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1 hour 15 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

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Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **all four** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 55.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

A Periodic Table of Elements, containing some data, is included with this question paper.



- 1 Oxalic acid is a white crystalline solid that occurs naturally in rhubarb. It is a dicarboxylic acid used in rust removal. It often contains water of crystallisation, $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$, the amount of which can be determined by titration with sodium hydroxide solution.

- (a) Oxalic acid reacts with sodium hydroxide in a similar way to ethanoic acid. Write an equation for the reaction between oxalic acid and excess sodium hydroxide.



- (b) A 1.55 g sample of hydrated oxalic acid was dissolved in 50 cm^3 of deionised water in a beaker, transferred to a volumetric flask and the solution made up to 250.0 cm^3 with deionised water. The flask was stoppered and inverted.

- (i) Explain how the loss of solution is minimised when it is transferred to the volumetric flask.

Rinse the beaker, stirring rod and funnel with deionised water.

Transfer all of the washings into the volumetric flask.

[2]

- (ii) Explain the purpose of inverting the volumetric flask.

To mix the solution thoroughly, so the solute is distributed

uniformly throughout the solution (uniform concentration).

[1]

- (c) 25.0 cm^3 of the oxalic acid solution were titrated against 0.10 mol dm^{-3} sodium hydroxide solution using phenolphthalein as an indicator. The titre was 24.6 cm^3 .

- (i) A burette reading is accurate to $\pm 0.05\text{ cm}^3$. Calculate the percentage uncertainty in the titre value, to one significant figure.

Two readings are taken, so uncertainty = $2 \times 0.05 = 0.1\text{ cm}^3$

% uncertainty = $(0.1 \div 24.6) \times 100 = 0.4\%$

[2]



- (ii) State the colour change at the end point of the titration.

Colourless to pink.

[2]

- (iii) Use the titre value and the mass of the sample to calculate the relative formula mass of hydrated oxalic acid.

$$\text{moles NaOH} = 0.10 \times 24.6/1000 = 0.00246 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{moles oxalic acid in } 25.0 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.00246 \div 2 = 0.00123 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{moles oxalic acid in } 250 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.00123 \times 10 = 0.0123 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{moles of hydrated oxalic acid in the } 1.55 \text{ g sample} = 0.0123 \text{ mol}$$

$$M_r \text{ of hydrated oxalic acid} = 1.55 \div 0.0123 = 126$$

[3]

- (iv) Use your answer to part (iii) to calculate the value of x in the hydrated acid, $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

$$M_r \text{ of anhydrous } \text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 = 2(1) + 2(12) + 4(16) = 90$$

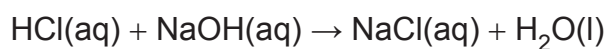
$$\text{mass of water} = 126 - 90 = 36, \text{ so } x = 36 \div 18 = 2$$

[2]

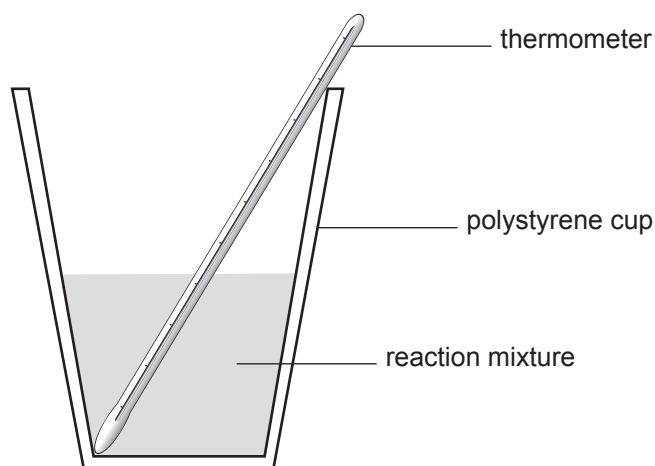
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- 2 Hydrochloric acid reacts with sodium hydroxide solution in a neutralisation reaction.



The apparatus in the diagram below can be used to determine the enthalpy change for the reaction:



- (a) (i) Heat loss to the surroundings is the main source of error in this experiment. Suggest **two** improvements to the apparatus in the diagram above that would minimise heat loss to the surroundings.

Place a lid on the polystyrene cup.

Place the cup inside another polystyrene cup (or a beaker) for insulation.

