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General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Level Examination



**CHEMISTRY**  
**Unit 6(b) Practical Examination**

**CHM6/P**

Friday 25 May 2007 9.00 am to 11.00 am

**For this paper you must have**

- a calculator.

Time allowed: 2 hours

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Carry out **all three** exercises.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer questions in the spaces provided. All working must be shown.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- Take careful note of all the instructions given in each exercise.
- The Periodic Table/Data Sheet is provided on pages 3 and 4. Detach this perforated sheet at the start of the examination.

**Information**

- You must not use note books and laboratory books.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 30.
- The skills which are being assessed are  
**Skill 1** Planning (8 marks)  
**Skill 2** Implementing (8 marks)  
**Skill 3** Analysing (8 marks)  
**Skill 4** Evaluating (6 marks)
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate.

**Advice**

- You are advised to spend about 40 minutes on each of the three exercises.
- You are advised to carry out Exercise 1 first.

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Number	Mark	Number	Mark
<b>Skill 1</b>			
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<b>Skill 3</b>			
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This paper consists of the following.

Exercise 1	<b>Implementing</b>	Titration of a solution of potassium iodate(V)
Exercise 2	<b>Analysing and Evaluating</b>	Determination of the dissociation constant of a weak acid
Exercise 3	<b>Planning</b>	Preparation of phenyl benzenecarboxylate

**An essential part of any practical work is to plan for the most efficient use of the time available. There is enough time to complete the exercises set provided that a sensible approach is used.**

You are advised to spend approximately

- 40 minutes on Exercise 1
- 40 minutes on Exercise 2
- 40 minutes on Exercise 3

# The Periodic Table of the Elements

- The atomic numbers and approximate relative atomic masses shown in the table are for use in the examination unless stated otherwise in an individual question.

