

3 (a) A bottle labelled **FA 5** is thought to contain hydrated zinc sulfate. It would therefore contain zinc ions and sulfate ions as well as water of crystallisation.

- (i) Devise and carry out tests to investigate whether zinc ions, sulfate ions and water of crystallisation are present.

Record the tests you carry out and the observations you see in the space provided.

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- (ii) Use your observations in (a)(i) to complete Table 3.1 to show whether each species is present in **FA 5**.

Use a tick (✓) if the species is present.

Use a cross (X) if the species is **not** present.

Table 3.1

Zn ²⁺	
SO ₄ ²⁻	
H ₂ O	

[1]

(b) You are provided with solid **FA 6**.

- (i) Heat a few crystals of **FA 6** in a hard-glass test-tube until no further gas is evolved. Record all your observations.

Leave the test-tube until it is cool.

Keep the cooled residue for use in (b)(ii).

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- (ii) To the cooled residue from (b)(i), add approximately 3 cm depth of distilled water and stir. Filter the solution formed into a test-tube.

The colour of the solution is

[1]

(c) You are provided with aqueous solutions **FA 7** and **FA 8** and with solid **FA 9**.

FA 7 is an aqueous solution of **FA 6**.

FA 7, **FA 8** and **FA 9** contain compounds which all have one metal that is the same but which may be in different oxidation states.

- (i) Carry out the following tests on **FA 7**, **FA 8** and **FA 9** and record your observations in Table 3.2. For each test use a 1 cm depth of a solution or a spatula measure of solid.

Table 3.2

test	observations		
	FA 7	FA 8	FA 9
Test 1 Add hydrogen peroxide.			
Test 2 Add aqueous sodium hydroxide, then leave to stand.	X		
Test 3 Add aqueous iron(II) sulfate.			X

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- (ii) Suggest the identity of the metal in **FA 6/FA 7**, **FA 8** and **FA 9**.

The metal is

[1]

- (iii) Complete Table 3.3 to suggest the oxidation state of the metal in **FA 6/FA 7** and **FA 8**.

Table 3.3

	FA 6/FA 7	FA 8
oxidation state		

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[Total: 15]

Qualitative analysis notes

1 Reactions of cations

cation	reaction with	
	NaOH(aq)	NH ₃ (aq)
aluminium, Al ³⁺ (aq)	white ppt. soluble in excess	white ppt. insoluble in excess
ammonium, NH ₄ ⁺ (aq)	no ppt. ammonia produced on warming	–
barium, Ba ²⁺ (aq)	faint white ppt. is observed unless [Ba ²⁺ (aq)] is very low	no ppt.
calcium, Ca ²⁺ (aq)	white ppt. unless [Ca ²⁺ (aq)] is very low	no ppt.
chromium(III), Cr ³⁺ (aq)	grey-green ppt. soluble in excess giving dark green solution	grey-green ppt. insoluble in excess
copper(II), Cu ²⁺ (aq)	pale blue ppt. insoluble in excess	pale blue ppt. soluble in excess giving dark blue solution
iron(II), Fe ²⁺ (aq)	green ppt. turning brown on contact with air insoluble in excess	green ppt. turning brown on contact with air insoluble in excess
iron(III), Fe ³⁺ (aq)	red-brown ppt. insoluble in excess	red-brown ppt. insoluble in excess
magnesium, Mg ²⁺ (aq)	white ppt. insoluble in excess	white ppt. insoluble in excess
manganese(II), Mn ²⁺ (aq)	off-white ppt. rapidly turning brown on contact with air insoluble in excess	off-white ppt. rapidly turning brown on contact with air insoluble in excess
zinc, Zn ²⁺ (aq)	white ppt. soluble in excess	white ppt. soluble in excess

2 Reactions of anions

anion	reaction
carbonate, CO ₃ ²⁻	CO ₂ liberated by dilute acids
chloride, Cl ⁻ (aq)	gives white ppt. with Ag ⁺ (aq) (soluble in NH ₃ (aq))
bromide, Br ⁻ (aq)	gives cream/off-white ppt. with Ag ⁺ (aq) (partially soluble in NH ₃ (aq))
iodide, I ⁻ (aq)	gives pale yellow ppt. with Ag ⁺ (aq) (insoluble in NH ₃ (aq))
nitrate, NO ₃ ⁻ (aq)	NH ₃ liberated on heating with OH ⁻ (aq) and Al foil
nitrite, NO ₂ ⁻ (aq)	NH ₃ liberated on heating with OH ⁻ (aq) and Al foil; decolourises acidified aqueous KMnO ₄
sulfate, SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq)	gives white ppt. with Ba ²⁺ (aq) (insoluble in excess dilute strong acids); gives white ppt. with high [Ca ²⁺ (aq)]
sulfite, SO ₃ ²⁻ (aq)	gives white ppt. with Ba ²⁺ (aq) (soluble in excess dilute strong acids); decolourises acidified aqueous KMnO ₄
thiosulfate, S ₂ O ₃ ²⁻ (aq)	gives off-white/pale yellow ppt. slowly with H ⁺

3 Tests for gases

gas	test and test result
ammonia, NH ₃	turns damp red litmus paper blue
carbon dioxide, CO ₂	gives a white ppt. with limewater
hydrogen, H ₂	'pops' with a lighted splint
oxygen, O ₂	relights a glowing splint