

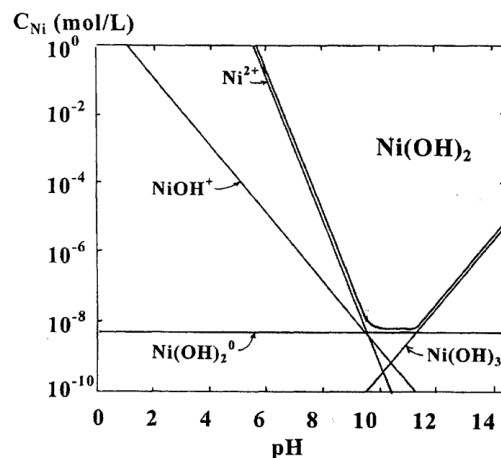
ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SPACE PROVIDED SHOWING YOUR WORK

Total Marks = 40

1. The log concentration of Ni(II) species in water is depicted below as a function of pH.

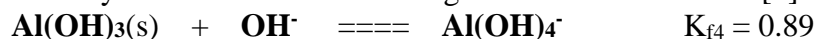
a) Estimate the fractional abundance of NiOH⁺ at pH = 9.5? [1]

b) Which is more acidic Ni²⁺ or NiOH⁺? [1]



2. Derive an expression for the saturation index of calcium carbonate (Ω_{CaCO_3}) in terms of the concentration of calcium, the K_{sp} , $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]_{\text{T}}$ and $[\text{alk}]_{\text{T}}$. You may assume that the pH range is between 7 – 9, so that $[\text{alk}]_{\text{T}} \sim [\text{HCO}_3^-]$ and that the solution is in equilibrium with atmospheric CO_2 . [4]

3. Calculate the aqueous solubility of aluminum in ppm at pH 9.00, if $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3(\text{s})$ dissolves in dilute aqueous sodium hydroxide solution according to the reaction below. [4]



4. a) Compare and contrast any **TWO** of the following pairs, commenting on the *environmental significance*. Illustrate your answer with examples, chemical/structural formula, or mathematical equations as appropriate. [6]

- i) Coagulation versus Flocculation
- ii) Reductive dissolution versus Oxidative dissolution
- iii) Octanol-water partitioning constant (K_{ow}) versus Bio-concentration factor (BCF)

b) For any **TWO** of the following, describe the affect of the specified change using appropriate chemical equilibria to illustrate your answer. [6]

- i) increase in P_{CO_2} on the solubility of CaCO_3
- ii) increase in pH on precipitation of $\text{Fe}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$
- iii) presence of hexametaphosphate ($\text{P}_6\text{O}_{18}^{6-}$) on the dissolution of calcium stearate $\text{Ca}(\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{35}\text{CO}_2)_2(\text{s})$

5. What mass of organic matter (represented by the formula CH_2O) is enough to consume all of the dissolved oxygen in 1.0 L of water in equilibrium with the atmosphere at 25 °C? Would your answer change if the organic matter was represented by the formula $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$? [4]

6. In a lake water sample containing $1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ calcium and $500. \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ fulvic acid, determine the fraction of the fulvic acid that is bound to calcium. Assume that calcium is the only metal present in significant concentration at a pH of 5. Use $5.0 \text{ mmol FA}_{\text{CO}_2^-}$ per gram of FA and $K_f' = 1.0 \times 10^3$. [5]

7. A sewage sample contains 8.8 ppm of dissolved phosphorous in the form of ortho phosphate. It is brought to pH of 9.0 and $[\text{Ca}^{2+}] = 4.7 \text{ mM}$ by the addition of $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$. What is the concentration of dissolved phosphorous (as ppm P) when it's in equilibrium with precipitated calcium phosphate ($K_{\text{sp}} \text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2 = 1 \times 10^{-24}$)? [5]

8. Using the Eh-pH diagram below for lead ($[\text{Pb}]_{\text{T}} = 10^{-10}$), estimate the value of β_2 for the formation lead (II) hydroxide from Pb^{2+} and two OH^- ligands. You may assume that all lead (II) species are soluble at this concentration. [4]