		I		II		III		IV		V		VI		VII		0	
1.0	<b>H</b> Hydrogen 1	9.0	<b>Li</b> Lithium 3	6.9	<b>Li</b> Lithium 3	10.8	<b>B</b> Boron 5	12.0	<b>C</b> Carbon 6	14.0	<b>N</b> Nitrogen 7	16.0	<b>O</b> Oxygen 8	19.0	<b>F</b> Fluorine 9	20.2	<b>Ne</b> Neon 10
23.0	<b>Na</b> Sodium 11	24.3	<b>Mg</b> Magnesium 12	27.0	<b>Al</b> Aluminium 13	27.0	<b>Al</b> Aluminium 13	28.1	<b>Si</b> Silicon 14	31.0	<b>P</b> Phosphorus 15	32.1	<b>S</b> Sulphur 16	35.5	<b>Cl</b> Chlorine 17	39.9	<b>Ar</b> Argon 18
39.1	<b>K</b> Potassium 19	40.1	<b>Ca</b> Calcium 20	44.9	<b>Ti</b> Titanium 22	47.9	<b>Ti</b> Titanium 22	52.0	<b>Cr</b> Chromium 24	54.9	<b>Mn</b> Manganese 25	55.8	<b>Fe</b> Iron 26	58.9	<b>Co</b> Cobalt 27	58.7	<b>Ni</b> Nickel 28
85.5	<b>Rb</b> Rubidium 37	87.6	<b>Sr</b> Strontium 38	88.9	<b>Y</b> Yttrium 39	91.2	<b>Zr</b> Zirconium 40	95.9	<b>Mo</b> Molybdenum 42	98.9	<b>Tc</b> Technetium 43	101.1	<b>Ru</b> Ruthenium 44	102.9	<b>Rh</b> Rhodium 45	106.4	<b>Pd</b> Palladium 46
132.9	<b>Cs</b> Caesium 55	137.3	<b>Ba</b> Barium 56	138.9	<b>La</b> Lanthanum 57	178.5	<b>Hf</b> Hafnium 72	183.9	<b>W</b> Tungsten 74	186.2	<b>Re</b> Rhenium 75	190.2	<b>Os</b> Osmium 76	192.2	<b>Ir</b> Iridium 77	195.1	<b>Pt</b> Platinum 78
223.0	<b>Fr</b> Francium 87	226.0	<b>Ra</b> Radium 88	227	<b>Ac</b> Actinium 89	227	<b>Ac</b> Actinium 89	200.6	<b>Hg</b> Mercury 80	204.4	<b>Tl</b> Thallium 81	207.2	<b>Pb</b> Lead 82	209.0	<b>Bi</b> Bismuth 83	210.0	<b>Po</b> Polonium 84
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								63.5	<b>Cu</b> Copper 29	65.4	<b>Zn</b> Zinc 30	69.7	<b>Ga</b> Gallium 31	72.6	<b>Ge</b> Germanium 32	74.9	<b>As</b> Arsenic 33
								63.5	<b>Cu</b> Copper 29	65.4	<b>Zn</b> Zinc 30	69.7	<b>Ga</b> Gallium 31	72.6	<b>Ge</b> Germanium 32	74.9	<b>As</b> Arsenic 33
								112.4	<b>Cd</b> Cadmium 48	114.8	<b>In</b> Indium 49	118.7	<b>Sn</b> Tin 50	121.8	<b>Sb</b> Antimony 51	126.9	<b>I</b> Iodine 53
								112.4	<b>Cd</b> Cadmium 48	114.8	<b>In</b> Indium 49	118.7	<b>Sn</b> Tin 50	121.8	<b>Sb</b> Antimony 51	126.9	<b>I</b> Iodine 53
								158.9	<b>Tb</b> Terbium 65	162.5	<b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 66	164.9	<b>Ho</b> Holmium 67	167.3	<b>Er</b> Erbium 68	168.9	<b>Tm</b> Thulium 69
								158.9	<b>Tb</b> Terbium 65	162.5	<b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 66	164.9	<b>Ho</b> Holmium 67	167.3	<b>Er</b> Erbium 68	168.9	<b>Tm</b> Thulium 69
								157.3	<b>Gd</b> Gadolinium 64	157.3	<b>Gd</b> Gadolinium 64	164.9	<b>Ho</b> Holmium 67	167.3	<b>Er</b> Erbium 68	173.0	<b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 70
								157.3	<b>Gd</b> Gadolinium 64	157.3	<b>Gd</b> Gadolinium 64	164.9	<b>Ho</b> Holmium 67	167.3	<b>Er</b> Erbium 68	173.0	<b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 70
								152.0	<b>Eu</b> Europium 63	152.0	<b>Eu</b> Europium 63	162.5	<b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 66	167.3	<b>Er</b> Erbium 68	173.0	<b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 70
								152.0	<b>Eu</b> Europium 63	152.0	<b>Eu</b> Europium 63	162.5	<b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 66	167.3	<b>Er</b> Erbium 68	173.0	<b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 70
								150.4	<b>Sm</b> Samarium 62	150.4	<b>Sm</b> Samarium 62	162.5	<b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 66	167.3	<b>Er</b> Erbium 68	173.0	<b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 70
								150.4	<b>Sm</b> Samarium 62	150.4	<b>Sm</b> Samarium 62	162.5	<b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 66	167.3	<b>Er</b> Erbium 68	173.0	<b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 70
