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9701 CHEMISTRY

9701/31 Paper 3 (Advanced Practical Skills 1), maximum raw mark 40

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Question	Indicative material	Mark	Total
1 (a)	**I** Initial and final readings and titre value given for rough titre **and** initial and final readings for two (or more) accurate titrations (*minimum of 2 × 2 box*)	1	
	II Titre values recorded for accurate titrations **and** Appropriate headings for the **accurate** titration table **and** cm^3 units. • initial / start burette reading / volume / value • final / end burette reading / volume / value (*not amount)* • titre **or** volume / **FA 4 and** used / added • unit: / cm^3 **or** (cm^3) **or** in cm^3 (for each heading)	1	
	III All **accurate** burette readings are to the nearest 0.05 cm^3. *Do **not** award this mark if:* • *50(.00) is used as an initial burette reading* • *more than one final burette reading is 50.(00)* • *any burette reading is greater than 50.(00)* • *there is only one accurate titration.*	1	
	IV There are two uncorrected **accurate** titres within 0.10 cm^3 • *Do **not** award this mark if, having performed two titres within 0.10 cm^3, a further titration is performed which is more than 0.10 cm^3 from the closer of the initial two titres, **unless** a further titration, within 0.10 cm^3 of any other, has also been carried out.* • *Do **not** award the mark if any "accurate" burette readings (apart from initial 0 cm^3) are given to **zero** dp*	1	
	Examiner rounds any burette readings to the nearest 0.05 cm^3, checks subtractions and then selects the **"best" titres** using the hierarchy: • two (or more) accurate identical titres, *then* • two (or more) accurate titres within 0.05 cm^3, *then* • two (or more) accurate titres within 0.10 cm^3, *etc* These best titres are used to calculate the mean titre, expressed to nearest 0.01 cm^3. Examiner calculates the difference (**δ**) between the mean titres obtained by the candidate and the Supervisor. Accuracy marks are awarded as shown. Award **V**, **VI** and **VII** if **δ ⩽ 0.20** (cm^3) Award **V** and **VI** if **0.20 < δ ⩽ 0.30** Award **V**, only, if **0.30 < δ ⩽ 0.50** ***Spread penalty**: if the two "best" (corrected) titres used by the Examiner were ⩾ 0.50 cm^3 apart, cancel **one** accuracy mark.*	3	[7]

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(b)	Candidate must take the average of two (or more) titres that are within a total spread of not more than 0.20 cm^3. Working / explanation must be shown **or** ticks must be put next to the two (or more) accurate readings selected. The mean should be quoted to **2 dp**, and be rounded to nearest 0.01 cm^3. Two special cases, where the mean need not be to 2 dp: • Allow mean expressed to 3 dp **only** for 0.025 or 0.075 *(e.g. 26.325 cm^3)* • Allow mean if expressed to 1 dp, if **all** accurate burette readings were given to 1 dp **and** the mean is **exactly** correct. *(e.g. 26.0 and 26.2 = 26.1 is allowed)* *(e.g. 26.0 and 26.1 = 26.1 is wrong – should be 26.05)* ***Note**: the candidate's mean will sometimes be marked correct even if it was different from the mean calculated by the Examiner for the purpose of assessing accuracy.*	1	[1]
(c)(i)(ii)	Correctly calculates • n(thio) = $0.10 \times$ **(b)** / $_{1000}$ • n(I_2) = $0.5 \times$ **(i)** *Both answers must be given to 3 or 4 significant figures*	1	
(iii)	Correctly calculates n($KMnO_4$) = $0.025 \times 0.018 = 0.00045$ or 0.000450 or 0.0004500	1	
(iv)	Correct expression, with answer given to 2, 3 or 4 sig fig n(I_2) = **(ii)** / **(iii)** $\times$ 2 *Theoretical answer = 5.0 (for 2.0 mol $KMnO_4$)*	1	
(v)	Correct equation ticked**,** corresponding to **(iv)**	1	
(vi)	Allow any **one** of the following answers: • **An** iodide ion loses **one** electron • $2I^- - 2e^- \rightarrow I_2$ (*ionic equation must be correctly balanced)* • Oxidation number of iodine **increases** from –1/ 1– (in iodide ion) to 0 (in iodine)	1	[5]
(d) (i)	% error = $^{0.06}/_{25} \times 100 = 0.24$ %	1	
(ii)	The student is wrong, since KI / **FA 3** is in **excess.**	1	[2]
Qn 1			**[Total: 15]**
2 (a)	**I** Table for readings, headings **and** correct units: Headings: • volume of **FA 5** / acid • (volume of water – *if included must be correct*) • Time *Units allow Vol or / cm^3 etc.*	1	

