

**Q1.**

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

(Total 1 mark)

Q2.

A mixture of methanoic acid and sodium methanoate in aqueous solution acts as an acidic buffer solution. The equation shows the dissociation of methanoic acid.



Calculate the mass, in g, of sodium methanoate (HCOONa) that must be added to 25.0 cm^3 of $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ methanoic acid to produce a buffer solution with $\text{pH} = 4.05$ at 298 K

For methanoic acid, $\text{p}K_{\text{a}} = 3.75$ at 298 K

Assume that the volume of the solution remains constant.

Mass _____ g

(Total 5 marks)

**Q3.**

Propanoic acid ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COOH}$) is a weak acid.

The acid dissociation constant (K_a) for propanoic acid is $1.35 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ at 25°C

- (a) State the meaning of the term weak acid.

(1)

- (b) Give an expression for the acid dissociation constant for propanoic acid.

K_a

(1)

- (c) A student dilutes 25.0 cm^3 of $0.500 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ propanoic acid by adding water until the total volume is 100.0 cm^3

Calculate the pH of this diluted solution of propanoic acid.

Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

pH _____

(4)



- (d) A buffer solution with a pH of 4.50 is made by dissolving x g of sodium propanoate ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COONa}$) in a solution of propanoic acid. The final volume of buffer solution is 500 cm^3 and the final concentration of the propanoic acid is $0.250 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

Calculate x in g

For propanoic acid, $K_a = 1.35 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

x _____ g

(6)

(Total 12 marks)

Q4.

This question is about different pH values.

- (a) For pure water at $40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $\text{pH} = 6.67$
A student thought that the water was acidic. Explain why the student was incorrect.

Determine the value of K_w at this temperature.

Explanation _____

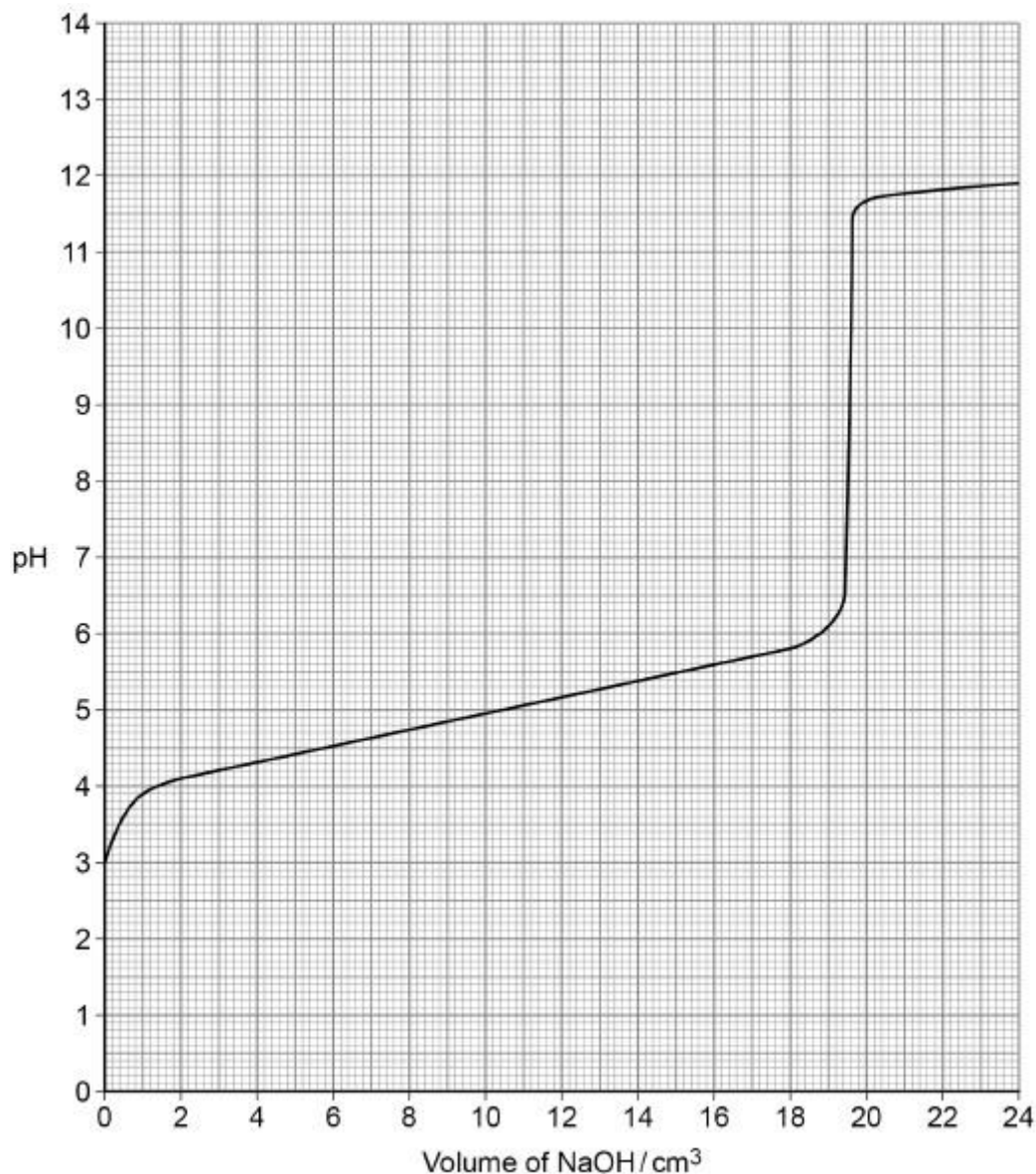
K_w _____ $\text{mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$

