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## Level 3 Chemistry, 2015

### 91392 Demonstrate understanding of equilibrium principles in aqueous systems

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## QUESTION ONE

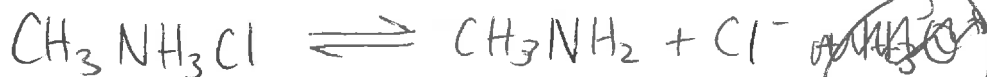
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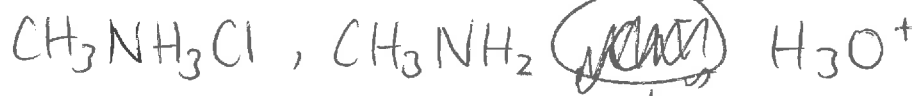


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Do not include water.



- (iv) Calculate the pH of  $0.0152 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$   $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}$  solution.

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2][\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}]}$$

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^2}{[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}]} \Rightarrow 2.29 \times 10^{-11} = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^2}{[0.0152]}$$

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \sqrt{(2.29 \times 10^{-11})(0.0152)}$$

$$= 5.8998 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$
~~$$= 3.4808 \times 10^{-13} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$~~

$$-\log(5.8998 \times 10^{-7}) = 6.23 \text{ pH}$$

- (b) The table shows the pH and electrical conductivity of three solutions. The concentrations of the solutions are the same.

Solution	NaOH	CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> COONa
pH	13.2	11.9	8.98
Electrical conductivity	good	poor	good

Compare and contrast the pH and electrical conductivity of these three solutions.

Include appropriate equations in your answer.

pH:  $\text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{Na}^+ + \text{OH}^-$ . NaOH has a high pH as it is a strong acid and it fully dissociates to  $\text{OH}^-$  as  $\text{Na}^+$  is a spectator ion. Due to the large concentration of  $[\text{OH}^-]$  ions, the pH will be larger indicating that it is basic. The  $\text{OH}^-$  ions contribute to the pH.

Electrical conductivity:

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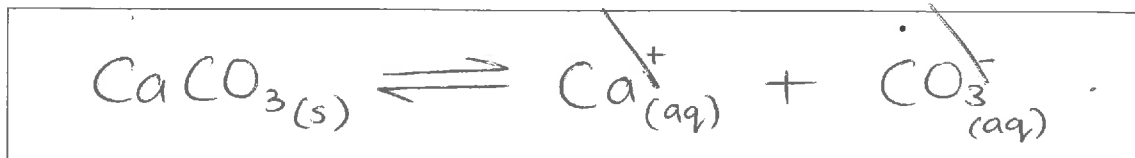
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## QUESTION TWO

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- (ii) Write the expression for  $K_s(\text{CaCO}_3)$ .

$$K_s = [\text{Ca}^+][\text{CO}_3^-]$$

- (iii) Calculate the solubility product of  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ,  $K_s(\text{CaCO}_3)$ .

The solubility of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  is  $5.74 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} K_s &= s^2 \\ K_s &= (5.74 \times 10^{-5})^2 \\ &= 3.29 \times 10^{-9} \quad (3 \text{ sf}) \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Some marine animals use calcium carbonate to form their shells. Increased acidification of the oceans poses a problem for the survival of these marine animals.

Explain why the solubility of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  is higher in an acidic solution.

Use an equation to support your explanation.

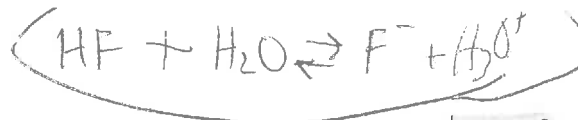
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$$K_s(\text{Pb}(\text{OH})_2) = 8.00 \times 10^{-17} \text{ at } 25^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CONC} &= \text{Shift log } (-\text{pH}) \\ &= \text{shift log } (-12.6) \\ &= 2.51 \times 10^{-13} \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ of 25 mL NaOH.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{IP} &= [\text{Pb}^{2+}] [\text{OH}^-]^2 \\ &= \left[ 0.00421 \times \frac{25}{50} \right] \left[ 2.51 \times 10^{-13} \times \frac{25}{50} \right]^2 \\ &= 2.6438 \times 10^{-16} \end{aligned}$$

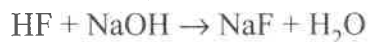
The ionic product is larger than the  $K_s$  value of  $\text{Pb}(\text{OH})_2$  and therefore a precipitate will form.



