AQA GCSE Chemistry | 8462

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.1.1.6

Relative atomic mass

Past-paper questions

Tier	**Foundation**
Question groups	**32**
Available paper years	**2008–2025**

Using this booklet

1. Answer the questions in order and show your working.
2. Original question numbers and marks are retained.
3. Print at actual size (100%) for measuring questions.
4. Use the companion answer booklet to check your work.

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Whole questions are retained for context, so some parts assess other specification points. Current and legacy sources are labelled. Continue on extra paper if needed.

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Question 01

January 2008 | CHY2F | Original Q8 | Legacy

8 (a) A chemist was asked to identify a nitrogen compound. The chemist carried out an experiment to find the relative formula mass (M_r) of the compound.

The M_r of the compound was **44**.

Relative atomic masses: N = 14, O = 16

Draw a ring around the formula of the compound.

NO **NO_2** **N_2O_4** **N_2O**

(1 mark)

(b) Potassium nitrate is another nitrogen compound. It is used in fertilisers.
It has the formula **KNO_3**.

The M_r of potassium nitrate is **101**.

Calculate the percentage of **nitrogen** by mass in potassium nitrate.

Relative atomic mass: N = 14.

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Percentage of nitrogen = ... %

(2 marks)

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Question 02

June 2008 | CHY2F | Original Q7 | Legacy

7 Toothpastes often contain fluoride ions to help protect teeth from attack by bacteria.



Some toothpastes contain tin(II) fluoride.

This compound has the formula SnF_2.

7 (a) Calculate the relative formula mass (M_r) of SnF_2.
Relative atomic masses: F = 19; Sn = 119

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Relative formula mass (M_r) = ...

(2 marks)

7 (b) Calculate the percentage by mass of fluorine in SnF_2.

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Percentage by mass of fluorine = ... %

(2 marks)

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Question 02 · continued

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7 (c) A tube of toothpaste contains 1.2 g of SnF_2.

Calculate the mass of fluorine in this tube of toothpaste.

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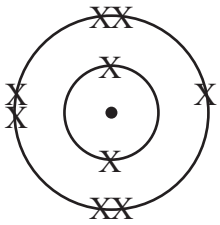
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Mass of fluorine = ... g

(1 mark)

7 (d) The diagram represents the electron arrangement of a fluorine atom.



Explain how a fluorine atom can change into a fluoride ion, F^-.

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(2 marks)

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Question 03

June 2009 | CHY2F | Original Q8 | Legacy

8 This question is about methods of treating water.

8 (a) Chlorine is used to kill microorganisms in water. When chlorine is added to water a chemical reaction takes place. The equation for this reaction is shown below.

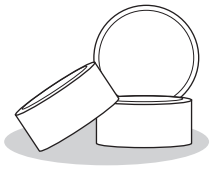
$$Cl_2(g) + H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons 2H^+(aq) + OCl^-(aq) + Cl^-(aq)$$

An acidic solution is produced when chlorine reacts with water.

Which ion, shown in the equation, makes the solution acidic? .....

(1 mark)

8 (b) Calcium hypochlorite tablets are added to water in some swimming pools to kill microorganisms.



The formula of calcium hypochlorite is $CaCl_2O_2$

8 (b) (i) Calculate the relative formula mass (M_r) of calcium hypochlorite.

Relative atomic masses: O = 16; Cl = 35.5; Ca = 40.

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Relative formula mass (M_r) of calcium hypochlorite = ...

(2 marks)

8 (b) (ii) Calculate the percentage by mass of chlorine in calcium hypochlorite.

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Percentage by mass of chlorine in calcium hypochlorite = ... %

(2 marks)

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Question 03 · continued

for mark

8 (b) (iii) Calculate the mass of chlorine in a 20 g tablet of calcium hypochlorite.

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Mass of chlorine = ... g

(1 mark)

8 (c) Waste water from some industrial processes sometimes contains harmful metal ions, such as chromium ions. These ions must be removed from the water before it can be returned to a river.
A method of removing chromium ions (Cr^{3+}) from water is represented by this equation.

$$Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3OH^{-}(aq) \rightarrow Cr(OH)_3(s)$$

8 (c) (i) What type of substance would be added to the water to provide the OH^- ions?

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(1 mark)

8 (c) (ii) A *precipitate* is formed in this reaction.

What is a *precipitate*?

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(1 mark)

8 (c) (iii) What method could be used to separate the precipitate from the solution?

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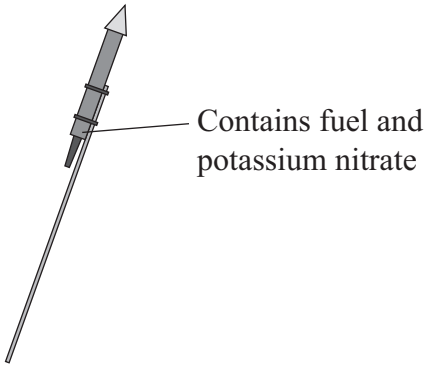
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Question 04

January 2010 | CHY2F | Original Q5 | Legacy

5 Firework rockets contain fuel and potassium nitrate.



The potassium nitrate provides oxygen for the fuel to react.

5 (a) The table shows how a student worked out the relative formula mass (M_r) of potassium nitrate.

Some of the numbers are missing.

Relative atomic masses (A_r): N = 14; O = 16; K = 39.

Name of atom (symbol)	Number of atoms	A_r	Mass
potassium (K)	1	39	39
nitrogen (N)	1	14	14
oxygen (O)		16	
		The M_r of potassium nitrate =	101

5 (a) (i) The mass of oxygen is not shown in the table.

Draw a ring around the correct mass of oxygen.

16 **32** **48**

(1 mark)

5 (a) (ii) Draw a ring around the number of oxygen atoms in the formula of potassium nitrate.

1 **2** **3**

(1 mark)

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Question 04 · continued

for mark

5 (b) When the fuel reacts with the oxygen an *exothermic* reaction takes place.

What does *exothermic* mean?

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(2 marks)

5 (c) The fuel contains carbon. Carbon reacts with oxygen to make carbon dioxide.

Which **two** statements in the table explain why carbon dioxide is a gas at room temperature?

Tick (✓) the **two** statements.

Statement	**Tick (✓)**
It has a giant structure	
It has a low boiling point.	
It is made of small molecules.	
It is made of ions.	

(2 marks)

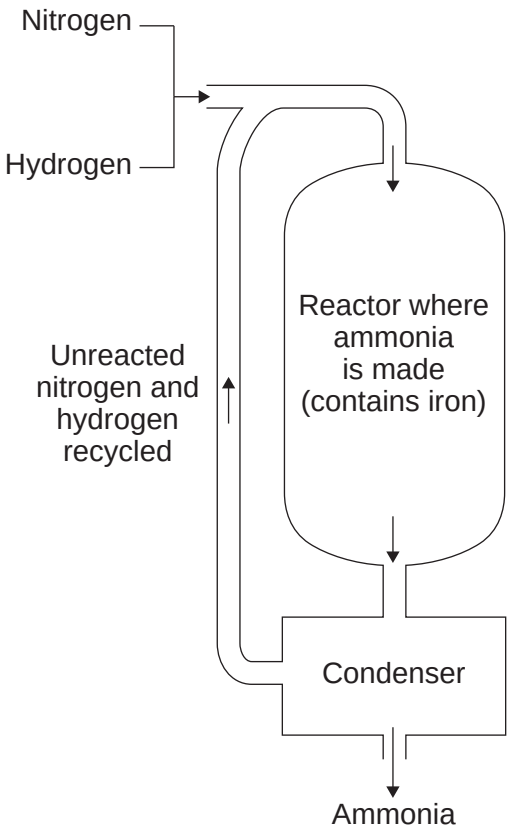
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Question 05

June 2010 | CHY2F | Original Q6 | Legacy

6 (a) The diagram shows how ammonia is made.



6 (a) (i) Complete the word equation for the reaction that takes place in the reactor.

nitrogen + ... → .....

(1 mark)

6 (a) (ii) Ammonia is made by passing nitrogen and hydrogen over hot iron.
Why is iron used in the reactor?

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(1 mark)

6 (a) (iii) Explain how ammonia is separated from the unreacted nitrogen and hydrogen.

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(2 marks)

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Question 05 · continued

6 (b) Ammonia is used to make the fertiliser ammonium nitrate.

Calculate the relative formula mass (M_r) of ammonium nitrate, NH_4NO_3

Relative atomic masses (A_r): H = 1; N = 14; O = 16

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Relative formula mass = ...

(2 marks)

6 (c) Another fertiliser is potassium nitrate, KNO_3

The relative formula mass (M_r) of potassium nitrate is 101.

Relative atomic masses (A_r): N = 14; O = 16; K = 39

The table shows the percentage by mass of potassium and nitrogen in four fertilisers, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**.

Fertiliser	Percentage by mass of potassium (%)	Percentage by mass of nitrogen (%)
A	12.45	25.21
B	19.91	24.12
C	38.61	13.86
D	24.89	9.25

Which fertiliser, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**, is potassium nitrate?

