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CHEMISTRY

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Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 2

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You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: The materials and apparatus listed in the confidential instructions

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The Periodic Table is printed in the question paper.
- Important values, constants and standards are printed in the question paper.
- Notes for use in qualitative analysis are provided in the question paper.

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Laboratory

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Quantitative analysis

Read through the whole method before starting any practical work. Where appropriate, prepare a table for your results in the space provided.

Show the precision of the apparatus you used in the data you record.

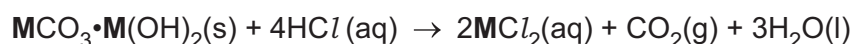
Show your working and appropriate significant figures in the final answer to **each** step of your calculations.

- 1 In this experiment you will determine the relative formula mass, M_r , of a basic metal carbonate, $\text{MCO}_3 \cdot \text{M}(\text{OH})_2$, by a titration method.

FB 1 is the basic metal carbonate $\text{MCO}_3 \cdot \text{M}(\text{OH})_2$.

FB 2 is a solution containing hydrochloric acid, HCl , and MCl_2 , prepared using **FB 1** as follows.

- 22.50 g of **FB 1**, $\text{MCO}_3 \cdot \text{M}(\text{OH})_2$, is weighed out.
- 100.0 cm³ of 5.00 mol dm⁻³ hydrochloric acid (a small excess) is added to **FB 1**.
- The mixture is left to allow **FB 1** to react completely.



- The resulting solution is made up to 1.00 dm³ with distilled water.
- This solution is **FB 2**.

FB 3 is potassium hydroxide, KOH , of concentration 5.05 g dm⁻³.

FB 4 is thymolphthalein indicator.

(a) Method

- Fill the burette with **FB 2**.
- Pipette 25.0 cm³ of **FB 3** into a conical flask.
- Add a few drops of **FB 4** to the conical flask.
- Perform a rough titration and record your burette readings in the space below.

The rough titre is cm³.

- Carry out as many accurate titrations as you think necessary to obtain consistent results.
- Make sure any recorded results show the precision of your practical work.
- Record, in a suitable form in the space below, all your burette readings and the volume of **FB 2** added in each accurate titration.

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- (b) From your accurate titration results, calculate a suitable mean value to use in your calculations. Show clearly how you obtain the mean value.

25.0 cm³ of **FB 3** required cm³ of **FB 2**. [1]

(c) **Calculations**

- (i) Give your answers to (c)(ii), (c)(iii) and (c)(iv) to an appropriate number of significant figures. [1]

- (ii) Calculate the amount, in mol, of potassium hydroxide present in 25.0 cm³ of **FB 3**.

amount of KOH = mol [1]

- (iii) Give the ionic equation for the reaction of hydrochloric acid with potassium hydroxide during the titration. Include state symbols.

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Hence calculate the concentration, in mol dm⁻³, of hydrochloric acid in **FB 2**.

concentration of HCl = mol dm⁻³ [2]

- (iv) Use the information about **FB 2** and your answer to (c)(iii) to calculate the relative formula mass, M_r , of $\text{MCO}_3 \cdot \text{M}(\text{OH})_2$.

M_r of $\text{MCO}_3 \cdot \text{M}(\text{OH})_2$ = [2]

- (d) A student suggested that the procedure used in (a) would be more accurate if the mass of **FB 1** used to prepare solution **FB 2** is doubled. No other change to the procedure is made.

Explain why the student is **not** correct.

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- 2 In this experiment you will determine the relative atomic mass, A_r , of metal **M** by thermal decomposition of the same basic metal carbonate, $\text{MCO}_3 \cdot \text{M}(\text{OH})_2$, **FB 1**.

(a) Method

- Weigh the empty crucible with its lid. Record the mass in the results section.
- Transfer all of the **FB 1** from the container into the crucible.
- Weigh the crucible, lid and **FB 1**. Record the mass.
- Calculate the mass of **FB 1** used. Record this mass in the space for other results.
- Place the crucible and contents on a pipe-clay triangle.
- Heat the crucible gently, with the lid on, for approximately 1 minute.
- Heat strongly, with the lid off, for a further 5 minutes.
- Replace the lid and leave the crucible to cool for at least 5 minutes.

During the cooling period, you may wish to begin work on Question 3.

- When the crucible is cool, weigh the crucible with its lid and contents. Record the mass.
- Place the crucible and contents on the pipe-clay triangle. Remove the lid.
- Heat strongly for a further 2 minutes.
- Replace the lid and leave the crucible to cool for at least 5 minutes.
- When the crucible is cool, reweigh the crucible with its lid and contents. Record the mass.
- Calculate the mass of residue obtained. Record this mass in the space for other results.

Results

mass of empty crucible and lid =

mass of crucible, lid and **FB 1** (before heating) =

mass of crucible, lid and **FB 1** (after first heating) =

mass of crucible, lid and **FB 1** (after second heating) =

Other results

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II	
III	
IV	

[4]

(b) Calculations

- (i) When **FB 1** undergoes thermal decomposition, the products are the metal oxide, **MO**, carbon dioxide and water vapour.
Give the equation for the thermal decomposition of **FB 1**. Include state symbols.

