Mark scheme

Question		n Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
1	а	First check the answer on the answer line If answer = 11.6 (g) award 4 marks $M_{\rm f}$ of H ₂ SO ₄ = 98.1 AND K ₂ SO ₄ = 174.3 \checkmark Substitution into Mass of $\frac{K_2SO_4 = 6.54 \times 174.3}{98.1}$ = 11.62 \checkmark To 3 significant figures = 11.6 (g) \checkmark	4 (3 x AO 2.2) (1 x AO 1.2)	ALLOW ECF for mincorrect M _r ALLOW ECF on answer ALLOW ECF for sig fig mark from calculations involving identifiable multiplication or division Examiner's Comments Many candidates scored at least partial credit by showing their working and had a basic idea of what sort of calculation should be performed. Values were often inserted into the wrong places, but examiners were able to award error carried forward marks for those who had attempted the correct type of calculation, and for those who had then adjusted their calculation answer to three significant figures. Again, a significant number of candidates left this question blank.
	b	Burette √	1 (AO 1.2)	Examiner's Comments The highest achieving candidates were clearly familiar with this piece of apparatus, though in this case a range of highly idiosyncratic spellings had to be allowed. Many others made an educated guess and called it a titration tube.
	С	Idea of making it easier to see precisely when the indicator changes colour √	1 (AO 1.2)	Must have idea of colour and idea of change ALLOW to know when it turns clear IGNORE idea of improving measuring volumes of solution

			Examiner's Comments Candidates who were familiar with titrations discussed being able to see the colour of the indicator, even if they didn't discuss the need to see the change in colour. Those with little experience made suggestions along the lines of preventing damage to the bench.
d	Idea of (more) accurate/precise end point / Idea of speed of change / Easier to stop excess alkali being added (when the indicator changes colour) ✓	1 (AO 1.2)	ALLOW to see at what point the colour changed IGNORE So they can calculate how many drops added to make it change ALLOW If too much added, titration ruined Examiner's Comments Candidates with first-hand experience of titrations discussed the rapidity of the change, others realised in more general terms that it would make the determination of the end point more accurate. Exemplar 2 This candidate response shows clear familiarity with titration procedures. This response received 1 mark.
е	HC/ + NaOH → NaC/ + H₂O Correct formula for NaC/ ✓ Rest of equation correct ✓	2 (2 x AO 2.1)	ALLOW any correct multiple, including fractions DO NOT ALLOW and / & instead of '+' Equation mark is dependent on a correct NaCl Examiner's Comments High attaining candidates recognised that the salt would be sodium chloride, even if they wrote it as NaCl ₂ . Others seemed unfamiliar with the term 'salt' and gave a wide variety of possible

				products. A significant number of candidates left this blank.
		Total	9	
2		A✓	1 (AO 2.1)	Examiner's Comments Higher scoring candidates answered this well.
		Total	1	
3	i	Neutralisation √	1 (AO 1.2)	
	ii	First check the answer on answer line If answer = $76 / 76.47 / 76.5$ (%) award 3 marks M _r of NaC/ = 58.5 and H2O = 18.0 \sqrt{OR} 58.5 and 76.5 atom economy = $\frac{58.5}{76.5} \times 100 \checkmark$ = $76.47 / 76.5$ (%) \checkmark	3 (3 × AO 2.2)	ALLOW ECF from incorrect M _r ALLOW atom economy = M _r of desired products × 100 √ sum of M _r of all products Examiner's Comments Most candidates seemed uncertain how to approach this calculation. Examiners were often able to award credit for working out suitable relative molar masses even if the rest of the calculation was flawed.
		Total	4	
4	i	Fe + $H_2SO_4 \rightarrow FeSO_4 + H_2 \checkmark$	1 (AO 2.1)	ALLOW any correct multiple, including fractions DO NOT ALLOW and / & instead of '+' Examiner's Comments This part was answered well, with both high scoring and medium scoring candidates understanding how to write a simple equation.
	ii	First check the answer on answer line If answer = 71.1(%) award 3 marks % yield = (am ÷ pm) × 100 OR = $\frac{5.4}{7.6}$ × 100 \checkmark	3 (2 × AO 2.2) (AO 1.2)	ALLOW ECF for wrong answer to correct numbers

		= 71.05263 (%) √		
		To 1 decimal place = 71.1 (%) √		ALLOW decimal place mark if an incorrect answer
				Examiner's Comments
				Answers to this question showed an unusual distribution. Candidates either scored all 3 marks, or appeared to get totally confused over what to do, though still picked up 1 mark for the number of decimal places in their answer.
		Total	4	
5		(B) F C A G D (E) √√√√	4 (4 × AO 1.2)	All 5 in correct order = 4 marks correct sequence of 4 letters = 3 marks correct sequence of 3 letters = 2 marks correct sequence of 2 letters = 1 mark Look for a run of letters, in sequence, even if something missing, e.g., D F C A G has 4 letters in sequence = 3 A F C G D has 4 letters in sequence with a gap = 3 F C A D G has 3 letters in sequence = 2 F C D A G has 2 letters in sequence = 1 Examiner's Comments High scoring candidates were able to sequence all five stages correctly, and many got three in a correct sequence. One of the main stumbling blocks came at stage A, when to add the indicator.
		Total	4	
6		First check the answer on answer line If answer = 0.003 (g) award 3 marks M_r of H ₂ = 2.0 \checkmark Mass of H ₂ = $\frac{2.0}{65.4} \times 0.1 \checkmark$ = 0.003 (g) \checkmark	3 (3 × AO 2.2)	Examiner's Comments This question proved to be tricky for many, though most candidates were prepared to show their working and so examiners could give them credit for

				at least calculating the relative molar mass of hydrogen.
		Total	3	
7		A	1 (AO 2.2)	Examiner's Comments Most candidates showed clear appreciation of conservation of matter and scored well on this question.
		Total	1	