

Cambridge International AS & A Level

CHEMISTRY
Paper 2 AS Level Structured Questions
MARK SCHEME
Maximum Mark: 60

Published

This mark scheme is published as an aid to teachers and candidates, to indicate the requirements of the examination. It shows the basis on which Examiners were instructed to award marks. It does not indicate the details of the discussions that took place at an Examiners' meeting before marking began, which would have considered the acceptability of alternative answers.

Mark schemes should be read in conjunction with the question paper and the Principal Examiner Report for Teachers.

Cambridge International will not enter into discussions about these mark schemes.

Cambridge International is publishing the mark schemes for the March 2021 series for most Cambridge IGCSE™, Cambridge International A and AS Level components and some Cambridge O Level components.

© UCLES 2021 [Turn over

Cambridge International AS & A Level – Mark Scheme

PUBLISHED

Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded positively:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

© UCLES 2021 Page 2 of 9

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Science-Specific Marking Principles

- 1 Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly.
- The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored.
- Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection).
- The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.

5 'List rule' guidance

For questions that require *n* responses (e.g. State **two** reasons ...):

- The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided.
- Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards *n*.
- Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards n.
- Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should **not** be awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should be treated as a single incorrect response.
- Non-contradictory responses after the first *n* responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science.

© UCLES 2021 Page 3 of 9

6 Calculation specific guidance

Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

For answers given in standard form (e.g. $a \times 10^n$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient (a) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7 Guidance for chemical equations

Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

© UCLES 2021 Page 4 of 9

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	wertical axis: number of particles horizontal axis: (kinetic / particle) energy M1: shape of curve correct	2
	M2: labelled axes	
1(a)(ii)	Labelled line (T2) with lower peak to right of original	1
1(b)(i)	Any two from: no VdW forces present / no forces of attraction between particles (ideal gas) particles have no / negligible volume (compared to container) collisions between (ideal gas) particles / walls of container are perfectly elastic (ideal gas) particles behave as rigid spheres	2
1(b)(ii)	M1: moles of krypton = $2.00 \div 83.8$ (= 0.0239 mol) M2: conversion of value into consistent units for $pV = nRT$ M3: $p = \frac{M1 \times 8.31 \times 393}{5.00 \times 10^{-3}} = 15600 \text{Pa}$	3

© UCLES 2021 Page 5 of 9

Question	Answer	Marks
1(b)(iii)	M1: low pressure AND high temperature	2
	 M2: Either of: volume of particles is negligible (compared to volume of container) VdW forces are insignificant (owing to high kinetic energy of particles) 	
1(c)(i)	Energy products activation enthalpy change $(\Delta H \text{ is positive})$ Progress of reaction M1: end higher than start AND 'hill' for E_a M2: E_a AND ΔH labelled	2
1(c)(ii)	 rate increases (increase in temperature means) more particles have energy ≥ activation energy frequency of successful collisions increases 	2

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	kills bacteria/microbes/micro-organisms	1
2(b)(i)	$Cl(g) - e^- \rightarrow Cl^+(g)$	1

© UCLES 2021 Page 6 of 9

Cambridge International AS & A Level – Mark Scheme **PUBLISHED**

Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)(ii)	M1: increasing proton number but similar shielding M2: greater attraction of nucleus (for outer / valence electrons)	2
2(c)(i)	M1: (thermal stability) decreases (down group) M2: (H—X) bond energy / strength decreases	2
2(c)(ii)	(+)6, (+)4, -2	1
2(c)(iii)	halides are better / stronger / more able reducing agents / are more easily oxidised down group	1
2(d)(i)	when a species is both oxidised and reduced	1
2(d)(ii)	$Cl_2 + 2NaOH \rightarrow NaCl + NaClO + H_2O$	1
2(e)(i)	CI AI CI CI CI CI CI CI CI C	2
	M2: all other bonds	
2(e)(ii)	 M1: (AlCl₃ / solid) disappears misty / steamy fumes temperature increases 	2
	M2: hydrolysis	
2(f)(i)	simple / molecular AND covalent	1

© UCLES 2021 Page 7 of 9

Cambridge International AS & A Level – Mark Scheme **PUBLISHED**

Question	Answer	Marks
2(f)(ii)	M1: $11.54 \div 143.4 = 0.0805$ M2: so ratio Z :C <i>l</i> is $1:4/n = 4$	2
2(g)(i)	(free-)radical substitution	1
2(g)(ii)	ultraviolet (UV) light / sunlight	1
2(g)(iii)	(1s ²) 2s ² 2p ⁶ 3s ² 3p ⁵	1
2(g)(iv)	Cl^{-} AND CH_2Cl_2	1
2(g)(v)	termination	1
2(g)(vi)	CHCl ₃ OR (CH ₂ Cl) ₂	1

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	M1 : $\Delta H_{\rm f}$ + (-2036) = 4 × -384 M2 : $\Delta H_{\rm f}$ = (+)500	2
3(a)(ii)	strong triple bond / high activation energy	1
3(b)(i)	M1: proton / H ⁺ donor M2: partially dissociates / does not fully dissociate (in solution)	2
3(b)(ii)	M1: overlap of two p orbitals side-on / above and below the plane M2:	2
3(c)	M1: 2150–2250 (cm ⁻¹) AND C≡C M2: 2200–2250 (cm ⁻¹) AND C≡N	2

Cambridge International AS & A Level – Mark Scheme **PUBLISHED**

Question	Answer	Marks
3(d)(i)	addition polymerisation	1
3(d)(ii)	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1
3(d)(iii)	propan-1-amine / 1-aminopropane	1
3(d)(iv)	alcoholic / ethanolic solution AND high pressure / heat in a sealed container	1

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	M1 : <i>x</i> = 108–110° M2 : <i>y</i> = 118–122°	2
4(b)	M1: red / orange / yellow ppt / solid M2: silver mirror OR silver / grey / black / brown ppt / solid	2
4(c)(i)	oxidising agent	1
4(c)(ii)	M1: (excess dichromate and) heat under reflux M2: to allow full oxidation (of alcohol and aldehyde groups)	2
4(d)(i)	$CH_2OHCHO + 2[H] \rightarrow (CH_2OH)_2$	1
4(d)(ii)	NaBH ₄ / LiA <i>l</i> H ₄	1
4(d)(iii)	ethene	1

© UCLES 2021 Page 9 of 9