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Chemistry



PRACTICAL Theory Practice
Qualitative Analysis

- 1 A student investigates solution W.
The tests the student does on W, including the observations made, are shown in the table below.

Test	Description of test on solution W	Observations
1	Add aqueous sodium hydroxide to W.	Solution remains colourless.
2	Add dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous barium nitrate to W.	White precipitate forms.
3	Add dilute hydrochloric acid, then add aqueous silver nitrate to W.	White precipitate forms.
4	Flame test on W.	No colour is observed.

- (a) The student correctly concludes that ammonia is produced in test 1.
Describe what else the student must have done to reach this conclusion.

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- (b) Explain why the student cannot identify the anion in W from the observation in test 3.

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- (c) State how the tests and observations confirm that W does **not** contain sodium ions.

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- (d) Identify the cation and anion in W.

cation

anion [2]

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Solid X is a shiny grey solid.

The tests the student does on X, including the observations made, are shown in the table below.

Test	Description of test on solid X	Observations
1	Add excess dilute acid to X in a test-tube. Effervescence is observed.	Solid disappears, solution remains colourless and becomes warmer.
2	Add dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous silver nitrate to a small portion of the solution from test 1.	Solution remains colourless.
3	Add dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous barium nitrate to a small portion of the solution from test 1.	White precipitate forms.

- (a) Predict the identity of the gas evolved in the effervescence observed.
Describe how the student confirms the identity of this gas.

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- (b) The observations for test 1 are incomplete.
State one **other** observation that the student makes for test 1.

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- (c) Propose **two** conclusions for test 1 using the observations shown in the table.

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 [2]

- (d) Give the conclusion you can make from

(i) test 2.

..... [1]

(ii) test 3.

..... [1]

- (e) Identify the acid used in test 1.

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- (f) Suggest the identity of solid X.

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- 3 The following table shows the tests a student did on substance V and the conclusions made from the observations. Complete the table by describing these observations and suggest the test and observation which led to the conclusion in test 4.

Tests	Observations	Conclusion
1 V was dissolved in water and the solution divided into three parts for tests 2, 3 and 4.		V contains the ion of a transition metal.
2(a) To the first part, aqueous sodium hydroxide was added until a change was seen. 2(b) An excess of aqueous sodium hydroxide was added to the mixture from 2(a).		V may contain Cu^{2+} ions.
3(a) To the second part, aqueous ammonia was added until a change was seen. 3(b) An excess of aqueous ammonia was added to the mixture from 3(a).		The presence of Cu^{2+} ions in V is confirmed.
4		V contains Cl^- .

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Formula for substance V:

[1]

- 4 Substance Z is a reducing agent. The table below shows the tests a student did on Z. Complete the table below. In cases where a colour change is involved, both initial and final colours should be stated.

Tests	Observations	Conclusion
1 Z was dissolved in water and the resulting solution divided into two parts for tests 2 and 3.	A coloured solution was obtained.	
2 To the first part, a few drops of acidified potassium permanganate were added.		Z is a reducing agent.
3 To the second part, a few drops of acidified potassium iodide were added.		Z is confirmed to be a reducing agent.

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- 5 Compound G contains two ions. Complete the table below.

Tests	Observations	Conclusion
1 G was dissolved in water and the solution divided into three parts for tests 2, 3 and 4.		G is unlikely a compound of a transition metal.
2(a) To the first part, aqueous sodium hydroxide was added until a change was seen. 2(b) An excess of aqueous sodium hydroxide was added to the mixture from 2(a).	A white precipitate is formed. The white precipitate formed dissolves.	G may contain the ions Al^{3+} or or
3(a) To the second part, aqueous ammonia was added until a change was seen. 3(b) An excess of aqueous ammonia was added to the mixture from 3(a).		The presence of Al^{3+} in G is confirmed.
4		G contains NO_3^- .

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Formula for compound G:

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- 6 The following table shows the tests a student did on substance X. Complete the table.

Tests	Observations	Conclusion
1(a) X was dissolved in dilute nitric acid and the solution divided into two parts for tests 2 and 3. 1(b) The gas evolved was tested with		A gas was produced. X is a compound of a transition metal. X contains CO_3^{2-} .
2(a) To the first part, aqueous sodium hydroxide was added until a change was seen. 2(b) An excess of aqueous sodium hydroxide was added to the mixture from 2(a).		X may contain Fe^{2+} ions.
3(a) To the second part, aqueous ammonia was added until a change was seen. 3(b) An excess of aqueous ammonia was added to the mixture from 3(a).		X contains Fe^{2+} ions.

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Formula for substance X:

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- 7 Compound M contains three ions. Complete the table below.

Tests	Observations	Conclusion
1 M was dissolved in water and the solution divided into two parts for tests 2 and 3.	A coloured solution is formed.	
2(a) To the first part, aqueous sodium hydroxide was added until a change was seen. 2(b) An excess of aqueous sodium hydroxide was added to the mixture from 2(a). 2(c) The mixture obtained is heated.		M contains Fe^{2+} ions. M contains Fe^{2+} ions. M contains NH_4^+ ions.
3		M contains SO_4^{2-} ions.

