

Plus One Chemistry Chapter Wise Important Questions

Chapter 6 Equilibrium

Question 1.

The water solutions of the ionic compounds NaCl, CH₃COONa and NH₄Cl show different pH. (March – 2009)

- Identify the acidic, basic and neutral solutions among these.
- Justify your answer.

Answer:

- NaCl + H₂O → NaOH + HCl, Hence neutral.
CH₃COONa + H₂O → CH₃COOH + NaOH. Hence basic.
NH₄Cl + H₂O → NH₄OH + HCl. Hence acidic.

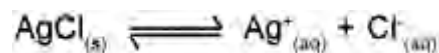
- In aqueous solution, NaCl gives NaOH and HCl they are strong acid and base. In aqueous solution, CH₃COONa gives CH₃COOH and NaOH. NaOH is strong. In aqueous solution, NH₄Cl gives NH₄OH and HCl. Among this HCl is strong acid.

Question 2.

When some sodium acetate is added to a solution of acetic acid, the concentration of unionized acetic acid increases. (March – 2010)

- What is the phenomenon involved? Substantiate.
- Consider the equilibrium,

The solubility of AgCl is 1.06 x 10⁻⁵ molL⁻¹ at 298K. Find out its K_{sp} at this temperature.



- What happens to the value of solubility and solubility product when HCl is passed through an AgCl solution?

Answer:

- Common ion effect:- The dissociation of a weak acid can be decreased by adding a strong electrolyte having a common ion.

Question 3.

Lowry-Bronsted concept of acids and bases is based on the exchange of H⁺ during a reaction. (Say – 2010)

- Illustrate with an example of the conjugate acid-base pair.
- Explain the Lewis concept of acids and bases.
- According to Lewis theory classify the following into acids and bases:
 - H₂O
 - NH₃
 - AlCl₃
 - OH



$$K = \frac{[\text{Ag}^{+}][\text{Cl}^{-}]}{[\text{AgCl}]} \text{ or } K[\text{AgCl}] = [\text{Ag}^{+}][\text{Cl}^{-}]$$

$$K \times \text{constant} = K_{sp} = [\text{Ag}^{+}][\text{Cl}^{-}]$$

Answer:

a) The base formed by the loss of proton from an acid is called the conjugate base of the acid. Similarly the acid formed by gain of a proton by a base is called conjugate acid of the base.

The pairs of acids and bases which are formed from each other by the gain or loss of a proton are called conjugate acid-base pair.

Consider the equation.

This Cl^- and HCl constitute a conjugate acid-base pair. Similarly, H_2O and H_3O^+ constitute another conjugate acid-base pair.



b) According to this concept an acid is defined as a substance which can accept a pair of electrons while a base is a substance which can donate a pair of electrons.

c) Acids $\rightarrow \text{AlCl}_3$

Bases $\rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{NH}_3, \text{OH}^-$

Question 4.

Common ion effect is a phenomenon based on the Le-Chatelier's principle. (March – 2011)

a) Illustrate the common ion effect using an example.

b) If the concentration of the hydrogen ion in a soft drink is $3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$, calculate its pH.

c) Identify the Lewis acids from the following :

i) OH^-

ii) BCl_3

iii) NH_3

iv) H^+

Answer:

a) The dissociation of a weak electrolyte can be suppressed by adding a strong electrolyte having a common ion.

eg : Dissociation of acetic acid can be suppressed by adding Sodium acetate to it.

b) $\text{pH} = -\log (\text{H}_3\text{O}^+)$

$\text{pH} = -\log (3 \times 10^{-3})$

$= -\log 3 + 3 \log 10$

$= -0.4771 + 3$

$= 3 - 0.4771$

$= 2.52$

c) Lewis acid : BCl_3, H^+

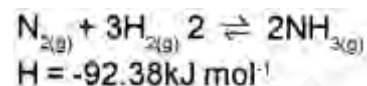
Question 5.

