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CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Great care should be taken to ensure that any information given does not reach the candidates either directly or indirectly.

The Supervisor's attention is drawn to the form on page 7 which must be completed and returned with the scripts.



If you have any problems or queries regarding these Instructions, please contact CIE
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stating the Centre number, the nature of the query and the syllabus number quoted above.

The syllabus is approved for use in England, Wales and Northern Ireland as a Cambridge International Level 3 Pre-U Certificate.

This document consists of **8** printed pages.

Safety

Supervisors are advised to remind candidates that **all** substances in the examination should be treated with caution. Only those tests described in the question paper should be attempted. Please also see under 'Apparatus' on the use of pipette fillers, safety goggles and plastic gloves.

In accordance with COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) Regulations, operative in the UK, a hazard appraisal of the examination has been carried out.

Attention is drawn, in particular, to certain materials used in the examination. The following codes are used where relevant.

C	=	corrosive	MH	=	moderate hazard
HH	=	health hazard	T	=	acutely toxic
F	=	flammable	O	=	oxidising
N	=	hazardous to the aquatic environment			

The attention of Supervisors is drawn to any local regulations relating to safety, first-aid and disposal of chemicals.

'Hazard Data Sheets', relating to materials used in this examination, should be available from your chemical supplier.

Before the Examination

1 Access to the question paper is NOT permitted in advance of the examination.

2 Preparation of materials

Where quantities are specified for each candidate, they are sufficient for the experiments described in the question paper to be completed.

In preparing materials, the bulk quantity for each substance should be increased by 25% as spare material should be available to cover accidental loss. More material may be supplied if requested by candidates, without penalty.

All solutions should be bulked and mixed thoroughly before use to ensure uniformity.

3 Labelling of materials

Materials must be labelled as specified in these instructions. Materials with an **FA** code number should be so labelled **without** the identities being included on the label. Where appropriate the identity of an **FA** coded chemical is given in the question paper.

4 Identity of materials

It should be noted that descriptions of solutions given in the question paper may not correspond exactly with the specifications in these instructions. **The candidates must assume the descriptions given in the question paper.**

5 Size of group

In view of the difficulty in preparing large quantities of solution of uniform concentration, it is recommended that the maximum number of candidates per group be 30 and that separate supplies of solutions be prepared for each group.

Apparatus

1 In addition to the fittings ordinarily contained in a chemical laboratory, the apparatus and materials specified below will be necessary.

2 Pipette fillers (or equivalent safety devices), safety goggles and disposable gloves should be used where necessary.

3 *For each candidate*

- 1 × 50 cm³ measuring cylinder
- 1 × 100 cm³ beaker
- 1 × 50 cm³ burette
- 1 × burette clamp and stand
- 1 × small funnel for filling burette
- 1 × 25 cm³ pipette
- 1 × pipette filler
- 2 × conical flasks within the range 150 to 250 cm³
- 1 × white tile
- 6 × test-tubes
- 1 × boiling tube
- 1 × test-tube holder
- 1 × test-tube rack
- 1 × Bunsen burner
- 1 × heat-proof mat
- 1 × spatula
- 3 × dropping pipettes
- 1 × wash bottle of distilled water
- paper towels

access to balance, single-pan, direct reading, minimum accuracy 0.01 g (1 per 8–12 candidates)

Chemicals Required

1 It is especially important that great care is taken that the confidential information given below does not reach the candidates either directly or indirectly.

2 Particular requirements

N.B. Small amounts of NO₂ [T] will be produced which may cause respiratory distress in some people. **The laboratory must be well ventilated.**

hazard	label	per candidate	identity	notes
	FA 1	2.0 g	basic 'light' magnesium carbonate	(Hazards symbols given in this column refer to the raw materials.) 2.0 ± 0.2 g of 3MgCO ₃ ·Mg(OH) ₂ ·3H ₂ O supplied in a stoppered tube. Other forms of basic magnesium carbonate can be used but the same sample must be used for each group of candidates and for the Supervisor's results.
	FA 2	60 cm ³	2.0 mol dm ⁻³ HCl	See preparation instructions on page 51 of the 2016–2018 syllabus.
	FA 3	150 cm ³	0.10 mol dm ⁻³ HCl	Dilute 90 cm ³ of concentrated (35% w/w; approximately 11 mol dm ⁻³) acid [C] [MH] to 1 dm ³ . Dilute this solution ten-fold.
	FA 4	150 cm ³	0.10 mol dm ⁻³ NaOH	Dissolve 40.0 g of NaOH [C] in each dm ³ of solution. Care – the process is exothermic and any concentrated solution is very corrosive. Dilute this solution ten-fold.
[F] [MH] [HH]	methyl orange indicator	2 cm ³	methyl orange indicator (pH range 2.9 to 4.6)	See preparation instructions on page 51 of the 2016–2018 syllabus.
[MH] [N]	FA 5	15 cm ³	1.0 mol dm ⁻³ sodium nitrite	Dissolve 69 g of NaNO ₂ [O] [T] [N] in each dm ³ of solution. This solution must be freshly prepared.
	FA 6	10 cm ³	1.0 mol dm ⁻³ potassium iodide	Dissolve 166 g of KI in each dm ³ of solution.
[N]	FA 7	10 cm ³	0.5 mol dm ⁻³ copper sulfate	Dissolve 125 g of CuSO ₄ ·5H ₂ O [MH] [N] in each dm ³ of solution.
	starch solution	5 cm ³	freshly prepared aqueous starch indicator (approx. 2% solution w/v)	See preparation instructions on page 51 of the 2016–2018 syllabus.

