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Question	Indicative material	Mark	Total
1 (a)	I Six identifiable masses recorded	1	[7]
	II All recorded masses have unambiguous headings and unit: /g or (g) or g (for each heading) by each entry.	1	
	III Four measured masses all recorded to the same number of decimal places <i>minimum 1 decimal place</i>	1	
	IV Correctly calculates mass of FA1 added and mass of CO ₂ evolved.	1	
	V, VI and VII Examiner compares corrected mass of FA1 / corrected mass of CO ₂ with supervisor value. Accuracy marks are awarded as shown. Award V, VI and VII if $\delta \leq 0.10$ Award V and VI if $0.10 < \delta \leq 0.20$ Award V if $0.20 < \delta \leq 0.40$	3	
(b) (i)	I Correctly calculates $n(\text{CO}_2)$ (mass CO ₂ /44)	1	[5]
(ii)	II Correct equation and all state symbols $\text{XCO}_3(\text{s}) + 2\text{HCl}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{XCl}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$	1	
(iii)	III (iii) = (i) and	1	
(iv)	IV Correctly uses 60 and the M _r to calculate A _r of X (mass of FA1 / (iii) – 60)	1	
(iv)	V Identifies X as Group 2 metal or ion with nearest A _r value (must have some working for A _r used). Be 9.0, Mg 24.3, Ca 40.1, Sr 87.6, Ba 137.3	1	
(c) (i)	Apparently more moles of CO ₂ (lost) so A _r of X is smaller. or Apparently more moles of XCO ₃ (used) so A _r of X is smaller.	1	[5]
(ii)	Any 2 from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small loss in mass not much difference to A_r so does not cause confusion in identity / still closest to identity of X	1	

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(iii)	Any 1 from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add slowly/add a little at a time Use a taller beaker (accept larger beaker)/use a conical flask Use less solid Use less concentrated acid Use lumps of solid Use cotton wool plug Use a lower temperature 	1	[3]
Question 1			[15]
2 (a)	I Initial and final readings and titre value for rough titre and initial and final reading for two (or more) accurate titrations	1	
	II Titre values recorded for accurate titrations and appropriate headings for the accurate titration table and cm ³ units. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> initial/start burette reading/volume/value final/end burette and reading/volume/value titre or volume/FA4 and used/added unit: /cm³ or (cm³) or in cm³ or cm³ (for each heading) 	1	
	III All accurate burette readings are recorded to nearest 0.05 cm ³ <i>Do not award this mark if:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Do not award this mark if, having performed two titres within 0.1 cm³, a further titration is performed which is more than 0.10 cm³ from the closer of the two initial titres, unless a further titration, within 0.10 cm³ of any other, has also been carried out.</i> <i>Do not award the mark if any “accurate” burette readings (apart from initial 0 cm³) are given to zero dp</i> 	1	
			[4]

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(b)	<p>Candidate must take the average of two (or more) titres that are within a total spread of not more than 0.20 cm³. Working 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, rounded to the nearest 0.01.</p> <p>Two special cases where the mean may not be to 2 dp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow mean expressed to 3 dp only for 0.025 or 0.075 (e.g. 26.325) • 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 incorrect – should be 26.05.) <p>Note: the candidate's mean will sometimes be marked as correct even if it is different from the mean calculated by the examiner for the purpose of assessing accuracy.</p>	1	[1]
(c) (i)	I Correctly calculates $n(\text{NaOH}) = 0.001$	1	[5]
(ii)	II Shows use of $\frac{250(\text{c})(\text{i})}{(\text{b})}$	1	
(iii)	III Correctly calculates $2 \times 1(\text{b})(\text{i})$	1	
(iv)	IV Shows use of $2(\text{c})(\text{ii}) + 2(\text{c})(\text{iii})$ either as expression or correct calculation	1	
	V Shows use of $/0.025(0)$ or $\times 40$ or $\times 1000/25$	1	
(d) (i)	States that the measuring cylinder/volume of FA2 has the greatest error and should be replaced by burette or pipette	1	[2]
(ii)	Student is correct/greater volume HCl used and greater mass would <u>react with more HCl</u> /would leave <u>less HCl unreacted</u>	1	
Question 2			[12]

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FA5 is MnSO ₄ and NH ₄ Cl; FA6 is propanone; FA7 is propanal;			
3 (a) (i)	Red litmus turns blue (then red)	1	[2]
	Condensation or sublimation / white smoke / white fumes	1	
(a) (ii) and (b) (i)	NH ₄ ⁺ / ammonium in 3(a)(ii) and Mn ²⁺ / manganese(II) in 3(b)(i) .	1	
(b) (i)	Selects NaOH and NH ₃	1	
	Off-white / beige / light brown precipitate with both NaOH and NH ₃	1	
	Both precipitates turns brown / darkens	1	
(ii)	white precipitate and insoluble in acid	1	
(iii)	Selects AgNO ₃ / silver nitrate and NH ₃ / ammonia	1	
	White precipitate and insoluble / partially soluble in ammonia	1	
	Cannot see if precipitate dissolves in ammonia / Mn ²⁺ causes (off-white) precipitate (so cannot be used to distinguish between halides).	1	[8]
(c)	MnCl ₂ and (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ or MnSO ₄ and NH ₄ Cl	1	[1]
(d)	Both observations required FA6 no reaction / solution turns pink and FA7 turns colourless / decolourises the KMnO ₄	1	[2]
	FA6 is either 2-methylpropan-2-ol or propanone as they cannot be oxidised (only 1 needed) and FA7 is propanal as it can be oxidised.	1	
Question 3			[13]