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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 Long-chain alkanes can be broken down into shorter chain alkanes and gaseous alkenes. Vapour from a long-chain alkane is passed over a very hot catalyst and the gases formed are collected over water. The apparatus used is shown in Fig. 1.1.

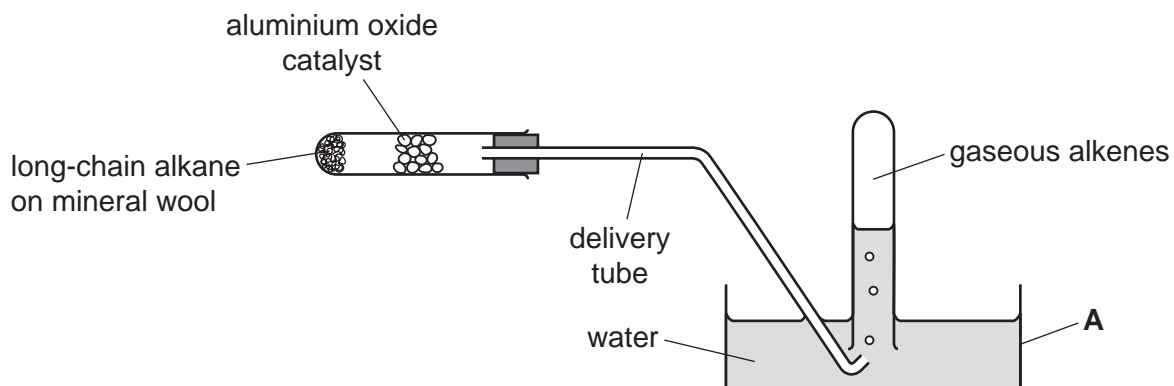


Fig. 1.1

- (a) Name the item of apparatus labelled **A** in Fig. 1.1.

..... [1]

- (b) The catalyst is small pieces of aluminium oxide.

Explain why several small pieces of aluminium oxide speed up the reaction more than one large piece of aluminium oxide.

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 ..... [1]

- (c) (i) Name the item of apparatus that can be used to heat the long-chain alkane and catalyst.

..... [1]

- (ii) Add **two** arrows to Fig. 1.1 to show where the apparatus should be heated. [1]

## 3

- (d) The gas collected is tested using aqueous bromine. Alkenes turn aqueous bromine from orange to colourless.  
When the first few bubbles of gas collected are tested, the aqueous bromine does **not** change colour.

Explain why the aqueous bromine does **not** change colour.

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..... [1]

- (e) As soon as the experiment is over and the heating is stopped, the delivery tube must be removed from the water.

Explain what happens if the delivery tube is **not** removed from the water as soon as the heating is stopped.

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..... [2]

[Total: 7]

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2 A student investigates the solubility of ammonium chloride in water at different temperatures.

The student does five experiments using the following instructions.

#### Experiment 1

- Fill a burette with distilled water.
- Run some of the water out of the burette so that the level of the water is on the burette scale.
- Use the burette to add  $8.0\text{ cm}^3$  of distilled water to a  $5.25\text{ g}$  sample of ammonium chloride in a boiling tube.
- Clamp the boiling tube at an angle, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

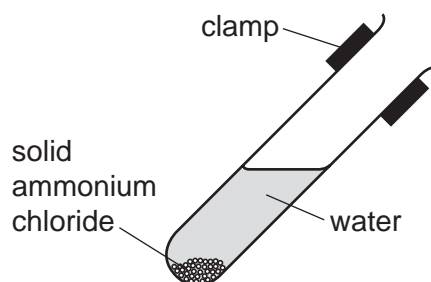


Fig. 2.1

- Gently heat the bottom of the boiling tube while stirring the contents with a thermometer.
- Stop heating as soon as all the solid has dissolved.
- Continuously stir the solution with the thermometer while it cools.
- Measure the temperature of the solution as soon as the solution becomes cloudy and a solid starts to form.

#### Experiment 2

- Use the burette to add  $0.5\text{ cm}^3$  of distilled water to the mixture in the boiling tube from the previous experiment.
- Clamp the boiling tube as shown in Fig. 2.1.
- Gently heat the bottom of the boiling tube while stirring the contents with a thermometer.
- Stop heating as soon as all the solid has dissolved.
- Continuously stir the solution with the thermometer while it cools.
- Measure the temperature of the solution as soon as the solution becomes cloudy and a solid starts to form.

