


3			(Sodium atom) loses an electron / Oxidation is loss of electrons ✓	1 (AO1.1)	
			Total	1	
4		i	Na ₂ O (s) + H ₂ O (l) → 2NaOH (aq) Formulae ✓ Balancing ✓ State symbols ✓	3 (AO2.1) (AO1.2) (AO2.1)	ALLOW any correct multiple, including fractions ALLOW = OR ⇌ instead of → DO NOT ALLOW and / & instead of '+' balancing mark is dependent on the correct formulae but ALLOW 1 mark for a balanced equation with a minor error in subscripts / formulae e.g. NaO + H ₂ O → 2NaOH State symbols mark is independent of formulae & balancing marks
		ii	Hydroxide / OH ⁻ ions ✓	1 (AO1.1)	
		iii	Sodium sulfate ✓	1 (AO2.1)	ALLOW Na ₂ SO ₄ IGNORE incorrect formulae if correct name is given
		iv	FIRST CHECK ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 100 award 2 marks pH increased by 2 concentration decreases by a factor of 10 × 10 ✓ 100 ✓	2 (AO2.2)	ALLOW for 1 mark pH increase by 1, so concentration decreased by a factor of 10
			Total	7	
5			<i>Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question.</i> Level 3 (5–6 marks) Detailed evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of <u>all</u> of the pH testing kits A–E AND Suggested pH kit the farmer should use <i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.</i> Level 2 (3–4 marks) Evaluation of the advantages and	6 (AO6 × 3.2a)	AO3.2a Analyse information and ideas to make a judgement of which pH testing kit the farmer should use Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A is one of the least expensive testing kits• A changes colour across the pH scale• A can be used in acidic and alkaline soils• D is the least expensive Disadvantages

		<p>disadvantages of some of the pH testing kits A-E</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Detailed evaluation of the advantages of <u>all</u> of the pH testing kits A-E</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Detailed evaluation of the disadvantages of <u>all</u> of the pH testing kits A-E</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Suggested pH kit the farmer should use</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Detailed evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of <u>all</u> of the pH testing kits A-E</p> <p><i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.</i></p> <p>Level 1 (1–2 marks)</p> <p>Evaluation of the advantages of some of the pH testing kits A-E</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Evaluation of the disadvantages of some of the pH testing kits A-E</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of some of the pH testing kits A-E</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Suggested pH kit the farmer should use.</p> <p><i>There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.</i></p> <p>0 marks</p> <p><i>No response or no response worthy of credit.</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idea that B and D only have two possible colours and therefore cannot tell you the pH Idea that C and E don't change colour past pH 7, therefore is no use in alkaline soils E is the most expensive <p>Choice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A should be used by the farmer
		Total	6	
6	a	<p>Strong acids are fully ionised or completely dissociated (in aqueous solution) ✓</p> <p>Weak acids are partially ionised or not completely dissociated (in aqueous solution) ✓</p>	2(AO1.1)	<p>ALLOW all molecules release H⁺ ions</p> <p>ALLOW HCl → H⁺ + Cl⁻</p> <p>DO NOT ALLOW strong acids have many H⁺ ions / strong acids have a high concentration of H⁺ ions</p> <p>IGNORE strong acids are more ionised / dissociated</p> <p>ALLOW not all molecules release H⁺ ions</p> <p>ALLOW CH₃COOH ⇌ CH₃COO⁻ + H⁺</p> <p>DO NOT ALLOW weak acids have few H⁺ ions / weak acids have a low concentration</p>

				<p>of H⁺ ions</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Higher ability candidates gave a clear, concise answer to this question stating that strong acids are fully ionised / completely dissociated (in aqueous solution), whereas weak acids are only partially ionised / not completely dissociated. Candidates who tried to expand on the idea of complete / partial ionisation often showed confusion as to what this meant, relating it to H⁺ concentration or the number of H⁺ lost from the acid. Lower ability candidates often simply referred to pH.</p> <p> Misconception</p> <p>'Strong acids are almost fully ionised' was a common misconception.</p> <p>Exemplar 1</p> <p><i>* Strong acid, the H⁺ ions fully dissociate / ionise * Weak acid, the H⁺ ions only partly dissociate / ionise (reversible reaction) [2]</i></p> <p>This response illustrates a concise response to this question, which was given both marks.</p> <p>Exemplar 2</p> <p><i>Strong acids have a high concentration of H⁺ ions Weak acids have a low concentration of H⁺ ions. Strong acids are fully ionised in solution. Weak acids are partially ionised in solution. [2]</i></p> <p>This response, however, shows confusion and a contradiction in the candidate's understanding of what is meant by a strong and weak acid by relating it to H⁺ concentration. This response scored 0 marks.</p>
b	i	<p>FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE</p> <p>If answer = pH 4 award 2 marks</p> <p>Concentration of H⁺ decreases by factor of</p>	2	<p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>High ability candidates correctly calculated the new pH as 4.</p> <p>(AO2.1)</p>

