

### 4.3 Exercise 4 - Titrations and indicators

1. 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of methanoic acid ( $K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) of concentration 0.10 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> is titrated against sodium hydroxide of concentration 0.05 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>.
  - a) Calculate the pH of the solution:
    - i) initially
    - ii) after 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of the alkali has been added
    - iii) after 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of the alkali has been added
    - iv) after 30 cm<sup>3</sup> of the alkali has been added
    - v) after 50 cm<sup>3</sup> of the alkali has been added
  - b) Sketch a pH titration curve to show this reaction
  - c) Explain why the pH at the end-point is greater than 7.
2. Calculate the pH after the following solutions are mixed together:
  - a) 15 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> HCl and 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> NaOH
  - b) 10 cm<sup>3</sup> 0.1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> HCl and 15 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> NaOH
3. Sketch pH curves for the following titrations:
  - a) 20 cm<sup>3</sup> 0.10 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> NH<sub>3</sub> against 0.1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> HCl
  - b) 20 cm<sup>3</sup> 0.10 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> NaOH against 0.2 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> HCl
  - c) 20 cm<sup>3</sup> 0.10 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> CH<sub>3</sub>COOH against 0.06 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> NaOH
  - d) 20 cm<sup>3</sup> 0.10 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> CH<sub>3</sub>COOH against 0.15 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> NH<sub>3</sub>
4. Given the following pK<sub>In</sub> values:

Indicator	pK <sub>In</sub>
Methyl red	5.1
Phenolphthalein	9.3

State, with a reason, which of the indicators would be suitable for each of the titrations in question 3.