[2]

- (ii) Define the term **standard enthalpy of neutralisation**.

The enthalpy change when one mole of water is formed in a neutralisation reaction between an acid and a base, under standard conditions.

[2]



(iii) State the conditions used for standard enthalpy changes.

A pressure of 100 kPa and a temperature of 298 K.

[2]

(b) The following procedure was followed in order to determine the enthalpy change for the reaction:

- Weigh 11 g of the corrosive solid sodium hydroxide and dissolve in 250 cm³ of deionised water and allow to cool.
- Using a measuring cylinder, transfer 25 cm³ of the sodium hydroxide solution into a polystyrene cup.
- Place a thermometer in the polystyrene cup and record the temperature of the sodium hydroxide solution.
- Place a thermometer in 25 cm³ of 1.0 mol dm⁻³ hydrochloric acid and record the temperature of the acid. Transfer this solution to the polystyrene cup.
- Stir the reaction mixture with the thermometer and record the highest temperature obtained.

(i) Suggest a more accurate way of measuring the volume of the sodium hydroxide solution.

Use a burette (or a pipette) to measure the 25 cm³.

[1]

(ii) Suggest and explain **two** safety precautions when using solid sodium hydroxide.

Wear gloves and goggles, because sodium hydroxide is corrosive

and can cause eye damage and burn the skin.

[2]

[Turn over]



- (iii) Calculate the number of moles of sodium hydroxide in 25 cm³ of solution, to two significant figures.

$$\text{moles NaOH in } 250 \text{ cm}^3 = 11 \div 40 = 0.275 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{in } 25 \text{ cm}^3: 0.275 \div 10 = 0.0275 = 0.028 \text{ mol} \quad [2]$$

- (iv) Calculate the number of moles of hydrochloric acid in 25 cm³ of solution, to two significant figures.

$$1.0 \times 25/1000 = 0.025 \text{ mol HCl}$$

[1]

- (c) When the procedure was followed, a temperature rise of 6.2 °C was recorded.

- (i) It is assumed that the specific heat capacity of the reaction mixture is 4.2 J g⁻¹ K⁻¹. State **one** other assumption made about the reaction mixture when calculating the enthalpy change.

The density of the reaction mixture is 1 g cm⁻³ (no heat escapes from the mixture).

[1]

- (ii) Calculate the heat energy given out in kJ, to two significant figures.

$$q = mc\Delta T = 50 \times 4.2 \times 6.2 = 1302 \text{ J}$$

$$1302 \div 1000 = 1.302 \text{ kJ} = 1.3 \text{ kJ} \quad [2]$$

- (iii) Calculate the molar enthalpy of neutralisation for the reaction in kJ mol⁻¹, to two significant figures.

$$\text{moles of water formed} = 0.025 \text{ mol}$$

$$\Delta H = -1.302 \div 0.025 = -52.1 = -52 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \quad [2]$$



(d) The experiment was repeated using barium hydroxide in place of sodium hydroxide.

- (i) Suggest why the molar enthalpy of neutralisation, obtained for this experiment, is similar to that calculated with sodium hydroxide.

Barium hydroxide is also a strong base (fully dissociated), so the same reaction $H^+ + OH^- \rightarrow H_2O$ occurs.

[1]

- (ii) When the experiment is repeated with magnesium hydroxide in place of barium hydroxide, it is added as a solid to the hydrochloric acid in the polystyrene cup. Suggest why a solution of magnesium hydroxide is not used.

Magnesium hydroxide has a very low solubility in water.

[1]

- (iii) Aqueous barium chloride is used to test for a specific ion. Name the ion and describe how the test is performed for this ion. Include the observation for a positive test.

Ion: sulfate ion, SO_4^{2-}

Make a solution of the substance containing the suspected ion

(acidify with dilute hydrochloric acid) and add a few drops of

barium chloride solution.

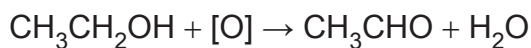
A white precipitate (of barium sulfate) forms.

