

**Q1.**

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

A SO_4^{2-}

B HCO_3^-

C BF_3

D NH_3

(Total 1 mark)

Q2.

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

A CH_3COO^-

B HCO_3^-

C H_3O^+

D NH_4^+

(Total 1 mark)

Q3.

This question is about sulfuric acid and its salts.

(a) Draw the displayed formula of a molecule of H_2SO_4

(1)



- (d) A solution that contains 605 mg of NaHSO_4 in 100 cm^3 of solution has a pH of 1.72

Calculate the value of K_a for the hydrogensulfate ion (HSO_4^-) that is behaving as a weak acid.

Give your answer to three significant figures.

State the units of K_a

K _____ Units _____

(6)

- (e) Some sodium sulfate is dissolved in a sample of the solution from part (d).

Explain why this increases the pH of the solution.

(2)

(Total 15 marks)

**Q4.**

This question is about Brønsted–Lowry acids.

- (a) Give the meaning of the term Brønsted–Lowry acid.

(1)

- (b) What is meant by the term strong when describing an acid?

(1)

- (c) At 298 K, 25.0 cm³ of a solution of a strong monoprotic acid contained 1.45×10^{-3} mol of hydrogen ions.

Calculate a value for the pH of this solution.
Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

pH _____

(2)

- (d) Calculate the pH of the solution formed after the addition of 35.0 cm³ of 0.150 mol dm⁻³ NaOH to the original 25.0 cm³ of monoprotic acid.

The ionic product of water $K_w = 1.00 \times 10^{-14}$ mol² dm⁻⁶ at 298 K.
Give your answer to two decimal places.

pH _____

(5)

- (e) A buffer solution is made when 1.50 g of sodium hydroxide are added to 1.00 dm³ of a 0.150 mol dm⁻³ solution of a weak acid HA.

For HA, the acid dissociation constant, $K_a = 1.79 \times 10^{-5}$ mol dm⁻³.

Calculate the pH of this buffer solution.

pH _____

(6)

(Total 15 marks)

**Q5.**

Nitric acid (HNO_3) is a strong acid. Ethanoic acid (CH_3COOH) is a weak acid.

- (a) Write an equation to show how ethanoic acid behaves as a weak acid in its reaction with water.

(1)

- (b) When pure ethanoic acid reacts with pure nitric acid, ethanoic acid acts as a base.

Write an equation for this reaction.

(1)

- (c) Two beakers, **A** and **B**, each contain 100.0 cm^3 of $0.0125 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ nitric acid.

- (i) Calculate the pH of the solution formed after 50.0 cm^3 of distilled water are added to beaker **A**.

Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

(2)

- (ii) Calculate the pH of the solution formed after 50.0 cm^3 of $0.0108 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ aqueous sodium hydroxide are added to beaker **B**.

Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

(4)



(d) A third beaker, **C**, contains 100.0 cm^3 of $0.0125 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ethanoic acid. The acid dissociation constant K_a for ethanoic acid has the value $1.74 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ at $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

- (i) Write an expression for K_a for ethanoic acid and use it to calculate the pH of the ethanoic acid solution in beaker **C**. Show your working. Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

K_a _____

Calculation _____

(4)

- (ii) Aqueous sodium hydroxide is added to beaker **C** until the pH of the solution becomes 4.84.

Name the salt formed in the reaction of ethanoic acid with sodium hydroxide.

(1)

- (iii) Calculate the value of $\frac{[\text{salt}]}{[\text{ethanoic acid}]}$ in the solution with the pH of 4.84.

(3)

- (e) Explain why chloroethanoic acid is a stronger acid than ethanoic acid.

(2)



- (f) Explain why data books do not usually contain values of K_a for strong acids.

(2)

(Total 20 marks)

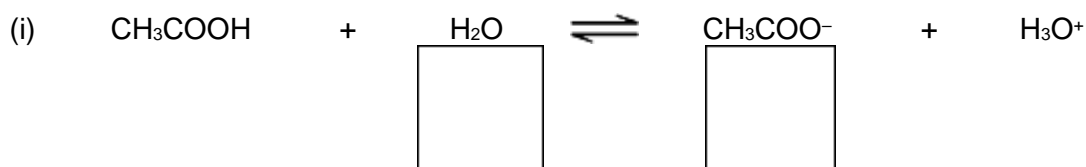
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This question is about several Brønsted–Lowry acids and bases.

