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## CHEMISTRY

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Paper 5 Practical Test

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1 hour 15 minutes

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 [ ].
- Notes for use in qualitative analysis are provided in the question paper.

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## 2

- 1 You are going to investigate the reaction between dilute hydrochloric acid and aqueous sodium hydroxide.

**Read all of the instructions carefully before starting the experiments.**

**Instructions**

You are going to do **two** experiments.

**(a) Experiment 1**

- Fill a burette with aqueous sodium hydroxide. Run some of the aqueous sodium hydroxide out of the burette so that the level is on the burette scale.
- Record the initial burette reading in Table 1.1.
- Use a measuring cylinder to pour  $25\text{ cm}^3$  of dilute hydrochloric acid into a conical flask.
- Stand the conical flask on a white tile.
- Add five drops of methyl orange indicator to the conical flask.
- Slowly add aqueous sodium hydroxide from the burette to the conical flask, while swirling the flask, until the solution just changes colour.
- Record the final burette reading in Table 1.1.

**Experiment 2**

- Empty the conical flask and rinse it with distilled water.
- Refill the burette with aqueous sodium hydroxide. Run some of the aqueous sodium hydroxide out of the burette so that the level is on the burette scale.
- Record the initial burette reading in Table 1.1.
- Use the measuring cylinder to pour  $25\text{ cm}^3$  of dilute hydrochloric acid into the conical flask.
- Add  $0.50\text{ g}$  of powdered calcium carbonate to the conical flask and swirl the flask.
- Stand the conical flask on a white tile.
- Add five drops of methyl orange indicator to the conical flask.
- Slowly add aqueous sodium hydroxide from the burette to the conical flask, while swirling the flask, until the solution just changes colour.
- Record the final burette reading in Table 1.1 and complete the table.

**Table 1.1**

	Experiment 1	Experiment 2
final burette reading / $\text{cm}^3$		
initial burette reading / $\text{cm}^3$		
volume of aqueous sodium hydroxide added / $\text{cm}^3$		

[4]

## 3

(b) (i) State the colour change observed in the conical flask at the end-point in both experiments.  
from ..... to ..... [1]

(ii) State the colour change observed if thymolphthalein is used in place of methyl orange.  
from ..... to ..... [1]

(c) When 0.50g of calcium carbonate is added to the conical flask in Experiment 2, a gas is produced.

Suggest the identity of the gas.

..... [1]

(d) In Experiment 2, the conical flask is rinsed with water but the burette is **not** rinsed with water.

(i) State why there is no need to rinse the burette with water.  
..... [1]

(ii) Explain why the conical flask is rinsed with water.  
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..... [1]

(iii) The conical flask is **not** dried after being rinsed with water.

State how drying the conical flask affects the volume of aqueous sodium hydroxide needed to reach the end-point. Explain your answer.

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..... [2]

- (e) (i)** Compare the volumes of aqueous sodium hydroxide needed to reach the end-point in Experiment 1 and Experiment 2.

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..... [2]

- (ii)** Explain why different volumes of aqueous sodium hydroxide are needed in Experiment 1 and Experiment 2.

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..... [1]

- (iii)** Calculate the volume of aqueous sodium hydroxide needed to reach the end-point if Experiment 2 is repeated using 0.25 g of calcium carbonate instead of 0.50 g.

volume of aqueous sodium hydroxide = ..... [2]

- (f)** Describe how the reliability of the results obtained can be confirmed.

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..... [1]

[Total: 17]

**Question 2 starts on the next page.**

- 2 You are provided with two substances: solid **I** and solution **J**.  
Do the following tests on the substances, recording all of your observations at each stage.

**Tests on solid I**

- (a) Conduct a flame test on solid **I**.

Record your observations.

..... [1]

Transfer the remaining solid **I** to a boiling tube. Add about 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of distilled water to the boiling tube. Place a stopper in the boiling tube and shake the tube to dissolve solid **I** and form solution **I**. Divide solution **I** into four approximately equal portions in two boiling tubes and two test-tubes.

- (b) To the first portion of solution **I** in a boiling tube, add a spatula full of zinc powder followed by about 5 cm depth of dilute sulfuric acid. Leave the tube to stand for one minute.

Record your observations.