The standard bench reagents specifically required are set out below. If necessary, they may be made available from a communal supply: however, the attention of the Invigilator should be drawn to the fact that such an arrangement may enhance the opportunity for malpractice between candidates.

hazard	label	notes (Hazards symbols given in this column refer to the raw materials.)
	dilute hydrochloric acid	
[C]	dilute nitric acid	
[MH]	dilute sulfuric acid	
[C] [MH] [N]	aqueous ammonia	
[C]	aqueous sodium hydroxide	
	aqueous barium chloride [or aqueous barium nitrate]	
[N]	aqueous silver nitrate	
	1.0 mol dm⁻³ sodium carbonate	
	0.1 mol dm⁻³ potassium iodide	
[MH]	acidified aqueous potassium manganate(VII)	

See identity details and preparation instructions on page 51 of the 2016–2018 syllabus.

4 The following materials and apparatus should be available.

hazard	label	notes (Hazards symbols given in this column refer to the raw materials.)
[MH]	limewater	See identity details and preparation instructions on page 51 of the 2016–2018 syllabus.
	red and blue litmus papers, plain filter paper strips, aluminium foil for testing nitrate/nitrite, wooden splints, the apparatus normally used in the Centre for use with limewater in testing for carbon dioxide	

Responsibilities of the Supervisor during the Examination

- 1 The Supervisor, or other competent chemist **must carry out the experiments in questions 1, 2 and 3** and complete tables of readings on a spare copy of the question paper which should be labelled 'Supervisor's Results'.

**This should be done for:
each session held and each laboratory used in that session, and each set of solutions supplied.**

N.B. The question paper cover requests the candidate to fill in details of the examination session and the laboratory used for the examination.

It is essential that each packet of scripts contains a copy of the applicable Supervisor's Results as the candidates' work cannot be assessed accurately without such information.

- 2 The Supervisor must complete the Report Form on page 7 to show which candidates attended each session. If all candidates took the examination in one session, please indicate this on the Report Form. A copy of the Report Form must accompany each copy of the Supervisor's Results in order for the candidates' work to be assessed accurately.

The Supervisor must give details on page 8 of any particular difficulties experienced by a candidate, especially if the Examiner would be unable to discover this from the written answers.

After the Examination

Each envelope returned to Cambridge must contain the following items.

- 1 The scripts of those candidates specified on the bar code label provided.
- 2 A copy of each Supervisor's Results relevant to the candidates in 1.
- 3 A copy of the Report Form, including details of any difficulties experienced by candidates (see pages 7 and 8).
- 4 The Attendance Register.
- 5 **A Seating Plan for each session/laboratory.**

Failure to provide appropriate documentation in each envelope may cause candidates to be penalised.

COLOUR BLINDNESS

With regard to colour blindness it is permissible to advise candidates to request assistance on colours of, for example precipitates and solutions (especially titration end-points). Please include with the scripts a note of the candidate numbers of such candidates.

Experience suggests that candidates who are red/green colour-blind – the most common form – do not generally have significant difficulty. Reporting such cases with the scripts removes the need for a 'Special Consideration' application.

REPORT FORM

This form must be completed and sent to the Examiner in the envelope with the scripts.

Centre Number Name of Centre

1 Supervisor's Results

Please submit details of the readings obtained in **Questions 1, 2 and 3** on a spare copy of the question paper clearly marked 'Supervisor's Results' and **showing the Centre number and appropriate session/laboratory number.**

2 The candidate numbers of candidates attending each session were:

First Session

Second Session

3 The Supervisor is required to give details overleaf of any difficulties experienced by particular candidates, giving names and candidate numbers. These should include reference to:

- (a) any general difficulties encountered in making preparation;
- (b) difficulties due to faulty apparatus or materials;
- (c) accidents with apparatus or materials;
- (d) assistance with respect to colour blindness.

Other cases of hardship, e.g. illness, temporary disability, should be reported direct to CIE on the normal 'Application for Special Consideration' form.

4 **A plan of work benches, giving details by candidate numbers of the places occupied by the candidates for each experiment for each session, must be enclosed with the scripts.**



Report on any difficulties experienced by candidates.

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