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Chemistry

Unit 3: Practical Skills

Practical Booklet B

Foundation Tier



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MONDAY 26 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

1 hour.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Do not write outside the boxed area on each page or on blank pages.

Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **all five** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 70.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in Question **1(b)**.

A Data Leaflet including a Periodic Table of the Elements is provided.



- 1 (a) The table below shows some tests carried out on sodium chloride.

Test	Procedure	Observations
1	A few drops of Solution A were added to a solution of sodium chloride.	White precipitate
2	A flame test was carried out by dipping a piece of nichrome wire into Liquid B and then into a sample of solid sodium chloride. The wire was placed in a blue Bunsen burner flame.	
3	A few drops of sodium chloride solution were placed on universal indicator paper.	Colour changes to green

- (i) Name **Solution A**.

_____ [1]

- (ii) Name the white precipitate formed in Test 1.

_____ [1]

- (iii) Name **Liquid B**.

_____ [2]

- (iv) What would be observed when Test 2 was carried out?

_____ [1]

- (v) Using the results from Test 3, state the pH of sodium chloride solution.

_____ [1]



(vi) What colour would be observed when sodium chloride solution is tested using red litmus paper and blue litmus paper?

Red litmus paper: _____

Blue litmus paper: _____ [2]

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(b) A white solid is thought to be sodium sulfate. Describe the practical steps and test you would carry out to show that the solid contains sulfate ions.

In this question you will be assessed on your written communication skills including the use of specialist scientific terms.

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2 Oxygen gas may be prepared from the catalytic decomposition of hydrogen peroxide.

- (a) (i)** The symbol equation for the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide solution is shown below. Balance the equation and insert state symbols.



- (ii)** State the colour of hydrogen peroxide solution.

_____ [1]

- (iii)** Name the catalyst used for the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide.

_____ [1]

- (iv)** What is meant by the term catalyst?

_____ [2]

- (v)** Describe the test for oxygen gas.

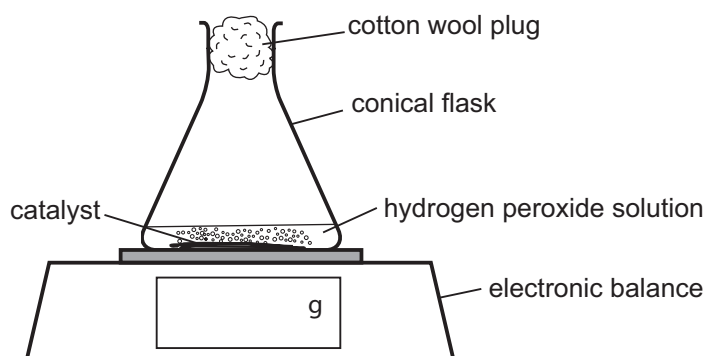
_____ [1]

- (vi)** State two physical properties of oxygen gas.

1. _____
2. _____ [2]



- (b) The apparatus below is used to monitor the mass during the catalytic decomposition of a sample of 25.0 cm^3 of hydrogen peroxide solution over a period of time.



- (i) Explain why the results obtained from the experiment are more reliable when a cotton wool plug is placed in the top of the conical flask.