								144.9	<b>Pm</b> Promethium 61	144.9	<b>Pm</b> Promethium 61	162.5	<b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 66	167.3	<b>Er</b> Erbium 68	173.0	<b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 70
								144.9	<b>Pm</b> Promethium 61	144.9	<b>Pm</b> Promethium 61	162.5	<b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 66	167.3	<b>Er</b> Erbium 68	173.0	<b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 70
								144.2	<b>Nd</b> Neodymium 60	144.2	<b>Nd</b> Neodymium 60	162.5	<b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 66	167.3	<b>Er</b> Erbium 68	173.0	<b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 70
								144.2	<b>Nd</b> Neodymium 60	144.2	<b>Nd</b> Neodymium 60	162.5	<b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 66	167.3	<b>Er</b> Erbium 68	173.0	<b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 70
								140.9	<b>Pr</b> Praseodymium 59	140.9	<b>Pr</b> Praseodymium 59	162.5	<b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 66	167.3	<b>Er</b> Erbium 68	173.0	<b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 70
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								232.0	<b>Th</b> Thorium 90	232.0	<b>Th</b> Thorium 90	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								232.0	<b>Th</b> Thorium 90	232.0	<b>Th</b> Thorium 90	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								231.0	<b>Pa</b> Protactinium 91	231.0	<b>Pa</b> Protactinium 91	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								231.0	<b>Pa</b> Protactinium 91	231.0	<b>Pa</b> Protactinium 91	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								238.0	<b>U</b> Uranium 92	238.0	<b>U</b> Uranium 92	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								238.0	<b>U</b> Uranium 92	238.0	<b>U</b> Uranium 92	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								237.0	<b>Np</b> Neptunium 93	237.0	<b>Np</b> Neptunium 93	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								237.0	<b>Np</b> Neptunium 93	237.0	<b>Np</b> Neptunium 93	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								239.1	<b>Pu</b> Plutonium 94	239.1	<b>Pu</b> Plutonium 94	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								239.1	<b>Pu</b> Plutonium 94	239.1	<b>Pu</b> Plutonium 94	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								243.1	<b>Am</b> Americium 95	243.1	<b>Am</b> Americium 95	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								243.1	<b>Am</b> Americium 95	243.1	<b>Am</b> Americium 95	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								247.1	<b>Bk</b> Berkelium 97	247.1	<b>Bk</b> Berkelium 97	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								247.1	<b>Bk</b> Berkelium 97	247.1	<b>Bk</b> Berkelium 97	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								252.1	<b>Cm</b> Curium 96	252.1	<b>Cm</b> Curium 96	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								252.1	<b>Cm</b> Curium 96	252.1	<b>Cm</b> Curium 96	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	252.1	<b>Cf</b> Californium 98	259	<b>No</b> Nobelium 102
								173.0	<b>Lu</b> Lutetium 71	173.0	<b>Lu</b> Lutetium 71	222.0	<b>Rn</b> Radon 86	222.0	<b>Rn</b> Radon 86	222.0	<b>Rn</b> Radon 86
								173.0	<b>Lu</b> Lutetium 71	173.0	<b>Lu</b> Lutetium 71	222.0	<b>Rn</b> Radon 86	222.0	<b>Rn</b> Radon 86	222.0	<b>Rn</b> Radon 86
								175.0	<b>Lu</b> Lutetium 71	175.0	<b>Lu</b> Lutetium 71	222.0	<b>Rn</b> Radon 86	222.0	<b>Rn</b> Radon 86	222.0	<b>Rn</b> Radon 86
								175.0	<b>Lu</b> Lutetium 71	175.0	<b>Lu</b> Lutetium 71	222.0	<b>Rn</b> Radon 86	222.0	<b>Rn</b> Radon 86	222.0	<b>Rn</b> Radon 86