You **must** show your working to gain full marks.

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Potassium nitrate is fertiliser ☐

(2 marks)

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Question 06

January 2011 | CHY2F | Original Q7 | Legacy

7 Calamine lotion is used to treat itching. The main ingredients are two metal oxides.



7 (a) One of the metal oxides has a relative formula mass (M_r) of 81.

The formula of this metal oxide is MO.
(M is **not** the correct symbol for the metal.)

The relative atomic mass (A_r) of oxygen is 16.

7 (a) (i) Calculate the relative atomic mass (A_r) of metal M.

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Relative atomic mass (A_r) = ...

(2 marks)

7 (a) (ii) Use your answer to part (a)(i) and the periodic table on the Data Sheet to name metal M.

The name of metal M is ..... .

(1 mark)

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Question 06 · continued

7 (b) The other metal oxide is iron(III) oxide.

This contains iron(III) ions (Fe^{3+}) and oxide ions (O^{2-}).

7 (b) (i) Explain in terms of electrons how an iron atom (Fe) can change into an iron(III) ion (Fe^{3+}).

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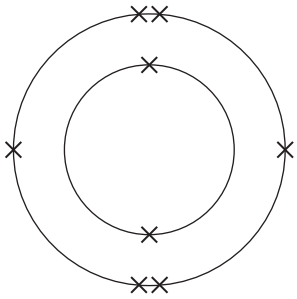
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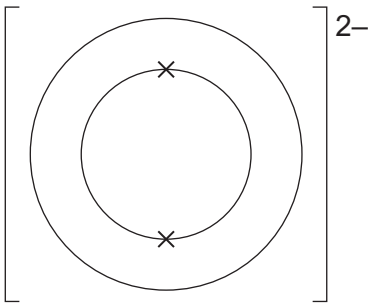
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(2 marks)

7 (b) (ii) The diagram below represents the electronic structure of an oxygen atom (O).



Complete the diagram below to show the electronic structure of an oxide ion (O^{2-}).



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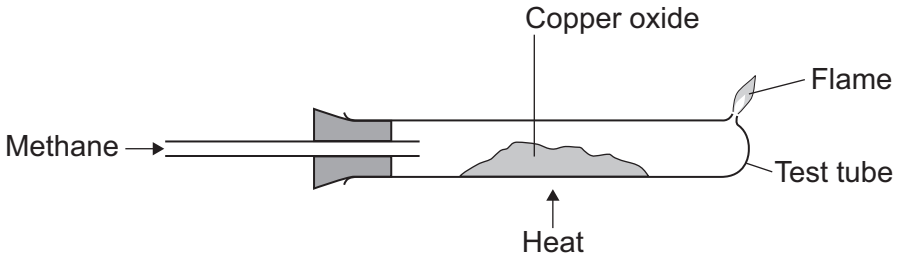
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Question 07

June 2011 | CHY2F | Original Q7 | Legacy

7 An experiment was done on the reaction of copper oxide (CuO) with methane (CH_4).



7 (a) The equation for this reaction is shown below.

$$4CuO(s) + CH_4(g) \rightarrow 4Cu(s) + 2H_2O(g) + CO_2(g)$$

The water and carbon dioxide produced escapes from the test tube.

Use information from the equation to explain why.

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(1 mark)

7 (b) (i) Calculate the relative formula mass (M_r) of copper oxide (CuO).

Relative atomic masses (A_r): O = 16; Cu = 64.

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Relative formula mass (M_r) = ...

(2 marks)

7 (b) (ii) Calculate the percentage of copper in copper oxide.

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Percentage of copper = ... %

(2 marks)

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Question 07 · continued

7 (b) (iii) Calculate the mass of copper that could be made from 4.0 g of copper oxide.

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Mass of copper = ... g

(1 mark)

7 (c) The experiment was done three times.
The mass of copper oxide used and the mass of copper made was measured each time.
The results are shown in the table.

	Experiment		
	1	**2**	**3**
Mass of copper oxide used in g	4.0	4.0	4.0
Mass of copper made in g	3.3	3.5	3.2

7 (c) (i) Calculate the mean mass of copper made in these experiments.

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Mean mass of copper made = ... g

(1 mark)

7 (c) (ii) Suggest how the results of these experiments could be made more precise.

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(1 mark)

7 (c) (iii) The three experiments gave slightly different results for the mass of copper made.
This was caused by experimental error.

Suggest **two** causes of experimental error in these experiments.

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(2 marks)

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Question 08

January 2013 | CH2FP | Original Q6 | Legacy

6 Printed pictures can be made using etchings.



An etching can be made when a sheet of brass reacts with iron chloride solution.

6 (a) Brass is a mixture of two metals, copper and zinc.

6 (a) (i) A mixture of two metals is called ..... .

(1 mark)

6 (a) (ii) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete the sentence.

Copper and zinc atoms are different sizes.

This makes brass | harder | more flexible | softer | than the pure metals.

(1 mark)

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 08 · continued

6 (b) Iron chloride has the formula $FeCl_3$

Relative atomic masses (A_r): Cl = 35.5; Fe = 56.

6 (b) (i) Calculate the relative formula mass (M_r) of iron chloride ($FeCl_3$).

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Relative formula mass (M_r) of iron chloride = ...

(2 marks)

6 (b) (ii) Calculate the percentage of iron in iron chloride ($FeCl_3$).

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Percentage of iron in iron chloride = ...%

(2 marks)

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 09

June 2013 | CH2FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 This question is about lithium and sodium.

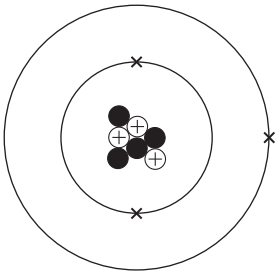
1 (a) Use the Chemistry Data Sheet to help you to answer this question.

In which group of the periodic table are lithium and sodium? Group ☐

(1 mark)

1 (b) A lithium atom can be represented as $^{7}_{3}Li$

The diagram represents the lithium atom.



1 (b) (i) Some particles in the nucleus have a positive charge.

What is the name of these particles? .....

(1 mark)

1 (b) (ii) Some particles in the nucleus have no charge.

What is the name of these particles? .....

(1 mark)

1 (b) (iii) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

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The mass number of this atom of lithium is ☐

(1 mark)

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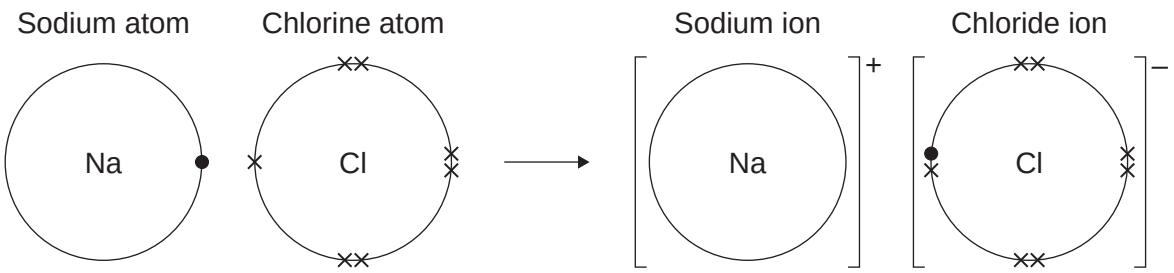
Question 09 · continued

1 (c) Sodium reacts with chlorine to produce sodium chloride.

sodium + chlorine ⟶ sodium chloride

The diagram shows how the reaction happens.

Only the outer electrons are shown.



Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete each sentence.

1 (c) (i) A sodium atom changes into a sodium ion by [gaining / losing / sharing] an electron.

(1 mark)

1 (c) (ii) A sodium ion has [a negative / no / a positive] charge.

(1 mark)

1 (c) (iii) The ions in sodium chloride are held together by strong [covalent / electrostatic / magnetic] forces.

(1 mark)

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 09 · continued

1 (d) Sodium chloride is an ionic compound.

Tick (✓) **two** properties of ionic compounds.

Property	Tick (✓)
Do **not** dissolve in water	
High melting points	
Low boiling points	
Strong bonds	

(2 marks)

1 (e) (i) The formula of sodium chloride is NaCl

Calculate the relative formula mass of sodium chloride.

Relative atomic masses: Na = 23; Cl = 35.5

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Relative formula mass = ...

(1 mark)

1 (e) (ii) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete the sentence.

The relative formula mass of a substance, in grams, is one [ion / isotope / mole] of the substance.

(1 mark)

1 (f) Nanoparticles of sodium chloride (salt) are used to flavour crisps.

What are nanoparticles?

