



Mark Scheme (Results)

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Subsidiary Level In Chemistry (WCH13)
Paper 01 Practical Skills in Chemistry I

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
1(a)(i)	<p>A description that makes reference to the following points:</p> <p>M1 – nichrome wire</p> <p>M2 – use of (concentrated) hydrochloric acid/HCl((aq))</p> <p>M3 – transfer of sample to wire and placement in (hot/roaring/colourless/blue/non-luminous) flame</p> <p>M4 (standalone) – lilac (flame colour of potassium)</p>	<p>(1) Allow loop or rod for wire Accept nickel-chromium (alloy)/NiCr wire Allow platinum/Pt wire Allow silica rod Do not award just nickel/Ni or chromium/Cr wire Do not award inoculating loop / sterilising wire / wooden splint</p> <p>(1) Allow any reasonable use of HCl((aq)), eg in cleaning of wire / in making a paste/solution Do not award any other acid</p> <p>(1) Allow solid/potassium sulfate/K₂SO₄/salt/compound/substance/powder/paste/solution for sample</p> <p>Allow any suitable method of transferring sample to the wire, eg dipping wire in sample</p> <p>Ignore spray solution in flame</p> <p>Allow on/over/under/near/show/above for “in” flame</p> <p>Do not award safety/yellow flame Do not award fire for flame Do not award burn in flame</p> <p>(1) Ignore violet/mauve/lavender Do not award pink Do not award purple</p>	4

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1(a)(ii)	<p>An answer that makes reference to the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • colour of precipitate (1) • ionic equation with state symbols (1) 	<p>white Ignore shades, eg pale/bright/dull Do not award any other colour, eg creamy-white</p> <p>$\text{Ba}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{BaSO}_4(\text{s})$ Allow multiples</p> <p>Ignore full equations as working, even if incorrect</p> <p>Do not award uncanceled Cl^-, K^+ or H^+ spectator ions</p>	2

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1(b)(i)	<p>An explanation that makes reference to the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (gas turned litmus) blue (1) • (showing formation of) ammonia/NH_3 (1) 	<p>Allow (litmus showed) production of alkaline/basic gas</p> <p>Ignore purple for blue Ignore effervescence Ignore pungent smell Ignore universal indicator paper Ignore litmus turned blue by ammonium ions/NH_4^+</p> <p>Do not award litmus turned blue by solution/sodium hydroxide Do not award other incorrect observations, eg rotten-egg smell</p> <p>Allow any indication of production of ammonia/NH_3, eg $(\text{NH}_4^+ + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow) \text{NH}_3 (+ \text{H}_2\text{O})$</p>	2

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1(b)(ii)	<p>An answer that makes reference to the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • formula of gas evolved (1) • formula of precipitate that dissolved in dilute nitric acid (1) • formula of precipitate that dissolved in concentrated ammonia solution (1) 	<p>Penalise use of names for formulae once only Ignore state symbols, even if incorrect</p> <p>CO₂</p> <p>Ag₂CO₃</p> <p>AgBr</p>	3

(Total for Question 1 = 11 marks)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
2(a)	<p>An answer that makes reference to the following points:</p> <p>M1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> moles magnesium added <p>M2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> moles hydrochloric acid required or volume of hydrochloric acid required or moles of magnesium required or mass of magnesium required <p>M3 – dependent on M1 and M2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCl is in excess or Mg is limiting 	<p><u>Examples of calculation</u></p> <p>(1) $= 0.030 \div 24.3 = 0.0012346 / 1.2346 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (mol)}$ Allow $0.00125 / 1.25 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (mol)}$ from $A_r = 24$</p> <p>$= 0.0012346 \times 2 = 0.0024692 / 2.4692 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (mol)}$</p> <p>$= 0.0012346 \times 2 = 0.0024692 / 2.4692 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (mol)}$ and $= 0.0024692 \div 2.0 = 0.0012346 \text{ dm}^3 = 1.2346 \text{ cm}^3$</p> <p>$= 0.05 \div 2 = 0.025 \text{ (mol)}$</p> <p>(1) $= 0.05 \div 2 = 0.025 \text{ (mol)}$ and $= 0.025 \times 24.3 = 0.6075 \text{ (g)}$</p> <p>Allow just moles HCl added = $2.0 \times 0.025 = 0.05$ in M2 (which is allowed to be given to 1SF)</p> <p>Allow any indication that HCl is in excess, eg $0.05 / \text{moles of HCl} > 0.0024692 / \text{twice moles of Mg}$ eg $25 \text{ (cm}^3) / \text{added volume} > 1.2346 \text{ (cm}^3) / \text{required volume}$</p> <p>(1) Allow any indication that Mg is limiting, eg $0.0012346 / \text{moles of Mg} < 0.025 / \text{half moles of HCl}$ eg $0.03 \text{ (g)} / \text{added mass} < 0.6075 \text{ (g)} / \text{required mass}$</p>	3