The principal goal of chemical synthesis is to maximize the conversion of reactants into products. Le-Chatelier's principle can be applied to achieve this goal. (Say – 2011)

a) State Le-Chatelier's principle.

b) Predict the conditions to be applied to maximize the production of ammonia in the following reaction.

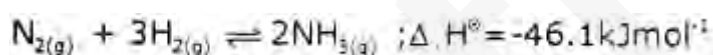
c) Comment on the effect of increase in pressure in the reaction



Answer:

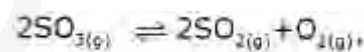
a) The Le Chatelier's principle states that a change in any of the factors that determine the equilibrium conditions of a system will cause the system to change in such a manner so as to reduce or to counteract the effect of the change,

b) In the manufacture of ammonia by Haber's process the yield of ammonia can be increased by:



- Increasing the concentration of N_2 and H_2 .
- Removal of NH_3 formed continuously by liquefaction from the reaction medium.
- Using an optimum temperature of 500°C and a pressure of 200 atm.
- By using spongy iron catalyst in presence of molybdenum as promoter or iron oxide with small amounts of K_2O and Al_2O_3 .

c) In the equilibrium number of moles increases in the forward reaction. On increasing pressure the equilibrium shifts in the direction in which there is decrease in the number of moles. Thus, increasing pressure shifts the equilibrium in the backward direction so that the decomposition of SO_3 is suppressed.



Question 6.

Le Chatelier's principle helps to explain the effect of change in conditions on equilibrium. (March – 2012)

Discuss the effect of pressure in the following equilibrium on the basis of Le Chatelier's principle :

Answer:



The forward reaction involves a decrease in the number of molecules. Hence a high pressure will favour the formation of products.



Question 7.

The behavior of acids and bases can be explained using different concepts. (March – 2012)

a) Select the Lewis acid from the following : (NH_3 , OH^- , BCl_3 , Cl^-)

b) What are conjugate acid-base pairs? Illustrate using a suitable example.

OR

The pH of a salt solution depends on the hydrolysis of its ions.

a) Out of the following, which can produce an acidic solution in water? (CH_3COONa ,

NH_4Cl , $\text{CH}_3\text{COONH}_4$, NaCl)

b) Explain the phenomenon of the common ion effect with a suitable example.

Answer:

a) Lewis acid : OH^- , $\text{CO}^- \text{NH}_3$

b) The pair of acid and base which is formed from each other by the gain or loss of a proton is called a conjugate acid-base pair.

Conjugate acid = Base + H^+

Conjugate base = Acid - H^+

OR

a) NH_4Cl

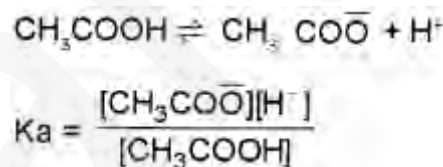
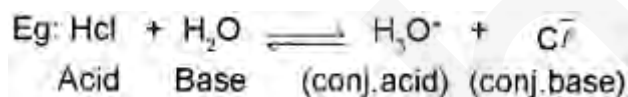
b) The ionisation of a weak electrolyte

(weak acid or weak base) is suppressed by the addition of a salt which contains a common ion. This effect is called common ion effect. Eg: When weak electrolyte like acetic acid is present in solution.

If another electrolyte, CH_3COONa , which supplies CH_3COO^- ion is added, the equilibrium will be disturbed. CH_3COONa is a strong electrolyte and it completely ionises as CH_3COONa

$\rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- + \text{Na}^+$. This leads to a considerable

increase in concentration of CH_3COO^- ion in the solution. This increase in concentration of CH_3COO^- would shift the equilibrium considerably to the left (Le-Chatelier's principle) i.e. CH_3COO^- ions combine with H^+ ions giving unionised CH_3COOH . Thus degree of ionisation of acetic acid is suppressed by the addition of CH_3COONa .



Question 8.

a) During the classroom discussion one of your friends argues that equilibrium constant is not altered with change in temperature. What is your view towards this argument?

