

Pop Quiz Aug. 1, 2006

1) Answer: c 3.93

Solution: get pKa: $pK_a = -\log K_a = -\log(2.8 \times 10^{-4}) = 3.553$

$pH = pK_a + \log(\text{base}/\text{acid}) = 3.553 + \log(22.5/(32-22.5)) = 3.93$

More explanation:

The ratio: base/acid = ? It takes 32.0 mL of base to react all the weak acid. So, if 32.0 mLs represents the total moles of weak acid, then 22.5 mLs of would represent the moles of reacted weak acid, in other words, the moles of base. And the remaining acid would be $32.0 - 22.5 = 9.5$ mLs.

2) Answer: b, 8.17

Solution: First get M_{HA} : $M_{HA} = M_1 V_1 / V_e = (.100)(32.0)/(20.0) = 0.160M$;

At equiv pt: $[A^-] = [HA]_0 (20/(20+32)) = .160 (.385) = .0615M$

at equiv: use K_b equil: $A^- + H_2O \leftrightarrow HA + OH$, $K_b = 10^{-14}/2.8 \times 10^{-4} = 3.571 \times 10^{-11}$

so $x^2/.0615 \approx 3.571 \times 10^{-11} \Rightarrow x = 1.48 \times 10^{-6} = [OH] \Rightarrow pOH = 5.829$; $pH = 8.17$