TESTS FOR GASES, CATIONS AND ANIONS 1

MARK SCHEME

Q1.

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark
(a)(i)	yellow		1
(ii)	lilac		1
(b)	(bubble through) limewater		1
	Cloudy	allow white / milky	1
(c)(i)	silver nitrate solution		1
(ii)	white		1
(d)(i)	place sample in flame	accept flame test accept any workable method allow burn ignore heat	1
	sodium: yellow (flame)	allow orange	1
	potassium: lilac (flame)	allow purple	1
(ii)	(lilac) colour (of potassium) obscured by (yellow) colour of sodium	allow difficult to see two colours allow sodium colour is brighter allow colours mix	1
(e)	acidify (with nitric acid)	do not accept if acidified with anything other than nitric acid	1
	add silver nitrate (solution)		1
	white précipitate	depends on second marking point allow white solid ignore silver chloride ignore solution goes cloudy / milky	1
(f)(i)	add excess (sodium hydroxide)	allow add sodium hydroxide	1
	aluminium (ions / hydroxide) (re)dissolve	depends on first marking point allow if aluminium, (white) precipitate / solid dissolves allow magnesium (ions /	1
		hydroxide) do not (re)dissolve	
(f)(ii)	place sample in flame	accept flame test accept any workable method	1

		allow burn	1
	flame does not go red	ignore heat accept calcium (ions / hydroxide would produce) red flame allow magnesium (ions / hydroxide) (produce) no flame	
		colour	
Total			17

Q2.

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark
(a)	stop them reacting		1
(b)(i)	fizzing / bubbles /		1
	effervescence		
(ii)	(g)		1
(iii)	limewater		1
(c)	yellow		1
(d)(i)	barium chloride		1
(ii)	white		1
(iii)	e.g. don't see what is being bought or a comment about quality / purity e.g. may be impure / contaminated	ignore references to cost	1
Total			8

Q3.

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark
(a)	limewater / calcium hydroxide		1
	(limewater) goes milky / cloudy or gives white precipitate / solid	do not allow this mark if lime water added to solution or powder	1
(b)	e.g. flame colour of (Na) and flame colour of (K) interfere / mask / mix with each other	accept difficult to determine the colour or hard to distinguish accept some indication that two distinct colours are not seen	1
(c)(i)	barium chloride	ignore mention of acidification	1

	(solution) / BaCl ₂	do not allow sulfuric acid.	
		wrong reagent = no mark	
	white precipitate /	allow white barium sulfate	
	white solid	or	1
		barium sulfate precipitate	
(ii)	white precipitate / white solid	ignore goes milky	1
	Soliu	do not accept any mention of	
		precipitate dissolving	
Total			6

Q4.

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark
(a)(i)	sodium hydroxide		1
	green		1
	solid		1
(ii)	barium chloride		1
	white		1
	sulfate ions, SO ₄ ²⁻		1
(b)	some indication of contact between (colourless) flame and the chemical	ignore colour of flame	1
(c)	any one from: • accurate • precise • sensitive • reliable • rapid • only small amount needed	ignore reference to cost / safer	1
Total			8