

2011 AP[®] CHEMISTRY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS (Form B)

Answer Question 5 and Question 6. The Section II score weighting for these questions is 15 percent each.

Your responses to these questions will be scored on the basis of the accuracy and relevance of the information cited. Explanations should be clear and well organized. Examples and equations may be included in your responses where appropriate. Specific answers are preferable to broad, diffuse responses.

5. A student is instructed to prepare 100.0 mL of 1.250 *M* NaOH from a stock solution of 5.000 *M* NaOH. The student follows the proper safety guidelines.
- (a) Calculate the volume of 5.000 *M* NaOH needed to accurately prepare 100.0 mL of 1.250 *M* NaOH solution.
- (b) Describe the steps in a procedure to prepare 100.0 mL of 1.250 *M* NaOH solution using 5.000 *M* NaOH and equipment selected from the list below.
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| Balance | 25 mL Erlenmeyer flask | 100 mL graduated cylinder | 100 mL volumetric flask |
| 50 mL buret | 100 mL Florence flask | 25 mL pipet | 100 mL beaker |
| Eyedropper | Drying oven | Wash bottle of distilled H ₂ O | Crucible |
- (c) The student is given 50.0 mL of a 1.00 *M* solution of a weak, monoprotic acid, HA. The solution is titrated with the 1.250 *M* NaOH to the endpoint. (Assume that the endpoint is at the equivalence point.)
- (i) Explain why the solution is basic at the equivalence point of the titration. Include a chemical equation as part of your explanation.
- (ii) Identify the indicator in the table below that would be best for the titration. Justify your choice.

Indicator	p <i>K_a</i>
Methyl red	5
Bromothymol blue	7
Phenolphthalein	9

- (d) The student is given another 50.0 mL sample of 1.00 *M* HA, which the student adds to the solution that had been titrated to the endpoint in part (c). The result is a solution with a pH of 5.0.
- (i) What is the value of the acid-dissociation constant, *K_a*, for the weak acid? Explain your reasoning.
- (ii) Explain why the addition of a few drops of 1.250 *M* NaOH to the resulting solution does not appreciably change its pH.