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CHEMISTRY

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Paper 4 Practical

For examination from 2026

SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours 30 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: The materials and apparatus listed in the confidential instructions

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
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- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
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- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use an approved calculator.
- Qualitative analysis notes are printed in the question paper.
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INFORMATION

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Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided.

1 Determination of the enthalpy change of solution, ΔH_{sol} , of potassium chloride.

FA 1 is potassium chloride, KCl , provided in a capped bottle.

In this experiment, you will measure the temperature of the contents of a polystyrene cup at timed intervals, both before and after solid **FA 1** is added. You will analyse your results graphically in order to determine an accurate value for the temperature change of the mixture, caused by solid **FA 1** dissolving.

You will use this temperature change value to calculate the heat change, q , for the experiment, and hence determine a value for the enthalpy change of solution, ΔH_{sol} , for solid **FA 1**.

(a) In the space provided on page 4, prepare tables in which to record results for your experiment:

- all weighings, to an appropriate level of precision
- all values of temperature, T , to an appropriate level of precision
- all values of time, t , recorded to the nearest 0.5 min.

It is important that you measure each temperature at the specified time.

Procedure

- step 1 Weigh the capped bottle containing solid **FA 1**. Record the mass in your results table on page 4.
- step 2 Place one polystyrene cup inside the other polystyrene cup. Place these in a glass beaker to prevent them from tipping over.
- step 3 Use the 50 cm^3 measuring cylinder to transfer 50 cm^3 of deionised water into the first polystyrene cup.
- step 4 Stir the water in the polystyrene cup with the **thermometer with 0.2°C graduation. It is important that you use the correct thermometer.** Start the stopwatch ($t = 0.0 \text{ min}$) and immediately read and record the temperature, T . The stopwatch must be left to run for the rest of the experiment.
- step 5 Continue to stir the water. Read and record T every minute for two minutes.
- step 6 At **exactly** three minutes, tip all the solid **FA 1** into the polystyrene cup. Stir the mixture but do **not** read T .
- step 7 Continue to stir the mixture. Read and record T at $t = 3.5 \text{ min}$.
- step 8 Continue to stir the mixture. Read and record T at $t = 4.0 \text{ min}$ and every minute until $t = 9.0 \text{ min}$.
- step 9 Reweigh the empty bottle and its cap. Record this mass in your results table.

Results

[5]

- (b) Plot a graph of temperature, T , on the y -axis, against time, t , on the x -axis on the grid in Figure 1.1.

Draw a best-fit straight line taking into account all of the points before $t = 3.0$ min.

Draw another best-fit straight line taking into account all of the points after the temperature of the mixture has started to rise steadily.

Extrapolate (extend) both lines to $t = 3.0$ min.

