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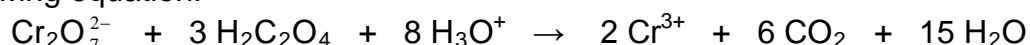
This Exam Includes **Three Exercises**. It Is Inscribed on 3 Pages Numbered from **1** to **3**.  
The Use of A Non-programmable Calculator Is Allowed.

**Answer The Following Three Exercises:**

**First Exercise (6 points)**

**Kinetic for the Oxidation Reaction of Oxalic Acid**

Oxalic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ ) reacts with dichromate ions ( $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ ) in acidic medium according to the following equation:



It is proposed to study the progress of the reaction between a sodium dichromate solution and an oxalic acid solution in the presence of excess sulphuric acid versus time, at constant temperature,

**Given**

- Molar atomic masses in  $\text{g.mol}^{-1}$ :  $M_{\text{H}} = 1$ ;  $M_{\text{C}} = 12$ ;  $M_{\text{O}} = 16$ .

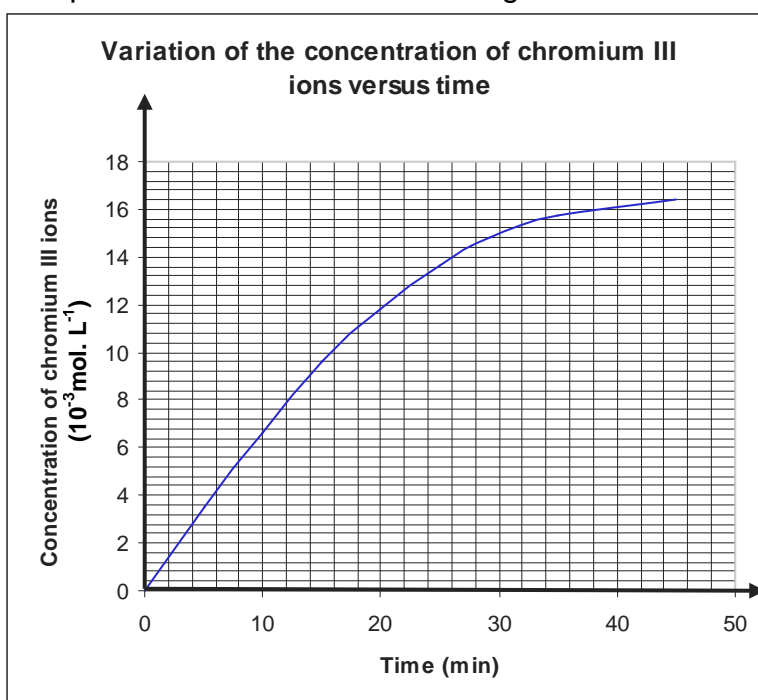
**I- Preliminary Study**

100 mL of sodium dichromate solution ( $S_1$ ) of concentration  $C_1 = 0.02 \text{ mol.L}^{-1}$  are mixed with 100 mL of oxalic acid solution ( $S_2$ ) containing 5.04 g of hydrated oxalic acid,  $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

- 1- Show that the concentration of oxalic acid solution ( $S_2$ ) is  $C_2 = 0.4 \text{ mol.L}^{-1}$ .
- 2- Specify if dichromate ions and oxalic acid in the initial mixture are in stoichiometric proportions.

**II- Kinetic Study**

The variation of the concentration of  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ions in the mixture is followed with time. The experimental results permit to construct the following curve:



- 1- Determine to what limit the concentration of chromium III ions ( $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ ) will tend as time  $t$  tends to infinity.
- 2- Determine the half-life of the reaction.
- 3- Show that the concentration of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$  ions and that of  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ions, at instant  $t$ , are related by the following relation:  $[\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}]_t = 0.01 - \frac{[\text{Cr}^{3+}]_t}{2}$
- 4- Trace, on a graph paper, the shape of the curve representing the variation of the concentration of dichromate ions versus time, by specifying the points having respectively the following abscissas:  $t = 0$ ;  $t = t_{1/2}$  and  $t = 45$  min.  
Take the following scales: abscissa: 1 cm for 5 min; ordinate: 1 cm for  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  mol.L<sup>-1</sup>.

