

## ***Aqueous Equilibria: Part II- Solubility Product***

**PSI AP Chemistry**

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### ***I Solubility Product, $K_{sp}$ MC #63-103***

- a) Writing  $K_{sp}$  expression
- b) Solving for  $K_{sp}$
- c) Solving for (molar) solubility
- d) Predicting whether a precipitate will form
- e) Factors affecting solubility/ Common-ion effect

### ***II Conceptual questions 1-20***

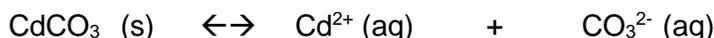
## Solubility & K<sub>sp</sub>

1) Given the reaction at equilibrium:  $\text{Zn(OH)}_2 \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{OH}^-$

What is the expression for the solubility product constant, K<sub>sp</sub>, for this reaction?

- A)  $K_{sp} = [\text{Zn}^{2+}][\text{OH}^-] / [\text{Zn(OH)}_2]$
- B)  $K_{sp} = [\text{Zn(OH)}_2] / [\text{Zn}^{2+}][2\text{OH}^-]$
- C)  $K_{sp} = [\text{Zn}^{2+}][2\text{OH}^-]$
- D)  $K_{sp} = [\text{Zn}^{2+}][\text{OH}^-]^2$

2) Write the K<sub>sp</sub> expression for the equilibrium that exists in a saturated solution of cadmium (II) carbonate, CdCO<sub>3</sub>:



3) Write the K<sub>sp</sub> expression for the equilibrium that exists in a saturated solution of cadmium (II) hydroxide, Cd(OH)<sub>2</sub>.

4) Write the K<sub>sp</sub> expression for the equilibrium that exists in a saturated solution of silver iodide, AgI.

5) Write the K<sub>sp</sub> expression for the equilibrium that exists in a saturated solution of iron (III) hydroxide, Fe(OH)<sub>3</sub>.

6) Write the K<sub>sp</sub> expression for the equilibrium that exists in a saturated solution of zinc carbonate, ZnCO<sub>3</sub>.

7) The solubility of lead (II) chloride (PbCl<sub>2</sub>) is  $1.6 \times 10^{-2}$  at 25°C. At this temperature, what is the K<sub>sp</sub> of PbCl<sub>2</sub>?

- A)  $5.0 \times 10^{-4}$
- B)  $4.1 \times 10^{-6}$
- C)  $3.1 \times 10^{-7}$
- D)  $1.6 \times 10^{-5}$
- E)  $1.6 \times 10^{-2}$

8) The solubility of manganese (II) hydroxide (Mn(OH)<sub>2</sub>) is  $2.2 \times 10^{-5}$ . What is the K<sub>sp</sub> of Mn(OH)<sub>2</sub>?

- A)  $1.1 \times 10^{-14}$
- B)  $4.3 \times 10^{-14}$
- C)  $2.1 \times 10^{-14}$
- D)  $4.8 \times 10^{-10}$
- E)  $2.2 \times 10^{-5}$

9) Determine the K<sub>sp</sub> for magnesium hydroxide (Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>) where the solubility of Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> is  $1.4 \times 10^{-4}$  M.

- A)  $2.7 \times 10^{-12}$
- B)  $1.1 \times 10^{-11}$
- C)  $2.0 \times 10^{-8}$
- D)  $3.9 \times 10^{-8}$
- E)  $1.4 \times 10^{-4}$

10) The solubility of CaSO<sub>4</sub> in water is 0.67 gram per liter of solution. Calculate the K<sub>sp</sub>.

11) Calculate the K<sub>sp</sub> of silver chromate, Ag<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub>, if the solubility is  $7.2 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/L.

12) Calculate the K<sub>sp</sub> of lithium carbonate, Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, if the solubility is 0.15 mol/L.

13) What is the solubility product for AuCl<sub>3</sub> if the molar solubility in a saturated solution is  $3.3 \times 10^{-7}$ ?

- A)  $3.3 \times 10^{-27}$
- B)  $1.2 \times 10^{-26}$
- C)  $3.2 \times 10^{-25}$
- D)  $3.3 \times 10^{-13}$
- E)  $1.3 \times 10^{-6}$

B)

14) Calculate the concentration of iodide ion in a saturated solution of lead (II) iodide, PbI<sub>2</sub> (K<sub>sp</sub> is  $1.4 \times 10^{-8}$ ).

- A)  $4.2 \times 10^{-4}$
- B)  $3.1 \times 10^{-3}$
- C)  $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$
- D)  $3.5 \times 10^{-9}$
- E)  $1.4 \times 10^{-8}$

15) Calculate the concentration of chloride ion in a saturated solution of aluminum chloride if the solubility product constant of AlCl<sub>3</sub> is  $27 \times 10^{-64}$ .

16) The concentration of iodide ions in a saturated solution of lead (II) iodide is \_\_\_\_\_ M. The solubility product constant of PbI<sub>2</sub> is  $1.4 \times 10^{-8}$ .

A)  $3.8 \times 10^{-4}$  B)  $3.0 \times 10^{-3}$  C)  $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$  D)  $3.5 \times 10^{-9}$  E)  $1.4 \times 10^{-8}$

17) What is the solubility, in mol/L, of AgBr if the  $K_{sp} = 5.0 \times 10^{-13}$ ?

A)  $2.5 \times 10^{-25}$  B)  $1.0 \times 10^{-12}$  C)  $7.1 \times 10^{-7}$  D)  $7.1 \times 10^{-6}$

18) What is the solubility, in mol/L, of  $PbI_2$ , if the  $K_{sp} = 8.5 \times 10^{-9}$ ?

