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## CHEMISTRY

0971/52

Paper 5 Practical Test

October/November 2024

1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: The materials and apparatus listed in the confidential instructions  
Insert (enclosed)

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].
- Notes for use in qualitative analysis are provided in the question paper.

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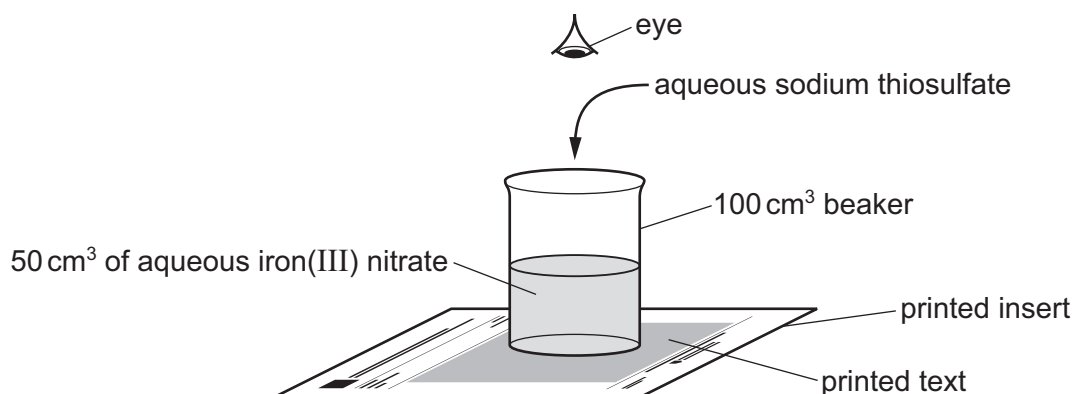


- 1 You are going to investigate the rate of the reaction between aqueous iron(III) nitrate and aqueous sodium thiosulfate.

**Read all of the instructions carefully before starting the experiments.**

**Instructions**

You are going to do five experiments using the apparatus shown in Fig. 1.1.



**Fig. 1.1**

**(a) Experiment 1**

- Use the 50 cm<sup>3</sup> measuring cylinder to pour 50 cm<sup>3</sup> of aqueous iron(III) nitrate into the 100 cm<sup>3</sup> beaker.
- Stand the beaker on the printed text of the insert as shown in Fig. 1.1.
- Use the 25 cm<sup>3</sup> measuring cylinder to pour 15.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of aqueous sodium thiosulfate into the beaker. At the same time start the stop-watch.
- Stir the contents of the beaker.
- Look down from above the beaker. When the printed text on the insert becomes visible, stop the stop-watch and record the time in seconds to the nearest whole number in Table 1.1.
- Rinse the beaker with distilled water.

**Experiment 2**

- Use the 50 cm<sup>3</sup> measuring cylinder to pour 50 cm<sup>3</sup> of aqueous iron(III) nitrate into the 100 cm<sup>3</sup> beaker.
- Stand the beaker on the printed text of the insert as shown in Fig. 1.1.
- Use the 10 cm<sup>3</sup> measuring cylinder to pour 10.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of aqueous sodium thiosulfate into the beaker. At the same time start the stop-watch.
- Stir the contents of the beaker.
- Look down from above the beaker. When the printed text on the insert becomes visible, stop the stop-watch and record the time in seconds to the nearest whole number in Table 1.1.
- Rinse the beaker with distilled water.

**Experiment 3**

- Repeat Experiment 2, using 7.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of aqueous sodium thiosulfate instead of 10.0 cm<sup>3</sup>.

**Experiment 4**

- Repeat Experiment 2, using 6.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of aqueous sodium thiosulfate instead of 10.0 cm<sup>3</sup>.

**Experiment 5**

- Repeat Experiment 2, using 5.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of aqueous sodium thiosulfate instead of 10.0 cm<sup>3</sup>.





Table 1.1

experiment	1	2	3	4	5
volume of aqueous sodium thiosulfate / cm <sup>3</sup>					
time taken for text to become visible / s					

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(b) Write a suitable scale on the y-axis and plot your results from Experiments 1 to 5 on Fig. 1.2. Draw a smooth curve of best fit.

