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for the guidance of teachers**

**9701 CHEMISTRY**

**9701/33**

Paper 31 (Advanced Practical Skills), maximum raw mark 40

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**Question 1 Round all thermometer readings to the nearest 0.5°C.**

**Supervisor's Report**

Calculate  $m/\Delta T$  correct to 3 s.f. for each experiment.

**Candidate's scripts**

Calculate  $m/\Delta T$  correct to 3 s.f. for each experiment.

Question	Sections	Indicative material	Mark	
1 (a)	MMO Collection	(i) Follows instructions with regard to times and temperature readings <i>0–3 minutes at 1 minute intervals;</i> <i>5–8 minutes at ½ minute intervals, and T<sub>1</sub> recorded in box. (Ignore if also in table)</i>	1	
	PDO Recording	(ii) All columns correctly labelled with appropriate unit shown. <i>Must use solidus, brackets or describe unit fully in words.</i> <i>If units not included in column headings every entry must have the correct unit shown</i> Accept min, mins or minutes	1	
		(iii) <i>Look at results here and in (d).</i> All <b>balance readings</b> consistent to at least 1 decimal place. <b>and</b> All <b>thermometer readings</b> (table and box) recorded to nearest 0.5 °C. There must be at least one at 0.5 in <b>(a)</b> .	1	[3]

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(b)	PDO Layout	(i) Temperature of water in the beaker plotted on <i>y</i> -axis against time on <i>x</i> -axis. Clearly labelled axes (ignore units) [ <i>temp/time are minimum acceptable labels</i> ] <i>but</i> accept <b>T / °C</b> and <b>t / min</b> as labels. <i>The unit is necessary in this case</i>	1	
		(ii) Uniform and sensible scales for candidate's choice of graph. Plotted points must be in at least 4 large squares on the temperature axis and 5 large squares on the time axis. <i>Do not include any plotted value of T<sub>1</sub>.</i>	1	
		(iii) <i>There should be a minimum of 5 plotted points between 5 and 8 minutes.</i> <b>Examiner then checks plotting of points at t<sub>0 min</sub>, t<sub>5 min</sub> and t<sub>8 min</sub> and the plotting of any suspect point.</b> <b>If any of the t<sub>0 min</sub>, t<sub>5 min</sub> and t<sub>8 min</sub> points is missing check the adjacent point.</b> <i>Points should be within ½ of a small square of the correct position and in the correct small square</i>	1	
	ACE Interpretation	(iv) Acceptable straight lines drawn – <i>an acceptable straight line is one passing through the majority of points or has balanced points on either side of the line</i> <b>and</b> correct values of <b>T<sub>2</sub></b> and <b>T<sub>3</sub></b> read (to within ½ small square) from the graph. <i>Extrapolation need not be drawn on the graph</i>	1	[4]
(c)	ACE Interpretation	(i) and (ii) Award <b>one mark</b> if <b>both</b> of the following expressions are <u>correctly evaluated</u> . heat gained = 210 × candidate value of ( <b>T<sub>3</sub> – T<sub>2</sub></b> ) heat lost = 210 × candidate value of ( <b>T<sub>1</sub> – T<sub>3</sub></b> ) <i>Units should be consistent. Ignore any sign given.</i>	1	
		(iii) No mark.		[1]

