1. . Given that the  $K_a$  for acetic acid,  $CH_3COOH$ , is 1.8 x  $10^{-5}$ , calculate the pH of a 0.20 mol/L solution. Assume x is negligibly small compared to the original concentration of acetic acid.

2. A student prepares a 0.45 M solution of a monoprotic weak acid and determines the pH to be 3.68. What is the  $K_a$  of this weak acid? Assume x is negligibly small compared to the original concentration of acid.

- 3. The value of  $K_w$  depends on temperature. At body temperature (37°C),  $K_w = 2.4 \times 10^{-14}$
- a. What is the [H<sub>3</sub>O+] of pure water at body temperature?

b.	What is	the [O	H-] of	pure	water	at body	tem	perature?
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4. Calculate [H+] for each of the following solutions, and indicate whether the solution is acidic, basic, or neutral:

b. 
$$[OH-] = 8.8 \times 10^{-9} M$$

c. A solution in which [OH-] is 100 times greater than [H+]

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- 5. By what factor does [H+] change for a pH change of 2.00 units?
  - a. 2
  - b. 100
  - c. 200
  - d. 2000
- 6. The conjugate acid of the H<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> (dihydrogen orthosilicate)

anion is: a. H<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>42-</sub>

- b. H<sub>3</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>-
- c. H<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>
- d. H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>
- 7. The first step of a nitration reaction involves using a mixture of sulfuric acid and nitric acid to form an NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> electrophile, as shown below.

H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> + HNO

3 HSO<sub>4</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>NO

3+ HSO4+ H2O + NO2+

In the forward reaction of the equilibrium, which of the following molecules acts as a Bronsted-Lowry base?

- a. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>
- b. HNO<sub>3</sub>
- c. HSO<sub>4</sub>-
- d. H<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+
- 8. Hypochlorous acid dissociates in water to create hydronium ions and hypochlorite ions: HOCI + H<sub>2</sub>O H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> + OCI<sup>-</sup>. Suppose that additional hypochlorite ions are added to the solution. Which of the following correctly describes the resultant effect on the concentration of HOCI?
  - a. It depends on the number of hydronium ions
  - b. It remains the same
  - c. It increases

- d. It decreases
- 9. Suppose a large organic molecule X is classified as a Lewis acid, while another large molecule Y is classified as a Bronsted-Lowry acid. Which of the following most accurately describes a similarity in their behaviors in solution?
  - a. Both molecules will tend to acquire a net positive charge
  - b. Both molecules will release hydroxide ions
  - c. Both molecules will release hydrogen gas
  - d. Both molecules will tend to acquire a net negative charge
- 10. Suppose an equilibrated, dilute solution containing an acid HA with  $K_a$  =  $10^{-4}$  is measured to have pH = 6 and [HA] =  $10^{-8}$  M. Which of the following gives the best estimate of [A<sup>-</sup>]?
  - a. 10<sup>-4</sup>
  - b. 10<sup>-6</sup>
  - c. 10<sup>-14</sup>
  - d. 10<sup>-16</sup>