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**TYPE 3**

**TIME ALLOWED: 1hr**

1. Which of the following statement is NOT true about the experiment to determine the rate constant for the hydrolysis of methyl acetate?  
(a) The reaction takes place in the presence of acid ✓  
(b) Methyl orange indicator is most suitable for the titration of the hydrolysis product with sodium hydroxide c7  
(c) The amount of acid formed increases with increase in reaction time ✓  
(d) Phenolphthalein indicator is suitable for the titration of the hydrolysis product with sodium hydroxide
2. In the determination of rate constant for hydrolysis of methyl acetate in the presence of excess water, the reaction is (a) first order (b) second order (c) third order (d) zero order
3. Which of the following salts will NOT hydrolyse? (a) ferric chloride 47 (b) sodium acetate 77 (c) sodium carbonate 77 (d) sodium chloride 77
4. If an indicator shows its acid colour in water, it means its pK is (a) equal to 7 (b) less than 7 (c) greater than 7 (d) at infinity
5. Which of the following is NOT true about experimental errors (a) they are avoidable mistakes (b) they can occur due to poor personal judgement (c) limits of errors can be estimated (d) They are inevitable
6. Which of the following describes the line of best fit in an experimental graph?  
(a) The line for which the sum of the squares of the deviation of the experimental points from the line is maximum  
(b) The line passing through some experimental points which seems collinear  
(c) The line for which the sum of the squares of the deviation of the experimental points from the line is minimum  
(d) The line with a positive slope
7. Which of these are the products obtained from the hydrolysis of methyl acetate ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COOCH}_3$ )?  
(a)  $\text{CH}_3\text{OOH}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  (b)  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (c)  $\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  (d)  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$
8. Error due to parallax is categorized as  
(a) Random errors (b) Basic errors (c) Standard errors (d) Systematic errors
9. Which of the following shows precision in an experiment (a) Nearness of measurement to the accepted value (b) Reproducibility and repeatability of results (c) Absence of error (d) High value of average deviation
10. The pK of an indicator is the pH at which the indicator displays its (a) acid colour (b) basic colour (c) neutral colour (d) secondary colour



11. What is the pH of a buffer prepared by adding equimolar of 13.5 mL acetic and 10 mL NaOH? ( $K_a$  for acetic acid =  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ ) (a) 6.3 (b) 6.9 (c) 4.8 (d) 4.6
12. Which of the following is true for centroid method?
- (a) Experimental points are divided into three groups as nearly equal as possible, with the odd in the middle
  - (b) Experimental points are divided into two groups of equal numbers
  - (c) Experimental points are used indiscriminately
  - (d) Experimental points are divided into three unequal groups

The Table below shows a set of experimental data used by a student to plot a best-fitting line using centroid method. Use this information to answer questions 13-16

X	0.06	0.14	0.18	0.28	0.36	0.40	0.42	0.50
Y	0.10	0.22	0.34	0.32	0.46	0.60	0.74	0.88

13. Calculate the value of the slope (a) 1.66 (b) 1.56 (c) 0.64 (d) 16.6
14. If the range of the vertical scatter of points ( $\omega$ ) is 0.22 and the range on the x coordinate is 0.44, calculate the standard error of the slope  
(a) 0.45 (b) 0.335 (c) 0.35 (d) 0.25
15. What is the value of the intercept? (a) 0.08 (b) -0.0276 (c) -0.08 (d) 0.0276
16. Calculate the standard error in  $\bar{y}$  (a) 0.293 (b) 0.113 (c) 0.335 (d) 0.0275
17. Which of the following statements is NOT true about indicators?
- (a) They are weakly acid or basic
  - (b) Their unionized forms have different colour from the ionized forms
  - (c) They catalyse the reaction in which they are placed
  - (d) Their colours in acid and base are different
18. Which of the following is true for pH of a buffer solution?
- (a) It changes upon addition of small amount of acid or alkali
  - (b) It does not change upon addition of large amount of concentrated acid or alkali
  - (c) It does not change upon addition of small amount of acid and alkali
  - (d) it is always acidic
19. The correct choice of an indicator for acid-base titration depends on the (a) salt solution formed at equivalent point (b) titre value (c) concentration of the acid (d) concentration of the base
20. A accurate measurement of pH can be achieved by using (a) methods involving comparison of colours of indicator in buffer solution with that of the unknown (b) pH meter (c) universal indicator paper (d) litmus paper
21. A buffer has a pH of 4.8. What is the concentration of hydrogen ions ( $\text{mol/dm}^3$ ) in the buffer?  
(a) 0.68 (b)  $1.58 \times 10^{-5}$  (c)  $6.31 \times 10^{-4}$  (d) 1.58
22. What is the role of hydrochloric acid in the hydrolysis of methyl acetate?  
(a) reducing agent (b) oxidation agent (c) catalyst (d) decomposition agent
- Given the equation  $\log(V_\infty - V_t) = -\frac{kt}{2.303} + \log V_\infty$  for the hydrolysis of methyl acetate. Use this information to answer question 22-23

$$C = y - m\bar{x}$$

$$0.4575 = (1.66 \times 0.2935)$$

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$$S_y = \frac{w}{n}$$

$$S_m = \frac{S_y}{n\bar{x}}$$

$$4.8 = -\log[H^+]$$



23. The  $V_{\infty}$  is (a) volume of acid that neutralize the base produced upon completion of hydrolysis (b) volume of base that neutralize the acid after six hours of reaction (c) volume of acid that neutralize the base after six hours of reaction (d) volume of base that neutralize the acid upon completion of hydrolysis
24. Calculate the value of the rate constant  $k$  if the slope is  $-0.1667$   
 (a) 0.0218 (b)  $-0.384$  (c)  $0.384$  (d)  $-0.0218$
25. What quantity of acetic acid should be added to 10 mL of 1M NaOH to give a buffer solution of pH 5.6? ( $K_a$  for acetic acid  $= 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ ) (a) 1.4 mL (b) 2.8 mL (c) 11.4 mL (d) 12.8 mL
26. Which acid/base pairs will produce sodium acetate and ammonium chloride respectively?  
 (a) acetic acid/sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid/sodium carbonate  
 (b) acetic acid/sodium chloride and hydrochloric acid/ aqueous ammonia  
 (c) acetic acid/sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid/ aqueous ammonia  
 (d) methanoic acid/ sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid/ aqueous ammonia
27. In which of the following acid-base titration can any indicator be used? (a) acetic acid/sodium hydroxide (b) sulphuric acid/sodium carbonate (c) hydrochloric acid/ aqueous ammonia (d) hydrochloric acid/ sodium hydroxide
28. Which of the following salts will form a weakly alkaline solution? (a) Potassium chloride (b) sodium carbonate (c) sodium nitrate (d) ammonium chloride
29. A buffer is best described as a mixture of (a) salt of weak acid and strong base (b) salt of strong acid and weak base (d) salt of strong base and strong acid (d) salt of weak acid and weak acid
30. Methyl orange has a pH range 2.8-3.8, in which of the following titrations would you recommend its use as indicator? (a) acetic acid vs sodium hydroxide (b) hydrochloric acid vs sodium carbonate (c) formic acid vs sodium carbonate (d) acetic acid vs ammonia solution

$$S. b = 4.745 - \log \left( \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]} \right)$$

$$n = CV$$

$$10 = 11.5$$



$$10 \text{ mL} \\ 1 \text{ M}$$

$$n = m$$

$$n = CV$$

$$n = 10$$