

Mark schemes



1.

(a) yellow

allow orange
allow orange-yellow

1

(b) copper (ion)

allow Cu²⁺
allow copper (II)
allow barium (ion)
allow Ba²⁺

1

(c) (flame) colours are masked

allow (flame) colours mix / blend
allow only see one colour
allow cannot see two colours at once
ignore hard to distinguish

1

(d) Li⁺

1

Na⁺

1

(e) bromide (ion)

allow Br⁻
ignore bromine

1

(f) add barium chloride (solution)

allow barium nitrate (solution)

1

add hydrochloric acid

allow nitric acid
allow acidified
*do **not** accept sulfuric acid*

1

white precipitate produced

dependent on use of a barium compound

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2. (a) $\frac{125}{8}$

1

= 15.6(25) (g)

1

an answer of 15.6(25) (g) scores 2 marks

(b) copper (ions)

allow in either order

1

sulfate (ions)

1

(c) flame test

1

yellow (flame)

1

(d) add dilute acid

allow named acid

1

(bubble gas produced through) limewater

1

(turns) cloudy / milky

allow forms white precipitate

1

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3. (a) copper (II) → blue

iron (III) → brown

more than one line from any box negates the mark

1

1

(b) aluminium

allow correct answer shown in box if answer line blank

1



(c) (i) yellow
allow orange

1

(ii) lilac
allow purple

1

(iii) one colour masks the other
allow colours mixed

1

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4.

(a) **X:**
 Fe^{2+} / iron(II), SO_4^{2-} / sulfate
allow iron(II) sulfate
or FeSO_4

1

Y:
 Na^+ / sodium, I^- / iodide
allow sodium iodide
or NaI

1

Z:
 Fe^{3+} / iron(III), Br^- / bromide
allow iron(III) bromide
or FeBr_3
correct identification of any two ions = one mark
correct identification of any four ions = two marks

1

(b) any **five** from:
allow converse arguments

method 1

- weighing is accurate
 - not all barium sulfate may be precipitated
 - precipitate may be lost
 - precipitate may not be dry
 - takes longer
 - requires energy
- allow not all the barium hydroxide has reacted*

method 2

- accurate
 - works for low concentrations
- allow reliable / precise*

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5.

(a) (i) ionic (bonding)

1

(ii) ions cannot move in solid **or** are in fixed positions
*do **not** accept electrons / atoms / molecules*
ignore particles
***must** mention ions*

1

but can move in solution

1

(b) silver chloride formed

1

which is insoluble

1

(c) (i) aluminium

1

calcium

accept other metal ions that also give white precipitates (such as lead and zinc)

1

(ii) add excess sodium hydroxide solution

the second mark of each pair is dependent on the first mark being awarded.

1

precipitate remains

1

carry out a flame test

1

not red / orange

accept any colour that is not orange / red

*give full credit for answers that correctly eliminate other cations in **(c)(i)** that would give white precipitates with a few drops of NaOH*

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6.

Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Communication (QC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.



0 marks

No relevant content

Level 1 (1 – 2 marks)

Any description of a method used and / or a result given

Level 2 (3 – 4 marks)

Description of workable methods used, with results to identify positive **or** negative ions

Level 3 (5 – 6 marks)

Description of methods used to identify both positive **and** negative ions, with relevant results

examples of the points made in the response

extra information

Test: add (platinum / nichrome) wire (for the flame test)

accept any method of introducing the solution into the flame, eg a splint soaked in the solution or sprayed from a bottle

Result: the sodium compounds result in a yellow / orange / gold flame **or** the potassium compound results in a lilac / purple / mauve flame

student could state that potassium carbonate gives a different colour to the three sodium compounds as long as it is clear that the flame test colour comes from Na⁺ or K⁺

Test: add dilute nitric acid to all four solutions

allow any acid

Result: sodium carbonate and potassium carbonate will effervesce **or** sodium chloride and sodium iodide will not effervesce

Test: add dilute nitric acid followed by silver nitrate

Result: sodium chloride and sodium iodide produce a precipitate **or** sodium chloride produces a white precipitate and sodium iodide produces a yellow precipitate

accept sodium carbonate and potassium carbonate do not produce a precipitate

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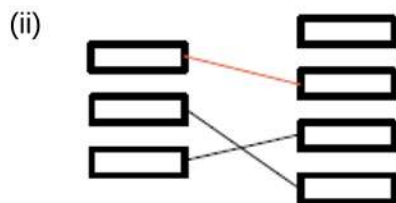


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7. (a) (i) *method of introducing sample into flame*
e.g. wire / splint / spray

clean wire or colourless flame
allow blue / roaring flame

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- (iii) (potassium) chloride
allow KCl or Cl⁻

1

- (b) (i) copper
allow Cu²⁺

1

- (ii) sulfate

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8. (a) (i) Na_2CO_3 : $\text{HCl} \rightarrow$ gas / effervescence / bubbles (1)
 CO_2 / carbon dioxide / turns lime water milky (1)

1

NaCl : $\text{AgNO}_3 \rightarrow$ white ppt (1)
silver chloride (1)

1

NaNO_3 : $\text{Al} + \text{NaOH} \rightarrow$ pungent / sharp smell / choking gas (1)
 NH_3 / ammonia / turns (red) litmus blue(1)

1

Na_2SO_4 : $\text{BaCl}_2 \rightarrow$ white ppt (1)
barium sulfate (1)

1

each correct test and one result = 1 mark

***one** other result for any test = 1 mark this mark can only be awarded once*



(ii) all would give a yellow / yellow-orange (flame) / same coloured (flame) / same results

allow orange (flame) 1

or

they all contain sodium

1

(b) any **two** from:

ignore cost/errors

- fast / quick or comment about speed
allow precise
- small amounts/sensitive
allow can be left to run/continuous analysis
- accurate
- ease of automation
accept operators do not need chemical skills
- sample not used up
- reliable / efficient

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