A)  $4.6 \times 10^{-5}$  B)  $9.2 \times 10^{-5}$  C)  $1.3 \times 10^{-3}$  D)  $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$

19) How many moles of silver chloride, AgCl, will dissolve in 500.mL of water if the  $K_{sp} = 1.7 \times 10^{-10}$ ?

A)  $4.3 \times 10^{-11}$  B)  $8.5 \times 10^{-5}$  C)  $6.5 \times 10^{-6}$  D)  $1.3 \times 10^{-5}$

20) Which of the following compounds is the least soluble?

Compound	$K_{sp}$
$MnCO_3$	$1.8 \times 10^{-11}$
$CuS$	$6.3 \times 10^{-36}$
$CdS$	$8.0 \times 10^{-27}$
$PbS$	$8.0 \times 10^{-28}$

A)  $MnCO_3$  B)  $CuS$  C)  $CdS$  D)  $PbS$  E) both  $CdS$  and  $PbS$

21) Given the following table of  $K_{sp}$  values, determine which compound listed has the greatest solubility.

Compound	$K_{sp}$
$CdCO_3$	$5.2 \times 10^{-12}$
$Cd(OH)_2$	$2.5 \times 10^{-14}$
$AgI$	$8.3 \times 10^{-17}$
$Fe(OH)_3$	$4.0 \times 10^{-38}$
$ZnCO_3$	$1.4 \times 10^{-11}$

A)  $CdCO_3$  B)  $Cd(OH)_2$  C)  $AgI$  D)  $Fe(OH)_3$  E)  $ZnCO_3$

22) Calculate the maximum concentration (in M) of chloride ions ( $Cl^-$ ) in a solution that contains 0.100 M of  $Pb^{2+}$  if at 323 K the  $K_{sp}$  of  $PbCl_2$  is  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ .

A)  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  B)  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  C) 0.029 D) 0.032 E) 0.058

23) Calculate the maximum concentration (in M) of silver ions ( $Ag^+$ ) in a solution that contains 0.025 M of  $CO_3^{2-}$ . The  $K_{sp}$  of  $Ag_2CO_3$  is  $8.1 \times 10^{-12}$ .

A)  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  B)  $1.4 \times 10^{-6}$  C)  $2.8 \times 10^{-6}$  D)  $3.2 \times 10^{-10}$  E)  $8.1 \times 10^{-12}$

24) What is the solubility (M) of  $PbCl_2$  in a 0.15 M solution of HCl? The  $K_{sp}$  of  $PbCl_2$  at 25°C is  $1.6 \times 10^{-5}$ .

A)  $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  B)  $1.1 \times 10^{-4}$  C)  $1.8 \times 10^{-4}$  D)  $7.1 \times 10^{-4}$  E)  $1.6 \times 10^{-5}$

25) What is the solubility (M) of  $Al(OH)_3$  in a 0.0182 M solution of KOH? The  $K_{sp}$  of  $Al(OH)_3$  is  $1.9 \times 10^{-33}$ .

A)  $1.9 \times 10^{-33}$  B)  $3.2 \times 10^{-28}$  C)  $3.1 \times 10^{-12}$  D)  $1.2 \times 10^{-11}$  E)  $2.9 \times 10^{-9}$

26) The solubility product constant of calcium hydroxide is  $6.5 \times 10^{-6}$ . If 0.10 mol of sodium hydroxide is added to 1 L of 0.001M  $Ca(OH)_2$ , what is the final concentration of calcium ion?

A)  $6.5 \times 10^{-6}M$  B)  $6.5 \times 10^{-5}M$  C)  $6.5 \times 10^{-4}M$  D)  $6.5 \times 10^{-3}M$  E)  $6.5 \times 10^{-2}M$

27) The solubility product constant of calcium hydroxide is  $6.5 \times 10^{-6}$ . If 0.01 mol of sodium hydroxide is added to 1 L of .01M  $Ca(OH)_2$ , what will the final concentration of calcium ion be?

A)  $6.5 \times 10^{-6}M$  B)  $6.5 \times 10^{-5}M$  C)  $6.5 \times 10^{-4}M$  D)  $6.5 \times 10^{-3}M$  E)  $6.5 \times 10^{-2}M$

28) The  $K_{sp}$  for  $Zn(OH)_2$  is  $5.0 \times 10^{-17}$ . Determine the molar solubility of  $Zn(OH)_2$  in a buffer solution

with a pH of 11.5.

- A)  $5.0 \times 10^6$     B)  $1.2 \times 10^{-12}$     C)  $1.6 \times 10^{-14}$     D)  $5.0 \times 10^{-12}$     E)  $5.0 \times 10^{-17}$

29) If 0.1 M aqueous solutions of the following pairs of substances are combined, which pair will yield a precipitate?

- A) sodium sulfide & ammonium chloride  
B) sodium sulfide & iron (III) chloride  
C) sodium hydroxide & potassium nitrate  
D) nickel (II) nitrate & magnesium chlorate  
E) potassium chloride & aluminum nitrate

30) Will a silver iodate precipitate form when 100 mL of 0.010 M  $\text{AgNO}_3$  is mixed with 10.0 mL of 0.015 M  $\text{NaIO}_3$ ? ( $K_{\text{sp}}$  of  $\text{AgIO}_3$  is  $3.1 \times 10^{-8}$ )

- A) No, because  $Q < K$   
B) Yes, because  $Q < K$   
C) No, because  $Q > K$   
D) Yes, because  $Q > K$   
E) Not enough information

31) Will a silver sulfate precipitate form when 100 mL of 0.050 M  $\text{AgNO}_3$  is mixed with 10.0 mL of 0.0050 M  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ? ( $K_{\text{sp}}$  of  $\text{Ag}_2\text{SO}_4$  is  $1.5 \times 10^{-5}$ )

