

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Practical Booklet

GRADE 11 TERM 2



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Grade 11 Chemistry Practical: Intermolecular forces

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4 mass meters (electronic mass meters work best)

4 x measuring cylinders or syringes (to measure 20ml)

Part 2: Surface tension: water, cooking oil, glycerine, acetone, methylated spirits

5 x small glass measuring cylinders

5 x stirring rods

1 microscope glass sheet

5 x measuring cylinders or syringes (to measure 50ml)

Part 3: Solubility: **Solvents:** water, ethanol, chloroform

Solutes: sodium chloride, iodine, potassium permanganate

9 x 100 ml beakers

3 spatulas

3 stirring rods

3 x 10 ml test tubes

3 x 50 ml syringes (or 100 ml measuring cylinders)

Masking tape (to label the beakers)

A fine-line permanent marker

Part 4: Boiling points: glycerine, acetone, methylated spirits

3 x boiling (test) tubes

3 x 30 ml syringes

1 large beaker

Hot plate or burner with tripod and gauze mat

Access to water

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Investigating the effects of intermolecular forces

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To investigate evaporation and to determine the relation between evaporation rate and intermolecular forces.

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Method:

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5. After 6 minutes, measure the mass of each substance.

Part 2: Surface tension

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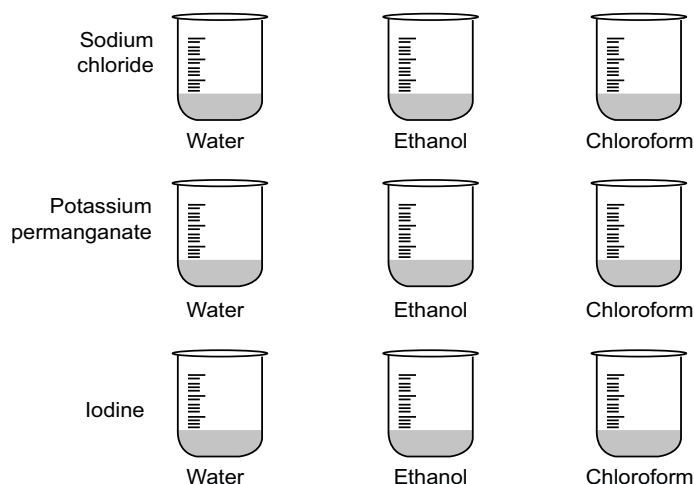
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Precaution:

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Part 4: Boiling point

Aim:

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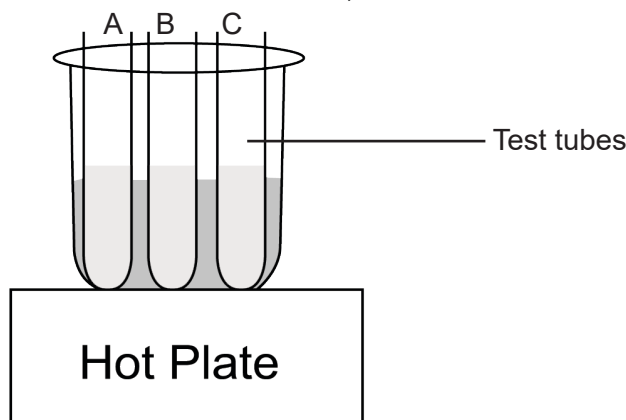
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4. If a substance does not boil by the time the water boils, record its boiling point as “above the boiling point of water”.

In the investigation shown in the video the liquids were as follows:

- A. acetone
- B. ethanol
- C. glycerine

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Results:

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Ethanol					
Water					
Acetone					
Methylated spirits					

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Conclusion:

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Part 2: Surface tension

Aim:

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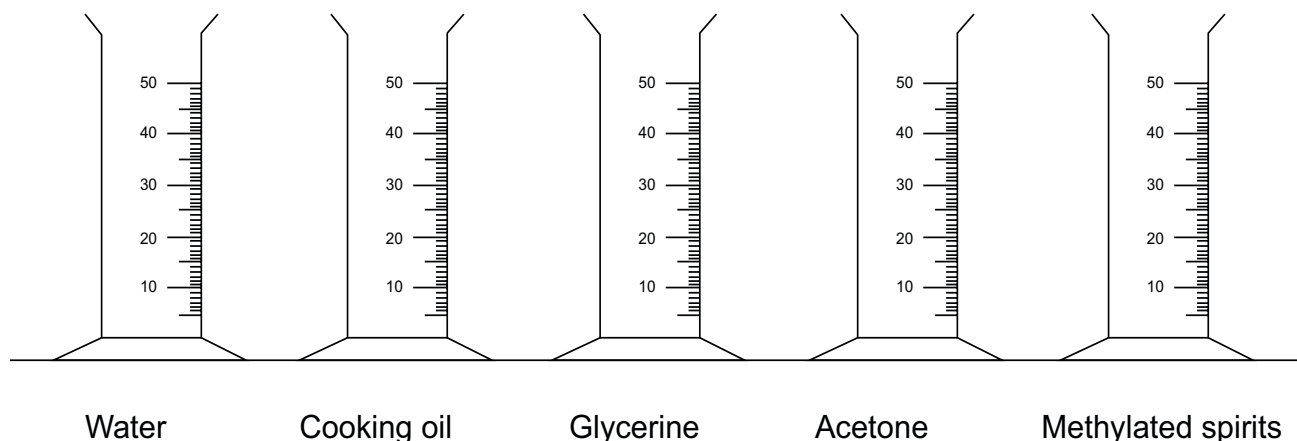
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2. Now place a drop of the substance on a small piece of glass. Observe the shape of the drop.

