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		1. Synthes	sis of inorganic and organic compounds	
1.1.	Heating	with burner	s and hotplates	1
1.2.	Heating (s and notplates	1
1.3.			vith inflammable substances and materials	1
1.4.	•		s (analytical balance)	1
1.5.		•	es of liquids (measuring cylinder, pipette, burette)	1
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11.3.3. Nuclei Acids and Protein Synthesis
11.3.3.1. Pyrimidine and purine
11.3.3.2. Nucleosides and nucleotides

1.6.	Preparation of solutions from a solid compound and solvent	1
1.7.	Mixing and dilution of solutions	1
1.8.	Mixing and stirring of liquids	1 2 1
1.9.	Using mixer and magnetic stirrer	2
1.10.	Using a dropping funnel	
1.11.	Syntheses in flat bottom vessels – general principles	1
1.12.	Syntheses in round bottom vessels – general principles	1
1.13	Syntheses in a closed apparatus – general principles	1
1.14.	Using microscale equipment for synthesis	3
1.15.	Apparatus for heating of reaction mixture under reflux	2
1.16.	Apparatus for distillation of liquids at normal pressure	2
1.17.	Apparatus for distillation of liquids at reduced pressure	3 2 2 2 3 1
1.18.	Apparatus for steam distillation	3
1.19.	Filtration through flat paper filter	1
1.20.	Filtration through a folded paper filter	1
1.21.	Handling a water vacuum pump	1
1.22.	Filtration through a Büchner funnel	1
1.23.	Suction through a glass filter	1
1.24.	Washing of precipitates by decantation	1
1.25.	Washing of precipitates on a filter	2 2 1
1.26.	Drying of precipitates on a filter with appropriate solvents	2
1.27.	Recrystallization of substances from aqueous solution	
1.28.	Recrystallization of substances from a known organic solvent	2
1.29.	Practical choice of an appropriate solvent for recrystallization of a	3
1 20	substance	2
1.30.	Drying of substances in a deciseator	2 2 2
1.31. 1.32.	Drying of substances in a desiccator	2
1.32. 1.33.	Connecting and using of a gas washing bottle Extraction with an inmiscible solvent	1
1.33.	Extraction with an inimisciple solvent	'
	2. I dentification of inorganic and organic compounds:	
	general principles	
2.1.	Test-tube reactions	1
2.2.	Technique of reactions performed in a dot dish and on a filter paper	1
2.3.	Group reactions of some cations and anions specified by the organizer	2
2.4.	Selective reactions of some cations and anions specified by the organizer	2
2.5.	Specific reactions of some cations and anions specified by the organizer	3 2
2.6.	Identification of elements by flame coloration (using a platinum wire/MgO rod, Co-glass)	2
2.7.	Using a hand spectroscope/Bunsen spectroscope	3
2.8.	Melting point determination with Kofler or similar type of apparatus	3
2.9.	Qualitative evidence of basic functional groups of organic substances	2
	specified by the organizer	
2.10.	Exploitation of some specific reactions for identification of organic compounds (specified by the organizer)	3
	3. Determination of some inorganic and organic compounds:	
	general principles	_
3.1.	Quantitative determinations using precipitation reactions	2
3.2.	Igniting of a precipitate in a crucible	1

3.3 .	Quantitative volumetric determinations	ı
3.4.	Rules at titrating	1
3.5.	Use of a pipetting ball	1
3.6.	Preparation of a standard solution	2
3.7.	Alkalimetric and acidimetric determinations	2 2
3.8.	Color transitions of indicators at alkalimetric and acidimetric determinations	2
3.9.	Direct and indirect determinations (back titration)	3
3.10.	Manganometric determinations	3 3 3 3
3.11.	Iodometric determinations	3
3.12.	Other types of determinations on basis of redox reactions	3
3.13.	Complexometric determinations	3
3.14.	Color transitions of solutions at complexometric determinations	3
3.15.	Volumetric determinations on basis of precipitation reactions	3
3.16.	Thermometric titration	3
	4. Special measurements and procedures	
4.1.	Measuring with a pH-meter	2
4.2.	Chromatography on thin layers	3 3 3
4.3.	Column chromatography	3
4.4.	Separation on ion exchanger	3
4.5.	Measuring of UV-VIS absorbances with a spectral photometer	3
4.6.	Performing of conductivity measurements	3
	5. Evaluation of results	
5.1.	Estimation of experimental errors (significant figures, plots scales)	1