

## Chemistry 301 - Midterm Exam #1

**Friday, October 4, 2013, 9:00 am**

*Only the standard UBC Science calculator (Sharp EL 510R or EL 510RN(B)) is permitted.*

Worth 30 points (20% of course)

**PART I (multiple choice – 15 points) - circle your answer.**

*One point for each correct answer, no penalty for wrong answers. If you don't know, then guess. There is only one best answer for each question.*

- On a sketch of the hydrological cycle, which arrows would be bigger (represent a larger flux)?
  - Evaporation from land > precipitation to land, evaporation from ocean > precipitation to ocean
  - Evaporation from land > precipitation to land, evaporation from ocean < precipitation to ocean
  - Evaporation from land < precipitation to land, evaporation from ocean > precipitation to ocean
  - Evaporation from land < precipitation to land, evaporation from ocean < precipitation to ocean
  - Evaporation from land = precipitation to land, evaporation from ocean = precipitation to ocean
- Water is a good solvent because:
  - It is polar
  - It forms hydrogen bonds
  - It has a high heat capacity
  - It forms small clusters
  - Ice is less dense than water
  - It has a temperature of maximum density above the freezing point
- Supersaturated oxygen levels are likely to be found in surface waters when there has been recent:
  - Phytoplankton growth and cooling
  - Phytoplankton growth and windy weather
  - Phytoplankton growth and rain
  - Phytoplankton decay and cooling
  - Phytoplankton decay and windy weather
  - Phytoplankton decay and rain
- Adding CO<sub>2</sub> to water:
  - increases total CO<sub>2</sub> and increases pH
  - decreases total CO<sub>2</sub> and increases pH
  - increases total CO<sub>2</sub> and decreases pH
  - decreases total CO<sub>2</sub> and decreases pH
  - increases total CO<sub>2</sub> with no change to pH
- Water in Vancouver is soft because:
  - Temperatures in Vancouver rarely get below 4°C
  - Vancouver is close to the Pacific Ocean
  - Vancouver is close to steep mountains
  - Vancouver is close to granitic mountains
  - Vancouver is close to sedimentary mountains
- The climate in Vancouver is moderate relative to the rest of Canada because:
  - sea breezes develop in the late afternoon in Vancouver
  - the Pacific Ocean is warmer than the Atlantic Ocean
  - oceans are warmer than land
  - water has a higher specific heat capacity than land
  - Vancouver is at a lower latitude than any other part of Canada
  - Vancouver is close to granitic mountains

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7. Given the hypothetical information in Table A below, if total M is  $10^{-5}$  M which solid forms do you expect to find at equilibrium?
- only  $\text{MX}_{(s)}$
  - only  $\text{MY}_{(s)}$
  - only  $\text{MZ}_{(s)}$
  - $\text{MX}_{(s)}$  and  $\text{MY}_{(s)}$
  - $\text{MX}_{(s)}$  and  $\text{MZ}_{(s)}$
  - $\text{MY}_{(s)}$  and  $\text{MZ}_{(s)}$
  - all three ( $\text{MX}_{(s)}$ ,  $\text{MY}_{(s)}$  and  $\text{MZ}_{(s)}$ )
  - no solid forms are expected

**Table A**

Reaction	K <sub>sp</sub>	Calculated $[\text{M}^{n+}]$ at equil.
$\text{MX}_{(s)} \rightleftharpoons \text{M}^{n+} + \text{X}^{n-}$	$1 \times 10^{-12}$	$10^{-8}$ M
$\text{MY}_{(s)} \rightleftharpoons \text{M}^{n+} + \text{Y}^{n-}$	$1 \times 10^{-8}$	$10^{-6}$ M
$\text{MZ}_{(s)} \rightleftharpoons \text{M}^{n+} + \text{Z}^{n-}$	$1 \times 10^{-10}$	$10^{-4}$ M