### Second Exercise (7 points)

#### Determination of the degree of Purity of "Bicarbonate of Soda"

The sodium hydrogencarbonate ( $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ) known in the market as bicarbonate of soda, is commonly used in every day life:

- It reduces the duration of cooking;
  - It is recommended in the case of indigestion especially in the excessive stomach acidity.
- It is required to study the acid-base character of the sodium hydrogencarbonate and to determine the degree of purity of a sample of commercial "Bicarbonate of Soda".

#### Given:

- Atomic molar masses in g.mol<sup>-1</sup>:  $M_{\text{H}} = 1$ ;  $M_{\text{C}} = 12$ ;  $M_{\text{O}} = 16$ ;  $M_{\text{Na}} = 23$ .

| Conjugate acid/base pair | $\text{HCO}_3^- / \text{CO}_3^{2-}$ | $(\text{CO}_2, \text{H}_2\text{O}) / \text{HCO}_3^-$ | $\text{H}_2\text{O} / \text{HO}^-$ | $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+ / \text{H}_2\text{O}$ |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| $\text{pK}_a$            | 10.3                                | 6.4  | 14                                 | 0   |

- **Available material list:** stirrer, sensitive balance, burette, 100 mL graduated cylinder, 100 mL Erlenmeyer flask, 100 mL volumetric flask, 20 mL volumetric pipette, spatula and watch glass.

#### I- Behaviour of $\text{NaHCO}_3$ in Water

960 mg of "Bicarbonate of Soda" are dissolved into a volumetric flask of 100 mL containing distilled water. More distilled water is then added to reach the line mark. Solution (S) is thus obtained.

- 1- Choose, among the above list, the material used to weigh the mass of 960 mg of "Bicarbonate of Soda".
- 2- Place on a vertical axis of  $\text{pK}_a$  the four conjugate acid/base pairs given above.
- 3- Write the equations of the reactions between the hydrogencarbonate ions ( $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ) and water. Deduce the character of  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ .
- 4- Calculate the constant  $K_R$  for each of these reactions.
- 5- Justify the fact that the "Bicarbonate of Soda" is recommended to reduce the excessive acidity in the stomach.

#### II- Titration of $\text{NaHCO}_3$ in the "Bicarbonate of Soda"

In order to determine the degree of purity of "Bicarbonate of Soda", a volume  $V_b = 20$  mL is taken from the solution (S) and placed into a beaker. Hydrochloric acid solution of concentration  $C_a = 0.10$  mol.L<sup>-1</sup> is then added progressively from a burette into the beaker. The change in the pH is followed with a calibrated pH-meter.

The results are given in the following table:

|                  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| $V_a(\text{mL})$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 25 |
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| pH | 8.0 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
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- 1- Write the equation of the titration reaction.
- 2- Plot, on a graph paper, the curve  $\text{pH} = f(V_a)$ . Take the following scales: abscissa: 1 cm for 2 mL; ordinate: 1 cm for one unit of pH.
- 3- Determine the coordinates of the equivalence point.
- 4- Verify, graphically, the value of  $\text{pK}_a$  of the pair  $(\text{CO}_2, \text{H}_2\text{O}) / \text{HCO}_3^-$ .
- 5- Determine the degree of purity of "Bicarbonate of Soda" in the used sample.

### Third Exercise (7 points)

#### Synthesis of an Ester

It is required to prepare an ester (E), 2-methylbutyl ethanoate, by different chemical ways.

#### List of available chemicals:

Ethanoic acid, 2-methylbutanoic acid, 2-methyl-1-butanol, 3-methyl-1-butanol, ethanol, dehydrating agent  $\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}$ , thionyl chloride  $\text{SOCl}_2$ , acidified potassium dichromate solution, Fehling solution, ethanamine  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5 - \text{NH}_2$ , Tollens reagent and 2, 4 - DNPH.

#### I- Esterification of an alcohol by an acid

In order to synthesize the ester (E), a 0.50 mol of an acid (A) and a 0.50 mol of an alcohol (B) chosen from the above list are heated in the presence of some drops of concentrated sulphuric acid. At equilibrium, a 0.33 mol of (E) is obtained.

