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**9701 CHEMISTRY**

**9701/31**

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

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Question	Sections	Indicative material	Mark	
1 (a)	PDO Layout	<b>I</b> Volume given for rough titre <b>and</b> accurate titre details tabulated. <i>Minimum of 2 × 2 boxes.</i>	1	
	MMO Collection	<b>II</b> Initial and final burette readings recorded for rough titre <b>and</b> initial and final burette readings and volume of <b>FA 2</b> added recorded for each accurate titre. <i>Headings should match readings.</i> <i>Do <b>not</b> award this mark if:</i> <i>50.(00) is used as an initial burette reading;</i> <i>more than one final burette reading is 50.(00); any burette reading is greater than 50.(00)</i>	1	
	PDO Recording	<b>III</b> All accurate burette readings (initial and final) recorded to nearest 0.05 (cm <sup>3</sup> ) <i>Assessed on burette readings only.</i>	1	
		<b>IV</b> Has two uncorrected, accurate titres within 0.1 cm <sup>3</sup> <i>Do <b>not</b> award this mark if having performed two titres within 0.1 cm<sup>3</sup> a further titration is performed which is more than 0.10 cm<sup>3</sup> from the closer of the initial <b>two</b> titres, unless a fourth titration, within 0.1 cm<sup>3</sup> of any of the previous titres has also been carried out.</i>	1	
Round any burette readings to the nearest 0.05 cm <sup>3</sup> . Check and correct subtractions in the titre table. Examiner then selects the “best” titre using the hierarchy: two identical; titres within 0.05 cm <sup>3</sup> ; titres within 0.1 cm <sup>3</sup> ; etc				
	MMO Quality	<b>V, VI and VII</b> Award <b>V, VI</b> and <b>VII</b> for a difference from Supervisor within 0.20 cm <sup>3</sup> Award <b>V</b> and <b>VI</b> for a difference of > 0.20 – ≤ 0.40 cm <sup>3</sup> Award <b>V</b> for a difference of > 0.40 – ≤ 0.60 cm <sup>3</sup> <i>If the “best” titres are ≥ 0.60 cm<sup>3</sup> apart cancel one of the Q marks.</i>	3	[7]

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(b)	ACE Interpretation	<p>Calculates the mean, correct to 2 decimal places from any accurate titres within <math>0.20 \text{ cm}^3</math>.  <i>The third decimal place may be rounded to the nearest <math>0.05 \text{ cm}^3</math>.</i>  <i>A mean of exactly .x25 or .x75 is allowed but the candidate may round up or down to the nearest <math>0.05 \text{ cm}^3</math>.</i></p> <p><i>If ALL burette readings are given to 1 decimal place then the mean can be given to 1 decimal place if numerically correct without rounding.</i>  <i>Mean of 24.3 and 24.4 = 24.35 (✓)</i>  <i>Mean of 24.3 and 24.4 = 24.4 (✗)</i></p> <p><b>Titres to be used in calculating the mean must be clearly shown – in an expression or ticked in the titration table.</b></p>	1	[1]
(c)	ACE Interpretation	<p><b>I</b> Expression needed in step (i) (= mean titre <math>\times 0.15 / 1000</math> mol)  <b>and</b>  step (ii) (= answer to step (i) / 2)  <i>No irrelevant or incorrect working should be included.</i></p> <p><b>II</b> Correctly evaluates step (iii) (= answer to step (ii) <math>\times 10</math>)  <b>and</b>  step (iv) (= answer to step (iii) <math>\times 40</math>)</p>	1	
	PDO Display	<p><b>III</b> Some <b>relevant working</b> shown in a minimum of <b>three</b> parts in the calculation.  (In (ii) could be <math>\times 2</math> or <math>\div 2</math>, in (iii) could <math>\times 10</math> or <math>\div 10</math>).</p> <p><b>IV</b> <b>All</b> answers given are quoted to 3 or 4 sig figs (must be a <b>minimum</b> of three steps)</p>	1	
				[4]
				[Total: 12]

