

At 40 °C the ionic product of water,  $K_w = 2.92 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$

- (a) Give the expression for  $K_w$

Calculate the pH of pure water at 40 °C

Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

$K_w$

pH \_\_\_\_\_

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- (b) 35.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.150 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> aqueous sodium hydroxide are mixed with 20.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of a 0.100 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> solution of hydrochloric acid.  
The temperature of the solution formed is 40 °C

Calculate the pH of the solution formed.

Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

pH \_\_\_\_\_

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(a) **M1**  $K_w = [H^+][OH^-]$

**M2**  $[H^+] = \sqrt{2.92 \times 10^{-14}}$

**M3**  $pH = 6.77$

$M3 = -\log_{10} M2$

Answer to 2 decimal places

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(b) **M1**  $n OH^- = 5.25 \times 10^{-3}$  **and**  $n H^+ = 2.00 \times 10^{-3}$  mol

**M2** excess  $OH^- = 3.25 \times 10^{-3}$  mol

$M2 = n(OH^-) - n(H^+)$  in M1

**M3**  $[OH^-] = \frac{3.25 \times 10^{-3}}{55.0 \times 10^{-3}} = 0.0591 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

$M3 = \frac{M2}{55 \times 10^{-3}}$

**M4**  $[H^+] = \frac{2.92 \times 10^{-14}}{0.0591} = 4.94 \times 10^{-13} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

$M4 = \frac{2.92 \times 10^{-14}}{M3}$

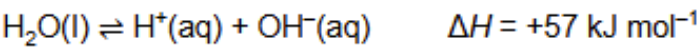
**M5** 12.31

$M5 = -\log_{10}(M4)$

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[8]

Pure water dissociates slightly.



The equilibrium constant,  $K_c = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{H}_2\text{O}]}$

The ionic product of water,  $K_w = [\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-]$

(a) Explain why  $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  is not shown in the  $K_w$  expression.

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Table 1 shows how  $K_w$  varies with temperature.

Table 1

| Temperature / °C | $K_w / \text{mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$ |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 10               | $2.93 \times 10^{-15}$               |
| 20               | $6.81 \times 10^{-15}$               |
| 25               | $1.00 \times 10^{-14}$               |
| 30               | $1.47 \times 10^{-14}$               |
| 50               | $5.48 \times 10^{-14}$               |

(b) Explain why the value of  $K_w$  increases as the temperature increases.

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(c) Give the expression for pH.

Calculate the pH of pure water at 50 °C  
Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