(4)



- (b) Sodium hydroxide solution was added gradually from a burette to 25 cm³ of 0.080 mol dm⁻³ propanoic acid at 25 °C. The pH was measured and recorded at regular intervals.

The results are shown in the diagram.



Use the diagram above to determine the value of K_a for propanoic acid at 25 °C

Show your working.

K_a _____ mol dm⁻³

(3)



- (c) Suggest which indicator is the most appropriate for the reaction in part (b)?
Tick (✓) **one** box.

Indicator	pH range	Tick (✓) one box
methyl orange	3.1 - 4.4	
bromothymol blue	6.0 - 7.6	
cresolphthalein	8.2 - 9.8	
indigo carmine	11.6 - 13.0	

(1)

- (d) A student prepared a buffer solution by adding 0.0136 mol of a salt KX to 100 cm³ of a 0.500 mol dm⁻³ solution of a weak acid HX and mixing thoroughly.

The student then added 3.00×10^{-4} mol of potassium hydroxide to the buffer solution.

Calculate the pH of the buffer solution after adding the potassium hydroxide.

For the weak acid HX at 25 °C the value of the acid dissociation constant, $K_a = 1.41 \times 10^{-5}$ mol dm⁻³.

Give your answer to two decimal places.

pH _____

(6)



- (e) A buffer solution has a constant pH even when diluted.

Use a mathematical expression to explain this.

(1)

(Total 15 marks)

Q5.

Hydrochloric acid is a strong acid and ethanoic acid is a weak acid.

- (a) State the meaning of the term strong acid.

(1)

- (b) In an experiment, 10.35 cm³ of 0.100 mol dm⁻³ hydrochloric acid are added to 25.0 cm³ of 0.150 mol dm⁻³ barium hydroxide solution.

Calculate the pH of the solution that forms at 30 °C

$$K_w = 1.47 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6} \text{ at } 30 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

pH _____

(6)



- (c) The pH of water at 30 °C is 6.92

Give the reason why water is neutral at this temperature.

