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Instructions to candidates

- Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided. Show all working — most marks are for working.
- Take molar gas volume at RTP as $24.0 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$, $R = 8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$, $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$.
- Give answers to 3 significant figures unless told otherwise.
- Marks are shown in brackets [] at the end of each part.

Question 1 — Moles, mass and particles

2.1.3

a. Calculate the amount, in mol, of CO_2 in 8.80 g of carbon dioxide. [2]

b. Calculate the number of CO_2 molecules in this sample. [2]

c. Calculate the number of oxygen atoms in this sample. [1]

d. Calculate the mass of 0.250 mol of calcium hydroxide, Ca(OH)_2 . [3]

Question 1 total: 8 marks**Question 2 — Empirical and molecular formulae**

2.1.3

a. Define the term *empirical formula*. [1]

b. A compound contains 40.0% carbon, 6.7% hydrogen and 53.3% oxygen by mass. Determine its empirical formula. [3]

c. The relative molecular mass of the compound in (b) is 180. Determine its molecular formula. [2]

d. A hydrocarbon contains 85.7% carbon by mass and has a relative molecular mass of 56. Determine its empirical formula and its molecular formula. [4]

Question 2 total: 10 marks

Question 3 — Water of crystallisation

2.1.3 / PAG 1

A student heats 2.86 g of hydrated sodium carbonate, $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$, until no further mass change occurs. The mass of the anhydrous residue is 1.06 g.

a. Determine the value of x. [5]

b. Explain why the solid is heated *to constant mass*. [2]

c. The student's value of x is lower than the true value. Suggest a reason for this and explain the effect on the calculation. [3]

Question 3 total: 10 marks

Question 4 — Gas calculations

2.1.3

a. State the ideal gas equation and the SI units of each quantity in it. [2]

b. Calculate the volume, in dm^3 , occupied by 0.150 mol of a gas at RTP. [2]

c. 0.230 g of a gaseous compound occupies 112 cm^3 at 100 kPa and 298 K. Calculate the molar mass of the gas. [4]

d. The gas contains carbon, hydrogen and chlorine. Suggest its identity. [1]

e. Calculate the density of carbon dioxide gas, in g dm^{-3} , at RTP. [3]

Question 4 total: 12 marks

Question 5 — Solutions and concentration

2.1.3

a. 4.00 g of sodium hydroxide is dissolved in water and made up to 250 cm^3 of solution. Calculate the concentration in mol dm^{-3} . [3]

b. Express this concentration in g dm^{-3} . [1]

c. Calculate the volume of 2.00 mol dm^{-3} hydrochloric acid needed to prepare 250 cm^3 of $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ solution by dilution. [3]

d. Describe how to prepare a standard solution from a solid, weighed sample. [3]

Question 5 total: 10 marks

Question 6 — Titration calculations

2.1.3 / PAG 2

25.0 cm³ of sodium hydroxide solution of unknown concentration is titrated with 0.100 mol dm⁻³ hydrochloric acid. The mean titre is 22.60 cm³.

- a. Calculate the concentration of the sodium hydroxide solution in mol dm⁻³. [4]

- b. State what is meant by *concordant titres* and explain why only concordant titres are used to calculate the mean. [2]

- c. Each burette reading has an uncertainty of ± 0.05 cm³. Calculate the percentage uncertainty in the titre of 22.60 cm³. [3]

- d. Suggest one way of reducing the percentage uncertainty in the titre. [1]

- e. Explain why the burette is rinsed with the acid solution, not with water, before filling. [2]

Question 6 total: 12 marks

Question 7 — Limiting reagent

2.1.3

6.00 g of calcium carbonate is added to 50.0 cm³ of 2.00 mol dm⁻³ hydrochloric acid.
 $\text{CaCO}_3(\text{s}) + 2\text{HCl}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{CaCl}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$

- a.

Show, by calculation, that hydrochloric acid is the limiting reagent.

[3]

b. Calculate the volume of carbon dioxide, in dm^3 , produced at RTP.

[3]

c. Calculate the mass of unreacted calcium carbonate remaining.

[4]

Question 7 total: 10 marks

Question 8 — Percentage yield and atom economy

2.1.3

a. Define *percentage yield*.

[1]

b. In an esterification, 0.500 mol of carboxylic acid produces 0.380 mol of ester. Calculate the percentage yield.

[2]

c. Define *atom economy*.

[1]

d. Calcium oxide is made by thermal decomposition: $\text{CaCO}_3 \rightarrow \text{CaO} + \text{CO}_2$. Calculate the atom economy for the production of calcium oxide. (A_r : Ca = 40.1, C = 12.0, O = 16.0)

[3]

e. Explain the difference between percentage yield and atom economy, and explain why processes with high atom economy are important for sustainability.