- 1- Write the condensed structural formula of (E).
- 2- Write the condensed structural formula of each of (A) and (B).
- 3- Indicate the class of (B). Describe briefly the steps that will be followed to identify this class by using the convenient chemicals from the above list.
- 4- Write the equation of the reaction between (A) and (B).
- 5- Calculate the yield for this synthesis reaction of (E).

#### II- Synthesis of (E) From the Derivatives of Acid (A)

##### 1- Formation of the derivatives of acid (A).

- a) Acid (A) reacts with a reactant from the above chemicals, to give an acyl chloride (C). Write the equation of this reaction and give the name of (C).
- b) Heating acid (A) with the dehydrating agent ( $\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}$ ) leads to the formation of the derivative (D). Write the condensed structural formula of (D) and give its name.
- c) An amide (F) can be obtained by a reaction between (A) and ethanamine. Write the condensed structural formula of (F) and give its name.

##### 2- Formation of ester (E).

- a) Indicate the derivative(s) of the acid (A) that could react with the alcohol (B) in order to synthesize (E).
- b) Write the equation of the reaction of (B) with a convenient derivative to obtain (E).
- c) Compare the characteristics of this reaction with those of the esterification reaction mentioned in part I of this exercise.

## First exercise (6 points)

## Kinetic of the Oxidation of Oxalic Acid by Dichromate Ions

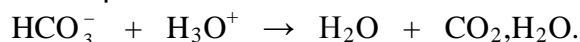
| Expected Answer  | Mark | Comment |
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| <b>I- Preliminary Study</b>  |      |         |
| 1- $n(\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4) = \frac{m(\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_{\text{hydrated}}}{M(\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O})} = \frac{5.04}{126} = 4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol}$ ;   | 0.5  |         |
| $[\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4]_0 = \frac{n(\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_{\text{in mol}}}{V(\text{solution})_{\text{in L}}} = \frac{4 \times 10^{-2}}{100 \times 10^{-3}} = 0.4 \text{ mol.L}^{-1}$ .   | 0.5  |         |
| 2- $R(\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4) = \frac{n(\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)}{3} = \frac{0.04}{3} = 0.0133$ and   | 0.5  |         |
| $R(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}) = \frac{0.02 \times 0.1}{1} = 0.002 \text{ mol}$ . The two reactants are not in the stoichiometric ratio.   |      |         |
| <b>II- Kinetic Study</b>   |      |         |
| 1- $R(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}) < R(\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)$ . The dichromate ion is then the limiting reactant. According to the stoichiometric relation, we have:<br>$n(\text{Cr}^{3+})_{\text{formed at infinity}} = 2 n(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-})_{\text{initial}} = 2 \times 0.002 = 0.004 \text{ mol}$ . | 1    |         |
| We conclude: $[\text{Cr}^{3+}]_{\infty} = \frac{n(\text{Cr}^{3+})_{\infty}}{V_{\text{total}}} = \frac{0.004 \text{ mol}}{0.2 \text{ L}} = 0.02 \text{ mol.L}^{-1}$<br>$= 20 \text{ mmol.L}^{-1}$ .   |      |         |
| 2- The half-life of the reaction is the time taken for half the maximum concentration of the $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ ions to be formed at $t = \infty$ .  | 1    |         |
| $[\text{Cr}^{3+}]_{t_{1/2}} = \frac{[\text{Cr}^{3+}]_{\infty}}{2} = 0.01 \text{ mol.L}^{-1}$ .   |      |         |
| Based on the curve, the obtained value is $t_{1/2} \approx 16 \text{ min}$ .   |      |         |
| 3- According to the equation we could write:   | 1    |         |
| $\frac{n(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-})_{\text{reacting}}}{1} = \frac{n(\text{Cr}^{3+})_{\text{formed}}}{2}$ ;  |      |         |
| $n(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-})_0 - n(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-})_t = \frac{n(\text{Cr}^{3+})_t}{2}$ . Dividing by the volume V, we   |      |         |
| have: $[\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}]_0 - [\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}]_t = \frac{[\text{Cr}^{3+}]_t}{2}$ and   |      |         |
| $[\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}]_0 = 0.01 \text{ mol.L}^{-1}$ . So $[\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}]_t = 0.01 - \frac{[\text{Cr}^{3+}]_t}{2}$ .   |      |         |
| 4- The curve representing the variation of $[\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}]_t$ passes in the remarkable points:   | 1.5  |         |
| $t = 0$ $[\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}]_0 = 0.01 \text{ mol.L}^{-1} = 10 \text{ mmol.L}^{-1}$ ;  |      |         |
| $t = t_{1/2}$ $[\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}]_{t_{1/2}} = 0.005 \text{ mol.L}^{-1} = 5 \text{ mmol.L}^{-1}$ ;  |      |         |
| $t = 45 \text{ min}$ $[\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}]_{45} = 0.01 - 0.085 = 0.0015 \text{ mol.L}^{-1} = 1.5 \text{ mmol.L}^{-1}$ .  |      |         |
| The shape of the curve:  |      |         |