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- 8 A student is given three colourless liquids, A, B and C. He knows that the liquids are hexene, ethanol and ethanoic acid. To identify A, B and C, he does some tests by adding the reagents in the table to each liquid.

Test	Observations		
	A	B	C
Add aqueous bromine.		The mixture turns from brown to colourless.	The mixture remains brown.
Add solid calcium carbonate.	No visible change.	No visible change.	
Add dilute sulfuric acid and a few drops of aqueous potassium permanganate.		The mixture turns from purple to colourless.	The mixture remains purple.

- (a) Complete the table above. [3]

- (b) Deduce the identity of liquids A, B and C.

A

B

C [3]

- (c) Suggest a reason for adding dilute sulfuric acid in the test with aqueous potassium permanganate.

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NOTES FOR QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS

Test for anions

anion	test	test result
carbonate (CO_3^{2-})	add dilute acid	effervescence, carbon dioxide produced
chloride (Cl^-) [in solution]	acidify with dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous silver nitrate	white ppt.
iodide (I^-) [in solution]	acidify with dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous silver nitrate	yellow ppt.
nitrate (NO_3^-) [in solution]	add aqueous sodium hydroxide, then aluminium foil; warm carefully	ammonia produced
sulfate (SO_4^{2-}) [in solution]	acidify with dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous barium nitrate	white ppt.

Test for aqueous cations

cation	effect of aqueous sodium hydroxide	effect of aqueous ammonia
aluminium (Al^{3+})	white ppt., soluble in excess giving a colourless solution	white ppt., insoluble in excess
ammonium (NH_4^+)	ammonia produced on warming	—
calcium (Ca^{2+})	white ppt., insoluble in excess	no ppt.
copper(II) (Cu^{2+})	light blue ppt., insoluble in excess	light blue ppt., soluble in excess giving a dark blue solution
iron(II) (Fe^{2+})	green ppt., insoluble in excess	green ppt., insoluble in excess
iron(III) (Fe^{3+})	red-brown ppt., insoluble in excess	red-brown ppt., insoluble in excess
zinc (Zn^{2+})	white ppt., soluble in excess giving a colourless solution	white ppt., soluble in excess giving a colourless solution

Test for gases

gas	test and test result
ammonia (NH_3)	turns damp red litmus paper blue
carbon dioxide (CO_2)	gives white ppt. with limewater (ppt. dissolves with excess CO_2)
chlorine (Cl_2)	bleaches damp litmus paper
hydrogen (H_2)	'pops' with a lighted splint
oxygen (O_2)	relights a glowing splint
sulfur dioxide (SO_2)	turns aqueous acidified potassium manganate(VII) from purple to colourless



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1 (a) To reach the correct conclusion of ammonia produced in test 1, the following must also be done by the student:

- heat the mixture formed after the addition of NaOH to W.
- use damp red litmus paper to test for the gas produced.
- observe the colour change of the damp red litmus paper to blue in order to confirm the identity of the gas as NH_3 .

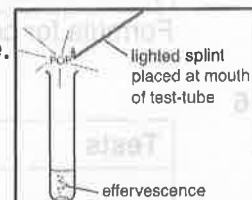
(b) HCl contains Cl^- that resulted in the white ppt. formed in the reaction with AgNO_3 .

(c) Test 4.

Na^+ would produce a yellow flame (metal cations produce coloured flames). Since no colour flame is observed, hence W does not contain Na^+ .

(d) cation: NH_4^+ (based on test 1) anion: SO_4^{2-} (based on test 2)

2 (a) Hydrogen gas. (X is a metal based on its shiny grey appearance)
Test the gas evolved with a lighted splint placed at the mouth of the test-tube.
Lighted splint extinguishes with a 'pop' sound.



(b) Bubbles of a colourless gas evolved.

(c) X is not a transition metal. (solution remains colourless)
Reaction is exothermic. (solution becomes warmer)

(d) (i) There are no halide ions in the solution. (Ag^+ forms ppt. with all halides, not just Cl^-)

(ii) SO_4^{2-} is present in the solution.

(e) Sulfuric acid, H_2SO_4 .

(f) Magnesium or Zinc (not Ca as white ppt would be obtained in test 1; not Al as oxide layer of Al prevents reaction with acids; not Group I metals as involved vigorous reactions will be too dangerous to perform safely in the lab).

