

**Q1.** This question is about the pH of some solutions containing potassium hydroxide and ethanoic acid.

Give all values of pH to 2 decimal places.

(a) (i) Write an expression for pH.

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(ii) Write an expression for the ionic product of water,  $K_w$

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(iii) At 10 °C, a 0.154 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> solution of potassium hydroxide has a pH of 13.72. Calculate the value of  $K_w$  at 10 °C.

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(b) At 25 °C, the acid dissociation constant  $K_a$  for ethanoic acid has the value  $1.75 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>.

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

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(ii) Calculate the pH of a 0.154 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> solution of ethanoic acid at 25 °C.

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(c) At 25 °C, the acid dissociation constant  $K_a$  for ethanoic acid has the value  $1.75 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .

(i) Calculate the pH of the solution formed when 10.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.154 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> potassium hydroxide are added to 20.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.154 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> ethanoic acid at 25 °C.

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(ii) Calculate the pH of the solution formed when 40.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.154 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> potassium hydroxide are added to 20.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.154 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> ethanoic acid at



(iii) Calculate the pH of the solution formed when 10.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.154 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> hydrochloric acid are added to 990 cm<sup>3</sup> of water.

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(b) The acid dissociation constant,  $K_a$ , for the weak acid HX has the value  $4.83 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup> at 25 °C.  
A solution of HX has a pH of 2.48

Calculate the concentration of HX in the solution.

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(c) Explain why the pH of an acidic buffer solution remains almost constant despite the addition of a small amount of sodium hydroxide.

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- (d) The acid dissociation constant,  $K_a$ , for the weak acid HY has the value  $1.35 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

A buffer solution was prepared by dissolving 0.0236 mol of the salt NaY in  $50.0 \text{ cm}^3$  of a  $0.428 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  solution of the weak acid HY

- (i) Calculate the pH of this buffer solution.

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- (ii) A  $5.00 \times 10^{-4}$  mol sample of sodium hydroxide was added to this buffer solution.

Calculate the pH of the buffer solution after the sodium hydroxide was added.

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**Q3.**In this question, give all values of pH to two decimal places.

Calculating the pH of aqueous solutions can involve the use of equilibrium constants such as  $K_w$  and  $K_a$ .

$K_w$  is the ionic product of water. The value of  $K_w$  is  $5.48 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$  at  $50 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

(a) (i) Write an expression for pH.

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(ii) Write an expression for  $K_w$

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(b) (i) Calculate the pH of pure water at  $50 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

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(ii) Suggest why this pure water is **not** acidic.

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(iii) Calculate the pH of  $0.140 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  aqueous sodium hydroxide at  $50 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

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- (c) Calculate the pH of the solution formed when 25.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.150 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> aqueous sulfuric acid are added to 30.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.200 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> aqueous potassium hydroxide at 25 °C. Assume that the sulfuric acid is fully dissociated.

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- Q4.** The hydrolysis of methyl propanoate was studied in acidic conditions at 25°C and the rate equation was found to be

$$\text{rate} = k[\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOCH}_3][\text{H}^+]$$

- (a) Use the data below to calculate the value of the rate constant, *k*, at this temperature.  
Deduce its units.

Initial rate of reaction / mol dm <sup>-3</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	Initial concentration of methyl propanoate / mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	Initial concentration of hydrochloric acid / mol dm <sup>-3</sup>
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$1.15 \times 10^{-4}$	0.150	0.555
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- (b) The reaction in part (a) was repeated at the same temperature, but water was added so that the volume of the reaction mixture was doubled. Calculate the initial rate of reaction under these conditions.

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- (c) A third experiment was carried out at a different temperature. Some data from this experiment are shown in the table below.

Initial rate of reaction / $\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$	Value of rate constant at this different temperature	Initial methyl propanoate / $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$
$4.56 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.94 \times 10^{-4}$	0.123

Calculate the initial pH of the reaction mixture. Give your answer to two decimal places.

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