[3]

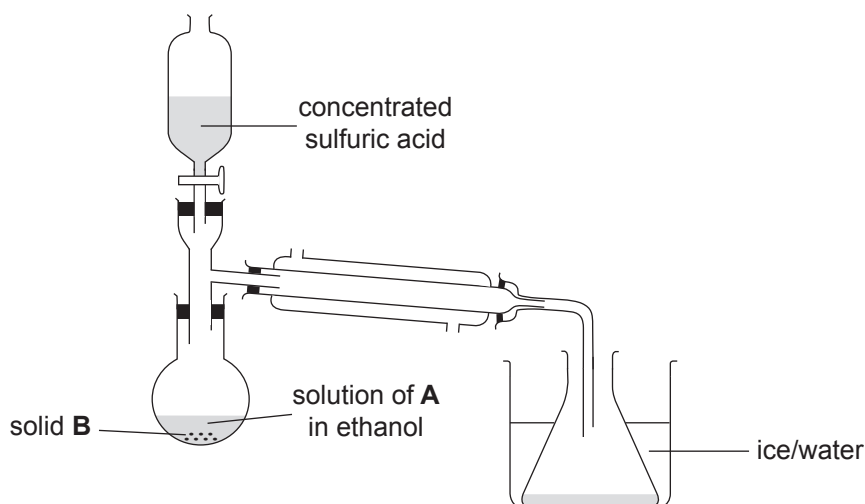
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- 3 The oxidation of ethanol (density 0.79 g cm^{-3} , boiling point 78°C) must be carefully controlled in order to produce ethanal (density 0.82 g cm^{-3} , boiling point 21°C).



Ethanal may be prepared using distillation apparatus, as shown in the diagram below.



The acid from the dropping funnel is added slowly. As the reaction proceeds and the solution in the round-bottom flask boils, a colourless liquid is collected in the conical flask.

- (a) Identify **A** and **B**.

A: potassium dichromate(VI) solution

B: anti-bumping granules

[2]

- (b) Suggest why a heat source is not required.

The reaction (addition of the acid) is exothermic.

[1]



- (c) State the colour change observed in the round-bottom flask after the reaction is complete.

Orange to green. [1]

- (d) Suggest why the conical flask is placed in an ice/water bath.

So that the ethanal (bp 21 °C) condenses and does not evaporate. [1]

- (e) Calculate the volume of ethanal, to two significant figures, that would be produced from 5.0 cm³ of ethanol, assuming a yield of 45%.

mass of ethanol = 0.79 × 5.0 = 3.95 g

moles of ethanol = 3.95 ÷ 46 = 0.086 mol

so 0.086 mol of ethanal for a 100% yield

moles of ethanal at 45% yield = 0.086 × 0.45 = 0.039 mol

mass of ethanal = 0.039 × 44 = 1.72 g

volume of ethanal = 1.72 ÷ 0.82 = 2.1 cm³

[5]

- (f) Suggest **one** practical and **one** theoretical reason why the yield is less than 100%.

Practical: some ethanal is lost in transfer, or not all of the ethanal

condenses (it is very volatile).

Theoretical: further oxidation of ethanal to ethanoic acid, or other

side reactions occur. [2]

[Turn over]



- 4 In order to determine the relative atomic mass of a Group II metal, a known mass of the Group II carbonate, MCO_3 , is added to excess hydrochloric acid in a conical flask. The carbon dioxide produced is collected in a gas syringe.



- (a) (i) State **one** observation which could be made that indicates the reaction is finished.

No more fizzing (the plunger stops moving). [1]

- (ii) State a test which could be made that indicates the hydrochloric acid is in excess.

After the reaction has finished, add more carbonate to the flask: it fizzes, showing acid is still present. [2]

- (b) Identify **one** source of error with the method that could lead to inaccuracy in the volume of carbon dioxide measured.

The bung is not replaced quickly enough so some carbon dioxide escapes before it is collected. [1]

- (c) An alternative method involves collecting the carbon dioxide over water in a measuring cylinder.

- (i) Suggest **one** reason why this method is less accurate than collecting the carbon dioxide in a gas syringe.

Carbon dioxide is soluble in water. [1]

- (ii) Explain **one** way of improving the accuracy of measuring the volume of gas collected.