Explain why water is neutral at 50 °C

Expression

Calculation

pH \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

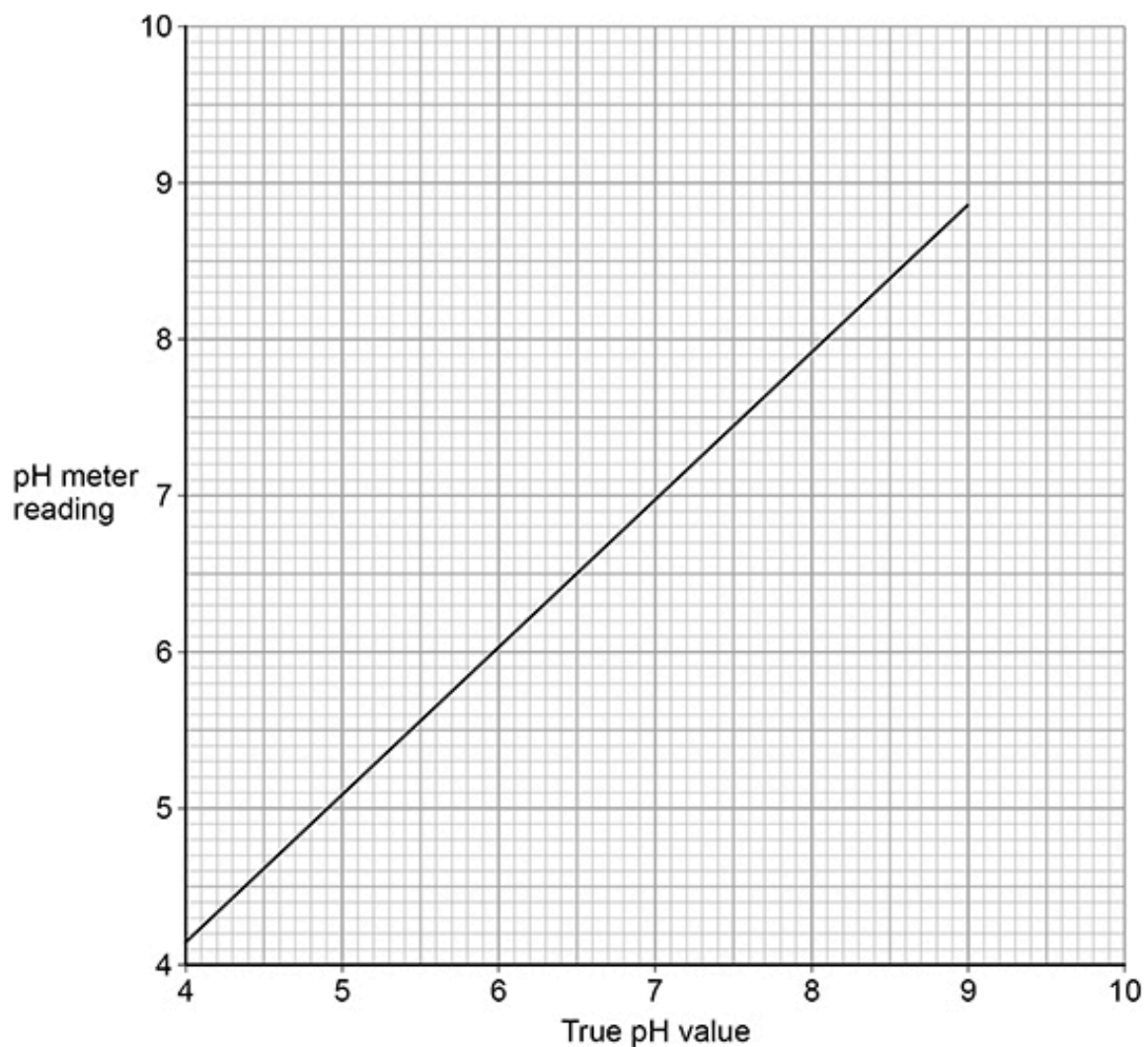
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A pH meter is calibrated using a calibration graph.

To create the calibration, the pH meter is used to measure the pH of separate solutions, each with a known, accurate pH.

**Figure 1** shows the calibration graph.

**Figure 1**



(d) Use **Figure 1** to give the true pH value when the pH meter reading is 5.6

- (e) Suggest why the pH probe is washed with distilled water between each of the calibration measurements.

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- (f) The calibrated pH meter is used to monitor the pH during a titration of hydrochloric acid with sodium hydroxide.

Explain why the volume of sodium hydroxide solution added between each pH measurement is smaller as the end point of the titration is approached.

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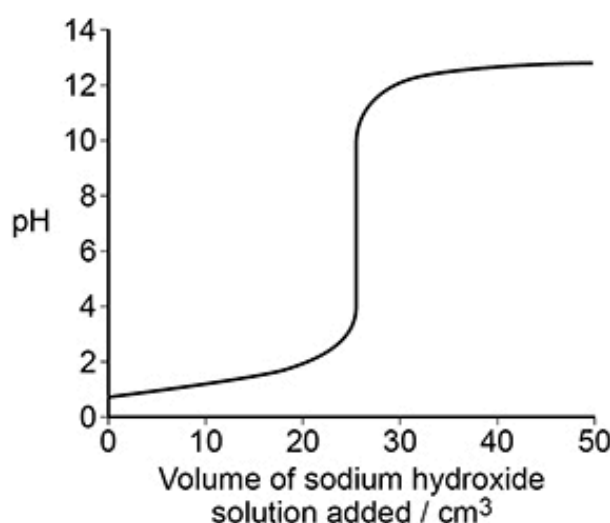


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**Figure 2** shows the pH curve for a titration of hydrochloric acid with sodium hydroxide solution.

**Figure 2**



**Table 2** shows data about some indicators.

**Table 2**

| Indicator         | pH range   | Colour at low pH | Colour at high pH |
|-------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Bromocresol green | 3.8 – 5.4  | yellow           | blue              |
| Phenol red        | 6.8 – 8.4  | yellow           | red               |
| Thymolphthalein   | 9.3 – 10.5 | colourless       | blue              |

The student plans to do the titration again using one of the indicators in **Table 2** to determine the end point.