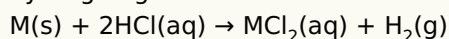
[3]

Question 8 total: 10 marks

Question 9 — Identifying a metal

2.1.3

0.486 g of a divalent metal **M** reacts with an excess of dilute hydrochloric acid, releasing 480 cm³ of hydrogen gas at RTP.



a. Calculate the relative atomic mass of **M** and identify the metal.

[5]

b. Write the ionic equation for the reaction, with state symbols.

[3]

Question 9 total: 8 marks

Question 10 — Practical planning

PAG 1

A student is asked to determine the formula of hydrated copper(II) sulfate, CuSO₄·xH₂O, by heating. Plan the experiment. Your plan should include the apparatus, the measurements to be recorded, an outline of the calculation, and two precautions or sources of error.

[6]

This question is marked using a level of response.

a.

[3]

The blue solid turns black if heated too strongly. Explain what has happened and how this would affect the calculated value of x .

Question 10 total: 9 marks

PAPER TOTAL: 99 MARKS

MARK SCHEME — Chapter 3: Amount of Substance

Award marks independently unless stated. ECF applies throughout. Accept answers within rounding of those given.

Q1 (a) [2]

- $M(\text{CO}_2) = 44.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$; $n = 8.80 \div 44.0$ (1)
- $= 0.200 \text{ mol}$. (1)

Q1 (b) [2]

- $0.200 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ (1) $= 1.20 \times 10^{23}$ molecules. (1)

Q1 (c) [1]

- $2 \times 1.204 \times 10^{23} = 2.41 \times 10^{23}$ atoms. (1)

Q1 (d) [3]

- $M(\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2) = 40.1 + 2(16.0 + 1.0) = 74.1 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ (1)
- $m = n \times M = 0.250 \times 74.1$ (1) $= 18.5 \text{ g}$. (1)

Q2 (a) [1]

- The simplest whole-number ratio of atoms of each element in a compound. (1)

Q2 (b) [3]

- C: $40.0/12 = 3.33$; H: $6.7/1 = 6.7$; O: $53.3/16 = 3.33$ (1)
- Ratio 1 : 2 : 1 (1)
- Empirical formula CH_2O . (1)

Q2 (c) [2]

- Mass of $\text{CH}_2\text{O} = 30$; $180 \div 30 = 6$ (1)
- Molecular formula $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$. (1)

Q2 (d) [4]

- C: $85.7/12 = 7.14$; H: $14.3/1 = 14.3$ (1)
- Ratio 1 : 2 $\rightarrow$ empirical formula CH_2 . (1)
- Mass of $\text{CH}_2 = 14$; $56 \div 14 = 4$ (1)
- Molecular formula C_4H_8 . (1)

Q3 (a) [5]

- Mass of water lost $= 2.86 - 1.06 = 1.80 \text{ g}$ (1)
- $n(\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3) = 1.06 \div 106 = 0.0100 \text{ mol}$ (1)
- $n(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 1.80 \div 18.0 = 0.100 \text{ mol}$ (1)
- Ratio $= 0.100 \div 0.0100 = 10$ (1)
- $x = 10$ ($\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$). (1)

Q3 (b) [2]

- Repeated heating and weighing until two consecutive masses are the same... (1)
- ...which shows all the water of crystallisation has been removed. (1)

Q3 (c) [3]

- Heating was incomplete — some water of crystallisation remains in the residue. (1)
- The residue mass is too high, so the calculated water loss is too low. (1)
- $n(\text{H}_2\text{O}) \div n(\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3)$ is therefore too small, giving a low x . (1)

Q4 (a) [2]

- $pV = nRT$ (1)
- p in Pa, V in m^3 , n in mol, T in K ($R = 8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$). (1)

Q4 (b) [2]

- 0.150×24.0 (1) $= 3.60 \text{ dm}^3$. (1)

Q4 (c) [4]

- $V = 112 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$; $p = 100\,000 \text{ Pa}$ (1)
- $n = pV/RT = (100\,000 \times 1.12 \times 10^{-4}) \div (8.314 \times 298)$ (1)
- $n = 4.52 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$ (1)
- $M = 0.230 \div 4.52 \times 10^{-3} = 50.9 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ (accept 50-52). (1)

Q4 (d) [1]

- Chloromethane, CH_3Cl ($M = 50.5$). (1)

Q4 (e) [3]

- 1 mol (44.0 g) occupies 24.0 dm^3 at RTP (1)
- density = $44.0 \div 24.0$ (1) = 1.83 g dm^{-3} . (1)

Q5 (a) [3]

- $n(\text{NaOH}) = 4.00 \div 40.0 = 0.100 \text{ mol}$ (1)
- $V = 0.250 \text{ dm}^3$; $c = 0.100 \div 0.250$ (1) = $0.400 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$. (1)

Q5 (b) [1]

- $0.400 \times 40.0 = 16.0 \text{ g dm}^{-3}$. (1)

Q5 (c) [3]

- $n \text{ needed} = 0.250 \times 0.100 = 0.0250 \text{ mol}$ (1)
- $V = 0.0250 \div 2.00 = 0.0125 \text{ dm}^3$ (1) = 12.5 cm^3 . (1)