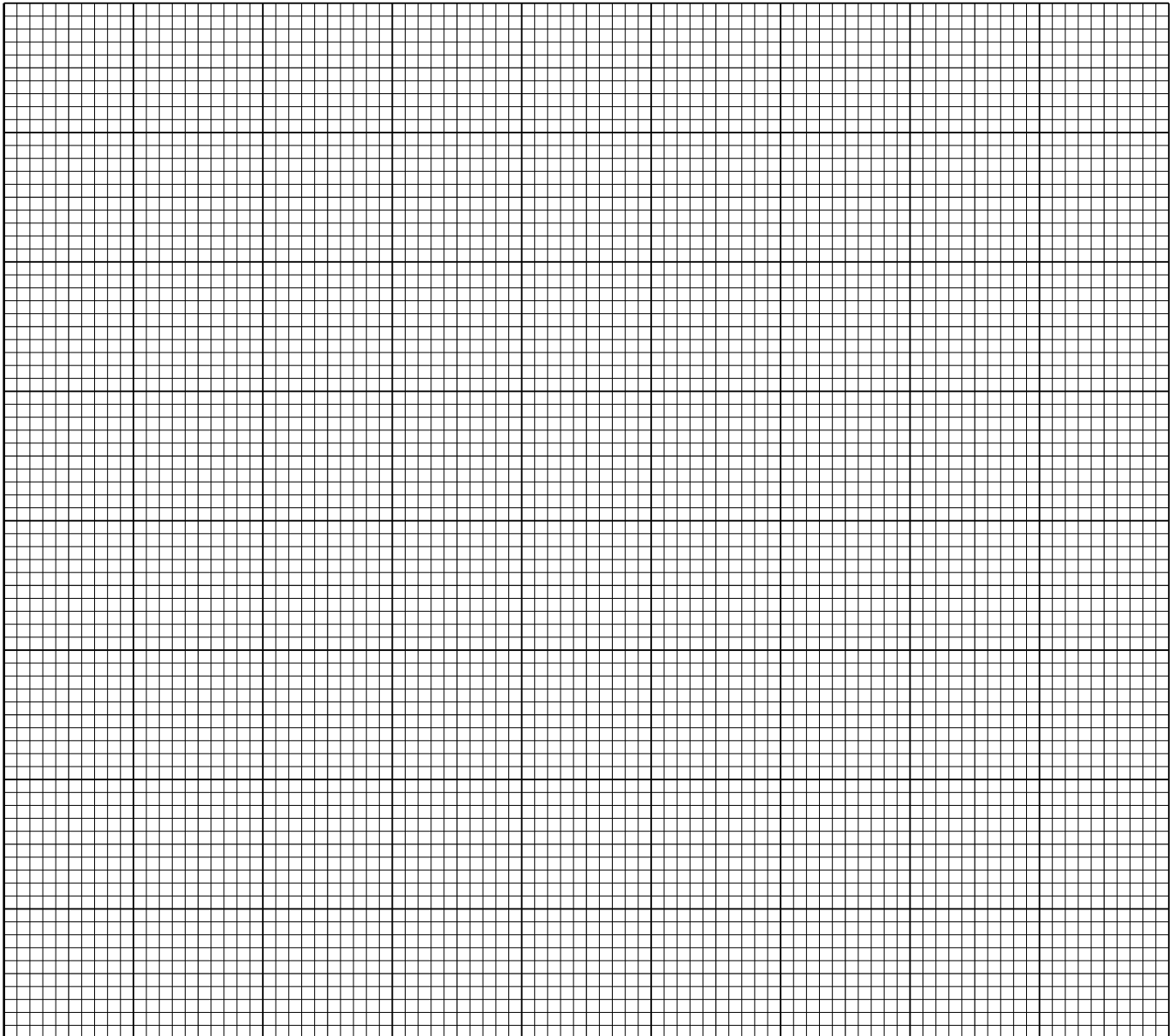


Figure 1.1

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- (c) From your graph, read the minimum temperature, T_{\min} , and the maximum temperature, T_{\max} , at $t = 3.0$ min. Record these values in the spaces provided.

Deduce the temperature change, ΔT , at $t = 3.0$ min.

$$T_{\min} = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$T_{\max} = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$\Delta T = \dots\dots\dots$$

[1]

- (d) Calculate the heat change, q , for your experiment using the ΔT value you deduced in 1(c).

You should assume that the specific heat capacity of the solution is $4.18 \text{ J g}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ and the density of the solution is 1.00 g cm^{-3} .

$$q = \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

- (e) Determine the enthalpy change of solution, ΔH_{sol} , for solid **FA 1**.

Include the sign of ΔH_{sol} in your answer.

[A_r : Cl, 35.5; K, 39.1]

$$\Delta H_{\text{sol}} = \dots\dots\dots [5]$$

- (f) Suggest the effect that using 100 cm^3 , rather than 50 cm^3 , of water would have on your value for ΔT . Hence, deduce and explain the effect this will have on the value for ΔH_{sol} .

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[Total: 16]

2 Determination of the M_r of a hydrated ethanedioate salt

Ethanedioic acid, $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$, forms salts with metals. One of these salts can be represented by the formula $\text{X}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$, where **X** is a Group 1 metal.

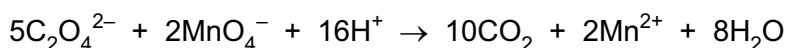
Solution **Q** contains 64.5 g dm^{-3} of $\text{X}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ in deionised water. You are **not** provided with **Q**.

FA 2 is a diluted sample of solution **Q**. To prepare **FA 2**, 35.70 cm^3 of **Q** was made up to 250 cm^3 with deionised water in a volumetric flask.

FA 3 is $0.0200 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ potassium manganate(VII), KMnO_4 .