- A) No, because  $Q < K$   
B) Yes, because  $Q < K$   
C) No, because  $Q > K$   
D) Yes, because  $Q > K$   
E) Not enough information

32) Will a precipitate form when 0.96g  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$  is mixed with 0.20 g  $\text{CaBr}_2$  in 10 L of solution? ( $K_{\text{sp}} = 4.5 \times 10^{-9}$  for  $\text{CaCO}_3$ )

- A) No, because  $Q < K$   
B) Yes, because  $Q < K$   
C) No, because  $Q > K$   
D) Yes, because  $Q > K$   
E) Not enough information

33) A solution contains  $2.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M  $\text{Ag}^+$  and  $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$  M  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ . If sodium iodide,  $\text{NaI}$  is added, what  $[\text{I}^-]$  will cause the first precipitate? ( $K_{\text{sp}} = 8.3 \times 10^{-17}$  for  $\text{AgI}$ ;  $K_{\text{sp}} = 7.9 \times 10^{-9}$  for  $\text{PbI}_2$ )

- A)  $2.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M  $\text{I}^-$  will cause  $\text{AgI}$  to precipitate first  
B)  $4.2 \times 10^{-13}$  M  $\text{I}^-$  will cause  $\text{AgI}$  to precipitate first  
C)  $5.3 \times 10^{-6}$  M  $\text{I}^-$  will cause  $\text{PbI}_2$  to precipitate first  
D)  $2.3 \times 10^{-3}$  M  $\text{I}^-$  will cause  $\text{PbI}_2$  to precipitate first  
E) Not enough information

34) A solution contains 0.010 M  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$  and 0.010 M  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$ . If sodium sulfate,  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  is slowly added, what  $[\text{SO}_4^{2-}]$  will cause the first precipitate? ( $K_{\text{sp}} = 1.1 \times 10^{-10}$  for  $\text{BaSO}_4$ ;  $K_{\text{sp}} = 3.2 \times 10^{-7}$  for  $\text{SrSO}_4$ )

- A)  $1.1 \times 10^{-8}$  M  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  will cause  $\text{BaSO}_4$  to precipitate first  
B)  $1.1 \times 10^{-10}$  M  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  will cause  $\text{BaSO}_4$  to precipitate first  
C)  $3.2 \times 10^{-5}$  M  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  will cause  $\text{SrSO}_4$  to precipitate first  
D)  $3.2 \times 10^{-7}$  M  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  will cause  $\text{SrSO}_4$  to precipitate first  
E) Not enough information

35) Which of the following compounds will be more soluble if the pH of a saturated solution is lowered?

- A)  $\text{AgCl}$     B)  $\text{AgI}$     C)  $\text{PbCl}_2$     D)  $\text{NaCl}$     E)  $\text{Cr}(\text{OH})_3$

36) In which of the following aqueous solutions would you expect AgCl to have the lowest solubility?

- A) pure water      B) 0.020 M BaCl<sub>2</sub>      C) 0.015 NaCl  
D) 0.020 M AgNO<sub>3</sub>      E) 0.020 M KCl

37) In which of the following aqueous solutions would you expect AgCl to have the highest solubility?

- A) pure water      B) 0.020 M BaCl<sub>2</sub>      C) 0.015 M NaCl  
D) 0.020 M AgNO<sub>3</sub>      E) 0.020 M KCl

38) In which of the following aqueous solutions would you expect AgBr to have the lowest solubility?

- A) pure water      B) 0.20 M NaBr      C) 0.10 M AgNO<sub>3</sub>  
D) 0.15 M KBr      E) 0.10 M LiBr

39) In which of the following aqueous solutions would you expect AgBr to have the highest solubility?

- A) 0.10 M LiBr      B) 0.10 M AgNO<sub>3</sub>      C) 0.20 M NaBr  
D) 0.15 M KBr      E) pure water

40) In which of the following aqueous solutions would you expect PbCl<sub>2</sub> to have the lowest solubility?

- A) 0.020 M KCl      B) 0.015 M BaCl<sub>2</sub>      C) 0.015 M PbNO<sub>3</sub>  
D) pure water      E) 0.015 M NaCl

41) Of the following substances, which one would decrease the solubility of CaCO<sub>3</sub> in a saturated solution?

- A) NaCl      B) HCl      C) HNO<sub>3</sub>      D) CaCl<sub>2</sub>      E) KNO<sub>3</sub>

