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Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the examiner make their judgement
- the Assessment Objectives and specification content that each question is intended to cover.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right-hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent (for example, a scientifically correct answer that could not reasonably be expected from a student's knowledge of the specification).

2. Emboldening and underlining

- 2.1** In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available 'any **two** from' is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following bullet points is a potential mark.
- 2.2** A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.
- 2.3** Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of **or**.
Alternative words in the mark scheme are shown by a solidus eg allow smooth / free movement.
- 2.4** Any wording that is underlined is essential for the marking point to be awarded.

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which students have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that 'right + wrong = wrong'.

Each error / contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of errors / contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution?

[1 mark]

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	green, 5	0
2	red*, 5	1
3	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name **two** magnetic materials.

[2 marks]

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	iron, steel, tin	1
2	cobalt, nickel, nail*	2

3.2 Use of symbols / formulae

If a student writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, or uses symbols to denote quantities in a physics equation, full credit can be given if the symbol / formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

Marks should be awarded for each stage of the calculation completed correctly, as students are instructed to show their working. At any point in a calculation students may omit steps from their working. If a subsequent step is given correctly, the relevant marks may be awarded.

Full marks are **not** awarded for a correct final answer from incorrect working.

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.5 Errors carried forward

An error can be carried forward from one question part to the next and is shown by the abbreviation 'ecf'.

Within an individual question part, an incorrect value in one step of a calculation does not prevent all of the subsequent marks being awarded.

3.6 Phonetic spelling

Marks should be awarded if spelling is not correct but the intention is clear, **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.7 Brackets

(.....) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.8 Allow

In the mark scheme additional information, 'allow' is used to indicate creditworthy alternative answers.

3.9 Ignore

Ignore is used when the information given is irrelevant to the question or not enough to gain the marking point. Any further correct amplification could gain the marking point.

3.10 Do **not** accept

Do **not** accept means that this is a wrong answer which, even if the correct answer is given as well, will still mean that the mark is not awarded.

3.11 Numbered answer lines

Numbered lines on the question paper are intended to support the student to give the correct number of responses. The answer should still be marked as a whole.

4. Level of response marking instructions

Extended response questions are marked on level of response mark schemes.

- Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor.
- The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level.
- There are two marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer, read through the answer and, if necessary, annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

Step 1: Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level.

The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer. Do **not** look to penalise small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level.

Use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 2 with a small amount of level 3 material it would be placed in level 2 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 3 content.

Step 2: Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

You should ignore any irrelevant points made. However, full marks can be awarded only if there are no incorrect statements that contradict a correct response.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

Question 1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.1	C=C bond		1	AO2 4.7.3.1
	2x C-H bonds and 2x C-CH ₃ bonds	do not accept extra bonds an answer of $ \begin{array}{cc} \text{CH}_3 & \text{CH}_3 \\ & \\ \text{C} = & \text{C} \\ & \\ \text{H} & \text{H} \end{array} $ scores 2 marks	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.2	any one from: • (otherwise) the copper (produced) would be impure • (otherwise) the copper (produced) would be a mixture • (otherwise) the insulation would burn / melt (during recycling) • copper and poly(butene) are recycled by different methods	allow (otherwise) the copper (produced) would be contaminated allow (otherwise) poly(butene) could produce toxic fumes	1	AO3 4.10.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.3	(wire heated until) copper melts		1	AO1 4.10.2.2
	(re)cast / reformed (into pipes)	allow (re)shaped / extruded / (re)moulded	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.4	any two from: (recycling scrap copper) • uses less energy • conserves copper (ore) • (produces) less waste • specified environmental impact	allow converse statements for extracting copper from ores ignore references to cost allow less landfill required	2	AO1 4.10.1.1 4.10.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.5	sodium hydroxide (solution)	MP2 dependent on MP1 allow NaOH for sodium hydroxide	1	AO1 4.8.3.2 RPA7
	blue precipitate	allow blue solid	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.6	(add acidified) barium chloride (solution)	MP2 dependent on MP1 allow BaCl ₂ for barium chloride allow (add acidified) barium nitrate (solution) do not accept add sulfuric acid	1	AO1 4.8.3.5 RPA7
	white precipitate	allow white solid	1	

Total Question 1		11
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Question 2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.1	24.5 (g)		1	AO2 4.6.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.2	water vapour was produced	allow steam for water vapour allow water was produced as a gas	1	AO2 4.3.1.3 4.6.2.2
	(so) water (vapour) escaped (from the tube)	allow (so) the mass of the water (vapour) was not measured	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.3	(so that) the reaction was complete	allow (so that) no more water (vapour) was produced	1	AO3 4.6.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.4	(energy =) $\frac{2.00}{238} \times 88.1$		1	AO2 4.6.2.2
	= 0.740336134 (kJ)		1	
	= 0.740 (kJ)	allow an answer correctly calculated to 3 significant figures from an incorrect calculation which uses all the values in the question	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.5	endothermic (reaction)	allow reversible (reaction) allow (thermal) decomposition (reaction)	1	AO1 4.6.2.2