(1)

- (d) Identify the oxide that could react with water to form a solution with pH = 2

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Al ₂ O ₃	<input type="checkbox"/>
Na ₂ O	<input type="checkbox"/>
SiO ₂	<input type="checkbox"/>
SO ₂	<input type="checkbox"/>

(1)

- (e) Give the expression for the acid dissociation constant (K_a) for ethanoic acid (CH₃COOH).

K_a

(1)

- (f) A buffer solution contains 0.025 mol of sodium ethanoate dissolved in 500 cm³ of 0.0700 mol dm⁻³ ethanoic acid at 25 °C

A sample of 5.00 cm³ of 2.00 mol dm⁻³ hydrochloric acid is added to this buffer solution.

Calculate the pH of the solution formed.

For ethanoic acid, $K_a = 1.76 \times 10^{-5}$ mol dm⁻³ at 25 °C

pH _____

(5)

(Total 15 marks)

**Q6.**

This question is about acidic solutions.

- (a) The acid dissociation constant, K_a , for ethanoic acid is given by the expression

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]}$$

The value of K_a for ethanoic acid is $1.74 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ at 25°C

A buffer solution with a pH of 3.87 was prepared using ethanoic acid and sodium ethanoate. In the buffer solution, the concentration of ethanoate ions was $0.136 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

Calculate the concentration of the ethanoic acid in the buffer solution.

Give your answer to three significant figures.

Concentration of acid = _____ mol dm^{-3}

(3)

- (b) In a different buffer solution, the concentration of ethanoic acid was $0.260 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ and the concentration of ethanoate ions was $0.121 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

A $7.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$ sample of sodium hydroxide was added to 500 cm^3 of this buffer solution. Calculate the pH of the buffer solution after the sodium hydroxide was added.

Give your answer to two decimal places.

pH of buffer solution _____

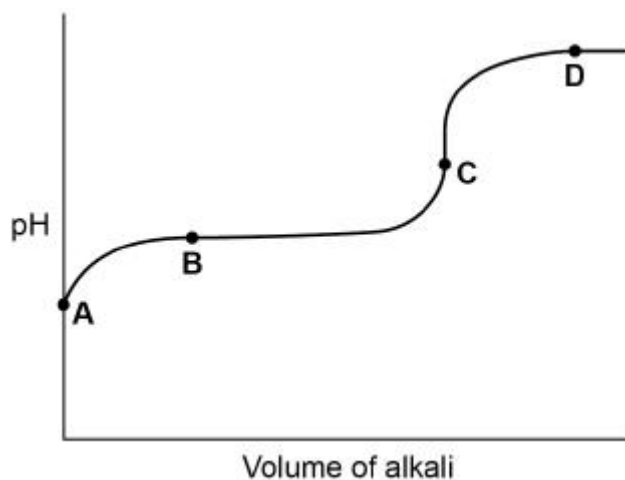
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(Total 9 marks)



Q7.

The diagram shows a pH curve produced by adding a strong alkali to a weak acid.



Which point on the curve represents a solution that can act as a buffer?

- A
- B
- C
- D

(Total 1 mark)

Q8.

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)



Mark Scheme

Q1.

A

ammonia and ammonium chloride

[1]

Q2.

$$K_a = 10^{-3.75} = 1.78 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

$$pH = pK_a - \log \frac{[HCOOH]}{[HCOO^-]}$$

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$$[H^+] = 10^{-4.05} = 8.91 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

$$\log \frac{[HCOOH]}{[HCOO^-]} = pK_a - pH = 3.75 - 4.05 = -0.30$$

1

$$[Salt] = \frac{1.78 \times 10^{-4} \times 0.100}{8.91 \times 10^{-5}} = 0.200$$

$$\frac{[HCOOH]}{[HCOO^-]} = 10^{-0.30} = 0.50 \text{ (and } [HCOOH] = 0.1)$$

(so $[HCOO^-] = 0.200 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$)

1

amount = vol x conc = $0.200 \times 25/1000 = 0.00500 \text{ mol}$

OR

amount acid = 0.0025 mol so amount salt = 0.005 mol

$$\text{amount} = \text{vol} \times \text{conc} = 0.200 \times 25/1000 = 0.00500 \text{ mol}$$

1

mass = amount x $M_r = 0.00500 \times 68.0 = 0.339 / 0.34 \text{ g}$

$$\text{mass} = \text{amount} \times M_r = 0.00500 \times 68.0 = 0.339 \text{ g}$$

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[5]

Q3.