## II- Conceptual questions Ksp and solubility

- 1) The best explanation for the solubility of MnS in dil HCl is that
- A) The solubility product of  $\text{MnCl}_2$  is less than that of MnS
  - B) Concentration of  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  is lowered by the formation of complex ions with chloride ions
  - C) Concentration of sulphide ions is lowered by oxidation of free sulphur
  - D) Concentration of sulphide ions is lowered by the formation of the weak  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$
  - E) Because of the formation of more  $\text{MnCl}_2$
- 2) The solubility of AgI in NaI solution is less than that in pure water because
- A) AgI forms complex with NaI
  - B) of common ion effect
  - C) solubility product of AgI is less than that of NaI
  - D) the temperature of the solution decreases
  - E) none of the above
- 3) the solubility product of CuS,  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}$  and HgS are  $10^{-31}$ ,  $10^{-44}$  and  $10^{-54}$  respectively. The solubility of these sulphides are in the order
- A)  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S} > \text{CuS} > \text{HgS}$
  - B)  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S} > \text{HgS} > \text{CuS}$
  - C)  $\text{HgS} > \text{Ag}_2\text{S} > \text{CuS}$
  - D)  $\text{CuS} > \text{Ag}_2\text{S} > \text{HgS}$
  - E)  $\text{HgS} > \text{CuS} > \text{Ag}_2\text{S}$
- 4) What is the correct expression for the solubility product of  $\text{SnS}_2$  ?
- A)  $[\text{Sn}^{2+}] [\text{S}^{2-}]^2$
  - B)  $[\text{Sn}^{4+}] [\text{S}^{2-}]^2$
  - C)  $[\text{Sn}^{2+}] [2\text{S}^{2-}]^2$
  - D)  $[\text{Sn}^{4+}] [2\text{S}^{2-}]^2$
  - E)  $[\text{Sn}^{2+}]^2 [\text{S}^{2-}]^2$
- 5) The solubility of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  in water is  $3.05 \times 10^{-4}$  moles/L. Its solubility product will be
- A)  $6.1 \times 10^{-4}$
  - B) 9.3
  - C)  $3.05 \times 10^{-4}$
  - D)  $9.3 \times 10^{-8}$
  - E) 15.4
- 6) The solubility of  $\text{A}_2\text{X}_3$  is  $y$  mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$ . Its solubility product is
- A)  $6y^4$
  - B)  $64y^4$
  - C)  $36y^5$
  - D)  $108y^5$
  - E)  $6y^5$

7) Consider the following solubility data for various chromates at 25°C.

	$K_{sp}$
$Ag_2CrO_4$	$9.0 \times 10^{-12}$
$BaCrO_4$	$2.0 \times 10^{-10}$
$PbCrO_4$	$1.8 \times 10^{-14}$

The chromate that is the most soluble in water at 25°C on a molar basis is:

- A)  $Ag_2CrO_4$
- B)  $BaCrO_4$
- C)  $PbCrO_4$
- D) impossible to determine
- E) none of these

8) What is the molar solubility,  $s$ , of  $Ba_3(PO_4)_2$  in terms of  $K_{sp}$ ?

- A)  $s = K_{sp}^{1/2}$
- B)  $s = K_{sp}^{1/5}$
- C)  $s = [K_{sp}/27]^{1/5}$
- D)  $s = [K_{sp}/108]^{1/5}$
- E)  $s = [K_{sp}/4]^{1/5}$

9)  $Ag_3PO_4$  would be least soluble at 25°C in

- A) 0.1 M  $AgNO_3$
- B) 0.1 M  $HNO_3$
- C) pure water
- D) 0.1 M  $Na_3PO_4$
- E) solubility in (a), (b), (c), or (d) is not different

10) When we mix together, from separate sources, the ions of a slightly soluble ionic salt, the salt will precipitate if  $Q_{sp}$  \_\_\_\_\_  $K_{sp}$ , and will continue to precipitate until  $Q_{sp}$  \_\_\_\_\_  $K_{sp}$ .

- A) is greater than; equals
- B) is less than; is greater than
- C) is less than; equals
- D) equals; is less than
- E) equals; is greater than

11) Which of the following pairs of compounds gives a precipitate when aqueous solutions of them are mixed? Assume that the concentrations of all compounds are 1.0 M immediately after mixing.

- A)  $CuBr_2$  and  $K_2CO_3$
- B)  $HNO_3$  and  $NH_4I$
- C)  $BaCl_2$  and  $KClO_4$
- D)  $Na_2CO_3$  and  $H_2SO_4$
- E)  $KCl$  and  $KNO_3$

12) Which of the following occurs when excess of concentrated  $NH_3$  (aq) is mixed with 0.1M  $Cu(NO_3)_2$ (aq) ?

- A) A dark red precipitate forms and settles out

- B) Separate layers of immiscible liquids form with a blue layer on top.
- C) The color of the solution turns from light blue to dark blue.
- D) Bubbles of ammonia gas form.
- E) The pH of the solution decreases.

13) A yellow precipitate forms when 0.2 M NaI is added to a 0.2M solution of which of the following ions?

- A)  $Zn^{2+}$
- B)  $Pb^{2+}$
- C)  $CrO_4^{2-}$
- D)  $SO_4^{2-}$
- E)  $OH^-$

14) Which solution below could selectively precipitate lead alone from the mixture if it has  $Fe^{2+}$ ,  $Cu^{2+}$  and  $Pb^{2+}$  ions?

- A) sodium sulfide
- B) sodium hydroxide
- C) dil. Hydrochloric acid
- D) dil Nitric acid
- E) dil Ammonia

15) When 50 ml each of 0.1 M  $Li_3(PO_4)$  and  $Ag(NO_3)$  are mixed together, yellow precipitate of silver phosphate is produced. Which of the following ions is the major component in the solution?

- A)  $[PO_4^{3-}]$
- B)  $[NO_3^-]$
- C)  $[Ag^+]$
- D)  $[Li^{3+}]$
- E) They are all equal

16) If 100ml each of 0.1M of  $Ba(OH)_2$  and  $Na_2(SO_4)$  are mixed together, what would be the concentration of the hydroxide ions in solution?

- A) 0.2 M
- B) 0.1M
- C) 1.0M
- D) .02M
- E) 0.01M

17) Referring to the above question, what would be the concentration of  $[SO_4^{2-}]$  ions in the resulting solution?

- A) 0.1M
- B) 0.5M
- C) 1.0M
- D) negligible amount
- E) 0.05M

18) When aqueous  $NH_3$  is first added to a solution containing  $Ni^{2+}$ , a precipitate forms, but when an excess of aqueous  $NH_3$  is added, the precipitate dissolves. Which of the below explains why the precipitate dissolves?