FA 4 is 1.00 mol dm^{-3} sulfuric acid, H_2SO_4 .

Ethanedioate ions, $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$, react with acidified manganate(VII) ions as shown by the following equation.



In this question, you will perform a titration. The data from this titration will be used to determine:

- the concentration of $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ ions in **Q**
- the M_r of $\text{X}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ and hence the identity of the metal **X**.

(a) Titration of **FA 2** against **FA 3**

In this titration, you will run **FA 3** from the burette into a conical flask containing **FA 2** and **FA 4**. Initially, the colour of the **FA 3** will take some time to disappear. After some **FA 3** has been added, sufficient $\text{Mn}^{2+}(\text{aq})$ ions will be present to allow the reaction to occur faster. $\text{Mn}^{2+}(\text{aq})$ ions catalyse the reaction.

The end-point is reached when a **permanent** pale pink colour is obtained.

- (i) step 1 Fill the burette with **FA 3**.
- step 2 Use the pipette to transfer 25.0 cm^3 of **FA 2** into a 250 cm^3 conical flask.
- step 3 Use the 50 cm^3 measuring cylinder to transfer 50.0 cm^3 of **FA 4** to the same conical flask.
- step 4 Heat the mixture in the conical flask to approximately $65 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, monitored with the **thermometer with $1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ graduation**. It is important that you use the **correct thermometer**. Take care when removing the conical flask from the heat.
- step 5 Run **FA 3** from the burette into this flask until a **permanent** pale pink colour is obtained. If a brown precipitate appears during your titration, add another 50.0 cm^3 of **FA 4** and reheat the solution until the precipitate disappears. Then continue with the titration.
- step 6 Record your titration results in Table 2.1 on page 8. Make certain that your recorded results show the precision of your working.
- step 7 Repeat steps 1 to 6 as necessary until consistent results are obtained.
- step 8 **Turn off your Bunsen burner.**

Keep **FA 3 and **FA 4** for use in Question 3**

Results

Table 2.1

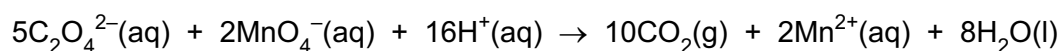
final burette reading / cm ³					
initial burette reading / cm ³					
volume of FA 3 added / cm ³					

[4]

- (ii) From your titrations, obtain a suitable volume of **FA 3** to be used in your calculations. Show clearly how you obtained this volume.

volume of **FA 3** = cm³ [1]

- (b) (i) The equation for the reaction between ethanedioate ions and manganate(VII) ions is shown.



Calculate the amount of ethanedioate ions, $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$, in 25.0 cm³ of **FA 2**.

amount of $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ in 25.0 cm³ of **FA 2** = mol [1]

- (ii) Determine the concentration in mol dm⁻³ of $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ in **Q**.

concentration of $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ in **Q** = mol dm⁻³ [2]

(iii) Use your answer to **2(b)(ii)** to calculate the M_r of the ethanedioate salt, $X_2C_2O_4 \cdot H_2O$.

M_r of the ethanedioate salt = [1]

(iv) Hence, deduce the identity of **X**. Show your working.

[A_r : H, 1.0; C, 12.0; O, 16.0; Li, 6.9; Na, 23.0; K, 39.1; Rb, 85.5; Cs, 132.9; Fr, 223.0]

X is [2]

(c) A student performed the experiment in **2(a)(i)** using a sample of another ethanedioate salt. The student obtained a mean titre value of 22.20 cm^3 .

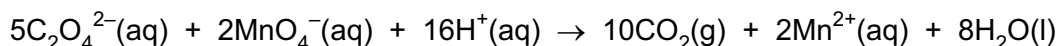
The teacher calculated that the mean titre volume of **FA 3** required should have been 22.40 cm^3 . The teacher told the student that the total percentage error from the burette in the experiment was 0.4%.

Calculate the percentage error in the student's result, based on these data. State and explain whether or not the student's result is accurate.

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 [2]

- (d) The volume of carbon dioxide produced from the reaction between ethanedioate ions and manganate(VII) ions can be used to confirm the identity of **X** in the hydrated ethanedioate salt, $\text{X}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$.



