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# Reactions of ions in aqueous solution 1



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(a)  $Cr(OH)_3 + 3H_2O + 3H^+ \rightarrow [Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ 

Can start with  $Cr(H_2O)_3(OH)_3$  for each equation
Ignore any unnecessary preliminary preparation of  $Cr(OH)_3$ Green / grey-green solid

Mark colours independently from equations

Forms green / purple / ruby / violet solution

ignore shades of colours

Allow green ppt.

Cr(OH) $_3$  + 2H $_2$ O + OH $^-$  → [Cr(H $_2$ O) $_2$ (OH) $_4$ ] $^-$  Allow with 5 or 6 OH $^-$  provided complex has co–ordination number of 6

Penalise complex ions with incorrect charges overall or if shown on ligand.

Forms green solution

Note that for each equation final complex must be 6 co-ordinate

(b)  $[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 4NH_3 \rightarrow [Cu(H_2O)_2(NH_3)_4]^{2+} + 4H_2O$ Allow two correct equations via intermediate hydroxide in both cases even if first equation uses  $OH^-$  instead of  $NH_3$ 

Blue (solution)

Mark colours independently from equations

Dark / deep / royal blue solution

 $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 6NH_3 \rightarrow [Co(NH_3)_6]^{2+} + 6H_2O$ 

pink / red (solution)

Brown / straw / yellow solution

ignore darkens in air / with time

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(a)  $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 2NH_3 \rightarrow Fe(H_2O)_4(OH)_2 + 2NH_4^+$ Allow equation with OH<sup>-</sup> provided equation showing formation of OH<sup>-</sup> from NH<sub>3</sub> given

Green precipitate

$$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + CO_3^{2-} \rightarrow FeCO_3 + 6H_2O$$

Green precipitate

effervescence incorrect so loses M4

(b) (i) Colourless / (pale) green changes to pink / purple (solution)

Do not allow pale pink to purple

Just after the end-point MnO<sub>4</sub> is in excess / present

(ii) 
$$MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5Fe^{2+} \rightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O + 5Fe^{3+}$$

Moles  $KMnO_4 = 18.7 \times 0.0205 / 1000 = (3.8335 \times 10^{-4})$ *Process mark* 

Moles 
$$Fe^{2+} = 5 \times 3.8335 \times 10^{-4} = 1.91675 \times 10^{-3}$$
  
Mark for  $M2 \times 5$ 

Moles Fe<sup>2+</sup> in 250 cm<sup>3</sup> =  $10 \times 1.91675 \times 10^{-3} = 0.0191675$  moles in 50 cm<sup>3</sup> Process mark for moles of iron in titration (M3)  $\times$  10

Original conc Fe
$$^{2+}$$
 = 0.0191675 × 1000 / 50 = 0.383 mol dm $^{-3}$   
Answer for moles of iron (M4) × 1000 / 50  
Answer must be to at least 2 sig. figs. (0.38)

(a) An electron pair on the ligand

Blue precipitate

(b)

Is donated from the ligand to the central metal ion

Dissolves to give a dark blue solution



complex

Reagent and species can be extracted from the equation Ignore conditions such as dilute, concentrated, excess Reagent must be a compound NOT just an ion

Equations must start from  $[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  except in part (b) Mark reagent, species and equation independently

ammonia (NH3) (solution) / NaOH

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$$\begin{split} [\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+} + 2\text{NH}_3 &\rightarrow [\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{OH})_2] + 2\text{NH}_4^+ \, / \\ [\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+} + 2\text{OH}^- &\rightarrow [\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{OH})_2] + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ &\quad \quad \text{Do not allow OH}^- \text{ for reagent} \\ &\quad \quad \text{Product 1, balanced equation 1} \end{split}$$

Allow either equation for ammonia

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### (b) Reaction 2

Ammonia (conc / xs)

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### (c) Reaction 3

Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> / any identified soluble carbonate / NaHCO<sub>3</sub>