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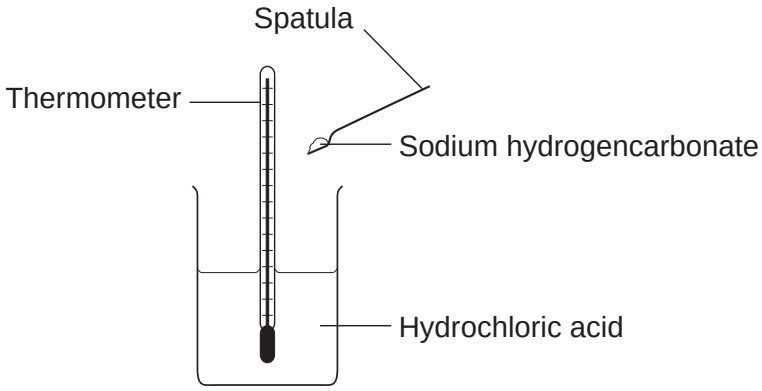
(1 mark)

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Question 10

7 (a) Some students did an experiment to find the temperature change when hydrochloric acid reacts with sodium hydrogencarbonate.



The results are in the table.

Number of spatula measures of sodium hydrogencarbonate	Start temperature in °C	Final temperature in °C	Change in temperature in °C
2	20	16	4
4	20	14	6
6	19	11	8
8	20	10	10
10	19	9	10
12	20	10	10

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Question 10 · continued

7 (a) (i) Describe, as fully as you can, the trends shown in the students' results.

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(3 marks)

7 (a) (ii) State the type of energy transfer for this reaction.

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(1 mark)

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Question 10 · continued

7 (b) Sodium hydrogencarbonate is used as baking powder for making cakes.

When the cake mixture is baked the sodium hydrogencarbonate decomposes.

The equation for the reaction is:

$$2\,NaHCO_3(s) \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} Na_2CO_3(s) + H_2O(g) + CO_2(g)$$

7 (b) (i) The cake mixture rises when baked.



Use the equation to suggest why.

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(1 mark)

7 (b) (ii) The same reaction can be reversed to produce sodium hydrogencarbonate from sodium carbonate.

$$Na_2CO_3 + H_2O + CO_2 \longrightarrow 2\,NaHCO_3$$

Do the reactants need to be heated?

Give a reason for your answer.

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(1 mark)

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Question 10 · continued

7 (c) (i) Calculate the relative formula mass of sodium hydrogencarbonate ($NaHCO_3$).

Relative atomic masses (A_r): H=1; C=12; O=16; Na=23

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Relative formula mass (M_r) = ...

(2 marks)

7 (c) (ii) Calculate the percentage by mass of carbon in sodium hydrogencarbonate.

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Percentage of carbon = ... %

(1 mark)

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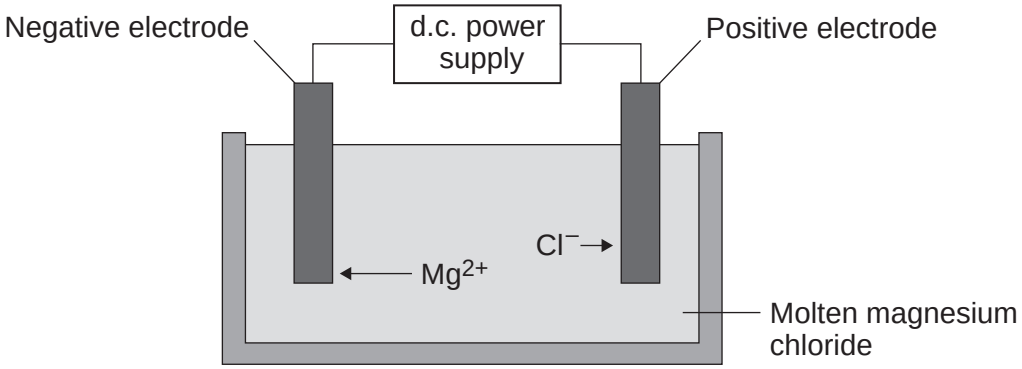
Question 11

June 2014 | CH2FP | Original Q5 | Legacy

5 Some students investigated reactions to produce magnesium.

5 (a) The students used electrolysis to produce magnesium from magnesium chloride, as shown in **Figure 7**.

Figure 7



5 (a) (i) Magnesium chloride contains magnesium ions and chloride ions.

Why does solid magnesium chloride **not** conduct electricity?

[1 mark]

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5 (a) (ii) One of the products of the electrolysis of molten magnesium chloride is magnesium.

Name the other product.

[1 mark]

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5 (a) (iii) Why do magnesium ions (Mg^{2+}) move to the negative electrode?

[1 mark]

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 11 · continued

5 (a) (iv) At the negative electrode, the magnesium ions (Mg^{2+}) gain electrons to become magnesium atoms.

How many electrons does each magnesium ion gain?

[1 mark]

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5 (b) The students did the experiment four times and weighed the magnesium produced.

Table 1 shows their results.

Table 1

Experiment	Mass of magnesium produced in grams
1	1.13
2	0.63
3	1.11
4	1.09

5 (b) (i) There is an anomalous result.

Suggest **one** possible reason for the anomalous result.

[1 mark]

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5 (b) (ii) Calculate the mean mass of magnesium produced, taking account of the anomalous result.

[2 marks]

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Mean mass = ... g

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 11 · continued

5 (c) The formula of magnesium chloride is $MgCl_2$

The relative formula mass of magnesium chloride is 95.

The relative atomic mass of magnesium is 24.

5 (c) (i) Use the equation to calculate the percentage mass of magnesium in magnesium chloride.

$$\text{Percentage mass of magnesium} = \frac{\text{mass of magnesium}}{\text{mass of magnesium chloride}} \times 100\%$$

[2 marks]

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Percentage mass of magnesium in magnesium chloride = ... %

5 (c) (ii) Draw a ring around the relative mass of chlorine in $MgCl_2$

[1 mark]

71 **95** **119**

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 11 · continued

5 (d) Magnesium is also produced from the reaction of magnesium oxide with silicon.

5 (d) (i) The equation for the reaction is:

$$2\ MgO(s) + Si(s) \rightleftharpoons SiO_2(s) + 2\ Mg(s)$$

What is the meaning of this symbol $\rightleftharpoons$?

Draw a ring around the correct answer.

[1 mark]

neutralisation reaction **precipitation reaction** **reversible reaction**

5 (d) (ii) The forward reaction is endothermic.

Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

In an endothermic reaction the temperature of the surroundings

decreases.

increases.

stays the same.

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Question 12

1 This question is about carbon and gases in the air.

1 (a) Carbon atoms have protons, neutrons and electrons.

Complete **Table 1** by writing the relative mass of a neutron and an electron.

[2 marks]

Table 1

Name of particle	Relative mass
proton	1
neutron	
electron	

1 (b) What is the total number of protons and neutrons in an atom called?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

The atomic number ☐

The mass number ☐

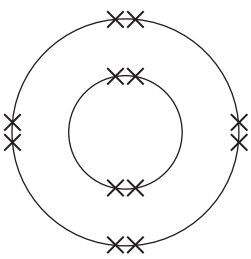
One mole of the atom ☐

1 (c) An atom of carbon has six electrons.

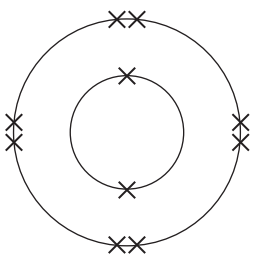
Which structure, **A**, **B** or **C**, represents the electronic structure of the carbon atom?

[1 mark]

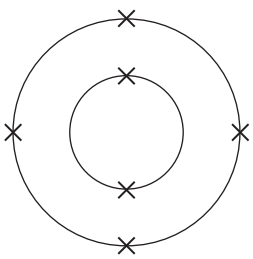
Structure A



Structure B



Structure C



The carbon atom is structure ☐.

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Question 12 · continued

1 (d) Carbon reacts with oxygen to produce carbon dioxide (CO_2).

1 (d) (i) How many different elements are in one molecule of carbon dioxide?

[1 mark]

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1 (d) (ii) What is the total number of atoms in one molecule of carbon dioxide?

[1 mark]

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1 (e) Sometimes carbon reacts with oxygen to produce carbon monoxide (CO).

1 (e) (i) Calculate the relative formula mass (M_r) of carbon monoxide.

Relative atomic masses (A_r): C = 12; O = 16

[1 mark]

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M_r of carbon monoxide = ...

1 (e) (ii) Calculate the percentage by mass of carbon in carbon monoxide.

