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| Question | Answers | Marks |
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| 1(a) | 3.1 ; 5.8 ; | 2 |
| 1(b) | axes labelled with units ; linear scale using at least half the grid ; at least 4 plots correct \pm half small square (excluding origin) ; best fit curve ; | 4 |
| 1(c)(i) | steep <u>and</u> then levels off ; | 1 |
| 1(c)(ii) | fast at start/slows down; | 1 |
| 1(d) | glowing splint ; relights ; | 2 |
| | Total: | 10 |

| Question | Answers | Marks |
|-----------------|---|--------------|
| 2(a)(i) | copper / Cu ; | 1 |
| 2(a)(ii) | 23. <u>0</u> ; 38.5 ; | 2 |
| 2(b)(i) | 54(.0), 41.5, 30(.0), 15.5 ; ecf | 1 |
| 2(b)(ii) | vertical scale linear and uses more than half of grid ; minimum of 3 points plotted correctly to within half a small square ; best straight line through origin ; | 3 |

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| 2(b)(iii) | agrees as all points close to / on straight line (through origin) ; | 1 |
| 2(c)(i) | exothermic ; | 1 |
| 2(c)(ii) | lid / insulation around cup / more accurate thermometer / repeat with different concentrations (extra points) ; | 1 |
| | Total: | 10 |

| Question | Answers | Marks |
|-----------------|---|--------------|
| 3(a) | note the reading on either side and find mean / shown on a diagram / measure cube and mark the <u>mid point</u> ; | 1 |
| 3(b)(i) | 36 (.0) ; | 1 |
| 3(b)(ii) | 21 (.0) cm ; | 1 |
| 3(b)(iii) | 14 (.0) cm ; | 1 |
| 3(c)(i) | 84.4 g ; | 1 |
| 3(c)(ii) | 56 to 56.2666... ; 56 / 56.3 g (2 / 3 significant figures) ; | 2 |
| 3(d) | any 2 centre of gravity of the rule not at the 50 cm mark ; difficulty in obtaining balance of ruler ; pivot not at right angles to edge of rule ; cube irregular ; ruler mass rounded ; | max 2 |
| 3(e) | <i>a</i> smaller and <i>b</i> greater ; | 1 |
| | Total: | 10 |

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| Question | Answers | Marks |
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| 4(a)(i) | 1.8 ; | 1 |
| 4(a)(ii) | 3.5 ; | 1 |
| 4(b)(i) | 1.7 ; | 1 |
| 4(b)(ii) | 8.5 (mm/hr) ; | 1 |
| 4(b)(iii) | water enters bag / enters membrane ; | 1 |
| 4(c) | water (in the beaker) ; Benedict's ; heat ; no change / stays blue ; | 4 |
| 4(d) | level in tube drops / bag deflates / water from bag into beaker ; | 1 |
| | Total: | 10 |

| Question | Answers | Marks |
|-----------------|---|--------------|
| 5(a)(i) | ammonia / NH ₃ ; | 1 |
| 5(a)(ii) | white precipitate / white solid ; | 1 |
| 5(a)(iii) | add silver nitrate ; white precipitate ; | 2 |
| 5(a)(iv) | blue ppt. ; | 1 |

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| Question | Answers | Marks |
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| 5(b)(i) | measuring cylinder / pipette / burette ; | 1 |
| 5(b)(ii) | UI ; red to green ; | 2 |
| 5(b)(iii) | salt would be impure / salt would be coloured ; | 1 |
| 5(b)(iv) | heat ; | 1 |
| | Total: | 10 |

| Question | Answers | Marks |
|-----------------|--|--------------|
| 6(a) | 64 (F) ; 49 (G) ; | 2 |
| 6(b) | axes labelled with units ; suitable scales chosen for axes using at least half of grid ; at least 4 points plotted $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ square for each container ; smooth curves drawn (and labelled) ; | 4 |
| 6(c)(i) | G is better (no mark) because the temperature fell more rapidly / lower curve ; | 1 |
| 6(c)(ii) | named non-metallic material for F , e.g. polythene / wood / plastic ; named metallic material for G , e.g. copper / metal ; | 2 |
| 6(d) | value in region 21 to 40 °C ; | 1 |
| | Total: | 10 |