Do not allow NaCO<sub>3</sub> or any insoluble carbonate but mark on

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$$[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + CO_3^{2-} \rightarrow CuCO_3 + 6H_2O$$

$$OR \; [Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + Na_2CO_3 \rightarrow CuCO_3 + 6H_2O + 2Na^+$$

$${\sf OR}\; 2[{\sf Cu}({\sf H}_2{\sf O})_6]^{2+} + 2{\sf CO}_3^{2-} \rightarrow {\sf Cu}({\sf OH})_2.{\sf CuCO}_3 + 11{\sf H}_2{\sf O} + {\sf CO}_2$$

OR with NaHCO3

$$[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + HCO_3^- \rightarrow CuCO_3 + 6H_2O + H^+$$
Product 1. balanced equation 1

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# (d) Reaction 4

Allow any identified soluble chloride

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$$[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 4Cl^- \rightarrow [CuCl_4]^{2-} + 6H_2O$$

Product 1, balanced equation 1

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(a) Iron(II): green (solution) gives a green precipitate

Apply list principle throughout if extra colours and / or extra observations given. Ignore state symbols in equations.

Not blue-green ppt.

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$$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + CO_3^{2-} \rightarrow FeCO_3 + 6H_2O$$

Must start from [Fe(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>

Allow equations with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

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Iron(III): yellow / purple / brown / lilac / violet (solution) gives a brown / rusty precipitate

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Effervescence / gas / bubbles

Allow CO2 evolved but not just CO2

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$$2[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+} + 3CO_3^{2-} \rightarrow 2[Fe(H_2O)_3(OH)_3] + 3CO_2 + 3H_2O_3^{2-}$$

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(b) Copper(II): blue (solution) gives a green / yellow solution OR blue solution (turns) to green / yellow / olive green

Apply list principle throughout if extra colours and / or extra observations given. Ignore state symbols in equations.

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$$\underline{[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+}} + 4CI^- \rightarrow [CuCI_4]^{2-} + 6H_2O$$

Allow equations with HCI

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Cobalt(II): pink (solution) gives a blue solution OR pink solution turns blue

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$$[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 4CI^- \rightarrow [CoCI_4]^{2-} + 6H_2O$$

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(c) Iron(II): green (solution) gives a green precipitate

Apply list principle throughout if extra colours and / or extra observations given. Ignore state symbols in equations.

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$$\underline{[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}} + 2\text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{OH})_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$$

Allow equations with NaOH



Chromium(III): green / ruby / purple / violet / red-violet (solution) gives a green solution *OR* green / ruby / purple / violet / red-violet solution turns green *Ignore green ppt.* 

$$[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+} + 6OH^- \rightarrow [Cr(OH)_6]^{3-} + 6H_2O$$

Allow also with 4 or 5 OH balanced with 2 or 1 waters.

Also allow two correct equations showing  $Cr(H_2O)_3(OH)_3$  as intermediate.

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(d) Al: colourless (solution) gives a white ppt

Apply list principle throughout if extra colours and / or extra observations given. Ignore state symbols in equations.

$$[Al(H_2O)_6]^{3+} + 3NH_3 \rightarrow Al(H_2O)_3(OH)_3 + 3NH_4^+$$

Allow + 
$$3OH \rightarrow 3H_2O$$
 if

$$NH_3 + H_2O \rightarrow NH_4^+ + OH^-$$
 also

Ag: colourless (solution) remains a colourless solution / no visible change Ignore brown ppt.

$$[Ag(H_2O)_2]^+ + 2NH_3 \rightarrow [Ag(NH_3)_2]^+ + 2H_2O$$

Allow 2 / 3 equations involving Ag<sub>2</sub>O or Ag(OH)<sub>2</sub>

9 (a) Yellow (solution)

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Orange solution

$$2CrO_4^{2^-} + 2H^+ \rightarrow Cr_2O_7^{2^-} + H_2O$$
Allow equation with  $H_2SO_4$ 