#### Experiment 3

- Repeat Experiment 2.

#### Experiment 4

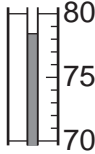
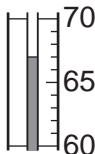
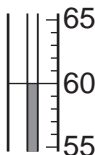
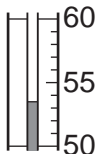
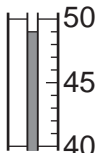
- Repeat Experiment 2.

#### Experiment 5

- Repeat Experiment 2.

- (a) Use the information in the description of the experiments and the thermometer diagrams to complete Table 2.1.

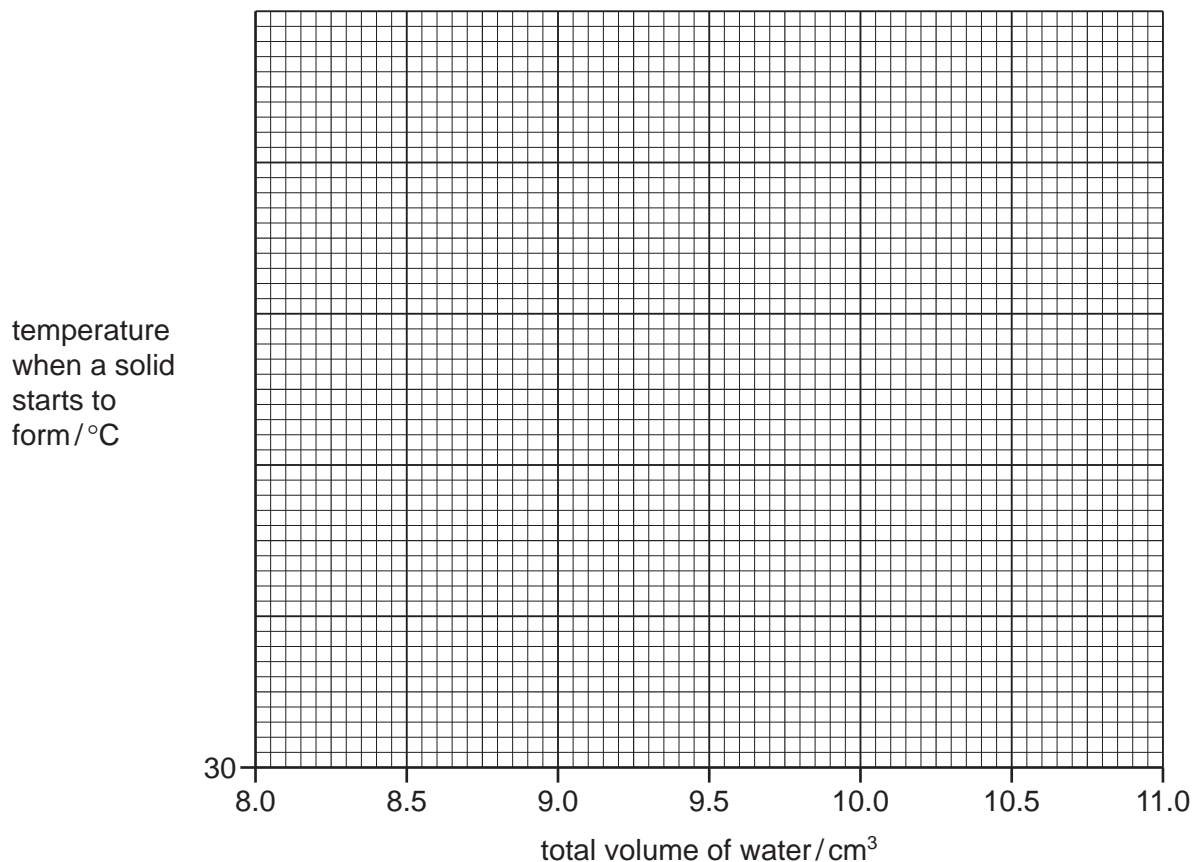
Table 2.1

experiment	mass of ammonium chloride/g	total volume of water/cm <sup>3</sup>	thermometer diagram when a solid starts to form	temperature when a solid starts to form/°C
1		8.0		
2				
3				
4				
5				

[4]

- (b) Complete a suitable scale on the  $y$ -axis of Fig. 2.2 and plot your results from Experiments 1 to 5 on Fig. 2.2.

Draw a line of best fit through your points.