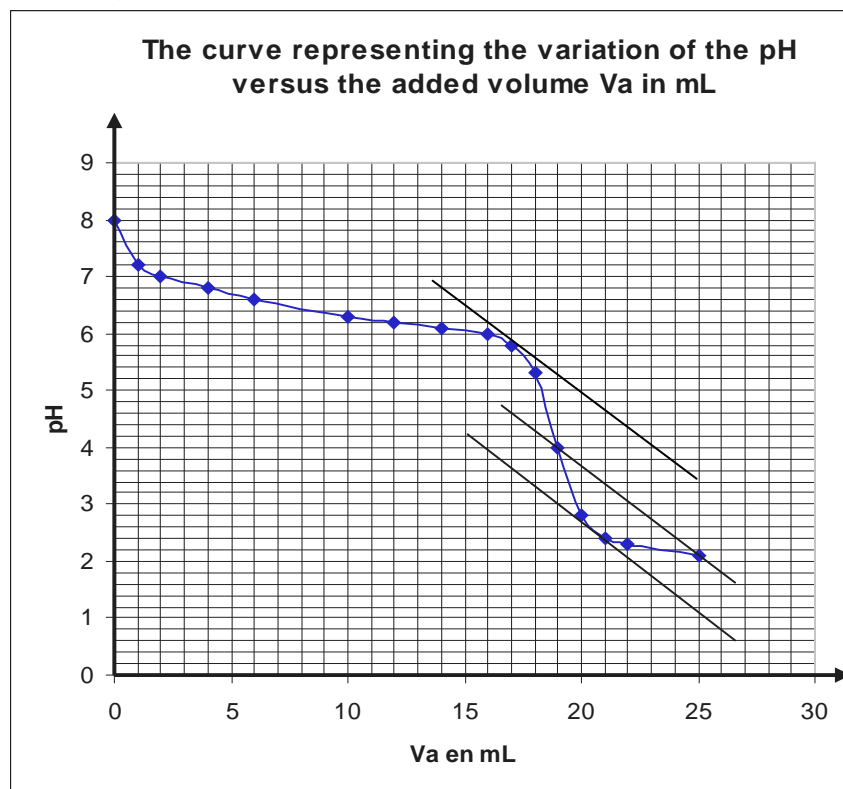
5- An excessive acidity in the stomach is due to the increase of the concentration of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  ions in the gastric fluid. Hydrogencarbonate has a basic character and it decreases the concentration of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ . For this reason it is recommended to reduce the excessive acidity in the stomach.

II- Titration of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  in the "Sodium Bicarbonate"

1- The equation of the titration reaction is:



2- The graph:



3- Based on the parallel tangents method, we determine the coordinates of the equivalence point: E (19 – 4).

4- At half-equivalence, we have:  $\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \log \frac{[\text{base}]}{[\text{acid}]}$ . With  $[\text{base}] = [\text{acid}]$ , we have  $\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a$ . For  $V_a = 9.5$  mL, we conclude:

$\text{pK}_a = 6.4$ .