Justify. (Say - 2012)

b) Dissociation of CaCO_3 in a closed vessel is given as

i) Write an expression for K_c .

ii) Explain the effect of increase in pressure on the above reaction. Name the principle behind this.

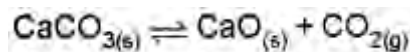
Answer:

a) Equilibrium constant varies with temperatures. Its variation with temperature can be described by Arrhenius equation.

where

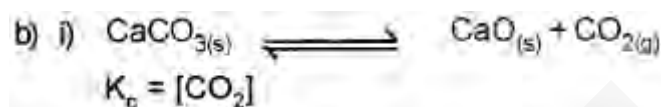
$\Delta H \rightarrow$ Enthalpy change k_1 , & $k_2 \rightarrow$ Eqb^m constant at temperature T_1 & T_2 . $R \rightarrow$ Universal gas constant.

This equation is known as Van't Hoff equation.



$$\log \frac{K_2}{K_1} = \frac{\Delta H}{2.303R} \left[\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1 T_2} \right]$$

ii) Pressure increases – Equilibrium shift towards lesser no. of gaseous moles.



Name of the principle behind this is Le-Chatelier's principle.

Question 9.

Equilibrium is possible only in a closed system at a given temperature. (March – 2013)

a) Write the expression for equilibrium constant K_c for the reaction.

b) What happens to the value of the equilibrium constant (K_c) when the above reaction is reversed?

Answer:

Question 10.

Weak acids are partially ionized in aqueous solutions.

a) The ionization constants of some acids are given below:

Acid – Ionization constant (K_a)

Formic acid (HCOOH) – 1.8×10^{-4}

Hypochlorous acid (HClO) – 3.0×10^{-8}

Nitrous acid (HNO₂) – 4.5×10^{-4}

Hydrocyanic acid (HCN) – 4.9×10^{-10}

Arrange the above acids in the increasing order of their acid strength.

b) Calculate the pH of 0.01 M acetic acid solution with the degree of ionization 0.045.

OR

Salts can be classified into different categories on the basis of their solubility.

a) Identify the solubility range of sparingly soluble salts from the following: (Between 0.01 M and 0.1 M, less than 0.01 M, greater than 0.1M, greater than 0.1 M).

b) Calculate the solubility (S) of CaSO₄ at 298 K if its solubility product constant (K_{sp}) at this temperature is 9×10^{-6}

Answer:

a) Ionization constant (k_a) of acid increase Acidity increases.

∴ Increasing order of acid strength

$$\Delta_f H = \Delta_{\text{lattice}} H + \Delta_{\text{sub}} H + \Delta_{\text{I.E}} H + \frac{1}{2} \Delta_{\text{(Diss)}} H + \Delta_{\text{eg}} H$$

$$\Delta_{\text{lattice}} H = \Delta_f H - [\Delta_{\text{sub}} H + \Delta_{\text{I.E}} H + \frac{1}{2} \Delta_{\text{Diss}} H + \Delta_{\text{eg}} H]$$

where $\Delta_{\text{lattice}} H \rightarrow$ Lattice enthalpy

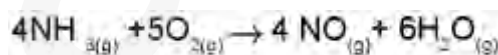
$\Delta_f H \rightarrow$ Enthalpy of formation

$\Delta_{\text{sub}} H \rightarrow$ Enthalpy of sublimation

$\Delta_{\text{I.E}} H \rightarrow$ Ionisation enthalpy

$\Delta_{\text{Diss}} H \rightarrow$ Dissociation enthalpy

$\Delta_{\text{eg}} H \rightarrow$ Electron gain Enthalpy



$$K_c = \frac{[\text{NO}]^4 [\text{H}_2\text{O}]^6}{[\text{NH}_3]^4 [\text{O}_2]^5}$$

$$\text{b) } K_c = \frac{[\text{NH}_3]^4 [\text{O}_2]^5}{[\text{NO}]^4 [\text{H}_2\text{O}]^6} = \frac{1}{K_c}$$

Question 11.

a) What is the conjugate acid-base pair? Illustrate with an example. (Say – 2013)

b) Define the pH scale. The pH of a soft drink is 2.42. Give the nature of the solution.

c) An aqueous solution of CuSO_4 is acidic while that of Na_2SO_4 is neutral. Explain.