- (g) State why all three of the indicators in **Table 2** are suitable for this titration.

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(a)  $[H_2O]$  is (almost) constant

**Allow**

$[H_2O]$  is (very) large in comparison (to  $[H^+]$  and  $[OH^-]$ )

**or**  $[H_2O]$  is incorporated in  $K_w$

**or**  $K_w = K_a[H_2O]$

**or** the equilibrium lies very much to the left.

**Ignore** water has negligible dissociation

**Ignore**  $[H_2O] = 1$  or  $[H_2O]$  is very small 1

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(b) M1 Equilibrium is endothermic (in forward direction)

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M2 Equilibrium shifts to the RHS to minimise/oppose temperature increase

**Ignore** more  $H^+$  and  $OH^-$  formed

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(c) M1  $pH = -\log_{10}[H^+]$

M1 Allow  $pH = -\log[H^+]$

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M2  $[H^+] = \sqrt{5.48 \times 10^{-14}} (= 2.34 \times 10^{-7})$

M2  $[H^+]^2 = 5.48 \times 10^{-14}$

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M3  $pH = -\log_{10} 2.34 \times 10^{-7} = 6.63$

M3  $pH = -\log_{10} M2$

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M4  $[H^+] = [OH^-]$

**or**

Dissociation of each water molecule gives one  $H^+$  and one  $OH^-$

M4 Allow equal amounts of  $H^+$  and  $OH^-$

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(d) 5.55

Allow 5.5 to 5.6

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(e) Different solutions must not contaminate each other

$pH$  of previous solution doesn't contaminate new solution

or

To wash off any residual solution/substance (which could interfere with the reading)

**Ignore** to make neutral/neutralise

**Ignore** so as not to affect concentrations

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(f) To avoid missing the end point

Or

(Very little pH change per  $\text{cm}^3$  added at start) large change in pH (near end point)

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(g) All have a colour change/pH range within the steep/vertical part of the titration curve

*Colour change/pH range between pH 3 and 11*

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(h) M1 Amount of  $\text{OH}^- = 36.25 \times 0.200 \div 1000 = 7.25 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$  **and** Amount of  $\text{H}^+ = 25.0 \times 0.150 \div 1000 = 3.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$

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M2 Amount of excess  $\text{OH}^- = 7.25 \times 10^{-3} - 3.75 \times 10^{-3} = 3.50 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$

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M3  $[\text{OH}^-] = (3.50 \times 10^{-3}) \div (61.25 \times 10^{-3}) (= 5.71 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol})$

*M3  $[\text{OH}^-] = (M2) \div (61.25 \times 10^{-3})$*

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M4  $[\text{H}^+] = \frac{1.00 \times 10^{-14}}{5.71 \times 10^{-2}} = 1.75 \times 10^{-13}$

*M4  $[\text{H}^+] = 1.00 \times 10^{-14} \div M3$*

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M5 pH = 12.76

*M5 Allow pH = 12.8*

*M5 pH =  $-\log_{10}(M4)$*

*Alternative Method*

*M4 p OH = 1.24*

*M5 pH =  $14 - 1.24 = 12.76$*

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**End of Question**

### Question - 03

Equal volumes of two solutions, each with the same concentration, are mixed together at 298 K

Which two solutions, when mixed, form a solution with a pH >7?

A HCOOH and HCOOK ☐

B KOH and CH<sub>3</sub>COOH ☐

C NH<sub>3</sub> and HCl ☐

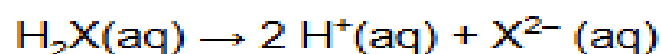
D NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and KCl ☐

**B**

*KOH and CH<sub>3</sub>COOH*

### Question - 04

A strong acid H<sub>2</sub>X dissociates in aqueous solution.



What is the pH of a 0.020 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> solution of this acid?

A 1.00 ☐

B 1.40 ☐

C 1.70 ☐

D 2.00 ☐

**B**

*1.40*



Which can **not** function as a Brønsted-Lowry acid?

- A

$\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$

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- B

$\text{HCO}_3^-$

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- C

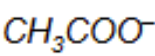
$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

☐
- D

$\text{NH}_4^+$

☐

A



This question is about acids and bases.

