**Acids and Bases – Homework 3**

**1.** (a) A sample of hydrochloric acid has a pH of 2.34  
Write an expression for pH and calculate the concentration of this acid.

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(b) A 0.150 mol dm–3 solution of a weak acid, HX, also has a pH of 2.34

(i) Write an expression for the acid dissociation constant, *K*a, for the acid HX.

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(ii) Calculate the value of *K*a for this acid and state its units.

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(iii) Calculate the value of p*K*a for the acid HX. Give your answer to two decimal places.

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(c) A 30.0 cm3 sample of a 0.480 mol dm–3 solution of potassium hydroxide was partially neutralised by the addition of 18.0 cm3 of a 0.350 mol dm–3 solution of sulphuric acid.

(i) Calculate the initial number of moles of potassium hydroxide.

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(ii) Calculate the number of moles of sulphuric acid added.

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(iii) Calculate the number of moles of potassium hydroxide remaining in excess in the solution formed.

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(iv) Calculate the concentration of hydroxide ions in the solution formed.

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(v) Hence calculate the pH of the solution formed. Give your answer to two decimal places.

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**2.** The pH curve shown below was obtained when a 0.150 mol dm–3 solution of sodium hydroxide was added to 25.0 cm3 of an aqueous solution of a weak monoprotic acid, HA.



(a) Use the information given to calculate the concentration of the acid.

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(b) (i) Write an expression for the acid dissociation constant, *K*a, for HA.

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(ii) Write an expression for p*K*a

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(iii) Using your answers to parts (b)(i) and (b)(ii), show that when sufficient sodium hydroxide has been added to neutralise half of the acid,

pH of the solution = p*K*a for the acid HA

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(c) Explain why dilution with a small volume of water does not affect the pH of a buffer solution.

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(d) (i) Calculate the change in pH when 0.250 mol dm–3 hydrochloric acid is diluted with water to produce 0.150 mol dm–3 hydrochloric acid.

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(ii) Calculate the volume of water which must be added to 30.0 cm3 of 0.250 mol dm–3 hydrochloric acid in order to reduce its concentration to 0.150 mol dm–3.

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**3.** (a) Titration curves labelled **A**, **B**, **C** and **D** for combinations of different acids and bases are shown below. All solutions have a concentration of 0.1 mol dm–3.



(i) Select from **A**, **B**, **C** and **D** the curve produced by the addition of

ammonia to 25 cm3 of hydrochloric acid .................................................

ethanoic acid to 25 cm3 of sodium hydroxide .................................................

sodium hydroxide to 25 cm3 of hydrochloric acid ...................................

(ii) A table of acid–base indicators and the pH ranges over which they change colour is shown below.

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|  | **Indicator** | **pH range** |  |
|  | Thymol blue | 1.2 – 2.8 |  |
|  | Bromophenol blue | 3.0 – 4.6 |  |
|  | Methyl red | 4.2 – 6.3 |  |
|  | Cresolphthalein | 8.2 – 9.8 |  |
|  | Thymolphthalein | 9.3 – 10.5 |  |

Select from the table an indicator which could be used in the titration which produces curve **A** but not in the titration which produces curve **B**.

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(b) (i) Write an expression for the term *pH*.

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(ii) A solution of potassium hydroxide has a pH of 11.90 at 25°C. Calculate the concentration of potassium hydroxide in the solution.

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(c) The acid dissociation constant, *K*a, for propanoic acid has the value of   
1.35 × 10–5mol dm–3 at 25°C.



In each of the calculations below, give your answer to 2 decimal places.

(i) Calculate the pH of a 0.117 mol dm–3 aqueous solution of propanoic acid.

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(ii) Calculate the pH of a mixture formed by adding 25 cm3 of a 0.117 mol dm–3 aqueous solution of sodium propanoate to 25 cm3 of a 0.117 mol dm–3 aqueous solution of propanoic acid.

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**4.** The pH curve shown below was obtained when a 0.150 mol dm–3 solution of sodium hydroxide was added to 25.0 cm3 of an aqueous solution of a weak monoprotic acid, HA.



(a) Use the information given to calculate the concentration of the acid.

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(b) (i) Write an expression for the acid dissociation constant, *K*a, for HA.

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(ii) Write an expression for p*K*a

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(iii) Using your answers to parts (b)(i) and (b)(ii), show that when sufficient sodium hydroxide has been added to neutralise half of the acid,

pH of the solution = p*K*a for the acid HA

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(c) Explain why dilution with a small volume of water does not affect the pH of a buffer solution.

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(d) (i) Calculate the change in pH when 0.250 mol dm–3 hydrochloric acid is diluted with water to produce 0.150 mol dm–3 hydrochloric acid.

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(ii) Calculate the volume of water which must be added to 30.0 cm3 of 0.250 mol dm–3 hydrochloric acid in order to reduce its concentration to 0.150 mol dm–3.

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**5.** The value of the acid dissociation constant, *K*a, for the weak acid HA, at 298 K, is  
1.45 × 10–4 mol dm–3.

(a) Write an expression for the term *K*a for the weak acid HA.

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(b) Calculate the pH of a 0.250 mol dm–3 solution of HA at 298 K.

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(c) A mixture of the acid HA and the sodium salt of this acid, NaA, can be used to prepare a buffer solution.

(i) State and explain the effect on the pH of this buffer solution when a small amount of hydrochloric acid is added.

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(ii) The concentration of HA in a buffer solution is 0.250 mol dm–3. Calculate the concentration of A– in this buffer solution when the pH is 3.59

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**6.** This question concerns the weak acid, ethanoic acid, for which the acid dissociation constant, *K*a, has a value of 1.74 × 10–5mol dm–3 at 25°C.

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In each of the calculations below, give your answer to 2 decimal places.

(a) Write an expression for the term *pH*. Calculate the pH of a 0.150 mol dm–3 solution of ethanoic acid.

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(b) A buffer solution is prepared by mixing a solution of ethanoic acid with a solution of sodium ethanoate.

(i) Explain what is meant by the term *buffer solution*.

(ii) Write an equation for the reaction which occurs when a small amount of hydrochloric acid is added to this buffer solution.

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(c) In a buffer solution, the concentration of ethanoic acid is 0.150 mol dm–3 and the concentration of sodium ethanoate is 0.100 mol dm–3.

(i) Calculate the pH of this buffer solution.

(ii) A 10.0 cm3 portion of 1.00 mol dm–3 hydrochloric acid is added to 1000 cm3 of this buffer solution.  
Calculate the number of moles of ethanoic acid and the number of moles of sodium ethanoate in the solution after addition of the hydrochloric acid. Hence, find the pH of this new solution.

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(Total 15 marks)

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