# OCR A Biology A-level

## PAG 09 - Qualitative Testing

Flashcards

# What is Biuret's test for?

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Protein.

# Outline the procedure to a Biuret test.

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1. Add sodium hydroxide solution.
2. Add copper (II) sulphate solution.
3. If the colour changes from blue to purple, protein is present.

# What does iodine test for?

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Starch.

# What is the colour change for a positive iodine test?

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Brown to blue-black.

# Outline the procedure to the emulsion test.

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1. Add ethanol.
2. Pour solution into water.
3. A white emulsion forms.

# What does Benedict's reagent test for?

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Reducing sugars.

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1. Add equal volume or excess Benedict's reagent to a sample and boil.
2. If positive, colour changes from blue to red, with a brick-red precipitate.

# Outline the test procedure for non-reducing sugars.

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1. Add dilute HCl and boil.
2. Neutralise with sodium hydrogen carbonate.
3. Add Benedict's reagent and boil.
4. If positive, colour changes from blue to red, with brick-red precipitate.

# What is a method to test for glucose specifically?

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Dip the pad of a glucose test strip into the sample. Colour change will occur if glucose is present.

Concentration can be found by comparing colour to a colour standard chart.