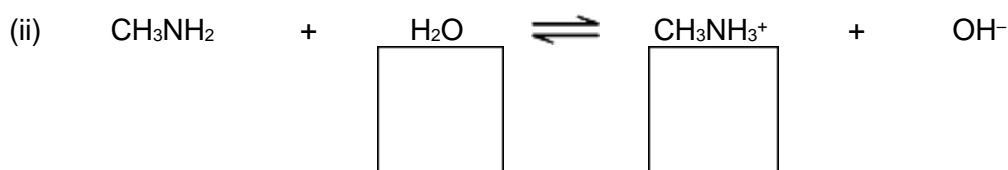
- (a) Define the term *Brønsted–Lowry acid*.

(1)

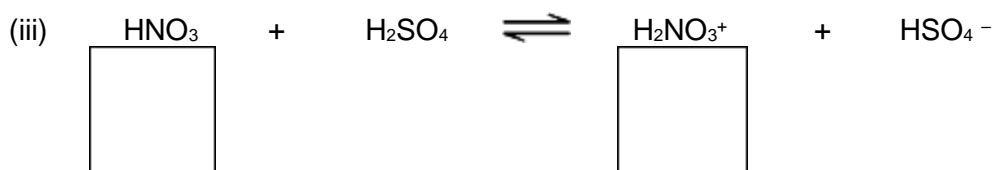
- (b) Three equilibria are shown below. For each reaction, indicate whether the substance immediately **above** the box is acting as a Brønsted–Lowry acid (**A**) or a Brønsted–Lowry base (**B**) by writing **A** or **B** in each of the six boxes.



(1)



(1)



(1)



- (c) A 25.0 cm³ sample of 0.0850 mol dm⁻³ hydrochloric acid was placed in a beaker. Distilled water was added until the pH of the solution was 1.25.

Calculate the total volume of the solution formed. State the units.

(3)

- (d) At 298 K, the value of the acid dissociation constant (K_a) for the weak acid HX in aqueous solution is 3.01×10^{-5} mol dm⁻³.

- (i) Calculate the value of pK_a for HX at this temperature.
Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

(1)

- (ii) Write an expression for the acid dissociation constant (K_a) for the weak acid HX.

(1)

- (iii) Calculate the pH of a 0.174 mol dm⁻³ solution of HX at this temperature.
Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

(3)



(ii) In terms of this reaction, state why the solution formed is **weakly** alkaline.

(1)

(c) State which is the stronger base, ammonia or ethylamine. Explain your answer.

Stronger base _____

Explanation _____

(3)

(d) Give the formula of an organic compound that forms an alkaline buffer solution when added to a solution of ethylamine.

(1)

(e) Explain qualitatively how the buffer solution in part (d) maintains an almost constant pH when a small amount of hydrochloric acid is added to it.

(2)

(Total 9 marks)

**Q8.**

When iron(II) sulfate is used for killing weeds in lawns, it is often mixed with the fertiliser ammonium sulfate. Ammonium sulfate also makes the soil acidic.

- (a) Write an equation to show how the ammonium ion behaves as a Brønsted–Lowry acid in water.

(1)

- (b) Compounds such as ammonium sulfate react on warming with sodium hydroxide solution as shown in the equation below.



Use this information to describe a simple test, other than smell, to show that ammonia is evolved. State what you would observe.

Test _____

Observation _____

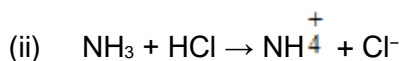
(2)

(Total 3 marks)

Q9.

Summarised directions for recording responses to multiple completion questions			
A (i), (ii) and (iii) correct only	B (i) and (iii) correct only	C (ii) and (iv) correct only	D (iv) alone correct

Brønsted-Lowry acid-base reactions include



(Total 1 mark)

**Q10.**

In which one of the following reactions is the role of the reagent stated correctly?

