

KnowIT Questions – AQA GCSE Chemical Analysis

A. Purity, Formulations and Chromatography

- 1. What is a pure substance?
- 2. How could you distinguish between a pure substance and a mixture?
- 3. What is a formulation?
- 4. How are formulations made?
- 5. Give two examples of formulations.
- 6. What is chromatograph?
- 7. What happens in the stationary and mobile phases?
- 8. State the equation used to find the Rf value.
- 9. A solvent travels 8cm up the stationary phase, two spots separate out. A travels 6cm up the mobile phase, B travels 4.5cm up the mobile phase. Give the Rf value for both to two decimal places.

B. Identification of Common Gases

- 1. How would you test for oxygen gas?
- 2. An unknown gas gives out a squeaky pop when a burning splint is put into it. What is the gas?
- 3. Describe how you would test for carbon dioxide gas.
- 4. A student wrote down the following description for testing chlorine:

'Use litmus paper it turns from red to blue.'

Where has he gone wrong?



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C. Identification of Ions—part 1 – by Chemical Means Flame Tests, Metal Hydroxides – CHEMISTRY ONLY

- 1. What is a flame test?
- 2. What colour flame would the following metal ions have in a flame test?
 - a. Lithium
 - b. Sodium
 - c. Potassium
 - d. Calcium
 - e. Copper
- 3. What might cause some flame colours to be masked?
- 4. What is a precipitate?
- 5. Sodium hydroxide is used to identify some metal ions. What colour precipitate do aluminium, calcium and magnesium ions form?
- 6. How is are aluminium ions distinguished from calcium and magnesium ions in the reaction with sodium hydroxide?
- 7. What colour precipitate do the following ions make with sodium hydroxide?
 - a. Copper (II)
 - b. Iron (II)
 - c. Iron (III)
- 8. Write the word equation for the reaction between calcium chloride and sodium hydroxide.
- 9. Write the balanced symbol equation for the reaction between aluminium chloride and sodium hydroxide.
- 10. What colour would be the precipitates be in the above reactions?
- 11. How could you distinguish between them?

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<u>D. Identification of Ions– part 2 – by Chemical Means Carbonates, Halides, Sulfates – CHEMISTRY ONLY</u>

- 1. How would you test for a carbonate?
- 2. How would you test the gas produced by the above reaction?
- 3. How would you test for halide ions?
- 4. How could you use the above test to distinguish between halide ions?
- 5. Silver nitrate is added to an unknown chemical in solution. A cream precipitate is produced. What is the halide ion present?
- 6. How would you test for sulfate ions?
- 7. Write the word and balanced symbol equation for the reaction between sodium sulfate and barium chloride.

E. Identification of Ions – part 3 – by Instrumental Methods – CHEMISTRY ONLY

- 1. Give three advantages of instrumental methods for detecting ions compared with chemical methods.
- 2. What is flame emission spectroscopy used for?
- 3. How is flame emission spectroscopy carried out?
- 4. Five different samples were analysed using flame emission spectroscopy, the results are shown below. Which of the two results show the same metal?

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