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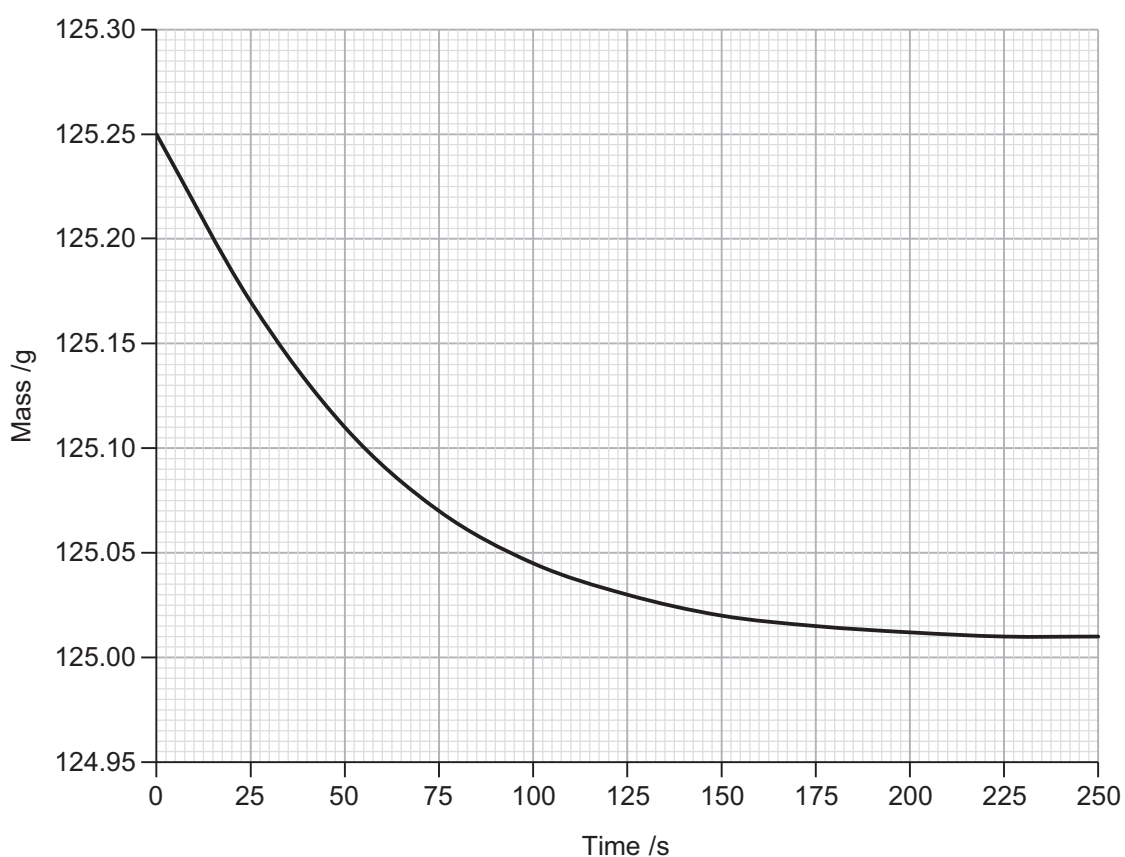
- (ii) What piece of apparatus is missing from the diagram?

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(c) The results of the experiment in (b) are plotted on the graph below.



(i) Explain why the graph levelled off.

_____ [1]

(ii) At what time was the loss in mass 0.15 g?

_____ [1]



(iii) Calculate the total loss in mass during the experiment.
Show your working out.

loss in mass = _____ g [2]

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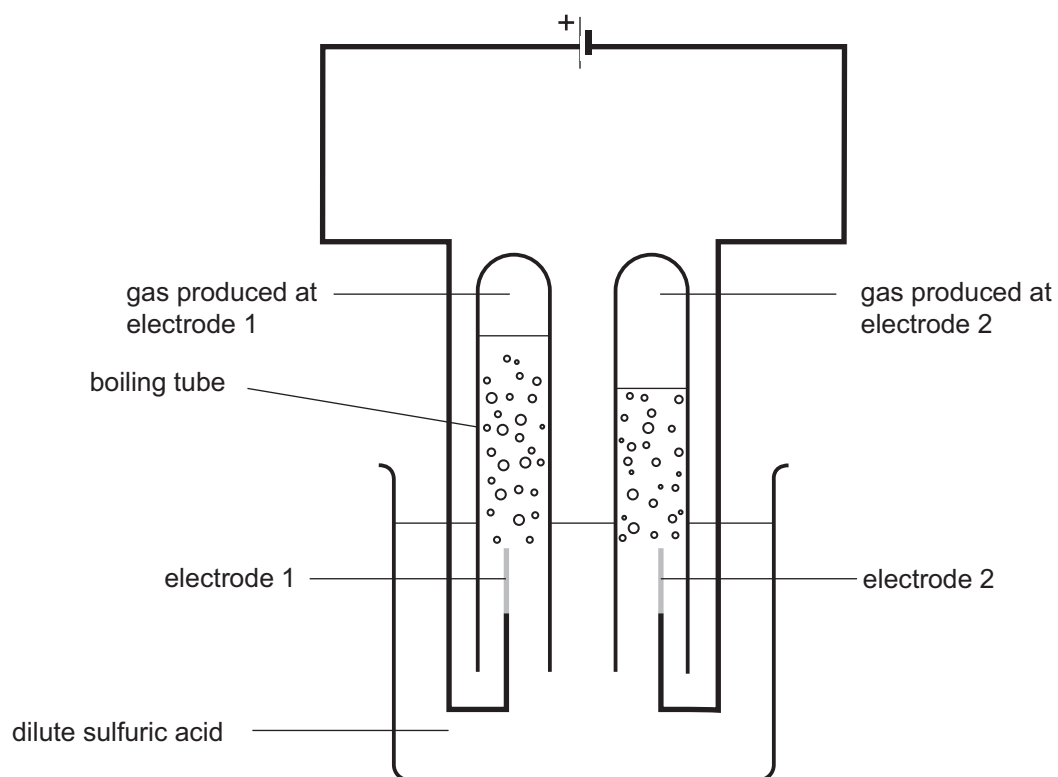
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3 Hydrogen gas may be generated from the electrolysis of dilute sulfuric acid.