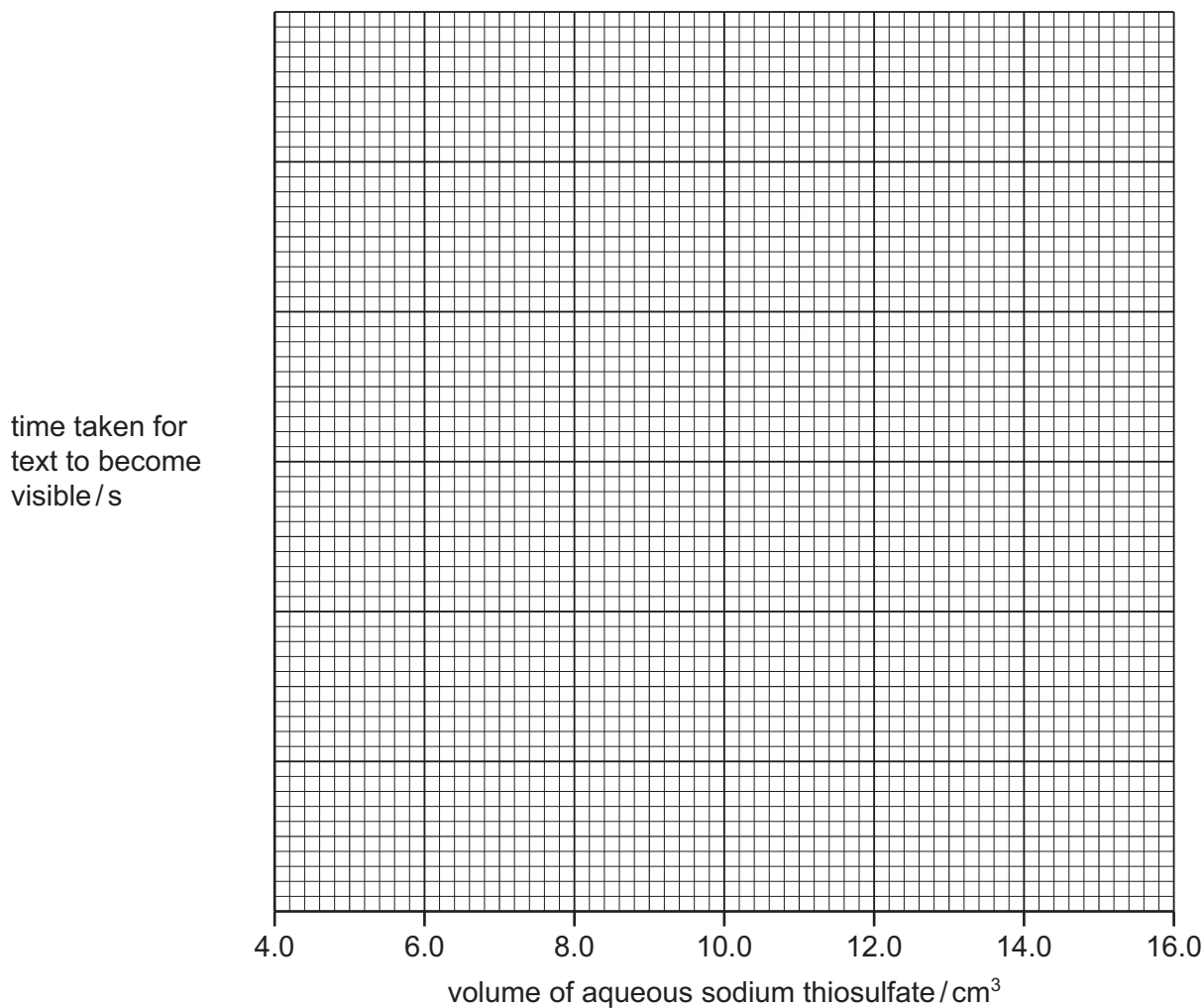


Fig. 1.2

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(c) State why the contents of the beaker are stirred after adding the aqueous sodium thiosulfate to the aqueous iron(III) nitrate.

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..... [1]





(d) Deduce which experiment has the highest rate of reaction.

..... [1]

(e) Use your graph in Fig. 1.2 to predict the time taken for the text to become visible if the volume of aqueous sodium thiosulfate is 12.5 cm<sup>3</sup>. Show your working on Fig. 1.2.

time = ..... [3]

(f) (i) Explain why it would be an improvement to measure the volumes of aqueous iron(III) nitrate in a burette rather than in a measuring cylinder.

..... [1]

(ii) Explain why it is **not** possible to use a volumetric pipette to measure the volumes of the aqueous sodium thiosulfate used in the experiments.

..... [1]

(iii) Describe how the reliability of the results of this investigation can be checked.

..... [1]

(g) Describe how the results of the experiments would change if the experiments are repeated using a narrower and taller beaker. Explain your answer.

change in results .....

explanation .....

..... [2]

(h) Describe additional measurements that must be taken to determine whether the reaction in this investigation is exothermic or endothermic.

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[Total: 19]

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2 You are provided with two solids: solid **M** and solid **N**.

Do the following tests on solid **M** and solid **N**. Record all of your observations at each stage.

