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**GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level and GCE Advanced Level**

**MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2012 question paper  
for the guidance of teachers**

**9701 CHEMISTRY**

**9701/31**

Paper 31 (Advanced Practical Skills 1),  
maximum raw mark 40

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Question	Sections	Indicative material	Mark
1 (a)	PDO layout	<b>I</b> Constructs a table for results	1
	PDO recording	<b>II</b> Appropriate headings and units for data given. Volume / V in cm <sup>3</sup> , / cm <sup>3</sup> or (cm <sup>3</sup> ) Time/t in seconds, /s or (s)	1
	PDO recording	<b>III</b> All times recorded to the nearest second.	1
	MMO decision	<b>IV</b> 3 additional volumes chosen with intervals not less than 2.00 cm <sup>3</sup> and all volumes of <b>FA 1</b> greater or equal to 6.00 cm <sup>3</sup>	1
	MMO collection	<b>V</b> In all 3 additional experiments water is added to make a total of 20.00 cm <sup>3</sup>	1
	MMO quality	Round times to nearest second. <b>VI + VII</b> Compare time for 20.00 cm <sup>3</sup> of <b>FA 1</b> with that of supervisor. <b>VIII + IX</b> Compare time for 10.00 cm <sup>3</sup> of <b>FA 1</b> with that of supervisor. The range for award of 1 or 2 depends on the supervisor value.  Supervisor value: < or = 15 δ for 2 is 2 and for 1 is 4 16 to 30 δ for 2 is 3 and for 1 is 6 31 to 45 δ for 2 is 4 and for 1 is 8 46 to 60 δ for 2 is 5 and for 1 is 10 > 60 δ for 2 is 6 and for 1 is 12	2 2
			[9]
(b)	PDO display	<b>(i)</b> Working to show ans = $5 \times 10^{-5}$ mol	1
	ACE interpretation	<b>(ii)</b> $0.5 \times \text{ans to (b)(i)} = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$ mol	1
	PDO display	<b>(iii)</b> Working to show that: $(2.5 \times 10^{-5}) / 0.050 =$ $(5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3})$	1
			[3]
(c)	ACE interpretation	Rate correctly calculated using ans <b>(b)(iii)</b> / time (or $4.25 \times 10^{-4}$ ). Min 2 s.f. rounded correctly and minimum 4 results.	1
	PDO recording	Unit for rate given as mol dm <sup>-3</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> .	1
			[2]

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(d)	PDO layout	<b>I</b> Rate on y-axis and volume on x-axis. Axes clearly labelled (ignore units)	1
		<b>II</b> Linear scale chosen to use at least half of each axis (need not include 0, 0) If no point at 0, 0 cannot count for > half.	1
		<b>III</b> Plotting of points. Minimum of 3 readings.	1
		<b>IV</b> Draws a line of best fit. Minimum 4 readings including 0, 0 (if plotted).	1
			[4]
(e)	ACE conclusion	Rate is proportional to peroxodisulfate <b>concentration</b> Rate increases as concentration (volume) increases would score one	2
			[2]
(f)	ACE interpretation	<b>(i)</b> correctly calculates $(0.5 / \text{time from Expt 1}) \times 100$ . Minimum of 2 s.f.	1
		<b>(ii)</b> $\frac{\text{ans (b)(iii)}}{\text{Expt 1 time} + 0.5} \times 10^6 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ <b>or</b> Rate– (% from <b>(i)</b> × rate)	1
		<b>(iii)</b> Any reasonable suggestion e.g. difficult to judge colour change / measurement of volumes / variation in T	1
	ACE improvement	use of colorimeter / burettes for all volumes / (thermostatic) waterbath. Not air conditioning.	1
			[4]
(g)	ACE conclusion	<b>(ii)</b> Thiosulfate concentration / number moles / volume is doubled (1) Time is longer/ reaction is slower with more thiosulfate (1)	2
			[2]
			[Total: 26]

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<b>FA 5 = CuCl<sub>2</sub>; FA 6 = NaOH; FA 7 = Pb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; FA 8 = K<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub>; FA 9 = MgSO<sub>4</sub></b>					
2 (a)	MMO collection	Blue ppt insol in excess (1) Not 'dark blue'	White ppt (1) Ignore 'excess'.	Yellow / brown / greenish-brown ppt (1) Not 'orange, red, red / brown' Ignore excess.	[5]
			White ppt soluble in excess (1)	No reaction / yellow solution <b>and</b> yellow ppt soluble in excess CONs ppt (1)	
(b)	ACE conclusion	Cu <sup>2+</sup> in <b>FA 5</b> <b>AND</b> CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> in <b>FA 8</b>			1
		Pb <sup>2+</sup> in <b>FA 7</b> <b>AND</b> OH <sup>-</sup> in <b>FA 6</b>			1
		Cl <sup>-</sup> in <b>FA 5</b>			1 [3]
(c)	MMO decision	<b>I</b> Add Pb (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> or BaCl <sub>2</sub> or Ba(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>			1
	MMO decision	<b>II</b> Add HNO <sub>3</sub> or HCl			1
	PDO recording	<b>III</b> Presents observations in a single table – no extra reagents. Must be > 2 'boxes'			1
	MMO collection	<b>IV</b> White ppt			1
	MMO collection	<b>V</b> No SO <sub>2</sub> evolved or ppt insoluble			1
	ACE conclusion	<b>VI</b> sulfate			1
					<b>[Total: 14]</b>