(a) The apparatus shown in the diagram below may be used for the electrolysis of dilute sulfuric acid. The electrodes are made from platinum.



(i) What is meant by the term electrolysis?

[1]



(ii) State two reasons why platinum is used for the electrodes.

1. _____

2. _____ [2]

(iii) Write the formula for sulfuric acid.

_____ [1]

(iv) Explain why dilute sulfuric acid conducts electricity.

_____ [1]

(v) Complete the table below for the electrolysis of dilute sulfuric acid.

	Electrode 1	Electrode 2
Name of electrode		
Name of gas produced		

[4]

(b) Hydrogen reacts with nitrogen gas to form ammonia.

Describe how you would carry out the test to identify ammonia gas.

_____ [4]

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- 4 Hydrated chromium(III) nitrate, $\text{Cr}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$, is a violet solid. All of the water of crystallisation may be removed by heating a sample of the solid to constant mass.

The following mass measurements were taken.

Mass of crucible /g	25.24
Mass of crucible and hydrated solid /g	29.24
Mass of crucible and solid after heating to constant mass /g	27.62

- (a) Draw a labelled diagram of the assembled apparatus used to heat the solid.

[4]

- (b) What is meant by water of crystallisation?

[1]

- (c) Explain how the solid may be heated to constant mass.

[2]



(d) Calculate the mass of the hydrated solid in the crucible.

mass = _____ g [1]

(e) Calculate the mass of water of crystallisation present in the hydrated solid.

mass = _____ g [1]

(f) Calculate the mass of the solid remaining after heating to constant mass.

mass = _____ [1]

(g) Calculate the relative formula mass (M_r) of hydrated chromium(III) nitrate,
 $\text{Cr}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$

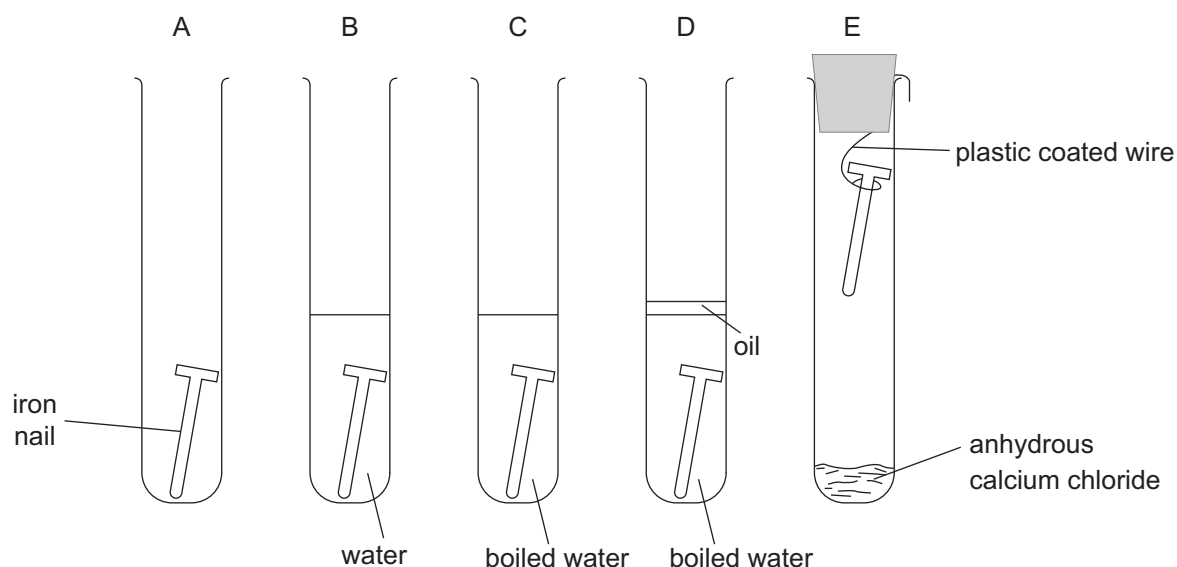
relative formula mass (M_r) _____ [1]

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- 5 (a) The diagram below shows an experiment which was set up to investigate rusting using five iron nails in test tubes. The test tubes were labelled A to E. In test tube E, the nail was suspended using plastic coated wire.