Total Question 2		8
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Question 3

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref
03.1	Level 3: A judgement, strongly linked and logically supported by a sufficient range of correct reasons, is given.	5–6	AO3 4.10.1.1 4.10.2.1
	Level 2: Some logically linked reasons are given. There may also be a simple judgement.	3–4	
	Level 1: Relevant points are made. They are not logically linked.	1–2	
	No relevant content	0	
	Indicative content raw materials • crude oil is finite • quarrying / mining pollute the environment • glass uses more energy to process raw materials manufacturing • glass uses more energy to make bottles • glass is heavier so takes more energy to transport use and operation • glass bottles are reusable • reuse of glass conserves (natural) resources • reuse of glass consumes energy during washing • reuse of glass consumes water during washing disposal • both glass and polymer bottles can be recycled • recycling polymer conserves finite resources • recycling glass and polymer uses less energy than making new glass and polymer • both methods reduce use of landfill other points • energy needed may be derived from fossil fuels • use of fossil fuels causes (specified) pollution • total energy for glass (bottle) (7500 kJ) is greater than total energy for polymer (bottle) (1800 kJ) reasoned judgement		

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.2	mass = density $\times$ volume		1	AO2
	mass = 0.40×40		1	4.10.1.1
	= 16 (g)		1	4.10.2.1

Total Question 3		9
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Question 4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.1	crude oil is heated to vaporise (the hydrocarbons)		1	AO1 AO2 4.7.1.2
	there is a temperature gradient in the (fractionating) column	allow a (fractionating) column is cooler going up	1	
	(so) the gases condense at different levels or (so) lubricating oil condenses below naphtha (and petroleum gases do not condense)		1	
	(because of their) different boiling points		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.2	detergents		1	AO1 4.7.1.2
	solvents		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.3	$\text{C}_9\text{H}_{20} + 14\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 9\text{CO}_2 + 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$	allow multiples allow 1 mark for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{20} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ with incorrect / no multipliers	2	AO2 4.1.1.1 4.3.1.1 4.7.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.4	(when burned sulfur impurities) produce sulfur dioxide		1	AO1 4.9.3.1 4.9.3.2
	(which) causes acid rain or (which) causes respiratory problems	allow specified effects of acid rain allow specified respiratory problems	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.5	as molecular size increases viscosity increases	allow converse statements	1	AO2 4.7.1.3
	(and) heavy fuel oil has larger molecules (than kerosene)		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.6	(name of process) cracking		1	AO1 4.7.1.4
	(conditions) high temperature	allow a stated temperature in the range 300 to 900 °C	1	
	steam / catalyst		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.7	C ₇ H ₁₄ and C ₈ H ₁₆		1	AO2 4.7.1.4 4.7.2.1

Total Question 4		16
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Question 5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1	screening or grit removal	allow a description of each process allow filtering to remove (large) solids	1	AO1 4.10.1.3
	sedimentation (to produce sewage sludge and effluent)		1	
	anaerobic digestion of (solid sewage) sludge		1	
	aerobic biological treatment of (liquid) effluent	allow aerobic digestion of effluent	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.2	$\text{Na}^+ : 0.003 \text{ mol/dm}^3$ $\text{Cl}^- : 0.003 \text{ mol/dm}^3$		1	AO3 4.10.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.3	the ions pass through the filter	allow the ions are not trapped / removed by the filter	1	AO3 4.1.1.2 4.10.1.2
	(because) the ions are in solution	allow (because) the ions are smaller than the filter pores	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.4	(the ground water) contains microbes which are harmful (to health)		1	AO3
	(so) the water is sterilised		1	AO1
	or (so) the microbes are destroyed			4.10.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.5	(the water is) unadulterated	allow nothing is added (to the water)	1	AO2 4.8.1.1 4.10.1.2
	or (the water is) in its natural state	allow (the water) contains no microbes		

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.6	(use) damp litmus paper	MP2 is dependent upon MP1	1	AO1 4.8.2.4
	(the paper) is bleached	ignore paper turns red	1	
	or (the paper) turns white			

Total Question 5		12
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Question 6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	(the percentage of) nitrogen increased		1	AO3
	(because of intense) volcanic activity		1	AO1
				4.9.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.2	(the percentage of) carbon dioxide decreased		1	AO3
	(because) carbon dioxide dissolved in oceans or (because of) formation of carbonate (precipitates / sediments)	do not accept references to photosynthesis	1	AO1
				4.9.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.3	(the percentage of) carbon dioxide decreased and (the percentage of) oxygen increased		1	AO3 4.9.1.3 4.9.1.4
	the increase and decrease (in percentage) occur at the same / similar rate	allow the changes (in percentage) are the same / similar in the same period of time	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information		AO / Spec. Ref.
06.4	photosynthesis	allow a description of photosynthesis	1	AO1 4.9.1.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.5	plankton (died)	allow tiny marine organisms (died)	1	AO1 4.9.1.4
	and (the organisms) were covered by sediments	allow and (the organisms) were buried	1	
	and subjected to high temperature and high pressure (over millions of years)	allow and (the organisms) were in anaerobic conditions	1	