(a) (Acid) partially or slightly ionises/dissociates (in water to form H^+ ions)

Allow – does not fully ionise/dissociate

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(b)

$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][C_2H_5COO^-]}{[C_2H_5COOH]}$$

Allow $[H_3O^+]$ for $[H^+]$

Do not allow ()

1

(c) **M1** $[C_2H_5COOH] = 0.125 \text{ (mol dm}^{-3}\text{)}$



Allow consequential marking from wrong **M1**
 If $[C_2H_5COOH] = 0.0125$ (mol dm⁻³) lose **M1**,
 allow **M2**, **M3** = 4.108×10^{-4} and **M4** = 3.39

1

M2 $[H^+] = \sqrt{K_a \times [C_2H_5COOH]}$ OR $[H^+] = \sqrt{1.35 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.125}$

1

M3 $[H^+] = 1.30 \times 10^{-3}$ (mol dm⁻³)

1

M4 $pH = -\log_{10}(1.30 \times 10^{-3}) = 2.89$

Allow **M4** = $-\log_{10}$ **M3**

Answer must be to 2 decimal places

1

(d) **M1** $[H^+] = 10^{-4.5} = \underline{3.16 \times 10^{-5}}$ (mol dm⁻³)

1

M2 $[C_2H_5COO^-] = \frac{[C_2H_5COOH] K_a}{[H^+]}$

OR $[C_2H_5COO^-] = \frac{0.250 \times 1.35 \times 10^{-5}}{3.16 \times 10^{-5}}$

M2: Rearrangement

If rearrangement incorrect, could score **M1 M4 M5** and **M6**

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M3 $[C_2H_5COO^-] = 0.1068$ (mol dm⁻³)

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M4 M_r sodium propanoate = 96

1

M5 n (sodium propanoate) = $0.1068 \times 0.5 = 0.0534$

1

M6 mass (sodium propanoate, x) = $0.0534 \times 96 = 5.13$ (g)

M6 Allow 5.09 to 5.14 (g)

Alternative **M5** and **M6**

M5 $0.1068 \times 96 = 10.25$ (g)

M5 = **M3** x **M4**

M6 Mass (sodium propanoate, x) = $\frac{10.25}{2} = 5.13$ (g)

10.25 g scores 4 marks

If Henderson Hasselbach used

M1 $pK_a = -\log(1.35 \times 10^{-5}) = 4.87$

M2 $\log[A^-] = pH - pK_a + \log[HA]$

M3 $\log[A^-] = 4.50 - 4.87 + (-0.60206) = -0.9717$



M4 $[CH_3CH_2COO^-] = 10^{-0.9717} = 0.1067$

M5 $M_r = 96(.0)$

M6 $x = 96.0 \times 0.1067/2 = 5.12 \text{ g}$

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Q4.

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

M1: accept equal number/amounts of H^+ and OH^-

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M2: $[H^+] (= 10^{-pH}) = 2.138 \times 10^{-7}$

M2: allow 2.14×10^{-7}

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M3: $K_w = [H^+]^2$ or $(2.138 \times 10^{-7})^2$

M3: allow $(M2)^2$

1

M4: $K_w = 4.57 \times 10^{-14}$

M4: allow 4.58×10^{-14}

M4 is dependent on (an answer)² in **M3**

1

(b) View with Figure X (ie graph) as they may show working there.

