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A Level Chemistry B (Salters)

H433/03 Practical skills in chemistry

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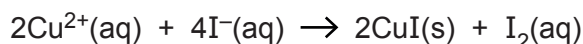
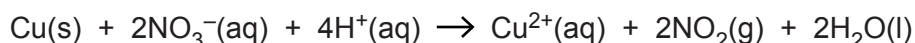
Fake coins

There has been concern about the number of fake coins in circulation.

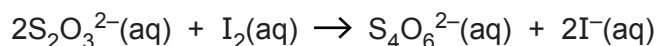
Below a student describes an investigation to compare the amount of copper in various coins.

- To find the amount of copper in the coins I decided to use a titration with sodium thiosulfate
- I need to dissolve a coin in nitric acid and then add excess iodide ion solution; the liberated iodine can then be titrated with the thiosulfate solution
- In a genuine one pence coin the percentage by mass of copper should be 96%.

The relevant reactions are:



(Note: the copper ions are produced in solution when the copper coin dissolves in the concentrated nitric acid)



Dissolving the coin

Weigh a penny coin on an electric balance, reading to two decimal places. Add the coin to excess concentrated nitric acid and warm in a fume cupboard.

After all the coin has dissolved allow the solution to cool and transfer carefully to a 250 cm³ volumetric flask. Make the resulting solution up to the mark using distilled water. Ensure the solution is thoroughly mixed by inverting the stoppered flask several times.

Determining the copper content of the coin

1. Take 25.0 cm³ portions of the copper ion solution and transfer to a conical flask.
2. Neutralise excess acid by adding sodium carbonate solution in small volumes until any fizzing stops.
3. Add excess potassium iodide solution (about 25 cm³ of approximately 1.0 mol dm⁻³ solution).
4. Add a few drops of freshly prepared starch solution. The presence of the starch will cause the mixture in the flask to go black.
5. Titrate the liberated iodine with a standard solution of 0.200 mol dm⁻³ sodium thiosulfate solution until all the iodine has reacted and the mixture in the flask goes white.
6. Repeat the titration until three concordant results are obtained.
7. Calculate the concentration of copper ions in the original copper ion solution and work out the percentage of copper in the coin.
8. Compare the percentage with data book values to decide whether the coin was a fake.

[Reference: Modified from Graham Hill, John Holman (2001): *Chemistry in Context, Laboratory Manual, Fifth Edition* Cheltenham, Nelson Thornes.]

Results

Mass of coin dissolved = 3.56 g

	Titration 1	Titration 2	Titration 3	Titration 4
Final burette reading/cm ³	22.85	45.45	22.55	45.20
Starting burette reading/cm ³	0.00	22.85	0.00	22.55

Comments on my experiments

The experiment seemed to go well.

My percentage value was lower than the suggested value of 96% copper. This could mean, either the coin was a fake, or possibly the errors in my experiment were more significant than I thought.

My procedure seemed to be sound, although I did notice that the standard solution of thiosulfate I had made up had gone a bit cloudy.

I calculated the errors due the measurements I took, to see if they were significant.

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- the Data Sheet for Chemistry B (Salters) (sent with general stationery)

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- a scientific or graphical calculator



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INSTRUCTIONS

- The Insert will be found inside this document.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- The practical insert is needed with this paper.
- Complete the boxes above with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** the questions.
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INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **60**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
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Answer **all** the questions.

- 1 A group of students decide to analyse a commercial sweetener. The major component is listed as the dipeptide aspartame.

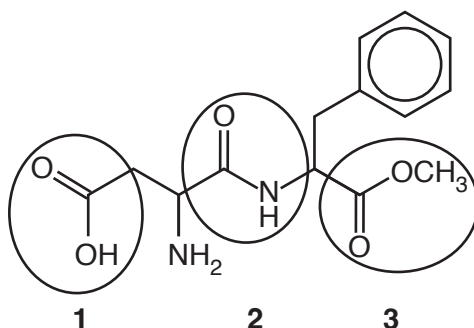
- (a) The students crush a sweetener tablet and dissolve it in 1 cm^3 of water in a test tube. They add a similar volume of 6.0 mol dm^{-3} hydrochloric acid and some anti-bumping granules. They then cautiously boil the contents for about a minute.

Suggest the purpose of adding the anti-bumping granules.

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- (b) The students expect the aspartame to have been hydrolysed by the hot acid.