[1 mark]

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Percentage by mass of carbon in carbon monoxide = ...%

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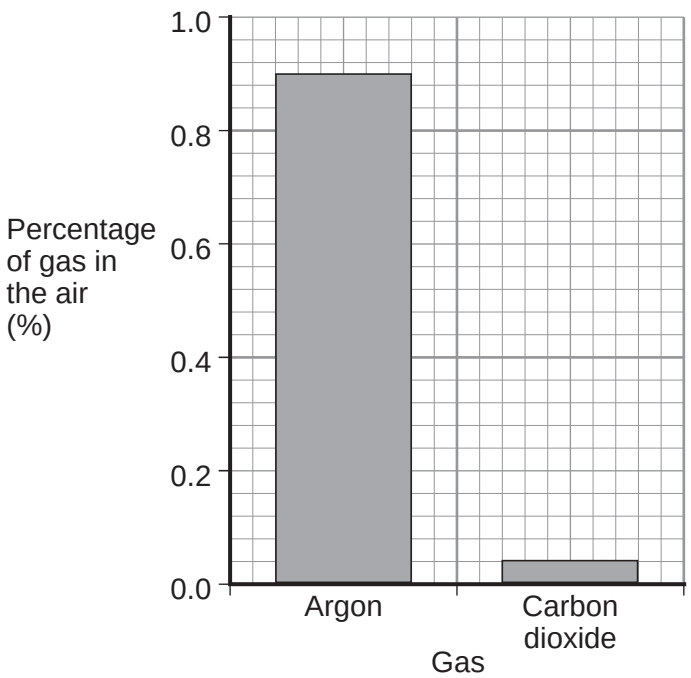
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Question 12 · continued

1 (f) Carbon dioxide is one of the gases in the air.

1 (f) (i) **Figure 1** shows the percentage of argon and the percentage of carbon dioxide in the air.

Figure 1



What is the percentage of argon in the air?

[1 mark]

Percentage of argon = ... %

1 (f) (ii) An instrumental method is used to measure the amount of carbon dioxide in the air.

Give **one** reason for using an instrumental method.

[1 mark]

.....

.....

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 13

June 2016 | CH2FP | Original Q6 | Legacy

6 This question is about ammonia and fertilisers.

6 (a) Ammonia is produced by a reversible reaction.

The equation for the reaction is:

$$N_2 + 3H_2 \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3$$

Complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

The forward reaction is exothermic, so the reverse reaction is _____ .

6 (b) Calculate the percentage by mass of nitrogen in ammonia (NH_3).
Relative atomic masses (A_r): H = 1; N = 14
You **must** show how you work out your answer.

[3 marks]

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

Percentage by mass of nitrogen = _____%

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 13 · continued

6 (c) A neutral solution can be produced when ammonia reacts with an acid.

6 (c) (i) Give the pH of a neutral solution.

[1 mark]

pH _____

6 (c) (ii) Which of these ionic equations shows a neutralisation reaction?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

$H^+ + OH^- \longrightarrow H_2O$ ☐

$NH_4^+ + OH^- \longrightarrow NH_4OH$ ☐

$H^+ + Cl^- \longrightarrow HCl$ ☐

$H^+ + H_2O \longrightarrow H_3O^+$ ☐

6 (c) (iii) Name the salt produced when ammonia reacts with hydrochloric acid.

[1 mark]

_____

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Question 13 · continued

6 (d) **In this question you will be assessed on using good English, organising information clearly and using specialist terms where appropriate.**

Farmers use ammonium nitrate as a fertiliser for crops.

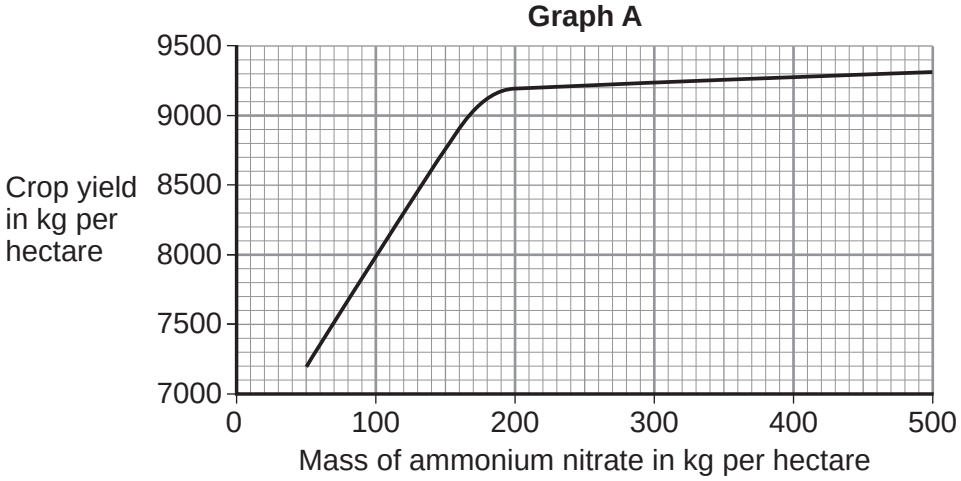
Rainwater dissolves ammonium nitrate in the soil.

Some of the dissolved ammonium nitrate runs off into rivers and lakes.

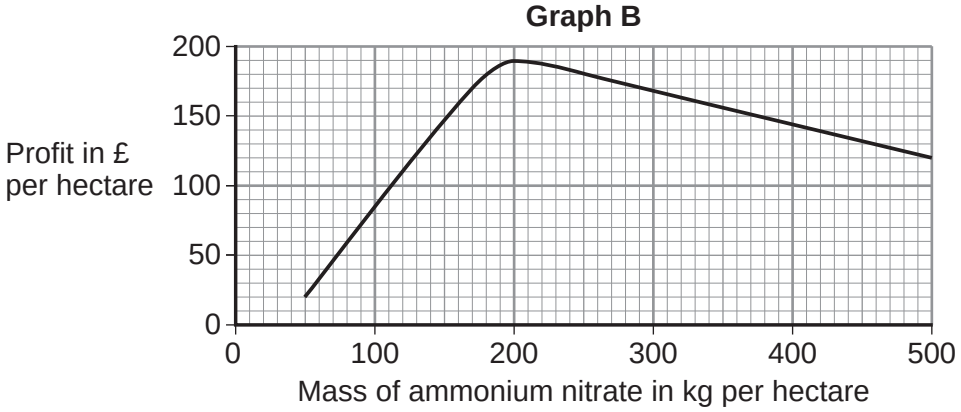
Figure 12 shows three graphs **A**, **B** and **C**. The graphs show information about the use of ammonium nitrate as a fertiliser. A hectare is a measurement of an area of land.

Figure 12

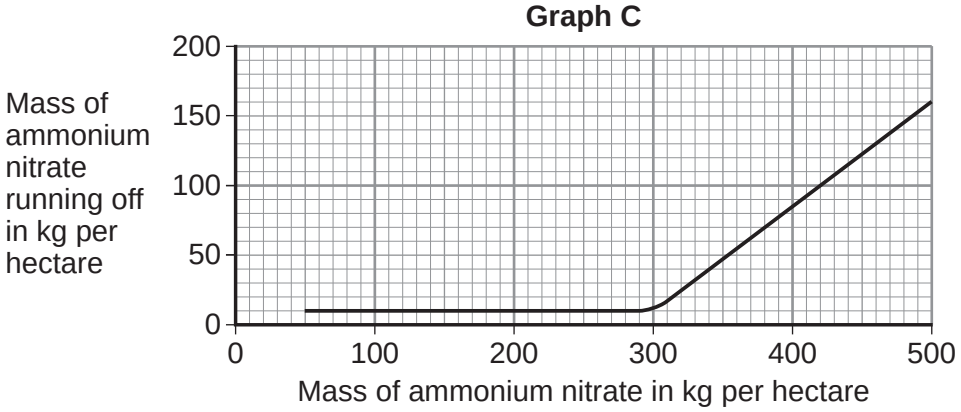
Graph A



Graph B



Graph C



4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 13 · continued

Suggest how much ammonium nitrate farmers should use per hectare.
Give reasons for your answer.
Use information from graphs **A**, **B** and **C**.

[6 marks]

Extra space

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 14

June 2017 | CH2FP | Original Q4 | Legacy

4 This question is about sodium chloride.

4 (a) Calculate the relative formula mass (M_r) of sodium chloride (NaCl).

Relative atomic masses (A_r): Na = 23; Cl = 35.5

[1 mark]

Relative formula mass (M_r) = _____

4 (b) A student reacted hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide solution to produce sodium chloride and another product.

Use the correct answer from the box to complete the word equation for the reaction.

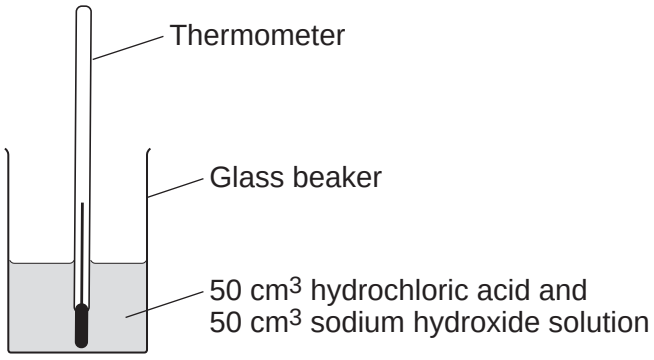
[1 mark]

chlorine	**hydrogen**	**oxygen**	**water**

hydrochloric acid + sodium hydroxide ⟶ sodium chloride + _____

4 (c) **Figure 7** shows the apparatus the student used to measure the temperature change in the reaction between hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide solution.

