QUESTION 11

Compounds of chlorine are present in swimming-pool water.

Credit will be given for the correct use of significant figures in part (a). (1 mark)

- (a) The following is a common method for determining the concentration of chloride ions in swimming-pool water:
 - **Step 1** An excess quantity of standard $AgNO_3$ solution is added to a sample of swimming-pool water. This results in the removal of all the chloride ions by precipitation:

 $Ag^+ + Cl^- \longrightarrow AgCl$

Step 2 The excess Ag⁺ is titrated with standard KSCN solution in the presence of an indicator:

 $Ag^+ + SCN^- \longrightarrow AgSCN$

The appearance of a red colour indicates the end point of the titration.

In one analysis, 25.00 mL of 0.0116 mol L^{-1} AgNO₃ solution was added to a 50.00 mL sample of swimming-pool water. Then 7.35 mL of 0.0143 mol L^{-1} KSCN solution was added to produce the red colour.

(i) Calculate the number of moles of Ag^+ in 25.00 mL of 0.0116 mol L^{-1} AgNO₃ solution.

(2 marks)

(ii) Calculate the number of moles of SCN⁻ that reacted in the titration at Step 2.

(2 marks)

(iii) Calculate the number of moles of silver ions, and hence the number of moles of chloride ions, in the original sample of swimming-pool water.

(2 marks)

(iv) Calculate the concentration of chloride ions, in μ g mL⁻¹, in the original sample of swimming-pool water.

(3 marks)

- (b) Calcium hypochlorite, Ca(ClO)₂, is commonly used for purifying swimming-pool water.
 - (i) State the action of hypochlorite ions that kills bacteria.

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_____ (2 marks)

_____ (3 marks)

(ii) One equilibrium that is established when $Ca(ClO)_2$ is added to swimming-pool water is shown in the equation below:

 $H_2O + ClO \rightarrow HClO + OH \rightarrow$

The addition of rainwater to swimming-pool water affects this equilibrium.

(1) Explain why unpolluted rainwater is acidic.

(2) Explain the effect that the addition of acidic rainwater will have on the concentration of ClO⁻ in the swimming-pool water.

TOTAL: 16 marks

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