- (i) The structure of aspartame is given below with three functional groups (1, 2, 3) ringed.



Name the homologous series for the functional groups 1, 2 and 3.

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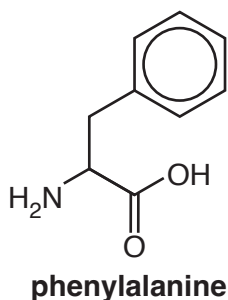
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3 [1]

- (ii) Functional group 2 **and** functional group 3 are hydrolysed under the acid conditions to give three products. The products are methanol, and ions formed by the amino acids phenylalanine and aspartic acid.

The structure of the amino acid phenylalanine is given below.

In the box draw the structure of the **ion** formed by **aspartic acid**.



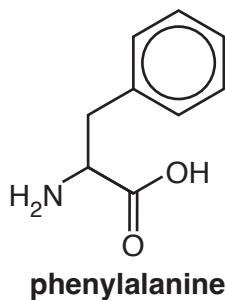
structure of **ion** formed by aspartic acid

[2]

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(iii) Amino acids such as phenylalanine exist as *zwitterions*.

Use the structure of phenylalanine to help explain how amino acids form zwitterions.
Draw the structure of the zwitterion of phenylalanine.



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[2]

- (d) The students decided to investigate carbonated drinks such as diet and regular cola. These drinks contain phosphoric acid (to increase the flavour) and aspartame. Regular cola has a lower concentration of acid and keeps for longer than diet cola.

Suggest why regular cola keeps for longer.

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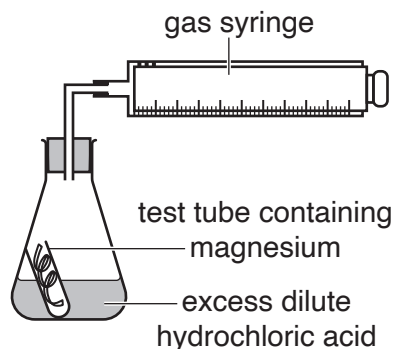
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- 2 Two students decide to study the reaction of magnesium with dilute hydrochloric acid to find the order of this reaction with respect to the acid.

The equation for the reaction is:



The students use the following apparatus:



- (a) The students run **five** experiments each using a different concentration of hydrochloric acid.

They use the same length of magnesium ribbon each time.

- (i) Why was the length of the magnesium ribbon kept the same?

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 [1]

- (ii) 50 cm³ acid is used each time.
 The concentration ranged from 0.1 to 0.5 mol dm⁻³.

Calculate the **maximum** mass of magnesium ribbon that would completely react with the acid in **all** five experiments.

mass = g [3]

- (iii) Calculate the maximum length of magnesium ribbon needed to completely react with the acid in all the experiments.

The mass per unit length of Mg ribbon = $1.3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ g cm}^{-1}$

length = cm [1]

- (b) The students predict that the reaction will be second order with respect to acid.

Write the rate equation that would be appropriate for this prediction.