Figure 7



The student:

- measured 50 cm^3 hydrochloric acid into a glass beaker
- measured the temperature of the hydrochloric acid
- added 50 cm^3 of sodium hydroxide solution
- measured the highest temperature of the solution
- repeated the experiment with insulation around the glass beaker.

Question 14 · continued

4 (c) (i) Suggest **one** reason why the insulation around the glass beaker gives more accurate results.

[1 mark]

_____

_____

4 (c) (ii) The student did the investigation using the insulation three times.

Table 2 shows the results.

Table 2

Experiment number	Temperature of acid before reaction in °C	Highest temperature of solution in °C	Temperature change in °C
1	20	33	13
2	20	34	14
3	19	32	

Calculate the temperature change in **Experiment 3**.

Write your answer in **Table 2**.

[1 mark]

4 (c) (iii) How does **Table 2** show that the results are repeatable?

[1 mark]

_____

_____

4 (c) (iv) Complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

The temperature increase shows that the reaction between hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide is _____ .

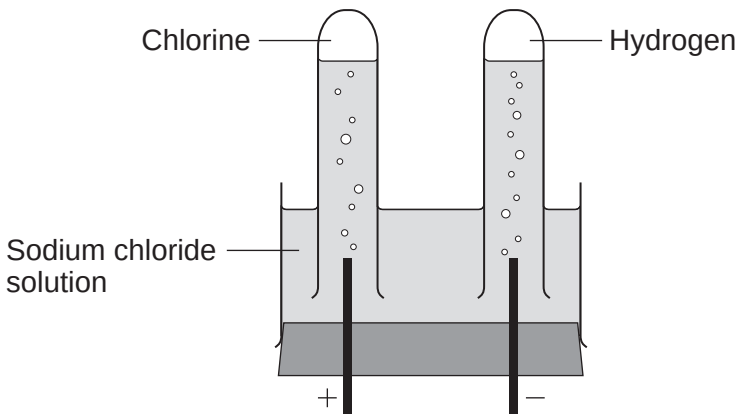
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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 14 · continued

4 (d) A student investigated the electrolysis of sodium chloride solution, as shown in **Figure 8**.

Figure 8



4 (d) (i) State, in terms of ions, why sodium chloride solution conducts electricity.

[1 mark]

_____

_____

4 (d) (ii) Chlorine is produced at the positive electrode.

Why are chloride ions attracted to the positive electrode?

[1 mark]

_____

_____

4 (d) (iii) When sodium chloride solution is electrolysed, sodium hydroxide is also produced.

What can be manufactured from sodium hydroxide?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Alloys ☐

Poly(ethene) ☐

Soap ☐

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 14 · continued

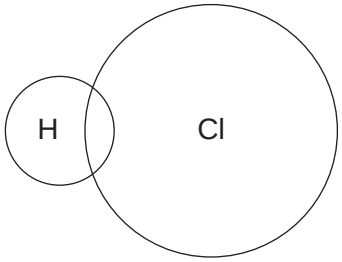
4 (d) (iv) The products chlorine and hydrogen react to form hydrogen chloride.

Hydrogen atoms have one electron in their outer shell. Chlorine atoms have seven electrons in their outer shell.

Complete **Figure 9** to show how the outer electrons are arranged in a molecule of hydrogen chloride (HCl).

[2 marks]

Figure 9



4 (d) (v) Which calculation shows the percentage of hydrogen in hydrogen chloride?

Relative atomic masses (A_r): H = 1; Cl = 35.5

Relative formula mass (M_r): HCl = 36.5

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

$\frac{35.5}{36.5} \times 100$ ☐

$\frac{1}{35.5} \times 100$ ☐

$\frac{1}{36.5} \times 100$ ☐

$\frac{1}{72.0} \times 100$ ☐

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 15

June 2018 | 8462/1F | Original Q2

0 2 The halogens are elements in Group 7.

0 2 . 1 Bromine is in Group 7.

Give the number of electrons in the outer shell of a bromine atom.

[1 mark]

_____

0 2 . 2 Bromine reacts with hydrogen. The gas hydrogen bromide is produced.

What is the structure of hydrogen bromide?

[1 mark]

Tick **one** box.

- Giant covalent ☐
- Ionic lattice ☐
- Metallic structure ☐
- Small molecule ☐

0 2 . 3 What is the formula for fluorine gas?

[1 mark]

Tick **one** box.

- F ☐
- F_2 ☐
- F^2 ☐
- 2F ☐

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 15 · continued

A student mixes solutions of halogens with solutions of their salts.

Table 1 shows the student's observations.

Table 1

	Potassium chloride (colourless)	Potassium bromide (colourless)	Potassium iodide (colourless)
Chlorine (colourless)		Solution turns orange	Solution turns brown
Bromine (orange)	No change		Solution turns brown
Iodine (brown)	No change	No change	

0 2 . 4 Explain how the reactivity of the halogens changes going down Group 7.

Use the results in **Table 1**.

[3 marks]

Question 2 continues on the next page

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 15 · continued

A company uses chlorine to produce titanium chloride from titanium dioxide.

0 2 . 5 What is the relative formula mass (M_r) of titanium dioxide, TiO_2?

Relative atomic masses (A_r): O = 16 Ti = 48

[1 mark]

Tick **one** box.

64 ☐

80 ☐

128 ☐

768 ☐

0 2 . 6 The company calculates that 500 g of titanium dioxide should produce 1.2 kg of titanium chloride.

However, the company finds that 500 g of titanium dioxide only produces 900 g of titanium chloride.

Calculate the percentage yield.

[2 marks]

Percentage yield = _____ %

9

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 16

June 2018 | 8462/1F | Original Q3

0 3 This question is about the structure of the atom.

0 3 . 1 Complete the sentences.

Choose answers from the box.

Each word may be used once, more than once, or not at all.

[5 marks]

electron	**ion**	**neutron**
nucleus	**proton**	

The centre of the atom is the _____.

The two types of particle in the centre of the atom are the proton and the _____.

James Chadwick proved the existence of the _____.

Niels Bohr suggested particles orbit the centre of the atom. This type of particle is the _____.

The two types of particle with the same mass are the neutron and the _____.

Table 2 shows information about two isotopes of element **X**.

Table 2

	Mass number	Percentage (%) abundance
Isotope 1	63	70
Isotope 2	65	30

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 16 · continued

0 3 . 2 Calculate the relative atomic mass (A_r) of element **X** using the equation:

$$A_r = \frac{\text{(mass number} \times \text{percentage) of isotope 1 + (mass number} \times \text{percentage) of isotope 2}}{100}$$

Use **Table 2**.

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.

[2 marks]

A_r = _____

0 3 . 3 Suggest the identity of element **X**.

Use the periodic table.

[1 mark]

Element **X** is _____

0 3 . 4 The radius of an atom of element **X** is 1.2×10^{-10} m

The radius of the centre of the atom is $\frac{1}{10\,000}$ the radius of the atom.

Calculate the radius of the centre of an atom of element **X**.

Give your answer in standard form.

[2 marks]

Radius = _____ m

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 17

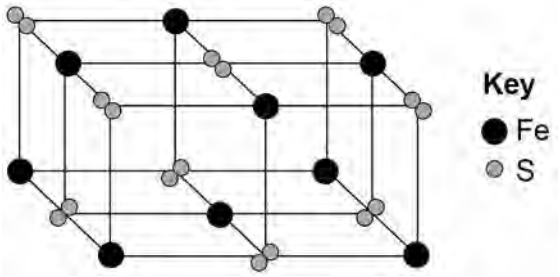
June 2018 | 8462/1F | Original Q9

0 9 This question is about metals and metal compounds.

0 9 . 1 Iron pyrites is an ionic compound.

Figure 12 shows a structure for iron pyrites.

Figure 12



Determine the formula of iron pyrites.

Use **Figure 12**.

[1 mark]

_____

0 9 . 2 An atom of iron is represented as $^{56}_{26}Fe$

Give the number of protons, neutrons and electrons in this atom of iron.

[3 marks]

Number of protons _____

Number of neutrons _____

Number of electrons _____

0 9 . 3 Iron is a transition metal.

Sodium is a Group 1 metal.

Give **two** differences between the properties of iron and sodium.

[2 marks]

1 _____

_____

2 _____

_____

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 17 · continued

Nickel is extracted from nickel oxide by reduction with carbon.

0 9 . 4 Explain why carbon can be used to extract nickel from nickel oxide.

[2 marks]

0 9 . 5 An equation for the reaction is:

$$NiO + C \rightarrow Ni + CO$$

Calculate the percentage atom economy for the reaction to produce nickel.

