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for the guidance of teachers**

**9701 CHEMISTRY**

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Paper 3 (Advanced Practical Skills), 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.	1
	MMO Collection	<b>II</b> In the correct spaces, records initial and final burette readings for Rough titre <b>and</b> ; Initial and final burette readings <b>and</b> , volume of <b>FB 2</b> added recorded for each accurate titre <i>Headings should match readings. Do <b>not</b> 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)</i>	1
	MMO Decisions	<b>III</b> Has two uncorrected, accurate titres within $0.1 \text{ cm}^3$ <i>Do <b>not</b> award this mark if having performed two titres within <math>0.1 \text{ cm}^3</math> a further titration is performed which is more than <math>0.10 \text{ cm}^3</math> from the closer of the initial <b>two</b> titres, unless a fourth titration, within <math>0.1 \text{ cm}^3</math> of the third titration or of either of the pair has also been carried out.</i>	1
	PDO Recording	<b>IV</b> All accurate burette readings (initial and final) recorded to nearest $0.05 \text{ cm}^3$ . <i>Assessed on burette readings only.</i>	1
	MMO Quality	<b>V, VI and VII</b> Round any burette readings to the nearest $0.05 \text{ cm}^3$ . Check and correct subtractions in the titre table. <b>Select the “best” titre using the hierarchy:</b> two identical; titres within $0.05 \text{ cm}^3$ , titres within $0.10 \text{ cm}^3$ etc.  Award <b><u>V, VI and VII</u></b> for a difference to Supervisor within $0.15 \text{ cm}^3$  Award <b><u>V and VI only</u></b> for a difference of $0.15+ \text{ cm}^3 - 0.25 \text{ cm}^3$  Award <b><u>V only</u></b> for a difference of $0.25+ \text{ cm}^3 - 0.40 \text{ cm}^3$ <i>If the selected “best” titres are <math>&gt; 0.40 \text{ cm}^3</math> apart, cancel one of the Q marks awarded.</i>	3

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(b)	ACE Interpretation	<p>Calculates the mean, correct to 2 decimal places (third decimal place rounded to the nearest 0.05 cm<sup>3</sup>) from any accurate titres within 0.20 cm<sup>3</sup>.  <i>A mean of exactly .x25 or .x75 is allowed but the candidate may round up or down to the nearest 0.05 cm<sup>3</sup>.</i>  <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>  <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  PDO Display	<p><b>No additional factor/expression is allowed in any step</b>  <i>If an answer, with no working, is given in any section allow if correct.</i></p> <p><b>I</b> Uses <math>\frac{2.00}{158.0}</math> in step (i)  <b>and</b>  <b>answer (i)</b> <math>\times \frac{\text{cand titre}}{1000}</math> in step (ii)</p> <p><b>II</b> Uses <b>answer (ii)</b> <math>\times 5</math> in step (iii)  <b>and</b>  <b>answer (iii)</b> <math>\times \frac{1000}{25}</math> in step (iv)</p> <p><b>III</b> Uses <b>answer (iv)</b> <math>\times 151.9</math> in step (v),  <b>and</b>  <b>answer (v)</b> <math>\times \frac{100}{21.50}</math> in step (vi)</p> <p><b>IV</b> Appropriate working shown in a minimum of <b>four</b> sections.</p> <p><b>V</b> 3 to 5 significant figures in final answers to all sections attempted – <b>minimum of four final answers required</b></p>	1  1  1  1  1	[5]
			<b>[Total: 13]</b>	

