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9701/31 Paper 31 (Practical 1), maximum raw mark 40

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Generic Mark Scheme

Skill		***Breakdown of marks***	
Manipulation, measurement and observation	16 marks	Successful collection of data and observations	8 marks
		Decisions relating to measurements or observations	8 marks
Presentation of data and observations	12 marks	Recording data and observations	5 marks
		Display of calculation and reasoning	3 marks
		Data layout	4 marks
Analysis, conclusions and evaluation	12 marks	Interpretation of data or observations and identifying sources of error	6 marks
		Drawing conclusions	5 marks
		Suggesting improvements	1 mark

Question	Sections	Indicative material	Mark	
Round all recorded times in Supervisor and candidate scripts to the nearest second. List on the Supervisor's script the rounded times for expts. 1 & 2 for each candidate.				
1 (a)	MMO Collection	Performs experiments and records times for each reaction. Follows instructions. Award this mark if the reaction time for experiment 2 is within 20% of that obtained for experiment 2 by the Supervisor (or the majority of candidates in the Centre).	1 1	[2]
1(b)	PDO Recording	**(i)** Single table for all experiments performed. *(Expts 1&2 must be included; minimum for table is volume and time for expts 1&2)* *A single table has no repetition of headings.*	1	
		(ii) Table has been drawn up in advance. *(must have minimum of 4 expts tabulated – does not have to include expts 1&2)* – volumes of **FA 1** are sequential. Expts 1 and 2 may be entered first or last.	1	
		(iii) Table includes columns for volume of **FA 1** or log(volume of **FA 1**), time, $^1/_t$ or log($^1/_t$). *Ignore other columns* *or if total volume in expt ≠ 55*	1	
		(iv) Ignore log columns All other columns correctly labelled with <u>appropriate unit</u> (2007 syllabus). Accept t but not T for time heading Accept cm^3, dm^3, s, s^{-1}, $^1/_s$ as units for units accept: *unit after solidus, unit in bracket or <u>in</u> words e.g. / cm^3; (cm^3) or* *volume in cubic centimetres* ***but not*** *volume cm^3* *If the unit is not included in the column heading every entry in the column must have a unit.*	1	
		(v) All times recorded to nearest second	1	
	MMO Decisions	**(vi)** At least 3 mixtures – in addition to expt 1 and expt 2.	1	
		(vii) Volumes of **FA 1** chosen are uniformly spaced over the whole range	1	

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	Accuracy Calculate (vol of **FA 1** x time) for expt 1 and the two additional expts with greatest volume of **FA 1**. *(Round all times to the nearest second)* Record the Vt values against the appropriate expt on the candidate's script.			
1 (b) contd.	MMO Decisions	**(viii) and (ix)** Award both of these marks if two of the Vt values are within 10% of the larger of the closest pair. *[Award point **(ix)** but **not** point **(viii)** for a difference of 10+% to 20%]* **(x) and (xi)** Award both of these marks if candidate's time for expt 1 is within 10% of that obtained by the Supervisor. *[Award point **(xi)** but **not** point **(x)** for a difference of 10+% to 20%]*	2 2	[11]
	Where experiment 1 has been repeated, assess accuracy using the time on page 3. Use the value on page 4 when checking the graph.			
1 (c)	PDO Layout	**Ignore labels** – check which numerical values have been plotted **Ignore** omission of negative signs; direction of numbers on axes etc. Plots ***a rate*** ($^1/_t$ or (log $^1/_t$)) on *y*-axis and ***a concentration*** (volume of **FA 1** or (log volume of **FA 1**)) on *x*-axis *If labels correct but numbers on scale indicate a different quantity do **not** award this mark* Easy to use scales chosen with plotted points covering more than ½ of each available axis A point must be plotted for each experiment performed – *take care where expts 1&2 have been omitted from the main results table)* All points plotted to within ½ small square and in the correct half of a small square	 1 1 1	

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1 (c) contd		Appropriate straight line drawn through the points. (*This does not have to be a "best-fit" line but must show correlation to the points plotted. Do **not** award this mark if there is clearly a better line that could have been drawn through the points))* A minimum of three points that lie close to the line are required – n*o anomalous point is permitted where three points only have been plotted.* Do **not** award this mark if the line is drawn through points "bunched" in less than 20 x 20 small squares.	1	[4]
	If a candidate has only performed experiments 1&2 or if data has only been plotted for 2 experiments, points L4, L5 and L6 but **not** L7 can be awarded.			
1 (d)	PDO Display	Construction lines drawn on the graph. *The hypotenuse of the constructed "triangle" should cover at least half of the length of the line drawn by the candidate.* Correctly reads (to nearest ½ small square) the coordinates from the graph *Accept values from the table if the line is drawn through the point.* *Do **not** penalise reuse of values for an incorrectly plotted point*	1 1	[3]
	ACE Interpretation	Calculates gradient correctly to at least 1 decimal place using the values read from the graph by the candidate.	1	
	Where data for two experiments **only** has been plotted, the Display marks **only** may be awarded. Do **not** award the Display mark for reading coordinates if either value is taken from the table.			

