

2025 RI H2 Chemistry Paper 4 – Suggested Solutions

1(a)(i)

tests	observations
Test FA 1 with Universal Indicator paper.	Universal Indicator paper turns <u>orange</u> . <u>pH is 3</u>
Add 1 cm depth of FA 1 into a test-tube. Add aqueous sodium hydroxide, slowly with shaking, until no further change is seen. Filter the mixture into a clean test-tube. To the filtrate, add dilute nitric acid drop-wise until in excess.	<u>Off-white/white ppt</u> formed, insoluble in excess NaOH. Off-white ppt <u>turned brown</u> on contact with air. <u>Off-white/brown residue</u> . <u>Colourless filtrate</u> . <u>White ppt</u> formed, <u>soluble in excess dilute nitric acid</u> to give a colourless solution.
Add 1 cm depth of FA 2 into a test-tube. Add 1 cm depth of dilute nitric acid.	<u>Effervescence</u> . <u>CO₂ gas evolved</u> gave a <u>white ppt with limewater</u> .

1(a)(ii)

	identity	evidence
cation in FA 1	Mn ²⁺	In <u>test 2</u> , FA 1 reacted with <u>NaOH(aq)</u> to give an <u>off-white ppt of Mn(OH)₂</u> which was insoluble in excess NaOH(aq). On contact with air, Mn(OH) ₂ was oxidised to brown Mn(OH) ₃ .
cation in FA 1	Al ³⁺	In <u>test 2</u> , FA 1 reacted with excess NaOH(aq) to form a colourless filtrate after filtration. On adding <u>dilute nitric acid</u> , a <u>white ppt of Al(OH)₃</u> is formed. Also, in <u>test 1</u> , FA 1 is <u>acidic</u> .
anion in FA 2	CO ₃ ²⁻	In <u>test 3</u> , FA 2 reacted with <u>dilute nitric acid</u> to give effervescence of <u>CO₂</u> gas which gave a white ppt with limewater.

1(b)

test	observations with FA 3	observations with FA 4
Add 1 cm depth of FA 3 to a test-tube. Add all of the magnesium turnings provided in the vial to this test-tube.	<u>Effervescence.</u> Colourless H_2 gas is evolved and ' <u>pops</u> ' with a <u>lighted splint</u> .	no observable change
Add about 1 cm depth of FA solution to a test-tube. To this test-tube, add 8 drops of sodium hydroxide solution followed by iodine solution, dropwise, until a permanent orange/red colour is present.	<u>Solution FA 3</u> turns <u>orange</u> OR <u>no yellow ppt</u>	Solution FA 4 turns orange. <u>Yellow ppt</u> forms.
Add 1 cm depth of aqueous silver nitrate to a test-tube. Then slowly add 1 cm depth of aqueous sodium hydroxide. Add aqueous ammonia slowly, with shaking, until the precipitate just dissolves. You may use a clean glass rod to stir the mixture and help dissolve the precipitate. Add 1 cm depth of FA 4 to this mixture, shake the tube and place it in the test-tube rack to stand.	no observable change	<u>Silver mirror</u> formed

1(b)(iv)