- A)  $Ni^{2+}$  forms hydrogen bonds with  $NH_3$

B)  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  forms hydrogen bonds with  $\text{NH}_3$

C)  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  forms complex ion with  $\text{NH}_3$

D)  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  is oxidized to  $\text{Ni}^{3+}$

E)  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  is reduced to  $\text{Ni}^{1+}$

19) Which of the following ions are generally insoluble in cold water?

A) Acetate

B) Potassium

C) Phosphate

D) Nitrate

E) Ammonium

20) A student mixes equal volumes of 1.0M solutions of Tin chloride and 1.0 M copper sulfate and observes that no precipitate forms. Then the student mixes equal volumes of 1.0 M solutions of sodium sulfide and copper sulfide and observes the formation of a precipitate. The formula of the precipitate must be

A)  $\text{CuS}$

B)  $\text{CuCl}_2$

C)  $\text{CuCl}$

D)  $\text{Na}_2(\text{SO}_4)_2$

E)  $\text{NaSO}_4$

Answers:

1) D	16) B	35) E
2) $K_{sp} = [Cd^{2+}][CO_3^{2-}]$	17) C	36) B
3) $K_{sp} = [Cd^{2+}][OH^-]^2$	18) C	37) A
4) $K_{sp} = [Ag^+][I^-]$	19) C	38) B
5) $K_{sp} = [Fe^{3+}][OH^-]^3$	20) B	39) E
6) $K_{sp} = [Zn^{2+}][CO_3^{2-}]$	21) B	40) B
7) D	22) D	41) D
8) B	23) A	
9) B	24) D	
10) $2.4 \times 10^{-5}$	25) B	
11) $1.5 \times 10^{-12}$	26) C	
12) 0.014	27) E	
13) C	28) D	
14) B	29) B	
15) $3 \times 10^{-16}$	30) D	
	31) A	
	32) D	
	33) B	
	34) A	

**Conceptual questions:**

1D	8D	15D
2B	9A	16C
3A	10A	17D
4B	11A	18C
5D	12C	19C
6A	13B	20A
7A	14C	

### **Solubility product, $K_{sp}$ - Free Response questions**

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1) The solubility of iron(II) hydroxide,  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2$ , is  $1.43 \times 10^{-3}$  gram per liter at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

(a) Write a balanced equation for the solubility equilibrium.

(b) Write the expression for the solubility product constant,  $K_{sp}$ , and calculate its value.

(c) Calculate the pH of a saturated solution of  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

(d) A 50.0 milliliter sample of  $3.00 \times 10^{-3}$  molar  $\text{FeSO}_4$  solution is added to 50.0 milliliters of  $4.00 \times 10^{-6}$  molar  $\text{NaOH}$  solution. Does a precipitate of  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2$  form? Explain and show calculations to support your answer.

2) Solve the following problem related to the solubility equilibria of some metal hydroxides in aqueous solution.

(a) The solubility of  $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2(\text{s})$  is  $1.72 \times 10^{-6}$  gram per 100 milliliters of solution at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

i) Write the balanced chemical equation for the dissociation of  $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2(\text{s})$  in aqueous solution.

ii) Calculate the solubility (in moles per liter) of  $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

iii) Calculate the value of the solubility-product constant,  $K_{sp}$ , for  $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

(b) The value of the solubility-product constant,  $K_{sp}$ , for  $\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2$  is  $7.7 \times 10^{-17}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

i) Calculate the solubility (in moles per liter) of  $\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  in a solution with a pH of 9.35.

ii) At  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , 50.0 milliliters of 0.100-molar  $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  is mixed with 50.0 milliliters of 0.300-molar  $\text{NaOH}$ . Calculate the molar concentration of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq})$  in the resulting solution once equilibrium has been established. Assume that volumes are additive.

3)  $\text{MgF}_2(\text{s}) \leftrightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2 \text{F}^{-}(\text{aq})$

In a saturated solution of  $\text{MgF}_2$  at  $18^\circ\text{C}$ , the concentration of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  is  $1.21 \times 10^{-3}$  molar. The equilibrium is represented by the equation above.

(a) Write the expression for the solubility-product constant,  $K_{sp}$ , and calculate its value at  $18^\circ\text{C}$ .

(b) Calculate the equilibrium concentration of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  in 1.000 liter of saturated  $\text{MgF}_2$  solution at  $18^\circ\text{C}$  to which 0.100 mole of solid  $\text{KF}$  has been added. The  $\text{KF}$  dissolves completely. Assume the volume change is negligible.

(c) Predict whether a precipitate of  $\text{MgF}_2$  will form when 100.0 milliliters of a  $3.00 \times 10^{-3}$  molar  $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  solution is mixed with 200.0 milliliters of a  $2.00 \times 10^{-3}$  molar  $\text{NaF}$  solution at  $18^\circ\text{C}$ . Calculations to support your prediction must be shown.

(d) At  $27^\circ\text{C}$  the concentration of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  in a saturated solution of  $\text{MgF}_2$  is  $1.17 \times 10^{-3}$  molar. Is the dissolving of  $\text{MgF}_2$  in water an endothermic or an exothermic process? Give an explanation to support your conclusion

4)

(a) At 283K,  $8.9 \times 10^{-5}$  g of  $\text{AgCl}$  (s) will dissolve in 100 ml of water.

i) Write the equation for the dissociation of  $\text{AgCl}$  in water.

ii) Calculate the solubility in mol/L of  $\text{AgCl}$  in water at 283K

iii) Calculate the value of the solubility –product constant,  $K_{\text{sp}}$  for  $\text{AgCl}$ .

b) If 60.0 ml of 0.0400M  $\text{NaCl}$  is added to 60ml of 0.0300M  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ , will a precipitate form? Volumes are additive. Show the calculations.

c) Calculate the equilibrium value of  $[\text{Pb}^{2+}]$  in 1L of saturated  $\text{PbCl}_2$  solution to which 0.250mol of  $\text{NaCl}$  (s) has been added. (no volume change occurs)

$$K_{\text{sp}} \text{PbCl}_2 = 1.6 \times 10^{-5}$$

5) Several reactions are carried out using  $\text{AgBr}$ , a cream-colored silver salt for which the value of the solubility product constant,  $K_{\text{sp}}$ , is  $5.0 \times 10^{-13}$  at 298 K.