5- At the equivalence point, we have:  $n(\text{acid})_{\text{added}} = n(\text{base})_{\text{beaker}}$ . In a solution we have:  $n(\text{solute}) = C \times V$ . We have then:

$$C_a \times V_{aE} = C_b \times V_b. \text{ We conclude : } C_b = \frac{0.10 \times 19}{20} = 0.095 \text{ mol.L}^{-1}.$$

$$m(\text{NaHCO}_3) = n(\text{HCO}_3^-) \times M(\text{NaHCO}_3) = 0.095 \times 100 \times 10^{-3} \times 84 = 0.798 \text{ g} = 798 \text{ mg}.$$

$$\text{The degree of purity : } \frac{798}{960} \times 100 = 83 \text{ \%}.$$

### Third Exercise (6 points) Synthesis of an Ester

| Expected Answer  | Mark | Comment |
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| <b>I- Esterification of an alcohol by an acid</b><br>1- The condensed structural formula of (E) is ;<br>$\text{CH}_3 - \underset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}} - \text{O} - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}(\text{CH}_3) - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_3 .$ | 0.5  |         |

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| 2- (A) of condensed structural formula $\text{CH}_3 - \text{COOH}$<br>(B) of formula $\text{CH}_3 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}(\text{CH}_3) - \text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ .   | 2x0.25       |  |
| 3- (B) is a primary alcohol. The oxidation of (B) by acidified potassium dichromate solution gives a carbonyl compound which is identified by the DNPH reagent by giving a yellow precipitate. The carbonyl compound reduces the Fehling solution by giving a red brick precipitate (or with Tollens reagent), so it is an aldehyde and alcohol (B) is a primary alcohol.  | 0.25<br>0.75 |  |
| 4- The equation of the reaction between (A) and (B) is:<br>$\text{CH}_3 - \text{COOH} + \text{CH}_3 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}(\text{CH}_3) - \text{CH}_2\text{OH} \rightleftharpoons$ $\text{CH}_3 - \underset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}} - \text{O} - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}(\text{CH}_3) - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}.$  | 0.5          |  |
| 5- The mixture is stoichiometric, the number of moles of the ester is: $n(\text{ester})_{\text{theoretical}} = 0.5 \text{ mol}$ . The yield is then:<br>$R = \frac{n(\text{ester})_{\text{experimental}}}{n(\text{ester})_{\text{theoretical}}} = \frac{0.33}{0.5} = 0.66 \text{ or } 66 \%$   | 1            |  |
| <b>II- Synthesis of (E) from the derivatives of acid (A)</b>   |              |  |
| <b>1- Formation of the derivatives of acid (A)</b>   |              |  |
| a) The acid (A) reacts with thionyl chloride to give the compound (C) according to the following equation:<br>$\text{CH}_3 - \text{COOH} + \text{SOCl}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3 - \text{COCl} + \text{SO}_2 + \text{HCl}$<br>(C) is the ethanoyl chloride.  | 0.5<br>0.25  |  |
| b) The condensed structural formula of (D) is:<br>$\text{CH}_3 - \underset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}} - \text{O} - \underset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}} - \text{CH}_3$<br>Its name is ethanoic anhydride.  | 0.25<br>0.25 |  |
| c) The formula of (F) is: $\text{CH}_3 - \underset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}} - \text{NH} - \text{C}_2\text{H}_5$<br>(F) is N- ethylethanamide.   | 0.25<br>0.25 |  |
| <b>2-Formation of ester (E)</b>  |              |  |
| a) The ethanoyl chloride or the ethanoic anhydride could react with alcohol (B) to give the ester (E).   | 2x0.25       |  |
| b) The equation of the reaction of formation of (E) may be:<br>$\text{CH}_3 - \text{COCl} + \text{CH}_3 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}(\text{CH}_3) - \text{CH}_2\text{OH} \rightarrow$ $\text{CH}_3 - \underset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}} - \text{O} - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}(\text{CH}_3) - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_3 + \text{HCl}.$<br>Or:<br>$\text{CH}_3 - \underset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}} - \text{O} - \underset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}} - \text{CH}_3 + \text{CH}_3 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}(\text{CH}_3) - \text{CH}_2\text{OH} \rightarrow$ $\text{CH}_3 - \underset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}} - \text{O} - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}(\text{CH}_3) - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_3 + \text{CH}_3 - \text{COOH}.$ | 0.5          |  |
| c) The reactions in part (b) are rapid, total and exothermic, while the esterification reaction is slow, reversible and athermic.  | 0.75         |  |