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CHM6/P

Exercise 1 Skill assessed **Implementing** (2)

1. Points assessed by supervisor **during the practical examination**

(a) (i) use of the **pipette**
1 empties under gravity
2 transfers from pipette without spillage
3 touches surface with pipette

(ii) use of the **burette**
4 uses $Na_2S_2O_3$ in burette, and KIO_3 in the pipette
5 removes the funnel before titrating
6 dropwise addition near the endpoint any
7 swirls mixture
8 reads burette correctly

(iii) general
9 does not require additional sample
10 works safely

10 scoring points any 8 **including** works safely = **2 marks** any 5 = **1 mark**

Notes ** if there is a blank space on the teacher's grid, assume candidate did not score t hat point*
** if the Works Safely column is blank ask AQA to contact centre for an explanation*

2. Points assessed from candidate's **written report**.

(b) the **recording** of results results recorded clearly and in full in the table **1 mark**

Notes ** if you can read it, it is clear*
** **full** means completes at least **two** columns correctly*
** allow clear answer outside of the box*
** check candidate's subtractions- **one** error means candidate **loses mark***
** lose this mark if initial titre recorded as 50.00 cm^3*

(c) the awareness of **precision** at least **2** titrations which are counted 3 scoring points
indicates results which are counted **all** 3 = **1 mark**
titre volumes to 0.05 cm^3

Notes ** ignore zero entries*
** allow **one** other error*
** precision applies to the numbers in the table, not to the average titre*
** ignore precision of data in first column if clearly marked "rough"*

(d) the **concordancy** concordant if two results are within 0.10 cm^3 of each other **1 mark**

Notes ** award this mark if the table contains at least **two** concordant results*

(e) The **accuracy** of the mean value, measured against a teacher value for the titration.

3 marks

mean titre is within 1% of target value 3 marks
mean titre is within 1.5 % of target value 2 marks
mean titre is within 2% of target value 1 mark

Notes * *ensure average titre is calculated correctly*
* *if value entered by the candidate is wrong, underline the wrong value and write the correct value by the side*
* *use the **corrected** value to assess accuracy*
* *if staff value is wrong or missing use a group average; complete a discrepancy form*
* *when calculating a group average ignore wild data*
* *if initial titre recorded as 50.00 cm^3 mark titres as recorded by candidate; check with Team Leader if an alternative interpretation would help*

Total 8 marks

Exercise 2 Skill assessed **Analysing** (3)

Question 1

pH on the y axis, volume of alkali on the x axis — 7 scoring points
uses sensible scale for y axis — any **6** = **2 marks**
uses sensible scale for x axis — any 4 = 1 mark
labels the axes
plots the points correctly
line through the points is smooth
best fit - ignores pt at 20 cm^3 (ignore 0 - 5 cm^3 section)

Notes * *If graph does not cover half of the paper :-*
maximum score is 1 mark
*write **scale** on the candidate's graph*
mark up to first 4 correct points only
do not penalise again under nomenclature
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* *If the graph plot goes off the squared paper maximum score is 1 mark; do not penalise again under nomenclature*
* *If axes unlabelled use data to decide that pH is on y axis*
* *Allow mark for axes labelled "pH" and "volume"*
* *A kinked graph loses smooth **and** best fit points*
* *Loses nomenclature mark if graph drawn with dotted lines*

Question 2

(i) identifies endpoint **22.2 cm^3 ± 0.2** — 3 scoring points
(ii) identifies half-equivalence point **half of the above** — **all 3 = 1 mark**
(iii) pH at half-equivalence point **3.9 ± 0.2**

Notes * *Do **not** allow other answers*

Question 3 correctly calculates value for K_a 3.9 gives **1.26×10^{-4}** **1 mark**

Notes * *Consequential marking from candidate's endpoint/pH*
* *Do **not** award this mark if candidate gets the correct answer by an incorrect method; don't penalise again in awarding the nomenclature mark*

Question 4 **methanoic acid** **1 mark**

Notes * *Consequential marking from candidate's K_a value*
* *No lucky guesses - candidate must apply answer from Q3*

Question 5 estimates error in using pipette (**0.2**%) **3 scoring points**
estimates error in using burette (using 22.2, **0.68**%) **all 3** = **1 mark**
total error (**0.9**%)

Notes * *Ignore precision of errors*
* *Lose burette error if not calculated on candidate's end-point*
* ***Lose mark** if answers wrong because (x 100) missing from calculations or errors doubled;*
don't penalise again in awarding the nomenclature mark
* *Which error being calculated is **not** stated; allow **if** the calculations are in the same order as in the question. And do **not** penalise in nomenclature*