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Tests	Observations	Conclusion
1 V was dissolved in water and the solution divided into three parts for tests 2, 3 and 4.	<i>A blue solution is formed.</i>	V contains the ion of a transition metal.
2(a) To the first part, aqueous sodium hydroxide was added until a change was seen. 2(b) An excess of aqueous sodium hydroxide was added to the mixture from 2(a).	<i>Light blue ppt. formed, insoluble in excess aq NaOH.</i>	V may contain Cu^{2+} ions.
3(a) To the second part, aqueous ammonia was added until a change was seen. 3(b) An excess of aqueous ammonia was added to the mixture from 3(a).	<i>Light blue ppt. formed, soluble in excess aq NH_3 giving a dark blue solution.</i>	The presence of Cu^{2+} ions in V is confirmed.
4 To the third part, dilute nitric acid was added followed by aqueous silver nitrate.	<i>White ppt. formed.</i>	V contains Cl^- .

Formula for substance V: **CuCl_2**

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Tests	Observations	Conclusion
1 Z was dissolved in water and the resulting solution divided into two parts for tests 2 and 3.	A coloured solution was obtained.	<i>Z is an aqueous salt that contains the ions of a transition metal.</i>
2 To the first part, a few drops of acidified potassium permanganate were added.	<i>Purple solution decolourises.</i>	Z is a reducing agent.
3 To the second part, a few drops of acidified potassium iodide were added.	<i>No observable change.</i>	Z is confirmed to be a reducing agent.

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Tests	Observations	Conclusion
1 G was dissolved in water and the solution divided into three parts for tests 2, 3 and 4.	<i>A colourless solution is formed.</i>	G is unlikely a compound of a transition metal.
2(a) To the first part, aqueous sodium hydroxide was added until a change was seen. 2(b) An excess of aqueous sodium hydroxide was added to the mixture from 2(a).	A white precipitate is formed. The white precipitate formed dissolves.	G may contain the ions Al^{3+} or Zn^{2+} or Pb^{2+} .
3(a) To the second part, aqueous ammonia was added until a change was seen. 3(b) An excess of aqueous ammonia was added to the mixture from 3(a).	<i>White ppt. formed, insoluble in excess aq NH_3.</i>	The presence of Al^{3+} in G is confirmed.
4 To the third part, aqueous NaOH was added followed by Al foil before the mixture was heated gently. Gas evolved was tested with a piece of damp red litmus paper.	<i>Gas evolved turns damp red litmus paper blue. Gas is NH_3.</i>	G contains NO_3^- .

Formula for compound G: $Al(NO_3)_3$

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Tests	Observations	Conclusion
1(a) X was dissolved in dilute nitric acid and the solution divided into two parts for tests 2 and 3. 1(b) The gas evolved was tested with <i>limewater, $Ca(OH)_2$</i> .	<i>Effervescence observed with a pale green solution formed.</i> <i>Gas evolved gives white ppt. when bubbled into limewater. Gas is CO_2.</i>	A gas was produced. X is a compound of a transition metal. X contains CO_3^{2-} .
2(a) To the first part, aqueous sodium hydroxide was added until a change was seen. 2(b) An excess of aqueous sodium hydroxide was added to the mixture from 2(a).	<i>Green ppt. formed, insoluble in excess NaOH.</i> <i>Top layer of green ppt. turns orange upon standing.</i>	X may contain Fe^{2+} ions.
3(a) To the second part, aqueous ammonia was added until a change was seen. 3(b) An excess of aqueous ammonia was added to the mixture from 3(a).	<i>Green ppt. formed, insoluble in excess NaOH.</i> <i>Top layer of green ppt. turns orange upon standing.</i>	X contains Fe^{2+} ions.

Formula for substance X: $FeCO_3$

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Tests	Observations	Conclusion
1 M was dissolved in water and the solution divided into two parts for tests 2 and 3.	A coloured solution is formed.	<i>M contains the ion of a transition metal.</i>
2(a) To the first part, aqueous sodium hydroxide was added until a change was seen. 2(b) An excess of aqueous sodium hydroxide was added to the mixture from 2(a). 2(c) The mixture obtained is heated.	<i>Green ppt. formed, insoluble in excess NaOH. A pungent gas is produced. Gas turns damp red litmus paper blue. Gas is NH₃.</i>	M contains Fe ²⁺ ions. M contains Fe ²⁺ ions. M contains NH ₄ ⁺ ions.
3 To the second part, dilute nitric acid was added followed by aqueous barium nitrate.	<i>White ppt. formed.</i>	M contains SO ₄ ²⁻ ions.

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Test	Observations		
	A	B	C
Add aqueous bromine.	<i>The mixture remains brown.</i>	The mixture turns from brown to colourless.	The mixture remains brown.
Add solid calcium carbonate.	No visible change.	No visible change.	<i>Effervescence observed. Solid dissolves in colourless solution and becomes warmer.</i>
Add dilute sulfuric acid and a few drops of aqueous potassium permanganate.	<i>The purple colour mixture is decolourised.</i>	The mixture turns from purple to colourless.	The mixture remains purple.

- (b) A Ethanol
 B Hexene
 C Ethanoic acid

(c) H₂SO₄ is added in the test to catalyse the reaction. (oxidation by KMnO₄)

