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Chemistry

Unit 3: Practical Skills

Practical Booklet B

Foundation Tier



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TIME

1 hour.

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 five** questions.

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The total mark for this paper is 70.

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Quality of written communication will be assessed in Question **3(a)**.

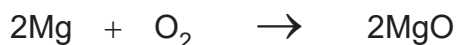
A Data Leaflet including a Periodic Table of the Elements is provided.

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- 1 Some metals react readily with oxygen when heated in air. The balanced symbol equation for magnesium reacting with oxygen is:



- (a) A piece of magnesium ribbon was heated directly in a Bunsen burner flame.

- (i) Name the piece of apparatus used to hold the magnesium ribbon in a Bunsen burner flame.

_____ [1]

- (ii) State two observations which occur during this reaction.

1. _____

2. _____ [2]

- (iii) 0.36 g of magnesium ribbon were heated. Calculate the number of moles of magnesium heated.

moles of magnesium = _____ [1]

- (b) The following method was carried out using magnesium.

1. Weigh an empty crucible with a lid and record the mass.
2. Place a sample of magnesium in the crucible, weigh and record the total mass of the crucible, lid and contents.
3. Heat the crucible strongly for two minutes using a Bunsen burner. Lift the crucible lid slightly from time to time.
4. Turn off the Bunsen burner and allow the crucible and contents to cool.
5. Weigh the crucible, lid and contents.
6. Repeat steps 3 to 5 until there is no further change in mass.



(i) Draw a labelled diagram of the assembled apparatus used to heat the magnesium in this experiment.

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(ii) Explain why the crucible lid was lifted slightly from time to time.

[1]

(iii) Magnesium oxide reacts slowly with water to form a solution which is a weak alkali. Describe how you would measure the pH of the solution and state the expected results. A pH meter is **not** available.

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(c) The experiment in (b) was repeated using an unknown metal. The results obtained after heating the metal to constant mass are given in the table below.

Mass of crucible + lid	42.10 g
Mass of crucible + lid + metal	45.25 g
Mass of crucible + lid + metal oxide	46.93 g

(i) Calculate the mass of metal used.

mass of metal = _____ g [1]

(ii) Calculate the mass of oxygen which reacted.

mass of oxygen = _____ g [1]

(iii) Calculate the mass of the metal oxide formed.

mass of metal oxide = _____ g [1]



2 Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) is a brown gas which may be produced when solid lead(II) nitrate breaks down on heating. Before heating, the lead(II) nitrate must be thoroughly dried.

(a) (i) Balance the symbol equation below for the reaction. Add state symbols.



(ii) What term is used for a reaction in which a substance breaks down on heating?

_____ [2]

(iii) State one way in which the solid lead(II) nitrate could be dried.

_____ [1]

(iv) Describe the test for oxygen gas.

_____ [1]

(v) Calculate the percentage, by mass, of oxygen in nitrogen dioxide. Give your answer to 1 decimal place.

Percentage of oxygen = _____ % [2]

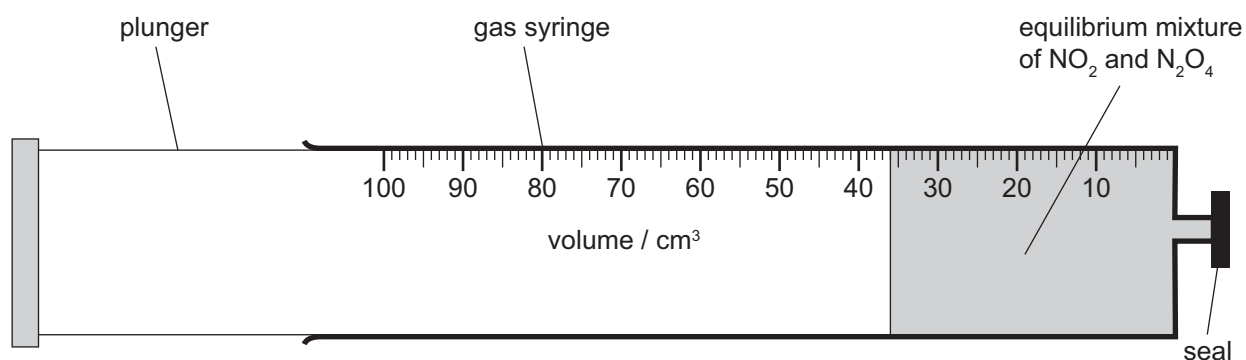
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(b) Nitrogen dioxide exists in a dynamic equilibrium with dinitrogen tetroxide (N_2O_4) which is a colourless gas.