The nails were checked daily for rust over a period of two weeks.



- (i) Describe the appearance of rust.

_____ [2]

- (ii) In which of the test tubes (A, B, C, D or E) would rust appear first?

_____ [1]

- (iii) Explain why the iron nail in test tube D does not rust.

_____ [2]



(iv) What is the purpose of the anhydrous calcium chloride in test tube E?

[1]

(v) Explain why the nail was suspended in test tube E.

[1]

(vi) What is the chemical name for rust?

[2]

(b) The experiment in **(a)** was repeated using galvanised nails.

(i) What is meant by galvanised?

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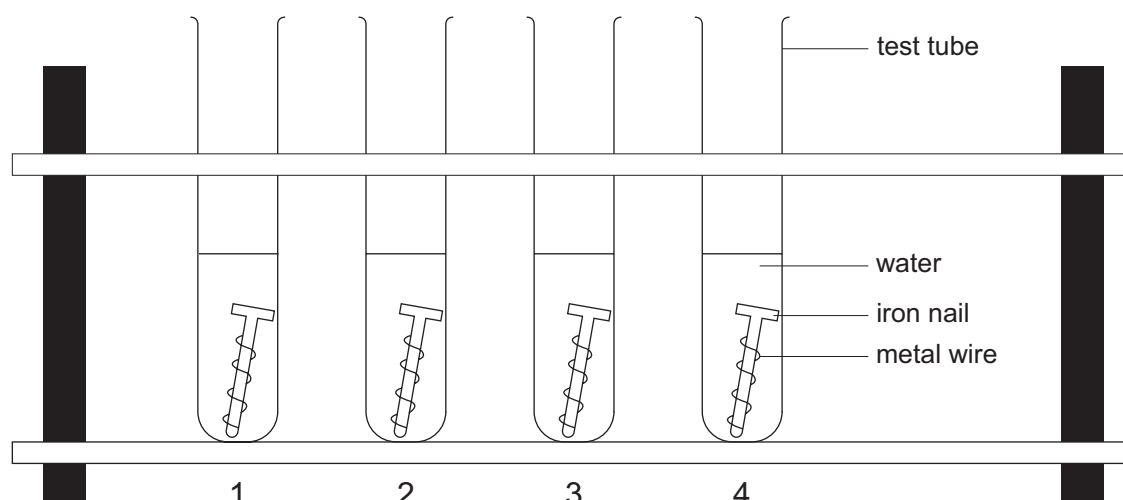
(ii) Explain why no rust would form when galvanised nails were used.

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- (c) The following experiment was set up to determine which metals offer sacrificial protection to iron.



Pieces of metal ribbon or wires were wrapped around the iron nails. The nails were placed in water in four test tubes as shown above. The table below shows which metals were wrapped around the nails.

Test tube	Metal wire/ribbon	Does rust form?
1	magnesium	No
2	silver	
3	copper	
4	zinc	

- (i) Complete the table.

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- (ii) Explain why rust does not form in test tube 1.

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SYMBOLS OF SELECTED IONS

Positive ions

Name	Symbol
Ammonium	NH_4^+
Chromium(III)	Cr^{3+}
Copper(II)	Cu^{2+}
Iron(II)	Fe^{2+}
Iron(III)	Fe^{3+}
Lead(II)	Pb^{2+}
Silver	Ag^+
Zinc	Zn^{2+}

Negative ions

Name	Symbol
Butanoate	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{COO}^-$
Carbonate	CO_3^{2-}
Dichromate	$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$
Ethanoate	CH_3COO^-
Hydrogencarbonate	HCO_3^-
Hydroxide	OH^-
Methanoate	HCOO^-
Nitrate	NO_3^-
Propanoate	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COO}^-$
Sulfate	SO_4^{2-}
Sulfite	SO_3^{2-}

