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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.

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- 1 A student uses chromatography to analyse samples of three different dyes. The apparatus the student uses is shown in Fig. 1.1.

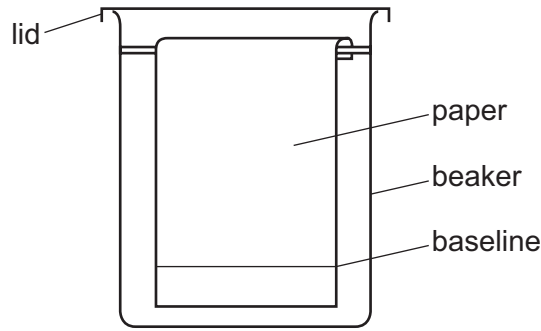


Fig. 1.1

- (a) A spot of each dye is placed on the paper and some ethanol is poured into the beaker.

Draw on Fig. 1.1:

- **three** spots (●) to show where the three dyes are placed on the paper at the start of the experiment
  - a line to show the level of ethanol in the beaker at the start of the experiment.
- [2]

- (b) During the experiment the ethanol moves up the paper.

State when the student should remove the chromatography paper from the ethanol in the beaker.

..... [1]

- (c) Fig. 1.2 shows the result of the chromatography experiment.

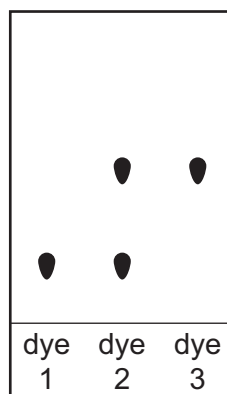


Fig. 1.2

State what conclusions can be made from this result.

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[Total: 5]

- 2 Copper(II) carbonate reacts with dilute acids to make carbon dioxide gas. Malachite is a mineral that contains copper(II) carbonate. A student investigates the rate of reaction between powdered malachite and dilute ethanoic acid at different temperatures. The student does six experiments.

#### Experiment 1

- Use a measuring cylinder to pour  $40\text{ cm}^3$  of dilute ethanoic acid into a conical flask.
- Warm the dilute ethanoic acid by about  $5^\circ\text{C}$ .
- Measure the temperature of the acid using a thermometer.
- Set the apparatus up as shown in Fig. 2.1.

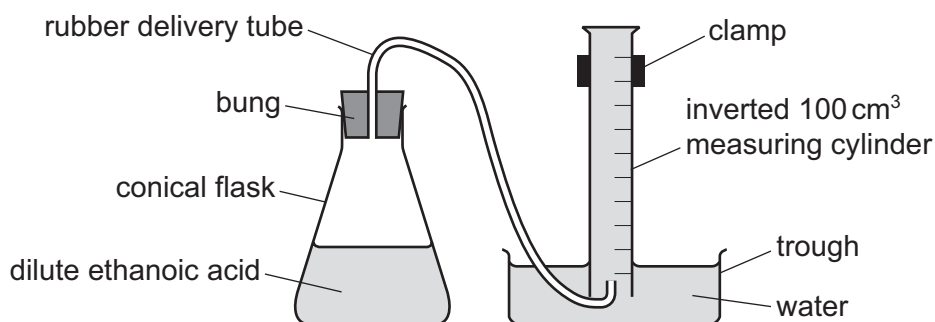


Fig. 2.1

- Remove the bung from the conical flask and add  $1.0\text{ g}$  of powdered malachite to the conical flask, replace the bung and start a stop-clock.
- Record the time taken for  $100\text{ cm}^3$  of gas to be collected in the measuring cylinder.
- Empty the conical flask and rinse it with distilled water.

#### Experiment 2

- Repeat Experiment 1 but warm the dilute ethanoic acid by about  $10^\circ\text{C}$ .

#### Experiment 3

- Repeat Experiment 1 but warm the dilute ethanoic acid by about  $15^\circ\text{C}$ .

#### Experiment 4

- Repeat Experiment 1 but warm the dilute ethanoic acid by about  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