You may assume you are provided with:

- 10 g of hydrated ethanedioate salt, $\text{X}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$, where **X** is a Group 1 metal
 - 150 cm³ of **FA 3**
 - 150 cm³ of **FA 4**
 - the equipment normally found in a school or college laboratory.
- (i) Calculate the mass of $\text{X}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ to make 250.0 cm³ of 0.05 mol dm⁻³ $\text{X}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ solution, using your answer to **2(b)(iv)**. If you did not deduce the identity of **X** in **2(b)(iv)**, then assume **X** is Na.

mass of $\text{X}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ = g [1]

- (ii) Plan an experiment to collect the carbon dioxide gas produced in the reaction between ethanedioate ions and manganate(VII) ions by displacement of water. You may draw a labelled diagram of the set-up that could be used to carry out this experiment.

In your plan, you should include brief details of:

- the preparation of 250.0 cm³ of 0.05 mol dm⁻³ $\text{X}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ solution
- the volumes of **FA 3**, **FA 4** and the 0.05 mol dm⁻³ $\text{X}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ solution to use in the experiment
- a calculation of the expected volume of gas collected using your specified volume of 0.05 mol dm⁻³ $\text{X}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ solution
- the apparatus you would use
- the procedure you would follow
- the measurements you would make
- how your experimental results could be used to confirm the identity of **X**.

You may assume that the experiment is carried out at room temperature.

The molar volume of a gas = 24 dm³ mol⁻¹.

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(iii) A gas syringe can be used to measure the volume of gas produced, instead of collection over water.

State **one** advantage of collecting and measuring the gas in a gas syringe instead of over water.

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[Total: 23]

3 Organic analysis

Before starting this analysis, ensure your Bunsen burner is turned off.

In this question, you will deduce the identities of the organic compounds **FA 5**, **FA 6**, **FA 7** and **FA 8**.

- Each compound contains only carbon, hydrogen and oxygen.
- Each molecule contains only three carbon atoms and only one oxygen atom.

You will perform a series of test-tube reactions and use the observations to help you identify the compounds. The observations for one of the reactions has already been recorded in Table 3.1.

You are provided with:

- liquid samples **FA 5**, **FA 6**, **FA 7** and **FA 8**
- iodine solution
- Fehling's solution A
- Fehling's solution B
- other necessary bench reagents.

You will also need access to the **FA 3** and **FA 4** solutions you used in **Question 2**.

- (a) Perform the tests described in Table 3.1 on pages 14 and 15, and record your observations in Table 3.1. If there is no observable change, write **no observable change**.

Use a fresh sample of each liquid in each test.

Table 3.1

	tests	observations with FA 5	observations with FA 6	observations with FA 7	observations with FA 8
1	<p>Add 1 cm depth of FA 4 to a clean test-tube.</p> <p>To this test-tube, add 5 drops of FA 5 followed by 5 drops of FA 3.</p> <p>Prepare a hot water bath using the hot water provided.</p> <p>Warm the mixture in the water bath for two minutes.</p> <p>Repeat using FA 6 and FA 7, in place of FA 5.</p>				<p>FA 3 solution decolourises</p>
2	<p>Add 1 cm depth of deionised water to a clean test-tube.</p> <p>To this test-tube, add 5 drops of FA 5 followed by 6 drops of aqueous sodium hydroxide.</p> <p>Add iodine solution, dropwise, until a permanent yellow / orange colour is present.</p> <p>Warm the mixture in the water bath for two minutes.</p> <p>Repeat using FA 6, FA 7 and FA 8, in place of FA 5.</p>				

	tests	observations with FA 5	observations with FA 6	observations with FA 7	observations with FA 8
3	<p>Add 1 cm depth of Fehling's solution A to a clean test-tube. Then add Fehling's solution B, dropwise, until the initial precipitate just dissolves to give a deep blue solution.</p> <p>Add 5 drops of FA 5.</p> <p>Warm the mixture in the water bath for five minutes.</p> <p>Repeat using FA 6, FA 7 and FA 8, in place of FA 5.</p>				

[6]

- (b) When a small amount of solid phosphorus(V) chloride was added to separate samples of each of the organic compounds, white fumes were observed only with **FA 6** and **FA 8**.