(b) Yellow / purple (solution)

Allow orange / brown (solution)

Brown precipitate / solid

$$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+} + 3OH^- \rightarrow Fe(H_2O)_3(OH)_3 + 3H_2O$$



# (c) Blue (solution)

Allow pale blue

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Ignore any reference to blue ppt

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$$[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 4NH_3 \rightarrow [Cu(H_2O)_2(NH_3)_4]^{2+} + 4H_2O$$
  
Can be in two equations

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(d) Colourless (solution)

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White precipitate / solid

Do not allow grey

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Bubbles / effervescence / gas evolved / given off

Do not allow just CO2

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$$2[\text{AI}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+} + 3\text{CO}_3{}^{2-} \rightarrow 2\text{AI}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{OH})_3 + 3\text{CO}_2 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$$

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Electron pair donor

(a)

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Allow lone pair donor

(b) 
$$[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 2NH_3 \rightarrow Cu(H_2O)_4(OH)_2 + 2NH_4^+$$

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(Blue solution) gives a (pale) blue precipitate/solid

M2 only awarded if M1 shows Bronsted-Lowry reaction

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$$\mbox{(c)} \quad [Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+} \ + \ 4NH_3 \ \rightarrow \ [Cu(H_2O)_2(NH_3)_4]^{2+} \ + \ 4H_2O$$

Allow formation in two equations via hydroxide

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(Blue solution) gives a dark/deep blue solution

If (b) and (c) are the wrong way around allow one mark only for each correct equation with a correct observation (max 2/4)

M2 only awarded if M1 shows Lewis base reaction

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(d) (Start with) green (solution)

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	Gre	en precipitate of $Fe(H_2O)_4(OH)_2$ / $Fe(OH)_2$ / iron(II) hydroxide	
		Do not allow observation if compound incorrect or not given	
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	Slov	vly changes to brown solid	
		Allow red-brown ppt	
		Allow turns brown or if precipitate implied	
		Can only score M3 if M2 scored	
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	(Iror	n(II) hydroxide) oxidised by air (to iron(III) hydroxide)	
	(	Allow Fe(OH) <sub>2</sub> oxidised to Fe(OH) <sub>3</sub> by air $/ O_2$	
		Ignore equations even if incorrect	
		ignore equations even in meetings.	1
(-)	(1)	0(A)/(1 O) 12+ 011 NOLL OLL NILL - 0A)/(1 O) /(OLL) - 0(LL NICL OLL NILL 12+	
(e)	(i)	$2[AI(H_2O)_6]^{3*} + 3H_2NCH_2CH_2NH_2 \rightarrow 2AI(H_2O)_3(OH)_3 + 3[H_3NCH_2CH_2NH_3]^{2*}$	
		For correct AI species	1
		For correct balanced equation	•
		Allow equation with formation of 3[H <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> ] + from 1 mol	
		[AI(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub>   <sup>3+</sup>	
		[(	1
		White precipitate	
		write precipitate	1
	(ii)	$[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 3H_2NCH_2CH_2NH_2 \rightarrow [Co(H_2NCH_2CH_2NH_2)_3]^{2+} + 6H_2O$	
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		Complex with 3 en showing 6 correct bonds from N to Co	
		Ignore charge	
		Accept N – N for ligand	
		Ignore incorrect H	
		If C shown, must be 2 per ligand	
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		Co-ordinate bonds (arrows) shown from N to Co	
		Can only score M3 if M2 correct	
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		$4[Co(H_2NCH_2CH_2NH_2)_3]^{2+} + O_2 + 2H_2O \rightarrow 4[Co(H_2NCH_2CH_2NH_2)_3]^{3+} 4OH^{-}$	
		For Co(III) species	
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For balanced equation (others are possible)

Allow +  $O_2$  +  $4H^+ \rightarrow 2H_2O$ 

If en used can score M4 and M5 only

If Cu not Co, can only score M2 and M3

Allow N<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>8</sub> in equations

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(a) Idea that over time / after storage meter does not give accurate readings

Do not accept 'to get an accurate reading' without further qualification.

