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1 (a) (i) C [1]
    (ii) A [1]
    (iii) B [1]
    (iv) C [1]
    (v) D [1]

(b) It has only one type of atom/it cannot be broken down into any other substance by chemical means [1]

[6 marks]

2 (a) (i) Any value within the range: 190–490 °C (actual = 337 °C) [1]
    (ii) gas [1]

(b) (i) chlorine + potassium iodide → iodine + potassium chloride. [2]
    (ii) iodine is less reactive than chlorine/chlorine is more reactive than iodine [1]

(c) (i) exothermic [1]
    (ii) sodium (atom) loses an (outer) electron; iodine (atom) gains an (outer) electron [1]

*note: an electron is transferred from a sodium (atom) to an iodine atom scores 2 marks*

[8 marks]
3 (a) Any four from:
- column becomes eroded / column is being eaten away
- sulfur from burning of fossil fuels
- (forms) sulfur dioxide / nitrogen dioxide
- sulfur dioxide / nitrogen dioxide (dissolved in rainwater)
- to form acid rain / acidic solution formed
- acid reacts with the limestone / acid decomposes limestone
- carbon dioxide given off
- calcium sulfate formed

Note: marks can be obtained from relevant equations e.g.
- sulfur + oxygen \( \rightarrow \) sulfur dioxide scores 1 mark
- sulfur dioxide + water \( \rightarrow \) (sulfurous) acid scores 1 mark
- calcium carbonate + sulfuric acid \( \rightarrow \) calcium sulfate + water + carbon dioxide scores 3 marks

(b) Any two from:
- painting / oiling / covering with plastic / coating with zinc or another (more reactive) metal

Prevents oxygen (air) and / or water getting to the surface

(c) Any two from:
- forms coloured compounds
- forms ions with different charges / variable valency
- catalytic activity
- forms complex ions
- (very) high density

(d) 26 electrons
- 32 neutrons
- electron negatively charged / –
- proton positively charged / +

(e) \( \text{H}_2 \) on right
- 2(HCl) on left (dependent on \( \text{H}_2 \) or 2H on right)

4 (a) N and P / nitrogen and phosphorus

(b) (i) burette
(ii) allow: any pH value below pH7
(iii) pH decreases  
(iv) neutralisation  

(c) \(3(\text{NH}_3)\)  
\(\text{(3) H}_2\text{O}\)  

[7 marks]

5 (a) (i) calcium/\(\text{Ca}^{2+}\)  
(ii) iodide  
(iii) calcium and magnesium/\(\text{Ca}^{2+}\) and \(\text{Mg}^{2+}\)  
(iv) Any two from: bromide/chloride/iodide/sulfate  

(b) (i) graphite conducts electricity/graphite is inert/graphite is unreactive  
(ii) hydrogen  
(iii) structure of chlorine completely correct (1 bonding pair of electrons and 6 unbonded electrons the right hand chlorine atoms)  

(c) anode: bromine  
cathode: magnesium  

[11 marks]

6 (a) so as not to harm the skin/idea of causing harm or being poisonous  

(b) (i) removal of oxygen from a compound/gain of electrons/decrease in oxidation number  
(ii) zinc oxide + carbon \(\rightarrow\) zinc + carbon monoxide  
(iii) poisonous gas formed/carbon monoxide formed  

(c) lead < nickel < zinc < magnesium  

(d) water  

(e) (i) filtration  

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(ii) Any three from:
- evaporate until first crystals seen / heat to crystallisation point / evaporate of some of the water
- leave to crystallise / leave in a warm place
- pick out crystals / filter off crystals
- dry between filter paper

(iii) zinc carbonate / zinc hydroxide

(f) (i) 64.4 g
(ii) 161

[15 marks]

7 (a) (i) X placed in the bottom ‘cell’ of the column
(ii) naphtha
(iii) waxes / polishes

(b) last two boxes ticked

(c) (i) Any two from:
- decomposition / breaking down (of alkanes)
- of alkanes / hydrocarbons
- idea of longer chains being converted to shorter chains / larger molecules being converted to smaller molecules
- alkenes formed / hydrogen formed
(ii) C₃H₆

(d) (i) structure of ethene correct
structure of ethanol correct
(ii) reversible reaction / equilibrium reaction

[11 marks]
8 (a) Any three from:
- particles in the crystal separate (in the water)/particles in the crystal dissolve
- particles of potassium manganate(VII) become free to move
- diffusion
- particles move randomly/in any direction/mix with the water
- particles collide with water molecules
- particles spread out
- particles move from where they are in high concentration to where they are in low concentration

(b) closeness: close together/touching/tightly packed
motion: vibrating/do not move (from place to place)

(c) X on the base line and solvent level below the base line and above the bottom of the chromatography paper

[7 marks]