		10, the pH increases by 1 ✓ Factor of 100 = 10×10 so pH increases by 2 pH value = 4 ✓	(AO2.2)	The most common error was 12, i.e. 2 + 10.
	ii	$\text{HNO}_3 + \text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{NaNO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ✓	1(AO1.1)	<p>ALLOW any correct multiple, including fractions ALLOW = / \rightleftharpoons instead of \rightarrow DO NOT ALLOW and / & instead of '+' IGNORE state symbols</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Most candidates were able to write the balanced symbol equation for the neutralisation of sodium hydroxide by nitric acid.</p>
	iii	<p>Any two from: Evaporate water (slowly) / heat the solution ✓ Idea of forming a saturated solution ✓ Idea of crystallisation ✓ Cool solution (slowly) ✓ Idea of drying in a warm oven / air drying / leave on filter paper to dry ✓</p>	2(AO3.3a)	<p>DO NOT ALLOW idea of boiling the solution</p> <p>IGNORE just 'crystals should be dried'</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Good responses to this question appreciated that in order to produce dry crystals the water should be evaporated and then the solution cooled / left to dry in a warm place. Credit was not given for the idea of boiling the solution. Lower ability candidates tended to focus their response on how the reaction was carried out, rather than how dry crystals were made.</p>
c	i	<p>x-axis labelled volume of hydrochloric acid in cm^3 and y-axis labelled pH ✓ All points plotted correctly ✓ Line of best fit drawn ✓</p>	<p>3(AO2.2 × 2) (AO1.2)</p>	<p>ALLOW $\pm\frac{1}{2}$ square</p> <p>Must be identifiable as a titration curve</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>To gain 3 marks on this question candidates were required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> correctly label both the x-axis and y-axis plot all the points correctly draw a line of best fit.

					When candidates did not gain full marks it was usually because they omitted the units (cm ³) on the x-axis or drew a straight line through the points.
		ii	Answer $\pm 0.1\text{cm}^3$ of their own graph ✓	1(AO2.2)	<p>Scores 0 if no line of best fit in (i)</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Most candidates gained this mark. Candidates who did not attempt to draw a line of best fit in part (i) did not gain marks for this question.</p>
		iii	Decreases ✓	1(AO3.1a)	<p>ALLOW diluted</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Many candidates correctly deduced that the concentration of hydroxide ions decreases as the hydrochloric acid is added.</p>
		iv	$\text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ✓	1(AO1.1)	<p>ALLOW correct multiples</p> <p>IGNORE state symbols</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Many candidates were able to write the balanced ionic equation for neutralisation.</p>
			Total	13	
7	a		Mean titre = 17.1 (1) Because titration 1 is a rough estimate / titration 1 is an outlier / titrations 2 and 3 are identical (1)	2	IGNORE anything in the titration table
	b		Moles of acid = 0.00171 (1) Concentration of KOH = 0.0684 (1)	2	<p>ALLOW ECF from incorrect titre / $0.100 \times \text{titre} \times 10^{-3}$</p> <p>ALLOW ECF from incorrect moles providing answer is to 3 sig figs / moles÷volume</p>
	c		M_r of KOH = 56.1 (1) Concentration of KOH = 3.84 (1)	2	<p>ALLOW correct answer without working</p> <p>ALLOW 3.837</p> <p>ALLOW ECF from incorrect M_r and / or incorrect concentration from (b) / $M_r \times \text{conc}$</p>
			Total	6	
8	i		Titrate ammonia against sulfuric acid to obtain volumes needed for complete neutralisation (1) Add these volumes without the use of indicator (1) Slow evaporation of reaction mixture / heat reaction mixture over a steam bath (1)	4	<p>ALLOW heat neutral mixture with carbon or charcoal and then filter off carbon</p> <p>ALLOW Slow evaporation of filtrate / heat filtrate over a steam bath if method involving carbon is used</p>

			Burette and other chemical apparatus not suitable for using large quantities / very difficult to use a steam bath in the large scale (1)		
		ii	34 (g or tonnes) of ammonia makes 132.1 (g or tonnes) of ammonium sulfate / 17 (g or tonnes) of ammonia makes 66 (g or tonnes) of ammonium sulfate (1) So 51 tonnes makes 198.1 tonnes of ammonium sulfate (1)	2	ALLOW one mark for correct calculation of M_r for ammonia AND ammonium sulfate IGNORE units for the first marking point ALLOW one mark for 2 moles of ammonia makes 1 mole of ammonium sulfate
			Total	6	
9			$\text{Ca} + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{CaCl}_2 + \text{H}_2$	2	1 mark for both correct reactants 1 mark for both correct products
			Total	2	
10			The oxidising agent is oxygen and the reducing agent is magnesium (1)	1	
			Total	1	
11	a		Any four from: idea that an excess of zinc oxide must be added (1) so reaction is complete / all nitric acid is reacted (1) filter off excess zinc oxide (1) evaporate off some of the water (1) allow to crystallise (1)	4	
	b		reaction between nitric acid (HNO_3), an acid and zinc oxide (ZnO), a base (1) to make zinc nitrate ($\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2$), a salt and water (only) (1)	2	Only award marks if reactions and products are named in the answer ALLOW the use of just chemical formulae
			Total	6	
12			C	1	
			Total	1	
13			B	1	
			Total	1	
14			B	1	
			Total	1	
15			B	1	
			Total	1	