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## CHEMISTRY

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Paper 6 Alternative to Practical

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1 hour

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

### 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.

This document has **12** pages.

1 Ethanol can be made by fermentation of sugars found in plants. A by-product of fermentation is carbon dioxide gas.

A student made some ethanol using the following method.

**step 1** Cut up some sugar cane and crush it.  
**step 2** Add hot water to the sugar cane and stir to dissolve the sugar in the sugar cane.  
**step 3** Remove the solids from the mixture to obtain sugar solution.  
**step 4** Let the sugar solution cool and then add yeast.  
**step 5** Place the mixture obtained in the apparatus shown in Fig. 1.1.  
**step 6** Leave the apparatus until fermentation is complete.

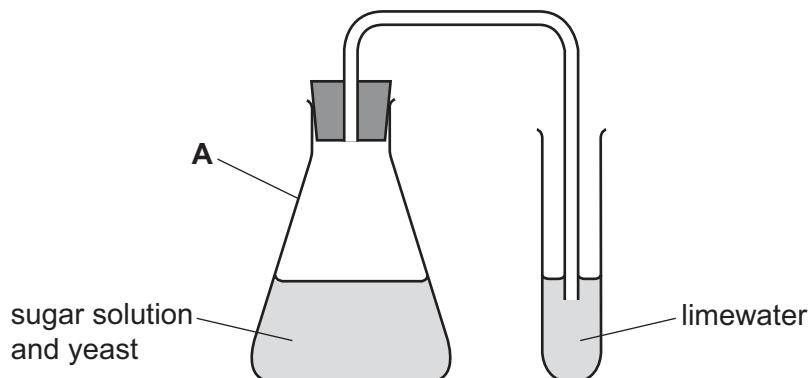


Fig. 1.1

(a) Name the item of apparatus labelled **A** in Fig. 1.1.

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(b) Explain why hot water rather than cold water is used in **step 2**.

..... [1]

(c) Name the method used to remove the solids from the mixture in **step 3** and draw a diagram to show how this is done.

name of process .....

diagram

[2]

(d) State why the sugar solution is allowed to cool before the yeast is added in **step 4**.

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[1]

(e) Describe how the appearance of the limewater changes as fermentation takes place.

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[1]

(f) Describe how the student could tell that fermentation is complete.

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[1]

(g) Name the process used to separate ethanol from the mixture obtained by fermentation.

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[Total: 8]

2 A student investigates the reaction between aqueous ammonia and two different aqueous solutions of copper(II) sulfate labelled **A** and **B**. Solutions **A** and **B** have different concentrations.

The student does two experiments.

Experiment 1

- Fill a burette with solution **A**.
- Run some of solution **A** out of the burette so that the level of solution **A** is on the burette scale and record the initial burette reading.
- Use a measuring cylinder to pour 25 cm<sup>3</sup> of aqueous ammonia into a conical flask.
- Stand the conical flask on a white tile.
- Slowly add solution **A** from the burette to the conical flask, while swirling the flask, until the mixture in the conical flask just starts to become cloudy.
- Record the final burette reading.

Experiment 2

- Empty the conical flask and rinse it with distilled water.
- Empty the burette and rinse it with distilled water.
- Rinse the burette with solution **B**.
- Repeat Experiment 1 using solution **B** instead of solution **A**.

(a) Use the burette diagrams in Fig. 2.1 and Fig. 2.2 to complete Table 2.1.

Experiment 1

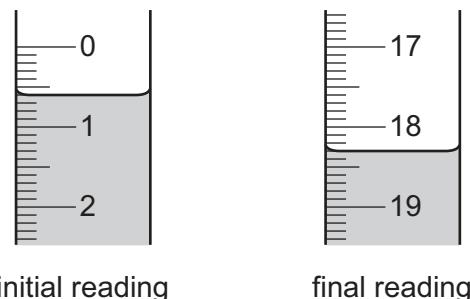


Fig. 2.1

Experiment 2

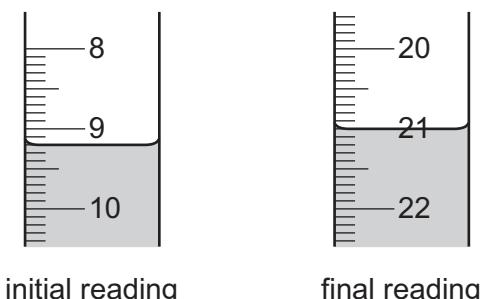


Fig. 2.2

Table 2.1

	Experiment 1 using solution <b>A</b>	Experiment 2 using solution <b>B</b>
final burette reading/cm <sup>3</sup>		
initial burette reading/cm <sup>3</sup>		
volume of aqueous copper(II) sulfate added/cm <sup>3</sup>		

[4]

(b) Explain why a white tile is used during the titration.

