

13th INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



THEORY COMPETITION

SOLUTIONS AND MARKING SCHEME

Problem I. Chemistry

Question	Content	Points	Total
I.1	As a weak acid (HA), eugenol is partly dissociate in water to give H_3O^+ and A^- ions, according to the following equilibrium reaction: $\text{HA} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{A}^-$ The dissociation constant is given by $K_a = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{A}^-]/[\text{HA}]$; From the equation, it is understood that $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = [\text{A}^-]$ $1.64 \text{ g of eugenol} = 1.64 \text{ g} / 164 \text{ g.mol}^{-1} = 0.01 \text{ mol}$ Since it is dissolved in 1 L solution, the concentration of eugenol = 0.01 M	0.5	1.5
	Therefore $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^2 = K_a[\text{HA}]$ or $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \sqrt{K_a[\text{HA}]} = \sqrt{(6.5 \times 10^{-11} \times 0.01)} = 8.06 \times 10^{-7}$; since $\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$, then pH = 6.1	1.0	
I.2	Hydrogen = $6/16 \times 128 \text{ g} = \mathbf{48 \text{ g}}$	0.25	0.5
	Carbon = $60/16 \times 128 \text{ g} = \mathbf{480 \text{ g}}$	0.25	
I.3	The mass of the product (ethyl eugenolate and hydrogen bromide) is equal to the sum of the masses of the eugenol and ethyl bromide consumed. The mass of materials not involved in the reaction are unchanged. Therefore, the total mass after reaction is 41.0 g		0.5
I.4	As a weak acid (HA), eugenol is partly dissociate in water to give H_3O^+ and A^- ions, according to the following equilibrium reaction: $\text{HA} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{A}^-$ The dissociation constant is given by $K_a = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{A}^-]/[\text{HA}]$; From the equation, it is understood that $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = [\text{A}^-]$ Therefore $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^2 = K_a[\text{HA}]$ or $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] \text{ from eugenol} = \sqrt{K_a[\text{HA}]} = \sqrt{(6.5 \times 10^{-11} \times 0.02/2)} = 8.06 \times 10^{-6}$ As a strong acid HCl completely dissociate in water to give $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0.02/2 = 0.01 \text{ M}$ Hence the total $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ in the solution = $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]_{\text{eugenol}} + [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]_{\text{HCl}} = (0.01 + 8.06 \times 10^{-6}) \approx 0.01 \text{ M}$ Hence, the pH of the solution = $-\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \mathbf{-\log 0.01 = 2}$		1.0
I.5	Since the stoichiometric of the reaction is 1:1, it means that one mole of eugenol requires 1 mole of diethyl sulphate. $\text{Mr of Eugenol} = (10 \times 12) + (12 \times 1) + (2 \times 16) = 164 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$ $\text{Mr of diethyl sulphate} = (4 \times 12) + (2 \times 5) + (1 \times 32) + (4 \times 16) = 154 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$ Hence $82.0 \text{ g of eugenol} = 82 \text{ g} / 164 \text{ g.mol}^{-1} = 0.5 \text{ mol}$, and $115.5 \text{ g of diethyl sulphate} = 115.5 \text{ g} / 154 \text{ g.mol}^{-1} = 0.75 \text{ mol}$ Therefore, the remaing reactant is 0,25 mole of diethyl sulphate = $0,25 \text{ mol} \times 154 \text{ g/mole} = \mathbf{38.5 \text{ g of diethyl sulphate}}$.	0.5	1.5
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I.6	Initial KOH= 30 mL x 0.25 mmol/mL = 7.5 mmol	0.3	1.5
	The excess of KOH= 10 mL x 0.25 mmol/mL = 2.5 mmol	0.3	
	KOH consumed for determination of acid value: (7.5-2.5) mmol = 5 mmol	0.3	
	mg KOH consumed for 2 g of sample = 5 mmol x 56 mg/mmol = 280 mg	0.3	
	Acid Value = 280 mg/2g = 140 mg KOH/g sample	0.3	
I.7	<p>The polarity of carboxylic acid increase with the decrease in the number of carbon, so the lauric acid with 12 carbon is the most polar followed by myristic and palmitic acids.</p> <p>Since the stationary phase is a polar materials and the solvent is non-polar, the lauric acid will have retardation factor (R_f) lowest and followed by myristic and palmitic acids, or</p> <p>(1) R_f lauric acid < (2) R_f myristic acid < (3) R_f palmitic acid</p>		1.0
I.8 (1.5)	<p>Mr of C₁₁H₂₃COOH = (12 x 12) + (24 x 1) + (2 x 16) = 200 g.mol⁻¹</p> <p>Mr of CH₃OH = (1 x 12) + (4 x 1) + (1 x 16) = 32 g.mol⁻¹</p> <p>Mass of CH₃OH = 160 mL x 0.8 g.mL⁻¹ = 128 g</p> <p>Mole of CH₃OH = 128 g/32 g.mol⁻¹ = 4 mol</p> <p>Mole of C₁₁H₂₃COOH = 100 g/200 g.mol⁻¹ = 0.5 mol</p> <p>Suppose the ester formed = x mol, the H₂O produces x mol, then</p> <p>The remaining lauric acid = (0.5-x) mol and</p> <p>the remaining methanol = (4.0-x)</p> <p>K_{eq} =x.x/(0.5-x)(4.0-x) → 0.1x² + 4.05 x -1.8 = 0</p> <p>By using abc formula, we have x = 0.45 mol</p>	1.0	1.5
	Hence, the ester formed = 0.45 mol x 214 g.mol ⁻¹ = 96.3 g	0.5	
I.9	26 g C ₂ H ₂ = 26 g : 26 mol . g ⁻¹ = 1.0 mol	0.5	1.0
	40 g HCl = 40 g : 36.5 mol . g ⁻¹ = 1.1 mol		
	As mol C ₂ H ₂ is smaller than mol HCl, so the formed C ₂ H ₃ Cl will be equal to the mol of C ₂ H ₂ , i.e. 1.0 mol or equivalent to 62.5 g	0.5	
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