### QUESTION THREE

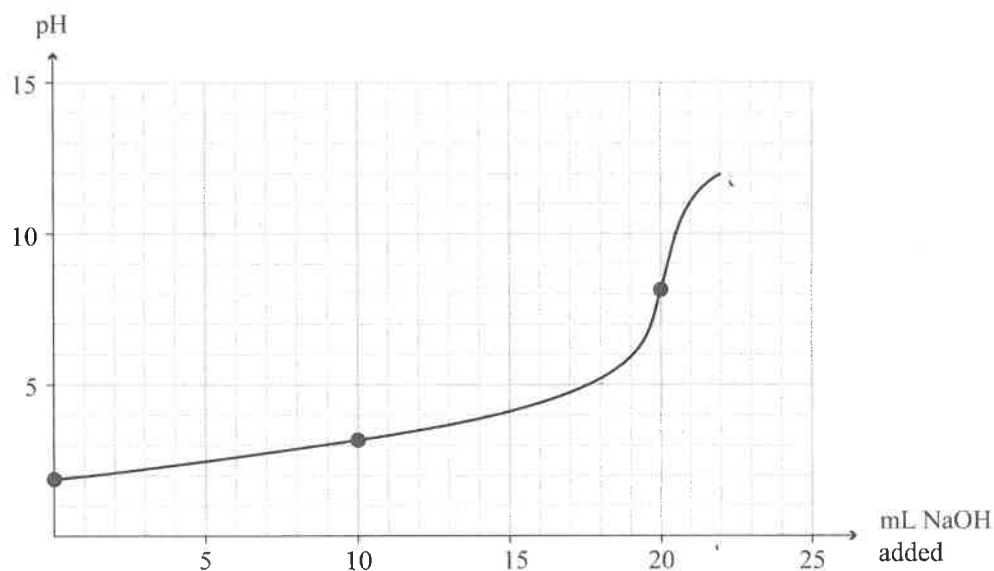
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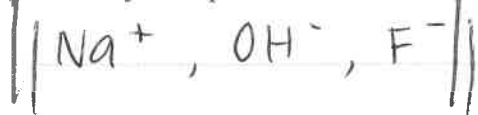


$$\text{p}K_a(\text{HF}) = 3.17$$

The titration curve is given below:



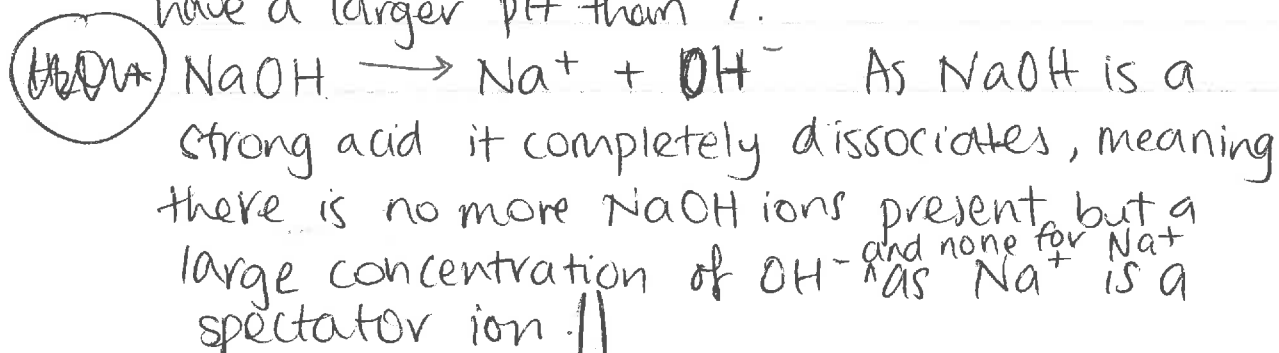
- (a) (i) Identify the species in solution at the equivalence point.



- (ii) Explain why the pH at the equivalence point is greater than 7.

Include an equation in your answer.

NaOH is a strong base so has a large concentration of OH<sup>-</sup> ions, making the pH higher. The pH is higher than 7 as pH of 7 is considered neutral but NaOH is a strong base and therefore should have a larger pH than 7.



$$K_a = [ ]$$

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- (iii) After a certain volume of NaOH solution has been added, the concentration of HF in the solution will be twice that of the  $F^-$ .