**Fig. 2.2**

[4]

- (c) Extrapolate the line on your graph and deduce the temperature when a solid starts to form when a total volume of  $10.5 \text{ cm}^3$  of water is used.

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

temperature when a solid starts to form = ..... °C [3]

- (d) Solubility, in  $\text{g}/100 \text{ cm}^3$  of water, is calculated using the equation shown.

$$\text{solubility} = \frac{\text{mass of solid dissolved} \times 100}{\text{volume of water used}}$$

Use this equation to calculate the solubility of ammonium chloride in Experiment 1.

solubility = .....  $\text{g}/100 \text{ cm}^3$  of water [1]

(e) Describe how the solubility of ammonium chloride changes as the temperature changes.

.....  
..... [1]

(f) In this experiment the volume of water was measured using a burette.

(i) State the advantage of using a burette rather than a measuring cylinder to measure the volume of water.

.....  
..... [1]

(ii) State the advantage of using a burette rather than a volumetric pipette to measure the volume of water.

.....  
..... [1]

(g) A total volume of  $2.0\text{ cm}^3$  of water was added to the original  $8.0\text{ cm}^3$  of water.

Explain the disadvantages of adding the  $2.0\text{ cm}^3$  of water in  $1.0\text{ cm}^3$  portions rather than  $0.5\text{ cm}^3$  portions.

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..... [2]

(h) Suggest why it would **not** be possible to use  $6.0\text{ cm}^3$  of water instead of  $8.0\text{ cm}^3$  of water in Experiment 1.

.....  
..... [1]

[Total: 18]



- 3 A student tests two solutions: solution **C** and solution **D**.

**Tests on solution C**

Solution **C** is aqueous calcium nitrate.

Complete the expected observations.

The student divides solution **C** into three portions.

- (a) The student carries out a flame test on the first portion of solution **C**.

observations ..... [1]

- (b) To the second portion of solution **C**, the student adds aqueous sodium hydroxide dropwise until it is in excess.

observations adding dropwise .....

observations in excess ..... [2]

- (c) To the product from (b), the student adds a piece of aluminium foil and warms the mixture gently. Any gas produced is tested.

observations .....

..... [1]

- (d) To the third portion of solution **C**, the student adds about 1 cm depth of dilute nitric acid followed by a few drops of aqueous silver nitrate.

observations .....

..... [1]

**tests on solution D**

Table 3.1 shows the tests and the student's observations for solution **D**. The student divides solution **D** into four portions.

**Table 3.1**

tests	observations
<p><b>test 1</b></p> <p>Use a glass rod to transfer one drop of the first portion of solution <b>D</b> onto a piece of universal indicator paper.</p>	the universal indicator paper turns red
<p><b>test 2</b></p> <p>To the second portion of solution <b>D</b>, add solid sodium carbonate.</p> <p>Test any gas produced.</p>	<p>the solid sodium carbonate disappears and there is effervescence</p> <p>the gas turns limewater milky</p>
<p><b>test 3</b></p> <p>To the third portion of solution <b>D</b>, add about 1 cm depth of dilute nitric acid followed by a few drops of aqueous silver nitrate.</p>	no change
<p><b>test 4</b></p> <p>To the fourth portion of solution <b>D</b>, add about 1 cm depth of dilute nitric acid followed by a few drops of aqueous barium nitrate.</p>	white precipitate

(e) Deduce the pH of solution **D**.

pH = ..... [1]

(f) Identify the gas made when sodium carbonate is added to solution **D**.

..... [1]

(g) Identify the **two** ions in solution **D**.

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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, $\text{NH}_3$	turns damp red litmus paper blue
carbon dioxide, $\text{CO}_2$	turns limewater milky
chlorine, $\text{Cl}_2$	bleaches damp litmus paper
hydrogen, $\text{H}_2$	'pops' with a lighted splint
oxygen, $\text{O}_2$	relights a glowing splint
sulfur dioxide, $\text{SO}_2$	turns acidified aqueous potassium manganate(VII) from purple to colourless

**Flame tests for metal ions**

metal ion	flame colour
lithium, $\text{Li}^+$	red
sodium, $\text{Na}^+$	yellow
potassium, $\text{K}^+$	lilac
calcium, $\text{Ca}^{2+}$	orange-red
barium, $\text{Ba}^{2+}$	light green
copper(II), $\text{Cu}^{2+}$	blue-green

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