

EXPERIMENT NO. 4

Qualitative Analysis

At each stage of any test you are to record details of the following.

- colour changes seen
- the formation of any precipitate
- the solubility of such precipitates in an excess of the reagent added

Where gases are released they should be identified by a test, **described in the appropriate place in your observations.**

You should indicate clearly at what stage in a test a change occurs.
Marks are **not** given for chemical equations.

No additional tests for ions present should be attempted.

If any solution is warmed, a boiling tube MUST be used.

Rinse and reuse test-tubes and boiling tubes where possible.

Where reagents are selected for use in a test, the name or correct formula of the element or compound must be given.

- (a) In **Question 1** you used **FA 2**. This solution was prepared from hydrated ammonium iron(II) sulfate, $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Fe}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$.
To a 1 cm depth of **FA 2** in a test-tube, add a small spatula measure of sodium carbonate.
Record your observations.

test	Observation
To 1cm depth of FA2 in a test tube, add a small spatula measure of sodium carbonate	effervescence of a colorless gas produced which gave white ppt with Lime water.

Solutions containing Fe^{2+} ions can quickly be oxidised in air if they are prepared by dissolving the solid in distilled water.

Use your observations to suggest what other substance was added to solid $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Fe}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ to prepare **FA 2**.

an acid / H^+

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- (b) **FA 6** is a mixture of two salts, each of which contains a single cation and a single anion from those listed in the Qualitative Analysis Notes. Do the following tests and record your observations in the table below.

test	observations
(i) Place a small spatula measure of FA 6 in a hard-glass test-tube and heat strongly.	i) solid turned grey/black from green ii) Steamy fumes / water condensed. iii) Solid melts.
(ii) Place a small spatula measure of FA 6 in a test-tube and carefully add dilute sulfuric acid until the reaction is complete, then	effervescence of colorless gas, which gave white ppt with lime water. solid dissolved give a pale blue solution
add aqueous sodium hydroxide.	Blue ppt. insoluble in excess
(iii) To a 3 cm depth of distilled water in a boiling tube, add the remaining sample of FA 6 . Stir and then filter the mixture into a clean boiling tube. You will use this solution for tests (iv)–(vi).	X
(iv) To a 1 cm depth of the solution from (iii) in a test-tube, add aqueous sodium hydroxide.	white ppt. insoluble in excess
(v) To a 1 cm depth of the solution from (iii) in a test-tube, add aqueous ammonia.	white ppt. insoluble in excess
(vi) To a 1 cm depth of the solution from (iii) in a test-tube, add aqueous barium chloride or aqueous barium nitrate.	white ppt. formed

(vii) Suggest possible identities for the ions present in FA 6.

cations Cu^{2+} and Mg^{2+}

anions CO_3^{2-} and $\text{SO}_4^{2-} / \text{SO}_3^{2-}$

(viii) Describe a further test that would allow you to determine exactly which anions are present. Explain your choice. Do **not** do this test.

add any dilute strong acid other than H_2SO_4 in test
(vi) after $\text{BaCl}_2(\text{aq})$, ppt of BaSO_4 will be insoluble and
ppt of BaSO_3 will be soluble.

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