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Calculate the pH of this solution, and evaluate its ability to function as a buffer.

$$\begin{aligned} K_a &= \text{Shift log } (-pK_a) \\ &= \text{Shift log } (-3.17) = 6.76 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol L}^{-1} \\ K_a &= \frac{[H_3O^+]^2}{[HF]} \Rightarrow 6.76 \times 10^{-4} \times 0.258 \times \frac{20}{42} \\ &= [H_3O^+]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$[H_3O^+]^2 = 8.34 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

$$[H_3O^+] = \sqrt{8.34 \times 10^{-5}} = 9.11 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

$$-\log(9.11 \times 10^{-3}) = 2.04$$

$$\text{pH} = 2.04$$

A buffer solution resists the change in pH when a small amount of acid or base is added.

When NaOH is added, it works to neutralise the solution.

- (iv) Determine by calculation, the pH of the solution after 24.0 mL of  $0.258 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  NaOH solution has been added.

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Contrast the expected pH at the equivalence point with the HF titration.

$$\text{p}K_a(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) = 4.76$$

No calculations are necessary.

$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  is a weak acid as it does not fully dissociate. The  $\text{p}K_a$  value is higher indicating that it is a weaker acid in comparison to HF as its  $\text{p}K_a$  is 3.17. At the equivalence point all HF has been converted to  $\text{F}^-$ .

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3	A3	This provides evidence for A3 because they correctly identified three ions in (a)(i), described the function of a buffer in (a)(iii) and described ethanoic acid as weaker than hydrofluoric acid in (b)		

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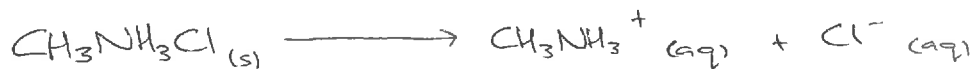
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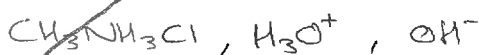


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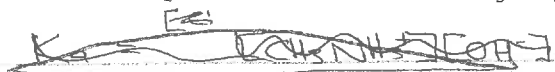
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- (iv) Calculate the pH of  $0.0152 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$   $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}$  solution.

$$3.4808 \times 10^{-13}$$



$$K_a = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3^+][\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}]}$$

$$2.29 \times 10^{-11} = \frac{x^2}{0.0152 - x}$$

$$x^2 = 2.29 \times 10^{-11} \times 0.0152$$

$$x = \sqrt{2.29 \times 10^{-11} \times 0.0152}$$

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 5.90 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

$$= -\log(5.90 \times 10^{-7})$$

$$\text{pH} = 6.23 \text{ (3sf)}$$

→ slightly acidic

conc. of  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3^+$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  are fairly similar. So use  $x$  for both of them.

$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  in water is negligible

conc. of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

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Q11 pH is the concentration of  $[H_3O^+]$  in solution.

The higher the pH, the ~~less~~ smaller the  $[H_3O^+]$ .

NaOH is a strong base & with a pH of 13.2

$$[H_3O^+] = 10^{-pH}$$

$$[H_3O^+] \text{ of NaOH} \Rightarrow 10^{-13.2} = 6.31 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

$$[H_3O^+] \text{ of CH}_3\text{NH}_2 \Rightarrow 10^{-11.9} = 1.26 \times 10^{-12} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

$$[H_3O^+] \text{ of CH}_3\text{COONa} \Rightarrow 10^{-8.98} = 1.04 \times 10^{-9} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

~~NaOH~~ <sup>CH<sub>3</sub>COONa</sup> has the highest  $[H_3O^+]$  thus making it a good electrical conductor even though it has the lowest pH. Although NaOH has the lowest  $[H_3O^+]$  it fully dissociates thus making it a good electrical conductor.

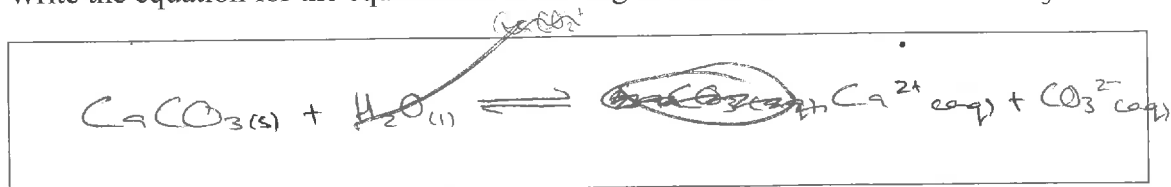
Electrical conductivity: NaOH is a good electrical conductor (strong electrolyte) as it fully dissociates in water, no reactant is left thus (0.200 mol L<sup>-1</sup> of ions in solution) ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> concentration of ions in solution is high. CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> is a poor electrical conductor as it only partially dissociates in water thus there is still some reactant left over, not all of the reactant dissociates thus the concentration of ions is lower than the concentration of ions for NaOH. CH<sub>3</sub>COONa is a good electrical conductor

as Na<sup>+</sup> (one of products when CH<sub>3</sub>COONa is in solution) <sup>Na<sup>+</sup> is in group one and all group one compounds are soluble in water.</sup> <sup>Chemistry 91392, 2015</sup> Thus CH<sub>3</sub>COONa is a better electrical conductor than CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>. ~~NaOH has the highest [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>] thus~~

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$$K_s = [\text{Ca}^{2+}][\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$$

- (iii) Calculate the solubility product of  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ,  $K_s(\text{CaCO}_3)$ .