**Tests on solid M**

(a) Carry out a flame test on solid **M**.

Record your observations.

..... [1]

Transfer the remaining solid **M** to a boiling tube. Add about 5 cm depth of distilled water to solid **M**, place a stopper in the boiling tube and shake the boiling tube to dissolve solid **M** and form solution **M**. Divide solution **M** into four approximately equal portions in one boiling tube and three test-tubes.

(b) To the first portion of solution **M** in the boiling tube, add aqueous sodium hydroxide dropwise until it is in excess.

Record your observations.

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(c) To the second portion of solution **M** in a test-tube, add the piece of magnesium ribbon.

Record your observations.

..... [1]

(d) To the third portion of solution **M** in a test-tube, add about 2 cm depth of aqueous hydrogen peroxide.

Record your observations.

..... [2]

(e) To the fourth portion of solution **M** in a test-tube, add about 1 cm depth of dilute nitric acid followed by a few drops of aqueous silver nitrate. Leave the mixture to stand for about two minutes.

Record your observations.

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(f) Identify the **three** ions in solid **M**.

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**Tests on solid N**

**(g)** Transfer approximately half of solid **N** to a boiling tube. Add about 5cm depth of dilute sulfuric acid to the boiling tube. Test any gas produced.

Record your observations.

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**(h)** Add the remaining solid **N** to a boiling tube and add about 2 cm depth of distilled water. Do **not** place a stopper in the boiling tube. Shake the boiling tube carefully to dissolve solid **N** and form solution **N**.

To solution **N**, add about 2cm depth of aqueous sodium hydroxide. Gently warm the mixture and test any gas given off.

Record your observations.

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**(i)** Identify solid **N**.

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## Notes for use in qualitative analysis

### Tests for anions

anion	test	test result
carbonate, $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$	add dilute acid, then test for carbon dioxide gas	effervescence, carbon dioxide produced
chloride, $\text{Cl}^-$ [in solution]	acidify with dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous silver nitrate	white ppt.
bromide, $\text{Br}^-$ [in solution]	acidify with dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous silver nitrate	cream ppt.
iodide, $\text{I}^-$ [in solution]	acidify with dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous silver nitrate	yellow ppt.
nitrate, $\text{NO}_3^-$ [in solution]	add aqueous sodium hydroxide, then aluminium foil; warm carefully	ammonia produced
sulfate, $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ [in solution]	acidify with dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous barium nitrate	white ppt.
sulfite, $\text{SO}_3^{2-}$	add a small volume of acidified aqueous potassium manganate(VII)	the acidified aqueous potassium manganate(VII) changes colour from purple to colourless

### Tests for aqueous cations

cation	effect of aqueous sodium hydroxide	effect of aqueous ammonia
aluminium, $\text{Al}^{3+}$	white ppt., soluble in excess, giving a colourless solution	white ppt., insoluble in excess
ammonium, $\text{NH}_4^+$	ammonia produced on warming	–
calcium, $\text{Ca}^{2+}$	white ppt., insoluble in excess	no ppt. or very slight white ppt.
chromium(III), $\text{Cr}^{3+}$	green ppt., soluble in excess	green ppt., insoluble in excess
copper(II), $\text{Cu}^{2+}$	light blue ppt., insoluble in excess	light blue ppt., soluble in excess, giving a dark blue solution
iron(II), $\text{Fe}^{2+}$	green ppt., insoluble in excess, ppt. turns brown near surface on standing	green ppt., insoluble in excess, ppt. turns brown near surface on standing
iron(III), $\text{Fe}^{3+}$	red-brown ppt., insoluble in excess	red-brown ppt., insoluble in excess
zinc, $\text{Zn}^{2+}$	white ppt., soluble in excess, giving a colourless solution	white ppt., soluble in excess, giving a colourless solution





### Tests for gases

gas	test and test result
ammonia, $\text{NH}_3$	turns damp red litmus paper blue
carbon dioxide, $\text{CO}_2$	turns limewater milky
chlorine, $\text{Cl}_2$	bleaches damp litmus paper
hydrogen, $\text{H}_2$	'pops' with a lighted splint
oxygen, $\text{O}_2$	relights a glowing splint
sulfur dioxide, $\text{SO}_2$	turns acidified aqueous potassium manganate(VII) from purple to colourless

### Flame tests for metal ions

metal ion	flame colour
lithium, $\text{Li}^+$	red
sodium, $\text{Na}^+$	yellow
potassium, $\text{K}^+$	lilac
calcium, $\text{Ca}^{2+}$	orange-red
barium, $\text{Ba}^{2+}$	light green
copper(II), $\text{Cu}^{2+}$	blue-green

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