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
2(b)	<p>An answer that makes reference to one of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Mg is) not in contact with hydrochloric acid/HCl(aq) <p>or</p> <p>hydrochloric acid/HCl(aq) has not yet diffused (down burette)</p>	<p>Accept (Mg is) only in contact with water Allow (Mg) does not react / reacts slowly with water Allow (Mg is) not in contact with reactant(s)</p> <p>Ignore just water is at the top (of the burette) Ignore (Mg has) magnesium oxide coating / (Mg) does not react until magnesium oxide coating removed Ignore slow rate</p> <p>Do not award small surface area (of Mg)</p> <p>Allow contents of burette are not mixed / homogeneous Allow takes time for acid/mixture to reach Mg</p> <p>Ignore takes time for the liquids to switch places Ignore takes time for the reaction to start Ignore hydrochloric acid/HCl(aq) is too dilute Ignore hydrochloric acid is more dense than water</p> <p>Do not award hydrochloric acid is less dense than water</p>	1

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2(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> burette reading in Step 4 and burette reading in Step 5 volume of hydrogen gas 	Ignore units, even if incorrect 46.25 and 10.7(0) Do not award any other answers (= 46.25 – 10.70 =) 35.55 TE on M1 provided answer is to 2 d.p.	2

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2(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> moles (of hydrogen = moles Mg) (1) volume of 1 mol of hydrogen gas in cm³ (1) 	<u>Example of calculation</u> $= 0.030 \div 24.3 = 0.0012346 / 1.2346 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (mol)}$ Allow $0.00125 / 1.25 \times 10^{-3}$ from $A_r = 24$ Do not award moles of HCl = $2 \times 0.0012346 = 0.0024691$ $= 35.55 \div 0.0012346 = 28796 \text{ (cm}^3\text{)} / 2.8796 \times 10^4 \text{ (cm}^3\text{)}$ Allow $28.796 \text{ dm}^3 / 28.796 \text{ L}$ Ignore SF except 1SF TE on 2(c) TE on M1 Correct answer with some working scores (2)	2

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
2(e)	<p>An explanation that makes reference to the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • moles of magnesium/Mg (reacting) would be smaller <p>or</p> <p>moles of hydrogen (used in calculation) would be too high (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (cannot account for difference and) effect on (calculated) volume of 1 mole of hydrogen gas (1) 	<p>Allow mass for moles Allow just less magnesium/Mg (reacting) Allow moles/mass of magnesium/Mg used in calculation would be too high</p> <p>Allow actual mass of magnesium could be (as low as) 0.0294 (g) Allow actual moles of magnesium could be (as low as) 0.0012099</p> <p>Allow less hydrogen produced (in reaction)</p> <p>Do not award can account for difference (calculated molar) volume would be (even) higher</p> <p>Allow (calculated molar) volume could be (as high as) 29383 (cm³)</p> <p>Allow answer for volume</p> <p>If no other marks awarded, (cannot account for difference and) difference between calculated and Data Book values is greater than 2% scores (1)</p>	2

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2(f)(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> percentage uncertainty in mass 	<p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> $\left(\frac{2 \times 0.0025}{0.030} \times 100 \right) = 16.667 \%$ <p>Ignore SF except 1SF</p> <p>Correct answer with no working scores (1)</p> <p>Do not award any other answer</p>	1

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2(f)(ii)	<p>An answer that makes reference to the following point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> volume of hydrogen/gas (produced) would be greater than burette volume 	<p>Allow volume of hydrogen/gas (produced) too large</p> <p>Allow just too much hydrogen/gas produced</p> <p>Allow titre too large / cannot be measured by burette / capacity of burette too small</p> <p>Allow not enough space (in burette) for hydrogen/gas</p> <p>Allow 71.1(0) cm³ is greater than 50 cm³/burette (volume)</p> <p>Do not award hydrogen/gas produced too quickly</p> <p>Do not award any reference to magnesium being in excess / hydrochloric acid being limiting</p>	1