Relative atomic masses (A_r): C = 12 Ni = 59

Relative formula mass (M_r): NiO = 75

Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

[3 marks]

Percentage atom economy = _____ %

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

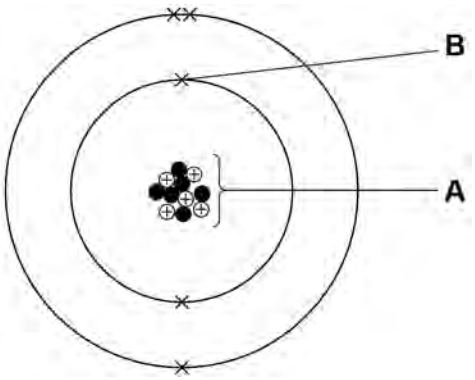
Question 18

June 2019 | 8462/1F | Original Q1

0 1 This question is about atomic structure.

Figure 1 represents an atom of element **Z**.

Figure 1



0 1 . 1 Name the parts of the atom labelled **A** and **B**.

Choose answers from the box.

[2 marks]

electron	**neutron**	**nucleus**	**proton**

A _____

B _____

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 18 · continued

0 1 . 2 Which particle has the lowest mass?

Choose the answer from the box.

[1 mark]

electron	**neutron**	**nucleus**	**proton**

0 1 . 3 Which group of the periodic table contains element **Z**?

Use **Figure 1**.

[1 mark]

Group _____

0 1 . 4 Give the atomic number and the mass number of element **Z**.

Use **Figure 1**.

Choose answers from the box.

[2 marks]

1	**5**	**6**	**11**	**16**

Atomic number _____

Mass number _____

Question 1 continues on the next page

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 18 · continued

Bromine has two different types of atom.

The atoms have a different number of neutrons but the same number of protons.

0 1 . 5 What is the name for this type of atom?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Compound ☐
- Ion ☐
- Isotope ☐
- Molecule ☐

0 1 . 6 The different types of bromine atom can be represented as $^{79}_{35}Br$ and $^{81}_{35}Br$

The relative atomic mass (A_r) of bromine is 80

Which statement is true about the number of each type of atom in bromine?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- There are fewer $^{79}_{35}Br$ atoms than $^{81}_{35}Br$ atoms. ☐
- There are more $^{79}_{35}Br$ atoms than $^{81}_{35}Br$ atoms. ☐
- There are the same number of $^{79}_{35}Br$ atoms and $^{81}_{35}Br$ atoms. ☐

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 19

June 2019 | 8462/1F | Original Q6

0 6 This question is about the extraction of metals.

0 6 . 1 Tungsten is a metal.

The symbol of tungsten is W

Tungsten is produced from tungsten oxide by reaction with hydrogen.

The equation for the reaction is:

$$WO_3 + 3H_2 \rightarrow W + 3H_2O$$

Calculate the percentage atom economy when tungsten is produced in this reaction.

Use the equation:

$$\text{percentage atom economy} = \frac{184}{(M_r\ WO_3) + (3 \times M_r\ H_2)} \times 100$$

Relative formula masses (M_r): $WO_3 = 232$ $H_2 = 2$

[2 marks]

Percentage atom economy = _____ %

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 19 · continued

Aluminium is extracted from aluminium oxide.

0 6 . 2 38% of a rock sample is aluminium oxide.

Calculate the mass of aluminium oxide in 40 kg of the rock sample.

[2 marks]

Mass of aluminium oxide = _____ kg

0 6 . 3 The formula of aluminium oxide is Al_2O_3

Calculate the relative formula mass (M_r) of aluminium oxide.

Relative atomic masses (A_r): O = 16 Al = 27

[2 marks]

Relative formula mass (M_r) = _____

Question 6 continues on the next page

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 19 · continued

0 6 . 4 60.0 kg of aluminium oxide produces a maximum of 31.8 kg of aluminium.

In an extraction process only 28.4 kg of aluminium is produced from 60.0 kg of aluminium oxide.

Calculate the percentage yield.

Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

Use the equation:

$$\text{percentage yield} = \frac{\text{mass of product actually made}}{\text{maximum theoretical mass of product}} \times 100$$

[3 marks]

Percentage yield = _____ %

0 6 . 5 Extracting metals by electrolysis is a very expensive process.

Explain why aluminium is extracted using electrolysis and not by reduction with carbon.

[2 marks]

11

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 20

November 2020 | 8462/1F | Original Q1

0 1 This question is about the elements in Group 7 of the periodic table.

Table 1 shows the melting points and boiling points of some of the elements.

Table 1

Element	Melting point in °C	Boiling point in °C
Fluorine	–220	–188
Chlorine	–101	–35
Bromine	–7	59

0 1 . 1 What is the state of bromine at 100 °C?

Use **Table 1**.

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Gas ☐

Liquid ☐

Solid ☐

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 20 · continued

0 1 . 2 What temperature does chlorine gas condense at to form a liquid?

Use **Table 1**.

[1 mark]

Temperature = _____ °C

0 1 . 3 Complete the sentences.

[2 marks]

Going down Group 7 the melting points _____.

This is because the size of the molecules increases so the

intermolecular forces _____.

Question 1 continues on the next page

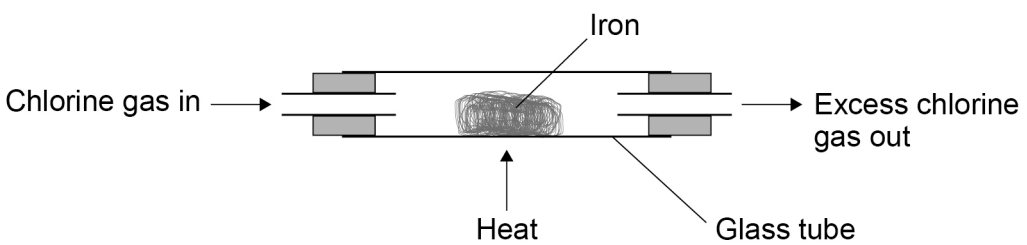
4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 20 · continued

A teacher investigated the reaction of iron with chlorine.

Figure 1 shows the apparatus used.

Figure 1



0 1 . 4 Why did the teacher do the investigation in a fume cupboard?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Chlorine gas is coloured. ☐

Chlorine gas is flammable. ☐

Chlorine gas is toxic. ☐

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 20 · continued

0 1 . 5 The word equation for the reaction is:

iron + chlorine → iron chloride

Iron chloride is a solid.

The teacher weighed the glass tube and contents:

- before the reaction
- after the reaction.

What happened to the mass of the glass tube and contents during the reaction?

Give **one** reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

The mass of the glass tube and contents _____.

Reason _____

_____

Question 1 continues on the next page

Question 20 · continued

The teacher repeated the investigation with bromine gas and with iodine gas.

Table 2 shows the results.

Table 2

Element	Observation
Chlorine	Iron burns vigorously with an orange glow
Bromine	Iron burns with an orange glow
Iodine	Iron slowly turns darker

0 1 . 6 Fluorine is above chlorine in Group 7.

Predict what you would observe when fluorine gas reacts with iron.

Use **Table 2**.

[1 mark]

0 1 . 7 Balance the equation for the reaction between iron and bromine.

[1 mark]

$$2Fe + _____ Br_2 \rightarrow 2FeBr_3$$

0 1 . 8 Calculate the relative formula mass (M_r) of $FeBr_3$

Relative atomic masses (A_r): Fe = 56 Br = 80

[2 marks]

Relative formula mass (M_r) = _____

11

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 21

November 2020 | 8462/1F | Original Q9

0 9 This question is about metals and the reactivity series.

0 9 . 1 Which **two** statements are properties of most transition metals?

[2 marks]

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

- They are soft metals. ☐
- They form colourless compounds. ☐
- They form ions with different charges. ☐
- They have high melting points. ☐
- They have low densities. ☐

0 9 . 2 A student added copper metal to colourless silver nitrate solution.

The student observed:

- pale grey crystals forming
- the solution turning blue.

Explain how these observations show that silver is less reactive than copper.

[3 marks]

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 21 · continued

0 9 . 3 A student is given three metals, **X**, **Y** and **Z** to identify.

The metals are magnesium, iron and copper.

Plan an investigation to identify the three metals by comparing their reactions with dilute hydrochloric acid.

Your plan should give valid results.

[4 marks]

Question 9 continues on the next page

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 21 · continued

0 9 . 4 Metal **M** has two isotopes.

Table 6 shows the mass numbers and percentage abundances of the isotopes.

Table 6

Mass number	Percentage abundance (%)
203	30
205	70

Calculate the relative atomic mass (A_r) of metal **M**.

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.

[2 marks]

Relative atomic mass (1 decimal place) = _____

11

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 22

November 2021 | 8462/1F | Original Q9

0 9 This question is about atomic structure and the periodic table.

Gallium (Ga) is an element that has two isotopes.

0 9 . 1 Give the meaning of 'isotopes'.

You should answer in terms of subatomic particles.

[2 marks]

0 9 . 2 **Table 8** shows the mass numbers and percentage abundances of the isotopes of gallium.

Table 8

Mass number	Percentage abundance (%)
69	60
71	40

Calculate the relative atomic mass (A_r) of gallium.

