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GCSE Chemistry

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WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 45 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 seven** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 115.

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

Quality of written communication will be assessed in Question **4(d)** and **6(b)(iv)**.

A Data Leaflet, which includes a Periodic Table of the Elements, is included in this question paper.



- 1 Aluminium metal is obtained from its ore by electrolysis. Aluminium is used to manufacture drinks cans.



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- (a) (i) Name the ore from which aluminium is obtained.

_____ [1]

- (ii) State two reasons why the purified ore is dissolved in molten cryolite.

1. _____

2. _____

_____ [2]

- (iii) Write a half equation for the production of aluminium at the cathode.

_____ [3]



(iv) Name the electrolysis product obtained at the anode and write a half equation for the reaction which occurs at the anode.

Product: _____ [1]

Half equation: _____ [3]

(b) An aluminium manufacturing company is exploring the possibility of setting up an aluminium extraction plant.

State two factors that need to be considered by the company when choosing a site for the aluminium extraction plant.

1. _____

2. _____

_____ [2]

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2 Organic compounds are grouped into homologous series. Alkenes are a homologous series of hydrocarbons.

(a) (i) What is meant by the term homologous series?

[3]

(ii) Complete the table below.

Name	Molecular formula	Physical state at room temperature
ethene		gas
	C_3H_6	

[3]

(iii) What is the functional group of the alkenes?

[1]



(b) Vinegar contains the weak acid, ethanoic acid.

(i) Draw the structural formula of ethanoic acid.

[1]

(ii) What is meant by the term weak acid?

[1]

(c) Ethanoic acid undergoes typical reactions of acids.

(i) Write a balanced symbol equation for the reaction of ethanoic acid with magnesium.

[3]

(ii) What is observed when magnesium reacts with ethanoic acid?

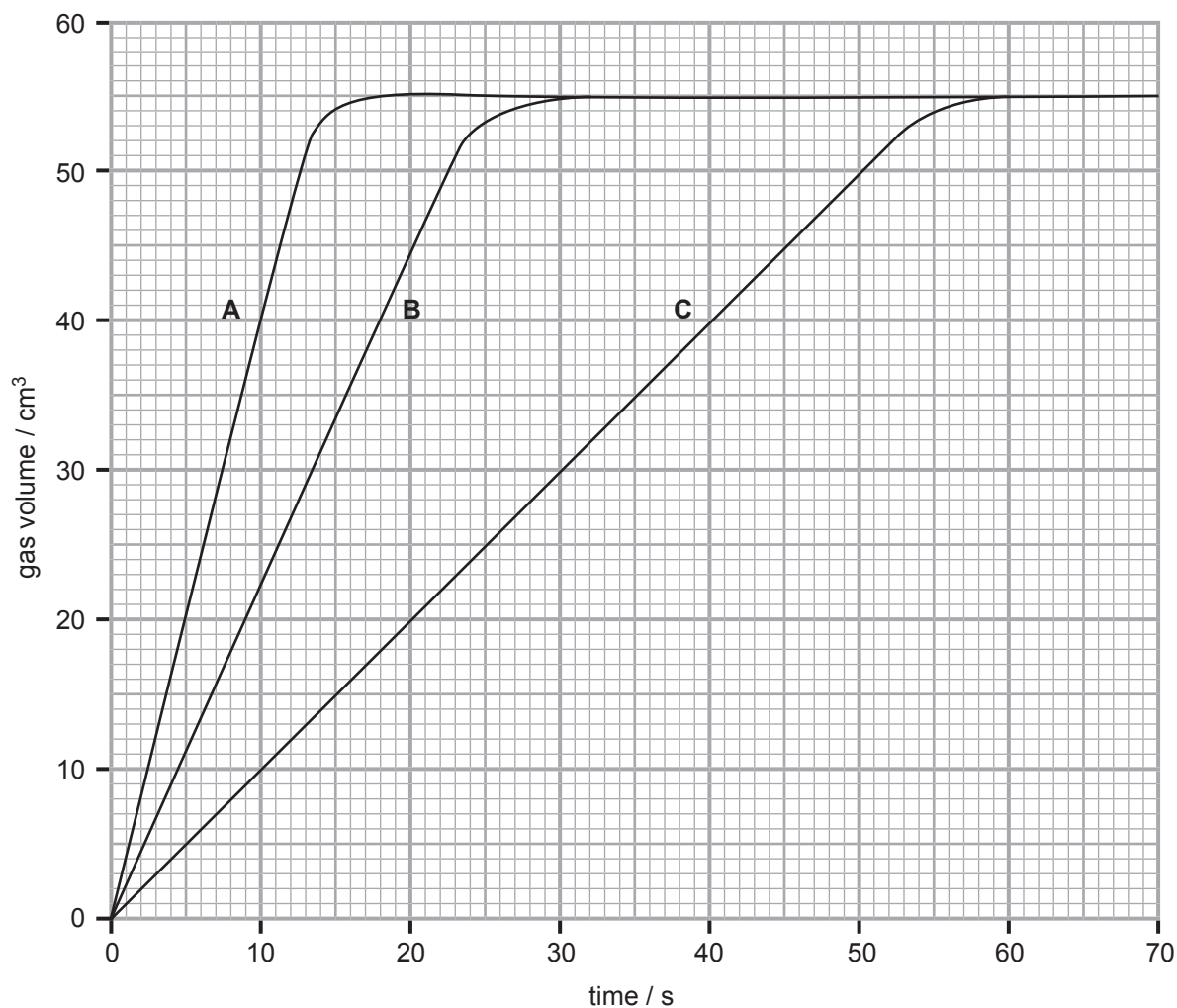
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- 3 The rate of a chemical reaction is affected by several factors including the concentration of the reactants, temperature and presence of a catalyst.