Data Leaflet

Including the Periodic Table of the Elements

For the use of candidates taking
Science: Chemistry,
Science: Double Award
or Science: Single Award

Copies must be free from notes or additions of any
kind. No other type of data booklet or information
sheet is authorised for use in the examinations

SOLUBILITY IN COLD WATER OF COMMON SALTS, HYDROXIDES AND OXIDES

Soluble
All sodium, potassium and ammonium salts
All nitrates
Most chlorides, bromides and iodides EXCEPT silver and lead chlorides, bromides and iodides
Most sulfates EXCEPT lead and barium sulfates Calcium sulfate is slightly soluble
Insoluble
Most carbonates EXCEPT sodium, potassium and ammonium carbonates
Most hydroxides EXCEPT sodium, potassium and ammonium hydroxides
Most oxides EXCEPT sodium, potassium and calcium oxides which react with water

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THE PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS

Group

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1		2																							
1 H Hydrogen 1																		4 He Helium 2							
7 Li Lithium 3	9 Be Beryllium 4																	11 B Boron 5	12 C Carbon 6	14 N Nitrogen 7	16 O Oxygen 8	19 F Fluorine 9	20 Ne Neon 10		
23 Na Sodium 11	24 Mg Magnesium 12																	27 Al Aluminium 13	28 Si Silicon 14	31 P Phosphorus 15	32 S Sulfur 16	35.5 Cl Chlorine 17	40 Ar Argon 18		
39 K Potassium 19	40 Ca Calcium 20	45 Sc Scandium 21	48 Ti Titanium 22	51 V Vanadium 23	52 Cr Chromium 24	55 Mn Manganese 25	56 Fe Iron 26	59 Co Cobalt 27	59 Ni Nickel 28	64 Cu Copper 29	65 Zn Zinc 30	70 Ga Gallium 31	73 Ge Germanium 32	75 As Arsenic 33	79 Se Selenium 34	80 Br Bromine 35	84 Kr Krypton 36								
85 Rb Rubidium 37	88 Sr Strontium 38	89 Y Yttrium 39	91 Zr Zirconium 40	93 Nb Niobium 41	96 Mo Molybdenum 42	98 Tc Technetium 43	101 Ru Ruthenium 44	103 Rh Rhodium 45	106 Pd Palladium 46	108 Ag Silver 47	112 Cd Cadmium 48	115 In Indium 49	119 Sn Tin 50	122 Sb Antimony 51	128 Te Tellurium 52	127 I Iodine 53	131 Xe Xenon 54								
133 Cs Caesium 55	137 Ba Barium 56	139 La [*] Lanthanum 57	178 Hf Hafnium 72	181 Ta Tantalum 73	184 W Tungsten 74	186 Re Rhenium 75	190 Os Osmium 76	192 Ir Iridium 77	195 Pt Platinum 78	197 Au Gold 79	201 Hg Mercury 80	204 Tl Thallium 81	207 Pb Lead 82	209 Bi Bismuth 83	210 Po Polonium 84	210 At Astatine 85	222 Rn Radon 86								
223 Fr Francium 87	226 Ra Radium 88	227 Ac [†] Actinium 89	261 Rf Rutherfordium 104	262 Db Dubnium 105	266 Sg Seaborgium 106	264 Bh Bohrium 107	277 Hs Hassium 108	268 Mt Meitnerium 109	271 Ds Darmstadtium 110	272 Rg Roentgenium 111	285 Cn Copernicium 112														

* 58 – 71 Lanthanum series
† 90 – 103 Actinium series



a = relative atomic mass (approx)
x = atomic symbol
b = atomic number

140	Ce Cerium 58	141	Pr Praseodymium 59	144	Nd Neodymium 60	145	Pm Promethium 61	150	Sm Samarium 62	152	Eu Europium 63	157	Gd Gadolinium 64	159	Tb Terbium 65	162	Dy Dysprosium 66	165	Ho Holmium 67	167	Er Erbium 68	169	Tm Thulium 69	173	Yb Ytterbium 70	175	Lu Lutetium 71
232	Th Thorium 90	231	Pa Protactinium 91	238	U Uranium 92	237	Np Neptunium 93	242	Pu Plutonium 94	243	Am Americium 95	247	Cm Curium 96	245	Bk Berkelium 97	251	Cf Californium 98	254	Es Einsteinium 99	253	Fm Fermium 100	256	Md Mendelevium 101	254	No Nobelium 102	257	Lr Lawrencium 103