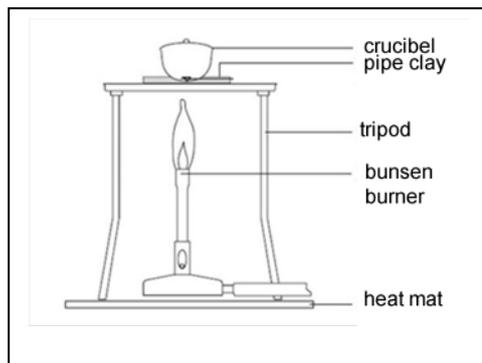




- 9) When exposed to the atmosphere,  $\text{CuSO}_4$  bonds with water molecules in the air. This behaviour can be shown as  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  where  $x$  is some integer quantity of water molecules. A student used the setup below to find the value of  $x$ .



The student strongly heated a 4.00 g sample of  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and recorded the mass of the sample every two minutes to constant mass. The final mass recorded was 2.65.

a) Calculate the mol  $\text{CuSO}_4$  present in the sample

b) Calculate the mol of water present.

c) Calculate the value of  $x$ .