Ignore calculations of mols of salt or acid

M1: Determines volume at half equivalence ($= \frac{19.5}{2} \text{ cm}^3$) = 9.75 (cm^3)

M1: Allow reading on graph to be from 19.4 to 19.7 giving **M1** = 9.7 to 9.85

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M2: pH = 4.80 to 4.95

M2: Reads off pH at half equivalence

1

M3: $K_a (= 10^{-pH}) = 10^{-4.9} = 1.26 \times 10^{-5}$

M3: Allow 1.12×10^{-5} to 1.58×10^{-5}

M3: Allow 2sf or more

1

Alternative method

M1: pH of pure acid = 3

M2: $K_a = (10^{-3})^2 / 0.080$

M3: = 1.25×10^{-5}

Alternative **M1** if calculation incorrect:

Allow $pH = pK_a$ or $[H^+] = K_a$ at half equivalence

(c) cresolphthalein



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(d)

M1: $K_a = \frac{[H^+][X^-]}{[HX]}$ or $[H^+] = \frac{K_a \times [HX]}{[X^-]}$

M1: allow $[H^+] = \frac{K_a \times [\text{acid}]}{[\text{salt}]}$

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M2: amount of HX = 0.0500 mol

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M3: amount of HX after addⁿ of KOH = $0.05 - 3 \times 10^{-4} = 0.0497$ mol

M3: = $M2 - 3 \times 10^{-4}$

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M4: amount of KX after addⁿ of KOH = $0.0136 + 3 \times 10^{-4} = 0.0139$ mol

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M5: $[H^+] = \frac{(1.41 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.0497)}{0.0139} = 5.04(15) \times 10^{-5}$

1

M6: pH = $-\log_{10} 5.04(15) \times 10^{-5} = 4.30$

Answer to 2 decimal places

1

If no attempt at **M3** and **M4** max 2 marks

If **M3** or **M4** attempted using 3×10^{-4} max 4 (**M1**, **M2**, **M3** or **M4** and **M6**)

(e)

ratio $\frac{[HX]}{[X^-]}$

Allow inverse expression

1

[15]

Q5.

(a) completely dissociates/ionises (to form H⁺ ions)

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(b) **M1** moles HCl = 1.035×10^{-3} and moles Ba(OH)₂ = 3.75×10^{-3}

If **M1** incorrect, lose **M1** and **M6**

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M2 moles OH⁻ = $2 \times (3.75 \times 10^{-3}) = 7.50 \times 10^{-3}$

If **M2** not x2, lose **M2** and **M6**

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M3 XS n OH⁻ = $7.50 \times 10^{-3} - 1.035 \times 10^{-3} = 6.465 \times 10^{-3}$ mol in 35.35 cm³

If no subtraction for **M3**, lose **M3** and **M6**

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M4 [OH] = $6.465 \times 10^{-3} / 35.35 \times 10^{-3} = 0.182885$ mol dm⁻³



$$= M3/35.35 \times 10^{-3}$$

If M4 not /35.35 $\times 10^{-3}$, lose M4 and M6

However, if divided by 35.35 only lose M4 and allow M6 (ecf = 10.09)

1

M5 $[H^+] = K_w/[OH^-] = 1.47 \times 10^{-14} / 0.182885 = 8.0378 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$
 $= 1.47 \times 10^{-14} / M4$

If incorrect rearrangement or wrong equation, lose M5 and M6

If $K_w = 1.00 \times 10^{-14}$ used only lose M5 and allow M6 (ecf = 13.26)

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M6 pH = 13.09 to 13.10

Must be 2dp

1

Alternative MS to get M2:

Starting amounts are $1.035 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol HCl}$ and $3.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol Ba(OH)}_2$ M1

So the HCl will react with $5.175 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$ of the Ba(OH)_2 leaving an excess of $3.2325 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$ of Ba(OH)_2 (as alternative M2)