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2	(a)	PDO Layout	I	Records at least <b>four</b> different balance readings and at least one mass of solid/gas <i>Accept 0.0(0X) g as the mass of the empty tube or a statement that the tube is tared.</i>	1	
		PDO Recording	II	Gives all appropriate headings and units when recording results. <i>Do <b>not</b> accept mass of empty tube as 0.0(00)g here unless tube is described as tared. (minimum of three pieces of information)</i>	1	
		MMO Decisions	III	All recorded balance readings consistent to at least 1 decimal place. <i>(minimum of <b>three</b> balance readings)</i>	1	
		MMO Decisions	IV	Evidence of reheating to “constant” mass. For balances reading to 1 d.p. two masses must be identical For 2 or 3 d.p. balances, two masses must be within 0.05 g	1	
		MMO Quality	V and VI	checks and corrects if necessary all subtractions in the results table. Calculate $\frac{\text{mass heated}}{\text{mass of residue}}$ to 3 significant figures. Compare to supervisor standard or standard value of 1.40.  Award <b><u>V and VI</u></b> for a difference up to 0.10  Award <b><u>V only</u></b> for a difference of 0.10+ to 0.20  <i>Where a candidate repeats the experiment use cumulative masses of <b>FB 3</b> and residue. Where masses of <b>FB 3</b> and residue cannot be checked, accept candidate values to calculate the ratio.</i>	2	
(b)	ACE Interpretation	(i)	Calculates <b>2.71, (2.710, 2.7097)</b> <b>and</b>	1		
	ACE Conclusions	(ii)	Has: cand value in (i) x mass loss from table in (a) If no mass loss is recorded in the table, check the value used.  (iii) Ticks the appropriate box for the experiment <b>and</b> makes some comparison between mass of NaHCO <sub>3</sub> and the mass of <b>FB 3</b> used If mass of NaHCO <sub>3</sub> calculated in (ii) ≥ mass of <b>FB 3</b> , ignore any ticked box but award the mark for any statement that the mass is not possible.	1		
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(c)	ACE Improvements	<p>(i) No mass change with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (on heating).</p> <p>(ii) <b>Evidence</b> for no gas produced, e.g.:  limewater unaffected,  no gas collected in a gas syringe</p> <p><i>If there is reference to measuring mass and to measuring volume but the absence of change is not mentioned, award <b>one</b> of the two marks available.</i></p>	1 1	[2]
(d)	ACE Interpretation	<p>Max errors of 0.05, 0.005 and 0.0005 respectively for balances A, B and C.</p> <p>Calculates:</p> <p>1.11% error for balance A  0.25% error for balance B  0.20% error for balance C</p> <p>Allow ecf on % errors only if:</p> <p>(i) <i>Max errors given are 0.1, 0.01 and 0.001 respectively for balances A, B and C and % errors are 2.22%, 0.50% and 0.40%</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>All max errors are incorrect by a factor 10 e.g. 0.5, 0.05 and 0.005. % errors are 11.1%, 2.5% and 2.0%</i></p>	1 1	[2]
			<b>[Total: 12]</b>	

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FB 4 is MnSO <sub>4</sub> (aq); FB 5 is MgSO <sub>4</sub> (aq); FB 6 is Al <sub>2</sub> (SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (aq); FB 7 is (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (aq)			
3	(a)	MMO Collection	<p>Give <b>one</b> mark for each of the following:</p> <p><b>I</b> for <b>FB 4</b> – tests <b>(i)</b> and <b>(iv)</b> 1</p> <p><b>II</b> for <b>FB 5</b> – tests <b>(i)</b> and <b>(iv)</b> 1</p> <p><b>III</b> for <b>FB 6</b> – tests <b>(i)</b> and <b>(iv)</b> 1</p> <p><b>IV</b> for <b>FB 7</b> – tests <b>(i)</b>, <b>(iii)</b> and <b>(iv)</b> 1</p> <p><b>V</b> Give one mark for any change/darkening of the initial <b>precipitate</b> in test <b>(ii)</b> for <b>FB 4</b> to a qualified brown. 1  <i>The darkening may be described in test (i) or in test (iv)</i></p> <p><b>VI</b> Describes the <b>test on gas</b> for ammonia in test <b>(iii)</b> for any solution that has <b>no precipitate</b> in either part test of <b>(i)</b> and is warmed. 1  <i>The test for ammonia is expected with FB 7</i>  <i>Do not award (VI) if the test is carried out with a solution in which a precipitate had formed at any stage</i>  <b>or</b>  <i>If a solution in which no precipitate is formed is not warmed with sodium hydroxide</i></p>
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**Results required with NaOH(aq) and NH<sub>3</sub>(aq) for the award of marks I to IV in 3(a)**