Use this information and observations recorded in Table 3.1 to complete Table 3.2 to identify the organic compounds **FA 5**, **FA 6**, **FA 7** and **FA 8**.

For each compound, give evidence to support your conclusion.

Table 3.2

	identity of compound	evidence
FA 5		
FA 6		
FA 7		
FA 8		

[4]

- (c) Suggest the structure of a compound with $M_r = 74.0$ that would give:

- no observable change in tests 1–3 in Table 3.1
- effervescence with a positive test with limewater when reacted with sodium carbonate.

[A_r : H, 1.0; C, 12.0; O, 16.0]

[1]

[Total: 11]

Qualitative analysis notes

[ppt. = precipitate]

(a) 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)	ammonia produced on heating	–
barium, Ba ²⁺ (aq)	no ppt. (if reagents are pure)	no ppt.
calcium, Ca ²⁺ (aq)	white ppt. with high [Ca ²⁺ (aq)]	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	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

(b) Reactions of anions

ion	reaction
carbonate, CO_3^{2-}	CO_2 liberated by dilute acids
chloride, $\text{Cl}^-(\text{aq})$	gives white ppt. with $\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq})$ (soluble in $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$)
bromide, $\text{Br}^-(\text{aq})$	gives pale cream ppt. with $\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq})$ (partially soluble in $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$)
iodide, $\text{I}^-(\text{aq})$	gives yellow ppt. with $\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq})$ (insoluble in $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$)
nitrate, $\text{NO}_3^-(\text{aq})$	NH_3 liberated on heating with $\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$ and <i>Al</i> foil
nitrite, $\text{NO}_2^-(\text{aq})$	NH_3 liberated on heating with $\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$ and <i>Al</i> foil; NO liberated by dilute acids (colourless $\text{NO} \rightarrow$ (pale) brown NO_2 in air)
sulfate, $\text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})$	gives white ppt. with $\text{Ba}^{2+}(\text{aq})$ (insoluble in excess dilute strong acids);
sulfite, $\text{SO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq})$	SO_2 liberated with dilute acids; gives white ppt. with $\text{Ba}^{2+}(\text{aq})$ (soluble in dilute strong acids)

(c) 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 (ppt. dissolves with excess CO_2)
chlorine, Cl_2	bleaches damp litmus paper
hydrogen, H_2	'pops' with a lighted splint
oxygen, O_2	relights a glowing splint
sulfur dioxide, SO_2	turns aqueous acidified potassium manganate(VII) from purple to colourless

(d) Colour of halogens

halogen	colour of element	colour in aqueous solution	colour in hexane
chlorine, Cl_2	greenish yellow gas	pale yellow	pale yellow
bromine, Br_2	reddish brown gas / liquid	orange	orange-red
iodine, I_2	black solid / purple gas	brown	purple

(e) Tests for organic compounds

organic compounds	reactions
alkene	decolourises orange Br ₂ (aq)
chloroalkane	heat with NaOH(aq), white ppt. formed on adding dilute HNO ₃ , followed by Ag ⁺ (aq)
bromoalkane	heat with NaOH(aq), pale cream ppt. formed on adding dilute HNO ₃ , followed by Ag ⁺ (aq)
iodoalkane	heat with NaOH(aq), yellow ppt. formed on adding dilute HNO ₃ , followed by Ag ⁺ (aq)
alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forms white fumes with solid PCl₅ • decolourises purple acidified KMnO₄(aq) on heating (for primary and secondary alcohols) • gives pale yellow ppt. with alkaline I₂(aq) on warming (for alcohols with CH₃CH(OH)– group)
phenol	decolourises orange Br ₂ (aq) and forms a white ppt.
carbonyl compounds (aldehydes and ketones)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gives orange ppt. with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine • gives pale yellow ppt. with alkaline I₂(aq) on warming (for carbonyl compounds with CH₃CO– group) • gives red-brown ppt. with Fehling's solution on warming (for aliphatic aldehydes) • gives silver mirror with Tollens' reagent on warming (for aldehydes)
carboxylic acid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CO₂ liberated by Na₂CO₃(aq) • gives white fumes with solid PCl₅
phenylamine	decolourises orange Br ₂ (aq) and forms a white ppt.
primary amide	NH ₃ liberated on heating with NaOH(aq)

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