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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.

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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.
- 2 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 <u>'List rule' guidance</u>

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.

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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.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	carbon monoxide	1
1(b)	water	1
1(c)	sodium nitrate	1
1(d)	sodium sulfate	1
1(e)	lead chloride / sodium nitrate	1

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	Any two from:	2
	K has low(er) density / Cu has high(er) density (1)	
	K has low(er) melting point / Cu has high(er) melting point (1)	
	K is soft / Cu is hard (1)	
	K is grey / silvery / Cu is pink / orange (1)	
2(b)	electronic configuration of 2, 8, 8 (1)	2
	single + charge at top right of brackets (1)	
2(c)	vanadium < uranium < cerium < potassium	1
2(d)	protons: 29 (1)	2
	neutrons: 36 (1)	

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(e)	$2Cu + 2H_2SO_4 + O_2 \rightarrow 2CuSO_4 + 2H_2O$	2
	correct formulae (1)	
	correct balance (1)	
2(f)(i)	lowers the activation energy (of the reaction)	1
2(f)(ii)	vanadium(V) oxide	1
2(g)	good electrical conductivity (1)	2
	(very) ductile (1)	

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	$Zn(s) + 2HCl(aq) \rightarrow ZnCl_2(aq) + H_2(g)$	2
	all three state symbols correct (2)	
	one or two state symbols correct (1)	
3(b)(i)	150 (s)	1
3(b)(ii)	initial gradient steeper and starts at 0–0 (1)	2
	final volume ends up as horizontal line at 42 cm ³ (1)	
3(c)	rate of reaction increases	2
	particles move more quickly / particles have more kinetic energy (1)	
	more successful collisions / more collisions / particles with equal or more than activation energy / more effective collisions (1)	

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Question	Answer	Marks	
3(d)	the particles move further apart	1	

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	anode: bromine (1)	2
	cathode: hydrogen (1)	
4(b)	anode: $2Br^- \rightarrow Br_2 + 2e^-(1)$	2
	cathode: $Ca^{2+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Ca$ (1)	
4(c)	add (acidified) silver nitrate (1)	2
	cream precipitate (1)	
4(d)(i)	calcium gives electrons to zinc ions / electrons transferred from calcium to zinc ions	1
4(d)(ii)	+2	1
4(e)	pair of electrons between each S and Br (1)	2
	6 non-bonding e⁻ on each Br and 4 non-bonding e⁻ on S (1)	

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)(i)	circle around C=C	1
5(a)(ii)	$C_6H_{10}O_2$	1
5(a)(iii)	motion: vibrating (1)	2
	arrangement: regular (1)	
5(b)(i)	addition	1
5(b)(ii)	nickel	1
5(c)	CH ₃ H CH ₃ H CH ₃ H CC	2
5(d)(i)	amino acids	1
5(d)(ii)	amide	1

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)(i)	78%	1
6(a)(ii)	Methane	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(b)(i)	bond breaking is endothermic / bond breaking needs energy AND bond making is exothermic / bond making gives energy out (1) more energy is released than absorbed / less energy is absorbed than released (1)	2
6(b)(ii)	ΔH –	1
6(c)(i)	ammonium nitrate	1
6(c)(ii)	titration	1

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	mol Ca(OH) ₂ = $\frac{25.00}{1000} \times 0.010$ OR 2.5×10^{-4} (1)	3
	mol CH ₃ COOH = 5×10^{-4} (1)	
	$= 0.0400 (\text{mol/dm}^3) (1)$	
7(b)	blue	1
7(c)(i)	(acid which is) incompletely dissociated / incompletely ionised (in aqueous solution)	1
7(c)(ii)	H ⁺	1
7(d)	mol Na ₂ CO ₃ = $\frac{3.18}{106}$ OR 0.03 (1)	2
	volume of $CO_2 = 720 \text{ cm}^3(1)$	
7(e)(i)	burning fossil fuels (containing sulfur compounds)	1
7(e)(ii)	flue-gas desulfurisation / using low-sulfur fuels	1

Question	Answer	Marks	l
7(e)(iii)	2SO ₃	1	ļ

Question	Answer	Marks
8(a)(i)	position of equilibrium moves to the left (1)	2
	more moles of gas on the left of the equation / fewer moles of gas on the right of the equation (1)	
8(a)(ii)	position of equilibrium moves to the right AND because the forward reaction is exothermic	1
8(b)	ethanol (1)	2
	(aqueous acidified) potassium manganate(VII) (1)	
8(c)	propyl ethanoate (1)	2
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Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)(i)	magnesium (has a high melting point because) has a giant metallic lattice and sea of delocalised electrons	3
	strong bonding between the ions and delocalised electrons / strong bonding between ions and 'sea' of electrons (1)	
	phosphorus (has a low melting point because) there are weak forces between the molecules / phosphorus has weak intermolecular forces (1)	

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Question	Answer	Marks
9(a)(ii)	graphite has (delocalised) mobile electrons / (delocalised) electrons which can move (1)	2
	phosphorus has no mobile electrons / charge carriers (1)	
9(b)	M1 diamond has a giant structure of covalent bonds (1)	2
	M2 diamond has strong bonding between all the atoms (1)	
9(c)	division by correct relative atomic mass e.g. $P = \frac{20.2}{31} O = \frac{10.4}{16} Cl = \frac{69.4}{35.5}$ OR $0.652 0.65 1.95 (1)$	2
	division by lowest value to get correct answer of $POCl_3$ (1)	

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