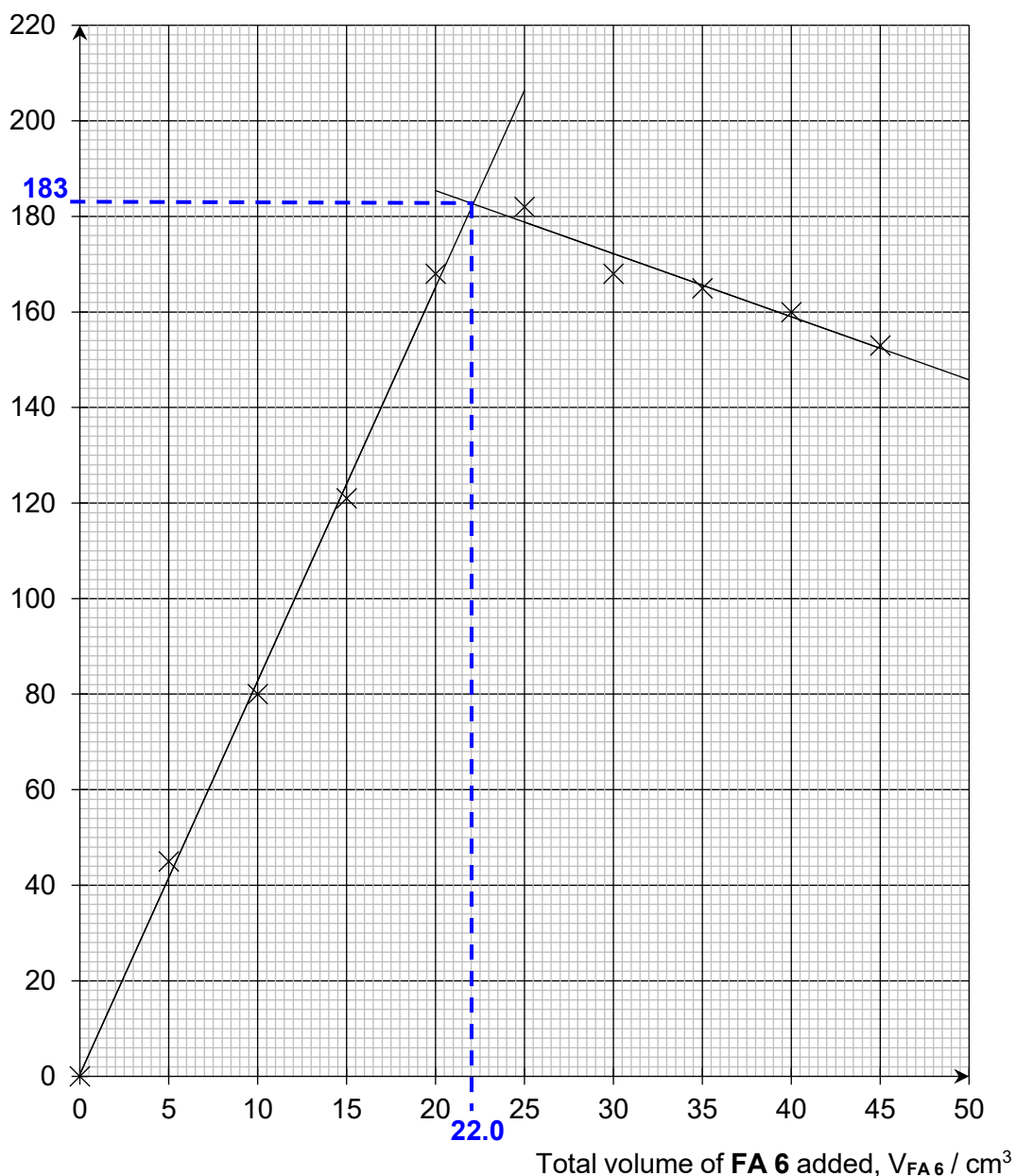
	identity
Y in FA 3	CH_3COOH or ethanoic acid
Z in FA 4	CH_3CHO or ethanal

2(a)

Total volume of FA 6 added, $V_{FA\ 6} / cm^3$	Total volume of solution in the cup, V_{total} / cm^3	Maximum temperature, $T / ^\circ C$	$\Delta T = T - T_0 / ^\circ C$	$(V_{total} \times \Delta T) / cm^3 ^\circ C$
0.00	40.0	29.4	0.0	0.00
5.00	45.0	30.4	+1.0	45.0
10.00	50.0	31.0	+1.6	80.0
15.00	55.0	31.6	+2.2	121
20.00	60.0	32.2	+2.8	168
25.00	65.0	32.2	+2.8	182
30.00	70.0	31.8	+2.4	168
35.00	75.0	31.6	+2.2	165
40.00	80.0	31.4	+2.0	160
45.00	85.0	31.2	+1.8	153

2(b)(i)

$(V_{\text{total}} \times \Delta T) / \text{cm}^3 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$



$$V_{\text{eq}} = 22.0 \text{ cm}^3$$

Maximum value of $(V_{\text{total}} \times \Delta T) = 183$

2(b)(ii)

$$n(\text{NaHCO}_3) \text{ used} = \frac{40.0}{1000} \times 0.6 = 0.0240 \text{ mol} = n(\text{NaOH}) \text{ reacted}$$

$$\text{concentration of NaOH in FA 6} = 0.024 \div \frac{22}{1000} = 1.09 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

2(b)(iii)

From the graph, $\max (V_{\text{total}} \times \Delta T) = 183$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{heat change, } q &= m \times c \times \Delta T = (m \times \Delta T) \times c = (V_{\text{total}} \times \Delta T) \times c = 183 \times 4.18 \\ &= +764.94 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta H_1 = -(764.94 \times 10^{-3}) \div 0.0240 = -31.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

2(b)(iv) ($V_{\text{total}} \times \Delta T$) will vary more linearly with (or is directly proportional to) the total volume of **FA 6** added while curves are obtained when plotting T against total volume of **FA 6** added. It is more accurate to extrapolate straight lines than curves.