\* 58 – 71 Lanthanides

† 90 – 103 Actinides

Gas constant  $R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

**Table 1**  
Proton n.m.r chemical shift data

Type of proton	$\delta/\text{ppm}$
$\text{RCH}_3$	0.7–1.2
$\text{R}_2\text{CH}_2$	1.2–1.4
$\text{R}_3\text{CH}$	1.4–1.6
$\text{RCOCH}_3$	2.1–2.6
$\text{ROCH}_3$	3.1–3.9
$\text{RCOOCH}_3$	3.7–4.1
$\text{ROH}$	0.5–5.0

**Table 2**  
Infra-red absorption data

Bond	Wavenumber/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$
C—H	2850–3300
C—C	750–1100
C=C	1620–1680
C=O	1680–1750
C—O	1000–1300
O—H (alcohols)	3230–3550
O—H (acids)	2500–3000

**Exercise 1** Titration of a solution of potassium iodate(V)

**Skill assessed** **Implementing** (8 marks)

### Introduction

You are provided with an aqueous solution of potassium iodate(V). You will add to it an excess of potassium iodide and dilute sulphuric acid and then titrate the iodine formed with a solution of sodium thiosulphate. Sodium thiosulphate reacts with the brown solution of iodine and decolourises it.

**Wear eye protection at all times.**

**Assume that all reagents are toxic and corrosive.**

### Procedure

- 1 Rinse the burette with the sodium thiosulphate solution provided. Set up the burette and, using a funnel, fill it with the sodium thiosulphate solution. Record the initial burette reading in the table below.
- 2 Rinse the pipette with the potassium iodate(V) solution provided. Using this pipette and a pipette filler, transfer  $25.0\text{ cm}^3$  of the potassium iodate(V) solution to a  $250\text{ cm}^3$  conical flask.
- 3 Using the measuring cylinder, transfer  $10\text{ cm}^3$  of dilute sulphuric acid to the conical flask.
- 4 Add one of the samples of solid potassium iodide provided to the conical flask and swirl the mixture until the solid dissolves. Iodine is formed which makes the solution appear brown in colour.
- 5 Add the sodium thiosulphate solution from the burette until the mixture in the conical flask becomes pale yellow in colour. At this point add approximately  $2\text{ cm}^3$  of starch solution to the conical flask. Starch reacts with the iodine to form a dark blue solution. Continue titrating until the blue colour just disappears. Record the final burette reading in the table below.  
(NB: the blue colour may return after a few minutes. You should ignore this.)
- 6 Rinse the conical flask thoroughly with water and repeat the titration until you obtain **two** titres which are within  $0.10\text{ cm}^3$  of each other. (You should do no more than five titrations.)  
**Have one of your final burette readings checked by your supervisor.**
- 7 Calculate and record the average titre.

### Results

Final burette reading/ $\text{cm}^3$					
Initial burette reading/ $\text{cm}^3$					
Volume of sodium thiosulphate used/ $\text{cm}^3$					
Tick the titres to be used in calculating the average titre					

Average titre = .....  $\text{cm}^3$

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**Exercise 2** Determination of the dissociation constant of a weak acid**Skills assessed** **Analysing** (8 marks) **and Evaluating** (6 marks)**Introduction**

The  $pK_a$  value of a weak monoprotic acid can be determined by using the pH curve obtained when the acid is titrated against sodium hydroxide. The pH of the solution formed when exactly half of the acid has been neutralised is equal to the  $pK_a$  value of the acid.

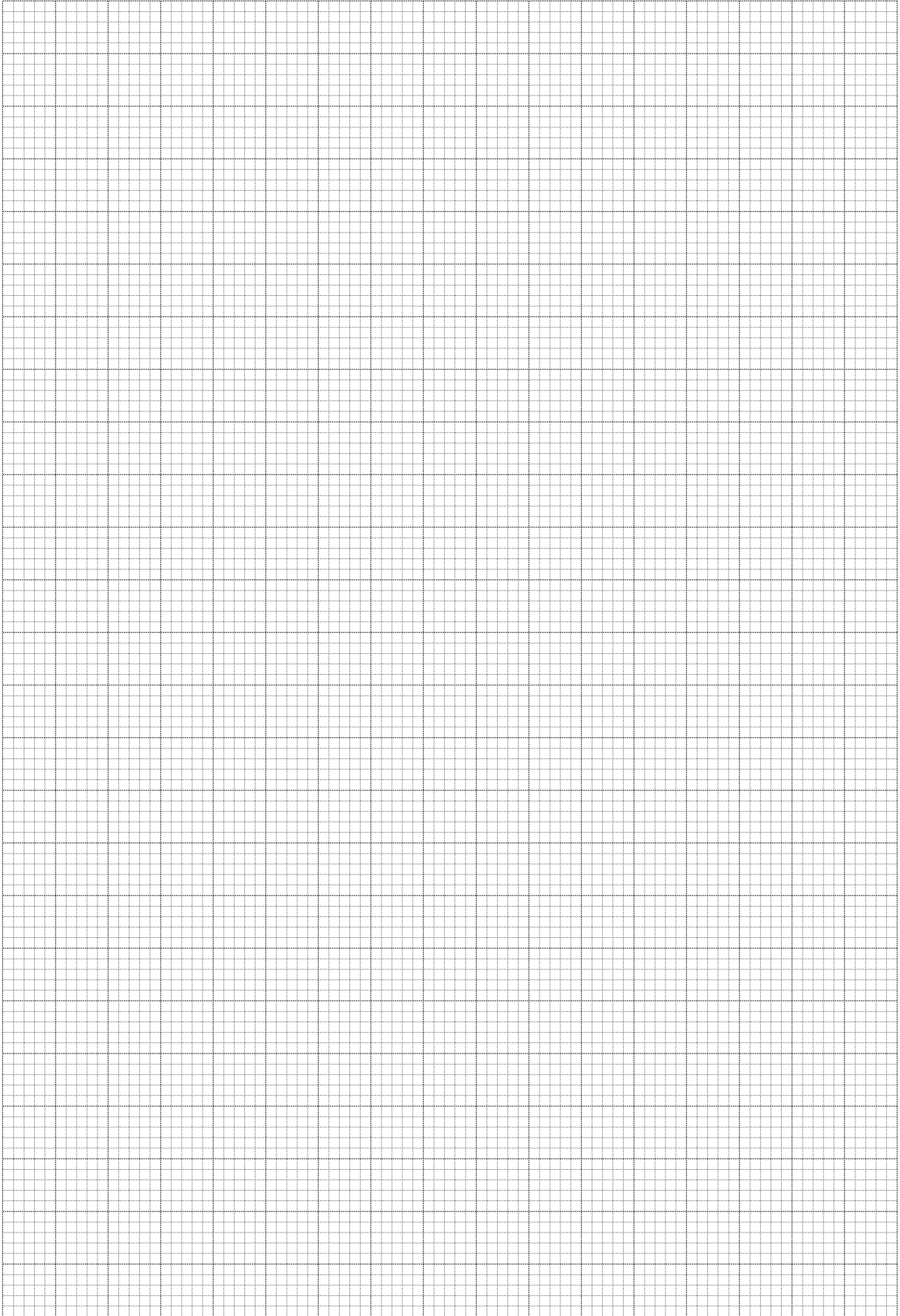
A chemist used a pH curve to determine a  $pK_a$  value of an unknown weak monoprotic acid. The chemist transferred  $25.0\text{ cm}^3$  of a solution of the acid into a conical flask using a pipette, and measured the pH of the acid solution using a pH meter which can be read to one decimal place. A solution of sodium hydroxide of concentration of  $0.100\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  was added from a burette in small portions. The pH of the mixture was recorded after each addition of the sodium hydroxide solution. The chemist's results are given in **Table 3** below.

