



TRANSITION ELEMENTS

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1 (a)	Vanadium used in alloys for strength Vanadium(V) oxide used as a catalyst (Don't accept just the word catalyst)	1															
(b)	Diagram to show: V/V <sup>2+</sup> system Hydrogen electrode (Pt, H <sub>2</sub> and H <sup>+</sup> must be labelled) Salt bridge + voltmeter + complete circuit Temp 298K, concentration 1 mol.dm <sup>-3</sup> , pressure 1 atm All 3 = 2 marks; any 2 = 1 mark	1 1 1 2															
(c) (i)	<table border="1" data-bbox="480 1003 1262 1279"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>V<sup>2+</sup></th> <th>VO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup></th> <th>VO<sup>2+</sup></th> <th>V<sup>3+</sup></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Oxidation Number</td> <td>+2</td> <td>+5</td> <td>+4</td> <td>+3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Colour</td> <td>lilac</td> <td>yellow</td> <td>blue</td> <td>Green</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		V <sup>2+</sup>	VO <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	VO <sup>2+</sup>	V <sup>3+</sup>	Oxidation Number	+2	+5	+4	+3	Colour	lilac	yellow	blue	Green	4
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(ii)	Correct calculation of cell potential as -0.44 V Because it is -ve, reaction not feasible  Alternative: V better reducing agent than Zn Because the E° for V/V <sup>2+</sup> is more -ve	1 1															
		Total: 12															

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2 (a) (i)	Central ion surrounded by molecules/ions/ligands	1
(ii)	Molecule/ion with a lone pair of electrons Able to form a dative covalent or co-ordinate bond / which can be donated	1 1
(b)	Two lone pairs/ able to form two dative covalent / co-ordinate bonds	1
(c)	Stereoisomerism – same atoms with same order of bonds but a different spatial arrangement / same structure but different arrangement of atoms Both isomers drawn for cis / trans Both isomers drawn for optical (must be mirror images) (all diagrams to show 3-D arrangement) Enantiomers/non superimposable mirror images <b>Rotate</b> plane polarised light in opposite direction by same number of degrees (any two for 1 mark)	1 2 2 1 1
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3 (a) (i)	Two orbital boxes higher and 3 orbital boxes lower Correct arrangement of electrons (see additional sheet)	1 1
(ii)	One lower energy and one higher energy d-orbital shown (see additional sheet)	2
(b)	Electrons promoted from low to high energy d-orbitals Energy involved lies in visible region of spectrum / needs visible light Some of the visible light is transmitted / absorbed Idea that colour depends upon the actual wavelengths transmitted / energy gap Need at least one unpaired d-orbital or $\text{Cu}^+ 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10}$ Only $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ has an unpaired electron or $\text{Cu}^{2+} 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^9$  QWC: communicates by using at least 3 terms from the following list  d-orbitals, visible, spectrum, transmitted, wavelength, energy gap, unpaired electron, high or low energy, absorbed, d-sub shell	1 1 1 1 1 1 1
(c)	Compound absorbs green/yellow Blue and red transmitted (to give purple) (allow all colours absorbed except violet/blue and red for 1 mark)	1 1  <b>Total: 13</b>

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4 (a) (i)	$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} + 14\text{H}^+ + 6\text{I}^- \rightleftharpoons 2\text{Cr}^{3+} + 3\text{I}_2 + 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ All species correct (ignore electrons for this mark) Equation balanced (penalise if electrons not cancelled out)	1 1
(ii)	Brown colour disappears $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$ reacts with $\text{I}_2$ (to form colourless $\text{I}^-$ ) Green colour remains due to $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ (must say what gives green colour)	1 1 1
(b) (i)	Oxidation Number of Cr on both sides = +6 Oxidation Number does not change therefore not redox	1 1
(ii)	Orange to yellow (both needed for 1 mark)	1
(iii)	Any suitable <b>named</b> acid or correct formula eg $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$	1
		<b>Total: 9</b>