(Total for Question 2 = 12 marks)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
3(a)	An answer that makes reference to the following point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="376 347 1003 379">• (solution of accurately) known concentration	Allow known mass/amount (of solute) and volume (of solution) Allow specific/stated for known Ignore constant/fixed/uniform/precise/exact for known Ignore solution prepared from a primary standard Ignore any reference to standard conditions	1

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3(b)	<p>A description that makes reference to the following points:</p> <p>M1 – molar mass of ethanedioic acid dihydrate</p> <p>M2 – required mass of ethanedioic acid dihydrate</p> <p>M3 – use of volumetric flask (as final piece of apparatus)</p> <p>M4 – use of distilled/deionised water (to make solution)</p> <p>M5 – complete transfer of required mass of solid (to final piece of apparatus with washings if needed) and dissolving</p> <p>M6 – making (solution) up to the mark / a total volume of 100 cm³ and mixing</p>	<p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> <p>= 2×1 + 2×12 + 4×16 + 2×18 = 126(.0) (g mol⁻¹)</p> <p>n = 0.0500 × 0.1000 = 0.005(00) (mol) mass = 0.005(00) × 126(.0) = 0.63(0) (g) TE on M1</p> <p>Allow standard flask / graduated flask Do not award conical flask Do not award round-bottomed flask Do not award beaker</p> <p>Allow use of distilled/deionised water anywhere in the preparation Ignore volume of water in M4 and M5</p> <p>eg dissolve in beaker and transfer with washings eg transfer solid, dissolve and add washings from container eg weigh into flask and dissolve Do not award any method that would result in only partial transfer of the required mass of solid, eg some remaining in the weighing container</p> <p>Do not award any method that would lead to a solution volume greater than 100 cm³ Allow any indication of mixing, eg shaking/swirling/stirring/inverting</p>	6

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
3(c)(i)	An answer that makes reference to the following point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (25.0 cm³ volumetric) pipette 	Ignore graduated/adjustable Ignore pipette filler Do not award incorrect volume, eg 50.0 cm ³ Do not award Pasteur/dropping/teat pipette Do not award burette Do not award syringe	1

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3(c)(ii)	An answer that makes reference to the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (from) colourless (to pale) pink 	<p>(1) Ignore clear</p> <p>(1) Do not award purple Do not award red</p> <p>Reverse colour change scores (1)</p>	2

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3(c)(iii)	An answer that makes reference to the following point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BaC₂O₄ / barium ethanedioate 	If name and formula given then both must be correct Accept Ba(COO) ₂ / barium oxalate Allow Ba(HC ₂ O ₄) ₂ / barium hydrogenethanedioate Do not award BaCO ₃ / barium carbonate Do not award Ba(HCO ₃) ₂ / barium hydrogencarbonate Do not award BaSO ₄ / barium sulfate	1

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3(c)(iv)	<p>M1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> moles of $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 / \text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ (1) <p>M2 and M3 – method 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> concentration of $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ (in mol dm^{-3}) (1) concentration of $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ (in g dm^{-3}) and to 2SF or 3SF (1) <p>M2 and M3 – method 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mass of $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ (1) concentration of $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ (in g dm^{-3}) and to 2SF or 3SF (1) 	<p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> <p>$= \frac{0.0500 \times 25}{1000} = 0.00125 = 1.25 \times 10^{-3}$</p> <p>$= \frac{0.00125 \times 1000}{31.55} = 0.039620 \text{ (mol dm}^{-3}\text{)}$ TE on M1</p> <p>$(= 0.039620 \times 171.3 = 6.7868)$</p> <p>$6.8 / 6.79 \text{ (g dm}^{-3}\text{)}$ TE on M2</p> <p>$= 1.25 \times 10^{-3} \times 171.3 = 0.21413 \text{ (g)}$ TE on M1</p> <p>$(= 0.21413 \div 0.03155 = 6.7868)$</p> <p>$6.8 / 6.79 \text{ (g dm}^{-3}\text{)}$ TE on M2</p> <p>Correct answer to 2SF or 3SF with some working scores (3)</p>	3

(Total for Question 3 = 14 marks)