(a) To investigate the effect of concentration of acid on the rate of reaction, a student reacted a 0.055 g strip of magnesium ribbon with solutions of hydrochloric acid of three different concentrations (0.5, 1.0 and 1.5 mol/dm³). All reactions were carried out at room temperature. The results obtained are shown on the graph below.



- (i) State and explain which line (A, B or C) was obtained using 1.5 mol/dm^3 hydrochloric acid.

Line _____

[3]

- (ii) The student repeated the experiment using hydrochloric acid of concentration 2.0 mol/dm^3 . **Sketch** a line on the same axes to represent the results obtained and label this curve D. [3]

- (b) Explain in terms of particles why the rate of reaction increases as temperature increases.

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- (c) The activation energy required for a reaction is affected by the presence of a catalyst. What is meant by the term activation energy?

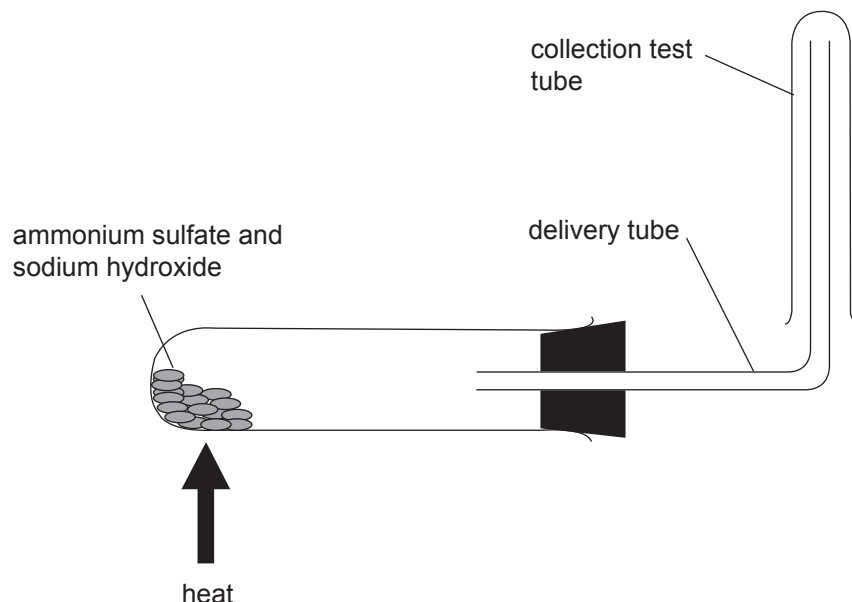
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- 4 Ammonia is an important chemical in the production of explosives and fertilisers. The Haber process is used to produce ammonia industrially.

(a) Ammonia can be prepared in the laboratory by the reaction of an ammonium compound with an alkali using the apparatus shown below.



(i) State two physical properties of ammonia gas.

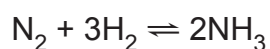
1. _____
2. _____ [2]

(ii) Write a balanced symbol equation for the preparation of ammonia from ammonium sulfate and sodium hydroxide.