- (a) Calculate the pH of a  $0.150 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  solution of ethanoic acid at  $25^\circ\text{C}$   
Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

For ethanoic acid,  $K_a = 1.74 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$

pH \_\_\_\_\_

(3)

- (b) Strontium is an element in Group 2.

Calculate the pH of a  $0.0100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  solution of strontium hydroxide at  $10^\circ\text{C}$   
You may assume that strontium hydroxide is completely dissociated in this solution.

At  $10^\circ\text{C}$  the ionic product of water,  $K_w = 2.93 \times 10^{-15} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$

pH \_\_\_\_\_

(3)

- (c) The pH of a barium hydroxide solution is lower at  $50^\circ\text{C}$  than at  $10^\circ\text{C}$

At  $50^\circ\text{C}$  a  $25 \text{ cm}^3$  sample of this barium hydroxide solution was neutralised by  $22.45 \text{ cm}^3$  of hydrochloric acid added from a burette.

Deduce the volume of this hydrochloric acid that should be added from a burette to neutralise another  $25 \text{ cm}^3$  sample of this barium hydroxide solution at  $10^\circ\text{C}$

Circle (○) the correct answer.

$> 22.45 \text{ cm}^3$        $= 22.45 \text{ cm}^3$        $< 22.45 \text{ cm}^3$

Explain your answer \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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(2)

- (d) State how a buffer solution can be made from solutions of potassium hydroxide and ethanoic acid.

Give an equation for the reaction between potassium hydroxide and ethanoic acid.

State how this buffer solution resists changes in pH when a small amount of acid is added.

How buffer solution is made \_\_\_\_\_

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Equation

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How buffer solution resists pH change \_\_\_\_\_

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(3)

- (e) A buffer solution is made by adding 2.00 g of sodium hydroxide to 500 cm<sup>3</sup> of 1.00 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> ethanoic acid solution.

Calculate the pH of this buffer solution at 25 °C

Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

For ethanoic acid,  $K_a = 1.74 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup> at 25 °C

pH \_\_\_\_\_

(5)

(a) **M1**  $K_a \frac{[H^+][CH_3COO^-]}{[CH_3COOH]} = \frac{[H^+]^2}{[CH_3COOH]}$

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**M2**  $[H^+] = \left( \sqrt{1.74 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.150} \right) = 1.62 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (mol dm}^{-3}\text{)}$

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**M3**  $\text{pH} = 2.79$

$M3 = -\log M2$

answer must be to 2 decimal places

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(b) **M1**  $[OH^-] = \underline{2} \times 0.01 = 0.02$

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**M2**  $[H^+] \left( = \frac{K_w}{[OH^-]} = \frac{2.93 \times 10^{-15}}{0.02} \right) = 1.47 \times 10^{-13}$   
 allow  $\frac{2.93 \times 10^{-15}}{M1}$

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**M3**  $\text{pH} = 12.83$

allow 12.8

$M3 = -\log M2$

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if  $\text{pH} = 12.5(3)$  allow **2** marks (not used factor of 2 in M1)

(c) 22.45 or same

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same  $[OH^-]$  **or** amount/number of  $OH^-$  ions

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(d) add excess ethanoic acid to KOH

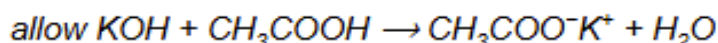
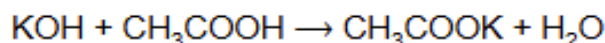
**or**

add enough KOH to the ethanoic acid so that the acid is partially neutralised

**or**

add enough KOH so that the acid contains a mixture of ethanoic acid and ethanoate ions.

