


This Exam Includes Three Exercises. It Is Inscribed on 4 Pages Numbered From 1 to 4. The Use of a Non-programmable Calculator Is Allowed.

## Answer The Three Following Exercises:

## First Exercise ( 6.5 points) <br> Identification of an Organic Compound (B)

A gaseous organic compound (B) has a rotten fish smell. The elementary analysis of (B) shows that it is composed of three elements: carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen.

## Given

- Study is performed at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
- Molar volume of a gas: $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{m}}=24 \mathrm{~L} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$.
- Ion product of water: $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{w}}=10^{-14}$.
- Molar atomic masses in g. $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}: \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{H}}=1 ; \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{C}}=12 ; \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{N}}=14$.


## I- Acid-base nature of (B)

One liter of solution (S) is prepared by dissolving 0.48 L of (B) in distilled water. The pH value of this solution is 11.1 .

1- Determine the initial concentration $C_{B}$ of solution (S).
2- Show that compound $(B)$ is a weak base.
3- The compound $(\mathrm{B})$ reacts with water according to the following equation:

$$
\mathrm{B}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{HO}^{-}+\mathrm{BH}^{+}
$$

Determine the value of $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ of the pair $\mathrm{BH}^{+} / \mathrm{B}$.

## II- Determination of the molar mass of (B)

A solution $\left(\mathrm{S}^{\prime}\right)$ is prepared by dissolving 150 mg of $(\mathrm{B})$ in distilled water. The solution $\left(\mathrm{S}^{\prime}\right)$ is titrated by a hydrochloric acid solution of concentration $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{a}}=0.10 \mathrm{~mol} . \mathrm{L}^{-1}$. The equivalence point is reached when 25.4 mL of the acid solution are added.

1- Write the equation of the titration reaction.
2- Show that the molar mass of (B) is $\mathrm{M}=59.05 \mathrm{~g} . \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$.

## III- Identification of (B)

The study shows that compound (B) is a saturated monoamine.
1- Verify that the molecular formula of $(B)$ is $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}$.
2- Write the condensed structural formulas of the possible isomers of (B).
3- Identify (B) knowing that it does not react with acyl chlorides.

## Second Exercise ( 7.5 points) Kinetic of the Reaction Between Hydrochloric Acid and Zinc

Hydrochloric acid solution reacts with zinc according to the following equation:

$$
2 \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{(\mathrm{aq})}^{+}+\mathrm{Zn}_{(\mathrm{s})} \rightarrow \mathrm{Zn}_{(\mathrm{aq})}^{2+}+\mathrm{H}_{2(\mathrm{~g})}+2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{(l)} .
$$

This exercise aims to study the kinetic of this reaction.

## Given

- Molar atomic mass: $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{Zn}}=65.4$ g. $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$.
- Molar volume of a gas at the experimental conditions: $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{m}}=24 \mathrm{~L} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$.


## I- Preliminary study

At time $\mathrm{t}=0$, a volume $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{a}}=40 \mathrm{~mL}$ of hydrochloric acid solution of concentration $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{a}}=0.500 \mathrm{~mol} . \mathrm{L}^{-1}$ is poured into a flask containing a mass $\mathrm{m}=1 \mathrm{~g}$ of powdered zinc. We admit that the volume of the mixture remains constant.
The volume of the collected hydrogen gas is measured with time.
1- Explain the advantage of the use of powdered zinc instead of a zinc strip in this study
2- Determine at $\mathrm{t}=\infty$ the concentration of $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ ions: $\left[\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}\right]_{\infty}$
3- Show that the concentration of $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}$ions, $\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]_{0}$ at $\mathrm{t}=0$, and that of $\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]_{\mathrm{t}}$ at each instant t , are related to the volume of hydrogen gas $\mathrm{VH}_{2}$, which is formed at each instant t , according to the following relation:

$$
\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]_{\mathrm{t}}=\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]_{0}-\frac{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{H}_{2}}}{480} \text {, where } \mathrm{VH}_{2} \text { is expressed in } \mathrm{mL} \text {. }
$$

## II- Kinetic of the reaction

Experimental results are given in the following table:

| $\mathrm{t}(\mathrm{s})$ | 0 | 100 | 200 | 300 | 400 | 500 | 600 | 800 | 1000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{H2}}(\mathrm{~mL})$ | 0 | 80 | 132 | 154 | 168 | 178 | 183 | 188 | 192 |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]\left(\mathrm{mol} . \mathrm{L}^{-1}\right)$ | x | 0.333 | 0.225 | 0.179 | 0.150 | 0.129 | 0.119 | y | 0.100 |

