



**UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA – FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

**ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES DEGREE PROGRAMME**

**THIRD BPHARM PART I EXAMINATION – NOVEMBER 2014**

**PH 3113 ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY (SEQ)**

**TIME: TWO (02) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Answer **all four (04)** questions in the given answer book.
- Use of calculators is allowed.
- No paper should be removed from the examination hall.
- Marks will be penalized for illegible hand writing.
- Do not use any correction fluid.

**01. Answer all parts**

- 1.1 What is Total Quality Management? [10 marks]
- 1.2 Name 05 aspects of how quality vary in pharmaceuticals? [10 marks]
- 1.3 Explain 03 of the above aspects. [30 marks]
- 1.4 What is GMP? [15 marks]
- 1.5 Name five official standards accepted in Sri Lanka for quality assessment of pharmaceuticals? [10 marks]
- 1.6 What is meant by impurities in pharmaceuticals? [15 marks]
- 1.7 Name five sources of impurities in pharmaceuticals? [10 marks]

**02 Answer all parts**

- 2.1 What is a buffer solution? [05 marks]
- 2.2 State the two factors that determine the pH of a weak acid solution. [05 marks]
- 2.3 Explain how buffers maintain the pH on the addition of small amounts of OH<sup>-</sup> ions. [10 marks]
- 2.4 Calculate the pH of the resulting solution, if 25.00 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.500 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> acetic acid is mixed with 25.00 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.250 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> NaOH solution. (Note: K<sub>a</sub> of acetic acid is 1.75x10<sup>-5</sup> at 25 °C) [20 marks]
- 2.5 If the resulting solution of the part 2.4 is quantitatively transferred to a 100.00 cm<sup>3</sup> volumetric flask and diluted with distilled water up to the mark, what changes would be expected in terms of:

- 2.5.1 pH [05 marks]  
 2.5.2 Buffer capacity [05 marks]  
 2.6 What is a primary standard? List the properties of an ideal primary standard for acid-base titrations. [10 marks]  
 2.7  
 2.7.1 On the same graph sketch the approximate curves for titrating 0.10 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> hydrochloric acid with 0.10 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> sodium hydroxide and for titrating 0.10 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> acetic acid with 0.10 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> sodium hydroxide. [05 marks]  
 2.7.2 What are **three** major differences between these two curves? [15 marks]  
 2.7.3 Calculate the pH at 50% and 100% neutralization points of both titrations. [15 marks]  
 2.7.4 Indicate whether the indicator methyl red ( $K_a = 7.9 \times 10^{-6}$ ) is suitable for both titrations. [05 marks]

03 Answer **all** parts

- 3.1 Calculate the concentration of free Fe<sup>3+</sup> in a solution of 0.0100 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> FeY<sup>-</sup> at pH 4.00 and pH 1.00.  
 $K_{f(FeY^-)} = 1.3 \times 10^{25}$ ,  $\alpha_{Y^4-}(pH\ 4.00) = 3.8 \times 10^{-9}$  and  $\alpha_{Y^4-}(pH\ 1.00) = 1.9 \times 10^{-18}$  [25 marks]
- 3.2 Using the above results suggest the most suitable pH to determine the concentration of Fe<sup>3+</sup> in a solution, by EDTA titration. [10 marks]
- 3.3 A student titrated 50.00 mL of Ca<sup>2+</sup> ion solution buffered to pH 10 with 0.0600 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> EDTA solution in the presence of calmagite indicator. He observed a sharp colour change when 25.00 mL 0.0600 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> EDTA solution was reacted with the Ca<sup>2+</sup> solution.
- 3.3.1 What is the Ca<sup>2+</sup> ion concentration of the solution? [10 marks]  
 3.3.2 Calculate the conditional formation constant  $K_f'$  for the CaY<sup>2-</sup> complex at pH = 10.  
 Note: For Ca<sup>2+</sup> log $K_f$  = 10.65,  $\alpha_{Y^{4-}} = 0.30$  for EDTA at pH = 10 [10 marks]  
 3.3.3 Calculate the concentration of CaY<sup>2-</sup> at the equivalence point. [10 marks]  
 3.3.4 Calculate the pCa at the equivalence point. [10 marks]
- 3.4 State desired properties of a precipitate that can be used in gravimetric analysis. [15 marks]  
 3.5 What steps would you take to maximize crystal growth in gravimetric analysis? [10 marks]

04. Answer **all** parts

4.1 Define the following types of solvents:

4.1.1 Amphiprotic.

4.1.2 Nonionizable.

4.1.3 Aprotic (inert)

[30 marks]

4.2 What is the preferred titrant for titrations carried out in acetic acid and other non-basic solvents? Describe briefly how it is prepared and standardized.

[15 marks]

4.3 Explain how an amine hydrochloride ( $\text{RNH}_4^+ \text{Cl}^-$ ) can be titrated as a base in non-aqueous solvents.

[15 marks]

4.4.1 Explain the principle behind the diazotization titrations used in sulphadrag assays.

[10 marks]

4.4.2 Give the conditions for the diazotization titrations and explain how the end-point is determined.

[10 marks]

4.5 Explain the following statements:

4.5.1  $\text{Na}_2\text{CrO}_4$  can be used as an indicator in the determination of  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions by precipitation titration with  $\text{AgNO}_3$ .

[10 marks]

4.5.2 In the Volhard method the titration must be carried out in acidic medium.

[10 marks]

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