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	II Three reaction times all recorded to **nearest second**	1	

	III and **IV**
	Examiner to calculate the time differences between Expt 1 and Expt 2 ($t_2 - t_1$).
	Then calculate 10% of the time for Expt 1 to 1dp (x).
	If ($t_2 - t_1$).> x award **III**.
	Examiner to calculate the time differences between Expt 2 and Expt 3 ($t_3 - t_2$).
	Then calculate 20% of the time for Expt 2 to 1dp (y).
	If ($t_3 - t_2$).> y award **IV**.
		2	[4]

(b) (i)	• Rates correctly calculated • All answers expressed to same sig fig (but not 1 sf) • Unit given.... / s^{-1} or (s^{-1})	1	
(ii)	Correctly calculates • Expt 1, conc = 0.08571 (or 0.0857 or 0.086) mol dm^{-3} **and** • Expt 3, conc = 0.02857 (or 0.0286 or 0.029) mol dm^{-3} *Both answers must be given to 2, 3 or 4 sig figs*	1	
(iii)	Rate increases with (increase of) concentration	1	
(iv)	• Time is shorter for sulfuric acid • Sulfuric acid has a greater / doubled **concentration** of H^+ ions.	1	
(v)	• time (for reaction) will be greater • less depth (of solution) in the 250 cm^3	1	[5]
Qn 2			**[Total: 9]**
FA 6 is Na_2SO_3; **FA 7** is $CaCl_2$; **FA 8** is $MgSO_4$; **FA 9** is $Al_2(SO_4)_3$; **FA 10** is $MnSO_4$			
3 (a) (i)	**Both observations required** • white precipitate with Ba^{2+} ion • Precipitate dissolves / partially dissolves in (excess) HCl	1	
(ii)	**Both observations required** • white precipitate with Ba^{2+} ion • precipitate insoluble / no change with HCl	1	
(iii)	When heated, gas produced decolourises $KMnO_4$ paper.	1	
(iv)	No change (when NaOH added) / no ppt / no reaction **and** green (solution) formed when $KMnO_4$ added	1	
	Colourless solution(with acid)	1	

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<tr><td>(v)</td><td>Anion is sulfite and <u>one</u> piece of evidence
• FA 6 with acid – SO_2 / gas which decolourises $KMnO_4$ is formed or
• FA 6 with Ba^{2+} – white precipitate / $BaSO_3$ formed which dissolves in acid / partially soluble in acid</td><td>1</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>(vi)</td><td>$Na_2SO_3 + H_2O_2 \rightarrow Na_2SO_4 + H_2O$</td><td>1</td><td>[7]</td></tr>
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<tr><td>(ii)</td><td>Conclusions
• FA 7 – calcium / Ca^{2+} or barium/Ba^{2+}
• FA 8 – magnesium / Mg^{2+}
• FA 9 – aluminium / Al^{3+}
• FA 10 – manganese(II)/Mn^{2+}

Four correct = 2 marks
Two or three correct = 1 mark</td><td>2</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>(iii)</td><td>$M^{2+} + 2OH^- \rightarrow M(OH)_2$ (for any divalent cation)
or $M^{3+} + 3OH^- \rightarrow M(OH)_3$ (for any trivalent cation)</td><td>1</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>(iv)</td><td>Use higher concentration</td><td>1</td><td>[9]</td></tr>
<tr><td>Qn 3</td><td colspan="3">[Total: 16]</td></tr>
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