(a) Write the expression for the solubility-product constant,  $K_{\text{sp}}$ , of  $\text{AgBr}$ .

(b) Calculate the value of  $[\text{Ag}^+]$  in 50.0 mL of a saturated solution of  $\text{AgBr}$  at 298 K.

(c) A 50.0 mL sample of distilled water is added to the solution described in part (b), which is in a beaker with some solid  $\text{AgBr}$  at the bottom. The solution is stirred and equilibrium is reestablished. Some solid  $\text{AgBr}$  remains in the beaker. Is the value of  $[\text{Ag}^+]$  greater than, less than, or equal to the value you calculated in part (b)? Justify your answer.

(d) Calculate the minimum volume of distilled water, in liters, necessary to completely dissolve a 5.0 g sample of  $\text{AgBr}$ (s) at 298 K. (The molar mass of  $\text{AgBr}$  is  $188 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ )

(e) A student mixes 10.0 mL of  $1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M AgNO}_3$  with 2.0 mL of  $5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M NaBr}$  and stirs the resulting mixture. What will the student observe? Justify your answer with calculations.

(f) The color of another salt of silver,  $\text{AgI}$ (s), is yellow. A student adds a solution of  $\text{NaI}$  to a test tube containing a small amount of solid, cream-colored  $\text{AgBr}$ . After stirring the contents of the test tube, the student observes that the solid in the test tube changes color from cream to yellow.

i) Write the chemical equation for the reaction that occurred in the test tube.

ii) Which salt has the greater value of  $K_{sp}$ : AgBr or AgI? Justify your answer.

6)

(a) For a 1:1 compound,  $K_{sp} = s^2$

i. What is the relationship for  $Al_2S_3$ ?  $K_{sp} =$

ii) What is the relationship for  $Ag_3PO_4$ ?  $K_{sp} =$

iii) What is the relationship for  $Al(OH)_3$ ?  $K_{sp} =$

iv) What is the relationship for  $Ag_2SO_3$   $K_{sp} =$

(b) The  $K_{sp}$  of CuCN is  $3.2 \times 10^{-20}$ . What is the molar solubility of CuCN?

(c) The  $[F^-]$  in a saturated solution of  $BaF_2$  is  $1.5 \times 10^{-2}$  M. What is the  $K_{sp}$  of  $BaF_2$ ?

(d) The  $K_{sp}$  of AuI is  $1.6 \times 10^{-23}$ . What is the molar solubility of AuI?

(e) The  $K_{sp}$  of ZnS is  $2.0 \times 10^{-25}$ . What is the molar solubility of ZnS in 0.10 M  $K_2S$ ?

7)  $Ag_2CrO_4 \leftrightarrow 2Ag^+(aq) + CrO_4^{2-}(aq)$   $K_{sp} = 2.6 \times 10^{-12}$

a) Write the equilibrium – constant expression for the dissolving of  $Ag_2CrO_4$  (s)

b) Calculate the concentration in mol/L of  $Ag^+$  (aq) in a saturated solution of  $Ag_2CrO_4$  at  $25^\circ C$

c) Calculate the maximum mass in grams of  $Ag_2CrO_4$  that can dissolve in 100 ml of water at  $25^\circ C$ .

d) A 0.100 mol sample of solid  $AgNO_3$  is added to a 1.00 L saturated solution of  $Ag_2CrO_4$ . Assuming no volume change, does  $[CrO_4^{2-}]$  increase, decrease or remain the same? Justify your answer.

In a saturated solution of  $Ag_3PO_4$  at  $25^\circ C$ , the concentration of  $Ag(aq)$  is  $5.3 \times 10^{-5} M$ . The equilibrium constant expression for the dissolving of  $Ag_3PO_4$  (s) in water is below.

$$K_{sp} = [Ag^+]^3 [PO_4^{3-}]$$

a) Write the balanced equation for the dissociation of  $Ag_3PO_4$  in water.

b) Calculate the value of  $K_{sp}$  for  $Ag_3PO_4$  at  $25^\circ C$

c) A 1L sample of saturated  $Ag_3PO_4$  solution is allowed to evaporate at  $25^\circ C$  to a final volume of 500 mL. What is  $[Ag^+]$  in the solution? Justify your answer.

8) 1.2M NaI is added to a 1L of solution containing 0.002M  $Ag(NO_3)$  and 0.5M  $Pb(NO_3)_2$ . Assume the volume change is negligible.  $K_{sp} AgI = 8.3 \times 10^{-17}$ ,  $K_{sp} PbI_2 = 7.9 \times 10^{-9}$

a) Write down the individual reactions between NaI and  $Ag(NO_3)$  and  $PbI_2$ .

b) What is/are the solid product/s if there is any would form?

c) Which one of the solid product will precipitate first from the solution?