	Reaction	Role of reagent
A	$\text{TiO}_2 + 2\text{C} + 2\text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow \text{TiCl}_4 + 2\text{CO}$	TiO ₂ is an oxidising agent
B	$\text{HNO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{NO}_3^+ + \text{HSO}_4^-$	HNO ₃ is a Brønsted-Lowry acid
C	$\text{CH}_3\text{COCl} + \text{AlCl}_3 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CO}^+ + \text{AlCl}_4^-$	AlCl ₃ is a Lewis base
D	$2\text{CO} + 2\text{NO} \rightarrow 2\text{CO}_2 + \text{N}_2$	CO is a reducing agent

(Total 1 mark)



Mark schemes

Q1.

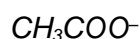
B



[1]

Q2.

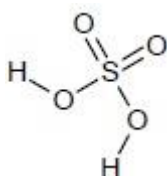
A



[1]

Q3.

(a)



Ignore shape / bond angles

Ignore lone pair(s) on O atoms

NOT lone pair(s) on S atom

1

(b) Equation 1: $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{HSO}_4^- + \text{H}^+$ / $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HSO}_4^- + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

Equation 1: NOT \rightleftharpoons

1

Equation 2: $\text{HSO}_4^- \rightleftharpoons \text{SO}_4^{2-} + \text{H}^+$ / $\text{HSO}_4^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{SO}_4^{2-} + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

Equation 2: NOT \rightarrow or \leftrightarrow

Allow \rightleftharpoons or \rightleftharpoons or \rightleftharpoons

1

Ignore state symbols in both equations

Allow multiples in both equations

(c) **M1** weigh solid and transfer using a method that Allows exact mass to be known (there should be two weighings, one of which could be zeroing, and method could be by difference or with washings or directly weighed into container)

M1 *Ignore any mass quoted*

NOT if any other solid added

1

M2 dissolve in water in suitable container (NOT in 250 cm³ of water)

M2 *NOT if any other solution added*

1

M3 transfer with washings into 250 cm³ volumetric/graduated flask

M3 *Reference to 250 cm³ can appear anywhere*

1



- M4** make up to mark / 250 cm³ AND THEN shake / invert / mix
M4 Allow if conical flask used
 NOT if beaker used 1
- Alternative method (M2-4)**
M2 in 250 cm³ volumetric/graduated flask
M3 dissolve (NOT in 250 cm³ of water)
M4 make up to mark / 250 cm³ AND THEN shake/invert/mix
- (d) **M1** [H⁺] = 10^{-1.72} (= 0.0191 (mol dm⁻³)) 1
- M2** amount NaHSO₄ = 0.605/120.1 (= 5.04 x 10⁻³ (mol)) 1
- M3** initial [NaHSO₄] = [HSO₄⁻] = **M2** x 10 (= 5.04 x 10⁻² (mol dm⁻³))
- $$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{SO}_4^{2-}]}{[\text{HSO}_4^-]} \quad \text{or} \quad K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+]^2}{[\text{HSO}_4^-]}$$
- 1
- M4** $K_a = \frac{0.0191^2}{0.0504 - 0.0191}$ 1
- M5** $K_a = 1.17 \times 10^{-2}$ (1.15 – 1.18 x 10⁻²) must be 3sf 1
- M6** mol dm⁻³ 1
- Correct answer scores **M1-5** (must be 3sf)
Alternative method that does not subtract 0.0191:
 7.21 x 10⁻³ (7.15 – 7.26 x 10⁻³) scores **M1-5**
 (where **M4** $K_a = \frac{0.0191^2}{0.0504}$)
- If not correct answer:
 For **M1-3**, if answer is shown, it must be correct (Ignore sf)
 Allow ECF from **M1/2/3** to **M4/5** (but not from **M3** to **M5**
 if omission of **M3** gives negative **M5**)
 NOT ECF from incorrect K_a expression in **M4** to **M5**
M6 If not mol dm⁻³, Allow ECF for units from incorrect
 K_a expression in **M4**
 7.21 x 10⁻² (7.15 – 7.26 x 10⁻²) gives **M1,2,4,5** (by
 alternative method omitting **M3**)
- (e) **M1** (HSO₄⁻ ⇌ SO₄²⁻ + H⁺) equilibrium moves/shifts left (to
 counteract / remove increased [SO₄²⁻])
M1 Allow H⁺ reacts with SO₄²⁻/sulfate
 Ignore favours the reverse / left / backwards reaction
 NOT base / A⁻ / sodium sulfate in place of SO₄²⁻/sulfate
- M2** so [H⁺] decreases