**Table 3**

Volume of sodium hydroxide solution added / $\text{cm}^3$	pH	Volume of sodium hydroxide solution added / $\text{cm}^3$	pH
0.0	2.9	21.5	5.0
2.0	3.4	22.0	5.4
4.0	3.6	22.5	11.7
8.0	3.8	23.0	12.0
12.0	4.0	24.0	12.2
16.0	4.3	25.0	12.3
20.0	4.2	28.0	12.4
21.0	4.8	30.0	12.4

**Analysis** **Full marks can only be scored in calculations if you show all your working.**

- Use the results given in the table above to plot a graph of pH (y-axis) against volume of sodium hydroxide solution added. Use the points to draw the pH curve.
- Use your graph from part 1 to determine
  - the volume of sodium hydroxide solution at the end-point of the titration .....  $\text{cm}^3$
  - the volume of sodium hydroxide solution needed to neutralise half of the acid .....  $\text{cm}^3$
  - the pH of the half-neutralised mixture .....



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- 3 Use the pH of the half-neutralised mixture from part 2(c) to calculate the value of the acid dissociation constant,  $K_a$ , of the weak acid.

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- 4 The weak acid is known to be one of the following.

**Table 4**

Acid	$K_a / \text{mol dm}^{-3}$
Trichloroethanoic acid	$2.3 \times 10^{-1}$
Dichloroethanoic acid	$5.0 \times 10^{-2}$
Chloroethanoic acid	$1.3 \times 10^{-3}$
Methanoic acid	$1.6 \times 10^{-4}$
Ethanoic acid	$1.7 \times 10^{-5}$

Use your answer from part 3 and the data in **Table 4** to identify the unknown acid.

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- 5 For the pipette and the burette, the maximum total errors are shown below. These errors take into account multiple measurements.

pipette	$\pm 0.05 \text{ cm}^3$
burette total error	$\pm 0.15 \text{ cm}^3$

Estimate the maximum percentage error in using these pieces of apparatus and, hence, estimate their combined error.

You should use the volume of sodium hydroxide at the end-point to estimate the percentage error in using the burette.

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**Evaluation**      **Full marks can only be scored in calculations if you show all your working.**

- 1 Calculate the difference between the  $K_a$  value obtained from the graph and the  $K_a$  value of the acid you identified in **Table 4** as the unknown acid. Express this difference as a percentage of the value given in **Table 4**.

(If you could not complete part 2 of the Analysis section, you should assume that the  $K_a$  value determined from the graph is  $1.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ . This is not the correct value.)

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- 2 The overall percentage apparatus error for this experiment, including the errors in using the pH meter, was found to be 25 %. Comment on the magnitude of the difference between the  $K_a$  value obtained from the graph and the  $K_a$  value of the acid you identified in **Table 4** as the unknown acid.

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- 3 State **two** ways in which the accuracy of the pH readings could be improved.

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