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**ANSWERS**

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**Instructions.**

1. This paper consists of **three (3)** questions.
2. Answer **all** questions.
3. Question **one (1)** carries **twenty (20)** marks and the rest carry **fifteen (15)** marks.
4. Cellular phones are **not** allowed in the examination room.
5. Write your **examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet(s).

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1. Your tutor meets you and your friend in the laboratory arguing about the name and atomic mass of a certain metal present in the metal hydroxide. She then decides to give both of you an experiment to identify the metal present in the hydroxide. For the smooth running of the experiment, the tutor provides you with the following solutions:

**A1:** A solution containing metal hydroxide (MOH) where M is unknown metal.

**B2:** A solution of 3.65 g of pure hydrochloric acid in 1.00 dm<sup>3</sup> of aqueous solution.

**Methyl orange indicator.**

**Perform the experiment using the procedures given and answer the questions that follow.**

**Procedure**

- (i) Pipette 20 or 25cm<sup>3</sup> of solution A1 into a conical flask.
- (ii) Add 2 to 3 drops of methyl orange indicator.
- (iii) Titrate solution B2 against solution A1 until a colour change is observed.
- (iv) Record up to four titre values.

**Questions**

- (b) What is the colour change of the indicator?
- (c) Calculate the concentration of solution B2 in mol/dm<sup>3</sup>.
- (d) Calculate the concentration of A1 in mol/dm<sup>3</sup>.
- (e) Calculate the atomic mass of metal M if the concentration of MOH is 5.6 g/dm<sup>3</sup>.
- (f) Identify the element M in MOH.

- (a) (i) What is the volume of the pipette used?

The volume of the pipette used is **20 cm<sup>3</sup>**.

(ii)

**Titre Results Table**

| Titre Number | Final Burette Reading (cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Initial Burette Reading (cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Volume Used (cm <sup>3</sup> ) |
|--------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| 1            | 20.0                                     | 0.0  | 20.0                           |
| 2            | 20.0                                     | 0.0  | 20.0                           |
| 3            | 20.0                                     | 0.0  | 20.0                           |
| 4            | 20.0                                     | 0.0  | 20.0                           |

**Average titre = 20.0 cm<sup>3</sup>**

**(b) The colour change of the indicator is from yellow to pink.**

Methyl orange turns yellow in alkaline solution and pink in acidic solution. At the endpoint of this titration, when acid neutralises alkali, it changes from yellow to pink.

**(c) Calculate the concentration of solution B2 in mol/dm<sup>3</sup>**

Given:

Mass of HCl = 3.65 g

Molar mass of HCl = 1 + 35.5 = 36.5 g/mol

Volume of solution = 1.00 dm<sup>3</sup>

**Number of moles of HCl = mass / molar mass**

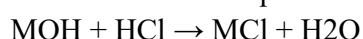
= 3.65 g / 36.5 g/mol

= 0.100 mol

**Concentration of B2 = 0.100 mol / 1.00 dm<sup>3</sup> = 0.100 mol/dm<sup>3</sup>**

**(d) Calculate the concentration of A1 in mol/dm<sup>3</sup>**

Balanced reaction equation:



From the equation:

1 mole of MOH reacts with 1 mole of HCl

Using the titration formula:

$$C_1V_1 = C_2V_2$$

C<sub>1</sub> = concentration of A1 (unknown)

V<sub>1</sub> = volume of A1 = 20.0 cm<sup>3</sup> = 0.0200 dm<sup>3</sup>

C<sub>2</sub> = concentration of B2 = 0.100 mol/dm<sup>3</sup>

V<sub>2</sub> = average titre = 20.0 cm<sup>3</sup> = 0.0200 dm<sup>3</sup>

$$C_1 \times 0.0200 = 0.100 \times 0.0200$$

$$C_1 = (0.100 \times 0.0200) / 0.0200$$

$$C_1 = 0.100 \text{ mol/dm}^3$$

Therefore, the concentration of A1 is **0.100 mol/dm<sup>3</sup>**

**(e) Calculate the atomic mass of metal M if the concentration of MOH is 5.6 g/dm<sup>3</sup>**

Given:

Concentration in g/dm<sup>3</sup> = 5.6 g/dm<sup>3</sup>

Concentration in mol/dm<sup>3</sup> = 0.100 mol/dm<sup>3</sup>

Molar mass (M) = mass / moles

= 5.6 g / 0.100 mol

= 56 g/mol

**Atomic mass of M = 56 g/mol – 17 (since M + 17 = molar mass of MOH)**

M = 56 – 17

M = 39 g/mol

**(f) Identify the element M in MOH**

The element with atomic mass 39 is **Potassium (K)**.

So, MOH = KOH.

2. One of the factors that affect the rate of a chemical reaction is the concentration of the reactants. Therefore, in this experiment you are required to investigate the effect of concentration on the rate of reaction between sodium thiosulphate (Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O) and hydrochloric acid (HCl).