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$CH_3COO^-$  (from salt) reacts with (added) acid/ $H^+$

ignore equilibrium shifts

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(e) **M1** (at start)  $n(\text{NaOH}) = \frac{2.00}{40} = \underline{0.05}$  (mol)

**and**

$$n(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) = \frac{500 \times 1.0}{1000} = \underline{0.5} \text{ (mol)}$$

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**M2** (after adding NaOH)

$$n(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) = (0.50 - 0.05) = 0.45 \text{ (mol)}$$

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**M3**  $n(\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-) = n(\text{NaOH}) = 0.05 \text{ (mol)}$

$$M3 = n(\text{NaOH}) \text{ from M1}$$

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**M4**  $[\text{H}^+] = \left[ \frac{K_a \times [\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]} \text{ or } \frac{1.74 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.9}{0.1} \text{ or } \frac{1.74 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.45/V}{0.05/V} \right]$

$$= 1.57 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (mol dm}^{-3}\text{)}$$

$$M4 = \frac{1.74 \times 10^{-5} \times M2}{M3}$$

*V cancels out so not needed in expression*

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**M5**  $\text{pH} = 3.80$

*answer to 2 decimal places*

*M5 allow 3.81*

*allow  $\text{pH} = -\log M4$*

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### Henderson-Hasselbach method

**M1** (at start)  $n(\text{NaOH}) = \frac{2.00}{40} = \underline{0.05}$  (mol)

**and**

$$n(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) = \frac{500 \times 1.0}{1000} = \underline{0.5} \text{ (mol)}$$

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**M2** (after adding NaOH)

$$n(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) = (0.50 - 0.05) = 0.45 \text{ (mol)}$$

**or**  $[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}] = 0.9(0)$

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**M3**  $n(\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-) = n(\text{NaOH}) = 0.05 \text{ (mol)}$

**or**  $[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-] = 0.1(0)$

$$M3 = n(\text{NaOH}) \text{ from M1}$$

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**M4**  $\text{pH} = 4.759 + \log \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]}$

**or**  $4.759 + \log \frac{0.1}{0.9} \text{ or } 4.759 + \log \frac{0.05/V}{0.45/V}$

*V cancels out so not needed in this expression*

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## Question - 07

Equal volumes of pairs of solutions are mixed.

Which pair forms a buffer solution?

- A** ammonia and ammonium chloride
- B** ammonia and methylamine
- C** ethanoic acid and methanoic acid
- D** hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide

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A

ammonia and ammonium chloride

## Question - 08

A  $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  solution of a weak acid has  $\text{pH} = 2.50$

What is the value of  $K_a$  for this acid, in  $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$ ?

**A**  $3.16 \times 10^{-2}$

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**B**  $3.16 \times 10^{-3}$

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**C**  $1.00 \times 10^{-4}$

☐

**D**  $1.00 \times 10^{-5}$

☐

C

$1.00 \times 10^{-4}$

## Question - 09

Which change causes the pH of  $10\text{ cm}^3$  of  $1.0\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  NaOH to be halved at 298 K?

$$K_w = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ at } 298\text{ K}$$

A adding  $10\text{ cm}^3$  of water

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B adding  $10\text{ dm}^3$  of water

☐

C adding  $5\text{ cm}^3$  of  $1.0\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  HCl

☐

D adding  $10\text{ cm}^3$  of  $1.0\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  HCl

☐

D

adding  $10\text{ cm}^3$  of  $1.0\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  HCl

## Question - 10

Which species can behave as a Brønsted–Lowry acid in aqueous solution?

A  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$

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B  $\text{HCO}_3^-$

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C  $\text{BF}_3$

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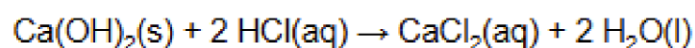
D  $\text{NH}_3$

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B

$\text{HCO}_3^-$

Calcium hydroxide is almost insoluble in water, but it reacts with dilute hydrochloric acid.



A student adds  $100 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  hydrochloric acid to  $0.600 \text{ g}$  of solid calcium hydroxide.

(a) Show, by calculation, that the calcium hydroxide is in excess.

(2)

(b) The final mixture contains a saturated solution of  $\text{Ca(OH)}_2$  at  $293 \text{ K}$

At  $293 \text{ K}$

- the solubility of  $\text{Ca(OH)}_2$  in this solution is  $0.400 \text{ g dm}^{-3}$
- $K_w = 6.80 \times 10^{-15} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$

Calculate the pH of this solution.

