

Equilibria

Mark Scheme 1

Level	International A Level
Subject	Chemistry
Exam Board	Edexcel
Topic	Rates, Equilibria & Further Organic Chemistry
Sub Topic	Equilibria
Booklet	Mark Scheme 1

Time Allowed: 52 minutes

Score: /43

Percentage: /100

Grade Boundaries:

A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
>85%	77.5%	70%	62.5%	57.5%	45%	<45%

Question Number	Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
1	B		1

Question Number	Correct Answer	Mark
2	A	

Question Number	Correct Answer	Mark
3(a)	D	

Question Number	Correct Answer	Mark
3(b)	C	

Question Number	Correct Answer	Mark
3(c)	A	

Question Number	Correct Answer	Mark
4(a)	B	

Question Number	Correct Answer	Mark
4(b)	A	

Question Number	Correct Answer	Mark
4(c)	B	

Question Number	Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
5	B		(1)

Question Number	Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
6	C		(1)

Question Number	Correct Answer	Reject	Mark
7	D		1

Question Number	Acceptable Answers	Reject	Mark
8a	Proton/ H ⁺ donor		1

Question Number	Acceptable Answers	Reject	Mark
8b	pH of HCl = 1 and pH of weak acid is greater /higher than 1 Allow any number >1 and <7	Different (from 1)	1

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8c(i)	HCOOH/ methanoic acid is stronger because its K_a is bigger/higher OR its pK_a is smaller / lower (The data: <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td></td> <td>K_a</td> <td>pK_a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Methanoic acid</td> <td>1.6×10^{-4}</td> <td>3.8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Propanoic acid</td> <td>1.3×10^{-5}</td> <td>4.9</td> </tr> </table> IGNORE Discussion of inductive effect		K_a	pK_a	Methanoic acid	1.6×10^{-4}	3.8	Propanoic acid	1.3×10^{-5}	4.9		1
	K_a	pK_a										
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8c(ii)	$(\text{HCOOH} + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COOH}) \rightleftharpoons \text{HCOO}^- + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COOH}_2^+$ ALLOW TE for equation with propanoic acid as proton donor giving HCOOH_2^+ and $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COO}^-$ if HCOOH is stated to be weaker	COOH^- $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{COOH}^+$	1

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8d	$[H^+] = (1 \times 10^{-14} / [OH^-])$ $= 2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ (mol dm}^{-3}\text{)}$ (1)		2
	pH = 12.7 (1)	13	
	OR		
	pOH / $-\log 0.05 = 1.3$ (1)		
	pH = $(14 - 1.3 =) 12.7$ (1)	13	
	Correct answer with no working scores 2 provided at least 3 SF Allow TE on first mark provided answer >7		

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8e(i)	$C_2H_5COOH + NaOH \rightarrow C_2H_5COO^{(-)} Na^{(+)} + H_2O$ ALLOW \rightleftharpoons for \rightarrow $C_2H_5COO^- + Na^+$ for $C_2H_5COO^{(-)} Na^{(+)}$ IGNORE State symbols even if incorrect		1

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8e(ii)	<p>Allow salt/ C₂H₅COONa/ propanoate ion/ C₂H₅COO⁻/ base for A⁻</p> <p>Allow propanoic acid/ C₂H₅COOH for HA</p> <p>First mark</p> $K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]}$ <p>OR</p> $\log K_a = \log[H^+] + \log [A^-]/[HA]$ <p>OR</p> $pH = pK_a - \log [HA]/[A^-]$ <p>ALLOW any of these equations re-arranged or used correctly (1)</p> <p>Next four marks</p> <p>Mol NaOH before mixing = (20 x 0.05/1000) = 0.001 and mol propanoic acid before mixing = (20 x 0.25/1000) = 0.005 (1)</p> <p>Mol propanoate in mixture = 0.001 OR [propanoate] = (0.001/40 x 1000) = 0.025 (mol dm⁻³) (1)</p> <p>Mol propanoic acid in mixture = 0.004 OR [propanoic acid] = (0.004/40 x 1000) = 0.1(mol dm⁻³) (1)</p> $[H^+] = \frac{(1.3 \times 10^{-5})(0.1)}{0.025}$ <p>pH = 4.28/ 4.3 (1)</p> <p>Correct pH with no working scores last 4 marks</p> <p>ALLOW</p> <p>Other methods leading to 4.28 e.g. based on equal volumes being mixed so mol propanoate are in double the volume and so concentration is 0.025 mol dm⁻³</p>		5

