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for the guidance of teachers**

**0620 CHEMISTRY**

**0620/06**

Paper 6 (Alternative to practical), maximum raw mark 60

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- 1 (a) (conical) flask (1) (gas) syringe (1) [2]
- (b) to stop loss of gas owtte/stop mixing/so that they don't react [1]
- (c) glowing splint (1) relights (1)  
lighted splint = 0 ignore 'pops' [2]
- 2 (a) (i) prevent rusting or corrosion/more attractive or shiny/so it doesn't oxidise  
**not** less reactive or answers about value [1]
- (ii) silver wears off/will need re-coating  
ignore references to rusting [1]
- (iii) so that silver can coat the spoon/stick to the spoon owtte [1]
- (b) negative/cathode [1]
- (c) silver [1]
- 3 (a) add aluminium/Devarda's alloy and sodium hydroxide (warm) (1)  
ammonia/alkaline gas formed/turns red litmus blue (1)  
for a 'near miss' in reagents allow a mark for ammonia [2]
- (b) boiling point (1) 100°C (1) [2]
- (c) bromine (water) (1)  
goes colourless (1)  
**not** clear [2]
- 4 (a) Table of results
- |   |                             |     |
|---|-----------------------------|-----|
| Initial temperature boxes correctly completed (2) | 24                          |     |
|   | 26                          |     |
|   | 25                          |     |
|   | 24                          |     |
|   | 26                          |     |
| Highest temperature boxes correctly completed (2) | 39                          |     |
|   | 37                          |     |
|   | 35                          |     |
|   | 31                          |     |
|   | 29                          | [4] |
| Differences correctly completed (1)               | 15, 11, 10, 7, 3, allow ecf | [1] |

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- (b) all 5 bars correctly drawn (2) - 1 for each incorrect  
labelled in the centre (1)  
correct scale (at least half the grid for 'y' axis) (1) [4]  
If plotting instead of bars only scale mark available
- (c) exothermic/displacement/redox  
**not** oxidation, reduction or neutralisation [1]
- (d) (i) experiment 1/A [1]  
(ii) sulfuric acid was most concentrated/strongest [1]
- (e) (i) greater/higher ignore reference to rate [1]  
(ii) half the value/half the value from the table/lower or less [1]  
allow 7.5 as a temperature change or 31.5 as a final temperature  
(iii) more/larger volume of acid for magnesium to react in [1]
- (f) one error source from:  
heat losses/use of low accuracy measuring cylinders/magnesium pieces vary in  
length or mass [1]
- 5 (b) pH of solution L 11-14 [1]
- (d) (i) blue precipitate (1) both for one mark (soluble in excess = 0) [1]  
(ii) white (1) precipitate (1)  
dissolves/clears/soluble in excess (1) [3]
- (c) weak (1) alkali/base (1) or ammonia (2) [2]
- (d) hydrochloric acid (2)  
or acid (1) chloride ion (1) **not** chlorine ion [2]
- 6 (a) points plotted correctly (2) - 1 for any incorrect  
smooth curve (1) suitable scale (1) axes labelled (units not essential) (1) [5]  
accept plot of loss in mass against time
- (b) from graph, 180g (ignore no units) (1)  
indication on graph (1) [2]
- (c) gas given off [1]

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- (d) to prevent loss of acid  
**not** loss of water or steam [1]
- (e) 4 minutes [1]
- (f) sketched curve above original (1)  
levelling out at 174 s or heading towards it (1) [2]
- 7 (a) pestle/mortar/solvent/sand (any three)  
ignore water and/or heat [3]
- (b) NB marks can be obtained from a diagram  
chromatography or chromatogram (1)  
paper (1)  
apply spot/extract to paper (1)  
description or name of solvent used (1)  
and separation e.g. spots on paper (1) (max 4) [4]
- If water used as solvent (max 3)  
If paper dipped into extract (max 3)  
If method would not work (max 2)