Q5 (d) [3]

- Weigh the solid accurately; dissolve in distilled water in a beaker. (1)
- Transfer with washings to a volumetric flask. (1)
- Make up to the graduation mark with distilled water and invert to mix. (1)

Q6 (a) [4]

- $n(\text{HCl}) = 0.02260 \times 0.100 = 2.26 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$ (1)
- 1 : 1 ratio, so $n(\text{NaOH}) = 2.26 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$ (1)
- $c = 2.26 \times 10^{-3} \div 0.0250$ (1)
- = $0.0904 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$. (1)

Q6 (b) [2]

- Titres within 0.10 cm^3 of each other. (1)
- Excludes anomalous results, making the mean more reliable. (1)

Q6 (c) [3]

- Total uncertainty = $2 \times 0.05 = 0.10 \text{ cm}^3$ (initial and final reading). (1)
- % = $(0.10 \div 22.60) \times 100$ (1) = 0.44% . (1)

Q6 (d) [1]

- Use a larger titre — e.g. dilute the acid or use a larger volume of alkali (larger denominator lowers %). (1)

Q6 (e) [2]

- Water left in the burette would dilute the acid. (1)
- Its concentration would then be lower than $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$, making the titre too large. (1)

Q7 (a) [3]

- $n(\text{CaCO}_3) = 6.00 \div 100.1 = 0.0599 \text{ mol}$ (1)
- $n(\text{HCl}) = 0.0500 \times 2.00 = 0.100 \text{ mol}$ (1)
- $0.0599 \text{ mol CaCO}_3$ requires $0.120 \text{ mol HCl} > 0.100 \text{ mol available}$, so HCl is limiting. (1)

Q7 (b) [3]

- $n(\text{CO}_2) = 0.100 \div 2 = 0.0500 \text{ mol}$ (1)
- $V = 0.0500 \times 24.0$ (1) = 1.20 dm^3 . (1)

Q7 (c) [4]

- $n(\text{CaCO}_3) \text{ reacted} = 0.100 \div 2 = 0.0500 \text{ mol}$ (1)
- $n \text{ unreacted} = 0.0599 - 0.0500 = 0.0099 \text{ mol}$ (1)
- $m = 0.0099 \times 100.1$ (1) = 0.99 g. (1)

Q8 (a) [1]

- % yield = (actual amount of product $\div$ theoretical amount) $\times$ 100. (1)

Q8 (b) [2]

- $(0.380 \div 0.500) \times 100$ (1) = 76.0%. (1)

Q8 (c) [1]

- Atom economy = (M of desired product $\div$ sum of M of all products) $\times$ 100. (1)

Q8 (d) [3]

- $M(\text{CaO}) = 56.1$; $M(\text{CaCO}_3) = 100.1$ (total products = 56.1 + 44.0) (1)
- $(56.1 \div 100.1) \times 100$ (1) = 56.0%. (1)

Q8 (e) [3]

- Yield measures how much product is actually obtained; atom economy is fixed by the equation and measures what fraction of reactant mass ends up in the desired product. (1)
- A reaction can have a high yield but low atom economy (or vice versa). (1)
- High atom economy means less waste / better use of raw materials — more sustainable and economical. (1)

Q9 (a) [5]

- $n(\text{H}_2) = 480 \div 24\,000 = 0.0200 \text{ mol}$ (1)
- 1 : 1 ratio, so $n(\text{M}) = 0.0200 \text{ mol}$ (1)
- $A_r = 0.486 \div 0.0200$ (1) = 24.3 (1)
- M is magnesium. (1)

Q9 (b) [3]

- $\text{Mg(s)} + 2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2(\text{g})$ (1 species, 1 balancing/charges, 1 state symbols)

Q10 (a) [6] — Level of response

- **Level 3 (5-6):** Complete plan: apparatus, all measurements, correct calculation outline, two valid precautions/errors.
- **Level 2 (3-4):** Workable plan with most measurements and a correct calculation outline; one precaution.
- **Level 1 (1-2):** Partial plan; key measurements or the calculation outline missing.

Indicative content: weigh crucible empty, with hydrated salt, and after heating (crucible + residue); heat gently, cool (in a desiccator), reweigh; repeat to constant mass. Calculation: mass of anhydrous $\text{CuSO}_4 \rightarrow n = m/159.6$; mass of water lost $\rightarrow n = m/18.0$; $x = n(\text{H}_2\text{O})/n(\text{CuSO}_4)$. Precautions/errors: avoid overheating (decomposition), spitting/loss of solid, incomplete dehydration, absorbing moisture while cooling in open air.

Q10 (b) [3]

- CuSO_4 has decomposed to black copper(II) oxide (CuO), losing SO_3 . (1)
- The residue mass is now too low, so the apparent mass of "water lost" is too high. (1)
- The calculated x would be too large. (1)

END OF MARK SCHEME • 99 marks