_____ [3]



(b) Nitrogen reacts with hydrogen in the Haber process according to the equation:



(i) Explain why nitrogen is described as being reduced in this reaction.

[2]

(ii) What is meant by \rightleftharpoons in the equation above?

[1]

(iii) Describe the test used to identify ammonia gas.

[3]

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(c) Ammonia reacts with oxygen producing nitrogen and water.

(i) Write a balanced symbol equation for this reaction.

_____ [3]

(ii) Explain why nitrogen gas is unreactive.

_____ [2]



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5 Copper is a transition metal and it forms many coloured compounds.

(a) Copper reacts when heated in air.

Write a balanced symbol equation for the reaction which occurs when copper is heated in air.

_____ [3]

(b) Copper(II) carbonate decomposes when heated.

(i) What colour change is observed in this reaction?

From _____ to _____ [2]

(ii) Write a balanced symbol equation for the decomposition of copper(II) carbonate on heating.

_____ [2]

(c) Copper(II) oxide may be reduced in the laboratory by heating in a stream of hydrogen.

(i) Write the balanced symbol equation for the reaction.

_____ [2]



- (ii) Draw a labelled diagram of the assembled apparatus used to safely heat a sample of copper(II) oxide in a stream of hydrogen in the laboratory.

[4]

- (d) The reduction of copper(II) oxide may be carried out in the laboratory using methane instead of hydrogen. The reaction produces copper, carbon dioxide and water.

- (i) Write a balanced symbol equation for the reduction of copper(II) oxide using methane.

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- (ii) Anhydrous copper(II) sulfate is used to test for water. What is meant by the term anhydrous?

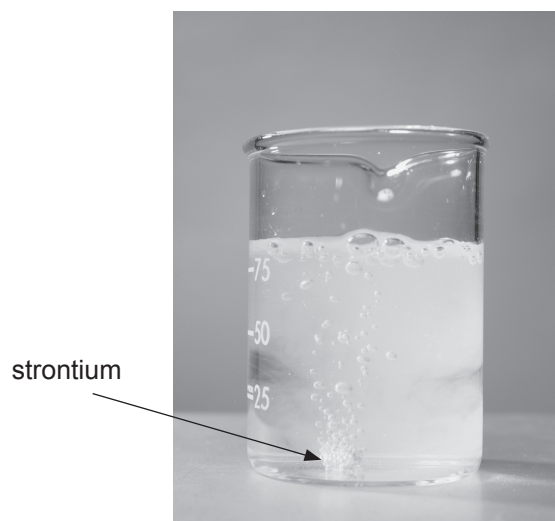
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6 Strontium is a typical Group 2 metal. It is toxic to humans in low doses.

(a) The photograph below shows the vigorous reaction of strontium with water.



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(i) Write a balanced symbol equation for the reaction of strontium with water.

_____ [3]

(ii) **Compare** the observations made when strontium reacts with water with the observations made when potassium reacts with water.

_____ [3]



(b) The table below shows if a displacement occurs (✓) when a metal is added to a solution of a metal ion.

metal \ metal ion solution	Strontium nitrate	Calcium nitrate	Cadmium(II) nitrate	Copper(II) nitrate	Iron(II) nitrate	Silver nitrate
Strontium		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Calcium	×		✓	✓	✓	✓
Cadmium	×	×		✓	×	✓
Copper	×	×	×		×	✓
Iron	×	×	✓	✓		✓
Silver	×	×	×	×	×	

(i) Write a balanced symbol equation for the reaction between strontium and silver nitrate.

_____ [3]

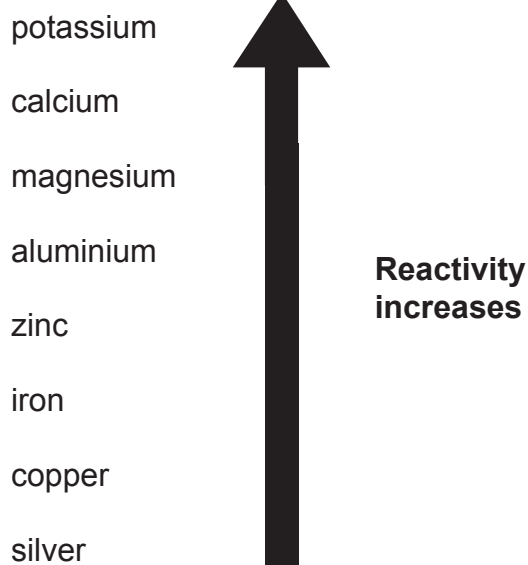
(ii) Name the products when calcium reacts with cadmium(II) nitrate solution.