## Answers

1)



(b)

$$\frac{1.43 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g}}{\text{L}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{89.9 \text{ g}} = 1.59 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/L Fe}(\text{OH})_2$$
$$= 1.59 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M} = [\text{Fe}^{2+}]$$
$$= 3.18 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M} = [\text{OH}^-] \quad [\text{OH}^-] = 2 [\text{Fe}^{2+}]$$

$$K_{sp} = [\text{Fe}^{2+}][\text{OH}^-]^2 = (1.59 \times 10^{-5})(3.18 \times 10^{-5})^2$$
$$= 1.61 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} / 3.18 \times 10^{-5} = 3.14 \times 10^{-10}$$

(c)  $\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+] = 9.50$

OR

$$\text{pOH} = -\log[\text{OH}^-] = -\log(3.18 \times 10^{-5}) = 4.50$$

$$\text{pH} = 14 - \text{pOH} = 9.50$$

(d) 50.0 mL of  $3.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M Fe}^{2+}$  diluted of 100.0 mL =  $1.50 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M Fe}^{2+}$

50.0 mL of  $4.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M OH}^-$  diluted of 100.0 mL =  $2.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M OH}^-$

$$Q = [\text{Fe}^{2+}][\text{OH}^-]^2 = (1.50 \times 10^{-3})(2.00 \times 10^{-6})^2$$

$$= 6.00 \times 10^{-15}$$

Precipitate will NOT form since  $Q < K_{sp}$

2)

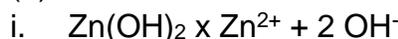
(a)



ii.  $\frac{1.72 \times 10^{-6} \text{ g}}{0.100 \text{ L}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{97.5 \text{ g}} = 1.76 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol/L}$

iii.  $K_{sp} = [\text{Cu}^{2+}][\text{OH}^-]^2$   
 $= [1.76 \times 10^{-7}][3.53 \times 10^{-7}]^2 = 2.20 \times 10^{-20}$

(b)



$$K_{sp} = [\text{Zn}^{2+}][\text{OH}^-]^2$$

$$\text{pH } 9.35 = \text{pOH } 4.65; [\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-\text{pOH}}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-4.65} = 2.24 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$

$$[\text{Zn}^{2+}] = \text{solubility of Zn}(\text{OH})_2 \text{ in mol/L}$$

$$[\text{Zn}^{2+}] = K_{sp} / [\text{OH}^-]^2 = (7.7 \times 10^{-17}) / (2.24 \times 10^{-5})^2 = 1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$$

ii.  $[\text{Zn}^{2+}]_{\text{init}} = 0.100 \text{ M} \times \frac{50 \text{ mL}}{100 \text{ mL}} = 0.0500 \text{ M}$

$$[\text{OH}^-]_{\text{init}} = 0.300 \text{ M} \times \frac{50 \text{ mL}}{100 \text{ mL}} = 0.150 \text{ M}$$

X = conc. loss to get to equilibrium

$$K_{sp} = 7.7 \times 10^{-17} = (0.0500 - X)(0.150 - 2X)^2 \quad X = 0.05$$

All the  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  ions get precipitated.

OR



0.05M                      0.15M    initially

All the  $Zn^{2+}$  ions will be precipitated as the  $Zn^{2+}$  ions is the limiting here. In that situation we have an equilibrium as  $Zn(OH)_2 \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2(OH)^-$  and the  $K_{sp}$  expression should be followed.

$$K_{sp} = 7.7 \cdot 10^{-17} = 4x^3, \quad x = [Zn^{2+}] = 2.7 \cdot 10^{-6} M$$

3)

(a)  $K_{sp} = [Mg^{2+}][F^-]^2$

$$= (1.21 \times 10^{-3}) (2 \times 1.21 \times 10^{-3})^2$$

$$= 7.09 \times 10^{-9}$$

(b)  $K_{sp} = [Mg^{2+}] (0.1)^2$

$$7.09 \times 10^{-9} = [Mg^{2+}] (0.1)^2$$

$$[Mg^{2+}] = (7.09 \times 10^{-9}) / (0.01)$$

$$= 7.09 \times 10^{-7} M$$

(c)  $[Mg^{2+}] = 3.00 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.1L / 0.3l = 0.001M$

$$[F^-] = 2.00 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.2L / 0.3L = 0.00133M$$

$$Q = \text{Ion Product} = [Mg^{2+}] [F^-]^2$$

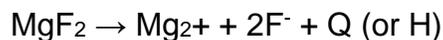
$$= (1.00 \times 10^{-3}) (1.33 \times 10^{-3})^2$$

$$= 1.77 \times 10^{-9}$$

Since  $Q < K_{sp}$ , no precipitate will form.

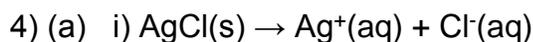
Note: conclusion must be consistent with Q value.

d) Solubility of  $MgF_2$  decreases with the increasing temperature, thus dissolution process is exothermic.



Reason:

i) Increased temperature puts a stress on the system (LeChâtelier). The system will reduce the stress by shifting the equilibrium in the endothermic (left) direction.



ii)  $8.9 \times 10^{-5}g = 6.2 \times 10^{-7}$  (in 100 mL)

$$\frac{143.32 \text{ g/mol}}{(6.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol}/100 \text{ mL}) (1,000 \text{ mL}/ 1 \text{ L})} = 6.2 \times 10^{-6}$$

iii)  $K_{sp} = [Ag^+][Cl^-] = (6.2 \times 10^{-6})^2 = 3.8 \times 10^{-11}$

(b) Find Q and see if it is bigger than the  $K_{sp}$ .