Allow 'temperature variations affect reading'.

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(b)  $\frac{ [[Fe(H_2O)_5OH]^{2+}(aq)] [H^{+}(aq)] }{ [[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}(aq)] }$ 

Allow without (aq) symbols.

Need at least one set of square brackets around complex ions

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(c) pH = -log[H+]

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[H+] = 0.0240

Do not penalise precision of [H+]

Correct answer scores M1 and M2.

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 $K_a = (0.0240)^2 / 0.1 = 5.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ or } 5.76 \times 10^{-3}$ 

Correct answer without working loses M1 and M2.

Allow 7.58 × 10-3

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Answer, even if incorrect, given to 3 sig figs

(d) Oxygen (in the air) / O<sub>2</sub>

Ignore 'air' or 'the atmosphere' or 'chemicals in soil'.

List principle.

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(e) 4.0 - 6.9

Do not penalise precision.

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12 (a) Brown ppt/solid

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Gas evolved/effervescence

Balanced equation (1)

$$\begin{split} 2[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+} + 3\text{CO}_3^{2-} &\rightarrow 2\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{OH})_3 + 3\text{CO}_2 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \textit{Must be stated, Allow CO}_2 \textit{ evolved. Do not allow CO}_2 \textit{ alone} \\ \textit{Correct iron product (1) allow Fe}(\text{OH})_3 \textit{ and in equation} \end{split}$$

(b) White ppt/solid

Colourless Solution

Only award M2 if M1 given or initial ppt mentioned

 $[AI(H_2O)_6]^{3+} + 3OH^- \rightarrow AI(H_2O)_3(OH)_3 + 3H_2O$   $Allow [AI(H_2O)_6]^{3+} + 3OH^- \rightarrow AI(OH)_3 + 6H_2O$ 1

 $AI(H_2O)_3(OH)_3 + 3OH^- \rightarrow [AI(OH)_6]^{3-} + 3H_2O$ Allow formation of  $[AI(H_2O)_{6-x}(OH)_x]^{(x-3)-}$  where x = 4,5,6Allow product without water ligands

Allow formation of correct product from  $[AI(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ 

(c) Blue ppt/solid

(Dissolves to give a) deep blue solution

Only award M2 if M1 given or initial ppt mentioned

$$\begin{split} [\mathsf{Cu}(\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O})_6]^{2+} + 2\mathsf{NH}_3 &\to \mathsf{Cu}(\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O})_4(\mathsf{OH})_2 + 2\mathsf{NH}_4^+ \\ & \quad A \mathsf{Illow} \ [\mathsf{Cu}(\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O})_6]^{2+} + 2\mathsf{NH}_3 \to \mathsf{Cu}(\mathsf{OH})_2 + 2\mathsf{NH}_4^+ + 4\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O} \\ & \quad A \mathsf{Illow} \ \mathsf{two} \ \mathsf{equations:} \ \mathsf{NH}_3 + \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O} \to \mathsf{NH}_4^+ + \mathsf{OH}^- \\ & \quad \mathsf{then} \ [\mathsf{Cu}(\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O})_6]^{2+} + 2\mathsf{OH}^- \to \mathsf{Cu}(\mathsf{OH})_2 + 4\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O} \ \mathsf{etc} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{OH})_2 + 4\text{NH}_3 &\rightarrow [\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+} + 2\text{OH}^- + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ & \text{Allow } [\text{Cu}(H_2\text{O})_6]^{2+} + 4\text{NH}_3 \rightarrow [\text{Cu}(H_2\text{O})_2(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \end{split}$$

 $[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 4Cl^- \rightarrow [CuCl_4]^{2-} + 6H_2O$ 

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oxidation state of N in NO<sub>2</sub>: +4;

oxidation product: oxygen;

(b) copper-containing species:  $[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+};$ 

shape: octahedral;