M2 Allow fewer H^+ (ions) or amount of H^+ lower or removes H^+
M2 independent of **M1**

1

1

[15]

Q4.

(a) Proton donor

1

(b) Completely ionises to give H^+ ions in water

1

(c) $0.058 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

1

1.24

1

(d) Amount of NaOH = 5.25×10^{-3}

1

Since 1:1 reaction amount of OH^- ions in excess

$$= 5.25 \times 10^{-3} - 1.45 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

$$= 3.80 \times 10^{-3} \text{ moles } OH^-$$

1

$$[OH^-] = 3.80 \times 10^{-3} \times 1000/60 = 0.0633$$

1

$$K_w = [H^+][OH^-] \text{ so } H^+ = \frac{10^{-14}}{0.0633} = 1.58 \times 10^{-13}$$

1

$$pH = 12.80$$

1

(e) Amount of OH^- added $1.5 / 40 = 0.0375 \text{ mol}$

1

Use of 1:1 ratio to calculate amount of A^- formed = 0.0375 mol

1

Amount of weak acid initially = $1 \times 0.15 = 0.150 \text{ mol}$ so amount of weak acid after addition of NaOH = $0.150 - 0.0375 = 0.1125$

If M3 incorrect can only score max of 3 marks

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$$[H^+] = K_a [HA]/[A^-] \text{ or } [H^+] = 1.79 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.1125/0.0375$$

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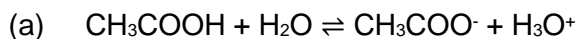
$$= 5.37 \times 10^{-5}$$

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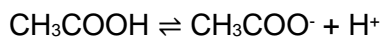
$$pH = 4.27$$



Q5.



OR

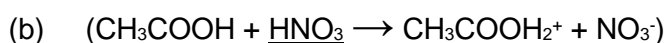


Must show \rightleftharpoons

Allow $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, CH_3CO_2^-

Ignore state symbols

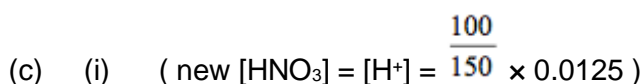
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IGNORE \rightleftharpoons

Allow $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}_2^+$, $\text{CH}_3\text{C}^+(\text{OH})_2$

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M1 $[\text{H}^+] = 8.3(3) \times 10^{-3} \text{ (mol dm}^{-3}\text{)}$

OR

$$\text{new}[\text{HNO}_3] = \frac{\text{mol HNO}_3}{\text{total vol}} = \frac{1.25 \times 10^{-3}}{150 \times 10^{-3}}$$

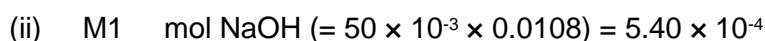
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M2 $\text{pH} = -\log \text{M1 OR } 2.08$

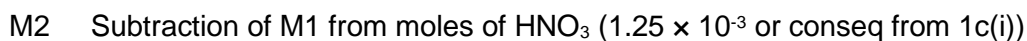
Must be 2dp

Allow correct pH conseq to their $[\text{H}^+]$ concentration

1



1



$$\text{Excess mol H}^+ = 7.10 \times 10^{-4}$$

M2 allow ecf for subtraction of mol

If no subtraction, no further marks

1

M3 $[\text{H}^+] = \frac{\text{M2}}{150 \times 10^{-3}} \text{ OR } \frac{7.10 \times 10^{-4}}{150 \times 10^{-3}} = 4.73 \times 10^{-3}$