#### Experiment 5

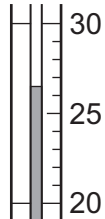
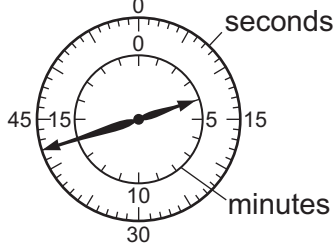
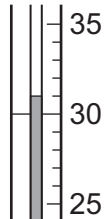
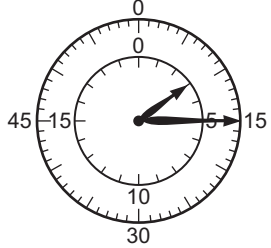
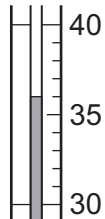
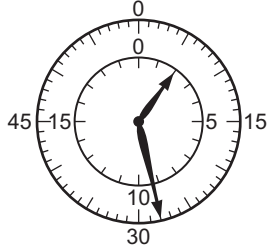
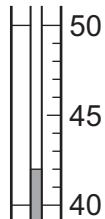
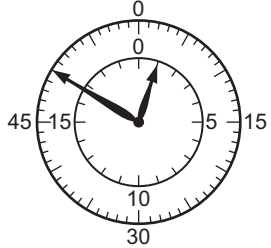
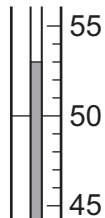
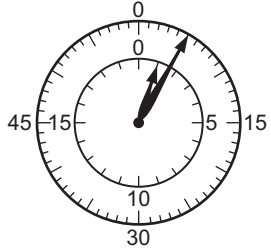
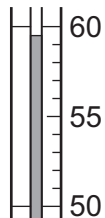
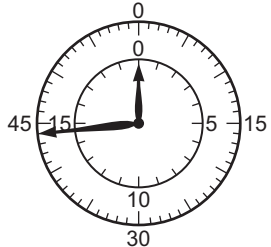
- Repeat Experiment 1 but warm the dilute ethanoic acid by about  $35^\circ\text{C}$ .

#### Experiment 6

- Repeat Experiment 1 but warm the dilute ethanoic acid by about  $40^\circ\text{C}$ .

(a) Use the thermometer and stop-clock diagrams to complete Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1**

experiment	thermometer diagram	temperature of ethanoic acid / °C	stop-clock diagram	time taken to collect 100 cm <sup>3</sup> of gas / s
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

[5]

- (b) Complete a suitable scale on the y-axis and plot the results from Experiments 1 to 6 on Fig. 2.2.

Draw a line of best fit through your points.

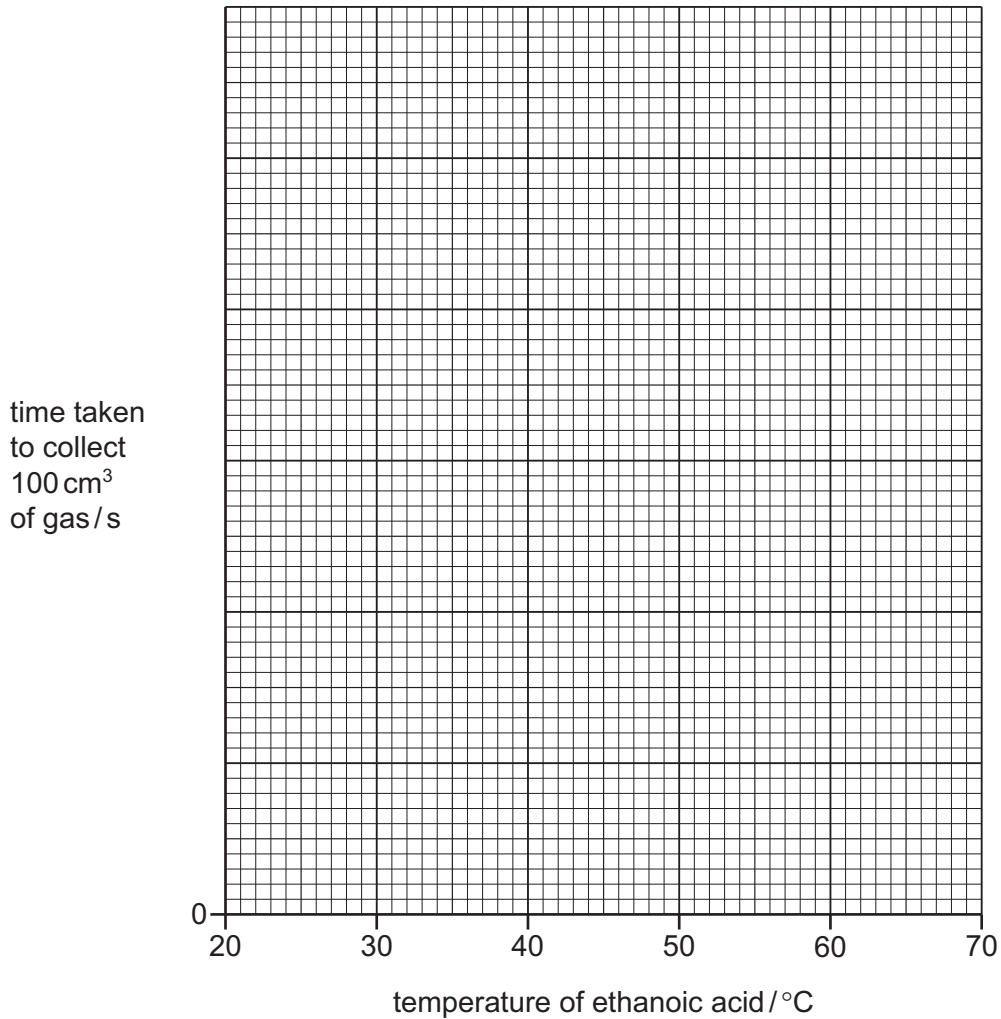


Fig. 2.2

[4]

- (c) The average rate of reaction in an experiment can be calculated using the equation shown.

$$\text{average rate of reaction} = \frac{\text{volume of gas collected}}{\text{time taken to collect the gas}}$$

- (i) Use this equation to calculate the average rate of reaction in Experiment 6. Give the units for the rate you have calculated.

average rate = ..... units .....

