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Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 1

CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS

This document gives details of how to prepare for and administer the practical exam.

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The supervisor must complete the report at the end of this document and return it with the scripts.

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General information about practical exams

Centres must follow the guidance on science practical exams given in the Cambridge Handbook.

Safety

Supervisors must follow national and local regulations relating to safety and first aid.

Only those procedures described in the question paper should be attempted.

Supervisors must inform candidates that materials and apparatus used in the exam should be treated with caution. Suitable eye protection should be used where necessary.

The following hazard codes are used in these confidential instructions, where relevant:

- **C** corrosive
- **HH** health hazard
- F flammable

- MH moderate hazard
- T acutely toxic
- **O** oxidising
- N hazardous to the aquatic environment

Hazard data sheets relating to substances used in this exam should be available from your chemical supplier.

Before the exam

- The packets containing the question papers must **not** be opened before the exam.
- It is assumed that standard school laboratory facilities, as indicated in the *Guide to Planning Practical Science*, will be available.
- Spare materials and apparatus for the tasks set must be available for candidates, if required.

During the exam

- It must be made clear to candidates at the start of the exam that they may request spare materials and apparatus for the tasks set.
- Where specified, the supervisor **must** perform the experiments and record the results as instructed. This must be done **out of sight** of the candidates, using the same materials and apparatus as the candidates.
- Any assistance provided to candidates must be recorded in the supervisor's report.
- If any materials or apparatus need to be replaced, for example, in the event of breakage or loss, this must be recorded in the supervisor's report.

After the exam

- The supervisor must complete a report for each practical session held and each laboratory used.
- Each packet of scripts returned to Cambridge International must contain the following items:
 - the scripts of the candidates specified on the barcode label provided
 - the supervisor's results relevant to these candidates
 - the supervisor's reports relevant to these candidates
 - seating plans for each practical session, referring to each candidate by candidate number
 - the attendance register.

Specific information for this practical exam

During the exam, the supervisor (NOT the invigilator) must do all the experiments and record the results on a spare copy of the question paper, clearly labelled 'supervisor's results'.

If chemicals are prepared in more than one batch, clearly labelled supervisor's results must be provided for each batch. The candidates using each batch must be listed on the supervisor's report.

Apparatus

The apparatus listed must be provided to each candidate.

- $1 \times 250 \, \text{cm}^3$ beaker
- $1 \times 50 \, \text{cm}^3$ measuring cylinder
- 1 × foamed plastic (polystyrene) cup
- $1 \times$ thermometer (-10 °C to +110 °C at 1 °C)
- $2 \times 50 \, \text{cm}^3$ burette
- $1 \times 25 \text{ cm}^3$ pipette
- $1 \times 10 \text{ cm}^3$ pipette
- $1 \times \text{pipette filler}$
- $1 \times 250 \, \text{cm}^3$ volumetric flask
- $2 \times$ burette stand and clamp
- 2 × funnel (for filling burette)
- $2 \times 150 \text{ cm}^3$ or 250 cm^3 conical flask
- $1 \times \text{white tile}$
- 1 × glass rod
- $8 \times test-tube^*$
- 1 × test-tube rack
- $1 \times Bunsen burner$
- $1 \times heatproof mat$
- 2 × teat/dropping pipette
- 1 × wash bottle containing distilled water
- 1 × pen for labelling glassware
- paper towels
- red and blue litmus papers
- aluminium foil for testing nitrate/nitrite
- wooden splints
- the apparatus normally used in the centre for use with limewater in testing for carbon dioxide

*Candidates are expected to rinse and reuse test-tubes where possible. Additional tubes should be available.

Materials

The materials listed in the table must be provided to each candidate.

