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#### 9701 CHEMISTRY

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Paper 34 (Advanced Practical Skills), maximum raw mark 40

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| Question | Sections                           | Indicative material  | Mark   |     |
|----------|------------------------------------|--|--------|-----|
| 1 (a)    | PDO<br>Layout<br>MMO<br>Collection | Three weighings recorded unambiguously Mass used between 2.50 g and 2.70 g (for all experiments; checked by examiner) Mass decreases after heating in a single experiment (ignore heating to constant mass)  | 1<br>1 | [3] |
| (b)      | ACE<br>Interpretation              | Correct subtraction from experimental results in (a) for mass of water lost and for mass of residue (Correct for any experiment or for average)  | 1      | [1] |
| (c)      | PDO<br>Display                     | Shows working using values in <b>(b)</b> (can be ecf): $^{\text{mass of salt}}/_{159.6}$ and $^{\text{mass of water}}/_{18}$ (or candidate's values for $M_{\text{r}}$ )   | 1      |     |
|          |                                    | Correct calculation of each value and must have between 2 and 4 sf and correct rounding (NO ecf from incorrect $M_r$ )   | 1      | [2] |
| (d)      | ACE<br>Interpretation              | Values from (c) shown in correct calculation or ratio or correct evaluation from calculation (no calculation or  | 1      |     |
|          | PDO                                | ratio) showing dp <b>and correct rounding for dp shown</b> Value of <b>x</b> given as an integer allow 0.5 to go up or down. (Ecf allowed)   | 1      |     |
|          | Display                            | Correct answer alone (integer) and no expression or calculation shown can only gain the second mark.   |        | [2] |
| (e)      | PDO Layout                         | (i) Tabulates minimum of the burette readings or minimum of two titres (lines not needed)  | 1      |     |
|          | PDO<br>Recording                   | (ii) Records initial and final burette readings and volume of <b>FB 3</b> run from burette (Don't award if readings inverted or final is 50, 50.0 or 50.00 more than once)   | 1      |     |
|          |                                    | (iii) Appropriate headings and units for data given. (Only acceptable headings: initial/final or 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> (burette) reading; reading at start/finish; volume added; volume used; titre. Only acceptable presentation of units is solidus /cm³; brackets (cm³) or "volume in cubic centimetres" or "volume in cm³") If units not              | 1      |     |
|          |                                    | included with heading, every entry in table must have a correct unit.  | 1      |     |
|          |                                    | (iv) All burette readings other than that labelled "rough" recorded consistently to nearest .05cm <sup>3</sup>   | 1      |     |
|          | MMO<br>Decisions                   | (v) Two uncorrected titres within 0.1 cm <sup>3</sup> (can include rough)  | 4      |     |
|          | MMO Quality                        | (vi), (vii), (viii) and (ix) Check and correct titre subtractions where necessary. Examiner selects the best mean titre (treat as accurate unless labelled "rough" or to fewer dp) and compares to Supervisor:  Apply a hierarchy: 2 identical, titres within 0.05 cm³, titres within 0.10 cm³ etc.  Award (vi), (vii), (viii) and (ix) for: a titre within 0.20 cm³ |        |     |

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|          | MMO<br>Decisions<br>PDO Display   | <ul> <li>Award (vi), (vii), (viii) only for: a titre of 0.20+ cm³ to 0.30 cm³</li> <li>Award (vi) and (vii), only for: a titre of 0.30+ cm³ to 0.50 cm³</li> <li>Award (vi) only for: a titre of 0.50+ cm³ to 0.80 cm³</li> <li>Apply spread penalty as follows: titres selected (by examiner) differ &gt; 0.20 cm³ but ≤ 0.50 cm³ = -1; titres &gt; 0.50 cm³ = -2 from marks awarded in (vi) to (ix) (no negative marks)</li> <li>Apply a spread of -2 if only one titration is performed or single value selected.</li> <li>(x) Selects (and ticks – but some indication must be shown) at least two titres for calculation of mean titre, all titres used to be within 0.2 cm³</li> <li>(xi) Correct mean displayed to same number of decimal places as most precise burette reading (If initial reading 0 use to dp of final) (If titres 0.05 apart then 0.025 or 0.075 is acceptable)</li> </ul> | 1    | [11] |  |
| (f)      | ACE<br>Interpretation   | <ul> <li>(i) Systematic error, non–consistent zero or wtte or different precision of balance (just!)</li> <li>(ii) Correct calculation of maximum % error (0.5/10 x 100 =) 5%</li> </ul>  | 1    | [2]  |  |
| (g)      | ACE<br>Conclusions  | (Mass loss is too low) Candidate suggests (i) insufficient heating or (ii) solid reabsorbs moisture on cooling  | 1    | [1]  |  |
| (h)      | ACE<br>Improvement  | <ul> <li>(i) Heating to constant mass (could be in explanation, possible ecf from (g))</li> <li>Or</li> <li>(ii) Cooling in desiccator / cooling with lid on crucible or</li> <li>(iii) Grinding/crushing before heating provided candidate makes clear that not all water driven off (as not heated long enough)</li> <li>Explains that mass loss or wtte is too low and how modification will reduce this Reference to mass loss being too low may be in (g).</li> </ul>  | 1    | [2]  |  |
| Qn 1     | Total   |   |      | [24] |  |
|          | FB 6 is MgC $l_2$ (aq); FB 7 is A $l_2$ (SO <sub>4</sub> ) $_3$ (aq); FB 8 is CaC $l_2$ |   |      |      |  |

