

Q1. A $0.210 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ solution of potassium hydroxide was added from a burette to 25.0 cm^3 of a $0.160 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ solution of ethanoic acid in a conical flask. Given that the value of the acid dissociation constant, K_a , for ethanoic acid is $1.74 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$, calculate the pH at $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ of the solution in the conical flask at the following three points:

- before any potassium hydroxide had been added;
- after 8.0 cm^3 of potassium hydroxide solution had been added;
- after 40.0 cm^3 of potassium hydroxide solution had been added.

(Total 16 marks)

Q2. The value of the acid dissociation constant, K_a , for ethanoic acid is $1.74 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ at 298 K .

(a) (i) Write an expression for K_a for ethanoic acid.

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(ii) Calculate the pH at 298 K of a $0.220 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ solution of ethanoic acid.

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(b) A sample of the $0.220 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ solution of ethanoic acid was titrated against sodium hydroxide solution.

(i) Calculate the volume of a $0.150 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ solution of sodium hydroxide

required to neutralise 25.0 cm³ of the ethanoic acid solution.

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- (ii) From the list below, select the best indicator for this titration and explain your choice.

Name of indicator	pH range
bromophenol blue	3.0 – 4.6
methyl red	4.2 – 6.3
bromothymol blue	6.0 – 7.6
thymol blue	8.0 – 9.6

Indicator

Explanation

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- (c) A buffer solution is formed when 2.00 g of sodium hydroxide are added to 1.00 dm³ of a 0.220 mol dm⁻³ solution of ethanoic acid.

Calculate the pH at 298 K of this buffer solution.

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