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- (ii) The amount, in mol, of carbon dioxide produced is given by the following formula.

$$\text{amount of CO}_2 = \frac{\text{mass loss during heating}}{(M_r \text{ of CO}_2 + M_r \text{ of H}_2\text{O})}$$

Calculate the amount, in mol, of carbon dioxide produced in (a).

$$\text{amount of CO}_2 = \dots\dots\dots \text{mol} \quad [1]$$

- (iii) Calculate the relative formula mass, M_r , of the basic metal carbonate.

$$M_r \text{ of } \text{MCO}_3 \cdot \text{M(OH)}_2 = \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

- (iv) Use your answer to (b)(iii) to calculate the relative atomic mass, A_r , of metal **M**.
Show your working.

$$A_r \text{ of } \text{M} = \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

- (c) (i) Explain why the headings for the third and fourth readings in the results section in (a) are **not** suitable.

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- (ii) State whether or not your experiment would be more accurate if the crucible and its contents were heated for a third time. Explain your answer by referring to your results in (a).

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- (iii) A student carries out the experiments in **Questions 1** and **2**. The student expects the value of the M_r of $\text{MCO}_3 \cdot \text{M(OH)}_2$ obtained by thermal decomposition in **Question 2** to be more accurate than the value of the M_r obtained by titration in **Question 1**.

State **one** reason why the student expects the experiment in **Question 2** to be more accurate.

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[Total: 11]





Qualitative analysis

For each test you should record all your observations in the spaces provided.

Examples of observations include:

- colour changes seen
- the formation of any precipitate and its solubility (where appropriate) in an excess of the reagent added
- the formation of any gas and its identification (where appropriate) by a suitable test.

You should record clearly at what stage in a test an observation is made.

Where no change is observed, you should write 'no change'.

Where reagents are selected for use in a test, the name or correct formula of the element or compound must be given.

If any solution is warmed, a boiling tube must be used. If a solid is heated, a hard-glass test-tube must be used.

Rinse and reuse test-tubes and boiling tubes where possible.

No additional tests should be attempted.

3 (a) **FB 5** is a compound containing one cation and one anion, both of which are listed in the Qualitative analysis notes.

- (i) Heat a **small** spatula measure of **FB 5** in a hard-glass test-tube until no further change occurs.
Record your observations.

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- (ii) Describe another test to positively identify the cation in **FB 5**.
Carry out your test and record your observations.

test
 observations [1]





- (iii) Put a 1 cm depth of dilute hydrochloric acid in a test-tube. Add a **small** spatula measure of **FB 5**.

Record your observations.

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..... [2]

- (iv) Deduce the formula of **FB 5**.

FB 5 is [1]

Question 3 continues on page 8.





- (b) You will devise chemical tests to distinguish between the two possible identities given for each of compounds **FB 6**, **FB 7**, **FB 8** and **FB 9**.

In each case you should:

- use a 1 cm depth of the solution of the unknown compound in a test-tube
- use a boiling tube if you need to warm a mixture
- use a spatula measure of the unknown solid
- record details of your test(s) and your observations
- state your conclusion about the identity of the compound.

- (i) **FB 6** is either aqueous chromium(III) sulfate or aqueous iron(II) sulfate.

FB 6 is [2]

- (ii) **FB 7** is either dilute hydrobromic acid or dilute nitric acid.

If you select a test that gives a negative result, then you must carry out a further test that gives a **positive** result.

FB 7 is [2]

- (iii) **FB 8** is either magnesium carbonate or zinc carbonate.

FB 8 is [2]





(iv) **FB 9** is either aqueous methanol or aqueous ethanol.

Note: **FB 9** is flammable and should **not** be heated with a flame.

(When carrying out your test you may need to leave the reaction mixture to stand.)

FB 9 is [2]

[Total: 14]





Qualitative analysis notes

1 Reactions of cations

cation	reaction with	
	NaOH(aq)	NH ₃ (aq)
aluminium, Al ³⁺ (aq)	white ppt. soluble in excess	white ppt. insoluble in excess
ammonium, NH ₄ ⁺ (aq)	no ppt. ammonia produced on warming	–
barium, Ba ²⁺ (aq)	faint white ppt. is observed unless [Ba ²⁺ (aq)] is very low	no ppt.
calcium, Ca ²⁺ (aq)	white ppt. unless [Ca ²⁺ (aq)] is very low	no ppt.
chromium(III), Cr ³⁺ (aq)	grey-green ppt. soluble in excess giving dark green solution	grey-green ppt. insoluble in excess
copper(II), Cu ²⁺ (aq)	pale blue ppt. insoluble in excess	pale blue ppt. soluble in excess giving dark blue solution
iron(II), Fe ²⁺ (aq)	green ppt. turning brown on contact with air insoluble in excess	green ppt. turning brown on contact with air insoluble in excess
iron(III), Fe ³⁺ (aq)	red-brown ppt. insoluble in excess	red-brown ppt. insoluble in excess
magnesium, Mg ²⁺ (aq)	white ppt. insoluble in excess	white ppt. insoluble in excess
manganese(II), Mn ²⁺ (aq)	off-white ppt. rapidly turning brown on contact with air insoluble in excess	off-white ppt. rapidly turning brown on contact with air insoluble in excess
zinc, Zn ²⁺ (aq)	white ppt. soluble in excess	white ppt. soluble in excess

