

2001 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
Chemistry

Section I – Part B (continued)

Marks

Question 22 (6 marks)

Justify the procedure you used to prepare an ester in a school laboratory. Include relevant chemical equations in your answer. 6

- reflux condenser, bunsen burner, retort stand, matches
- 1) The alkanic acid and the alkanol is placed in the bunsen burner & reflux condenser
 - 2) The reflux condenser is attached to the retort stand
 - 3) The bunsen burner is placed underneath the retort stand and is lit
 - 4) The mixture is heated and to prevent the volatile components of the substance from escaping during heating, the substance passes through a condenser to be cooled down back into the flask
 - 5) Heating continues until there is a aroma

Question 23 (4 marks)

A household cleaning agent contains a weak base of general formula NaX. 1.00 g of this compound was dissolved in 100.0 mL of water. A 20.0 mL sample of the solution was titrated with 0.1000 mol L⁻¹ hydrochloric acid and required 24.4 mL of the acid for neutralisation.

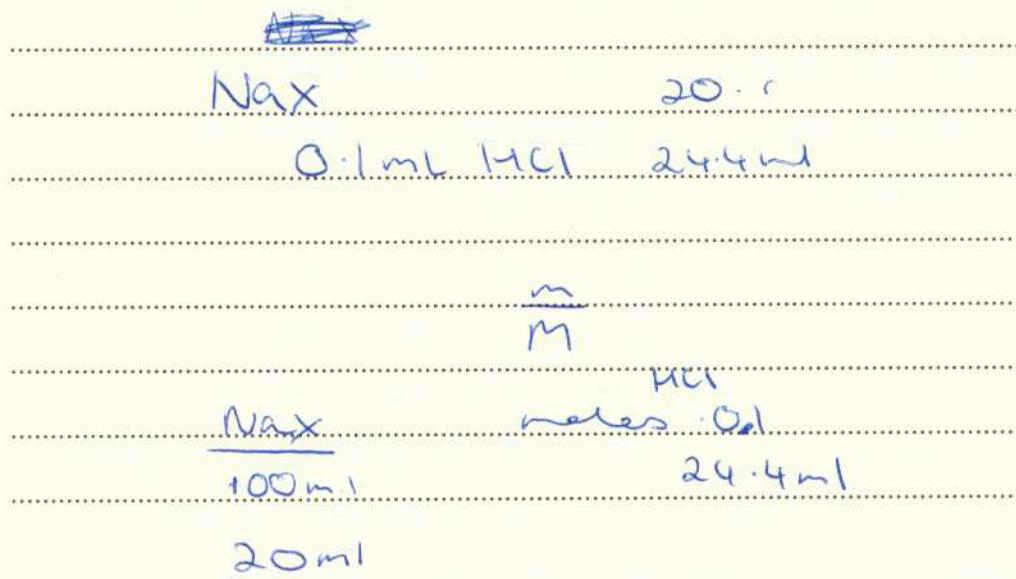
- (a) What is the Brönsted–Lowry definition of a base?

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*An acid is a proton donor and
a base is a proton acceptor.*

- (b) What is the molar mass of this base?

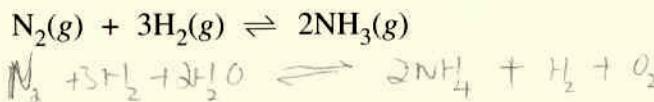
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$$\text{moles} = 0.122 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

Question 24 (6 marks)

In the early twentieth century, Fritz Haber developed a method for producing ammonia, as shown by the equation:



- (a) Ammonia is used as a cleaning agent. State ONE other use of ammonia.

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Ammonia can also be used as a fertiliser.

- (b) Explain the effect of liquefying the ammonia on the yield of the reaction.

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In order to liquefying ammonia, water is needed. Condensation of the gas N_2H_4 will liquefying ammonia. In order to do that heat is needed, heat is released on the left hand side, equilibrium will move to the right side to balance out. (opposite changes).

- (c) Explain why it is essential to monitor the temperature and pressure inside the reaction vessel.

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It is essential to ^{monitor} maintain the temperature at ~~at~~ ^{present} and the inside the reaction vessel to ensure the amount of ammonia is made. If temperature is too high, equilibrium will reach faster, ~~is~~ producing little amount of ammonia. Moderate temperature = moderate amount of ammonia. Monitoring pressure to make sure the concentration of H_2 to N_2 ratio is 3:1, ~~is~~ and make sure oxygen is present to avoid risk of explosion.