(c) precipitate B: Cu(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>4</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub> or Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub> or name;

> $[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 2NH_3 \rightarrow Cu(H_2O)_4(OH)_2 + 2NH_4^+$ equation:

OR

 $NH_3 + H_2O \rightarrow NH_4^+ + OH^-$ 

and

 $[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 2OH^- \rightarrow Cu(H_2O)_4(OH)_2 + 2H_2O;$ 

(ii) NH<sub>3</sub> accepts a proton;

(d) (i) identity: [Cu(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>;

colour: deep blue;

equation:

 $Cu(H_2O)_4(OH)_2 + 4NH_3 \rightarrow [Cu(NH_3)_4(H_2O)_2]^{2+} + 2H_2O + 2OH^-;$ 

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	(ii) NH <sub>3</sub> is an electron pair donor;	1	
(e)	identity: [CuCl <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup> ;	1	
	colour: yellow-green;	1	
	shape: tetrahedral;	1	
(f)	(i) $Is^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10}$ ;	1	
	(ii) role of Cu: a reducing agent;	1	r4.77
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(a) Iron

Heterogeneous; catalyst in a different phase from that of the reactants

Poison; a sulphur compound (allow sulphur)

Poison strongly adsorbed onto active sites/ blocked

Poison not desorbed or reactants not adsorbed or catalyst surface area reduced



### (b) Pale green solution

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Green precipitate formed

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Insoluble in excess ammonia

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Equation:

e.g. 
$$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 2NH_3 \rightarrow [Fe(H_2O)_4(OH)_2] + 2NH_4^+$$
 Species

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Balance

NB Allow equations with H<sub>2</sub>O and OH<sup>-</sup> if reaction of H<sub>2</sub>O with NH<sub>3</sub> also given

Max 4

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15 (a) (i) Deductions:

Ionic (1)

lons not free to move in the solid state (1)

lons free to move when molten or in aqueous solution (1)

Identity of P: Na<sub>2</sub>O or sodium oxide (1)

N.B. If a formula given this must be correct

Equation:  $Na_2O + H_2O \rightarrow 2 \text{ NaOH (1)}$ 

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(ii) <u>Deductions</u>:

Covalent

Intermolecular forces are weak or van der Waals forces, or dipole-dipole

N.B. Any answer including a reference to hydrogen bonding is incorrect

Identity of Q: SO<sub>2</sub> or sulphur dioxide (1)

Equation:  $SO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow H_2 SO_3$ (1)

NB Allow max one for SO3



Allow the reverse of each substitution (b)

$$[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 6NH_3 \rightarrow [Co(NH_3)_6]^{2+} + 6H_2O$$

Complex ions

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Balanced

1 Allow partial substitution

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i) 
$$[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 4Cl^- \rightarrow CoCl_4^{2-} + 6H_2O$$

(ii)

Complex ions

Balanced

or H<sub>2</sub>O or NH<sub>3</sub> or C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>2</sup> by Cl

1  $[C_0(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 3C_2O_4^{2-} \rightarrow [C_0(C_2O_4)_3]^{4-} + 6H_2O$ eg.

Complex ions

Balanced

Allow all substitution except

- (i) NH3 by H2O
- (ii) more than 2Cl<sup>-</sup> substituted for NH<sub>3</sub> or H<sub>2</sub>O

eg. (iv) 
$$[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + EDTA^{4-} \rightarrow [Co(EDTA)]^{2-} + 6H_2O$$
  
Complex ions

Balanced

or H<sub>2</sub>O or NH<sub>3</sub> by C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> and NH<sub>3</sub> orCl<sup>-</sup>by EDTA<sup>4-</sup>



(c) (i)  $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  1

(ii)  $Fe(OH)_2$  or  $Fe(OH)_2(H_2O)_x$  where x=0 to 4

(iii)  $Fe^{2+}$  is oxidised to  $Fe^{3+}$  or  $Fe(OH)_3$  1

By oxygen in the air 1