## Answer Key for FRQ Practice #1, p136

In the second experiment, a student is given 2.94 g of a mixture containing anhydrous  $MgCl_2$  and  $KNO_3$ . To determine the percentage by mass of  $MgCl_2$  in the mixture, the student uses excess  $AgNO_3(aq)$  to precipitate the chloride ion as AgCl(s).

(d) Starting with the 2.94 g sample of the mixture dissolved in water, briefly describe the steps necessary to quantitatively determine the mass of the AgCl precipitate.

Add excess AgNO3.

- Separate the AgCl precipitate (by filtration).
- Wash the precipitate and dry the precipitate completely.
- Determine the mass of AgCl by difference.

Two points are earned for all three major steps: filtering the mixture, drying the precipitate, and determining the mass by difference.

One point is earned for any two steps.

- (e) The student determines the mass of the AgCl precipitate to be 5.48 g. On the basis of this information, calculate each of the following.
  - (i) The number of moles of MgCl2 in the original mixture

$$5.48 \text{ g AgCl} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol AgCl}}{143.32 \text{ g AgCl}} = 0.0382 \text{ mol AgCl}$$

$$0.0382 \text{ mol AgCl} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Cl}}{1 \text{ mol AgCl}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol MgCl}_2}{2 \text{ mol Cl}} = 0.0191 \text{ mol MgCl}_2$$

One point is earned for calculating the number of moles of AgCl.

One point is earned for conversion to moles of MgCl<sub>2</sub>.

(ii) The percent by mass of MgCl<sub>2</sub> in the original mixture

$$0.0191 \text{ mol MgCl}_2 \times \frac{95.20 \text{ g MgCl}_2}{1 \text{ mol MgCl}_2} = 1.82 \text{ g MgCl}_2$$

$$\frac{1.82 \text{ g MgCl}_2}{2.94 \text{ g sample}} \times 100\% = 61.9\% \text{ MgCl}_2 \text{ by mass}$$

One point is earned for calculating the correct percentage.