Practice Question Set For A-Level
Subject : Chemistry
Paper-1 Topic: Physical 1_Acids And Bases

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Name of the Student:_____
Max. Marks : 19 Marks **Time : 19 Minutes**

Mark Schemes

Q1.

(a) (i) $-\log[H^+]$

*penalise missing [ ] here **and not elsewhere***

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(ii) $[H^+][OH^-]$

Allow ( ) brackets, but must have charges

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(iii) Mark independently from a(ii)

$[H^+] = 10^{-13.72} = 1.905 \times 10^{-14}$

If wrong no further mark

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$K_w = 1.905 \times 10^{-14} \times 0.154 = = (2.93 – 2.94) \times 10^{-15}$

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(b) (i) $Ka = \dfrac{[H^+][CH_3COO^-]}{[CH_3COOH]}$

Must have charges and all brackets, allow ( )
Acid/salt shown must be CH_3COOH not HA
and correct formulae needed

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(ii) **In pH values penalise fewer than 3 sig figs each time**
but allow more than 2 dp
For values above 10, allow 3sfs - do not insist on 2 dp

$K_a = \dfrac{[H^+]^2}{[CH_3COOH]}$

Allow HA

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($[H^+]^2 = 1.75 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.154 = 2.695 \times 10^{-6} = 2.70 \times 10^{-6}$)

If √ shown but not done gets pH = 5.57 (scores 2)

$[H^+] = 1.64 \times 10^{-3}$

*Allow mark for pH conseq to their [H+] **here only***

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pH = 2.78 or 2.79

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(c) (i) **In pH values penalise fewer than 3 sig figs each time but allow more than 2 dp**

For values above 10, allow 3sfs - do not insist on 2 dp

M1 Initially

mol OH^- = $(10 \times 10^{-3}) \times 0.154$ **and**

mol HA = $(20 \times 10^{-3}) \times 0.154$

or mol OH^- = 1.54×10^{-3} **and** mol HA = 3.08×10^{-3}

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M2 $[H^+] = K_a \dfrac{[CH_3COOH]}{[CH_3COOH^-]}$

or with numbers

Allow Henderson Hasselbach

$pH = pK_a + \log \dfrac{[CH_3COO^-]}{[CH_3COOH]}$

M3 mol ethanoic acid left = (mol ethanoate ions) = 1.54×10^{-3}

$K_a = [H^+]$ **or** $pH = pK_a$ scores **M1**, **M2** and **M3**

1 If either mol acid in mixture or mol salt wrong
- max 2 for M1 and M2
Any mention of $[H^+]^2$ - max 2 for M1 and M3

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M4 pH (= - log 1.75×10^{-5}) = 4.76 or 4.757

Not 4.75

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If no subtraction (so mol ethanoic acid in buffer = original mol)
pH = 4.46 scores 2 for **M1** and **M2**
If $[H+]^2$ used, pH = 3.02 scores 2 for **M1** and **M3**

(ii) **In pH values penalise fewer than 3 sig figs each time but allow more than 2 dp**
For values above 10, allow 3sfs - do not insist on 2 dp

M1 XS mol KOH (= $(20 \times 10^{-3}) \times 0.154$) = 3.08×10^{-3}

If no subtraction: max 1 for correct use of volume
No subtraction and no use of volume scores zero
If wrong subtraction or wrong moles
*Can only score **M2** and **M3** for process*

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M2 $[OH^-] = 3.08 \times 10^{-3} \times \dfrac{10^3}{60} = 0.0513(3)$

*Mark for dividing their answer to **M1** by correct volume (method mark)*
*If no volume or wrong volume or multiplied by volume, max 2 for **M1** and **M3** process*

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M3 $[H^+] = \frac{10^{-14}}{\quad}$ (= 1.948×10^{-13} to 1.95×10^{-13})

or pOH = 1.29

*Mark for K_w divided by their answer to **M2***

If pOH route, give one mark for 14 – pOH

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M4 pH = 12.7(1)

Allow 3sf but not 12.70

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If no subtraction and no use of volume (pH = 11.79 scores zero)
If no subtraction, max 1 for correct use of volume, ($60cm^3$)
(pH = 13.01 scores 1)
If volume not used, pH = 11.49 (gets 2)
If multiplied by vol, pH = 10.27 (gets 2)

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Q2.

(a) $NH_4^+ \rightarrow NH_3 + H^+$

Accept multiples.

Accept $NH_4^+ + H_2O \rightarrow NH_3 + H_3O^+$

Ignore state symbols, even if incorrect.

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(b) Test indicator / conc HCl

Do not accept 'smell'.

Do not accept precipitation reactions of aqueous ammonia.

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Observation colour for an alkali / white fumes

If wrong test then lose second mark.

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