

## 20 - Ionic Equilibria.

Q-1)  $K_w$  - Ionic product of water.



$$K_w = [\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-]$$

$$K_w = 1.00 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{dm}^{-6}, \text{ at } 298 \text{ K.}$$

In water,  $[\text{H}^+] = [\text{OH}^-]$

$$\therefore K_w = [\text{H}^+]^2$$

$$\therefore [\text{H}^+] = 1.00 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

Q-2) What is pH?

> pH is the negative logarithm to the base 10 of the hydrogen ion concentration.

$$\text{pH} = -\log_{10}[\text{H}^+]$$

$$\therefore [\text{H}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}}$$

Q-3) Calculating pH of strong acids and strong bases.

**Strong acid:**

$[\text{H}^+]$  is same as [acid] since they are completely ionised.

$$\text{pH} = -\log_{10}[\text{H}^+]$$

**Strong base:**

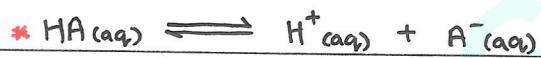
$[\text{OH}^-]$  is same as [alkali]

① use  $[\text{H}^+] = \frac{K_w}{[\text{OH}^-]}$  to find  $[\text{H}^+]$

② then use  $-\log_{10}[\text{H}^+]$

Q-4)  $K_a$  - acid dissociation constant.

- >  $K_a$  is the equilibrium constant for the dissociation of weak acids.



$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$

\* In the equation, the  $\text{H}^+$  arising from the ionisation of water (aq) are ignored.  $\therefore [\text{H}^+] = [\text{A}^-]$

\* We assume that ionisation of weak acid is v. small that  $[\text{HA}]$  at equilibrium is same as  $[\text{HA}]$  at start.

$$\therefore K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+]^2}{[\text{HA}]}$$

$pK_a$  values can be used to compare strengths of weak acids

$$pK_a = -\log_{10} K_a$$

High value of  $K_a$  = STRONG ACID

Low value of  $pK_a$  = STRONG ACID.

\* Equilibrium constant  $K_c$

$$K_c = \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b} \quad \text{if } aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD$$

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### Q-5) Acid-base titrations.

\* Strong acid - strong base.

end point : 10.5 - 3.5.

\* Strong acid - weak base

end point : 7.5 - 3.5.

\* Weak acid - strong base

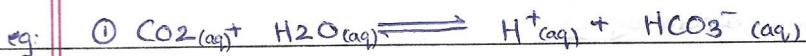
end point : 11 - 7.5

\* Weak acid - weak base

no indicator.

### Q-6) What are buffer solutions?

> A buffer solution is a solution in which the pH does not change significantly when small amounts of acids or alkalis are added.



• equilibrium shift and large reserve of ions means the pH doesn't change significantly.

$$[\text{H}^+] = \frac{\text{Ka} [\text{acid}]}{[\text{salt}]}$$

OR

$$\text{pH} = \text{pKa} + \log_{10} \frac{[\text{salt}]}{[\text{acid}]}$$

Q-7) What is solubility product?

- Solubility product is the product of the concentrations of each ion in a saturated solution of a sparingly soluble salt at 298 K, raised to the power of their relative concentrations.

$$K_{sp} = [C^{y+}]^a [A^{x-}]^b$$

↓                    ↓  
 cation              anion

Q-8) What is the common ion effect?

- The common ion effect is the reduction in the solubility of a dissolved salt achieved by adding a solution of a compound which has an ion in common with the dissolved salt.

Q-9) What is partition co-efficient?

- Partition coefficient is the distribution of a solute in two immiscible solvents.

$$K_{pc} = \frac{[\text{organic top layer}]}{[\text{inorganic bottom layer}]}$$

\* see notebook for example.