The solubility of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  is  $5.74 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ .

let the solubility of product be  $s$

$$[\text{Ca}^{2+}] = [\text{CO}_3^{2-}] \therefore [\text{Ca}^{2+}] = s$$

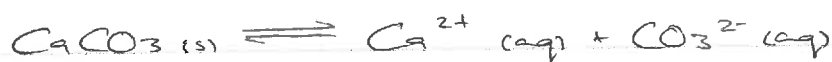
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Explain why the solubility of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  is higher in an acidic solution.

Use an equation to support your explanation.



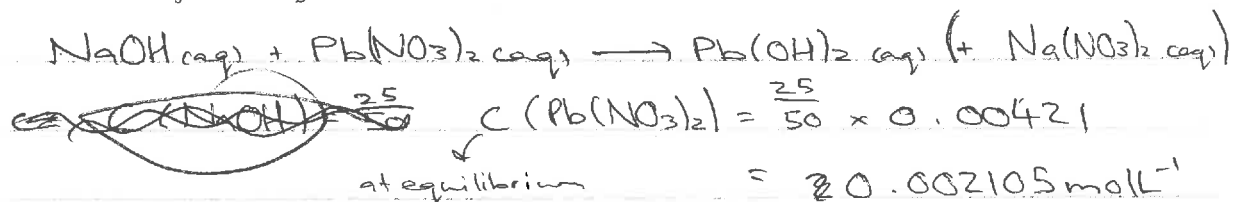
When  $\text{CaCO}_3$  goes into solution it forms  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  ions.  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  ions can react with acidic

(hydronium) ions to produce  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  ions. Thus if pH <sup>of water</sup> decreases and becomes more acidic, <sup>more</sup>  $\text{CaCO}_3$  can dissolve ~~which is~~ thus some marine animals will not be able to use  $\text{CaCO}_3$  to form shells

\* increasing amount of ions in solution //

- (c) Show, by calculation, that a precipitate of lead(II) hydroxide, Pb(OH)<sub>2</sub>, will form when 25.0 mL of a sodium hydroxide solution, NaOH, at pH 12.6 is added to 25.0 mL of a 0.00421 mol L<sup>-1</sup> lead(II) nitrate, Pb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, solution.

$$K_s(\text{Pb(OH)}_2) = 8.00 \times 10^{-17} \text{ at } 25^\circ\text{C}$$



$$n(\text{Pb(NO}_3)_2) = C \times V = 0.002105 \times 25 \times 10^{-3} = 5.26 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}$$

IP must be larger than K<sub>s</sub> to form a precipitate

$$\text{IP} = 0.002105 \times 5.26 \times 10^{-5} = 1.1 \times 10^{-7}$$

K<sub>s</sub> is larger than IP thus will not

~~form~~ form the precipitate Pb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> //

