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**9701 CHEMISTRY**

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Paper 3 (Advanced Practical Skills 1),  
maximum raw mark 40

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Question	Indicative material	Mark	Total
1 (a)	I Initial and final burette readings and titre unambiguously recorded in rough and accurate titrations. <i>Minimum of 2 × 2 boxes for accurate.</i>	1	
	II Headings and units correct for accurate titration and headings match readings. <i>Headings: initial / final (burette) reading / volume or Reading / volume / vol / value at start / finish <b>and</b> Volume / vol / <b>FA 1 added / used or titre [not “difference or “total”]</b> <b>and</b> Units: (cm<sup>3</sup>) or / cm<sup>3</sup> or in cm<sup>3</sup> or cm<sup>3</sup> by every entry</i>	1	
	III All accurate burette readings (initial and final) recorded to nearest 0.05 cm <sup>3</sup> <i>Do <b>not</b> 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)</i>	1	
	IV Has two uncorrected, accurate titres within 0.1 cm <sup>3</sup> <i>Do <b>not</b> award this mark if, having performed two titres within 0.1 cm<sup>3</sup>, a further titration is performed that is more than 0.1 cm<sup>3</sup> from the closer of the two initial titres unless further titrations within 0.1 cm<sup>3</sup> of any other has also been carried out. Do <b>not</b> award the mark if any ‘accurate’ burette readings (apart from initial 0) are given to <b>zero</b> dp.</i>	1	

Examiner rounds all all burette readings to the nearest 0.05 cm<sup>3</sup> and checks subtractions. Examiner selects the ‘best’ titres using the hierarchy:  
two (or more) identical,  
then two (or more) within 0.05 cm<sup>3</sup> ,  
then two (or more) within 0.1 cm<sup>3</sup>, etc.

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	Award <b>V</b> , <b>VI</b> and <b>VII</b> if $\delta \leq 0.20 \text{ cm}^3$ Award <b>V</b> and <b>VI</b> if $0.20 \leq \delta \leq 0.40 \text{ cm}^3$ Award <b>V</b> if $0.40 \leq \delta \leq 0.60 \text{ cm}^3$  <i>Spread penalty: if the two 'best' titres used by the examiner are more than <math>0.50 \text{ cm}^3</math> apart cancel one of the Q marks.</i>	1 1 1	[7]
<b>(b)</b>	Calculation of mean Candidate must average two (or more) titres that are <b>all</b> within $0.20 \text{ cm}^3$ . Working must be shown or ticks must be put next to the two (or more) accurate readings selected.  <i>The mean should normally be quoted to 2 dp rounded to the nearest 0.01. Example: 26.667 must be rounded to 26.67.            Two special cases where the mean may not be to 2 dp:            allow mean to 3 dp only for 0.025 or 0.075, e.g. 26.325;            allow mean to 1 dp if <b>all</b> accurate burette readings were given to 1 dp and the mean is exactly correct, e.g. 26.0 and 26.2 = 26.1 is correct but 26.0 and 26.1 = 26.1 is incorrect.</i>	1	[1]
<b>(c)(i)(ii)</b>	<b>I</b> Correctly calculates $\frac{0.0200 \times (b)}{1000}$ in step <b>(i)</b>  <b>and</b> $\times 5$ in <b>(ii)</b>	1	
<b>(iii)</b>	<b>II</b> Expression <b>(ii)</b> / 0.025	1	
<b>(iv)</b>	<b>III</b> Expression <b>(iii)</b> $\times 392.0$ (or addition of $A_r$ s shown)	1	
	<b>IV</b> Answers to <b>(i)</b> to <b>(iv)</b> given to 3 or 4 sf (min 3 answers needed)	1	[4]
<b>Qn 1</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>[12]</b>

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2 (a)	I Table with unambiguous headings and correct units All readings must be included.	1	
	II All temperatures recorded to .0 or .5 °C. Must include at least one ending in .0 and one ending in .5.	1	
Examiner calculates candidate's $\Delta T$ max from table.			
	III Award if the difference between candidate and Supervisor is within 4.0 °C	1	[4]
	IV Award if the difference between candidate and Supervisor is within 2.0 °C	1	
(b) (i)	Axes labelled temperature or $T$ or °C or temperature and time or minutes or min or t. Linear scales chosen to use more than half of each axis and to include 5 °C more than the maximum temp.	1	
	All points recorded (minimum of 10). Correct plotting – each point accurately plotted (within $\frac{1}{2}$ small square and in the correct square).	1	
	(ii) All three straight lines drawn	1	
	Lines of best fit and extrapolated	1	
	(iii) Correct $\Delta T$ from graph to within .2 °C of examiner value using the candidate's lines.	1	
			[5]

Question	Indicative material	Mark	Total
(c) (i)	Correct answer to $4.2 \times 40 \times \text{ans}(\text{b})(\text{iii})$ .	1	[3]
	Allow answers to 2–4 sf		
	(ii) Correct answer to (i)/219000 Allow answers to 2–4 sf	1	
(iii)	Expression (ii)/0.040 Allow answers to 2–4 sf	1	
(d) (i)	Correct answer correct to number of sf shown (min 2 sf): $0.5/\text{highest temp} \times 100$	1	
(ii)	Do not agree as the zinc is in excess	1	[3]
(iii)	Incorrect as temperature rise is the same or Incorrect as (a smaller volume) has a greater % error ORA	1	
Qn 2	Total		[15]

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<b>FA 5 is <math>(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Fe}(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{aq})</math>; FA 6 is <math>\text{CuCO}_3 + \text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}</math></b>			
<b>3 (a)</b>	Fizzing	1	[2]
	Acid or any named acid	1	
<b>(b)(i)–(vi)</b>	In <b>(i)</b> (solid goes from green) to black / grey	1	
	In <b>(i)</b> condensation / water / water vapour / steam / steamy fumes	1	
	In <b>(ii)</b> fizzing <b>and</b> forms a (light) blue solution .	1	
	Cloudy with limewater in <b>(i)</b> or <b>(ii)</b> or <b>(a)</b>	1	
	In <b>(ii)</b> blue ppt with sodium hydroxide and insoluble in excess.	1	
	Any <b>2</b> from:		
	In <b>(iv)</b> white ppt insoluble in excess	1	
	In <b>(v)</b> white ppt insoluble in excess	1	
	In <b>(vi)</b> white ppt	1	
	<b>(vii)</b>	Cation: $\text{Cu}^{2+}$	
Cation: $\text{Mg}^{2+}$		1	
Anions: $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ <b>and</b> $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ <b>and</b> $\text{SO}_3^{2-}$		1	
<b>(viii)</b>	Selects acid/ named acid to add to test <b>(vi)</b> ( <b>not</b> $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) <b>or</b> Selects named acid to add to <b>FA 6</b> <b>and</b> tests with $\text{H}^+/\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ or $\text{H}^+/\text{MnO}_4^-$ <b>and</b> $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ insoluble and $\text{SO}_3^{2-}$ soluble <b>or</b> $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ no change and $\text{SO}_3^{2-}$ (orange) turns green or (purple) turns colourless	1	[11]
	<b>Qn 3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>[13]</b>