2 Reactions of anions

anion	reaction
carbonate, CO ₃ ²⁻	CO ₂ liberated by dilute acids
chloride, Cl ⁻ (aq)	gives white ppt. with Ag ⁺ (aq) (soluble in NH ₃ (aq))
bromide, Br ⁻ (aq)	gives cream/off-white ppt. with Ag ⁺ (aq) (partially soluble in NH ₃ (aq))
iodide, I ⁻ (aq)	gives pale yellow ppt. with Ag ⁺ (aq) (insoluble in NH ₃ (aq))
nitrate, NO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	NH ₃ liberated on heating with OH ⁻ (aq) and Al foil
nitrite, NO ₂ ⁻ (aq)	NH ₃ liberated on heating with OH ⁻ (aq) and Al foil; decolourises acidified aqueous KMnO ₄
sulfate, SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	gives white ppt. with Ba ²⁺ (aq) (insoluble in excess dilute strong acids); gives white ppt. with high [Ca ²⁺ (aq)]
sulfite, SO ₃ ²⁻ (aq)	gives white ppt. with Ba ²⁺ (aq) (soluble in excess dilute strong acids); decolourises acidified aqueous KMnO ₄
thiosulfate, S ₂ O ₃ ²⁻ (aq)	gives off-white/pale yellow ppt. slowly with H ⁺



3 Tests for gases

gas	test and test result
ammonia, NH_3	turns damp red litmus paper blue
carbon dioxide, CO_2	gives a white ppt. with limewater
hydrogen, H_2	'pops' with a lighted splint
oxygen, O_2	relights a glowing splint

4 Tests for elements

element	test and test result
iodine, I_2	gives blue-black colour on addition of starch solution

Important values, constants and standards

molar gas constant	$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Faraday constant	$F = 9.65 \times 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
Avogadro constant	$L = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
electronic charge	$e = -1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
molar volume of gas	$V_m = 22.4 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ at s.t.p. (101 kPa and 273 K) $V_m = 24.0 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ at room conditions
ionic product of water	$K_w = 1.00 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$ (at 298 K (25 °C))
specific heat capacity of water	$c = 4.18 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ($4.18 \text{ J g}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$)



The Periodic Table of Elements

Group																	
1	2	Key										13	14	15	16	17	18
		1 H hydrogen 1.0															
		atomic number atomic symbol name relative atomic mass															
3	4																
Li lithium 6.9	Be beryllium 9.0																
11	12																
Na sodium 23.0	Mg magnesium 24.3																
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12						
19	20	Sc scandium 45.0	Ti titanium 47.9	V vanadium 50.9	Cr chromium 52.0	Mn manganese 54.9	Fe iron 55.8	Co cobalt 58.9	Ni nickel 58.7	Cu copper 63.5	Zn zinc 65.4						
37	38	Y yttrium 88.9	Zr zirconium 91.2	Nb niobium 92.9	Mo molybdenum 95.9	Tc technetium —	Ru ruthenium 101.1	Rh rhodium 102.9	Pd palladium 106.4	Ag silver 107.9	Cd cadmium 112.4						
55	56	57–71 lanthanoids	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80						
Cs caesium 132.9	Ba barium 137.3	Hf hafnium 178.5		Ta tantalum 180.9	W tungsten 183.8	Re rhenium 186.2	Os osmium 190.2	Ir iridium 192.2	Pt platinum 195.1	Au gold 197.0	Hg mercury 200.6						
87	88	89–103 actinoids	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112						
Fr francium —	Ra radium —	Rf rutherfordium —		Db dubnium —	Sg seaborgium —	Bh bohrium —	Hs hassium —	Mt meitnerium —	Ds darmstadtium —	Rg roentgenium —	Cn copernicium —						

lanthanoids																	
57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71			
La lanthanum 138.9	Ce cerium 140.1	Pr praseodymium 140.9	Nd neodymium 144.2	Pm promethium —	Sm samarium 150.4	Eu europium 152.0	Gd gadolinium 157.3	Tb terbium 158.9	Dy dysprosium 162.5	Ho holmium 164.9	Er erbium 167.3	Tm thulium 168.9	Yb ytterbium 173.1	Lu lutetium 175.0			
89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103			
Ac actinium —	Th thorium 232.0	Pa protactinium 231.0	U uranium 238.0	Np neptunium —	Pu plutonium —	Am americium —	Cm curium —	Bk berkelium —	Cf californium —	Es einsteinium —	Fm fermium —	Md mendelevium —	No nobelium —	Lr lawrencium —			

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