0 mL of 0.300 M acetic acid and 45.0 mL of 0.400 M sodium acetate solutions. The  $K_a$  for acetic acid is  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  at 25°C. What is the pH of this buffer solution?

- (a) **4.74**  
(b) 4.86  
(c) 4.62  
(d) 6.07

20. We have the following information for the two equilibria shown here:



What is the equilibrium constant  $K_{\text{eq}}$  for the following reaction:



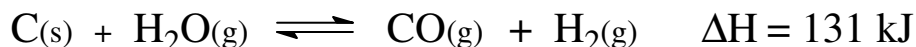
- (a) 24  
→ (b) **8.3**  
(c) 11  
(d) 15

**Part B: Answer in ink on the Contest paper. Show all your work. If you need more space, use the back of the page. All written answers must be in complete sentences.**

1. There is great potential to use molecular hydrogen,  $\text{H}_2$ , as a fuel. Its exothermic combustion reaction with  $\text{O}_2$  to produce  $\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$  has a high fuel value of 142 kJ/g. Hydrogen is a reactive element and is always found naturally combined with another element; e.g. with oxygen in water. Consequently, we must find a method of synthesizing  $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$ .

**5 points**

- (a) One method involves the reaction of steam with solid carbon (or coal) to produce a mixture of  $\text{CO}(\text{g})$  and  $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$ , known as synthesis gas or syngas:



The equilibrium constant for this system at  $600^\circ\text{C}$  is 0.0210. If we add 512 g of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$  to a 11.0 L container along with lots of coal at  $600^\circ\text{C}$ , how many moles of  $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$  would be produced at equilibrium at  $600^\circ\text{C}$ ?

**2 points**

(b) How much heat would we be able to produce from the combustion of all the  $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$  produced in the above equilibrium?

**3 points**

(c) From an environmental point of view, should we use the products of the above equilibrium directly as a fuel or should we separate the CO and  $\text{H}_2$ ? Explain your choice using chemical equations as part of your explanation.

**4 points**

(d) If we added a catalyst and used a temperature lower than  $600^\circ\text{C}$  would we expect more or less  $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$  produced? Explain your choice.



**2 points** 2. Hydrogen is also an important component of acids. The  $K_a$  values for acetic acid and nitrous acids are  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  and  $7.1 \times 10^{-4}$ , respectively. Which is the stronger acid? Explain your choice.

**4 points** 3. Not all acid-base titrations have an equivalence point at pH 7.00; the equivalence point pH can be greater than or less than 7.00 depending on the strengths of the acids and bases involved. For example, a titration of ammonia with  $\text{HCl(aq)}$  has an equivalence point at a pH of about 4.9. Explain why this equivalence point has a  $\text{pH} < 7$ . Use chemical equations as part of your explanation.

**The End**

Data Page

$$K_w = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ at } 25^\circ\text{C}$$

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1A	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	8A			1B	2B	3B	4B	5B	6B	7B	8B
1 <b>H</b> 1.008																	2 <b>He</b> 4.003
3 <b>Li</b> 6.941	4 <b>Be</b> 9.012											5 <b>B</b> 10.81	6 <b>C</b> 12.011	7 <b>N</b> 14.007	8 <b>O</b> 15.999	9 <b>F</b> 18.998	10 <b>Ne</b> 20.179
11 <b>Na</b> 22.99	12 <b>Mg</b> 24.305											13 <b>Al</b> 26.982	14 <b>Si</b> 28.086	15 <b>P</b> 30.974	16 <b>S</b> 32.066	17 <b>Cl</b> 35.453	18 <b>Ar</b> 39.948
19 <b>K</b> 39.098	20 <b>Ca</b> 40.078	21 <b>Sc</b> 44.956	22 <b>Ti</b> 47.88	23 <b>V</b> 50.942	24 <b>Cr</b> 51.996	25 <b>Mn</b> 54.938	26 <b>Fe</b> 55.847	27 <b>Co</b> 58.933	28 <b>Ni</b> 58.69	29 <b>Cu</b> 63.546	30 <b>Zn</b> 65.39	31 <b>Ga</b> 69.72	32 <b>Ge</b> 72.61	33 <b>As</b> 74.9216	34 <b>Se</b> 78.96	35 <b>Br</b> 79.904	36 <b>Kr</b> 83.80
37 <b>Rb</b> 85.468	38 <b>Sr</b> 87.62	39 <b>Y</b> 88.906	40 <b>Zr</b> 91.224	41 <b>Nb</b> 92.906	42 <b>Mo</b> 95.94	43 <b>Tc</b> (98)	44 <b>Ru</b> 101.07	45 <b>Rh</b> 102.91	46 <b>Pd</b> 106.42	47 <b>Ag</b> 107.87	48 <b>Cd</b> 112.41	49 <b>In</b> 114.82	50 <b>Sn</b> 118.71	51 <b>Sb</b> 121.76	52 <b>Te</b> 127.60	53 <b>I</b> 126.90	54 <b>Xe</b> 131.29
55 <b>Cs</b> 132.91	56 <b>Ba</b> 137.33	57 <b>La*</b> 138.91	72 <b>Hf</b> 178.49	73 <b>Ta</b> 180.95	74 <b>W</b> 183.85	75 <b>Re</b> 186.21	76 <b>Os</b> 190.2	77 <b>Ir</b> 192.22	78 <b>Pt</b> 195.08	79 <b>Au</b> 196.97	80 <b>Hg</b> 200.59	81 <b>Tl</b> 204.38	82 <b>Pb</b> 207.2	83 <b>Bi</b> 208.98	84 <b>Po</b> (209)	85 <b>At</b> (210)	86 <b>Rn</b> (222)
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