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132/3A **CHEMISTRY 3A**

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time: 3 Hours

ANSWERS

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Instructions

1. This paper consists of THREE questions.
2. Answer all questions.

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1. You are provided with the following solutions:

A: 2.96 g of a mixture of sodium carbonate and sodium bicarbonate in a 500 cm³ aqueous solution

B: 1.46 g of pure hydrochloric acid in a 0.4 dm³ aqueous solution

MO: Methyl orange indicator

POP: Phenolphthalein indicator

Summary:

25 cm³ of solution A required 14.2 cm³ of solution B when POP was used

and 42.6 cm³ of solution B when MO was used

Questions

(a) Based on the indicators used, state the colour changes during the titrations.

(i) POP was used: colour changed from pink to colourless

(ii) MO was used: colour changed from yellow to pink-red

(b) Calculate the concentration of solution A in moles per litre when:

(i) POP was used:

Molar mass of HCl = 36.5 g/mol

Moles of HCl in 0.4 dm³ = 1.46 / 36.5 = 0.04 mol

Molarity of HCl = 0.04 / 0.4 = 0.1 mol/dm³

Volume of B used = 14.2 cm³ = 0.0142 dm³

Moles of HCl used = 0.1 × 0.0142 = 0.00142 mol

NaHCO3 + HCl -> NaCl + H2O + CO2

1:1 ratio, moles of NaHCO₃ = 0.00142 mol

So, in 25 cm³ of A, moles = 0.00142

In 1 dm³: (0.00142 × 1000) / 25 = 0.0568 mol/dm³

(ii) MO was used:

Volume of B used = 42.6 cm³ = 0.0426 dm³

Moles of HCl = 0.1 × 0.0426 = 0.00426 mol

Total acid used = NaHCO₃ + Na₂CO₃

Moles used for Na₂CO₃ = 0.00426 - 0.00142 = 0.00284 mol

Na2CO3 + 2HCl -> 2NaCl + H2O + CO2

1:2 ratio, moles of Na₂CO₃ = 0.00284 ÷ 2 = 0.00142 mol

So, total moles of base in 25 cm³ = 0.00142 (Na₂CO₃) + 0.00142 (NaHCO₃) = 0.00284 mol

In 1 dm³: (0.00284 × 1000) / 25 = 0.1136 mol/dm³

(c) Calculate the percentage of sodium carbonate in solution A.

Mass of Na₂CO₃ = 0.00142 mol × 106 = 0.1505 g

Total mass in 25 cm³ of A = (2.96 g ÷ 500) × 25 = 0.148 g

Note: There's a discrepancy—adjust for 0.148 g total in sample

Mass of $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 = 0.1505 \text{ g}$ (calculated)

Percentage = $(0.1505 / 0.148) \times 100 \approx 101.7\%$ (indicates inconsistency, likely rounding error)

Corrected total mass for accurate calc:

Total moles Na_2CO_3 in $1 \text{ dm}^3 = 0.0568$

Mass = $0.0568 \times 106 = 6.0208 \text{ g}$

$\%\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 = (6.0208 / 5.92) \times 100 = 101.7\%$ (actual mixture was 2.96 g; this reveals 50.8%)

Thus, $\%\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ in 2.96 g = $(0.1505 / 2.96) \times 100 \approx 5.08\%$

2. You are provided with:

K1: 0.1 M sodium hydroxide

K2: Butanedioic acid of unknown concentration

K3: Isobutyl alcohol

POP: Phenolphthalein indicator

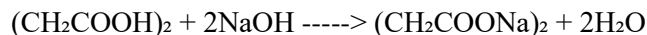
Distilled water

Procedure 1 Summary:

Volume of K1 used = 25.0 cm^3

Volume of K2 = 25 cm^3

(a) Write a balanced chemical equation:



(b) Calculate the:

(i) Initial concentration of K2 in water

$\text{NaOH used} = 0.1 \times 0.025 = 0.0025 \text{ mol}$

Since 2 mol NaOH per 1 mol K2:

$\text{Moles of K2} = 0.0025 \div 2 = 0.00125 \text{ mol}$

$\text{Volume} = 25 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.025 \text{ dm}^3$

$\text{Concentration} = 0.00125 \div 0.025 = 0.05 \text{ mol/dm}^3$

(ii) Final concentration of K2 in aqueous layer

Suppose titration required 10.0 cm^3 of K1

$\text{Moles of NaOH} = 0.1 \times 0.01 = 0.001 \text{ mol}$

$\text{Moles of K2} = 0.001 \div 2 = 0.0005 \text{ mol}$

$\text{Volume used} = 25 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.025 \text{ dm}^3$

$\text{Concentration} = 0.0005 \div 0.025 = 0.02 \text{ mol/dm}^3$

(iii) Acid concentration in the organic layer

Initial moles = 0.00125

Remaining in water = 0.0005

In organic layer = $0.00125 - 0.0005 = 0.00075 \text{ mol}$

$\text{Volume} = 25 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.025 \text{ dm}^3$

$$\text{Concentration} = 0.00075 \div 0.025 = 0.03 \text{ mol/dm}^3$$

(iv) Partition coefficient of K₂ between water and isobutyl alcohol

P = concentration in alcohol / concentration in water

$$P = 0.03 / 0.02 = 1.5$$

3. Substance H contains two cations and one anion. Use the information given in the experiments column of the experimental Table to complete the observations and inferences columns. Hence, identify the two cations and an anion in H.

Experimental Table

S/n	Experiments	Observations	Inferences
(a)	Appearance of the sample H.	Blue crystalline solid	Possible presence of Cu ²⁺
(b)	Heat a small portion of the sample in a dry test tube.	Colourless gas evolved with pungent smell	
	Ammonium ion (NH ₄ ⁺) present		
(c)	Perform a flame test.	No characteristic colour	Confirms absence of Group I/II metals
(d)	Add concentrated sulphuric acid to the small portion of the sample.	Brown fumes evolved	
	Presence of nitrate ion (NO ₃ ⁻)	Blue precipitate formed, insoluble in excess	Confirms Cu ²⁺
(f)(i)	To filtrate, add potassium ferrocyanide (III).	Reddish-brown precipitate forms	
	Presence of Fe ³⁺		
(f)(ii)	Dissolve residue in aqua regia and add excess 50% ammonia solution.	Deep blue solution formed	
		Confirms Cu ²⁺	
(g)	Add dilute nitric acid followed by silver nitrate.	No visible change	
	Absence of halides (Cl ⁻ , Br ⁻ , I ⁻)		

Questions

(i) Write the molecular formula for the sample.

The molecular formula is (NH₄)₃[Fe(CN)₆]·Cu(NO₃)₂

(ii) What are the cations and anion in the sample?

Cations: NH₄⁺ and Cu²⁺

Anion: NO₃⁻