[2]

- (ii) Deduce in which experiment, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, the rate of reaction is greatest.

..... [1]

- (d) Extend the line on your graph in Fig. 2.2.  
Deduce the time taken to collect 100 cm<sup>3</sup> of gas when the temperature of the ethanoic acid is 65°C.

Show clearly on Fig. 2.2 how you worked out your answer.

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[3]

- (e) The 40 cm<sup>3</sup> of ethanoic acid used in each experiment is measured using a measuring cylinder. Measuring cylinders are available in the following sizes.

**10 cm<sup>3</sup>      25 cm<sup>3</sup>      50 cm<sup>3</sup>      100 cm<sup>3</sup>      500 cm<sup>3</sup>**

Draw a circle around the size of measuring cylinder which would be most suitable to measure 40 cm<sup>3</sup> of ethanoic acid. [1]

- (f) Most of the gas collected in the measuring cylinder is air rather than carbon dioxide.

- (i) Explain why air is collected in the measuring cylinder.

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..... [1]

- (ii) Explain why this does **not** affect the accuracy of the results.

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..... [1]

- (g) During each experiment the temperature of the acid decreases slowly.

Give a reason why the temperature of the acid decreases and suggest a change to the apparatus used that would minimise the decrease in temperature.

reason temperature decreases .....

change to apparatus .....

[2]

[Total: 20]

- 3 A student tests two substances: solid **M** and solid **N**.

**Tests on solid M**

Solid **M** is hydrated chromium(III) nitrate.

Complete the expected observations.

- (a) The student places half of solid **M** in a boiling tube and heats it strongly.

- (i) The student holds a piece of anhydrous cobalt(II) chloride paper at the mouth of the boiling tube.

observations .....

..... [1]

- (ii) The student inserts a glowing splint into the mouth of the boiling tube. The splint bursts into flames.

Identify the gas given off by heating solid **M** which causes this result.

..... [1]

- (b) The student dissolves the remaining solid **M** in water to form solution **M**.

- (i) The student adds aqueous sodium hydroxide dropwise and then in excess to solution **M**.

observations adding dropwise .....

observations in excess .....

[2]

- (ii) The student adds a piece of aluminium foil to the product from (b)(i). The mixture is then warmed. The student tests for any gas produced.

observations .....

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..... [1]

**Tests on solid N**

Table 3.1 shows the tests and the student's observations for solid **N**.

**Table 3.1**

tests	observations
<b>test 1</b> Do a flame test on solid <b>N</b> .	light green flame
<b>test 2</b> Dissolve the remaining solid <b>N</b> in water to form solution <b>N</b> . Divide solution <b>N</b> into four portions. To the first portion of solution <b>N</b> , add dilute sulfuric acid.	white precipitate
<b>test 3</b> To the second portion of solution <b>N</b> , add about 1 cm <sup>3</sup> of dilute nitric acid followed by a few drops of aqueous silver nitrate.	pale yellow precipitate
<b>test 4</b> To the third portion of solution <b>N</b> , add about 1 cm <sup>3</sup> of dilute nitric acid followed by a few drops of aqueous barium nitrate.	no visible change
<b>test 5</b> To the fourth portion of solution <b>N</b> , add about 1 cm <sup>3</sup> of aqueous chlorine.	brown solution

(c) Describe how to carry out a flame test.

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 ..... [2]

(d) Identify solid **N**.

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 ..... [2]

[Total: 9]







## 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, NH <sub>3</sub>	turns damp red litmus paper blue
carbon dioxide, CO <sub>2</sub>	turns limewater milky
chlorine, Cl <sub>2</sub>	bleaches damp litmus paper
hydrogen, H <sub>2</sub>	'pops' with a lighted splint
oxygen, O <sub>2</sub>	relights a glowing splint
sulfur dioxide, SO <sub>2</sub>	turns acidified aqueous potassium manganate(VII) from purple to colourless

**Flame tests for metal ions**

metal ion	flame colour
lithium, Li <sup>+</sup>	red
sodium, Na <sup>+</sup>	yellow
potassium, K <sup>+</sup>	lilac
calcium, Ca <sup>2+</sup>	orange-red
barium, Ba <sup>2+</sup>	light green
copper(II), Cu <sup>2+</sup>	blue-green

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