

## Buffer Solutions

① What is the pH of a buffer solution made by making up 1.00dm<sup>3</sup> of solution containing 1.00mole of ethanoic acid and 1.00mole of sodium ethanoate?  $K_a$  for ethanoic acid =  $1.74 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>

② Calculate the pH of a buffer solution made by dissolving 18.5g of propanoic acid,  $C_2H_5COOH$ , and 12.0g of sodium propanoate,  $C_2H_5COONa$  in water and then making the volume up to 250cm<sup>3</sup>.  $pK_a$  for propanoic acid = 4.87.

③ A buffer solution was made by mixing  $50.0\text{cm}^3$  of  $0.300\text{mol}\text{dm}^{-3}$  of ethanoic acid with  $100\text{cm}^3$  of  $0.600\text{mol}\text{dm}^{-3}$  sodium ethanoate. Calculate its pH if  $K_a$  for ethanoic acid is  $1.74 \times 10^{-5}\text{ mol}\text{dm}^{-3}$ .

④ In question 1 you calculated the pH of a buffer solution which contained ethanoic acid and sodium ethanoate. The solution contained  $1.00\text{mol}\text{dm}^{-3}$  of each component. The pH turned out to be 4.76. What would be the effect of adding a)  $1.00\text{cm}^3$  of  $10.0\text{mol}\text{dm}^{-3}$  hydrochloric acid and b)  $100\text{cm}^3$  of  $10.0\text{mol}\text{dm}^{-3}$  sodium hydroxide to  $1000\text{cm}^3$  of the buffer solution?  $K_a$  for ethanoic acid =  $1.74 \times 10^{-5}\text{ mol}\text{dm}^{-3}$

⑤ In what proportions should you mix ethanoic acid and sodium ethanoate in order to give a buffer solution of pH 5.00? pKa for ethanoic acid = 4.76.

⑥ Calculate the pH of a buffer solution containing  $1.00\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  of ammonia and  $0.400\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  ammonium chloride.  $K_a$  for the ammonium ion,  $\text{NH}_4^+$  is  $5.62 \times 10^{-10}\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .

⑦ Calculate the effect on the pH of adding a)  $5.00\text{cm}^3$  of  $10.0\text{moldm}^{-3}$  hydrochloric acid and b)  $5.00\text{cm}^3$  of  $10.0\text{moldm}^{-3}$  sodium hydroxide solution to  $1000\text{cm}^3$  of the buffer solution from question 6.

⑧ In what proportions should ammonia and ammonium chloride be mixed in solution to give a buffer solution of pH 10.0? pKa for  $\text{NH}_4^+$  is 9.25.