M3 if no use of volume, no further marks (pH=3.15)

If incorrect volume used, can score M4

1

M4 $\text{pH} = -\log \text{M3 OR } 2.32$

M4 Allow 2.33 Must be 2 dp



- 1
- (d) (i) M1
$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][CH_3COO^-]}{[CH_3COOH]}$$

 Penalise () once here Not $[H^+][A^-] / [HA]$
 If K_a expression wrong – Allow correct pH conseq to their $[H^+]$ concentration M4 only
- 1
- M2
$$K_a = \frac{[H^+]^2}{[CH_3COOH]}$$
 or with numbers or with HA
- 1
- M3 $[H^+] = [\sqrt{(1.74 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.0125)}] = 4.66 \times 10^{-4}$
 Mark for answer
- 1
- M4 pH = 3.33
 Must be 2dp
 Allow correct pH conseq to their $[H^+]$ concentration
 (pH = 3.83 can score M1, M2 and M4)
- 1
- (ii) Sodium ethanoate
 Ignore formula
 Allow sodium acetate
- 1
- (iii) M1 $[H^+] = 1.45 \times 10^{-5}$
 Accept 1.445×10^{-5} or 1.4×10^{-5}
- 1
- M2
$$\frac{[\text{salt}]}{[\text{acid}]} \text{ (OR } \frac{[CH_3COO^-]}{[CH_3COOH]} = \frac{K_a}{[H^+]}) = \frac{1.74 \times 10^{-5}}{1.45 \times 10^{-5}}$$

 If M1 incorrect CE=0
 Inclusion of 0.0125 in calculation can only score M1
- 1
- M3 1.2(0)
 Ignore units
 1.4×10^{-5} gives 1.24
- 1
- (e) M1 (Electronegative) chlorine withdraws electrons
 Allow Cl has negative inductive effect
- 1
- M2 Stabilises/reduces charge on COO-
 OR weakens O-H bond
 OR makes O-H more polar



*Ignore chloroethanoic acid dissociates more readily
Mark independently*

1

(f) M1 Strong acids (almost) completely dissociated/ionised

OR not an equilibrium

OR equilibrium lies far to the right

Cannot have K_a value for a reaction not in equilibrium scores both marks

1

M2 K_a value for strong acids tends to infinity/is very large
OR can't divide by zero in K_a

1

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Q6.

(a) Proton donor or H^+ donor

Allow donator

1

(b) (i) B B

Both need to be correct to score the mark

1

(ii) A A

Both need to be correct to score the mark

1

(iii) B A

Both need to be correct to score the mark

1

(c) M1 $[H^+] = 10^{-1.25}$ OR 0.05623

1

M2 mol HCl = $(25 \times 10^{-3}) \times 0.0850$ (= 2.125×10^{-3})

Mark for Working

1

M3 vol $\left(= \frac{2.125 \times 10^{-3}}{0.05623} \right) = 0.0378 \text{ dm}^3$ or 37.8 cm^3

