

# Alkalinity Unknown Data Sheet

Volunteer (School) Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Test Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Alkalinity Unknown Batch: \_\_\_\_\_

## Test 1:

### Part 1 – Phenolphthalein Alkalinity

1. Did you clean your Erlenmeyer flask and cylinder with deionized water? Yes No
2. Amount of Alkalinity Unknown used: \_\_\_\_\_ mL
3. Add 15 drops of phenolphthalein indicator.
4. Did the sample turn pink after phenolphthalein was added to flask? Yes No

**If YES → continue on to step 5.**

**If NO → record phenolphthalein alkalinity as 0.0 mg/L on line 5, and then go to part 2.**

5. Titrate from a pink to a clear. Read your burette and record mL of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> you added. \_\_\_\_\_ mL
6. Multiply mL of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> used by 40. Record this as the phenolphthalein alkalinity:

Phenolphthalein Alkalinity Result \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L CaCO<sub>3</sub>

**!! DO NOT re-zero your burette between phenolphthalein alkalinity and total alkalinity!**  
**Total is a combination of them both!!**

### Part 2 – Total Alkalinity

7. Add 6 drops of BGMR solution. Did solution turn blue/turquoise? Yes No
8. Titrate from turquoise to pink-gray, record the mL of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> added. \_\_\_\_\_ ml H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

**Read burette carefully! This is the end point of titration.**

9. Multiply mL of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (line 8) used by 20. (mL H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> used) x 20 = \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L CaCO<sub>3</sub>

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date recorded \_\_\_\_\_

**Turn page over for test 2.**

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Alkalinity Unknown Batch: \_\_\_\_\_

## Test 2:

### Part 1 – Phenolphthalein Alkalinity

1. Did you clean your Erlenmeyer flask and cylinder with deionized water? Yes No
2. Amount of Alkalinity Unknown used: \_\_\_\_\_ mL
3. Add 15 drops of phenolphthalein indicator.
4. Did the sample turn pink after phenolphthalein was added to flask? Yes No

**If YES → continue on to step 5.**

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5. Titrate from a pink to a clear. Read your burette and record mL of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> you added. \_\_\_\_\_ mL
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**Phenolphthalein Alkalinity Result \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L CaCO<sub>3</sub>**

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Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date recorded \_\_\_\_\_

Average the 2 test results:

Test 1 result: \_\_\_\_\_ Test 2 result: \_\_\_\_\_ Average: \_\_\_\_\_

**Alkalinity Unknown True Value (to be completed by RW Staff). \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L CaCO<sub>3</sub>**

**Entered/Validated by RW staff: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**