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.

[2 marks]

Relative atomic mass (1 decimal place) = _____

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 22 · continued

Gallium (Ga) is in Group 3 of the modern periodic table.

0 9 . 3 Give the numbers of electrons and neutrons in an atom of the isotope $^{69}_{31}Ga$

[2 marks]

Number of electrons _____

Number of neutrons _____

0 9 . 4 What is the most likely formula of a gallium ion?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Ga^{+} ☐
- Ga^{-} ☐
- Ga^{3+} ☐
- Ga^{3-} ☐

0 9 . 5 Gallium was discovered six years after Mendeleev published his periodic table.

Give **two** reasons why the discovery of gallium helped Mendeleev's periodic table to become accepted.

[2 marks]

1 _____

_____

2 _____

_____

9

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 23

November 2021 | 8462/1F | Original Q10

1 0 This question is about the extraction of metals.

Element **R** is extracted from its oxide by reduction with hydrogen.

The equation for the reaction is:

$$3\,H_2 + \mathbf{R}O_3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R} + 3\,H_2O$$

1 0 . 1 The sum of the relative formula masses (M_r) of the reactants ($3\,H_2$ + $\mathbf{R}O_3$) is 150

Calculate the relative atomic mass (A_r) of **R**.

Relative atomic masses (A_r): H = 1 O = 16

[2 marks]

Relative atomic mass (A_r) of **R** = _____

1 0 . 2 Identify element **R**.

You should use:

- your answer to **question 10.1**
- the periodic table.

[1 mark]

Identity of **R** = _____

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 23 · continued

1 0 . 3 Carbon is used to extract tin (Sn) from tin oxide (SnO_2).

The equation for the reaction is:

$$SnO_2 + C \rightarrow Sn + CO_2$$

Calculate the percentage atom economy for extracting tin in this reaction.

Relative atomic masses (A_r): C = 12 O = 16 Sn = 119

[3 marks]

Percentage atom economy = _____ %

Question 10 continues on the next page

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 23 · continued

1 0 . 4 Tungsten (W) is a metal.

Tungsten is extracted from tungsten oxide (WO_3).

All other solid products from the extraction method must be separated from the tungsten.

Table 9 shows information about three possible methods to extract tungsten from tungsten oxide.

Table 9

Method	Reactant	Relative cost of reactant	Products
1	Carbon	Low	Tungsten solid Carbon dioxide gas Tungsten carbide solid
2	Hydrogen	High	Tungsten solid Water vapour
3	Iron	Low	Tungsten solid Iron oxide solid

Evaluate the three possible methods for extracting tungsten from tungsten oxide.

[4 marks]

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

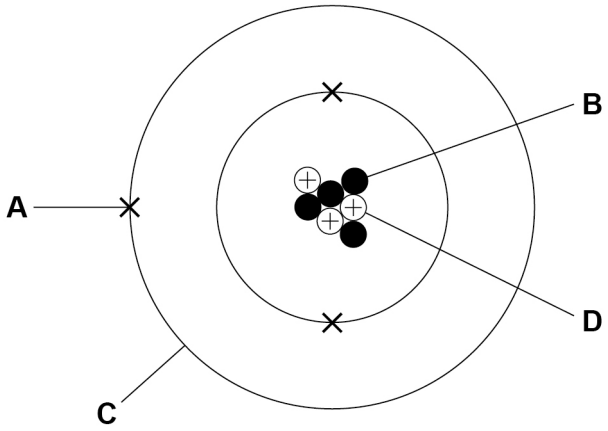
Question 24

June 2022 | 8462/1F | Original Q1

0 1 This question is about atoms.

0 1 . 1 **Figure 1** represents an atom of an element.

Figure 1



Draw **one** line from each name to the correct label.

[2 marks]

Name	Label
	A
Neutron	B
Proton	C
	D

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 24 · continued

0 1 . 2 An atom of element **Y** has:

- an atomic number of 9
- a mass number of 19.

Give the number of electrons and the number of neutrons in this atom.

Choose answers from the box.

[2 marks]

1	**9**	**10**	**19**	**28**

Number of electrons _____

Number of neutrons _____

Question 1 continues on the next page

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 24 · continued

Table 1 shows information about two isotopes of element **Z**.

Table 1

	Mass number	Percentage abundance (%)
Isotope **A**	39	93.3
Isotope **B**	41	6.7

0 1 . 3 Calculate the relative atomic mass (A_r) of element **Z**.

Use **Table 1** and the equation:

$$A_r = \frac{\text{(mass number} \times \text{percentage) of isotope } \mathbf{A} + \text{(mass number} \times \text{percentage) of isotope } \mathbf{B}}{100}$$

Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

[3 marks]

A_r (3 significant figures) = _____

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 24 · continued

0 1 . 4 Suggest the identity of element **Z**.

Use the periodic table.

[1 mark]

Element **Z** _____

0 1 . 5 Complete the sentence.

Choose the answer from the box.

[1 mark]

electrons	**neutrons**	**protons**

Isotopes of the same element have different mass numbers because the isotopes have different numbers of _____.

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

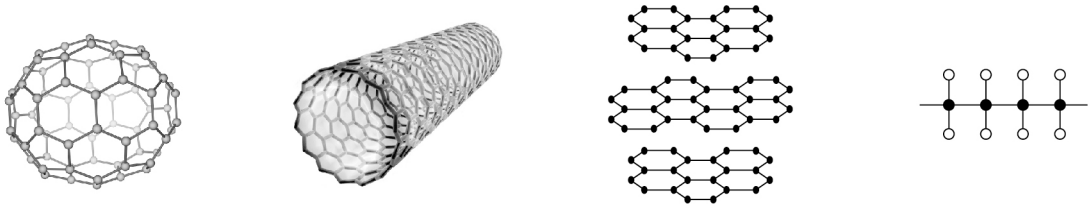
Question 25

June 2022 | 8462/1F | Original Q6

0 6 This question is about carbon and compounds of carbon.

Figure 9 shows diagrams that represent different structures.

Figure 9



A **B** **C** **D**

Use **Figure 9** to answer questions **06.1** and **06.2**.

0 6 . 1 Which diagram represents graphite?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A ☐ **B** ☐ **C** ☐ **D** ☐

0 6 . 2 Which diagram represents poly(ethene)?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

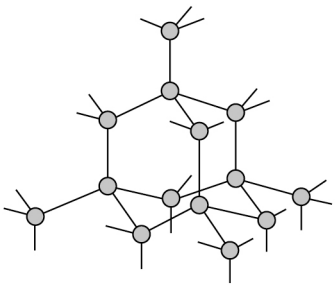
A ☐ **B** ☐ **C** ☐ **D** ☐

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 25 · continued

Figure 10 represents the structure of diamond.

Figure 10



0 6 . 3 How many covalent bonds does each carbon atom form in diamond?

[1 mark]

0 6 . 4 Which is a property of diamond?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

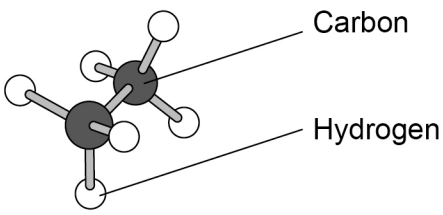
- Conducts electricity ☐
- Low melting point ☐
- Very hard ☐

Question 6 continues on the next page

Question 25 · continued

0 6 . 5 **Figure 11** shows a model of a molecule.

Figure 11



Complete the molecular formula of the molecule.

[1 mark]

Molecular formula = C__ H__

Carbonic acid is a compound of carbon.

The formula of carbonic acid is H_2CO_3

0 6 . 6 Which ion is produced by carbonic acid in aqueous solution?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

H^+ ☐ OH^- ☐ O^{2-} ☐

0 6 . 7 Calculate the relative formula mass (M_r) of carbonic acid (H_2CO_3).

Relative atomic masses (A_r): H = 1 C = 12 O = 16

[2 marks]

Relative formula mass (M_r) = _____

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 26

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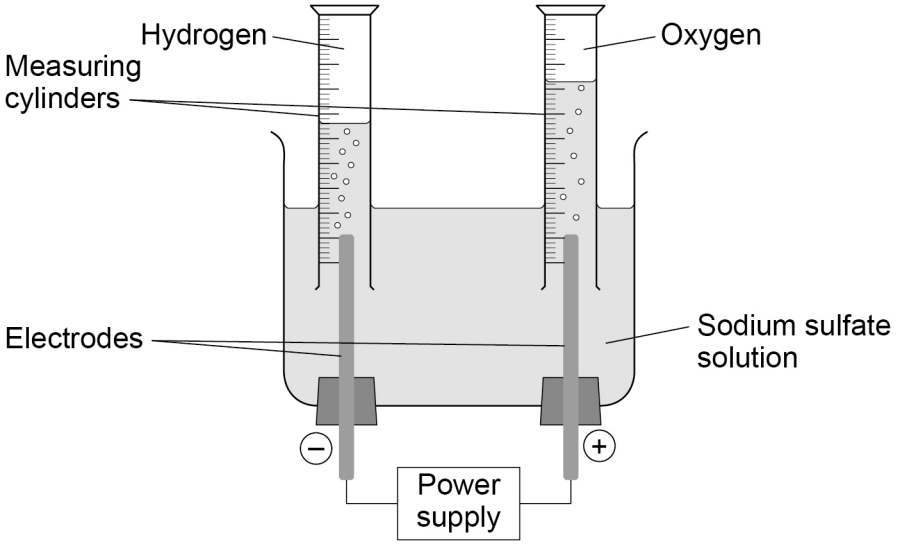
0 8 This question is about electrolysis.