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8e(iii)	<p>First mark The mixture contains a large amount/ reservoir of a (weak) acid/propanoic acid and its conjugate base/ propanoate ions /salt (1)</p> <p>Second mark Only awarded if at least one equation given</p> <p>Added OH^- combines with H^+ ($\text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$) from propanoic acid followed by dissociation of more propanoic acid</p> <p>$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COOH} \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COO}^- + \text{H}^+$</p> <p>OR Added OH^- combines with propanoic acid $\text{OH}^- + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COOH} \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COO}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1)</p> <p>Third mark (pH is unchanged because added OH^- is removed) change in concentration of $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COO}^-$ and $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COOH}$ is small / ratio [salt]/[acid] hardly changes (1)</p>		3

(Total for Question 8 = 15 marks)

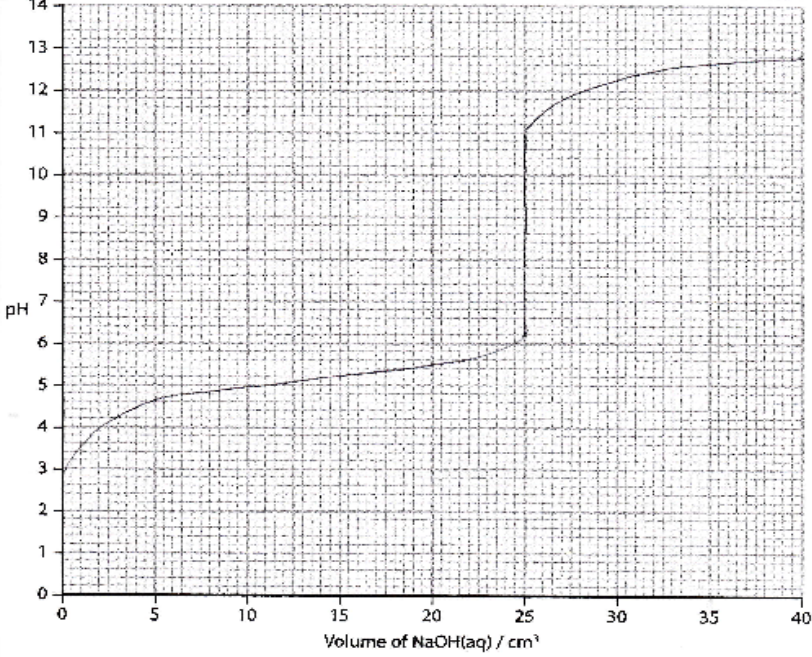
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9(a)(i)	<p>AL OW answers written on either set of dotted lines</p> <p>Weak: dissociates/ionizes to a small extent / partially /incompletely</p> <p>ALLOW does not ionise completely (1)</p> <p>Acid: proton donor ALLOW produces/forms /releases H⁺ ions / H₃O⁺ ions / oxonium ions / hydroxonium ions / hydronium ions</p> <p>ALLOW electron pair acceptor (1)</p> <p>IGNORE just 'accepts electrons'</p> <p>IGNORE contains H⁺ ions</p> <p>IGNORE reference to typical acid reactions</p>	'not easily dissociated' / few H ⁺ ions	(2)

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9(a)(ii)	<p>$(K_a =) \frac{[\text{CHCl}_2\text{COO}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{CHCl}_2\text{COOH}]}$</p> <p>OR [H₃O⁺] for [H⁺]</p> <p>ALLOW [CHCl₂CO₂⁻] / [CHCl₂CO₂H]</p> <p>IGNORE []_{eq} and state symbols, even if incorrect</p>	No /round brackets	(1)

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9(a)(iii)	<p>weakest ethanoic acid chloroethanoic acid dichloroethanoic acid strongest trichloroethanoic acid OR correct formulae all four correct (1)</p> <p>Reason the weakest acid has the lowest K_a/ acid dissociation constant OR the weakest acid has the highest pK_a OR the strongest acid has the highest K_a/ acid dissociation constant OR the strongest acid has the lowest pK_a OR K_a increases/pK_a decreases from ethanoic acid to trichloroethanoic acid/ weakest to strongest acid ALLOW acid that dissociates least has the smallest K_a/highest pK_a ORA (1)</p> <p>IGNORE references to the effect of the chlorine atoms on K_a/stability of anion/strength of the O-H bond IGNORE references to pH</p>	(2)

