

Edexcel Chemistry A-level

Practical 11

Redox Titrations.

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Finding the percentage of iron in the tablet using a redox reaction between iron ions and manganate ions:

$$5Fe^{2+} + MnO_4^{-} + 8H^+ \rightarrow 5Fe^{3+} + Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$$

Preparing iron (II) solution

- 1. Use mortar and pestle for crushing the tablets to a powder.
- 2. Add sulphuric acid and stir to dissolve tablets.
- 3. Filter the solution into a volumetric flask to remove any undissolved solids in the filter paper.
- 4. Wash beaker and the filter paper with distilled water to get remaining solution into volumetric flask.
- 5. Dilute the solution in the volumetric flask by adding sulphuric acid to the 250 cm³ mark.

Method

- 1. Prepare the titration equipment.
- 2. Add the standard solution $KMnO_4$ to burette.
- 3. Add known volume solution of iron (II) ions being tested to the conical flask.
- 4. Titrate the solution.
 - [No indicator is required as KMnO₄ is self indicating; the end point is when you get the first permanent pale pink colour.]
- 5. Repeat until you get concordant titres.
- 6. Calculate a mean titre from these concordant values.

Errors

- Make sure as much iron salt as possible is dissolved. Warming may help.
- Wash the containers with water so as to get as much iron as possible.
- Use a white tile to better see the endpoint of your titration.

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