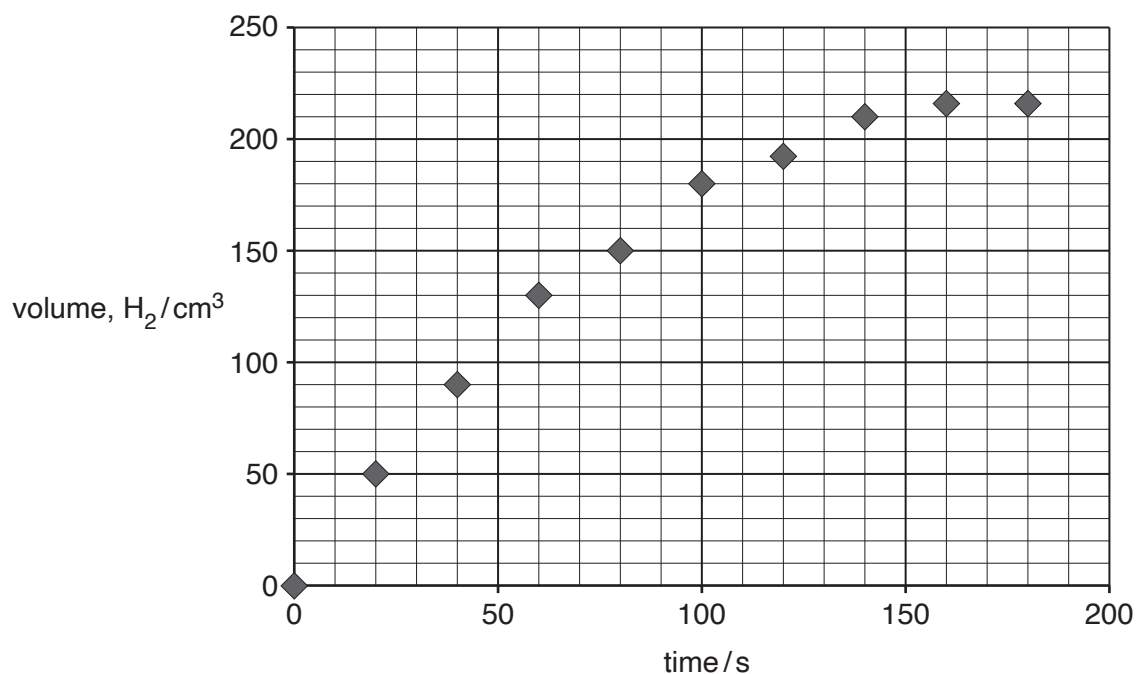
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- (c) The students plot a graph of volume of hydrogen against time.
The graph of the results when the concentration of hydrochloric acid is 0.5 mol dm^{-3} is shown below.

Draw a line of best fit on the graph.

Use your line of best fit to calculate the initial rate of reaction at this concentration and give the units.

Show your working on the graph.



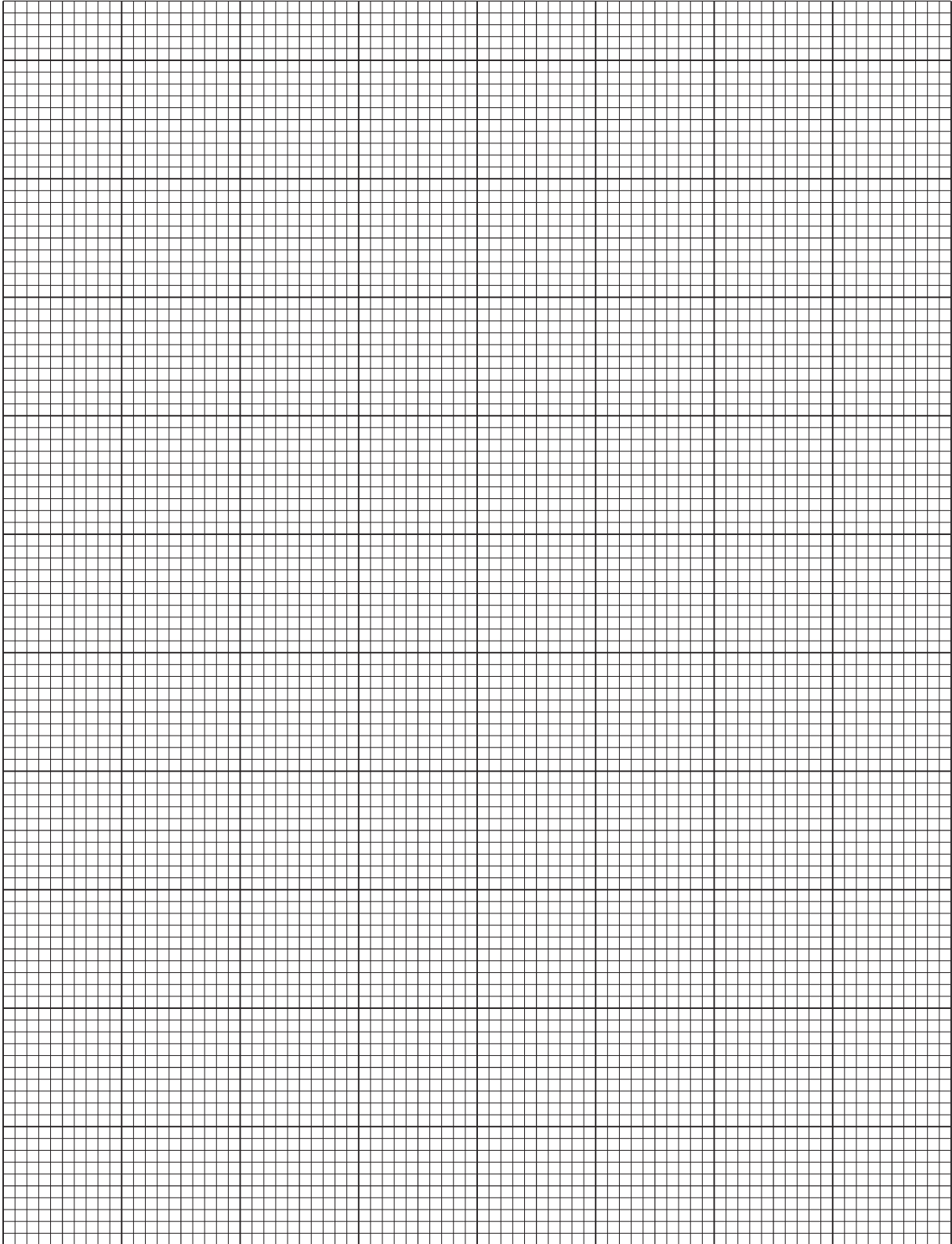
initial rate units [5]