(a) **precision** quotes **both** volumes to 1 or 2 dp **3 scoring points**
pH reading to 1 place of decimals **any 2 = 1 mark**
K_a value to 3 sig fig; accept integer if >100

Notes * *If no answers to Q2 can't score this mark*

(f) **nomenclature** clear graph with sharp trace 3 scoring points
explains calculations clearly & logically, with sensible layout **all 3** = **1 mark**
uses terminology accurately e.g. K_a not confused with pK_a

Notes * *Graph with broad line or clearly doubled line means mark is lost*
* *Incorrect units mean the nomenclature mark is lost*
* *Don't penalise missing units*
* ***Two** blank sections mean the nomenclature mark is lost*
* *Answer given in Q5 without working means the nomenclature mark is **lost***
* *Do not penalise for wrong calculation in Q 3 if explained clearly*

Total 8 marks

Exercise 2 Skill assessed **Evaluating** (4)

Graph ignores anomalous result at 20 cm^3 in plotting graph **1 mark**

Notes ** Allow first point in written answer to Q1 or clearly from the graph; any contradiction on graph **loses** this mark*

Question 1

difference is 1.6-1.26 = 0.34 x 10^{-4} **1 mark**
a 21.3% error **1 mark**

Notes * ***Lose mark*** *if no evidence of working in second part*
** Ignore precision of answers*
** Allow consequential answer from part 3 of Analysis*
** Difference must be clearly stated*
* ***Lose mark*** *if the candidate answers a different question*
* Using 1.9 x 10^{-4} gives 0.3 x 10^{-4} and 18.8%

Question 2

discrepancy < apparatus error **2 scoring points**
adequate technique/ within limits of the apparatus **both** = **1 mark**

Notes * *Must make a clear written statement linking both points to score mark*
** If candidate's answers from Q5 of Analysis and Q1 of Evaluation mean discrepancy > apparatus error award mark for:*
discrepancy > apparatus error
human/ procedural error

Question 4

pH meter reading to 2dp/ 3dp/ more than 1dp any **2** = **2 marks**
thermostat the mixture **or** maintain constant temperature any 1 = 1 mark
calibrate meter

Notes * *Do not penalise additional answers unless they contradict*
** Do not allow "repeat experiment"- answer has to improve accuracy of pH measurements*

Total 6 marks

Exercise 3

Skill assessed **Planning** (1)

1. the **appreciation** of **scale** **s** max 4 scoring points

(a)	correct reaction equation	(1:1)
(b)	calculates theoretical mass of BCC to make 5g PBC	3.56g
(c)	calculates minimum mass of BCC to make 5g PBC	5.09g
(d)	calculates mass of phenol needed	3.39g

Notes * *Allow theoretical mass of phenol, 2.37g. in (d)*
* *Consequential marking from answer to (b)*
* *Ignore precision of answers*

2. the **purification process** **m** max 7 scoring points

dissolves in the minimum quantity
of hot ethanol ***not solvent, not warm***
filters hot/ decants solution
cools hot solution
collects crystals
Buchner apparatus/ suction or reduced pressure or vacuum filtration *allow mention at any stage of process*
dries crystals
weighs (dry) sample

Notes * *If method completely unworkable CE means no points scored in this section*
* *If method flawed(eg evaporates to dryness) mark up to error; write CE at point of error; ignore reflux if it does not negate the process*
* *Can score from a diagram; does not need to be labelled as long as unambiguous*
* *If solvent used is water then **m = 5 max***
* *If method seriously unsafe e.g. uses a naked flame mark normally then penalise **1 mark** at end*

3. the **check** on **purity** **r** max 2 scoring points

melts sharply/ over small temperature range
melting point agrees with data value/ mpt of known sample

Notes * *Allow r=2 for mix product with sample of pure substance*
mixture melts sharply at expected mpt

4. the appreciation of **safety** **h** max 4 scoring points

phenol corrosive/toxic skin protection or flood affected area with water
benzenecarbonyl chloride irritant vapour fume cupboard
hydrogen chloride corrosive/ irritant fume cupboard
ethanol flammable avoid naked flames/ electric heating/ water bath
eye protection

Notes * *Need hazard **and** sensible precaution for points 1-4*
* *Do **not** allow "Use a fume cupboard" as a precaution for toxicity*
* *Do **not** allow "do not eat/ consume, do not breathe in" as precautions*
**If candidate lists hazards and precautions separately, without connection, max h=2*

GRADING Total 17 scoring points

16-17	points	scores 8 marks	8-9	points	scores 4 marks
14-15	points	scores 7 marks	6-7	points	scores 3 marks
12-13	points	scores 6 marks	4-5	points	scores 2 marks
10-11	points	scores 5 marks	1-3	points	scores 1 mark

Total 8 marks