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Question	Answer				Marks
1(a)	reagent	Benedict's	biuret	iodine solution	3
	nutrient tested for	reducing sugar ;	protein ;	starch ;	
1(b)	reagent	Benedict's	biuret	iodine solution	max 3
	solution A	yellow / green / orange / red	blue	blue-black	
	solution B	blue ;	lilac ;	blue-black ;	
	(mark vertically i.e. colours correct for both)				
1(c)	wore goggles / tied back hair / used tongs and chemical tests or hot water ;				max 1
1(d)	(dissolve in) ethanol and water added ; no naked flames (ignore other safety precautions) ; cloudy / emulsion ;				3
	Total:				10

Question	Answer			Marks									
2(a)	add water and stir ; filter mixture ; diagram with at least two labels ;			3									
2(b)(i)	no bubbles / no effervescence ;			1									
2(b)(ii)	chloride ;			1									
2(b)(iii)	<table><tr><td>test</td><td>observations</td><td>conclusion about cation</td></tr><tr><td>1 <i>(add sodium hydroxide solution)</i></td><td>no ppt. ;</td><td>(not Cu²⁺, Fe²⁺, Fe³⁺, Zn²⁺)</td></tr><tr><td>2 <i>(heat the mixture from test 1 and test any gases with damp litmus papers)</i></td><td>red to blue ;</td><td>ammonium / NH₄⁺ ;</td></tr></table>			test	observations	conclusion about cation	1 <i>(add sodium hydroxide solution)</i>	no ppt. ;	(not Cu ²⁺ , Fe ²⁺ , Fe ³⁺ , Zn ²⁺)	2 <i>(heat the mixture from test 1 and test any gases with damp litmus papers)</i>	red to blue ;	ammonium / NH ₄ ⁺ ;	3
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2(c)(i)	reacts quicker ;			1									
2(c)(ii)	dark blue (solution) ;			1									
	Total:			10									

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	1.2 (V) ; 0.18 (A) ;	2
3(b)(i)	5.2/5.24 and 6.7/6.67 ; both <i>R</i> values consistent to 2/3 significant figures ;	2
3(b)(ii)	11.9 (Ω) ; ecf (i)	1
3(c)(i)	correct series connection ; voltmeter position unchanged ;	2
3(c)(ii)	8.1(3) c.a.o. ;	1
3(d)	(statement matching results – expect NO) results used for justification with reference to the idea of experimental accuracy ;	1
3(e)	resistance changes / wires get hot / bulbs get hot / battery runs down ;	max 1
	Total:	10

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	time and minutes ; pulse rate/beats and 15 seconds ;	2
4(b)(i)	41 and 44 ;	1
4(b)(ii)	148 and 164 ;	1
4(c)	axes labelled with units ; suitable linear scale using at least half the grid ; at least 4 points plotted correctly ; best-fit curve ;	4
4(d)	increases ;	1
4(e)	correct reading from graph as marked ;	1
	Total:	10

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	<i>any 3 from:</i> copper doesn't react with acid ; delivery tube is under level of liquid in conical flask / cannot gather gas ; no bung in conical flask / gas escapes out of top of conical flask ; measuring cylinder should be underwater / should contain water / cannot collect gas ;	max 3
5(b)(i)	4 ; slower reaction / takes more time ;	2
5(b)(ii)	1 ; twice as much gas ;	2
5(c)	same / 30 cm ³ and same amount of metal / metal in excess ;	1
5(d)	heat or evaporating dish / beaker and burner ;	max 1
5(e)	lighted splint and pop ;	1
	Total:	10

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)(i)	15.4 (cm) ;	1
6(a)(ii)	$15.4 \div 10 = 1.54$;	1
6(a)(iii)	$\frac{\pi(1.54)^2}{4}$ = 1.86 (cm ²) ;	1
6(b)(i)	3.1 (cm) ;	1
6(b)(ii)	5.8/5.77 (cm ³) ;	1
6(c)	55. <u>0</u> (g) ;	1
6(d)	$55.0/5.77 = 9.5(3)$ (g/cm ³) ;	1
6(e)	idea that it allows more accurate measurement as uncertainty is a smaller percentage / fraction of measurement ;	1
6(f)	the volume calculated will be too large ; so this will make the value of the density too small ;	2
	Total:	10