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(d)	MMO Quality	<p><b>Compare the two <math>m/\Delta T</math> values (<math>\text{g}^\circ\text{C}^{-1}</math>) for the candidate's two experiments.</b> Award <b>three</b> marks for a difference up to <b>0.2</b> Award <b>two</b> of these three marks for a difference of <b>0.2+ <math>^\circ\text{C}</math> – 0.3</b> Award <b>one</b> of these three marks for a difference of <b>0.3+ <math>^\circ\text{C}</math> – 0.4</b></p> <p><b>Compare the <u>standard</u> <math>m/\Delta T</math> value of <math>1.70 \text{ g}^\circ\text{C}^{-1}</math> with the closer value from the candidate's results.</b> Award <b>three</b> marks for a difference up to <b>0.2</b> Award <b>two</b> of these three marks for a difference of <b>0.2+ <math>^\circ\text{C}</math> – 0.3</b> Award <b>one</b> of these three marks for a difference of <b>0.3+ <math>^\circ\text{C}</math> – 0.4</b></p>	3	[6]
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(e)	ACE Interpretation ACE Conclusions	(i) Give <b>one mark</b> for correct <u>evaluation</u> of <b><math>430 \times</math> candidate's <math>\Delta T_{(\text{expt } 1)}</math></b>	1	
		(ii) The candidate explains that the beaker as well as the solution has cooled <b>Short term</b> – beaker loses heat energy as it cools <b>Long term</b> – Heat energy is absorbed by beaker (and solution) <b>Read in context – Beware of:</b> Heat is absorbed by beaker and surroundings (con)	1	
	ACE Interpretation	(iii) Give <b>one mark</b> if the candidate adds ( $\Delta T_{(\text{expt } 1)} \times$ <b>answer in (c)(iii)</b> ) to the answer in <b>(e)(i)</b> . Correct expression is sufficient, evaluation not required.	1	
	(iv) The candidate <u>correctly</u> calculates the moles of <b>FA 1</b> (candidate's mass / 53.5) used in expt 1.	1		
	<b>In (i), (iii) or (iv) withhold one mark for use of data from expt 2 the first time it is seen. Do not withhold more than one mark for this.</b>			
	(v) The candidate correctly divides the answer to <b>(e)(iii)</b> by the answer to <b>(e)(iv)</b> and by 1000. Ignore errors in evaluation and sign	1		
	ACE Conclusions	(vi) Award this mark if the candidate has given a +ve sign <b>and</b> explains that: the reaction is endothermic <b>or</b> heat is absorbed in the reaction <b>or</b> the temperature falls during the reaction.	1	
PDO Display	(vii) Award this mark if working is shown in sections <b>(c)(i), or (c)(ii) or (e)(i) and (e)(iv) and (e)(v)</b> .	1		

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(e) contd	PDO Display	(viii) Award this mark if the final answer in section (iii) of (c) and section (iv) of (e) is given to 2 or 3 significant figures.	1	[8]
(f)	ACE Interpretation	Correctly calculates the difference and the percentage error. <i>Ignore significant figures. Beware mixed units</i>	1	[1]
(g)	ACE Conclusions	Clearly described source of error (i) Heat loss / gain (ii) Use of glass beaker (iii) Precision of thermometer (iv) Small temperature fall	1	[2]
	ACE Improvements	Specific improvement given with some attempt at justification. (i) Lid – prevents convection or evaporation Insulation – prevents conduction Use plastic beaker – provides insulation (ii) Polystyrene cup – lower heat capacity (iii) Use thermometer at 0.5 °C or better, gives smaller % error. (iv) Larger mass of $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ or smaller water volume. Gives greater temperature change <b>Do not award either of these marks for answers referring to use of measurement of volume or measurement of mass.</b>	1	
	<b>Total</b>			<b>[25]</b>

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<b>FA 2</b> is Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (aq); <b>FA 3</b> is Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (aq); <b>FA 4</b> is a mixture of Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (aq) and Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (aq)			
2 (a)	MMO Decisions	<p>(i) <b>reagent 1</b> – chooses any <b>specified acid</b> to detect the carbonate present (<i>name or formula</i> may be in results table) <b>and</b> <b>reagent 2</b> – chooses BaCl<sub>2</sub> or Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. <i>Accept Ba<sup>2+</sup>(aq) or soln containing Ba<sup>2+</sup>(aq) as reagent.</i> <i>Also accept incorrect formulae for a compound, e.g. BaCl, providing the identity of the reagent is obvious.</i></p> <p>(ii) Explains significance of order in which reagents added. acid first – to remove carbonate from solution <b>or</b> after Ba<sup>2+</sup> – to dissolve any barium carbonate precipitated. <b>Candidates must make clear the relationship of acid to barium carbonate.</b> <i>Do not award this mark if sulfuric acid has been used in (i)</i> In section (iii), <u>assume reagents follow each other in the same test-tube unless otherwise stated.</u> <b>Allow lead(II) nitrate as the 2<sup>nd</sup> reagent <u>providing it is used with nitric acid.</u></b></p> <p>(iii) <b>Addition of acid</b> No reaction with <b>FA 2</b>, effervescence/bubbles/bubbling (or gas tested with limewater) for <b>FA 3 and FA 4</b> <b>Addition of Ba<sup>2+</sup>(aq)</b> white ppt with all three solutions, if added as first reagent or to a separate sample <b>or</b> white ppt, insoluble in acid for <b>FA 2</b>, soluble in acid for <b>FA 3</b> and insoluble/partially soluble in acid for <b>FA 4</b> if added before the addition of acid <b>or</b> white ppt with <b>FA 2</b> and <b>FA 4</b> and no ppt with <b>FA 3</b> if added after addition of acid <i>Do not award this mark if sulfuric acid has been used unless it has been stated that Ba<sup>2+</sup>(aq) was added to a fresh sample</i> <b>Allow deductions from lead nitrate (as for barium salt) ONLY if nitric acid has been specified. If a candidate selects limewater as a reagent, can get observation marks, CaSO<sub>4</sub> soluble at this concentration.</b></p>	1
	MMO Collection		1

