

Board – CBSE

Class – 10th

Topic – Acids, Bases and Salts

1. A solution turns red litmus blue, its pH is likely to be

- (a) 1 (b) 4 (c) 5 (d) 10

Ans. (d) Bases turn red litmus blue and acids turn blue litmus red. Basic solution has a pH value

more than 7. Since the solution turns red litmus blue, its pH is likely to be 10.

2. A solution reacts with crushed egg-shells to give a gas that turns lime-water milky. The solution contains

- (a) NaCl (b) HCl (c) LiCl (d) KCl

Ans. (b) The solution contains HCl.

3. 10 mL of a solution of NaOH is found to be completely neutralised by 8 mL of a given solution of HCl. If we take 20 mL of the same solution of NaOH, the amount of HCl solution (the same solution as before) required to neutralise it will be

- (a) 4 mL (b) 8mL (c) 12 mL (d) 16 mL

Ans. (d) 16 mL of HCl solution will be required.

4. Which one of the following types of medicines is used for treating indigestion?

- (a) Antibiotic (b) Analgesic (c) Antacid (d) Antiseptic

Ans. (c) Antacid is used for treating indigestion.

5. Write word equations and then balanced equations for the reaction taking place when –

- (a) Dilute sulphuric acid reacts with zinc granules.
 (b) Dilute hydrochloric acid reacts with magnesium ribbon.
 (c) Dilute sulphuric acid reacts with aluminium powder.
 (d) Dilute hydrochloric acid reacts with iron filings.

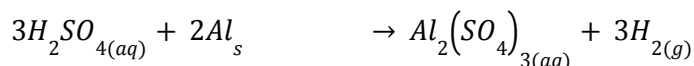
Ans. (a) Sulphuric acid + Zinc → Zinc sulphate + Hydrogen



(b) Hydrochloric acid + Magnesium → Magnesium chloride + Hydrogen



(c) Sulphuric acid + Aluminium → Aluminium sulphate + Hydrogen



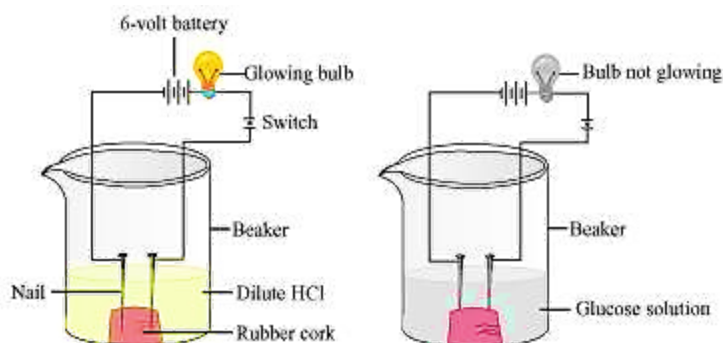
(d) Hydrochloric acid + Iron → Ferric chloride + Hydrogen



6. Compounds such as alcohols and glucose also contain hydrogen but are not categorized as acids. Describe an activity to prove it.

Ans. Two nails are fitted on a cork and are kept it in a 100 mL beaker. The nails are then connected to the two terminals of a 6-volt battery through a bulb and a switch. Some dilute HCl is poured in the beaker and the current is switched on. The same experiment is then performed with glucose solution and alcohol solution.

Observation: It will be observed that the bulb glows in the HCl solution and does not glow in the glucose solution.



Result: HCl dissociates into H^+ and Cl^- ions. These ions conduct electricity in the solution resulting in the glowing of the bulb. On the other hand, the glucose solution does not dissociate into ions. Therefore, it does not conduct electricity

Conclusion: From this activity, it can be concluded that all acids contain hydrogen but not all compounds containing hydrogen are acids.

That is why, though alcohols and glucose contain hydrogen, they are not categorised as acids.

7. Why does distilled water not conduct electricity, whereas rain water does?

Ans. Distilled water is a pure form of water and is devoid of any ionic species. Therefore, it does not conduct electricity. Rain water, being an impure form of water, contains many ionic species such as acids and therefore it conducts electricity.

8. Why do acids not show acidic behaviour in the absence of water?

Ans. Acids do not show acidic behaviour in the absence of water because the dissociation of hydrogen ions from an acid occurs in the presence of water only. It is the hydrogen ions that are responsible for the acidic behaviour.

9. Five solutions A, B, C, D and E when tested with universal indicator showed pH as 4, 1, 11, 7 and 9, respectively. Which solution is

- (a) Neutral? (b) Strongly alkaline?
(c) Strongly acidic? (d) Weakly acidic? (e) Weakly alkaline?

Arrange the pH in increasing order of hydrogen-ion concentration.

Ans. (a) Neutral → Solution D with pH 7

(b) Strongly alkaline → Solution C with pH 11

(c) Strongly acidic → Solution B with pH 1

(d) Weakly acidic → Solution A with pH 4

(e) Weakly alkaline → Solution E with pH 9

The pH can be arranged in the increasing order of the concentration of hydrogen ions as. $11 < 9 < 7 < 4 < 1$

10. Equal lengths of magnesium ribbons are taken in test tubes A and B. Hydrochloric acid (HCl) is added to test tube A, while acetic acid (CH₃COOH) is added to test tube B. In which test tube will the fizzing occur more vigorously and why?

Ans. The fizzing will occur strongly in test tube A, in which hydrochloric acid (HCl) is added. This is because HCl is a stronger acid than CH₃COOH and therefore it(HCl) produces hydrogen gas at a faster speed due to which fizzing occurs.

11. Fresh milk has a pH of 6. How do you think the pH will change as it turns into curd? Explain your answer.

Ans. The pH of milk is 6. As it changes to curd, the pH will reduce because curd is acidic in nature. The acids present in it decrease the pH.

12. A milkman adds a very small amount of baking soda to fresh milk.

(a) Why does he shift the pH of the fresh milk from 6 to slightly alkaline?

(b) Why does this milk take a long time to set as curd?

Ans. (a) The milkman shifts the pH of the fresh milk from 6 to slightly alkaline because in alkaline condition milk does not set as curd easily.

(b) Since this milk is slightly basic than usual milk, acids produced to set the curd are neutralized by the base added. Therefore, it takes a longer time for the curd to set.

