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COMBINED SCIENCE
Paper 5 Practical Test
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1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.
Additional Materials: As listed in the Confidential Instructions.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen.
You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.
DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer all questions.
Electronic calculators may be used.
You may lose marks if you do not show your working or if you do not use appropriate units.
Notes for Use in Qualitative Analysis for this paper are printed on page 12.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.
The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

For Examiner’s Use

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Total

This document consists of 11 printed pages and 1 blank page.
1 You are going to investigate plant transport systems using a celery stalk and coloured water.

- Take the piece of celery and cut it approximately in half as shown in Fig. 1.1. Place one half on the white tile with the cut face upwards.

![Fig. 1.1](image)

- Place the other half with the freshly cut end in the coloured water. Leave it for at least five minutes. Continue with the rest of the question while you are waiting.

(a) Make a large pencil drawing as accurately as possible in the space below of the cross-section (cut end) of the celery from the white tile. **Only** show outline. Leave the centre of your drawing blank.
(b) Using the knife, cut three slices of about 2 mm across the width of the stalk from the piece you have just drawn as shown in Fig. 1.2.

Treat the first slice as follows:

- Cut the slice into very small pieces (less than 0.5 mm square) and then place the cut pieces in a mortar with approximately 1 cm$^3$ distilled water.
- Grind the pieces up with the pestle and then place the mixture into a clean test-tube in a test-tube rack.

Repeat the procedure with the other two slices using two more test-tubes.

![Fig. 1.2](image)

To one test-tube add an equal amount of Benedict’s solution, shake well and place in the hot water-bath provided for about 5 minutes. Continue below with the other test-tubes whilst you are waiting.

- To the second test-tube add an equal amount of biuret solution.
- To the third test-tube add a few drops of iodine solution.

(i) Record your observations in Table 1.1.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>test</th>
<th>observation</th>
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<tr>
<td>Benedict’s solution</td>
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<tr>
<td>biuret solution</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>iodine solution</td>
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(ii) Using your observations, name the food group or groups present in the celery stalk.

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(c) • Remove the piece of celery from the coloured water and cut a 2 mm slice from the end that was in the coloured water.

• Place this slice on the white tile with the newly cut surface exposed.

• Examine this upper surface using the hand lens.

(i) On your drawing in (a) on page 2, draw and label the positions of the stained areas. [1]

(ii) State what can be concluded from your experiment about the function of the stained areas.

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(d) Plan an experiment based on the method you have just used, to investigate the effect of temperature on the speed of movement of the coloured water in pieces of celery stalk.

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Please turn over for Question 2.
2 Solid X is a mixture of two metal oxides, compounds A, and B. You are going to carry out a series of experiments and suggest the identities of the metal oxides.

(a) Experiment to identify compound A

Place two large spatula loads of solid X into a small beaker and add approximately 25 cm$^3$ distilled water. Stir well for 30 seconds. Filter the mixture to collect two test-tubes half full of filtrate for use in (i) and (ii) below.

The remainder of the liquid may be discarded but the residue in the filter paper should be placed in the second beaker. Add 25 cm$^3$ dilute nitric acid and stir the mixture. Keep this for use in part (b).

(i) To the marble chips in the test-tube provided, add hydrochloric acid until the test-tube is one third full. Attach the delivery tube to this test-tube and pass the gas produced into one of the test-tubes containing the filtrate.

Record your observations of the filtrate.

observations ......................................................................................................................... [1]

(ii) To the second test-tube containing filtrate, add a few drops of full range Universal Indicator.

Record the colour of the resulting mixture and its pH.

colour ................................................................................................................................. [1]

pH ........................................................................................................................................ [1]

(iii) Using your observations in (i) and (ii), suggest the identity of compound A.

compound A is ....................................................................................................................... [1]

(iv) Using your observations in (ii), classify the oxide in compound A which is present in the filtrate.

classification of oxide in compound A .................................................................................. [1]
(b) **Experiment to identify compound B**

If the residue from part (a) has not all dissolved in the dilute nitric acid, gently warm the beaker and carefully stir the mixture.

**Do NOT boil the mixture.**

If not all of the solid has dissolved after warming then filter or decant the mixture into two large test-tubes so that they are each one quarter full.

(i) In one of the test-tubes, add sodium hydroxide solution slowly until the test-tube is nearly full.

Use red litmus paper to check that the mixture is alkaline. If not, add more sodium hydroxide solution until the mixture is alkaline. Stir the mixture carefully.