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[1]

(c) In Experiment 2, the burette and the conical flask are both rinsed with water. The burette is then rinsed with solution **B**.

(i) State why both the burette and the conical flask are rinsed with water.

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[1]

(ii) Explain why the burette is then rinsed with solution **B**.

.....  
.....

[1]

(iii) Describe how the result of Experiment 2 would be different if the conical flask is rinsed with aqueous ammonia after rinsing with water.  
Explain your answer.

.....  
.....

[2]

(d) (i) Deduce which solution of copper(II) sulfate, **A** or **B**, is more concentrated. Explain your answer.

..... [1]

(ii) Deduce how many times more concentrated this solution of copper(II) sulfate is than the other solution of copper(II) sulfate.

..... [1]

(e) Describe how the reliability of the results obtained can be checked.

..... [1]

(f) Deduce the volume of solution **A** required when Experiment 1 is carried out with 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of aqueous ammonia.

..... [2]

(g) In Experiments 1 and 2, the volume of aqueous ammonia is measured using a measuring cylinder.

Give an advantage and a disadvantage of using a volumetric pipette instead of a measuring cylinder to measure the volume of aqueous ammonia.

advantage .....

disadvantage .....

[2]

[Total: 16]

**Question 3 starts on the next page.**

3 A student tests two solids: solid **E** and solid **F**.

**Tests on solid E**

Table 3.1 shows the tests and the student's observations.

**Table 3.1**

tests	observations
<b>test 1</b>  Gently heat half of solid <b>E</b> in a boiling tube.	a solution forms, steam is given off and condensation forms at the top of the tube
<b>test 2</b>  Dissolve the remaining solid <b>E</b> in water to form solution <b>E</b> . Divide solution <b>E</b> into three portions.  To the first portion of solution <b>E</b> , add aqueous sodium hydroxide dropwise and then in excess.	a brown precipitate forms which remains when excess is added
<b>test 3</b>  Warm the product of <b>test 2</b> and test any gas produced.	the gas turns red litmus paper blue
<b>test 4</b>  To the second portion of solution <b>E</b> , add 1 cm depth of dilute nitric acid followed by a few drops of aqueous silver nitrate.	no change
<b>test 5</b>  To the third portion of solution <b>E</b> , add 1 cm depth of dilute nitric acid followed by a few drops of aqueous barium nitrate.	white precipitate

(a) State what conclusion can be made about solid **E** from the observations in **test 1**.

..... [1]

(b) Identify the gas produced in **test 3**.

..... [1]

(c) State what conclusion can be made about solid **E** from the observations in **test 4**.

..... [1]

(d) Identify the **three** ions in solid **E**.

..... [3]

### Tests on solid **F**

Solid **F** is zinc sulfite.

Complete the expected observations.

The student dissolves solid **F** in water to form solution **F**.

The student divides solution **F** into three portions.

(e) To the first portion of solution **F**, the student adds aqueous ammonia dropwise until it is in excess.

observations adding dropwise .....

observations in excess .....

[2]

(f) To the second portion of solution **F**, the student adds a few drops of acidified aqueous potassium manganate(VII).

observations .....

..... [1]

(g) To the third portion of solution **F**, the student adds 1 cm depth of dilute nitric acid followed by a few drops of aqueous barium nitrate.

observations .....

..... [1]

[Total: 10]

4 Solid cobalt(II) oxide is a base which is insoluble in water. It reacts very slowly with cold dilute sulfuric acid to form a solution of cobalt(II) sulfate.

Describe how to make pure, dry crystals of hydrated cobalt(II) sulfate.

You are provided with cobalt(II) oxide, dilute sulfuric acid and common laboratory apparatus.

[6]

## 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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