_____ [2]

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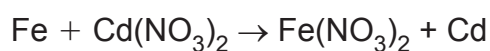


(iii) On the reactivity series below indicate the position of strontium and cadmium clearly using the information from the reactions in (a) and (b).



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(iv) Explain, in terms of electrons, why the reaction between iron and cadmium(II) nitrate is a redox reaction.



In this question you will be assessed on your written communication skills including the use of specialist scientific terms.





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(c) A barium meal medical test uses a compound of another Group 2 metal, barium. This compound allows soft tissues like the stomach and upper intestine to be X-rayed.

(i) Name the barium compound used.

[1]

(ii) State why this compound is used despite the toxicity of barium compounds.

[1]

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7 Barium hydroxide forms crystals with the formula $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

- (a) Calculate the mass of barium hydroxide crystals, $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$, required to make 1000 cm^3 of a 0.25 mol/dm^3 solution of barium hydroxide.
(Relative atomic masses: $\text{H} = 1$; $\text{O} = 16$; $\text{Ba} = 137$)

Mass = _____ g [2]

- (b) A different solution of a metal hydroxide, $\text{M}(\text{OH})_2$, was made by dissolving 15.25 g of solid $\text{M}(\text{OH})_2$ in 250 cm^3 of water.

Calculate the concentration of the solution in g/dm^3 .

Concentration = _____ g/dm^3 [1]



- (c) To determine the identity of $M(OH)_2$, a titration was carried out. 25.0cm^3 of the $M(OH)_2$ solution from (b) were placed in a conical flask with a few drops of bromothymol blue indicator. The conical flask was placed on a white tile and titrated with 1.25mol/dm^3 hydrochloric acid until the end-point.

Indicator	Colour in acid solution	Colour in neutral solution	Colour in alkaline solution
bromothymol blue	yellow	green	blue

- (i) Why is a white tile used in this practical technique?

_____ [1]

- (ii) Use the table above to determine the colour change of the indicator at the end-point.

From _____ to _____ [1]

- (iii) State two ways in which the end-point may be determined accurately.

1. _____

2. _____
_____ [2]

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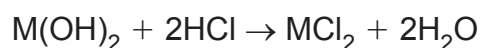
(d) The results obtained in the titration are shown in the table below.

	Rough titration	Accurate titration 1	Accurate titration 2
Final burette reading (cm ³)	20.9	40.8	20.1
Initial burette reading (cm ³)	0.0	20.9	0.0
Titre (cm ³)	20.9	19.9	20.1

(i) Calculate the average titre.

Average titre = _____ cm³ [2]

The equation for the reaction is represented by:



(ii) Calculate the concentration of M(OH)₂ in mol/dm³.

Concentration = _____ mol/dm³ [5]



(iii) Use your answers from (b) and (d)(ii) to calculate the relative formula mass of $M(OH)_2$ and state the identity of element M. Show your working out clearly.

Identity of M = _____

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SYMBOLS OF SELECTED IONS

Positive ions

Name	Symbol
Ammonium	NH_4^+
Chromium(III)	Cr^{3+}
Copper(II)	Cu^{2+}
Iron(II)	Fe^{2+}
Iron(III)	Fe^{3+}
Lead(II)	Pb^{2+}
Silver	Ag^+
Zinc	Zn^{2+}

Negative ions

Name	Symbol
Carbonate	CO_3^{2-}
Dichromate	$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$
Ethanoate	CH_3COO^-
Hydrogen carbonate	HCO_3^-
Hydroxide	OH^-
Methanoate	HCOO^-
Nitrate	NO_3^-
Sulfate	SO_4^{2-}
Sulfite	SO_3^{2-}

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For the use of candidates taking
Science: Chemistry,
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SOLUBILITY IN COLD WATER OF COMMON SALTS, HYDROXIDES AND OXIDES

Soluble
All sodium, potassium and ammonium salts
All nitrates
Most chlorides, bromides and iodides EXCEPT silver and lead chlorides, bromides and iodides
Most sulfates EXCEPT lead and barium sulfates Calcium sulfate is slightly soluble

Insoluble
Most carbonates EXCEPT sodium, potassium and ammonium carbonates
Most hydroxides EXCEPT sodium, potassium and ammonium hydroxides
Most oxides EXCEPT sodium, potassium and calcium oxides which react with water

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