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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 his or her judgement and help to delineate what is acceptable or not worthy of credit or, in discursive answers, to give an overview of the area in which a mark or marks may be awarded
- 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.

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**. Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a / ; 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 error / 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 planets in the solar system. (2 marks)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	Neptune, Mars, Moon	1
2	Neptune, Sun, Mars, Moon	0

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a student writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, 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

Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, without any working shown.

However, if the answer is incorrect, mark(s) can be gained by correct substitution / working and this is shown in the 'extra information' column or by each stage of a longer calculation.

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

Any error in the answers to a structured question should be penalised once only.

Papers should be constructed in such a way that the number of times errors can be carried forward is kept to a minimum. Allowances for errors carried forward are most likely to be restricted to calculation questions and should be shown by the abbreviation e.c.f. in the marking scheme.

3.6 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **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 Ignore / Insufficient / Do not allow

Ignore or insufficient are 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.

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

Quality of Written Communication and levels marking

In Question 6(c) students are required to produce extended written material in English, and will be assessed on the quality of their written communication as well as the standard of the scientific response.

Students will be required to:

- use good English
- organise information clearly
- use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

The following general criteria should be used to assign marks to a level:

Level 1: basic

- Knowledge of basic information
- Simple understanding
- The answer is poorly organised, with almost no specialist terms and their use demonstrating a general lack of understanding of their meaning, little or no detail
- The spelling, punctuation and grammar are very weak.

Level 2: clear

- Knowledge of accurate information
- Clear understanding
- The answer has some structure and organisation, use of specialist terms has been attempted but not always accurately, some detail is given
- There is reasonable accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar, although there may still be some errors.