test		observations			
		FB 4	FB 5	FB 6	FB 7
(i)	addition of NaOH	off-white, pale brown, buff or beige precipitate <i>Do not accept cream or equivalent colour precipitates</i>	white precipitate	white precipitate	No precipitate or no change <i>Do not accept clear on its own as an observation; clear solution is acceptable</i>
	further addition of NaOH	precipitate insoluble	precipitate insoluble	precipitate soluble	no precipitate or no change <i>(may be left blank)</i>
(iii)	warming solution with NaOH				any reference to a gas being evolved <b>or</b> reference to red litmus turning blue
(iv)	addition of NH <sub>3</sub>	as NaOH	as NaOH	as NaOH	as NaOH
	further addition of NH <sub>3</sub>	as NaOH	as NaOH	precipitate insoluble	as NaOH

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(b)	ACE Conclusions	<p><b>Do not accept any ion other than <math>Mn^{2+}</math>, <math>Mg^{2+}</math>, <math>Al^{3+}</math> or <math>NH_4^+</math> in any section.</b></p> <p><b>Marks I to III</b></p> <p><b>Ions must be correct, including charge, if a symbol has been given. – <u>no ecf in this section.</u></b></p>		
		<p>Award <b><u>I only</u></b> if <b>one ion only</b> is identified from correct observations.</p>	1	
		<p>Award <b><u>I and II</u></b> if <b>two ions only</b> are identified from correct observations.</p>	1	
		<p>Award <b><u>I, II and III</u></b> if <b>all four cations</b> are identified from correct observations.  <i>The 4<sup>th</sup> cation may be identified by elimination from incomplete supporting evidence.</i></p> <p>A deduction of <math>Mn^{2+}</math> is allowed from a cream ppt with NaOH(aq) and <math>NH_3</math>(aq)</p> <p><b>IV</b> Award this mark if the supporting evidence fits the ion identified and the practical performed for at least three of the four ions  <b><u>Allow ecf on ion order for mark IV.</u></b>  <i>(<math>Mg^{2+}</math> and <math>Al^{3+}</math> are most likely to be interchanged depending on “solubility in excess” observations.</i></p>	1	
				[4]

**Minimum evidence required in observations for the ion identity marks I, II and III.**

In some cases, identification may be allowed from incomplete observations. There must, however, be no observations that are contrary to those expected with any “correctly” identified ion.

**The same criteria will be applied to “candidate’s supporting evidence in awarding mark IV.**

Candidates are not permitted to introduce (from the Qualitative Analysis Notes) supporting evidence that is not given in the observations.

$Mn^{2+}$	off-white precipitate with each reagent, or off-white precipitate turning brown with either of the reagents identification of the ion is allowed from an incorrect observation of a cream or yellow-white precipitate – one ion is known to be $Mn^{2+}$
$Mg^{2+}$	white precipitate, insoluble in (excess) NaOH
$Al^{3+}$	white precipitate, soluble in (excess) NaOH
$NH_4^+$	no precipitate/no change with either reagent <b>or</b> ammonia, alkaline gas or gas turning red litmus blue evolved

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<b>(c)</b>	MMO Collection	Records no precipitate/no reaction with each of the reagents.	1	[1]
<b>(d)</b>	ACE Conclusions	States that $Pb^{2+}$ /lead(II) would give similar results. <i>Award this mark providing there are no contrary observations for the solution identified as containing <math>Al^{3+}</math></i>	1	[1]
<b>(e)</b>	MMO Collection	Records a white ppt in <b>(i)</b> Records a yellow precipitate or precipitate turning yellow in <b>(ii)</b> .	1 1	[2]
<b>(f)</b>	ACE Conclusions	Award one mark for any attempt to describe replacement of <i>Cl</i> by <i>I</i> in the ppt.	1	[1]
			<b>[Total: 15]</b>	