An equilibrium mixture of the two gases at room temperature (20°C) was placed in a sealed gas syringe.



(i) What volume of gas is present in the gas syringe?

_____ [1]

(ii) What is the energy change for the reverse reaction?

_____ [1]



(iii) Place a tick (✓) in the right-hand box for any statements which are correct for a dynamic equilibrium.

The amounts of reactants and products are the same.

The amounts of reactants and products remain constant.

The rate of the forward reaction is greater than the rate of the reverse reaction.

The rate of the reverse reaction is greater than the rate of the forward reaction.

The rates of the forward and reverse reactions are equal.

[2]



(b) Carbon dioxide reacts with water.

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

_____ [2]

(ii) Name the product of the reaction of carbon dioxide with water.

_____ [1]

(c) The table below gives some information about three gases.

Gas	Colour	Density compared to air	Acidic, basic or neutral?
carbon dioxide	colourless	denser than air	
hydrogen	colourless		neutral
ammonia		less dense than air	basic

(i) Complete the table above. [3]

(ii) Name the gas in the table which is used in weather balloons.

_____ [1]

(iii) Describe the test for ammonia gas.

_____ [3]

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4 An experiment was carried out to investigate the temperature change during the reaction of acid **A** with potassium hydroxide solution using the method below.

Step 1: Place 25.0 cm³ of acid **A** in a beaker.

Step 2: Use a thermometer to measure the temperature of acid **A**.

Step 3: Add 5.0 cm³ of potassium hydroxide solution to acid **A** and swirl the mixture.

Step 4: Use a thermometer to measure the highest temperature of the reaction mixture.

Step 5: Repeat steps 3 and 4 until a total of 40.0 cm³ of potassium hydroxide solution have been added.

(a) Name the piece of apparatus used to add the potassium hydroxide solution to acid **A**.

_____ [1]

(b) Write the formula for the positive ion present in acid **A**.

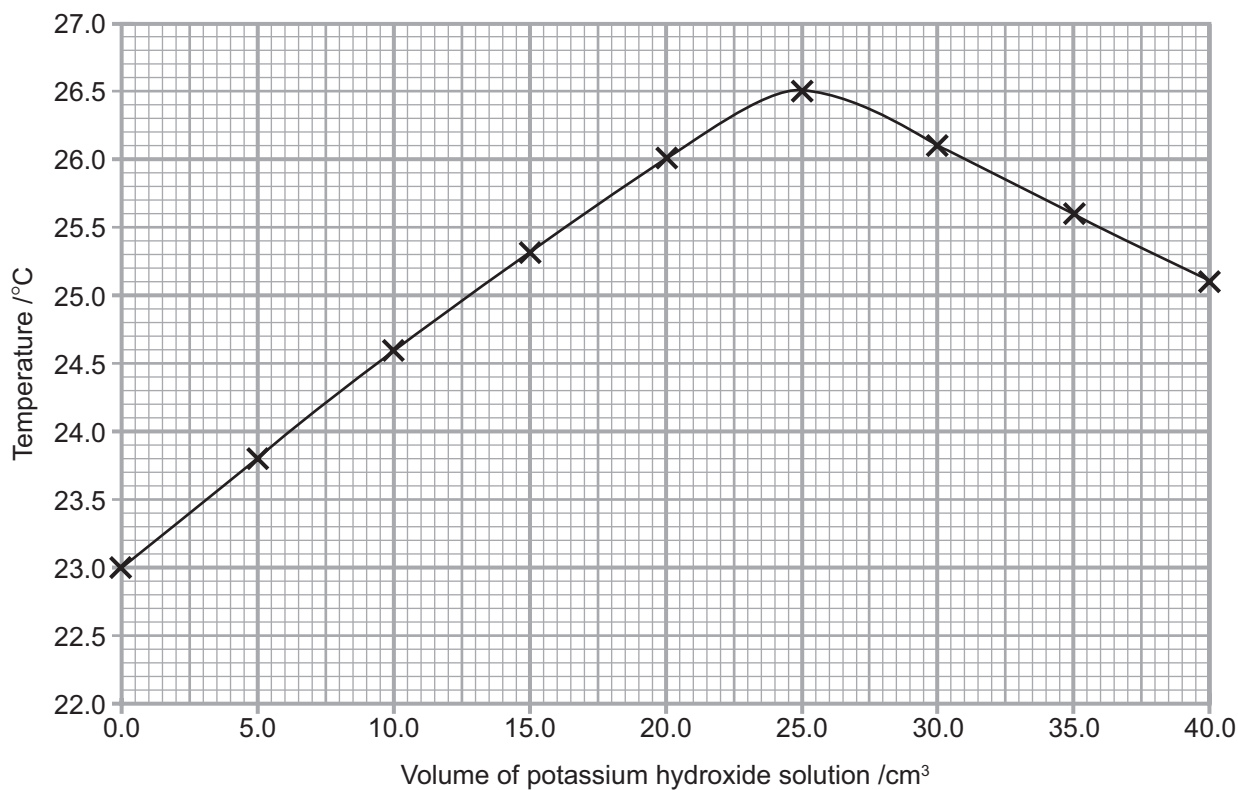
_____ [1]