1- Give the value of x , and calculate that of y in the above table.
2- Plot, on the graph paper, the curve $\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]=\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{t})$.
Consider the following scales: abscissa: $1 \mathrm{~cm}=100 \mathrm{~s}$; ordinate: $1 \mathrm{~cm}=0.05 \mathrm{~mol} . \mathrm{L}^{-1}$.
3- Determine, graphically, the half-life of the reaction.
4- Give, at each instant t , the relation between the rate of formation of $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ ions and that of the disappearance of $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}$ions.
5- Trace, on the same graph, the shape of the curve which represents the variation of the concentration of $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ ions in terms of time: $\left[\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}\right]=\mathrm{g}(\mathrm{t})$ and passing through the three points of abscissas: $\mathrm{t}=0, \mathrm{t}=\mathrm{t}_{1 / 2}$ and $\mathrm{t}=1000 \mathrm{~s}$.

## Third Exercise (6 points)

## Titration of Aspirin

The aspirin is one of the most consumed drugs in the world. The aim of this exercise is to titrate the acetylsalicylic acid in a tablet of a simple aspirin " 300 " which is sold in the lebanese market. (" 300 " represents, in mg , the mass of pure acetylsalicylic acid in one tablet)

## Given:

- Condensed structural formula of acetylsalicylic acid:

- $\quad \mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}($ acetylsalicylic acid/acetylsalicylate ion $)=3.5$
- $\quad \mathrm{M}($ acetylsalicylic acid $)=180 \mathrm{~g} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$.
- An ester, of formula $\mathrm{CH}_{3}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$, reacts with sodium hydroxide solution at high temperature. The reaction that takes place is total and is represented by the following equation:



## I- Acid-base reaction

A weak acid, of formula $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{COOH}$, reacts with sodium hydroxide solution at low temperature, according to a rapid reaction which is represented by the following equation:

$$
\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{COOH}+\mathrm{HO}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{COO}^{-}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}
$$

Verify that this reaction is total, knowing that:

$$
\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}\left(\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{COOH} / \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{COO}^{-}\right)<5 \text { and } \mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} / \mathrm{HO}^{-}\right)=14
$$

## II- Preparation of acetylsalicylic acid solution

A tablet of a simple aspirin " 300 " is carefully grinded. The obtained powder is introduced into an appropriate volumetric flask which is partially filled with distilled water. The flask is shaken to dissolve completely the powder. Distilled water is then added to reach the line mark. The obtained solution is called (S).
Show that the appropriate volumetric flask to prepare ( S ) is of 200 mL capacity, knowing that:

- $\quad 50 \mathrm{~mL}$ and 200 mL volumetric flasks are only available in the laboratory,
- the solubility of acetylsalicylic acid, in water at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, is equal to $3.4 \mathrm{~g} . \mathrm{L}^{-1}$.


## III- Carrying out titration

The acid-base titration of a 200 mL solution $(\mathrm{S})$ is carried out at low temperature, with sodium hydroxide solution of concentration $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{b}}=0.10$ mol. $\mathrm{L}^{-1}$.

1- The volume added at the equivalence point is $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{bE}}=17 \mathrm{~mL}$. Verify that the mass of acetylsalicylic acid in the tablet of this aspirin is about 300 mg .
2- Rewrite, on the answer sheet, the formula of aspirin. Circle on it, the two functional groups containing oxygen and name them.
3- Name the two reactions that may take place, at high temperature, between hydroxide ions $\mathrm{HO}^{-}$ and aspirin.
4- Conclude why this acid-base titration should be carried out at low temperature.
Expected answer
I-
1- The concentration $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{B}}$, expressed in mol. $\mathrm{L}^{-1}$, is given by:
$\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{B}}=\frac{\mathrm{n}_{\text {solute }} \text { inmol }}{\mathrm{V}_{\text {solution }} \mathrm{inL}}=\frac{\frac{\mathrm{V}_{\text {solute }}}{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{m}}}}{\mathrm{V}}$. With; $V_{\text {solute }}=0.48 \mathrm{~L} ; V_{m}=24 \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$
and $V=1 \mathrm{~L}$, we have: $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{B}}=0.02 \mathrm{~mol} . \mathrm{L}^{-1}$.
$\mathrm{pH}=11.1 ; \mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{w}}=14 \mathrm{we}$ get:
$\left[\mathrm{HO}^{-}\right]=1.25 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{~mol} . \mathrm{L}^{-1}<\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{B}}=0.02 \mathrm{~mol} . \mathrm{L}^{-1}$. The compound (B) is then a weak base.
3- Determination of $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ :

