1 **(a)** Solutions of Group 2 hydrogencarbonates, $M(HCO_3)_2$, decompose on heating to give the corresponding metal carbonate, carbon dioxide and water.

(i) Write an equation for the decomposition of strontium hydrogencarbonate, $Sr(HCO_3)_2$.

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(ii) The thermal stability of Group 2 carbonates increases down the group.

Explain this trend.

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(b) The hydroxides and fluorides of Group 2 elements show similar trends in solubility.

Describe the trend in the solubility of the fluorides of calcium, strontium and barium.

Explain your answer.

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least soluble most soluble

explanation .....

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(c) **(i)** Define enthalpy change of hydration, ΔH_{hyd}.

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(ii) State the main factors that affect the magnitude of enthalpy change of hydration.

Explain your answer.

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..... [2]

(d) Table 1.1 shows various energy changes.

Table 1.1

energy change	value / kJ mol^{-1}
lattice energy of MgF_2	–2957
enthalpy change of hydration, ΔH_{hyd}, of Mg^{2+}	–1926
enthalpy change of hydration, ΔH_{hyd}, of F^-	–505

Use data from Table 1.1 to calculate the enthalpy change of solution, ΔH_{sol}, for $MgF_2(s)$.

It may be helpful to draw a labelled energy cycle. Show your working.

ΔH_{sol} of $MgF_2(s)$ = ... kJ mol^{-1} [2]

(e) Mercury(I) fluoride, Hg_2F_2, is sparingly soluble in water.

The cation in Hg_2F_2 exists as the diatomic ion Hg_2^{2+} with a covalent Hg–Hg bond.

(i) Write the expression for the solubility product, K_{sp}, of Hg_2F_2. Include the units.

K_{sp} =

units .....
[2]

(ii) The solubility of Hg_2F_2 is 9.20×10^{-3} mol dm^{-3} at 298 K.

Calculate the value of K_{sp} of Hg_2F_2 at 298 K.

K_{sp} = ... [1]

[Total: 15]