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2 (a)	MMO Collection	I Two pairs of temperature values recorded as instructed in (a), with units for all readings in (a) and (b) – minimum of 3 readings. <i>Acceptable units are /°C, (°C), temperature in degrees Celsius, temperature in °C.</i>	1	
	PDO Recording	II All thermometer readings recorded to 0.0 °C or 0.5 °C. (check readings in sections 2(a) and 2(b) – minimum of 4 readings).	1	
	ACE Interpretation	III Correct subtractions to give temperature rises and the correct mean value in 2(a). <i>Mean value may be rounded to 0.5 °C or to one d.p or to 0.05 °C and from 0.025 and 0.075 or these may be rounded up or down to nearest 0.1.</i>	1	
Supervisor script: check subtractions and calculate mean $\Delta T$ <i>Marks are awarded for comparing the "true" means: check working of candidate and Supervisor. Show Supervisor's mean (corrected if necessary) on the script in a ring.</i>				
	MMO Quality	Award IV and V if candidate's mean temp rise is within 2.0 °C of Supervisor's (incl)	1	
		Award IV if the difference is between 2.0 °C and 3.0 °C.	1	[5]
	PDO Display	Heat produced (J) = $25 \times 4.3 \times \text{temp rise}$ (method mark). <i>Unit is needed in the quoted answer (kJ if divided by 1000).</i>	1	
		Correctly evaluates enthalpy change = $\frac{\text{heat produced}}{0.016}$ . <i>Division by 1000 is not required if candidate did this in the previous step. Answer must be negative and to 3 sig figs.</i>	1	[2]

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Examiner to calculate 20% and 40% of supervisor's  $\Delta T$  and convert to nearest 0.5°C.

<b>(b)</b>	ACE Interpretation MMO Quality	<b>I</b> Both temperature measurements clearly shown.  Award <b>II</b> and <b>III</b> if candidate's temp rise is within 20% of Supervisor's.  Award <b>II</b> if candidate's temp rise is within 40% of Supervisor's.	1  1  1	[3]
	ACE Interpretation  PDO Display	<b>IV</b> Calculates 0.032 for moles in <b>(ii)</b> or 0.016 for moles in <b>(a)(ii)</b> .  <b>V</b> Enthalpy change correctly calculated (= $-\frac{\text{heat change}}{0.032}$ ). <i>Answer <b>must</b> show negative sign (unless already penalised) and be given to 3 sig figs. (unless already penalised).</i>	1  1	
	ACE Conclusions	<b>VI</b> Correct calculation of enthalpy change $\Delta H_1 = \Delta H_2 - \Delta H_3 - 286$	1	[3]
<b>(c)</b>	ACE Improvements	Extra/thicker lagging <b>or</b> use a lid <b>or</b> use a vacuum flask	1	[1]
				<b>[Total: 14]</b>

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FA 7 is $Zn(NO_3)_2(s)$ ; FA 8 is $CuSO_4(s)$					
3	(a) (i)	MMO Collection	No change ( <b>or</b> no precipitate <b>or</b> no reaction) both with barium chloride and silver nitrate.	1	[9]
		MMO Collection	<b>Gentle</b> heat: solid melts <b>or</b> dissolves <b>or</b> gives a colourless liquid	1	
	(ii)		Brown fumes/gas produced (allow 'qualified' brown e.g. red/brown, do not allow orange).	1	
			(Gas produced) that relights a glowing splint <b>or</b> yellow solid, goes white on cooling. (Allow precipitate).	1	
	(iii)	ACE Conclusions	<b>FA 7</b> is a nitrate/nitrite (from some evidence)	1	
	(iv)	MMO Decisions	(Heat) <b>FA 7</b> with Al foil and NaOH/ecf from anion given.	1	
	(v)	MMO Collection	Gas/vapour/ $NH_3$ produced <b>and</b> it turns red litmus to blue <b>and</b> confirms that <b>FA 7</b> contains nitrate/nitrite ions.	1	
		MMO Decisions	Adds ammonia. ( <i>This mark is <b>not</b> awarded if a second test is also used</i> )	1	
		ACE Conclusions	Zinc ions are present. (No ecf) ( <i>Deduction <b>must</b> be consistent with observations recorded – white ppt soluble in excess.</i> )	1	
	(b) (i)	MMO Collection	With KI, goes yellow/orange/brown <b>and</b> gives a blue (blue-black <b>or</b> purple <b>or</b> black) colour with starch. <i>No reference to the state is required, just the colours.</i>	1	
Brown/yellow/white/off- white precipitate forms.			1		
(ii)		ACE Conclusions	KI is the reducing agent ( <b>or</b> it is oxidised) as iodine is formed <b>or</b> $2I^- - 2e^- \rightarrow I_2$ <b>or</b> $2Cu^{2+} + 2I^- \rightarrow I_2 + 2Cu^+$ <i>Ignore state symbols.</i>	1	
		(iii)	MMO Collection	Blue (do not allow dark blue) precipitate obtained, which does not dissolve in excess NaOH	1
ACE Conclusions			$Cu^{2+} + 2OH^- \rightarrow Cu(OH)_2$	1	
				[Total: 14]	