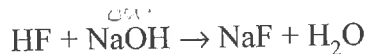
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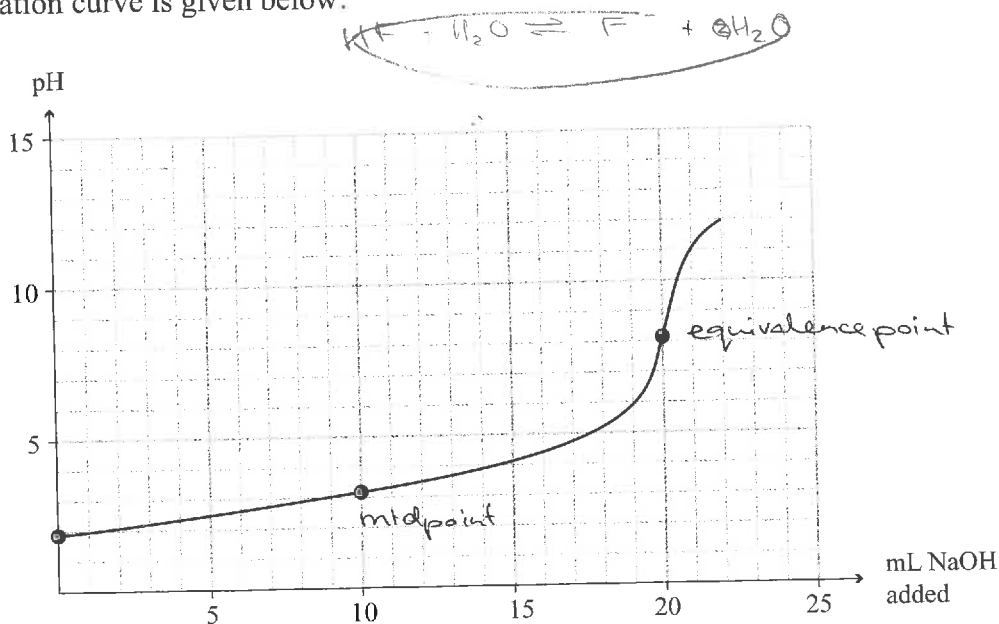
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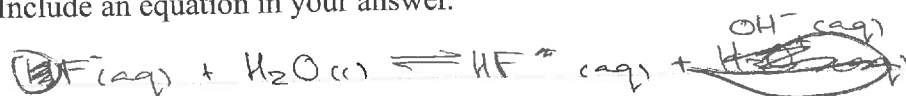


- (a) (i) Identify the species in solution at the equivalence point.

Equal ~~concentrations~~ moles of acid and base  
HF and NaOH

- (ii) Explain why the pH at the equivalence point is greater than 7.

Include an equation in your answer.



A strong base (NaOH) is reacting with a weak acid (HF). The F<sup>-</sup> ions in solution will react with water and produce OH<sup>-</sup> (aq) ions in the solution, thus ~~and will react with water to form (F<sup>-</sup>) a~~ buffer solution ~~and~~ decreasing the [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>] in solution, making the pH greater than 7.

- (iii) After a certain volume of NaOH solution has been added, the concentration of HF in the solution will be twice that of the  $F^-$ .

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Calculate the pH of this solution, and evaluate its ability to function as a buffer.



$$K_b = \sqrt{\frac{K_a \times K_w}{C_{weak\ base}}}$$

$$K_s = \frac{x^2}{0.258 - x}$$

$$n(HF) \Rightarrow CV = 0.258 \times 0.02 = 5.16 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

- (iv) Determine by calculation, the pH of the solution after 24.0 mL of 0.258 mol L<sup>-1</sup> NaOH solution has been added.

$$n(NaOH) = CV = 0.258 \times 0.024 = 6.19 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

$$C(NaOH) = \frac{24}{44} \times 0.258 = 1.41 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol/L}$$

$$n(HF) = \frac{20}{44} \times 0.258 = 1.17 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol/L}$$

$$\begin{aligned} pH &= pK_a + \log\left(\frac{[Base]}{[Acid]}\right) \\ &= 3.17 + \log\left(\frac{1.41 \times 10^{-1}}{1.17 \times 10^{-1}}\right) \\ &= 3.16 \end{aligned}$$

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- (b) In a second titration, a  $0.258 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  ethanoic acid,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ , solution was titrated with the NaOH solution.

Contrast the expected pH at the equivalence point with the HF titration.

$$\text{p}K_a(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) = 4.76$$

No calculations are necessary.

The pH of the solution will be higher when ethanoic acid is titrated with NaOH solution than ~~that was for~~ the pH at equivalence point was for HF titration. At the midpoint (half of ~~reactants~~ <sup>reactants</sup> have been titrated)  $\text{p}K_a = \text{pH}$ . Thus  $\text{p}K_a$  for ~~the~~ ethanoic titration is 4.76 which is higher than  $\text{pH}(\text{p}K_a)$  at midpoint for HF titration 3.17. Ethanoic acid is ~~a~~ a very weak acid and thus at equivalence

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36 point the solution will be alkaline. More NaOH will be needed for <sup>all of the</sup> ethanoic acid to dissociate (shifting equilibrium in the forward direction). ⚡

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2	A4	This provides evidence for A4 because they correctly calculate the solubility product in (a) (iii), in (b) they recognise $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ will remove $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ but provide insufficient explanation. In (c) they correctly compare an incorrect IP value to $K_s$ in (c).	
3	A4	This provides evidence for A4 because they correctly explain why pH is greater than 7 with an equation in (a)(ii), in (a)(iv) they perform one calculation correctly (moles of NaOH) and in (b) recognise the pH will be higher because ethanoic acid has a higher $pK_a$ .	