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Question number	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1 (a)	$K_a = [H^{\dagger}]^2 / [CH_3CH_2COOH]$	1	if wrong, score max 1 for M3 from their [H ⁺] penalise round brackets once in the question
	$[H^{+}] = \sqrt{(1.35 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.169)} = 1.51 \times 10^{-3}$	1	If $\sqrt{\ }$ visible can score 2 for 5.64
	pH = 2.82	1	allow 1 for correct pH from their [H ⁺]
1 (b) (i)	$CH_3CH_2COOH + NaOH \rightarrow CH_3CH_2COONa + H_2OOR$ $CH_3CH_2COOH + OH^- \rightarrow CH_3CH_2COO^- + H_2OO$	1	Penalise covalent Na
1 (b) (ii)	mol propanoic acid = $0.250 - 0.015 = 0.235$ mol propanoate ions = $0.190 + 0.015 = 0.205$	1	penalise rounding to 2sfs once
1 (b) (iii)	$[H^{+}] = K_a \times [CH_3CH_2COOH] / [CH_3CH_2COO^{-}]$	1	Correct rearrangement, as here or with their numbers even if <i>x</i> allow K _a × [HA] / [A ⁻]
	= $(1.35 \times 10^{-5}) \times 0.235 / 0.205$ = 1.548×10^{-5}	1	Insertion of correct numbers here or in K _a expression
	pH = 4.81	1	Allow 1 for correct pH from their [H ⁺]
2 (a) (i)	[H ⁺][OH ⁻] OR [H ₃ O ⁺][OH ⁻]	1	Must have [] not () Ignore (aq)
2 (a) (ii)	$\sqrt{(3.46 \times 10^{-14})} = 1.86 \times 10^{-7}$ pH = 6.73	1	If no square root, CE=0 Must be 2 d.p.
2 (a) (iii)	$[H^+] = 10^{-11.36} (= 4.365 \times 10^{-12} \text{ OR } 4.37 \times 10^{-12})$	1	Mark for working
	$K_w = [4.365 \times 10^{-12} \text{ OR } 4.37 \times 10^{-12} \times 0.047]$ = 2.05 × 10 ⁻¹³	1	Mark for answer Ignore units Allow $2.05 \times 10^{-13} - 2.1 \times 10^{-13}$
2 (b) (i)	$HCOOH \rightleftharpoons HCOO^- + H^+$ OR $HCOOH + H_2O \rightleftharpoons HCOO^- + H_3O^+$	1	Must have ⇒ but ignore brackets. Allow HCO₂ or CHOO i.e., minus must be on oxygen, so penalise COOH

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2 (b) (ii)	$K_{a} = [H^{+}][HCOO^{-}] / [HCOOH]$ OR $[H_{3}O^{+}][HCOO^{-}] / [HCOOH]$	1	Must have all brackets but allow () Must be HCOOH etc. Allow ecf in formulae from 2(b)(i)
2 (b) (iii)	$K_a = [H^+]^2 / [HCOOH]$ $([H^+]^2 = 1.78 \times 10^{-4} \times 0.056 = 9.97 \times 10^{-6})$	1	Allow HA or HX etc. Allow $[H^+] = \sqrt{(K_a \times [HA])}$ for M1
	$[H^{+}] = 3.16 \times 10^{-3}$	1	Mark for answer
	pH = 2.50	1	allow more than 2 d.p. but not fewer Allow correct pH from their wrong [H ⁺] here only
			If square root shown but not taken, pH = 5.00 can score max 2 for M1 and M3
2 (b) (iv)	Decrease	1	Mark M1 independently
	Equilibrium shifts/moves to RHS OR more H^+ OR K_a increases OR more dissociation	1	
	To reduce temperature or oppose increase/change in temperature	1	Only award M3 following correct M2
2 (c) (i)	$[H^{+}] = K_{a} \times [HX] / [X^{-}]$ OR $pH = pK_{a} - log ([HX] / [X^{-}])$	1	If [HX] / [X¯] upside down, no marks
	$1.78 \times 10^{-4} \times 2.35 \times 10^{-2} / 1.84 \times 10^{-2}$	1	
	OR pH = $3.75 - \log (2.35 \times 10^{-2} / (1.84 \times 10^{-2}))$ = 2.27×10^{-4}		allow more than 2 d.p. but not fewer
	pH = 3.64	1	pH calc NOT allowed from their wrong [H ⁺] here

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2 (c) (ii)	Mol H ⁺ added = 5.00 × 10 ⁻⁴	1	Mark on from AE in moles of HCl (e.g., 5×10^{-3} gives pH = 3.42 scores 3)
	Mol HCOOH = 2.40×10^{-2} AND Mol HCOO ⁻ = 1.79×10^{-2}	1	If either wrong no further marks except AE (-1) OR if ecf in mol acid and/or mol salt from (c)(i), can score all 4
	$[H^{+}] = K_a \times [HX] / [X^{-}]$ = 1.78 × 10 ⁻⁴ × 2.40 × 10 ⁻² / (1.79 × 10 ⁻²) = 2.39 × 10 ⁻⁴ OR pH = 3.75 – log (2.40 × 10 ⁻² / (1.79 × 10 ⁻²))	1	If [HX] / [X¯] upside down here after correct expression in (c)(i), no further marks If [HX] / [X¯] upside down here and is repeat error from (c)(i), max 3 (pH = 3.88 after 3.86 in 2(c)(i))
	pH = 3.62	1	allow more than 2 d.p. but not fewer pH calc NOT allowed from their wrong [H ⁺] here
3 (a) (i)	$K_w = [H^+][OH^-]$	1	if wrong only score in (ii) and (iii) except if [H ₂ O] = 1 *
3 (a) (ii)	2.34 ×10 ⁻⁷	1	penalise 2.3×10^{-7} , i.e., 2 s.f. once in the question
3 (a) (iii)	2.34 ×10 ⁻⁷	1	conseq = (ii)
3 (a) (iv)	5.48 to 5.50 ×10 ⁻¹⁴	1	conseq = (ii) × (iii) 1 *if [H ₂ O] = 1 can score for correct answer here
3 (b)	$[H^{+}] = 10^{-14} / 0.136 = 7.35 \times 10^{-14} \text{ OR pOH} = 0.87$	1	
	pH = 13.13	1	
4 (a) (i)	С	1	
4 (a) (ii)	A	1	
4 (a) (iii)	D	1	
4 (b) (i)	Bromocresol green	1	Allow wrong spellings
4 (b) (ii)	Purple to yellow	1	Must have both colours: Purple start – yellow finish