Results:

For each substance draw the shape of the meniscus. (5)



For each substance draw the shape of the droplet, and the side view of the droplet's shape.

SHAPE

Water	Cooking oil	Glycerine	Acetone	Methylated spirits

SIDE VIEW (10)

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Background information: Glass is a polar substance.

2.1 Which substance is most strongly attracted to glass? Justify your answer with reference to the observations. (4)

2.2 Rank the substances in **increasing order** of surface tension. Justify your answer. (4)

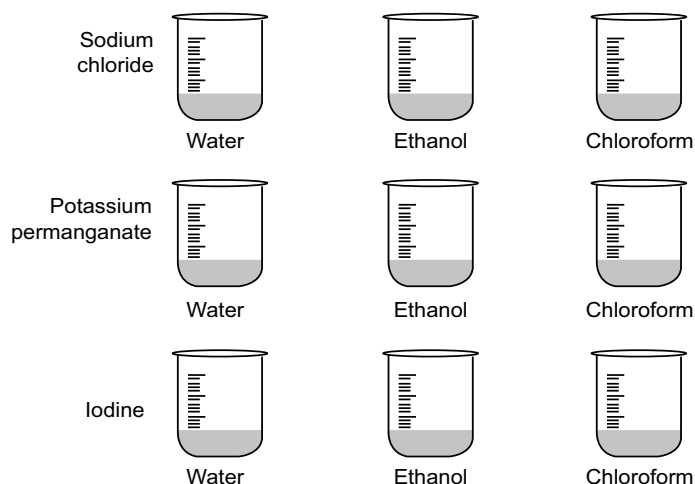
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7. Wait about a minute then observe what happens to the contents of each beaker.

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Results:

Record your results in the table below. If you observe only a small amount of the solid dissolving, then write that very little solid dissolved. If the entire solid dissolves, then write that all the solid dissolved.

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Substance	Water	Ethanol	Chloroform
Sodium chloride			
Potassium permanganate			
Iodine			

3.1 Classify the solutes as ionic or molecular, and polar or non-polar.

(2)

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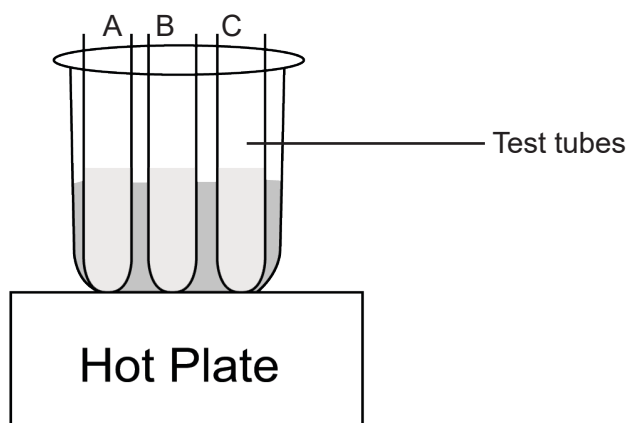
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Results:

- Write down the boiling points of these liquids.
Glycerin Acetone Ethanol (1)
- In which order did the liquids boil? Write down the labels A, B or C.
1st 2nd 3rd (2)
- Identify the substances.
A
B
C (2)
- How are the intermolecular forces inside a substance related to its boiling point? Justify your answer.

