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Question	Indicative material	Mark	Total
1 (a)	I Initial and final readings and titre value given for rough titre and initial and final readings for two (or more) accurate titrations (<i>minimum of 2 × 2 box</i>)	1	
	II Titre values recorded for accurate titrations and Appropriate headings for the accurate titration table and cm ³ units. - initial / start burette reading / volume / value - final / end burette reading / volume / value (<i>not amount</i>) - titre or volume / FA 4 and used / added - unit: /cm³ or (cm³) or in cm³ (for each heading)	1	
	III All accurate burette readings are to the nearest 0.05 cm ³ . Do not award this mark if: 50(.00) is used as an initial burette reading - more than one final burette reading is 50.(00) - any burette reading is greater than 50.(00) - there is only one accurate titration.	1	
	IV There are two uncorrected accurate titres within 0.10 cm ³ - Do not award this mark if, having performed two titres within 0.10 cm³, a further titration is performed which is more than 0.10 cm³ from the closer of the initial two titres, unless a further titration, within 0.10 cm³ of any other, has also been carried out. - Do not award the mark if any “accurate” burette readings (apart from initial 0 cm³) are given to zero dp	1	
	Examiner rounds any burette readings to the nearest 0.05 cm³, checks subtractions and then selects the “best” titres using the hierarchy: - two (or more) accurate identical titres, <i>then</i> - two (or more) accurate titres within 0.05 cm³, <i>then</i> - two (or more) accurate titres within 0.10 cm³, <i>etc</i> These best titres are used to calculate the mean titre, expressed to nearest 0.01 cm³. Examiner calculates the difference (δ) between the mean titres obtained by the candidate and the Supervisor. Accuracy marks are awarded as shown. Award V, VI and VII if δ ≤ 0.20 (cm³) Award V and VI if 0.20 < δ ≤ 0.30 Award V, only, if 0.30 < δ ≤ 0.50 Spread penalty: if the two “best” (corrected) titres used by the Examiner were ≥ 0.50 cm³ apart, cancel one accuracy mark.	3	[7]

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(b)	Candidate must take the average of two (or more) titres that are within a total spread of not more than 0.20 cm³. Working / explanation must be shown or ticks must be put next to the two (or more) accurate readings selected. The mean should be quoted to 2 dp, and be rounded to nearest 0.01 cm³. Two special cases, where the mean need not be to 2 dp: - Allow mean expressed to 3 dp only for 0.025 or 0.075 (e.g. 26.325 cm³) - Allow mean if expressed to 1 dp, if all accurate burette readings were given to 1 dp and the mean is exactly correct. (e.g. 26.0 and 26.2 = 26.1 is allowed) (e.g. 26.0 and 26.1 = 26.1 is wrong – should be 26.05) Note: the candidate's mean will sometimes be marked correct even if it was different from the mean calculated by the Examiner for the purpose of assessing accuracy.	1	[1]
(c)(i)(ii)	Correctly calculates $n(\text{thio}) = 0.10 \times (\text{b}) / 1000$ $n(\text{I}_2) = 0.5 \times (\text{i})$ Both answers must be given to 3 or 4 significant figures	1	[5]
(iii)	Correctly calculates $n(\text{KMnO}_4) = 0.025 \times 0.018 = 0.00045 \text{ or } 0.000450 \text{ or } 0.0004500$	1	
(iv)	Correct expression, with answer given to 2, 3 or 4 sig fig $n(\text{I}_2) = (\text{ii}) / (\text{iii}) \times 2$ Theoretical answer = 5.0 (for 2.0 mol KMnO₄)	1	
(v)	Correct equation ticked, corresponding to (iv)	1	
(vi)	Allow any one of the following answers: An iodide ion loses one electron $2\text{I}^- - 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{I}_2$ (ionic equation must be correctly balanced) - Oxidation number of iodine increases from –1/ 1– (in iodide ion) to 0 (in iodine)	1	
(d) (i)	$\% \text{ error} = \frac{0.06}{25} \times 100 = 0.24 \%$	1	[2]
(ii)	The student is wrong, since KI / FA 3 is in excess .	1	
Qn 1	[Total: 15]		
2 (a)	I Table for readings, headings and correct units: Headings: - volume of FA 5 / acid (volume of water – if included must be correct) - Time Units allow Vol or /cm³ etc.	1	

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	II Three reaction times all recorded to nearest second	1	[4]
	III and IV Examiner to calculate the time differences between Expt 1 and Expt 2 ($t_2 - t_1$). Then calculate 10% of the time for Expt 1 to 1dp (x). If ($t_2 - t_1$).> x award III . Examiner to calculate the time differences between Expt 2 and Expt 3 ($t_3 - t_2$). Then calculate 20% of the time for Expt 2 to 1dp (y). If ($t_3 - t_2$).> y award IV .	2	
(b) (i)	• Rates correctly calculated • All answers expressed to same sig fig (but not 1 sf) • Unit given.... / s⁻¹ or (s⁻¹)	1	
(ii)	Correctly calculates • Expt 1, conc = 0.08571 (or 0.0857 or 0.086) mol dm⁻³ and • Expt 3, conc = 0.02857 (or 0.0286 or 0.029) mol dm⁻³ <i>Both answers must be given to 2, 3 or 4 sig figs</i>	1	[5]
(iii)	Rate increases with (increase of) concentration	1	
(iv)	• Time is shorter for sulfuric acid • Sulfuric acid has a greater / doubled concentration of H⁺ ions.	1	
(v)	• time (for reaction) will be greater • less depth (of solution) in the 250 cm³	1	
Qn 2	[Total: 9]		
FA 6 is Na ₂ SO ₃ ; FA 7 is CaCl ₂ ; FA 8 is MgSO ₄ ; FA 9 is Al ₂ (SO ₄) ₃ ; FA 10 is MnSO ₄			
3 (a) (i)	Both observations required • white precipitate with Ba²⁺ ion • Precipitate dissolves / partially dissolves in (excess) HCl	1	
(ii)	Both observations required • white precipitate with Ba²⁺ ion • precipitate insoluble / no change with HCl	1	
(iii)	When heated, gas produced decolourises KMnO ₄ paper.	1	
(iv)	No change (when NaOH added)/no ppt/ no reaction and green (solution) formed when KMnO ₄ added	1	
	Colourless solution(with acid)	1	

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(v)	Anion is sulfite and <u>one</u> piece of evidence FA 6 with acid – SO₂/gas which decolourises KMnO₄ is formed or FA 6 with Ba²⁺ – white precipitate / BaSO₃ formed which dissolves in acid / partially soluble in acid	1																										
(vi)	Na ₂ SO ₃ + H ₂ O ₂ → Na ₂ SO ₄ + H ₂ O	1	[7]																									
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(ii)	Conclusions FA 7 – calcium / Ca²⁺ or barium/Ba²⁺ FA 8 – magnesium / Mg²⁺ FA 9 – aluminium / Al³⁺ FA 10 – manganese(II)/Mn²⁺ <i>Four correct = 2 marks</i> <i>Two or three correct = 1 mark</i>	2																										
(iii)	M ²⁺ + 2OH ⁻ → M(OH) ₂ (for any divalent cation) or M ³⁺ + 3OH ⁻ → M(OH) ₃ (for any trivalent cation)	1																										
(iv)	Use higher concentration	1	[9]																									
Qn 3	[Total: 16]																											