So n $\text{OH}^- = 2 \times 3.2325 \times 10^{-3} = 6.465 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$ M3

Credit other methods eg limiting reagent method since HCl limiting reagent

(c) $[H^+] = [OH^-]$

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(d) SO_2

1

(e) $K_a = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]}$

1

(f) **M1** moles HCl added = 0.01 mol and moles $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} = 0.035 \text{ mol}$

1

M2 moles $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- = 0.025 - 0.01 (= 0.015)$

$M2 \text{ mol } \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- = 0.025 - M1(\text{HCl})$

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M3 moles $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} = 0.035 + 0.01 (= 0.045)$

$M3 \text{ mol } \text{CH}_3\text{COOH} = M1(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) + M1(\text{HCl})$

1

M4 $[H^+] = 1.76 \times 10^{-5} \times \frac{M3 (/V)}{M2 (/V)} (= 5.28 \times 10^{-5})$

M4 is conditional on an attempt at an addition/subtraction in M2 OR M3

1

M5 pH = 4.28



M5 must be 2dp

If used 0.07 mol for CH₃COOH can score M2, M3 and M4 (pH = 4.03)

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[15]

Q6.

(a) $[H^+] = (10^{-3.87} \Rightarrow) 1.3489 \times 10^{-4}$

Allow 1.35×10^{-4} . If M1 wrong can only score M2.

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$$[CH_3COOH] = \frac{[H^+][CH_3COO^-]}{[Ka]} = \left(\frac{[1.3489 \times 10^{-4}][0.136]}{[1.74 \times 10^{-5}]} \right) = 1.05436$$

Mark is for correctly rearranged equation.

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1.05 – 1.06 (mol dm⁻³)

3 sf or more

1

(b) **If 0.007 moles in 500 cm³ seen follow Mark Scheme 1**

Mark Scheme 1

moles ethanoic acid = 0.130

1

moles sodium ethanoate = 0.0605

1

mol CH₃COOH after addition = (0.130 - 0.007) = 0.123

1

mol CH₃COO⁻ after addition = (0.0605+0.007) = 0.0675

1

$$[H^+] = \left(\frac{[Ka][CH_3COOH]}{[CH_3COO^-]} \right) = \left(\frac{[1.74 \times 10^{-5}][0.123]}{[0.0675]} \right) (= 3.171 \times 10^{-5})$$

1

pH = 4.50 (must be 2dp)

1

Method 1

For M3 allow M1 – 0.007

For M4 allow M2 + 0.007

If 0.014 moles in 1 dm³ follow Mark Scheme 2

Mark Scheme 2

moles CH₃COOH after addition = (0.260 - 0.014) = 0.246 (This scores 2 marks)

moles CH₃COO⁻ after addition = (0.121 + 0.014) = 0.135 (This scores 2 marks)



$$[H^+] = \left(\frac{[K_a][CH_3COOH]}{[CH_3COO^-]} \right) = \frac{[1.74 \times 10^{-5}][0.246]}{[0.135]}$$

pH = 4.50 (must be 2dp)

Method 1 and 2

M5 = expression with their numbers

M6 = answer to 2 dp

pH = 4.50 scores 6 marks

If $\sqrt{\quad}$ used in K_a expression, stop at M4

If divide by 2 after M5, lose M6

Allow solutions which use Henderson-Hasselbach Equation

[9]

Q7.

B

[1]

Q8.

(a) Proton donor

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(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

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

1

pH = 12.80

1



(e) Amount of OH^- added $1.5 / 40 = 0.0375$ mol 1

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

Amount of weak acid initially = $1 \times 0.15 = 0.150$ 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 1

$[\text{H}^+] = K_a [\text{HA}]/[\text{A}^-]$ or $[\text{H}^+] = 1.79 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.1125/0.0375$ 1

= 5.37×10^{-5} 1

pH = 4.27 1

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