Record your observations.

observations ................................................................. [1]

(ii) To the liquid in the other large test-tube **slowly add** ammonia solution until there is no further change.

Record your observations. Looking down through the test-tube from the top will help you.

observations ................................................................. [3]

(iii) Use your observations in (i) and (ii) to identify the cation present in compound B and hence name compound B present in solid X.

**cation present** ........................................................................................................ [2]

**compound B is** ........................................................................................................
You are going to find the spring constant \( k \) of a spring. The spring constant \( k \) of a spring is a measure of the spring’s stiffness.

Attach the spring to the clamp as shown in Fig. 3.1.

Hang a 0.2 kg mass (200 g) on the spring.

\( \text{(a)} \) Pull the mass down a **small** distance and release it. The mass oscillates up and down. The period \( T \) of the oscillations is the time taken for **one** oscillation. One complete oscillation of the mass is shown in Fig. 3.2.

- Measure \( t \), the time taken for 20 oscillations. Record this time in Table 3.1 on page 9. Repeat this for masses of 0.3 kg, 0.4 kg and 0.5 kg.
- Use your times for 20 oscillations to calculate \( T \), the period (the time for one oscillation) for each of the masses. Record these values in Table 3.1 on page 9.
- Calculate the values of \( T^2 \). Record your answers in Table 3.1 on page 9 to **two significant figures**.
Table 3.1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>mass $m$/kg</th>
<th>time for 20 oscillations $t$/s</th>
<th>period $T$/s</th>
<th>$T^2$/s$^2$</th>
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<tr>
<td>0.2</td>
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<td>0.3</td>
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<td>0.5</td>
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(b) (i) On the grid provided, plot a graph of $T^2$ (vertical axis) against $m$. Start your graph at (0,0). Draw the best fit straight line.

(ii) Calculate the gradient of your line. Show all working and indicate on your graph the values you chose to enable an accurate value of the gradient to be calculated.

gradient = .................................
(iii) The gradient of the line is related to the spring constant $k$ of the spring by the equation

$$k = \frac{0.0395}{\text{gradient}}$$

Determine the value of $k$.

$$k = \text{.........................} \text{N/mm} \quad [1]$$

(c) It is important to avoid line of sight (parallax) error when timing the oscillations.

State one precaution you should have taken to avoid this error.

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NOTES FOR USE IN QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS

Test for anions

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<tr>
<th>anion</th>
<th>test</th>
<th>test result</th>
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<tr>
<td>carbonate (CO$_3^{2-}$)</td>
<td>add dilute acid</td>
<td>effervescence, carbon dioxide produced</td>
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<tr>
<td>chloride (Cl$^-$)</td>
<td>acidify with dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous silver nitrate</td>
<td>white ppt.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nitrate (NO$_3^-$)</td>
<td>add aqueous sodium hydroxide then aluminium foil; warm carefully</td>
<td>ammonia produced</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sulfate (SO$_4^{2-}$)</td>
<td>acidify then add aqueous barium chloride or aqueous barium nitrate</td>
<td>white ppt.</td>
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Test for aqueous cations

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<tr>
<th>cation</th>
<th>effect of aqueous sodium hydroxide</th>
<th>effect of aqueous ammonia</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ammonium (NH$_4^+$)</td>
<td>ammonia produced on warming -</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>copper(II) (Cu$^{2+}$)</td>
<td>light blue ppt., insoluble in excess</td>
<td>light blue ppt., soluble in excess giving a dark blue solution</td>
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<tr>
<td>iron(II) (Fe$^{2+}$)</td>
<td>green ppt., insoluble in excess</td>
<td>green ppt., insoluble in excess</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>iron(III) (Fe$^{3+}$)</td>
<td>red-brown ppt., insoluble in excess</td>
<td>red-brown ppt., insoluble in excess</td>
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<tr>
<td>zinc (Zn$^{2+}$)</td>
<td>white ppt., soluble in excess giving a colourless solution</td>
<td>white ppt., soluble in excess giving a colourless solution</td>
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Test for gases

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<th>test and test results</th>
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<tr>
<td>ammonia (NH$_3$)</td>
<td>turns damp red litmus paper blue</td>
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<tr>
<td>carbon dioxide (CO$_2$)</td>
<td>turns limewater milky</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>chlorine (Cl$_2$)</td>
<td>bleaches damp litmus paper</td>
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<tr>
<td>hydrogen (H$_2$)</td>
<td>“pops” with a lighted splint</td>
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<tr>
<td>oxygen (O$_2$)</td>
<td>relights a glowing splint</td>
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