Election

Tuesday 7 May 2019

SCIENCE

PRACTICAL SECTION

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Write all your answers in the spaces on this question paper

Calculators may be used

No Periodic Tables to be visible
Volumetric flask

Fill line

Voltmeter
Q1 Preparing a standard solution of sodium chloride in water: The aim is to have a solution of precisely known concentration. The first step is to weigh out accurately some solid sodium chloride. Scales are provided in your area, but you may be sharing. Never zero (tare) the scales.

(a) **Weighing out the sodium chloride**: Fill out the table below as you go along. Weigh your bottle of sodium chloride. Empty the bottle into your 100 cm\(^3\) beaker. Return the weighing bottle to the scales to measure its mass.

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<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Mass / g</th>
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<tr>
<td>Filled weighing bottle</td>
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<tr>
<td>Emptied weighing bottle</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sodium chloride used</td>
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</table>

(b) **Making the sodium chloride solution**:

(i) Add approximately 25 cm\(^3\) of deionized water from the wash bottle to the beaker containing sodium chloride.

(ii) Stir the mixture with a glass rod until all the sodium chloride has dissolved.

(iii) Using the funnel, pour the solution into the 100 cm\(^3\) volumetric flask.

(iv) Rinse the glass rod into the beaker, swirl the water around and then add these washings to the volumetric flask.

(v) Using deionized water, fill the flask to the line marked on the neck.

(vi) Replace the stopper and invert the flask 20 times.
(c) By taking and recording suitable measurements, determine the density of the sodium chloride solution. Outline your method. Keep the solution.

Method:

Measurements:

Density = …………………… [4]

(d) In terms of individual particles, describe what happens when solid sodium chloride dissolves in water. You may include a diagram, but it is not essential for full marks.

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Q2 You will use your sodium chloride solution in an investigation of the electrical properties of metals. You have a voltmeter and 2 wires with crocodile clips attached, and various samples of metals, plus carbon.

(a) Pour around 50 cm$^3$ of your sodium chloride solution into the 100 cm$^3$ beaker. If you have lost your solution or were unable to make it, please raise your hand and ask for a supply from the spare stock. There is no penalty for this.

Rub the piece of zinc with abrasive paper to remove some of the layer of corrosion from it, and gently rub the iron nail with the same abrasive paper.

Using the crocodile clips, attach the iron nail to the positive side of the voltmeter and the strip of zinc to the negative side. Hold both metals in the sodium chloride solution, without getting the crocodile clips wet. Note down the reading from the voltmeter.
(b) Explain why it is necessary to remove the layer of corrosion from the zinc.

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(c) Now replace the zinc with the carbon rod and describe what happens to the voltmeter.

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(d) Switch around the wires in the voltmeter and write down the voltage shown with iron and carbon electrodes.

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(e) Complete the table below using the measurements you have already taken and any more measurements that are necessary.

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<tr>
<th>Metal on negative side</th>
<th>Positive side</th>
<th>Voltmeter reading / V</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>zinc</td>
<td>iron</td>
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<td>aluminium</td>
<td>iron</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>magnesium</td>
<td>iron</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>iron</td>
<td>carbon</td>
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<tr>
<td>iron</td>
<td>copper</td>
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(f) Using the graph paper below, illustrate the voltages obtained or deduced when iron is on the positive side of the voltmeter and the 5 other materials are on the negative side.
(g) Now replace the iron with copper on the positive side and use zinc on the negative side. Note the reading on the voltmeter.

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(h) Compare the reading from part (g) with your readings for iron with copper and iron with zinc.

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(i) Give the expected voltmeter reading when carbon is the positive electrode and magnesium is the negative electrode.

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(j) You have two test tubes containing blue copper(II) sulfate solution. Place the iron nail in one of these test tubes. Continue with the examination and look back later, then note your observations.

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Draw a conclusion about the relative reactivity of iron and copper.

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(k) Iodide can be placed in the same series of reactivity. When mixed with a compound of a metal less reactive than iodide, iodine is produced and the solution turns brown. To the second test tube containing copper(II) sulfate solution, add a few drops of potassium iodide solution. Note your observations.

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(l) You have two boiling tubes, each containing a little hydrochloric acid. You have two pieces of granulated zinc, and one piece of thin copper wire. Wrap the copper wire around one of the pieces of granulated zinc. Drop one piece of zinc into each boiling tube of acid, and note carefully your observations.

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(m) The chemical formula of zinc is Zn and that of zinc chloride is ZnCl₂. Write down the formulae of the other substances present in the boiling tubes during the reactions.

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Now go back and complete part (j).

End of Practical Paper