(c) State one source of heat loss in the experiment and explain how the heat loss can be reduced.

_____ [2]



(d) A graph of temperature against volume of potassium hydroxide solution added is shown below.



(i) How does the graph show that the reaction between acid **A** and potassium hydroxide solution is exothermic?

_____ [1]

(ii) Use the graph to find the volume of potassium hydroxide solution required to neutralise acid **A**.

_____ [1]

(iii) Use the graph to calculate the maximum temperature change for the reaction of potassium hydroxide solution with acid **A**.

_____ [1]

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(iv) The experiment was repeated. An indicator was added to acid **A** before the potassium hydroxide solution was added. Name an indicator which could be used and state the colour change which would be observed during the experiment.

Indicator: _____

Colour change from: _____ to _____ [3]





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5 The reactivity series below includes the metals chromium and lithium.

Most reactive	potassium
	sodium
	lithium
	calcium
	aluminium
	zinc
	chromium
	iron
Least reactive	copper

(a) Lithium and calcium react with water.

(i) State three observations which occur when lithium reacts with water.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____ [3]

(ii) Write a balanced symbol equation for the reaction of lithium with water.

_____ [3]

(iii) State two observations which occur when calcium reacts with water and which do not occur when lithium reacts with water.

1. _____

2. _____
_____ [2]



(b) The reactivity of chromium and iron was investigated. Each metal was placed separately in a test tube containing hydrochloric acid. The speed of bubbles being produced was noted.

(i) State two variables which should be kept the same in this investigation.

1. _____

2. _____ [2]

(ii) State and explain which metal, chromium or iron, would cause more rapid bubbling.

_____ [1]

(iii) Name the two products of the reaction of iron with hydrochloric acid.

_____ [2]

(c) A piece of aluminium foil was added to a boiling tube containing copper(II) sulfate solution. A reaction occurs but it is very slow. The balanced symbol equation for the reaction is:



(i) Name the product $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$.

_____ [1]

(ii) State the colour of the following:

Copper(II) sulfate solution: _____

Copper metal: _____ [2]

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(iii) Suggest why the aluminium foil reacts slowly.

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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
Butanoate	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{COO}^-$
Carbonate	CO_3^{2-}
Dichromate	$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$
Ethanoate	CH_3COO^-
Hydrogencarbonate	HCO_3^-
Hydroxide	OH^-
Methanoate	HCOO^-
Nitrate	NO_3^-
Propanoate	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COO}^-$
Sulfate	SO_4^{2-}
Sulfite	SO_3^{2-}



Data Leaflet

Including the Periodic Table of the Elements

For the use of candidates taking
 Science: Chemistry,
 Science: Double Award
 or Science: Single Award

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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THE PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS

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* 58 – 71 Lanthanum series
 † 90 – 103 Actinium series

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 x = atomic symbol
 b = atomic number

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