8. Given the information in Table A above:
- $[\text{X}^{n-}] < [\text{Y}^{n-}] < [\text{Z}^{n-}]$
  - $[\text{X}^{n-}] < [\text{Z}^{n-}] < [\text{Y}^{n-}]$
  - $[\text{Y}^{n-}] < [\text{Z}^{n-}] < [\text{X}^{n-}]$
  - $[\text{Y}^{n-}] < [\text{X}^{n-}] < [\text{Z}^{n-}]$
  - $[\text{Z}^{n-}] < [\text{Y}^{n-}] < [\text{X}^{n-}]$
  - $[\text{Z}^{n-}] < [\text{X}^{n-}] < [\text{Y}^{n-}]$
9. Considering the equilibrium between  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2$ , Fe is more likely to precipitate:
- when the total amount of Fe is high, regardless of the pH
  - when the total amount of Fe is high and pH is low
  - when the total amount of Fe is high and pH is high
  - when the total amount of Fe is low, regardless of the pH
  - when the total amount of Fe is low and pH is low
  - when the total amount of Fe is low and pH is high
10. For a  $\text{Cr}^{6+}$  ion, what transformation would you expect if you changed the pH from acidic to basic conditions?
- aqua to hydroxo
  - aqua to oxo
  - hydroxo to aqua
  - hydroxo to oxo
  - oxo to hydroxo
  - oxo to aqua
11. Which of the following could cause a body of water become anoxic?
- A low amount of photosynthesis
  - A deep thermocline
  - High B.O.D.
  - Oligotrophic conditions
  - A recent change in temperature
12. How is humin different than humic acid?
- Solubility in strong acid
  - Solubility in strong base
  - Functional groups attached
  - molecular weight
  - electronegativity

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13. Give the following pKa's for phosphoric acid:

$$\text{pKa}_1 = 2.17$$

$$\text{pKa}_2 = 7.13$$

$$\text{pKa}_3 = 12.36$$

What form(s) of phosphate do you expect to be significant at pH = 12?

- a)  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  only
  - b)  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  and  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$
  - c)  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$  only
  - d)  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$
  - e)  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  only
  - f)  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$
  - g)  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  only
14. Gases are most soluble in:
- a) cold freshwater
  - b) warm freshwater
  - c) cold seawater
  - d) warm seawater
  - e) a warm 50:50 mixture of seawater and freshwater
  - f) a cold 50:50 mixture of seawater and freshwater
15. Which of the following statements about soap scum is true:
- a) Scum forms when hard water is heated
  - b) Scum is more likely to form in Vancouver than in Calgary or Toronto
  - c) Scum forms when Fe is oxidized
  - d) Scum forms when  $\text{CO}_2$  is added to water
  - e) Scum makes soap less effective

**PART II (Short answer and calculations – 15 points)**

16. You take a sample of water with a "total  $\text{CO}_2$ " of  $1.00 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/litre and a pH of 9.33.

a) (1 pt) What is the ratio of  $[\text{HCO}_3^-]$  to  $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$ ?

b) (1 pt) What is  $[\text{HCO}_3^-]$ ?

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c) (2pt) If 1 millimole of acid is added to 100 litres of this water, what do you expect the pH to be, assuming the reaction goes to completion? (Explain using words and/or calculations.)

d) (1 pt) If the alkalinity were essentially zero, what would the pH be after the addition of the same amount of acid?

17. A lead recycling plant begins operation on the shores of a formerly clean lake of capacity  $1 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^3$ . It discharges into the lake  $1 \text{ m}^3$  per hour of waste containing  $1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M Pb}^{+2}$ . The other inflow to the lake is a river with a flow rate of  $1 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^3$  per hr. Once the lake is allowed to reach a new steady state:

(a) (2 pts) Calculate the residence time of  $\text{Pb}^{+2}$  in the lake and explain what the term residence time means.

(b) (2 pts) Calculate the concentration of  $\text{Pb}^{+2}$  in the lake, which is well mixed, and has no other sources or sinks for  $\text{Pb}^{+2}$ .

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(c) (3 pts) If the pH of this lake is 8, do you expect the added lead to form an insoluble hydroxide precipitate? What if the pH is 6? Taking each case separately, what is the concentration of  $\text{Pb}^{+2}$  in the lake (after considering precipitation)?

(d) (3 pts) If the lake also has a steady state concentration of NTA at  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M along with the  $\text{Pb}^{+2}$ , how will this affect the amount of soluble Pb in the lake? If you predicted precipitation at any pH in part (c), will this prediction change with the added NTA? To make any calculations easier, feel free to round off pK's as needed.

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