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
4(a)	<p>An answer that makes reference to one of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (to prevent) acid spray <p>or</p> <p>(to prevent production of) toxic fumes (of HCl)</p> <p>or</p> <p>(to prevent mixture getting) too hot</p> <p>or</p> <p>(to prevent) build up of pressure</p>	<p>Ignore just vigorous/violent/aggressive reaction Ignore just to control rate</p> <p>Allow (to prevent) splashing/spilling of acid due to vigorous/violent/aggressive reaction Ignore just splashing/spilling of acid</p> <p>Allow (to prevent production of) corrosive fumes (of HCl) Allow vapour(s)/gas(es) for fumes Ignore just hydrochloric acid/HCl is toxic/corrosive Do not award incorrect identification of fumes, eg Cl₂</p> <p>Allow (to prevent) boiling (over) Ignore just exothermic Ignore just to control temperature</p> <p>Allow (to prevent) stopper shooting off Do not award (to prevent) explosion</p>	1

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
4(c)	<p>An answer that makes reference to one of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reacts with organic product/layer <p>or</p> <p>reforms alcohol</p> <p>or</p> <p>acts as a nucleophile</p>	<p>Ignore cannot tell when neutralisation/reaction is complete Ignore more hazardous, eg (more) corrosive</p> <p>Accept reacts with 2-chloro-2-methylpropane/$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCl}$ Ignore damages/destroys/decomposes for reacts Ignore just too reactive / to prevent vigorous reaction Ignore side reactions Ignore reacts with hydrochloric acid Do not award reacts with water/alcohol</p> <p>Accept reforms 2-methylpropan-2-ol/$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{COH}$ Allow forms alkene/2-methylpropene/$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$</p> <p>Allow hydrolyses (organic product) Allow (causes) elimination (reaction) Do not award reference to incorrect reaction type</p> <p>Do not award other incorrect reasons, eg build up of pressure</p>	1

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4(d)	An answer that makes reference to the following point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="376 347 591 379">• drying agent	Ignore any reference to making clear Allow to remove/absorb water Allow drying reagent Allow just to dry Ignore to react with water Do not award dehydrating agent Do not award any other reason	1

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4(e)	<p>An answer that makes reference to the following points:</p> <p>M1 (first change) – reverse (condenser) water flow</p> <p>M2 (reason for first change)– to fill (condenser) with water</p> <p>M3 (second change) – stopper/seal (still head with thermometer)</p> <p>M4 (reason for second change) – to prevent escape of gas/vapour/product</p>	<p>Accept changes given in either order Allow changes to be shown on the diagram</p> <p>Ignore any reference to a heat source Ignore any reference to adding (more) water to the ice-water mixture</p> <p>(1) Allow any indication, eg water should enter at bottom / leave at top / “swap tap and sink”</p> <p>M2 must relate to (condenser) water flow (1) Allow to remove air/bubbles (from condenser) Allow for more efficient/better cooling</p> <p>(1) Allow block Allow just bung/cork Ignore lid Ignore just thermometer Do not award stopper/seal conical flask Do not award diagrams showing thermometer with gap in still head / bulb in the organic liquid</p> <p>(1) M4 must relate to stopper/thermometer (in still head) Allow thermometer to measure temperature</p>	4

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4(f)	<p>M1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mass of 2-methylpropan-2-ol (1) <p>M2 to M4 – method 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> theoretical moles for 100% yield (1) theoretical mass for 100% yield (1) mass of 2-chloro-2-methylpropane for 70% yield (1) <p>M2 to M4 – method 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> theoretical moles for 100% yield (1) theoretical moles for 70% yield (1) mass of 2-chloro-2-methylpropane for 70% yield (1) <p>M2 to M4 – method 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> theoretical mass for 70% yield (1) theoretical moles for 70% yield (1) mass of 2-chloro-2-methylpropane for 70% yield (1) 	<p>Allow TE throughout Ignore SF except 1SF</p> <p>Correct answer with some working scores (4)</p> <p><u>Examples of calculation:</u> $= 0.78 \times 9.0 = 7.02 \text{ (g)}$ $= 7.02 \div 74.0 = 0.094865 \text{ (mol)}$ $= 0.094865 \times 92.5 = 8.775 \text{ (g)}$ $= 0.70 \times 8.775 = 6.1425 \text{ (g)}$ $= 7.02 \div 74.0 = 0.094865 \text{ (mol)}$ $= 0.70 \times 0.094865 = 0.066405 \text{ (mol)}$ $= 0.066405 \times 92.5 = 6.1425 \text{ (g)}$ $= 0.70 \times 7.02 = 4.914 \text{ (g)}$ $= 4.914 \div 74.0 = 0.066405 \text{ (mol)}$ $= 0.066405 \times 92.5 = 6.1425 \text{ (g)}$</p>	4

(Total for Question 4 = 13 marks)
Total for Paper = 50 marks