- (d) The students decide to measure the activation enthalpy for the reaction. They repeat the experiment at different temperatures using a fixed concentration of acid.

The following table shows the data from their experiments.

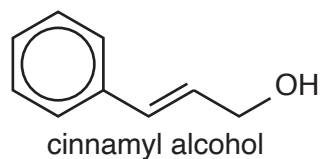
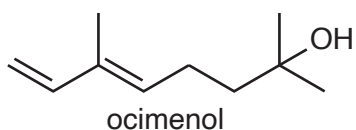
$\ln k$	Temperature /°C	Temperature, T/K	$1/T/K^{-1}$ ($\times 10^{-3}$)
-5.46	15.6	288.6	3.47
-4.92	30.3	303.3	3.30
-4.34	45.0	318.0	3.14
-3.73	65.0	338.0	2.96

Use the data to plot a suitable graph on page 9 and work out the activation enthalpy for the reaction.



activation enthalpy = kJ mol^{-1} [6]

(d) Both ocimenol and cinnamyl alcohol molecules show stereoisomerism.



- Name the **type** of stereoisomerism shown by these molecules.
- Explain how this isomerism arises.
- The structure of one of the stereoisomers of cinnamyl alcohol is shown in the left hand box below; draw the structure of the other isomer in the right hand box.

Type of stereoisomerism

Explanation

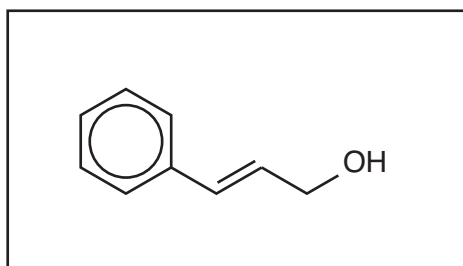
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[3]

(e) Mass spectrometry can also be used to distinguish between ocimenol and cinnamyl alcohol. The molecular ion peak in a mass spectrum of ocimenol is at an m/z value of 154.

What m/z value would represent the molecular ion peak in a mass spectrum of cinnamyl alcohol?

m/z for cinnamyl alcohol molecular ion = [1]

This question refers to the *Practical Insert* that is provided as an insert to this paper.

- 4 (a) (i) Name the piece of apparatus which is most suitable for removing the 25.0 cm³ of the Cu²⁺ ion solution.

..... [1]

- (ii) Use the student's results in the *Practical Insert* to work out an average titre that the student should use in calculating the amount of Cu²⁺ in the 'coin solution'.

average titre = cm³ [1]

- (iii) Use your answer from (a)(ii) to calculate the percentage by mass of copper in the coin. Give your answer to an **appropriate** number of significant figures.

percentage by mass of copper in coin = % [4]

- (iv) The student considers the uncertainties of measurement in the experiment.

The percentage measurement uncertainty marked on the apparatus used to transfer the 25 cm^3 of the 'copper' solution is $\pm 0.24\%$.

The volumetric flask is marked $\pm 0.08\%$.

Calculate the measurement uncertainties of the other pieces of apparatus used.

Which piece of apparatus contributes most to the measurement uncertainty in this experiment?

[2]

- (v) Name another method that the student could use to find the concentration of Cu^{2+} ions in the 'coin solution'.

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