

**Chapter 17**  
*CRS Questions*

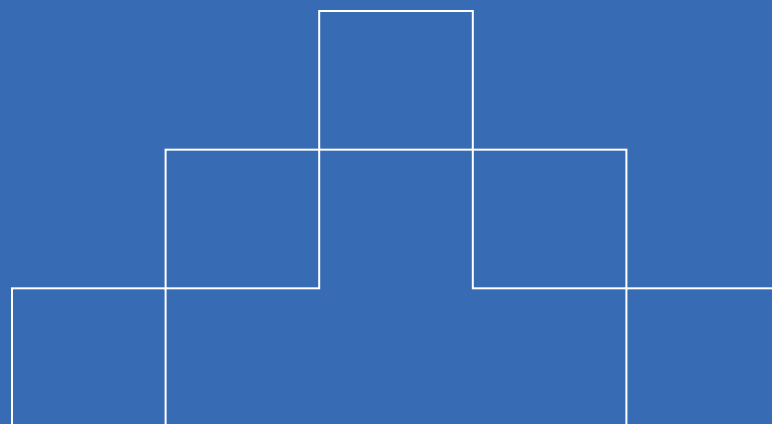
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**Solubility and  
Complex-Ion  
Equilibria**



# Question

		$K_{sp}$
1)	BaSO <sub>4</sub>	$1.1 \times 10^{-10}$
2)	BaCrO <sub>4</sub>	$1.2 \times 10^{-10}$
3)	AgCl	$1.8 \times 10^{-10}$
4)	MnS	$2.5 \times 10^{-10}$
5)	SrCO <sub>3</sub>	$9.3 \times 10^{-10}$

Which salt has the highest molar solubility?

# Answer

5)  $\text{SrCO}_3$

Section 17.1 The Solubility Product Constant  
(pp. 528–531)

Since the ratio of cation-to-anion is 1:1 for all the salts, the molar solubilities will be ranked in the same order as the solubility product constants. Of the choices given,  $\text{SrCO}_3$  has the highest molar solubility.

# Question

The molar solubility for barium fluoride,  $\text{BaF}_2$ , is  $6.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . Calculate the solubility product constant for barium fluoride.

- 1)  $4.0 \times 10^{-8}$
- 2)  $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$
- 3)  $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$
- 4)  $2.5 \times 10^{-5}$
- 5)  $4.0 \times 10^{-4}$

# Answer

$$3) \quad 1.0 \times 10^{-6}$$

Section 17.1 The Solubility Product Constant  
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$$\begin{aligned} K_{\text{sp}} &= [\text{Ba}^{2+}][\text{F}^{-}]^2 = (x)(2x)^2 = 4x^3 = 4(6.3 \times 10^{-3})^3 \\ &= 1.0 \times 10^{-6}. \end{aligned}$$

# Question

The best way to ensure complete precipitation of SnS from a saturated H<sub>2</sub>S solution is to

- 1) add more H<sub>2</sub>S.
- 2) add a strong acid.
- 3) add a weak acid.
- 4) add a strong base.
- 5) add a weak base.

# Answer

4) add a strong base.

Section 17.2 Solubility and the Common Product Effect (pp. 531–533)

Strong base will react with  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  to increase the concentration of  $\text{S}^{2-}$ . This will shift the equilibrium  $\text{SnS} \rightleftharpoons \text{Sn}^{2+} + \text{S}^{2-}$  towards the left.

# Question

$K_{sp}$  for  $\text{Fe}(\text{IO}_3)_3$  is  $10^{-14}$ . Mix two solutions, one containing  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and the other  $\text{IO}_3^-$ . If, at the instant of mixing,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  is  $10^{-4}$  M and  $\text{IO}_3^-$  is  $10^{-5}$  M, which one of the following statements is true?

- 1) A precipitate forms because  $Q_{sp} > K_{sp}$ .
- 2) A precipitate forms because  $Q_{sp} < K_{sp}$ .
- 3) No precipitate forms because  $Q_{sp} > K_{sp}$ .
- 4) No precipitate forms because  $Q_{sp} < K_{sp}$ .
- 5) None of these statements is true.



# Answer

4) No precipitate forms because  $Q_{sp} < K_{sp}$ .

Section 17.3 Precipitation Calculations (pp. 533–535)

$$Q_{sp} = [\text{Fe}^{3+}][\text{IO}_3^-]^3 = (10^{-4})(10^{-5})^3 = 10^{-19} < K_{sp}$$

# Question

A solution is 0.010 M in each of  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ ,  $\text{Mn}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ , and  $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ . Solid  $\text{NaOH}$  is added until the  $[\text{OH}^-]$  of the solution is  $3.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M.  $K_{\text{sp}} = 2.8 \times 10^{-16}$  for  $\text{Pb}(\text{OH})_2$ ,  $4.5 \times 10^{-14}$  for  $\text{Mn}(\text{OH})_2$ , and  $4.5 \times 10^{-17}$  for  $\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2$ . Which of the following statements is true?

- 1) No precipitate will form.
- 2) Only  $\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2$  will precipitate.
- 3) Only  $\text{Mn}(\text{OH})_2$  will precipitate.
- 4) Only  $\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2$  and  $\text{Pb}(\text{OH})_2$  will precipitate.
- 5) All three hydroxides will precipitate.

# Answer

5) All three hydroxides will precipitate.

Section 17.3 Precipitation Calculations  
(pp. 533–535)

For all three solutions,

$$Q = [M^{2+}][OH^{-}]^2 = (0.010 \text{ M})(3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M})^2 = 9.0 \times 10^{-14}.$$

Since this value exceeds all three  $K_{sp}$ 's, all three of the metal ions precipitate.