



**General Certificate of Education**

**Chemistry 1421**

**CHM3X Externally Marked Practical  
Assignment**

**Mark Scheme**

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**TASK 1 - Assessment**

Question	Part	Sub Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
			Records initial temperature of the acid	<b>(R)</b> 1	Allow clear answer outside of the box
			Records other results clearly and in full in a table	<b>(R)</b> 1	If you can read it, it is clear Allow clear answer outside of a table box 'Full' means completes the temperature row correctly, with no entry for the 4 <sup>th</sup> minute Do not penalise a missing result at 0 minutes Table does not have to have gridlines
			Records all temperatures to 1 dp	<b>(P)</b> 1	This includes the original temperature of the acid on the Task Sheet
			The accuracy of the candidate's temperature rise, $\Delta T$ , measured against a teacher value for the experiment.  $\Delta T$ is within 3 % of teacher value - 5 marks $\Delta T$ is within 5 % of teacher value - 4 marks $\Delta T$ is within 8 % of teacher value - 3 marks $\Delta T$ is within 10 % of teacher value - 2 marks $\Delta T$ is within 12 % of teacher value - 1 mark	<b>(A)</b> 5	Ensure that the candidate has correctly plotted the graph Ensure that the temperature rise is determined correctly in questions 2-5 If the value entered by the candidate in question 3 of Section A is wrong, underline the wrong value and write the correct value by the side Use the <b>corrected</b> value to assess accuracy.  If candidate has not recorded the initial temperature of the acid assume both reagents were at the same initial temperature.
			<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	



**SECTION A Ignore absence of units unless units are required in the Marking Guidelines. Incorrect units lose the mark**

Question	Part	Sub Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
1			Temperature on <i>y</i> -axis, time on the <i>x</i> axis	1	If axes unlabelled use data to decide that temperature is on <i>y</i> -axis
			Uses sensible scales	1	Lose this mark if graph does not cover <b>half</b> of the paper (minimum 8 small squares on <i>y</i> -axis)
			Plots all of the points correctly $\pm$ one square	1	Lose this mark if the graph plot goes off the squared paper Lose this mark if plots a non-linear/broken scale
			Draws two best-fit straight lines	1	Candidate must draw two correct lines Lose this mark if the candidate's line is doubled
			Both extrapolations correct to the 4 <sup>th</sup> minute	1	Award this mark if the candidate's extrapolations are both close to your extrapolation
2			Correct value for temperature before mixing from graph	1	Ignore precision of answer
3			Correctly calculates average temperature before mixing	1	Lose this mark if initial temperature of acid not recorded Do not penalise precision Allow average of acid temperature + answer to Q2
4			Correct value for temperature after mixing from graph	1	Do not penalise precision
5			Correct value for temperature rise from graph	1	Lose this mark if answer not given to 1 dp Round up before assessing for accuracy Allow answer to Q4 minus answer to Q3
6			$q=mc\Delta T$ equation	1	Must quote equation or show working to score this mark
			Correct result using answer from Q5 $50 \times 4.18 \times \Delta T$	1	Allow answer in J or kJ Do not penalise missing units If units are used they must be correct to score this mark

7			$2.5 \times 10^{-2}$ mol	1	Do not penalise precision Do not accept 0.03
8			Answer from Q6 divided by answer from Q7	1	Must divide answer to Q6 by answer to Q7 to score mark Ignore sign of enthalpy change Must divide by 1000 if answer from Q6 is in joules Ignore units Do not penalise precision
9			Calculates thermometer error correctly	1	Must calculate ( $0.2 \times 100$ divided by answer from Q5 ) correctly to score mark Ignore precision of error Allow if error is given without working
10			Can/ can't extrapolate with confidence	1	Statement must correlate with candidate's graph
			Lines go through/ don't go through most of the points <b>OR</b> results are/ are not consistent	1	Must make a written comment to score this mark Comment must correlate with candidate's graph
11			Improve reliability of results/ appreciates repeating allows for possible anomalies (in single experiment)	1	Do not allow 'fair test' without further qualification Ignore references to improved accuracy
12			May be other <u>alkalis</u> present in the cleaner or similar/non-standard conditions used/ correct improvement to experimental technique for data book value	1	Ignore 'impurities' Allow 'incomplete reaction (of acid)' Allow 'something reacts with the acid'
13			(Ammonium) sulfate	1	Accept name or correct formula Allow consequential answer from candidate's results Allow 'ammonium sulfate' plus an incorrect formula
14			White ppt with $\text{BaCl}_2/ \text{CaCl}_2$	1	Need correct observation and correct test Allow consequential answer from candidate's results If negative ion in Q13 is wrong on candidate's results, can't score mark in this question If no negative ion given in Q13, allow correct answer in this question

15			No effervescence/ gas (produced in tests 3 or 4) (carbon dioxide would be formed) with acid	1 1	Allow consequential answer from candidate's results
16			Wear gloves/ flood skin with water	1	Ignore 'eye protection' Do not allow 'lab coat', 'ingest chemical' or 'fume cupboard' (list principle)
			<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	

**SECTION B Ignore absence of units unless units are required in the Marking Guidelines. Incorrect units lose the mark**

Question	Part	Sub Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
17			Ammonia is an <u>alkali</u> / would <u>react with HCl</u>	1	Do not allow 'fair test' or 'to improve accuracy' without further qualification
18			Batches may vary/ batch might be contaminated	1	Do not allow 'fair test', 'to improve accuracy', 'reliable' or 'reproducible' without further qualification
19			$\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3 \rightarrow \text{N}_2\text{O} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1	Accept multiples
20	a		ammonium chloride $134/26.2 = 5.11$ £ per % ammonium nitrate $175/35 = 5.00$ £ per % ammonium sulphate $111/21.2 = 5.24$ £ per %	1	Must have some evidence of working to score this mark Accept calculations of nitrogen content per pound
			ammonium nitrate	1	Accept name or correct formula Allow consequential answer from candidate's results
20	b		<u>Washed/ dissolved/ leached from soil by rainwater/ eutrophication</u>	1	Allow root damage due to temperature drop when salt dissolves
21			17.6	1	Ignore precision of answer Ignore units Do not allow 18
			<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	



**SECTION C Ignore absence of units unless units are required in the Marking Guidelines. Incorrect units lose the mark**

Question	Part	Sub Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
22	a		2-6 drops/ 0.1-0.3 cm <sup>3</sup>	1	Accept 'a few drops'
22	b		Incorrect volume recorded/ space will fill during titration/ produces larger titre value	1	Do not accept 'to give an accurate result' without further qualification Do not accept references to contamination
23			Measure <u>volume</u> of gas/ <u>mass loss</u>	1	If 'measure concentration' must explain how to score mark
			At (regular) time intervals	1	Ignore references to temperature Accept 'against time' Do not accept 'with time' or 'over time' on its own
24			Add Tollens/ Fehling's/ Benedict's reagent / ir spectra	1	Accept any other chemically correct reagent and observation
			Silver mirror/ blue to red <b>OR</b> red precipitate (with ethanal)/ peak at 1700 cm <sup>-1</sup> (in ethanal)	1	Must have correct test to access second mark Accept 'silver'. Do not accept 'silver solution' Give one mark for 'silver mirror test' and 'silver mirror' Accept correct answer based on n.m.r. spectra
<b>Total</b>				<b>6</b>	