|  | B | + | $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $\rightleftharpoons$ | $\mathrm{BH}^{+}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Initial state $\left(\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{L}^{-1}\right)$ | 0.02 |  | $\mathrm{HO}^{-}$ |  |  |
| At equilibrium | $0.02-\mathrm{x}$ |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| l |  |  | x |  | x |

The relation: $\mathrm{pH}=\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}+\log \frac{[B]}{\left[B H^{+}\right]}$permits to calculate $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$.

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}=\mathrm{pH}-\log \frac{[B]}{\left[B H^{+}\right]}=11.1-\log \frac{0.02-\mathrm{x}}{\mathrm{x}} \\
\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}=11.1-\log \frac{0.02-1.25 \times 10^{-3}}{1.25 \times 10^{-3}}=9.92
\end{array}
$$

## II-

1- The equation of the titration reaction is:

$$
\mathrm{B}+\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+} \rightarrow \mathrm{BH}^{+}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}
$$

2- Determination of the molar mass of (B):
At the equivalence point, we have: $\mathrm{n}_{\text {(acid) }}$ added $=\mathrm{n}_{(\mathrm{B})}$ contained in $\left(\mathrm{S}^{\prime}\right)$.
In a solution we have: $\mathrm{n}_{\text {(solute) }}=\mathrm{CxV}$.
$\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{A}} \mathrm{XV}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathrm{n}_{(\mathrm{B})}$. with: $0.1 \times 25.4 \times 10^{-3}=\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{B}}=\frac{m_{B}}{M_{B}}=\frac{150 \times 10^{-3}}{M_{B}}$. We have: $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{B}}=59.05 \mathrm{~g} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$.

## III-

1- The molecular formula of a saturated monoamine is: $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{H}_{2 \mathrm{n}+3} \mathrm{~N}$.

$$
M=12 n+2 n+3+14=59.05 . \quad \text { so } n=3
$$

The molecular formula is then: $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}$.
2- The condensed structural formulas of possible isomers of (B) are:


3- The compound ( B ) is an amine which does not react with the acyl chloride. (B) is then a tertiary amine of formula: $\mathrm{CH}_{3}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ It is trimethylamine or $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}-$ dimethyl methanamine $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$.

Each correct reasoning is acceptable.

## Comments

Each correct reasoning is acceptable.

Second exercise ( 7.5 points)

| Expected answer |
| :--- |
| I- |
| 1- The contact surface between the reactants in the case (powder of |
| hydrochloric acid solution) is bigger than the contact surface betw |
| reactants in the case (strip of zinc + hydrochloric acid solution) |
| rate of the reaction, in the first case, is greater because the rate |
| when the contact surface increases. |
| 2- Determination of the limiting reactant: |
| $\mathrm{R}_{H_{3}} O^{+}=\frac{\mathrm{n}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right) \text {initial }}{2}=\frac{\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{a}} \cdot \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{a}}}{2}=\frac{0.5 \times 40 \times 10^{-3}}{2}=1 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{Zn}}=\frac{\mathrm{n}(\mathrm{Zn}) \text { int roduced }}{1}=\frac{\mathrm{m}(\mathrm{Zn}) \text { int roduced }}{\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{Zn})}=\frac{1}{65.4}=1.5 \times 10^{-2}$. |