_____ (4)

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Part 1: Evaporation rate

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Results:

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Ethanol	15,4	14,2	1,2✓	7,8✓	2✓
Water	19,3	19,0	0,3✓	1,6✓	4✓
Acetone	15,1	11,6	3,5✓	23,2✓	1✓
Methylated spirits	16,2	15,0	1,2✓	7,4✓	3✓

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Conclusion:

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- The intermolecular forces between the molecules of acetone are the weakest. ✓
- At the same temperature more acetone molecules were able to break free (evaporate) from the surface of the liquid. ✓
- The other three substances (liquids) each have strong hydrogen bonds ✓ between their molecules, so it takes more energy for molecules to break free of the liquid surface. ✓

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Part 2: Surface tension

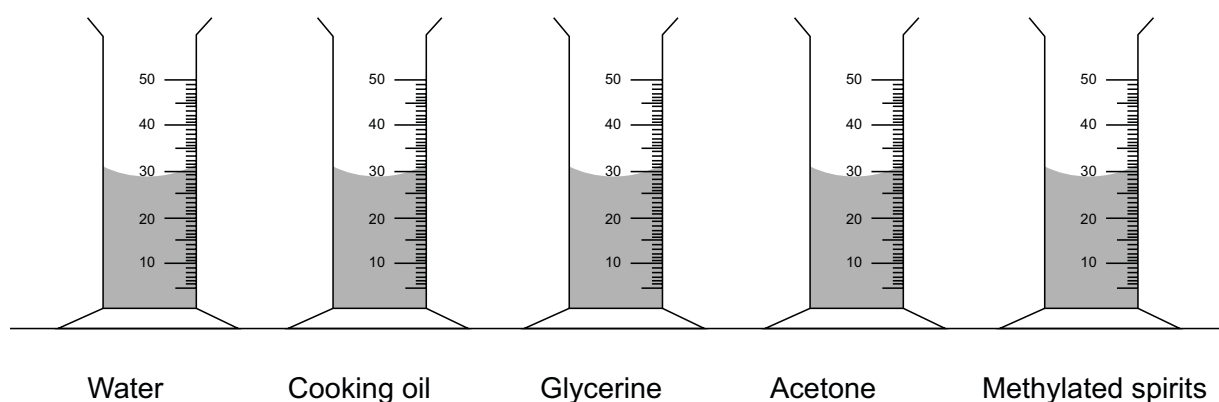
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SHAPE [One ✓ each]

Water	Cooking Oil	Glycerine	Acetone	Methylated spirits

SIDE VIEW [One ✓ each]

(10)

Background information: Glass is a polar substance.

- 2.1 Which substance is most strongly attracted to glass? Justify your answer with reference to the observations. (4)

Water ✓ is most strongly attracted to glass because it has the **most concave meniscus** ✓ and one **of the flattest water droplets**. ✓ Because water is a **polar solvent** and **glass is also a polar substance**, ✓ they are strongly attracted to each other.

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2.2 Rank the substances **in increasing order** of surface tension. Justify your answer. **(4)**

Cooking oil ✓
 Acetone ✓
 Glycerine
 Methylated spirits
 Water ✓

Cooking oil is a non-polar substance with the weakest intermolecular (or cohesive) forces between its molecules. ✓ [The learners could discuss the shape of cooking oils droplets to prove that oil is non-polar].

Part 3: Solubility

Aim:

To investigate solubility and to determine the relation between solubility and intermolecular forces.

Results:

[One ✓ each; Some learners may record colour and appearance of mixture – that's fine. They MUST state whether the solute dissolved or not as shown in these answers to gain the mark.] **(9)**

Substance	Water	Ethanol	Chloroform
Sodium chloride	All the solid dissolved	Very little solid dissolved (OR also accept) No solid dissolved	No solid dissolved
Potassium permanganate	All the solid dissolved	Very little solid dissolved	No solid dissolved
Iodine	No solid dissolved	Some solid dissolved to form a yellow brown solution	Some solid dissolved to form a purple (pink) solution

3.1 Classify the solutes as ionic or molecular, and polar or non-polar. **(2)**

Substance	Ionic or molecular [✓ all correct]	Polar or non-polar [✓ all correct]
Sodium chloride	ionic	polar
Potassium permanganate	ionic	polar
Iodine	molecular	non-polar

Conclusion: **(3)**

Ionic solutes dissolve in water because these are both polar substances. ✓

Ethanol can act as a polar and a non-polar solvent because it dissolves both polar and non-polar substances. ✓

Chloroform acts as a non-polar solvent even though it has a slightly polar molecule. ✓

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Part 4: Boiling point

Aim:

To investigate boiling point and to determine the relation between boiling point and intermolecular forces.

Results:

4.1 Write down the boiling points of these liquids.

Glycerine: 290oC Acetone: 57oC Ethanol: 79oC ✓ (1)

4.2 In which order did the liquids boil? Write down the labels A, B or C.

1st A ✓ 2nd B 3rd C ✓ (2)

[Any two in correct order]

4.3 Identify the substances.

A Acetone ✓

B Ethanol

C Glycerine ✓

[Any two in correct order c.o.e. from 4.2] (2)

4.4 How are the intermolecular forces inside a substance related to its boiling point? Justify your answer.

The stronger the intermolecular forces ✓ the higher the boiling point of the liquid. ✓

Acetone has the weakest intermolecular forces ✓ and it has the lowest boiling point. ✓ (4)