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Chemistry 12
ACID-BASE INDICATORS

1. An indicator HInd is yellow in 0.1M NaOH and blue in 0.1M HCl. The pH range in which the colour change occurs in this indicator is 3.6 - 5.2.
- a) Write the *equilibrium equation* describing this indicator.

- b) What is the colour of HInd? _____ What is the colour of Ind⁻? _____
- c) What is the pH at the transition point of this indicator? _____
- d) What is the value of pK_a for this indicator? _____
- e) What is the K_a of this indicator? _____
- f) At pH = 2.2, this indicator is the colour _____ and [HInd] (>,<,<=) _____ [Ind⁻].
- g) At pH = 7.0, this indicator is the colour _____ and [HInd] (>,<,<=) _____ [Ind⁻].
- h) At pH = 11.3, this indicator is the colour _____ and [HInd] (>,<,<=) _____ [Ind⁻].
- i) At pH = 4.4, this indicator is the colour _____ and [HInd] (>,<,<=) _____ [Ind⁻].
- j) At pH = 4.3, this indicator is the colour _____ and [HInd] (>,<,<=) _____ [Ind⁻].
- k) In 0.001M HNO₃, this indicator is the colour _____ and [HInd] (>,<,<=) _____ [Ind⁻].
- l) In 0.001M KOH, this indicator is the colour _____ and [HInd] (>,<,<=) _____ [Ind⁻].
- m) At the *transition point*, is [H₃O⁺] = K_a (indicator.)? _____
2. A solution turns yellow when Orange IV is added and red when methyl orange is added. Give the approximate pH range of the solution.
3. A solution turns yellow when chlorophenol red is added and also yellow when methyl orange is added. Give the approximate pH range of the solution.
4. A solution turns magenta when phenolphthalein is added and yellow when alizarin yellow is added. Determine the approximate [H₃O⁺].

5. A 0.10 M solution of a weak acid HX turns red in both chlorophenol red and in neutral red indicator.
- Determine the approximate pH of this solution of HX. _____
 - Determine the K_a of the weak acid HX (Not the K_a (indicator)!) (Hint: Use an ICE table!)
6. An indicator “Gupta Green” (HGg) turns yellow when $[H_3O^+]$ drops below 1.2×10^{-4} M and turns blue when $[H_3O^+]$ rises above 1.8×10^{-3} M. (Notice 2 SD’s)
- Find the pH range over which the indicator changes colour.(2SD’s)
 - Determine the pKa of the indicator “Gupta Green”. _____
 - What colour would 0.00019 M HCl be in this indicator? _____
 - What colour would 0.010 M NaOH be in this indicator? _____
 - What colour would 0.10 M CH_3COOH be in this indicator? (Show how you got $[H_3O^+]$)
7. An indicator HInd turns yellow in 0.10 M HCl and blue in 0.10 M NaOH.
- Write the equation describing the *equilibrium* in HInd.

 - What colour is HInd? _____ What colour is Ind⁻? _____

c) HInd is green in the range $\text{pH} = 5.4$ to $\text{pH} = 6.2$. Determine the K_a of HInd.(1)

d) When a few drops of HInd are added to a weak acid HA_1 , the colour is yellow. Which is the stronger acid, HInd or HA_1 ?

e) When a few drops of HInd are added to a weak acid HA_2 , the colour is blue. Which is the stronger acid, HInd or HA_2 ?

f) Which acid is stronger, HA_1 , or HA_2 ? _____

g) List the acids HInd, HA_1 and HA_2 in order of strength from strongest to weakest.

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h) List the bases Ind^- , A_1^- , and A_2^- , in order of strength from strongest to weakest.

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