

54. ① ~~pH~~ pH is not an intrinsic property of a system.  
 It is determined by  $[H_3O^+]$  which is determined  
 by an acid or base's  $K_a$  or  $K_b$  and its concentration.
- ②  $pK_a$  is an intrinsic property of a solution.
- ③ pH is an ion concentration while  $pK_a$  measures  
 the degree of dissociation. Both of the former  
 are not intrinsic values while both of the latter  
 are intrinsic values.

56. (a)  $K_w$  increases with temperature so the reaction is endothermic.

- (b) neutral (c) neutral (and at all temps)  
 (d) But pH changes (weak, but?)

$$K_w = 1.5 \times 10^{-13}$$

$$x^2 = 1.5 \times 10^{-13}$$

$$x = 3.87 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$pH = -\log x = 6.91$$