Answer:

a) The acid-base pair that differs by a proton is called conjugate acid-base pair.

e.g. in the ionisation of hydrochloric acid in water, $\text{HCl}_{(\text{aq})}$ acts as acid by donating a proton to H_2O molecule which acts as a base.

In the above equation, water acts as a base because it accepts the proton. The species H_3O^+ is produced when water accepts a proton from HCl. Therefore, Cl^- is a conjugate base of HCl and HCl is the conjugate acid of base Cl^- . Similarly, H_2O is a conjugate base of an acid H_3O^+ and H_3O^+ is a conjugate acid of base H_2O .

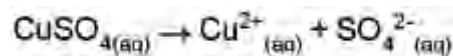
b) In pH scale, pH of a solution is defined as the negative logarithm to base 10 of the activity (a_{H^+}) of hydrogen ion.

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

pH 2.42 is acidic because acidic solution has pH less than 7

c) CuSO_4 , being a salt of a strong acid H_2SO_4 and a weak base $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$ gets completely ionised in aqueous solution.

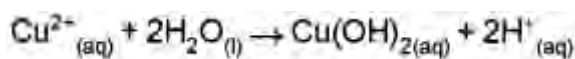
$\text{Cu}^{2+}_{(\text{aq})}$ thus formed undergoes hydrolysis in water to give $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$ and H^+ ions.



Na_2SO_4 is a salt formed from a strong base

NaOH and a strong acid H_2SO_4 . Hence, it has

no hydrolysis. Therefore, its aqueous solution is neutral.



Question 12.

a) Write an equation for equilibrium constant in terms of concentration (K_c) for the equilibrium reaction given below. (March – 2014)

b) What are buffer solutions? Give an example of a buffer solution.

c) The concentration of H^+ ion in a sample of soft drink is 3.8×10^{-3} M. Determine its pH.

Answer:



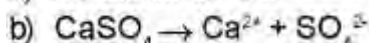
b) $C = 0.01\text{M}$ $\alpha = 0.045$

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = C\alpha = 0.01 \times 0.045 = 0.00045\text{M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = -\log[0.00045]$$

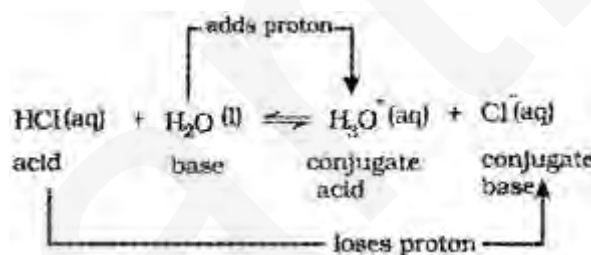
OR

a) less than 0.01M



$$K_{\text{sp}} = S^2 = (9 \times 10^{-5})^2$$

$$= 81 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mol/L}$$

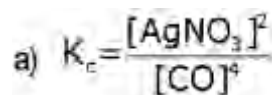


b) Solutions which resist change in pH on dilution or with the addition of small amounts of acid or alkali are called buffer solutions.

e.g., a mixture of CH_3COOH and CH_3COONa (acid buffer), a mixture of NH_4Cl and NH_4OH (basic buffer)

c) $\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$

$\text{pH} = -\log[3.8 \times 10^{-3}] = 2.42$



Question 13.

Le-Chatelier's principle makes a qualitative prediction about the change in conditions on equilibrium. (August – 2014)

a) State Le-Chatelier's principle.

What is the effect of pressure on the above equilibrium?



c) The species HCO_3^- and HSO_4^- can act both as Bronsted acids and bases. Write the corresponding conjugate acid and conjugate base of the above species.