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| 2 (a)    | MMO Collection  ACE Conclusions  ACE Interpretation | <ul> <li>(i) For FB 6 NaOH – a white ppt* insoluble in excess NH<sub>3</sub>(aq) – white ppt insoluble in excess</li> <li>(ii) For FB 7 NaOH – a white ppt soluble in excess NH<sub>3</sub>(aq) – white ppt insoluble in excess</li> <li>(iii) For FB 8 NaOH – a white ppt insoluble in excess NH<sub>3</sub>(aq) – no precipitate</li> <li>(iv) FB 7 contains Al<sup>3+</sup></li> <li>(v) FB 6 contains Mg<sup>2+</sup></li> <li>(vi) FB 8 contains Ca<sup>2+</sup> ecf only for these ions and from white ppts only (iv), (v), (vi) cannot be awarded if any of the relevant observations are incorrect</li> <li>(vii) Gives appropriate evidence for identification of at least two ions (any 2). Minimum statement required: Al<sup>3+</sup> – (white) ppt soluble in excess NaOH;</li> </ul> | 1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1 |     |
| (b)      | MMO<br>Decisions                                    | Mg <sup>2+</sup> – (white) ppt insoluble in excess NaOH and (white) ppt with NH <sub>3</sub> ; Ca <sup>2+</sup> – no ppt with NH <sub>3</sub> . No colour ppt other than white but colour of ppt may be taken from observations  Add (aqueous) barium chloride** (nitrate) and three correct observations  | 1                     | [7] |
|          | MMO<br>Collection                                   | Any white precipitate (from above) insoluble in HC <i>l</i> or HNO <sub>3</sub> (Acid name may be in 1 <sup>st</sup> part of answer)   | 1                     | [2] |
| Qn 2     | Total   |  |                       | [9] |

### \*solid (formed)

## \*\*Ba $^{2+}_{(aq)}$ or aqueous barium ions

#### FB 9 is NaNO<sub>3</sub>

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| 3 (a  | a)   | MMO<br>Collection<br>ACE<br>Conclusion | Gas evolved relights a glowing splint in test (i) No reaction/no gas given off in test/only (see) solid dissolving (ii) Gas turning red litmus blue evolved on heating with NaOH and Aluminium foil in test (iii) Oxygen evolved or NO <sub>2</sub> evolved from brown gas in (i) and ammonia gas evolved in (iii) based on correct observations (no ecf) | 1<br>1<br>1 | [4] |
| (b    | b)   | ACE<br>Conclusions                     | Nitrogen <b>and</b> oxygen ecf allowed for <b>(i)</b> if also hydrogen from "pops with lighted splint"  | 1           | [1] |
| (c    | c)   | ACE<br>Conclusions                     | States that aluminium foil is a reductant/reducing agent  | 1           | [1] |
| (d    | d)   | MMO<br>Decisions                       | No reaction if nitrate<br>Colourless gas, turning brown in air or brown gas if nitrite<br>Link back to <b>(b)</b> if single ion given (e.g. if only NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> in <b>(b)</b><br>then give mark for "no reaction")   | 1           | [1] |
| Qn 3  |      | Total                                  |   |             | [7] |