Total Question 6		10
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Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	(nitrogen) air	allow atmosphere	1	AO1 4.10.4.1
	(hydrogen) natural gas	allow methane allow water / steam	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.2	there is only one product		1	AO2 4.3.3.2 4.10.4.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.3	(mixture is) cooled		1	AO1 4.10.4.1
	(so that only) ammonia liquefies	allow (so that only) ammonia condenses	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.4	scale labelled at 100, 200, 300 and 400 (atm)	allow scale labelled at 50, 150, 250 and 350 (atm)	1	AO2 4.10.4.1
	all five points plotted correctly	allow a tolerance of $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ a small square allow 1 mark for three / four points plotted correctly	2	
	line of best fit		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.5 View with Figure 5	extrapolation to 500 atmospheres		1	AO2 4.10.4.1
	percentage value at 500 atmospheres	allow a tolerance of $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ a small square	1	

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.6	Level 3: Relevant points (reasons/causes) are identified, given in detail and logically linked to form a clear account.	5–6	AO1 4.6.1.3 4.6.1.4 4.6.2.6 4.6.2.7 4.10.4.1
	Level 2: Relevant points (reasons/causes) are identified, and there are attempts at logical linking. The resulting account is not fully clear.	3–4	
	Level 1: Points are identified and stated simply, but their relevance is not clear and there is no attempt at logical linking.	1–2	
	No relevant content	0	
	Indicative content rate - higher temperature gives higher rate because of more frequent collisions - higher temperature gives higher rate because more particles have the activation energy - higher pressure gives higher rate because of more frequent collisions - use of catalyst gives higher rate because the activation energy is lowered equilibrium - higher temperature shifts the position of equilibrium to the left because reaction is exothermic - higher pressure shifts the position of equilibrium to the right because more molecules on left-hand side - use of catalyst has no effect on the position of equilibrium other factors - higher temperature (than 450°C) uses more energy so increases costs - higher pressure (than 200 atmospheres) uses more energy so increases costs - higher pressure (than 200 atmospheres) requires stronger reaction vessels so increases costs - use of a catalyst reduces energy costs compromise - the temperature chosen is a compromise between rate of reaction and position of equilibrium - the temperature chosen is a compromise between rate and cost - the pressure chosen is a compromise between yield / rate and cost		

Total Question 7	17
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Question 8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	(sulfur is a) precipitate / solid or (sulfur is an) insoluble substance		1	AO2 4.6.1.2 RPA5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.2 View with Figure 7	correctly drawn tangent at 30 s		1	AO2 4.6.1.1 RPA5
	correct values for x step and y step from tangent	allow correct use of an incorrectly drawn tangent	1	
	(ratio =) $\frac{\text{value for y step}}{\text{value for x step}}$	allow a tolerance of $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ a small square for each coordinate	1	
	correct calculation of ratio	allow correct use of incorrectly determined values from tangent for x step and/or y step	1	
	(conversion rate = ratio $\times 7.1 \times 10^{-5}$) correct evaluation of rate (mol/s)	allow correct use of an incorrectly calculated ratio	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.3	rate decreases	allow the collision frequency decreases	1	AO2 4.6.1.1 4.6.1.2 RPA5
	(because) concentration of reactants decreases alternative approach: greatest rate at start (1) (because) greatest concentration of reactants at start (1)	allow the collision frequency is highest at the start	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.4	(hydrochloric) acid is used up	allow (hydrochloric) acid is the limiting reactant ignore reactants used up	1	AO3 4.3.2.4 4.6.1.2 RPA5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.5 View with Figure 8	decreasing curve starting at (0,95) and steeper initially than curve for 0.10 mol/dm ³ sodium thiosulfate solution		1	AO2 4.6.1.2 RPA5
	levelling at 24%		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.6	stop light from other sources reaching the light sensor		1	AO3 4.6.1.2 RPA5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.7	repeatable		1	AO3 4.6.1.2 RPA5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.8	$V \propto m$		1	AO2 4.6.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.9 View with Figure 9	volume of sodium thiosulfate solution and volume of hydrochloric acid at any fixed mass	allow a tolerance of $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ a small square for volume readings	1	AO2 4.6.1.2
	$\left(\frac{\text{volume of Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3 \text{ solution}}{\text{volume of hydrochloric acid}} = \right)$	allow $\left(\frac{\text{volume of hydrochloric acid}}{\text{volume of Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3 \text{ solution}} = \right)$	1	
	0.25	4		
	1 : 4	allow correct use of incorrectly determined volumes	1	

Total Question 8		17
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