Answer:

a) It states that a change in any one of the factors that determine the equilibrium conditions of a system will cause the system to change in such a manner so as to reduce or to counteract the effect of the change.

b) Pressure change has no effect in this equilibrium since the total number of moles of gaseous reactants is equal to the total number of gaseous products.

c) HCO_3^- Conjugate acid – H_2CO_3 , Conjugate base – CO_3^{2-}
 HSO_4^- – Conjugate acid- H_2SO_4 , Conjugate base – SO_4^{2-}

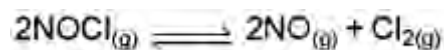
Question 14.

a) i) Give the Arrhenius concept about acids and bases. (March – 2015)

ii) Give one example each for Arrhenius acid and base.

b) i) Write the expression for equilibrium constant K_p for the following equilibrium.

ii) Find the value of K_c for above equilibrium if the value of K_p is 1.8×10^{-2} atm at 600 K. $R = 0.0821$ L atm $\text{K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$.



Answer:

a) i) According to Arrhenius theory, acids are substances that dissociates in water to give hydrogen ions, $\text{H}^+(\text{aq})$ and bases are substances that produce hydroxyl ions, $\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$.

ii) Example for Arrhenius acid – $\text{HCl}(\text{aq})$, $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq})$, $\text{HNO}_3(\text{aq})$ -anyone.

Example for Arrhenius base – $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$, $\text{KOH}(\text{aq})$ – any one.

Question 15.

Equilibrium constant helps in predicting the direction helps in predicting the direction in which a given reaction will proceed at any stage. (Say – 2015)

a) In which one of the following conditions a chemical reaction proceeds in the forward

direction?

- i) $Q_c < K_c$
- ii) $Q_c > K_c$
- iii) $Q_c = 1/K_c$
- iv) $Q_c = -K_c$

b) Write whether the following statement is true or false.

“High value of equilibrium constant suggests high concentration of the reactants in the equilibrium mixture”.

c) State the Le-Chatelier’s principle.

Applying this principle, explain the effect of pressure in the following equilibrium.

Answer:

- a) i) $Q_c < K_c$
- b) False
- c) The Le Chatelier’s principle states that a change in any of the factors that determine the equilibrium conditions of a system will cause the system to change in such a manner so as to reduce or to counteract the effect of the change.

On increasing pressure the rate of forward reaction increases as it is associated with decrease in number of moles.

On decreasing pressure the rate of backward reaction increases as it is associated with increase in number of moles.

Question 16.

a) Write the expression for equilibrium constant K_c for the following equilibrium. (March – 2016)

b) The solubility product of $Al(OH)_3$ is 1×10^{-36} . Calculate the solubility of $Al(OH)_3$.

OR

- a) Explain the concept of Lewis acids and Lewis bases with suitable examples.
- b) Write the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation for an acidic buffer, Calculate the pH of an acidic buffer containing 0.1 M CH_3COOH and 0.5 M CH_3COONa [K_a for CH_3COOH is 1.8×10^{-6}]

Answer:

Since, the molar concentration of pure solids is constant and is taken as unity,

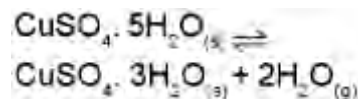
$$b) i) K_p = \frac{(P_{NO})^2 \times (P_{Cl_2})}{(P_{NOCl})^2}$$

$$ii) K_p = K_c \times (RT)^{\Delta n}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } K_c = \frac{K_p}{(RT)^{\Delta n}}$$

$$= \frac{1.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ atm}}{(0.0821 \text{ L atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \times 600 \text{ K})}$$

$$= 3.65 \times 10^{-4} \text{ atm}$$



$$a) K_c = \frac{[CuSO_4 \cdot 3H_2O][H_2O]^2}{[CuSO_4 \cdot 5H_2O]}$$

$$\text{Or, } K_c = [H_2O]^2$$

OR

a) According to Lewis concept acid is a species which accepts electron pair and base is a species which donates an electron pair. Example for Lewis acids – BF_3 ,

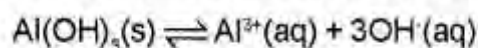
AlCl_3 , H^- , Co_3^+ etc.