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9(b)(i)	<p>IGNO SF except 1 SF throughout</p> <p>FIRST CHECK THE FINAL ANSWER, IF answer pH = 2.88/2.9, award 2 marks IF pH = 2.89, decide which route has been followed and award 1 mark for routes 1 and 2 (rounding error) and 3 marks for route 3</p> <p>IF answer is not correct, award the following marks:</p> <p>Route 1 $[H^+] = \sqrt{K_a} \times [CH_3COOH]$ $= \sqrt{1.7 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.1}$ $= 1.3038 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (mol dm}^{-3}\text{)}$ (1)</p> <p>pH = 2.8848 (1) consequential on their $[H^+]$, provided pH is less than 7</p> <p>Route 2 $[H^+] = \sqrt{K_a} \times [CH_3COOH]$ <ph <math="" =="">\frac{1}{2} pK_a - \frac{1}{2} \log[CH_3COOH] (1) $= 2.88$ (1) consequential on their expression for pH</ph></p>		(4)

	<p>Assumption 1 $[H^+] = [CH_3COO^-]$ OR no H^+ from the (ionization of) water OR H^+ all comes from the acid (1)</p> <p>Assumption 2 Ionization of the (weak) acid is negligible / very small / insignificant OR $[CH_3COOH]_{initial} = [CH_3COOH]_{eqm}$ OR $[CH_3COOH]_{eqm} = 0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ OR $[CH_3COOH]$ remains constant (1)</p> <p>Route 3 using $[CH_3COOH]_{eqm} = 0.1 - [H^+]$ (1)</p> <p>$[H^+] = 1.2954 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (mol dm}^{-3}\text{)}$ (1)</p> <p>pH = 2.8876 (1)</p> <p>Assumption $[H^+] = [CH_3COO^-]$ OR no H^+ from the (ionization of) water OR H^+ all comes from the acid (1)</p> <p>ALLOW $[HA]/[HX]/[acid]/[A^-]/[X^-]/[base]$ for formulae of acid and base</p>	<p>'no dissociation' OR 'partial'/incomplete' dissociation</p>	
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9(b) (ii)	 <p data-bbox="331 1037 1046 1066">Graph starting at 2.9 (allow 2.8-3.0) or answer to (b)(i)</p> <p data-bbox="331 1093 863 1122">Initial rise and buffering region to 25 cm³</p> <p data-bbox="331 1155 1150 1216">Vertical rise at 25 cm³, starting from pH 5.5-7 and ending at pH 10-12</p> <p data-bbox="331 1249 1075 1310">Finishing (asymptotically) between pH 12-13 inclusive and reaching at least 38 cm³</p> <p data-bbox="331 1344 1158 1462">Note: If graph is sketched as if ethanoic acid is added to NaOH, the only mark available is the vertical jump down at 25 cm³, starting from 10-12 and ending at 5.5-7</p>	(4)

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<p>9(b)(iii)</p>	<p>any correct indicator that has the complete pH range within the vertical jump on their titration curve Note: expected indicators numbers 14 to 17 from Data Booklet ie phenol red (6.8-8.4) thymol blue ((base)) (8.0-9.6) phenolphthalein (8.2-10.0) thymolphthalein (8.3-10.6) ALLOW bromothymol blue (6.0-7.6) if their vertical range starts at or below 6.0 (1)</p> <p>Justification – conditional on a correct indicator pH range (of indicator) lies (completely) within the vertical jump (on the titration curve) OR indicator will change colour in the vertical section of the graph OR pH range of indicator and pH range of vertical section of the graph stated as long as they overlap ALLOW $pK_{in} (\pm 1)$ is in the mid-point of the vertical jump ALLOW pK_{in} is nearest to the pH at the end/equivalence point ALLOW indicator will change colour at the end/equivalence point (1) IGNORE (because it is a) titration of a weak acid with strong alkali</p>	<p>If no titration curve (0)</p> <p>litmus/azolitmin</p> <p>universal indicator</p>	<p>(2)</p>

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9(c)	<p>(CH₃COOH + CCl₃COOH →) base (2) acid (1)</p> <p>CH₃COOH₂⁺ + CCl₃COO⁻ conjugate acid conjugate base / acid 2 /base 2</p> <p>First marking point both formulae correct (1)</p> <p>Second marking point both conjugate acid-base pairs correctly identified (1)</p> <p>ALLOW any indication of the correct pairs they may be linked together eg lines or arrows, provided they have been labelled correctly as acid or base</p> <p>Note: If equation is</p> <p>CH₃COOH + CCl₃COOH →) acid (2) base (1)</p> <p>CH₃COO⁻ + CCl₃COOH₂⁺ conjugate base conjugate acid / base 2 /acid 2</p> <p>ALLOW 1 mark for the consequential acid/base pairs</p>	<p>HCH₃COOH⁺ for first mark only</p> <p>Just 'acid' and 'base' with no link</p>	(2)

(Total for Question 9 = 17 marks)