allow $0.0375 - 0.038 \text{ dm}^3$ or $37.5 - 38 \text{ cm}^3$

Units and answer tied

Lose M3 if total given as $(25 + 37.8) = 62.8 \text{ cm}^3$

Ignore "vol added = 12.8 cm^3 " after correct answer

1

(d) (i) 4.52

Must be 2dp



- 1
- (ii) $K_a = \frac{[H^+][H^-]}{[HX]}$ ignore = $\frac{[H^+]^2}{[HX]}$ but this may score M1 in (d)(iii)
Must have all brackets but allow () Allow HA etc
NO mark for 10^{-pK_a}
- 1
- (iii) **M1** $K_a = \frac{[H^+]^2}{[HX]}$ or with numbers
Allow $[H^+] = \sqrt{(K_a \times [HA])}$ for M1
- 1
- M2** $[H^+] = \sqrt{(3.01 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.174)} = \sqrt{(5.24 \times 10^{-6})}$
 $= 2.29 \times 10^{-3} - 2.3 \times 10^{-3}$
Mark for answer
- 1
- M3** pH = 2.64 (allow more than 2dp but not fewer)
Allow 1 for correct pH from their wrong $[H^+]$
If square root forgotten, pH = 5.28 scores 2 for M1 and M3
- 1
- (e) **M1** mol OH⁻ = $(10.0 \times 10^{-3}) \times 0.125 = 1.25 \times 10^{-3}$
Mark for answer
- 1
- M2** orig mol HX = $(15.0 \times 10^{-3}) \times 0.174 = 2.61 \times 10^{-3}$
Mark for answer
- 1
- M3** mol HX in buffer = orig mol HX – mol OH⁻
Mark for answer
 $= 2.61 \times 10^{-3} - 1.25 \times 10^{-3} = 1.36 \times 10^{-3}$
Allow conseq on their (M2 – M1)
 $([HX] = 1.36 \times 10^{-3} / 25 \times 10^{-3} = 0.0544)$
If no subtraction, max 3 for M1, M2 & M4 (pH = 4.20)
If $[H^+] = [X^-]$ & $\sqrt{\quad}$ used, max 3 for M1, M2 & M3 (pH = 2.89)
- 1
- M4** mol X⁻ in buffer = mol OH⁻ = 1.25×10^{-3}
 $([X^-] = 1.25 \times 10^{-3} / 25 \times 10^{-3} = 0.05)$
May be scored in M5 expression
- 1
- M5** $[H^+] = \frac{K_a \times [HX]}{[X^-]}$



If use $K_a = \frac{[H^+]^2}{[HX]}$ no further marks

$$= \frac{3.01 \times 10^{-5} \times 1.36 \times 10^{-3}}{1.25 \times 10^{-3}} \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{3.01 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.0544}{0.05}$$

$$(\text{= } 3.27 \times 10^{-5})$$

If either value of HX or X⁻ used wrongly or expression upside down, no further marks

1

M6 pH = 4.48 or 4.49 (allow more than 2dp but not fewer)

Do **not** allow M6 for correct calculation of pH using their [H⁺] - this only applies in (d)(iii) - apart from earlier AE

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[18]

Q7.

(a) Proton acceptor

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(b) (i) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_3^+ + \text{OH}^-$

allow eq with or without \rightleftharpoons

allow $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$ and $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_3^+$ (plus can be on N or H or 3)

allow RHS as $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_3\text{OH}$

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(ii) Mark independently of (b)(i)

Allow

Ethylamine is only partly/slightly dissociated

OR

Ethylamine is only partly/slightly ionized

reaction/equilibrium lies to left or low [OH⁻] **OR** little OH⁻ formed

OR little ethylamine has reacted

Ignore "not fully dissociated" or "not fully ionized"

Ignore reference to ionisation or dissociation of water

1

(c) **M1** Ethylamine

If wrong no marks in (c)

1

M2 alkyl group is electron releasing/donating

OR alkyl group has (positive) inductive effect

1

M3 increases electron density on N(H₂)



OR increased availability of lp

OR increases ability of lp (to accept H^+)

Mark M3 is independent of M2

1

(d) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}$

Or any amine hydrochloride

allow name (ethylammonium chloride or ethylamine hydrochloride) or other halide for Cl

*or a strong **organic** acid*

NOT NH_4Cl

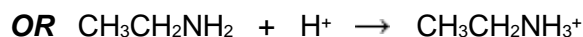
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(e) Mark independently of (d)

Extra H^+ reacts with ethylamine or OH^-

Or makes reference to Equilibrium (in (b)(i)) with amine on LHS

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Equilibrium shifts to RHS

OR ratio $[\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_3^+]/[\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2]$ remains almost constant

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[9]

Q8.

(a) $\text{NH}_4^+ \rightarrow \text{NH}_3 + \text{H}^+$

Accept multiples.

Accept $\text{NH}_4^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

Ignore state symbols, even if incorrect.

1

(b) Test indicator / conc HCl

Do not accept 'smell'.

Do not accept precipitation reactions of aqueous ammonia.

1

Observation colour for an alkali / white fumes

If wrong test then lose second mark.

1

[3]

Q9.

C

[1]



Q10.

D

[1]