You are given the following materials:

- **AA:** A solution containing 0.25 M Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O
- **BB:** A solution containing 0.5 M HCl
- Distilled water, stopwatch and a white paper with a cross “+”.

### **Procedures**

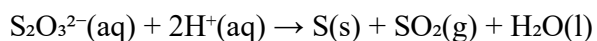
- (i) Put an empty beaker (50 cm<sup>3</sup>) on top of the mark “+” drawn on the given piece of paper. Make sure the mark is clearly visible.
- (ii) Using a measuring cylinder, transfer 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of AA into a beaker positioned on top of the mark “+”.
- (iii) Using another measuring cylinder, measure 5 cm<sup>3</sup> of BB.
- (iv) Hold the measuring cylinder containing 5 cm<sup>3</sup> of BB in one hand and hold the stopwatch in another hand.
- (v) Simultaneously, pour 5 cm<sup>3</sup> of BB into the beaker positioned on top of the mark “+” and start the stopwatch.
- (vi) Stir gently the contents in the beaker and record the time of disappearance of the mark “+”.

(vii) Repeat the procedure (i) to (vi) by using 8 cm<sup>3</sup>, 6 cm<sup>3</sup>, 4 cm<sup>3</sup> instead of 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of AA in procedure (ii).

**(a) Complete the Table of Results**

| Experiment | Volume of AA (cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Volume of Water (cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Volume of BB (cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Time t (s) | Rate (s <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 1          | 10                              | 0                                  | 5                               | 21         | 0.048                   |
| 2          | 8                               | 2                                  | 5                               | 25         | 0.040                   |
| 3          | 6                               | 4                                  | 5                               | 27         | 0.037                   |
| 4          | 4                               | 6                                  | 5                               | 35         | 0.029                   |

