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Chem 2633

Practice Exam

**Some useful information can be found at the end of the exam**

1. A student dissolved 1.09 g of p-aminophenol in 10 mL of 0.1 M hydrochloric acid, added 10 mL of a 0.1 M sodium acetate solution to the mixture, heated and then added 2.04 mL of acetic anhydride to the heated solution. On cooling, 0.7 g of acetaminophen was recovered.

- A. Write an equation for this reaction.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. On the basis of the amounts of reagents used, what is the limiting reagent?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. Calculate the theoretical yield in grams.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- D. What is the % yield?

2. A student spots an unknown and develops it in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . Only one spot is observed with an  $R_f$  value of 0.5. Is the compound likely a pure sample? What additional experiments could you do using thin layer chromatography to test your hypothesis?

3. Name three criteria (or properties) that can be used to confirm the identity of a solid substance.

4. A student was in a hurry and did not have time to filter the aspirin after acidification with HCl. The solid was left suspended in an aqueous environment until the following week when the solid was filtered. The compound melted sharply but not at the temperature expected. The IR spectrum was different from everyone else's. When the student ran the ferric chloride test a purple solution was obtained. Explain.

5. A student started with compound A and made compound B in an 80% yield. In a following step, compound B was converted to compound C in 70% yield. What is the student's overall yield of C starting with compound A?

6. Water and methylene chloride are both colorless but immiscible liquids. How could you distinguish between the two if both are present in a separatory funnel.

p-aminophenol ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{NO}$ ),  
acetic anhydride ( $\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$ ),  
acetaminophen ( $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{NO}_2$ ),  
C 12; H 1; O 16; N 14