Since $\mathrm{R}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}<\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{Zn}}$, then $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}$is the limiting reactant.
According to stæchiometric cœfficients of the equation, we write:
$\mathrm{n}(\mathrm{Zn})$ formed at $\infty=\frac{n\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right) \text {initial }}{2}=1 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{~mol}$.
Concentration of $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ :
$\left[\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}\right]_{\infty}=\frac{\mathrm{n}\left(\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}\right)}{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{a}}}=\frac{1 \times 10^{-2}}{40 \times 10^{-3}}=0.25 \mathrm{~mol} . \mathrm{L}^{-1}$.
3- At instant t :
$\mathrm{n}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right)$remaining $=\mathrm{n}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right)$initial $-\mathrm{n}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right)$reacting.
According to the stæchiometric cœefficients of the equation, we could write: $\mathrm{n}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right)$reacting $=2 \mathrm{n}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}\right)$ formed. So:
$\mathrm{n}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right)$remaining $=\mathrm{n}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right)$initial $-2 \mathrm{n}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}\right)$ formed. Dividing by the constant volume of the solution, $40 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{~L}$, we have then:
$\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]_{\mathrm{t}}=\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]_{0}-2 \mathrm{x} \frac{n\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}\right)}{V}$
$\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]_{\mathrm{t}}=\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]_{0}-2 \mathrm{x} \frac{\mathrm{V}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}\right) \times 10^{-3}}{\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{m}} \times \mathrm{xV} 10^{-3}}$
$\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]_{\mathrm{t}}=\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]_{0}-2 \mathrm{x} \frac{\mathrm{V}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}\right)}{24 \mathrm{x} 40}=\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]_{0}-\frac{\mathrm{V}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}\right)}{480}$.

## II-

1- Value of $x$ :
$x=\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]=\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{a}}=0.500 \mathrm{~mol} . \mathrm{L}^{-1}$.
Value of $y$ :
$\mathrm{y}=\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]_{800}=0.500-\frac{188}{480}=0.108 \mathrm{~mol} \cdot \mathrm{~L}^{-1}$.


3- The half-life of the reaction is the time needed for half the amount of the limiting reactant to be consumed, according to the graph $t 1 / 2=170 \mathrm{~s}$ when $\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]=0.25 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{~L}^{-1}$

4- According to the stæchiometric cofficients of the equation, The two rates are related by: $\mathrm{R}_{\text {disappearance }}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right)=2 \times \mathrm{R}_{\text {formation }}\left(\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}\right)$.

5- The three points: $\mathrm{O}\left(\mathrm{t}=0 \mathrm{~s} ;\left[\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}\right]=0 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{~L}{ }^{-1}\right) ; \mathrm{M}\left(\mathrm{t}=\mathrm{t}_{1 / 2}=170 \mathrm{~s} ;\left[\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}\right]\right.$ $\left.=0.125 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{~L}^{-1}\right)$ and $\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{t}=1000 \mathrm{~s} ;\left[\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}\right]=0.2 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{~L}^{-1}\right)$.

Third exercise ( 6 points)

| Expected answer | Comments |
| :---: | :---: |
| I- | Direct application of the formula :1. |
| 1- The equation of the reaction is: $\mathrm{RCOOH}+\mathrm{HO}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{RCOO}^{-}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ |  |
| $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{R}}=\left[\mathrm{RCOO}^{-}\right]=\left[\mathrm{RCOO}^{-}\right]\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]$ |  |
| $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{R}}=\frac{}{[\mathrm{RCOOH}]\left[\mathrm{HO}^{-}\right]}=\frac{}{[\mathrm{RCOOH}]\left[\mathrm{HO}^{-}\right]\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]}$ |  |
| $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{R}}=$ |  |
|  |  |
| $\mathrm{K}_{a}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} / \mathrm{HO}^{-}\right) \quad 10^{-p K_{a}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} / \mathrm{HO}^{-}\right)}$ |  |

$K_{R}>10^{9} \gg 10^{4}$. The reaction is then total.

## II-

1- The solubility of aspirin is 3.4 g , so the minimum volume of water needed to dissolve $300 \mathrm{mg}=0.3 \mathrm{~g}$ of aspirin is then: $\mathrm{V}=\frac{0.3 x 1}{3.4}=0.088 \mathrm{~L}$. which is $>50 \mathrm{~mL}$ and $<200 \mathrm{~mL}$.
Hence the capacity of the volumetric flask should be 200 mL .

## III-

1- At equivalence : n (aspirin) in the solution $=\mathrm{n}\left(\mathrm{HO}^{-}\right)$added

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\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\mathrm{m}}{180}=\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{b}} \times \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{bE}}=0.1 \times 17 \times 10^{-3} \\
& \text { so } \mathrm{m}=0.306 \mathrm{~g} . \cong 300 \mathrm{mg} .
\end{aligned}
$$

2-


3 - The reaction between the $\mathrm{HO}^{-}$ions and the carboxyl group is an acid-base reaction.
The reaction between the $\mathrm{HO}^{-}$ions and the ester group is a saponification reaction.

4- The acid-base titration is carried out at low temperature in order to avoid the saponification reaction that takes place at high temperature.

Any reasonable answer is accepted.


