**Gravimetric worksheet 5** 

1) A heat-resistant alloy composed of aluminium and iron is analysed to determine the percentage by mass of iron. An 90.50 g sample of alloy is dissolved in concentrated hydrochloric acid where the iron atoms are converted to Fe<sup>2+</sup>(aq) ions. This solution is accurately transferred to a 250.0 mL volumetric flask and made up to the mark. 20.00 mL aliquots of this solution are then titrated against a standard 0.0395 M potassium permanganate solution.

 $5Fe^{2+}(aq) + MnO_4^-(aq) + 8H^+(aq) \rightarrow 5Fe^{3+}(aq) + Mn^{2+}(aq) + 4H_2O(I)$  Four titrations were carried out and the volumes of potassium permanganate solution used were recorded in the table below.

Titration number	1	2	3	4
Volume of $\mathrm{KMnO}_4\ (\mathrm{mL})$	22.02	21.92	22.15	21.98

a. Write a balanced half-equation, including states, for the conversion of MnO4<sup>-</sup> ions, in an acidic solution, to Mn<sup>2+</sup> ions.

b. Calculate the average volume, in mL, of the concordant titres of the potassium permanganate solution.

c. Use your answer to part b. to calculate the amount, in mol, of  $MnO_4^-$  (aq) ions used in this titration.

d. Calculate the amount, in mol, of Fe<sup>2+</sup>(aq) ions present in the 250.0 mL volumetric flask.

e. Calculate the percentage, by mass, of iron in the 90.50 g sample of alloy. Express your answer to the correct number of significant figures.