CHEMISTRY STUDY MATERIALS FOR CLASS 10 (NCERT Based notes of Chapter -04)

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CARBON AND ITS COMPOUND

Ethnoic Acid/ Acetic Acid (CH₃COOH)

Ethanoic acid is most commonly known as acetic acid and belongs to a group of acids called carboxylic acids. Acetic acid is present in many fruits and sour taste of fruits is because of this acid.

PREPARATION OF ETHANOIC ACID

Ethanol on oxidation in the presence of alkaline potassium permanganate or

acidified potassium dichromate gives ethanoic acid.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Oxidation} \\ \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \\ \text{Ethanol} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{Oxidation}} \begin{array}{c} \text{Oxidation} \\ \text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{Ethanoic acid} \end{array}$

PROPERTIES OF ETHANOIC

ACID PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

- (i) Ethanoic acid is a colourless liquid and has a sour taste.
- (ii) It is miscible with water in all proportions.
- (iii) Boiling point (391 K) is higher than corresponding alcohols, aldehydes and ketones.
- (iv) On cooling, pure ethanoic acid is frozen to form ice like flakes. They look like

glaciers, so it is called glacial acetic acid.

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

(i) Ethanoic acid is a weak acid but it turns blue litmus to red.

 $2CH_{3}COOH + Zn \longrightarrow (CH_{3}COO)_{2}Zn + H_{2}\uparrow$ $2CH_{3}COOH + 2Na \longrightarrow 2CH_{3}COONa + H_{2}\uparrow$

Ethanoic acid reacts with metals like Na, K, Zn, etc to form metal ethanoate and

hydrogen gas.

(iii) Reaction with carbonates and bicarbonates.

Ethanoic acid reacts with carbonates and bicarbonates and produces brisk

effervescence due to the evolution of carbon dioxide.



(iv)Reaction with base

Ethanoic acid reacts with sodium hydroxide to form sodium ethanoate and water.

$$CH_3COOH + NaOH \longrightarrow CH_3COONa + H_2O$$

(v)Decarboxylation (Removal of CO₂)

When sodium salt of ethanoic acid is heated with soda lime (Solid mixture of 3 parts of NaOH and 1 part of CaO) methane gas is formed.

$CH_{3}COONa \xrightarrow{NaOH/CaO} CH_{4} \uparrow + Na_{2}CO_{3}$

USES OF ETHANOIC ACID

- > For making vinegar which is used as a preservative in food and fruit juices.
- As a laboratory reagent.
- > For coagulating rubber from latex.
- > In the preparation of dyes, perfumes and medicine.

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Q1. How would you distinguish experimentally between an alcohol and a

carboxylic acid?

Ans: Sodium bicarbonate test (NaHCO₃ test)

Alcohol + NaHCO₃ \rightarrow No effervescence

Acid + NaHCO₃ \rightarrow Brisk effervescence

The sample which produces brisk effervescence when treated with NaHCO₃ due to release of CO_2 is a carboxylic acid.

Q2. What are oxidising agents?

Ans: Those substances which are capable of providing oxygen to other substances are called oxidising agents. *e.g.*, alkaline KMnO₄ and acidified $K_2Cr_2O_7$ can both behave as oxidising agents.

$$CH_{3}CH_{2}OH \xrightarrow{\text{Acidic } K_{2}Cr_{2}O_{7} + \Delta} CH_{3}COOH + H_{2}O$$

alk. KMnO₄ + Δ