Collect the gas in a burette instead, as it has a lower percentage uncertainty than a measuring cylinder. [2]





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General Information

1 tonne = 10^6 g

1 metre = 10^9 nm

One mole of any gas at 293 K and a pressure of 1 atmosphere (10^5 Pa) occupies a volume of 24 dm³

Avogadro Constant = 6.02×10^{23} mol⁻¹

Planck Constant = 6.63×10^{-34} J s

Specific Heat Capacity of water = $4.2 \text{ J g}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$

Speed of Light = $3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

Characteristic absorptions in IR spectroscopy

Wavenumber/cm ⁻¹	Bond	Compound
550–850	C–X (X = Cl, Br, I)	Haloalkanes
750–1100	C–C	Alkanes, alkyl groups
1000–1300	C–O	Alcohols, esters, carboxylic acids
1450–1650	C=C	Arenes
1600–1700	C=C	Alkenes
1650–1800	C=O	Carboxylic acids, esters, aldehydes, ketones, amides, acyl chlorides
2200–2300	C≡N	Nitriles
2500–3200	O–H	Carboxylic acids
2750–2850	C–H	Aldehydes
2850–3000	C–H	Alkanes, alkyl groups, alkenes, arenes
3200–3600	O–H	Alcohols
3300–3500	N–H	Amines, amides

Proton Chemical Shifts in Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (relative to TMS)

Chemical Shift	Structure	
0.5–2.0	–CH	Saturated alkanes
0.5–5.5	–OH	Alcohols
1.0–3.0	–NH	Amines
2.0–3.0	–CO–CH	Ketones
	–N–CH	Amines
	C ₆ H ₅ –CH	Arene (aliphatic on ring)
2.0–4.0	X–CH	X = Cl or Br (3.0–4.0) X = I (2.0–3.0)
4.5–6.0	–C=CH	Alkenes
5.5–8.5	RCONH	Amides
6.0–8.0	–C ₆ H ₅	Arenes (on ring)
9.0–10.0	–CHO	Aldehydes
10.0–12.0	–COOH	Carboxylic acids

These chemical shifts are concentration and temperature dependent and may be outside the ranges indicated above.

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1 H Hydrogen 1													4 He Helium 2						
7 Li Lithium 3	9 Be Beryllium 4											11 B Boron 5	12 C Carbon 6	14 N Nitrogen 7	16 O Oxygen 8	19 F Fluorine 9	20 Ne Neon 10		
23 Na Sodium 11	24 Mg Magnesium 12											27 Al Aluminium 13	28 Si Silicon 14	31 P Phosphorus 15	32 S Sulfur 16	35.5 Cl Chlorine 17	40 Ar Argon 18		
39 K Potassium 19	40 Ca Calcium 20	45 Sc Scandium 21	48 Ti Titanium 22	51 V Vanadium 23	52 Cr Chromium 24	55 Mn Manganese 25	56 Fe Iron 26	59 Co Cobalt 27	59 Ni Nickel 28	64 Cu Copper 29	65 Zn Zinc 30	70 Ga Gallium 31	73 Ge Germanium 32	75 As Arsenic 33	79 Se Selenium 34	80 Br Bromine 35	84 Kr Krypton 36		
85 Rb Rubidium 37	88 Sr Strontium 38	89 Y Yttrium 39	91 Zr Zirconium 40	93 Nb Niobium 41	96 Mo Molybdenum 42	98 Tc Technetium 43	101 Ru Ruthenium 44	103 Rh Rhodium 45	106 Pd Palladium 46	108 Ag Silver 47	112 Cd Cadmium 48	115 In Indium 49	119 Sn Tin 50	122 Sb Antimony 51	128 Te Tellurium 52	127 I Iodine 53	131 Xe Xenon 54		
133 Cs Caesium 55	137 Ba Barium 56	139 La[*] Lanthanum 57	178 Hf Hafnium 72	181 Ta Tantalum 73	184 W Tungsten 74	186 Re Rhenium 75	190 Os Osmium 76	192 Ir Iridium 77	195 Pt Platinum 78	197 Au Gold 79	201 Hg Mercury 80	204 Tl Thallium 81	207 Pb Lead 82	209 Bi Bismuth 83	210 Po Polonium 84	210 At Astatine 85	222 Rn Radon 86		
223 Fr Francium 87	226 Ra Radium 88	227 Ac[†] Actinium 89	261 Rf Rutherfordium 104	262 Db Dubnium 105	266 Sg Seaborgium 106	264 Bh Bohrium 107	277 Hs Hassium 108	268 Mt Meitnerium 109	271 Ds Darmstadtium 110	272 Rg Roentgenium 111	285 Cn Copernicium 112								
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a = relative atomic mass (approx)
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* 58–71 Lanthanum series
† 90–103 Actinium series

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