label	per candidate	identity	notes
FA 1	200 cm ³	1.8 mol dm ⁻³ hydrochloric acid	Dilute 900 cm ³ of 2.0 mol dm ⁻³ HC <i>l</i> to 1 dm ³ . (For 2.0 mol dm ⁻³ HC <i>l</i> see preparation instructions in the current syllabus.)
FA 2 [C]	180 cm ³	2.0 mol dm ⁻³ sodium hydroxide	See preparation instructions in the current syllabus.
FA 3	150 cm ³	0.0353 mol dm ⁻³ sodium carbonate	Dissolve 3.74 g of Na ₂ CO ₃ [MH] or 10.10g of Na ₂ CO ₃ .10H ₂ O [MH] in each dm ³ of solution.
FA 5 [C]	15 cm ³	0.2 mol dm ⁻³ iron(III) chloride	Dissolve 32.5g of FeC l_3 [MH][C] or 54.1g of FeC l_3 .6H ₂ O [MH][C] in each dm ³ of 1.0 moldm ⁻³ HC l . The resulting solution may be very cloudy. Allow it to stand and settle then decant, or filter the solution. (Dilute 500 cm ³ of 2.0 moldm ⁻³ HC l to 1 dm ³ to prepare 1.0 moldm ⁻³ HC l .)
FA 6 [MH]	15 cm ³	1.0 mol dm ⁻³ sulfuric acid	See preparation instructions in the current syllabus.
FA 7	20 cm ³	$0.05moldm^{-3}$ silver nitrate	See preparation instructions in the current syllabus.
distilled water	$300\mathrm{cm}^3$		
methyl orange [T][C][N] [F][MH][HH]	10 cm ³	methyl orange indicator	See preparation instructions in the current syllabus.
magnesium [F]	2 × 1 cm strip	magnesium ribbon	Provide 2 × 1 cm strips of freshly cleaned magnesium ribbon [F].
aqueous barium nitrate	10 cm ³	0.1 moldm ⁻³ barium nitrate	See preparation instructions in the current syllabus. NOTE: Barium chloride is not a suitable substitute.
aqueous sodium carbonate [MH]	10 cm ³	1.0 mol dm ⁻³ sodium carbonate	Dissolve 106.0g of Na $_2$ CO $_3$ [MH] or 286.0g Na $_2$ CO $_3$.10H $_2$ O [MH] in each dm ³ of solution.

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dilute hydrochloric acid	10 cm ³	2.0moldm ⁻³ HCl	
dilute nitric acid [C]	10 cm ³	2.0 moldm ⁻³ HNO ₃	
dilute sulfuric acid [MH]	10 cm ³	1.0moldm ⁻³ H ₂ SO ₄	
aqueous ammonia [C][MH][N]	10 cm ³	2.0 mol dm ⁻³ NH ₃	See preparation instructions in the current syllabus.
aqueous sodium hydroxide [C]	10 cm ³	2.0 moldm ⁻³ NaOH	If necessary, each of these reagents can be provided as a
aqueous barium chloride or aqueous barium nitrate	10 cm ³	0.1 moldm ⁻³ BaC <i>l</i> ₂ or 0.1 moldm ⁻³ Ba(NO ₃) ₂	communal supply for groups of up to o candidates. Invigilators must be alert to the risk of contamination and the opportunity for malpractice when using a communal supply.
limewater [MH]	10 cm ³	saturated aqueous calcium hydroxide, Ca(OH) ₂	
aqueous silver nitrate	10 cm ³	0.05 mol dm ⁻³ AgNO ₃	
aqueous acidified potassium manganate(VII) [MH]	10 cm ³	0.01 moldm ⁻³ KIMnO ₄ in 0.5 moldm ⁻³ H ₂ SO ₄	

An excess of at least 10% of each material must be prepared to cover accidental loss. •

- All solutions must be thoroughly mixed.
- If you are unable to source any of these chemicals, you must contact Cambridge International as far as possible in advance of the exam for advice. •
- Materials must be labelled only as specified in the 'label' column. The identities of chemicals labelled with letter codes, e.g. FA 1, may be different from their descriptions in the question paper. Candidates must use the descriptions given in the question paper. •

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Supervisor's report

Syllabus and component number			/				
Centre number							
Centre name	 	 		 	 	 	
Time of the practical session	 	 		 	 	 	
Laboratory name/number	 	 		 	 	 	

Give details of any difficulties experienced by the centre or by candidates (include the relevant candidate names and candidate numbers).

You must include:

- any difficulties experienced by the centre in the preparation of materials
- any difficulties experienced by candidates, e.g. due to faulty materials or apparatus
- any specific assistance given to candidates.

If chemicals have been prepared in more than one batch, list the candidates using each batch.

Declaration

- 1 Each packet that I am returning to Cambridge International contains the following items:
 - the scripts of the candidates specified on the barcode label provided
 - the supervisor's results relevant to these candidates
 - the supervisor's reports relevant to these candidates
 - seating plans for each practical session, referring to each candidate by candidate number
 - the attendance register
- 2 Where the practical exam has taken place in more than one practical session, I have clearly labelled the supervisor's results, supervisor's reports and seating plans with the time and laboratory name/number for each practical session.
- 3 I have included details of difficulties relating to each practical session experienced by the centre or by candidates.
- 4 I have reported any other adverse circumstances affecting candidates, e.g. illness, bereavement or temporary injury, directly to Cambridge International on a *special consideration form*.

Signed (supervisor)

Name (in block capitals)