

## AMINO ACIDS AND PH – TOPIC TEST 1

### QUESTION 1

The most likely structure of glycine in a low pH solution would be:

- A.  $\text{NH}_3^+\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^-$
- B.  $\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^-$
- C.  $\text{NH}_3^+\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$
- D.  $\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$

### QUESTION 2

For serine, which exists as a zwitterion at pH 6, the correct formula at a pH of 6 would be:

- A.  $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)\text{COOH}$
- B.  $\text{H}_3\text{NCH}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)\text{COOH}$
- C.  $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)\text{COO}^-$
- D.  $\text{H}_3\text{N}^+\text{CH}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)\text{COO}^-$

### QUESTION 3

At low pH, amino acids

- A accept  $\text{H}^+$  to reform the carboxyl group
- B accept  $\text{H}^+$  at the amino functional group
- C donate  $\text{H}^+$  from the carboxyl group
- D donate  $\text{H}^+$  from the amino group

### QUESTION 4

In acidic conditions, amino acids will

- A migrate towards the negative electrode during electrophoresis
- B migrate towards the positive electrode during electrophoresis
- C not migrate during electrophoresis
- D exist in the zwitterion form

### QUESTION 5

When an amino acid is in basic conditions,

- A the carboxyl group will exist as  $\text{COOH}$  and the amino group will exist as  $\text{NH}_4^+$
- B the carboxyl group will exist as  $\text{COO}^-$  and the amino group will exist as  $\text{NH}_2$
- C the carboxyl group will exist as  $\text{COOH}$  and the amino group will exist as  $\text{NH}_2$
- D the carboxyl group will exist as  $\text{COO}^-$  and the amino group will exist as  $\text{NH}_4^+$

### QUESTION 6

The charge on a glutamic acid molecule in alkaline conditions would be

- A 0
- B -1
- C -2
- D -3

## **SOLUTIONS**

**QUESTION 1**    Answer is C

**QUESTION 2**    Answer is D

**QUESTION 3**    Answer is A

**QUESTION 4**    Answer is A

**QUESTION 5**    Answer is B

**QUESTION 6**    Answer is C