## Acids, Bases and Buffers Worksheet

1.	Classify each of the following as a strong acid (SA), a weak acid (WA), a strong base (SB), or a weak base (WB) in aqueous solution.			
	a. HNO <sub>3</sub>		d. NaOH	
	b. H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>		e. NH <sub>3</sub>	
	c. CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>		f. HF	

2. If you have 0.10 M solutions of the following Bronsted bases, in which solution is the hydroxide ion concentration larger? In which solution is the pH higher?

a. 
$$CN^{-1}_{(aq)} + H_2O_{(\ell)} \leftrightarrows HCN_{(aq)} + OH^{-1}_{(aq)}$$
  $K_b = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$   
b.  $CH_3NH_{2(aq)} + H_2O_{(\ell)} \leftrightarrows CH_3NH_3^{+1}_{(aq)} + OH^{-1}_{(aq)}$   $K_b = 5.0 \times 10^{-4}$   
a.  $[OH^{-1}]$  is larger in b. pH is higher in

3. Write the formula and give the conjugate acid or base for each of the following:

a. 
$$HNO_2$$
 d.  $Br^{-1}$  b.  $SO_3^{-2}$  e.  $NH_4^{+1}$  c.  $HCO_3^{-1}$  f.  $H_2PO_4^{-1}$ 

4. For each of the following reactions, identify the acid, the base, the conjugate base and the conjugate acid.

 $H_2O + H_2O + H_3O^{+1} + OH^{-1}$ 

b. 
$$CH_3O^{-1} + CH_3COCH_3 \leftrightarrows CH_3OH + CH_3COCH_2^{-1}$$

c. 
$$H_2S + NH_3 \leftrightarrows HS^{-1} + NH_4^{+1}$$

5. Write the dissociation reaction and the corresponding equilibrium expression for each of the following in water.

a. 
$$H_3PO_4$$
  $K_a =$ 

b. 
$$NH_3$$

6. For each reaction shown here, predict whether the equilibrium lies predominantly to the left or to the right. Explain your prediction briefly.

a. 
$$NH_4^{+1} + Br^{-1} \leftrightarrows NH_3 + HBr$$

b. 
$$HCO_3^{-1} + CH_3CO_2^{-1} \leftrightarrows CO_3^{-2} + CH_3CO_2H$$

c. 
$$Al(H_2O)_6^{+3} + HCO_3^{-1} \iff Al(H_2O)_5(OH)^{+2} + H_2CO_3$$

7. Calculate the pH of the following solutions.

a. 
$$[H_3O^{+1}] = 1.4 \times 10^{-3} M$$

b. 
$$[OH^{-1}] = 3.5 \times 10^{-2} M$$

c. 
$$pOH = 9.1$$

- 8. Milk of magnesia has a pH of 10.51. What is the  $[H_3O^{+1}]$ ? What is the  $[OH^{-1}]$ ? Is the solution acidic or basic?
- 9. Write the equation for the ionization of nitric acid in aqueous solution. What is the pH of a  $2.5 \times 10^{-2}$  M solution of nitric acid?
- 10. Write the equation for the ionization of nitrous acid in aqueous solution. What is the pH of a  $2.5 \times 10^{-2}$  M solution of nitrous acid?
- 11. Write the equation for the ionization of sodium hydroxide in aqueous solution. What is the pH of a 0.034 M solution of sodium hydroxide?
- 12. Write the equation for the ionization of ammonia in aqueous solution. What is the pH of a 0.034 M solution of ammonia?

- 13. Heavy metal azides, which are salts of hydrazoic acid,  $HN_3$ , are used as explosive detonators. A solution of 0.20 M hydrazoic acid has a pH of 3.21. What is the value of  $K_a$  for hydrazoic acid?
- 14. Carbonic acid can be found in a wide variety of body fluids. a) Calculate the hydronium ion concentration of a 5.45 x 10<sup>-4</sup> M H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution. b) What is the pH of this solution?
  c) What is the concentration of CO<sub>3</sub><sup>-2</sup>?
- 15. Trimethylamine,  $(CH_3)_3N$ , is a gas with a fishy, ammonia-like odor. An aqueous solution that is 0.25 M trimethylamine has a pH of 11.63. What is the value of  $K_b$  for trimethylamine?
- 16. Note whether aqueous solutions of each of the following salts will be acidic, basic, or neutral.

a. NaHSO<sub>3</sub>

d. KClO<sub>4</sub>

b.  $Cu(NO_3)_2$ 

e. CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>Cl

c. CaCl<sub>2</sub>

f. KCN