**(b) Write the ionic equation representing the reaction between thiosulphate ion and an acid**



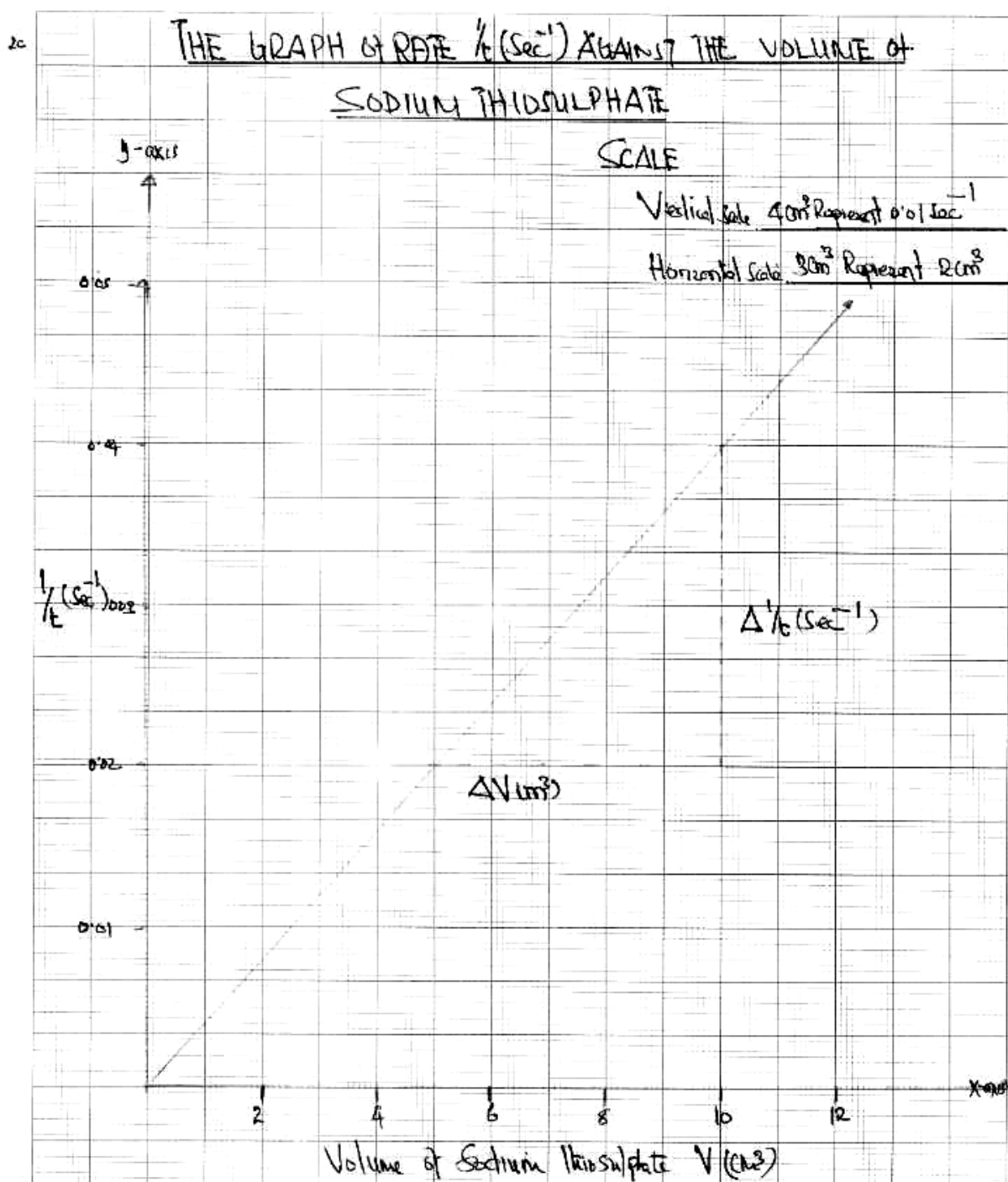
**Explanation:**

Thiosulphate reacts with acid to form a precipitate of sulfur (which clouds the solution making the “+” mark disappear), sulfur dioxide gas, and water.

**(c) Plot a graph of rate (1/t) of reaction as a function of volume of sodium thiosulphate**

**Points to Plot:**

| Volume of Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Rate (s <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|--|-------------------------|
| 10   | 0.048                   |
| 8  | 0.040                   |
| 6  | 0.037                   |
| 4  | 0.029                   |



(d) Comment on the relationship between concentration of sodium thiosulphate and the rate of reaction

The graph indicates that **as the concentration of sodium thiosulphate increases, the rate of reaction also increases.**

This is because increasing the concentration of thiosulphate increases the number of reacting particles per unit volume, leading to more frequent and effective collisions per second, hence a faster reaction.

(e) Use the data in (a) to find the value of a rate constant,  $k$ , given:  $\text{Rate} = k[\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}]^2[\text{H}^+]$

**Given:**

- $\text{Rate} = 0.048 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- $[\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}] \text{ initial concentration} = (0.25 \text{ M} \times 10 \text{ cm}^3) / (10 + 5) \text{ cm}^3$   
 $= (0.25 \times 10) / 15$   
 $= 0.1667 \text{ M}$
- $[\text{H}^+] \text{ concentration} = (0.5 \text{ M} \times 5 \text{ cm}^3) / 15 \text{ cm}^3$   
 $= (0.5 \times 5) / 15$   
 $= 0.1667 \text{ M}$

**Substituting into:  $\text{Rate} = k [\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}]^2 [\text{H}^+]$**

$$0.048 = k \times (0.1667)^2 \times 0.1667$$
$$0.048 = k \times (0.02778 \times 0.1667)$$
$$0.048 = k \times 0.00463$$

$$k = 0.048 / 0.00463$$

$$k \approx 10.37 \text{ mol}^{-3} \text{ dm}^9 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

**Answer:**

The rate constant,  $k \approx 10.37 \text{ mol}^{-3} \text{ dm}^9 \text{ s}^{-1}$

### 3. Sample K: Systematic qualitative analysis

**(a) Table of qualitative analysis results**

| Test   | Observation   | Inference  |
|--|---|--|
| (i) Appearance of sample K   | Blue crystalline solid  | Indicates presence of a transition metal salt                    |
| (ii) Action of heat on sample K in a test tube                                     | Water droplets on cooler parts of the tube and white anhydrous residue remains; turns white upon strong heating | Suggests presence of hydrated salt                               |
| (iii) Action of dilute $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ or $\text{HCl}$ on the solid sample | Effervescence with colourless gas evolving; gas turns limewater milky   | Gas is $\text{CO}_2$ or $\text{SO}_2$ ; likely sulphate presence |

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| (iv) Action of concentrated $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ on solid sample                   | Effervescence; choking pungent gas with white fumes produced | Suggests sulphate ion producing $\text{SO}_2$ gas |
| (v) Flame test  | Greenish-blue flame  | Indicates presence of copper(II) ion              |
| (vi) Solubility of the sample   | Soluble in water forming a blue solution                     | Soluble salt of a transition metal                |
| (vii) Confirmatory test for anion ( $\text{BaCl}_2$ solution + dilute $\text{HCl}$ )  | White precipitate forms                                      | Presence of sulphate ion ( $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ )   |
| (viii) Confirmatory test for cation (add $\text{NaOH}$ solution dropwise then excess) | Light blue precipitate forms, insoluble in excess            | Presence of copper(II) ion ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ )   |

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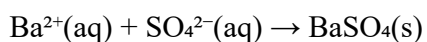
**(b) Cation and anion present in the unknown sample**

Cation present: Copper(II) ion ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ )

Anion present: Sulphate ion ( $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ )

**(c) Reaction equation for test (vii)**

When  $\text{BaCl}_2$  is added to a solution containing sulphate ions:



A white precipitate of barium sulphate forms, confirming the presence of sulphate ions.