$[Cl^-]=0.0200M$ ,  $[Pb^{2+}]=0.0150M$  (Note since the volume is doubled the concentrations are cut in half— $M_1V_1=M_2V_2$ )

$$PbCl_2 \leftrightarrow Pb^{2+} + 2Cl^-, Q = [Pb^{2+}][Cl^-]^2 = [0.0150][0.0200]^2 = 6.00 \times 10^{-6}$$

Since  $6.00 \times 10^{-6} < 1.6 \times 10^{-5}$ , no precipitate will form.

(c) Use common ion effect. You will know the  $[Cl^-]$  and then solve for the  $[Pb^{2+}]$  using the  $K_{sp}$  equation.

$$K_{sp} = 1.6 \times 10^{-5} = [Pb^{2+}][0.25M]^2$$

$$\text{Therefore, } [Pb^{2+}] = 2.56 \times 10^{-4} M$$

5)

(a)  $K_{sp} = 5.0 \times 10^{-13} = [Ag^+][Br^-]$

(b)  $[Ag^+] = [Br^-] = (K_{sp})^{1/2} = 7.1 \times 10^{-7} M$  (saturated)

(c) Adding distilled water to a solution with solid (it is already saturated) will not change the concentration. It will remain the same. The value of  $[Ag^+]$  after addition of distilled water is equal to the value in part (b). The concentration of ions in solution in equilibrium with a solid does not depend on the volume of the solution.

(d) moles AgBr =  $5.0/188 = 0.027$  moles

$$5.0 \times 10^{-13} = (0.027/V)(0.027/V) = 7.3 \times 10^{-4}/V^2$$

$$V = 3.8 \times 10^4 L$$

(e) moles  $Ag^+ = 0.010 \times 1.5 \times 10^{-4} = 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$

$$\text{moles } Br^- = 2.0 \times 10^{-3} L \times 5.0 \times 10^{-4} M = 1.0 \times 10^{-6}$$

total volume = 0.012 L

$$[Br^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-6} / 0.012 L = 8.3 \times 10^{-5} M$$

$$[Ag^+] = 1.5 \times 10^{-6} / 0.012 L = 1.3 \times 10^{-4} M$$

$$Q = 1.3 \times 10^{-4} \times 8.3 \times 10^{-5} = 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$$

$Q > K_{sp}$  so precipitation should occur

(f)  $Na^+ I^- (aq) + AgBr (s) \rightarrow AgI (s) + Br^- (aq) + Na^+$  solid AgI - yellow colored, is precipitated. The solubility of AgBr is greater than the solubility of AgI. In presence of  $Br^-$  and  $I^-$  ions, the less soluble AgI got precipitated.

6)

a) i)  $108x^5$

ii)  $6912x^4$

iii)  $27x^4$

iv)  $4x^3$

b)  $K_{sp} = 3.2 \times 10^{-20} = x^2$ ;  $x = 1.8 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mol/L}$

c) Recall that the  $K_{sp}$  expression can be written as  $K_{sp} = [Ba^{2+}][F^-]^2$  for  $BaF_2$ . One mole of  $BaF_2$  creates two moles of  $F^-$  and one mole of  $Ba^{2+}$  per mol of  $BaF_2$  dissolved.

$$x = [F^-]/2 = .0075$$

$$K_{sp} = 4x^3 = 4(0.0075^3) = 1.7 \times 10^{-6}$$

OR

$$Ba^{2+}] = \frac{1}{2} [F^-] = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.015 = 0.0075M \text{ substitute in } K_{sp}$$

$$0.0075 \times 0.015^2 = 1.7 \times 10^{-6}$$

d) Molar solubility =  $(K_{sp})^{1/2} = 4 \times 10^{-12}$

e)  $K_{sp} = [Zn^{2+}][S^{2-}] = (x)(.1) = 2 \times 10^{-25}$  ;  $x = 2 \times 10^{-24}$

7)

a)  $Ag_2CrO_4 \leftrightarrow 2Ag^+(aq) + CrO_4^{2-}(aq)$  ;  $K_{sp} = 2x^2 \cdot x = 4x^3$

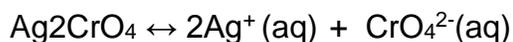
b)  $2.6 \times 10^{-12} = 4x^3$  ;  $x^3 = (2.6 \times 10^{-12})/4$  ;  $x = 3(2.6 \times 10^{-12})^{1/2} = 8.7 \times 10^{-5}$

$$[Ag^+] = 2x = 2 \times 8.7 \times 10^{-5} = 1.7 \times 10^{-4}$$

c)  $X = [CrO_4^{2-}]$  ; 1 mol  $Ag_2CrO_4 = 1$  mol  $[CrO_4^{2-}]$

$$(8.7 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.1L)/1L \times 331.7g/mol = 0.0029g/L$$

d) 0.1 mol  $AgNO_3$  + 1L of  $Ag_2CrO_4$



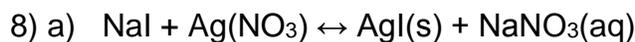
When more  $Ag^+$  ions are added, the equilibrium will shift to the left producing solid  $Ag_2CrO_4$ . Therefore  $[CrO_4^{2-}]$  will decrease.



f)  $K_{sp} = [Ag^+]^3 [PO_4^{3-}] = [5.3 \times 10^{-5}]^3 \times (5.3 \times 10^{-5})/3$

$$= 2.6 \times 10^{-18}$$

g) The  $[Ag^+]$  will remain the same as long as the solution is saturated. It is independent of the volume of the saturated solution.



c)  $AgI: 8.3 \times 10^{-17} = [I^-][0.002 M]$  ;  $[I^-] = 4.15 \times 10^{-14}$

$$PbI_2: 7.9 \times 10^{-9} = [I^-]^2[0.5 M]$$
 ;  $[I^-] = 1.26 \times 10^{-4}$

$AgI$  will precipitate first