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<b>FA 5</b> is CuSO <sub>4</sub> (aq); <b>FA 6</b> is NH <sub>4</sub> Cl(aq); <b>FA 7</b> is CoCl <sub>2</sub> (aq); <b>FA 8</b> is MnSO <sub>4</sub> (aq)				
<b>(a)</b> <b>contd</b>	ACE Conclusions	<p><b>No ecf to be applied in these conclusions</b></p> <p><b>(iv)</b> Give <b>one mark</b> for identifying carbonate in <b>FA 3</b> and <b>FA 4</b>, with supporting evidence. Minimum acceptable evidence – gas with acid <b>or</b> white ppt (barium carbonate) soluble in acid</p> <p>Give <b>one mark</b> for identifying sulfate in <b>FA 2</b> and <b>FA 4 only</b>, with supporting evidence. Minimum acceptable evidence – white ppt with Ba<sup>2+</sup> (if insoluble in acid) but <b>con</b> if soluble. If no mark has been awarded in <b>(iii)</b> or <b>(iv)</b>, allow one mark if evidence given is consistent with the ions identified</p>	1  1	[6]
	MMO Collection  MMO Decisions  MMO Collection	<p><b>(i)</b> For <b>FA 5</b>, records blue ppt, insoluble in an excess of NaOH blue ppt with ammonia; soluble <b>or</b> <u>forming a deep blue colour</u> with excess of the reagent</p> <p><b>(ii)</b> For <b>FA 6</b>, records no precipitate with both NaOH and NH<sub>3</sub>(aq), <b>and</b> ammonia detected <b>or</b> red litmus turning blue on heating with NaOH (No reference to a gas is necessary)</p> <p><b>(iii)</b> Describes <u>test carried out on gas evolved</u> to identify ammonia. <i>An observation of no ppt with either reagent and a gas turning red litmus blue on heating with NaOH would earn both the C3 and the De7 mark.</i> <b>If the mark is not awarded for ammonia test a retrospective mark can be given here for testing gas evolved with limewater in (a)</b></p> <p><b>(iv)</b> For <b>FA 7</b> records blue (only) ppt, on initial addition of NaOH blue/green ppt, insoluble in excess ammonia</p> <p><b>(v)</b> Any reference to pink in either precipitate on initial formation, in excess or on standing.</p>	1  1  1  1	

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<b>(b)</b> <b>contd</b>	MMO Collection	<b>(vi)</b> For <b>FA 8</b> , records off-white/pale brown/buff/beige precipitate insoluble in an excess of NaOH off-white/pale brown/buff/beige precipitate insoluble in an excess of ammonia Do <b>not</b> accept a cream ppt.	1	[7]
		<b>(vii)</b> Darkening of the initial precipitate <b>or</b> appropriate coloured precipitate (allow white or cream ppt here as colour of initial ppt) turning brown at any stage with either reagent.	1	
<b>(c)</b>	ACE Conclusions	<b>No ecf to be applied in these conclusions</b> Identifies all cations correctly: <b>FA 5</b> is $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ / copper(II) <b>FA 6</b> is $\text{NH}_4^+$ / ammonium <b>FA 8</b> is $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ / manganese(II)	1	[2]
		Gives appropriate supporting evidence for <b>two</b> of the three ions Minimum evidence for each of the ions. <b><math>\text{Cu}^{2+}</math></b> <b>(i)</b> Blue ppt with both NaOH and $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$ , <b>or</b> <b>(ii)</b> Blue ppt with NaOH, insoluble in excess of the reagent, <b>or</b> <b>(iii)</b> Blue ppt with $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$ , soluble in excess of the reagent, <b>or</b> <b>(iii)</b> Dark blue colour formed at any stage with $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$ <b><math>\text{NH}_4^+</math></b> <b>(i)</b> Ammonia, $\text{NH}_3$ , alkaline gas, or gas turning red litmus blue with NaOH (hot or cold) <b><math>\text{Mn}^{2+}</math></b> <b>(i)</b> Initial off-white to beige ppt with NaOH and with $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$ <b>or</b> <b>(ii)</b> Precipitate darkening / turning brown with either reagent – providing the colour of the initial precipitate is not completely inappropriate (e.g. blue or green).	1	
<b>Total</b>			<b>[15]</b>	