Examples for Lewis bases – H_2O , NH_3 , OH^- etc.

b) The Henderson – Hasselbalch equation for an acidic buffer is

b) K_{sp} of $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3 = 1 \times 10^{-36}$

The solubility equilibrium of $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$ is



Let 'S' is the molar solubility of $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$. Then,

$$[\text{Al}]^{3+} = S \text{ and } [\text{OH}] = 3S$$

$$K_{sp} = [\text{Al}^{3+}][\text{OH}]^3$$

$$K_{sp} = S \times (3S)^3$$

$$K_{sp} = 27S^4$$

Question 17.

a) The solubility product of salt is related to its solubility.

(Say – 2016)

i) Give the relation between solubility product and solubility of BaSO_4 .

ii) The solubility product of BaSO_4 is 1.2×10^{-10} at 298 K.

Calculate the solubility of BaSO_4 at 298 K.

b) Differentiate between homogeneous and heterogeneous equilibria.

Answer:

a) i) The equilibrium between the undissolved solid and the ions in a saturated solution of BaSO_4 , can be represented by the equation:

b) Homogeneous equilibria: Equilibria in which all the reactants and products are in the same phase.

Here, all the reactants and products are in the gaseous phase.

Heterogeneous equilibria: Equilibria in a system having more than one phase i.e., reactants and products are in a different phase, Here, there is a solid phase and a liquid phase.

Question 18.

a) Classify the following solutions into acidic, basic and neutral NaCl , NH_4NO_3 , NaCN , NaNO_2 . (March – 2017)

b) p^{H} of blood remains constant in spite of the variety of foods and spices we eat. Give a

$$S^4 = \frac{K_{sp}}{27} = \frac{1 \times 10^{-36}}{27}$$

$$S^4 = 0.037 \times 10^{-36}$$

$$S = (0.037 \times 10^{-36})^{1/4}$$

$$= 4.3858 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \frac{[\text{Salt}]}{[\text{Acid}]}$$

Here, K_a for acetic acid = 1.8×10^{-5}

$$\text{p}K_a = -\log K_a = -\log (1.8 \times 10^{-5}) = 5.745$$

$$\text{pH} = 5.745 + \log \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]}$$

$$\text{pH} = 5.745 + \log \frac{0.5}{0.1}$$

$$= 5.745 + 0.69897$$

$$= 6.444$$

$$[\text{Ba}^{2+}] = [\text{SO}_4^{2-}] = S$$

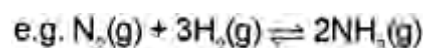
$$K_{sp} = [\text{Ba}^{2+}] \times [\text{SO}_4^{2-}] = S \times S$$

i.e., $K_{sp} = S^2$

ii) Given that, for BaSO_4 , $K_{sp} = 1.2 \times 10^{-10}$ at 298 K

$$K_{sp} = S^2$$

$$\therefore S = \sqrt{K_{sp}} = \sqrt{1.2 \times 10^{-10}} = 1.095 \times 10^{-5} \text{ at 298 K}$$



reason.

c) The solubility of Mg(OH)_2 at 298K is 1.5×10^{-4} . Calculate the solubility product.

Answer:

a) Acidic- NH_4NO_3

Basic – NaCN , NaNO_2

Neutral – NaCl

b) This is due to the presence of a buffer system in blood. The carbonate/bicarbonate ($\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3/\text{HCO}_3^-$) buffer system helps to maintain pH of blood between 7.26 to 7.42

c) Given that, Solubility of Mg(OH)_2 , $S = 1.5 \times 10^{-4}$ The equilibrium between the undissolved solid and ions in a saturated solution of Mg(OH)_2 can be represented as,

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