Give your answer to two decimal places.

pH \_\_\_\_\_

(5)



(a) **M1** amount of HCl = 0.010 mol **AND**

$$\text{amount Ca(OH)}_2 (= \frac{0.6}{74.1}) = 0.00810$$

**M2** 0.00810 mol of Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> requires 0.0162 mol HCl **OR**

0.01 mol of HCl requires 0.005 mol of Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>

**NB** There must be an indication that 0.005 is the amount of Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> needed and not just 0.01/2

*Alternative:*

**M1** amount of HCl = 0.010 mol

amount of Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> needed = 0.0050 mol

**NB** There must be an indication that 0.005 is the amount of Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> needed and not just 0.01/2

**M2** mass of Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> needed = 0.0050 x 74.1 = 0.3705 g (so 0.6 g is excess)

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(b) **M1** 0.400 g dm<sup>-3</sup> means 0.400 ÷ 74.1 (= 0.00540 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>)

**M2** [OH<sup>-</sup>] = **M1** x 2 (= 0.0108 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>)

**M3** [H<sup>+</sup>] = 6.80 x 10<sup>-15</sup> ÷ **M2** (= 6.30 x 10<sup>-13</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>)

**M4** pH = -log[H<sup>+</sup>]

**M5** = -log **M3** with answer to 2dp (= 12.20)

*Correct answer to 2 dp = 5 marks*

**ALLOW** 12.21 for 5 marks

**M4 ALLOW** if calculation shown containing a number that has been calculated as [H<sup>+</sup>]

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Question - 12

This question is about weak acids.

(a) The table below shows the pH ranges of some indicators.

| Indicator         | pH range  |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Bromocresol green | 3.8 – 5.4 |
| Bromothymol blue  | 6.0 – 7.6 |
| Thymol blue       | 8.0 – 9.6 |

Identify the indicator that is most suitable for use in a titration between propanoic acid and sodium hydroxide.

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(b) Give the expression for the acid dissociation constant ( $K_a$ ) for propanoic acid ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ ).

$K_a$

(1)

(c) Calculate the pH of a  $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  propanoic acid solution.  
Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

For propanoic acid,  $\text{p}K_a = 4.87$

pH \_\_\_\_\_

(4)

(d) For butanoic acid,  $K_a = 1.51 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

$20.0 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  sodium hydroxide solution are added to  
 $25.0 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  butanoic acid solution.

Calculate the pH of the solution formed.

pH \_\_\_\_\_

(5)

- (e) A student plans to titrate butanoic acid solution with a solution of ethylamine.

Explain why this titration could **not** be done using an indicator.

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(2)

(b)

$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][CH_3CH_2COO^-]}{[CH_3CH_2COOH]}$$

*Square brackets essential*

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(c) **M1**  $K_a = 10^{-pK_a} = 1.35 \times 10^{-5}$

**M2**  $\frac{[H^+]^2}{[CH_3CH_2COOH]}$  OR  $[H^+]^2 = K_a [CH_3CH_2COOH]$

*M2 Square brackets or with numbers*

**M3**  $[H^+] = \sqrt{(1.35 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.1)} = 1.16 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

**M4**  $pH = -\log_{10} (1.16 \times 10^{-3}) = 2.94$

*M4 =  $-\log_{10}$  M3**Answer to 2 decimal places**Allow 2.93*

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(d) **M1** Initial amount of butanoic acid =  $25 \times 0.1 \times 10^{-3} = \underline{2.5 \times 10^{-3}} \text{ mol}$

**M2** Initial amount of NaOH =  $20 \times 0.1 \times 10^{-3} = \underline{2.0 \times 10^{-3}} \text{ mol}$

**M3** Final amount of acid =  $2.5 \times 10^{-3} - 2.0 \times 10^{-3} = 5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$

*M3 = M1-M2*

**M4**  $[H^+] = \frac{K_a \times [HX]}{[X^-]}$

Or  $[H^+] = \frac{1.51 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.0111}{0.0444}$

*M4 allow volumes cancelled out*

$$\frac{1.51 \times 10^{-5} \times 5.0 \times 10^{-4}}{2.0 \times 10^{-3}}$$

**M4** Allow  $[H^+] = 3.775 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

*Alternative method for M4*

$$pH = pK_a + \log \frac{[X^-]}{[HX]} = 4.82 + \log \left( \frac{0.0444}{0.0111} \right)$$

**M5**  $pH = 5.42$

*M5 = dependent on a correct expression for  $[H^+]$  in M4*

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(e) **M1** This is a weak acid and weak base/alkali titration

**M2** pH change is too gradual/not sharp (at the equivalence point so colour change of indicator is difficult to judge)

*M2 Allow no vertical/steep section on pH curve*