Level 3: detailed

- Knowledge of accurate information appropriately contextualised
- Detailed understanding, supported by relevant evidence and examples
- Answer is coherent and in an organised, logical sequence, containing a wide range of appropriate or relevant specialist terms used accurately.
- The answer shows almost faultless spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
1(a)	1 very small	must be in this order accept negligible, 1/2000 allow zero	1 1	AO1 2.3.1b
1(b)	The mass number		1	AO1 2.3.1c
1(c)	C		1	AO2 2.3.1a
1(d)(i)	2		1	AO2 2.1.1a
1(d)(ii)	3		1	AO2 2.1.1a
1(e)(i)	28		1	AO2 2.3.1f
1(e)(ii)	42.9	accept ecf from (e)(i) accept 42 - 43	1	AO2 2.3.3a
1(f)(i)	0.9		1	AO2 2.3
1(f)(ii)	any one from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accurate sensitive rapid small sample 		1	AO1 2.3.2a
Total			10	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
2(a)	sodium loses (electron)	sharing/covalent/metallic = max 2	1	AO1/AO2 2.1.1b,c,d, e,f
	chlorine gains (electron)		1	
	1 or an (electron)		1	
2(b)(i)	Have no overall electric charge		1	AO1 2.2.1a,c
2(b)(ii)	Should iodine be added to salt?	accept difficult to get / not enough evidence allow must be done by survey	1	AO3 2.2.1
	reason: any one from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cannot be done by experiment based on opinion / view ethical or economic issue 		1	
2(c)(i)	nitric (acid)		1	AO1 2.6.2b
2(c)(ii)	an alkali		1	AO1 2.6.2a
2(c)(iii)	indicator	accept any named acid base indicator	1	AO1 2.6.1b
2(d)(i)	Crystallisation		1	AO1 2.6.1c
2(d)(ii)	fertiliser	allow to help crops grow	1	AO1 2.6.2c
2(d)(iii)	any one from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pressure temperature catalyst 	allow concentration ignore heat	1	AO1 2.2.5a
Total			12	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
3(a)	A compound		1	AO1 2.1.1a
3(b)	lead nitrate potassium iodide	in either order	1 1	AO2 2.6.1d
3(c)	filter paper is missing so solid will go through funnel		1 1	AO3 2.6.1b
3(d)(i)	percentage yield		1	AO2 2.3.3e
3(d)(ii)	any one from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some product lost • reaction may not go to completion • unexpected reaction • impure reactants 	allow insufficient reactant	1	AO1 2.3.3d
Total			7	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
4(a)	any one from: • protection/improve lifespan • improve appearance		1	AO2 2.7.1d
4(b)(i)	Bleach		1	AO1 2.7.1i
4(b)(ii)	Hydrogen is less reactive than sodium.		1	AO2 2.7.1f
4(b)(iii)	1 bonding pair of electrons 6 unbonded electrons on Cl	accept dot, cross or e or – or any combination	1	AO1 2.7.1e
4(b)(iv)	Covalent		1	AO1 2.7.1f
4(b)(v)	Hydrogen chloride has a low boiling point. Hydrogen chloride is made of simple molecules.		1 1	AO1 2.2.1a 2.1.1g
4(c)(i)	oxygen	accept carbon dioxide	1	AO1 2.7.1h
4(c)(ii)	aluminium ions are positive so are attracted (to the negative electrode)	allow opposites attract	1 1	AO1/AO2 2.7.1h 2.2.2b
4(c)(iii)	Reduction		1	AO1 2.7.1e
4(c)(iv)	slide	allow move	1	AO1 2.2.4b
4(d)(i)	C		1	AO1 2.2.3a,c
4(d)(ii)	strong covalent bonds		1	AO1 2.2.3a
Total			14	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
5(a)(i)	the higher the temperature, the greater the rate or at 40 °C rate is faster than at 20 °C	accept the higher the temperature, the faster the reaction	1	AO3 2.4.1c
5(a)(ii)	40 °C curve is steeper or correct comparison of data from the graph	accept the 40 °C line becomes horizontal sooner accept at higher temperatures the reaction finishes sooner accept reaction finishes sooner at 40 °C accept at higher temperatures the gas is produced faster	1	AO3 2.4.1c
5(a)(iii)	2		1	AO2 2.4.1a
5(b)(i)	Concentration of acid Mass of marble chips		2	AO3 2.4.1e
5(b)(ii)	increases rate (because of) more frequent collisions (between particles)	incorrect reference to energy = max 1 accept particles are more likely to collide ignore more collisions ignore more successful collisions	1 1	AO1 2.4.1f
5(c)	any one from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increases rate of reaction reduces energy required lower temperature can be used catalyst is not used up 		1	AO1 2.4.1g,h
Total			8	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
6(a)	any one from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • solution becomes colourless or colour fades • zinc becomes bronze / copper coloured • zinc gets smaller • bubbles or fizzing 	allow copper (forms) or a solid (forms) allow zinc dissolves ignore precipitate	1 1	AO2 2.5.1 AO3 2.5.1a,b
6(b)	improvement: use a plastic / polystyrene cup or add a lid reason - must be linked reduce / stop heat loss OR improvement: use a digital thermometer reason - must be linked more accurate or easy to read or stores data	accept use lagging/insulation allow use a data logger allow more precise or more sensitive ignore more reliable ignore improvements to method, eg take more readings	1 1	AO3 2.5.1a,b

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Question 6 continued

6(c) Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 5, and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.				AO2/AO3 2.5.1a,b
0 marks	Level 1 (1–2 marks)	Level 2 (3–4 marks)	Level 3 (5–6 marks)	
No relevant content.	There is a statement about the results.	There are statements about the results. These statements may be linked or may include data.	There are statements about the results with at least one link and an attempt at an explanation.	
Examples of chemistry points made in the response: Description: Statements Concentration of copper sulfate increases Temperature change increases There is an anomalous result The temperature change levels off Reaction is exothermic Linked Statements Temperature change increases as concentration of copper sulfate increases The temperature change increases, and then remains constant After experiment 7 the temperature change remains constant Statements including data The trend changes at experiment 7 Experiment 3 is anomalous Attempted Explanation: Temperature change increases because rate increases Temperature change levels off because the reaction is complete Explanation: As more copper sulfate reacts, more heat energy is given off Once copper sulfate is in excess, no further heat energy produced				
Total			9	