2(c)(i)

$$T_{\text{average}} = \frac{(40.0 \times 28.6) + (50.0 \times 28.9)}{40.0 + 50.0} = 28.77 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} = 28.8 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

2(c)(ii) heat change, $q = (40.0 + 50.0)(4.18)(26.2 - 28.8) = -978.12 \text{ J}$

$$n(\text{NaHCO}_3) \text{ used} = 0.60 \times \frac{40.0}{1000} = 0.0240 \text{ mol}$$

Since NaHCO_3 is the limiting reagent,

$$\Delta H_2 = + (-978.12 \times 10^{-3}) \div 0.0240 = +40.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

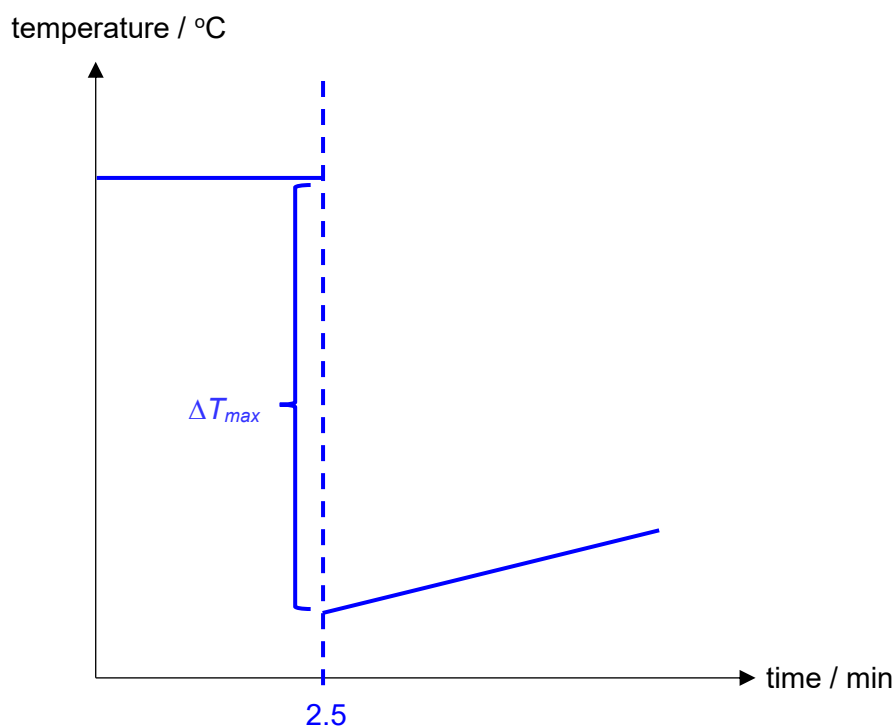
2(d)(i) Let mass of NaHCO_3 used be 5.0 g,
 $n(\text{NaHCO}_3) \text{ used} = 5.0 / 84.1 = 0.059453 \text{ mol}$

$$n(\text{HCl}) \text{ needed} = 0.059453 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{volume of HCl needed} = 0.059453 / 2.00 = 0.02973 \text{ dm}^3 = 29.7 \text{ cm}^3$$

Since HCl used must be in excess, use 50.0 cm³ of 2 mol dm⁻³ HCl.

2(d)(ii)



2(d)(iii) ΔT_{max} obtained by the graphical method is more accurate as heat gained from surroundings has been accounted for by extrapolation to find the lowest temperature reached from the graph.

2(d)(iv) Addition of HCl solution in small portions can minimise the acid spray caused by effervescence of $\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$.