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..... [2]

- (c) To the second portion of solution **I** in a boiling tube, add aqueous sodium hydroxide dropwise and then in excess.

Record your observations.

dropwise .....

in excess ..... [2]

- (d) To the third portion of solution **I**, add about 1 cm depth of dilute nitric acid followed by a few drops of aqueous silver nitrate.

Record your observations.

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..... [1]

- (e) To the fourth portion of solution **I**, add about 1 cm depth of dilute nitric acid followed by a few drops of aqueous barium nitrate. Leave the test-tube to stand for about one minute.

Record your observations.

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..... [1]

(f) Identify the **three** ions in solid **I**.

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 .....  
 ..... [3]

### Tests on solution J

Divide solution **J** into three approximately equal portions in three test-tubes.

(g) Test the pH of the first portion of solution **J**.

pH = ..... [1]

(h) To the second portion of solution **J**, add the piece of magnesium ribbon. Test and identify any gas produced.

Record your observations.

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 .....  
 identity of gas ..... [3]

(i) To the third portion of solution **J**, add about 1 cm depth of dilute nitric acid followed by a few drops of aqueous silver nitrate.

Record your observations.

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 ..... [1]

(j) Identify solution **J**.

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 ..... [2]

[Total: 17]





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## Notes for use in qualitative analysis

### Tests for anions

anion	test	test result
carbonate, $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$	add dilute acid, then test for carbon dioxide gas	effervescence, carbon dioxide produced
chloride, $\text{Cl}^-$ [in solution]	acidify with dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous silver nitrate	white ppt.
bromide, $\text{Br}^-$ [in solution]	acidify with dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous silver nitrate	cream ppt.
iodide, $\text{I}^-$ [in solution]	acidify with dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous silver nitrate	yellow ppt.
nitrate, $\text{NO}_3^-$ [in solution]	add aqueous sodium hydroxide, then aluminium foil; warm carefully	ammonia produced
sulfate, $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ [in solution]	acidify with dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous barium nitrate	white ppt.
sulfite, $\text{SO}_3^{2-}$	add a small volume of acidified aqueous potassium manganate(VII)	the acidified aqueous potassium manganate(VII) changes colour from purple to colourless

### Tests for aqueous cations

cation	effect of aqueous sodium hydroxide	effect of aqueous ammonia
aluminium, $\text{Al}^{3+}$	white ppt., soluble in excess, giving a colourless solution	white ppt., insoluble in excess
ammonium, $\text{NH}_4^+$	ammonia produced on warming	—
calcium, $\text{Ca}^{2+}$	white ppt., insoluble in excess	no ppt. or very slight white ppt.
chromium(III), $\text{Cr}^{3+}$	green ppt., soluble in excess	green ppt., insoluble in excess
copper(II), $\text{Cu}^{2+}$	light blue ppt., insoluble in excess	light blue ppt., soluble in excess, giving a dark blue solution
iron(II), $\text{Fe}^{2+}$	green ppt., insoluble in excess, ppt. turns brown near surface on standing	green ppt., insoluble in excess, ppt. turns brown near surface on standing
iron(III), $\text{Fe}^{3+}$	red-brown ppt., insoluble in excess	red-brown ppt., insoluble in excess
zinc, $\text{Zn}^{2+}$	white ppt., soluble in excess, giving a colourless solution	white ppt., soluble in excess, giving a colourless solution

**Tests for gases**

gas	test and test result
ammonia, $\text{NH}_3$	turns damp red litmus paper blue
carbon dioxide, $\text{CO}_2$	turns limewater milky
chlorine, $\text{Cl}_2$	bleaches damp litmus paper
hydrogen, $\text{H}_2$	'pops' with a lighted splint
oxygen, $\text{O}_2$	relights a glowing splint
sulfur dioxide, $\text{SO}_2$	turns acidified aqueous potassium manganate(VII) from purple to colourless

**Flame tests for metal ions**

metal ion	flame colour
lithium, $\text{Li}^+$	red
sodium, $\text{Na}^+$	yellow
potassium, $\text{K}^+$	lilac
calcium, $\text{Ca}^{2+}$	orange-red
barium, $\text{Ba}^{2+}$	light green
copper(II), $\text{Cu}^{2+}$	blue-green

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