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1 (e)	ACE Interpretation	Explains that uncertainty is less when change is rapid (or converse) Estimated errors expt 1 number of seconds ≤ 3 s. expt 2 number of seconds ≥ 3 s, up to a maximum of 10 s. error for expt 2 > error for expt 1 Candidate's uncertainties correctly expressed as % of reaction time. Error may be carried forward.	1 1 1	[3]
1 (f)	ACE Improvements	Has: constant volumes of **FA 1**, variable volume of **FA 2**, water to keep total volume constant at 55 cm^3 Record the total volume for each experiment to the left of the table.	1	[1]
1 (g)	PDO Display	Uses experimental data to make appropriate comment, from experimental results, as to how **rate** varies with acid concentration. *[Do not give this mark where mixtures selected in **(f)** are not appropriate]* *Little change in reaction time is expected. The rate increases slightly as the concentration of acid is doubled etc.* *Where an acceptable qualitative statement has been given ignore any incorrect attempt at a quantitative/mathematical expression.*	1	[1]
			Qn 1 Total 25	

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FA 3 is aqueous ammonium sulphite (*ammonium chloride + sodium sulphite*), FA 4 is aqueous sodium nitrite, FA 5 is aqueous barium nitrate, FA 6 is aqueous manganese(II) sulphate,				
2 (a)	MMO Decisions	Chooses named dilute acid as single reagent for identifying nitrite **and** chooses $BaCl_2$/ $Ba(NO_3)_2$ (Ba^{2+}(aq) or aqueous solution containing Ba^{2+} acceptable) together with HCl/HNO_3 (not H_2SO_4) as reagents for identifying sulphate/sulphite	1	[1]
2 (b)	 MMO Collection	Award the C3 marks only from observations in the table. No retrospective marks. Give one mark for a brown gas evolved from **FA 4** with any acid Give one mark for one of the following for **FA 6**: 1. a white ppt with Ba^{2+} **insoluble** in hydrochloric or nitric acid, 2. a white ppt with Ba^{2+} **insoluble** in unnamed acid, 3. precipitate whose colour has not been described **insoluble** in named acid other than H_2SO_4 Give one mark for one of the following for **FA 3**: 1. a white ppt with Ba^{2+} **soluble** in hydrochloric or nitric acid, 2. a white ppt with Ba^{2+} **soluble** in unnamed acid, 3. precipitate whose colour has not been described **soluble** in named acid other than H_2SO_4 ***If sulphuric acid is <u>stated in the table in (b)</u> award one observation mark only, if the barium salt is added <u>before</u> the acid and a white ppt is obtained with FA 6 and with FA3.*** **OR** Give one mark for adding HCl/HNO_3 and <u>detecting SO_2</u> (dichromate turning green) from **FA 3** Give one mark for adding Ba^{2+}(aq) and observing a white ppt with **FA 6** and no ppt with **FA 3**. *Do **not** give the first of these marks if dichromate is added to the acidified mixture (additional reagent) but allow conclusions from that test)*	 1 1 1 (1) (1)	

Question	Sections	Indicative material	Mark	
2 (b) contd	ACE Conclusions	Give one mark **each** if the ions are correctly identified (No evidence is required in this section for the identification of the ions) Mark conclusions consequentially to observations **FA 4** – nitrite **FA 6** – sulphate **FA 3** – sulphite		 1 1 1
	ACE Interpretation	Gives appropriate evidence for identification of two of the ions. This mark can be awarded for <u>correct</u> anions where no observations are tabulated.		1 [7]
2 (c)	MMO Collection	**FA 6** – observes off-white ppt insoluble in excess with both NaOH and NH_3(aq)	1	
		FA 5 – observes white ppt in **(iii)** and white ppt soluble in HC*l* in **(iv)** *Ignore any ppt with NaOH/NH_3.*	1	
		FA 3 – positive test for alkaline **<u>gas</u>** described with **FA 3 only**.	1	[3]
2 (d)	ACE Conclusions	Give two marks if **all** ions are correctly identified. **FA 6** – Mn^{2+} (from off-white ppt with NaOH and NH_3(aq) **or** off white ppt with NaOH or NH_3(aq) soluble in excess) **FA 5** – Ba^{2+} (if observation mark given in **(c) or** white ppt with H_2SO_4 and no ppt with NH_3(aq)) **FA 3** – NH_4^+ (from ammonia/alkaline gas on warming with NaOH) *Give one of these two marks for 2 correct ions* *Mark conclusions consequentially to observations, e.g. Fe^{3+} from brown ppt for **FA 6**.* *Do **<u>not</u>** allow Ca^{2+} or Mg^{2+} in place of Ba^{2+}.*	1 1	
	ACE Interpretation	Gives appropriate evidence (minimum – as above) for identification of two of the ions. Evidence for Ca^{2+} (from reaction with OH^-) may be allowed here	1	[3]
	If a candidate does not record any practical work for sections **(iii)** and **(iv)**, ions such as Ca^{2+}, Mg^{2+}or Zn^{2+} may be credited from appropriate observations with NaOH and NH_3(aq)			
2 (e)	MMO Decisions	Selects CrO_4^{2-} or $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ as additional reagent *(No cation or "aqueous ion" required)*	1	[1]
			Qn 2 Total 15	