3(a)(i) Dilution of FA 6

Final burette reading / cm ³	33.50
Initial burette reading / cm ³	21.00
Volume of FA 6 used / cm ³	12.50

Titration results

Final burette reading / cm ³	29.10	39.10
Initial burette reading / cm ³	10.00	20.00
Volume of FA 7 used / cm ³	19.10	19.10
Values used (✓)	✓	✓

3(a)(ii) Average volume of **FA 7** used = $\frac{19.10 + 19.10}{2} = 19.10 \text{ cm}^3$

3(b)(i) Concentration of KHC₈H₄O₄ in **FA 8** = $\frac{8.15}{204.2} = 0.03991 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

Amount of KHC₈H₄O₄ in 25.0 cm³ of **FA 8** = $0.03991 \times 0.0250 = 9.978 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$

Amount of NaOH used = $9.978 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$

Concentration of NaOH in **FA 7** = $\frac{9.978 \times 10^{-4}}{0.01910} = 0.05224 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$
= 0.0522 mol dm⁻³ (3 s.f.)

3(b)(ii) Concentration of NaOH in **FA 6** = $\frac{250.0}{12.50} \times 0.05224 = 1.04 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

3(c)(i) percentage error = $\frac{1.09 - 1.04}{1.04} \times 100\% = 4.81\%$

3(c)(ii) The volumetric titration method is more accurate as a burette is used to measure equivalence volume accurately. However, the thermometric titration method used a less accurate method of extrapolating the graph to determine V_{eq}.

OR

There is greater inaccuracy in data obtained using the thermometric titration method due to heat loss to surroundings whereas volumetric titration eliminates the need to account for heat exchange with surroundings.

4(a) [NaC/O₃] in reaction mixture = $(0.00144 \times \frac{30}{1000}) \div \frac{90}{1000}$
= 0.000480 mol dm⁻³

Limiting reagent is C/O₃⁻

Maximum [C/O₂] = 0.000480 mol dm⁻³

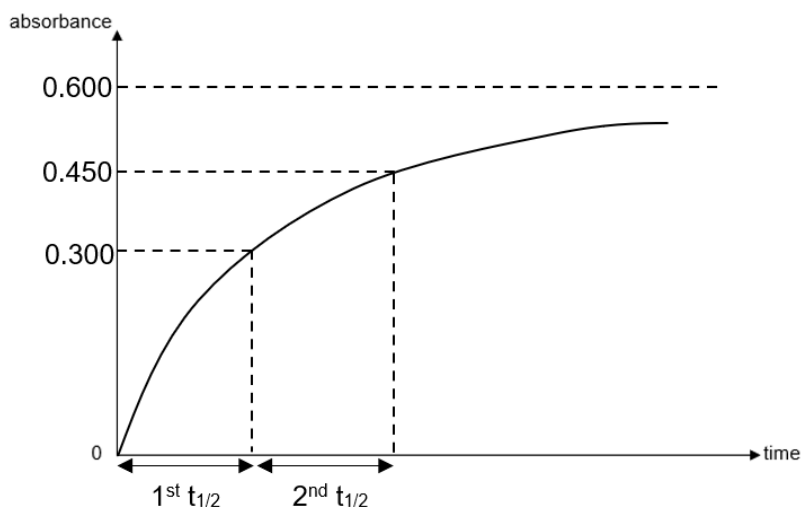
Applying Beer-Lambert's Law, $A = \epsilon c l$

Maximum absorbance value = $(1250)(0.000480)(1) = \underline{0.600}$

4(b) Procedure

1. Using a 50 cm³ measuring cylinder, transfer 30.0 cm³ of NaCl(aq) into a 250 cm³ conical flask (or beaker).
2. To the same conical flask, add 30.0 cm³ of H₂SO₄(aq) using another 50 cm³ measuring cylinder.
3. Measure 30.0 cm³ of NaC/O₃(aq) using a 50 cm³ measuring cylinder.
4. Add the NaC/O₃(aq) into the same 250 cm³ conical flask in step 1. Start the stopwatch immediately. Swirl the conical flask to ensure even mixing.
5. Using a 10 cm³ pipette, transfer 10.0 cm³ of the reaction mixture (aliquot) into a 50 cm³ beaker.
6. At time 2 min, place the beaker containing the aliquot in an ice bath and allow it to cool for 3 minutes.
7. Measure the absorbance of the aliquot using the UV-vis spectrometer.
8. Repeat steps 5 - 7 at 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26 minutes.

4(c)



$1^{\text{st}} t_{1/2} = 2^{\text{nd}} t_{1/2}$, $t_{1/2}$ is constant and reaction is first order with respect to C/O_3^- .