Which of the following is the **strongest** acid? The K_a values are at 25 °C. 11.

- H_3PO_4 $K_a = 7.1 \times 10^{-3}$ (a)
- $HSO_4^ K_a = 1.0 \times 10^{-2}$ (b)
- (c)
- $HSO_3^ K_a = 6.5 \times 10^{-8}$ $H_2C_2O_4$ $K_a = 5.6 \times 10^{-2}$ (d)

A group of students conducted a series of titrations to determine the concentration of acetic acid in vinegar using the following steps:

- i. A sample of vinegar was pipetted into a volumetric flask that had been rinsed with the vinegar and then deionised water added up to the mark.
- ii. The volumetric flask was stoppered, and the diluted solution mixed thoroughly.
- iii. Aliquots of the diluted vinegar solution were pipetted into conical flasks that had been rinsed with deionised water and a few drops of indicator added to each flask.
- iv. A standardised sodium hydroxide solution was added to a burette that had been rinsed with deionised water.
- v. Two samples of diluted vinegar were titrated against the sodium hydroxide solution and both values were used to calculate the concentration of the vinegar.

8. Which of the following does **not** explain why Step v contributed to the errors in the titration?

There were insufficient titrations

- (a) hence the sample size was too small.
- (b) to determine if either was an outlier.
- (c) to reduce random errors by averaging.
- (d) to identify the colour change.