Ionic compounds decompose when they are electrolysed.

A student electrolyses sodium sulfate solution.

Figure 13 shows the apparatus used.

Figure 13



0 8 . 1 Sodium sulfate solution contains:

- hydrogen ions
- hydroxide ions
- sodium ions
- sulfate ions.

Oxygen is produced at the positive electrode.

Which ions are discharged at the positive electrode to produce oxygen?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Hydrogen ions ☐

Hydroxide ions ☐

Sodium ions ☐

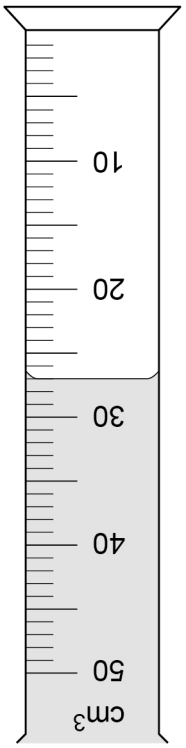
Sulfate ions ☐

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 26 · continued

0 8 . 2 **Figure 14** shows one of the measuring cylinders during the electrolysis.

Figure 14



What is the volume of gas in the measuring cylinder?

[1 mark]

Volume of gas = _____ cm^3

0 8 . 3 Ionic compounds can be electrolysed when molten or dissolved in water.

Why can ionic compounds **not** be electrolysed when solid?

You should answer in terms of ions.

[1 mark]

_____

_____

Question 26 · continued

0 8 . 4 **Table 7** shows the products of electrolysis of two molten compounds.

Table 7

Molten compound	Product at negative electrode	Product at positive electrode
Potassium iodide	Potassium	_____
Zinc bromide	_____	Bromine

Complete **Table 7**.

[2 marks]

0 8 . 5 The electrolysis of molten sodium chloride is used to extract sodium metal.

Why is sodium metal extracted by electrolysis instead of by reduction with carbon?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Carbon conducts electricity. ☐

Carbon is less reactive than sodium. ☐

Carbon reduction uses more energy. ☐

0 8 . 6 What is the state symbol for molten sodium chloride?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

(aq) ☐ (g) ☐ (l) ☐ (s) ☐

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 26 · continued

0 8 . 7 Titanium can be produced from titanium oxide by electrolysis.

The equation for the reaction is:

$$TiO_2 \rightarrow Ti + O_2$$

Calculate the percentage atom economy for the production of titanium from titanium oxide by electrolysis.

Use the equation:

$$\text{Percentage atom economy} = \frac{\text{Relative atomic mass of desired product}}{\text{Relative formula mass of reactant}} \times 100$$

Relative atomic mass (A_r): Ti = 48

Relative formula mass (M_r): TiO_2 = 80

[2 marks]

Percentage atom economy = _____ %

9

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 27

June 2023 | 8462/1F | Original Q8

0 8 This question is about displacement reactions.

Iron is extracted from iron oxide by a displacement reaction with carbon.

0 8 . 1 Balance the equation for the reaction.

[2 marks]

$$Fe_2O_3 + 3\,C \rightarrow ____Fe + ____CO$$

0 8 . 2 Iron oxide is reduced in this reaction.

How does the equation show that iron oxide is reduced?

[1 mark]

0 8 . 3 Calculate the relative formula mass (M_r) of Fe_2O_3

Relative atomic masses (A_r): O = 16 Fe = 56

[2 marks]

M_r = _____

Question 8 continues on the next page

Question 27 · continued

0 8 . 4 Copper oxide reacts with hydrogen to produce copper.

The equation for the reaction is:

$$CuO + H_2 \rightarrow Cu + H_2O$$

Calculate the percentage atom economy for obtaining copper from this reaction.

Use the equation:

$$\text{Percentage atom economy} = \frac{A_r \text{ of Cu}}{M_r \text{ of } H_2 + M_r \text{ of CuO}} \times 100$$

Relative atomic mass (A_r): Cu = 63.5
Relative formula masses (M_r): H_2 = 2 CuO = 79.5

[2 marks]

Percentage atom economy = _____ %

A student investigated the reactivity of four different metals, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**.

The student:

- added each metal to aqueous solutions of each of the metal sulfates
- observed whether a reaction took place.

0 8 . 5 Give **one** observation that would show a reaction took place.

[1 mark]

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 27 · continued

0 8 . 6 **Table 4** shows the results.

Table 4

	Metal sulfate solution			
Metal	**A sulfate**	**B sulfate**	**C sulfate**	**D sulfate**
A	×	×	✓	×
B	✓	×	✓	×
C	×	×	×	×
D	✓	✓	✓	×

✓ shows that a displacement reaction took place.
× shows that a displacement reaction did not take place.

Write metals **A**, **B**, **C** and **D** in order of reactivity.

Give a reason for your order of reactivity.

[2 marks]

Most reactive _____

_____

_____

Least reactive _____

Reason _____

_____

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 28

June 2023 | 8462/1F | Original Q9

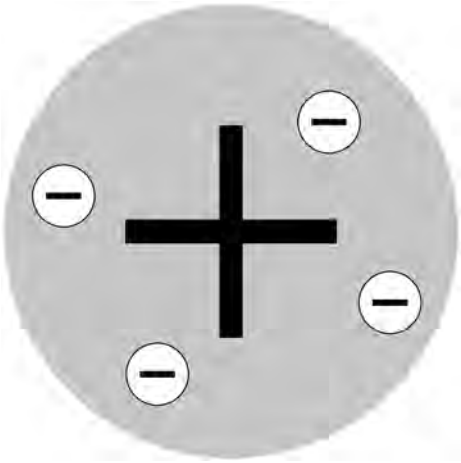
0 9 Discoveries in chemistry led to a better understanding of atomic structure.

0 9 . 1 Atoms were originally thought to be tiny spheres that could not be divided.

The plum pudding model of the atom was then developed.

Figure 10 represents the plum pudding model of the atom.

Figure 10



Describe the plum pudding model of the atom.

[2 marks]

0 9 . 2 Atoms contain electrons, neutrons and protons.

Write these three particles in order of their discovery.

[1 mark]

Earliest _____

_____

Latest _____

Question 28 · continued

Very few atoms of the element tennessine (Ts) have ever been identified.

The atomic number of tennessine is 117

0 9 . 3 Predict the number of outer shell electrons in an atom of tennessine.

Give **one** reason for your answer.

Use the periodic table.

[2 marks]

Number of outer shell electrons _____

Reason _____

_____

0 9 . 4 Tennessine was first identified by a small group of scientists in 2010.

Suggest **one** reason why tennessine was **not** accepted as a new element by other scientists until 2015.

[1 mark]

_____

_____

Question 9 continues on the next page

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 28 · continued

0 9 . 5 The discovery of isotopes explained why some relative atomic masses are not whole numbers.

Element **R** has two isotopes.

Table 5 shows the mass numbers and percentage abundances of the isotopes of element **R**.

Table 5

Mass number	Percentage abundance (%)
6	7.6
7	92.4

Calculate the relative atomic mass (A_r) of element **R**.

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.

[3 marks]

Relative atomic mass (1 decimal place) = _____

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 29

June 2024 | 8462/1F | Original Q3

0 3 This question is about energy changes of reactions.

Zinc reacts with copper sulfate solution.

The word equation for the reaction is:

zinc + copper sulfate → zinc sulfate + copper

0 3 . 1 What type of reaction is the reaction between zinc and copper sulfate solution?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Combustion ☐

Decomposition ☐

Displacement ☐

0 3 . 2 Calculate the percentage (%) by mass of copper in copper sulfate ($CuSO_4$).

Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

Relative atomic mass (A_r): Cu = 63.5

Relative formula mass (M_r): $CuSO_4$ = 159.5

[3 marks]

Percentage by mass (3 significant figures) = _____ %

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 29 · continued

A student investigated the energy change in the reaction between zinc and copper sulfate solution.

This is the method used.

1. Measure 25 cm^3 of copper sulfate solution into a polystyrene cup.
2. Weigh 0.20 g of zinc powder.
3. Add the zinc powder to the copper sulfate solution.
4. Measure the highest temperature reached by the mixture.
5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 using different masses of zinc powder.

0 3 . 3 Control variables are used to make an investigation a fair test.

Which is a control variable in the investigation?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

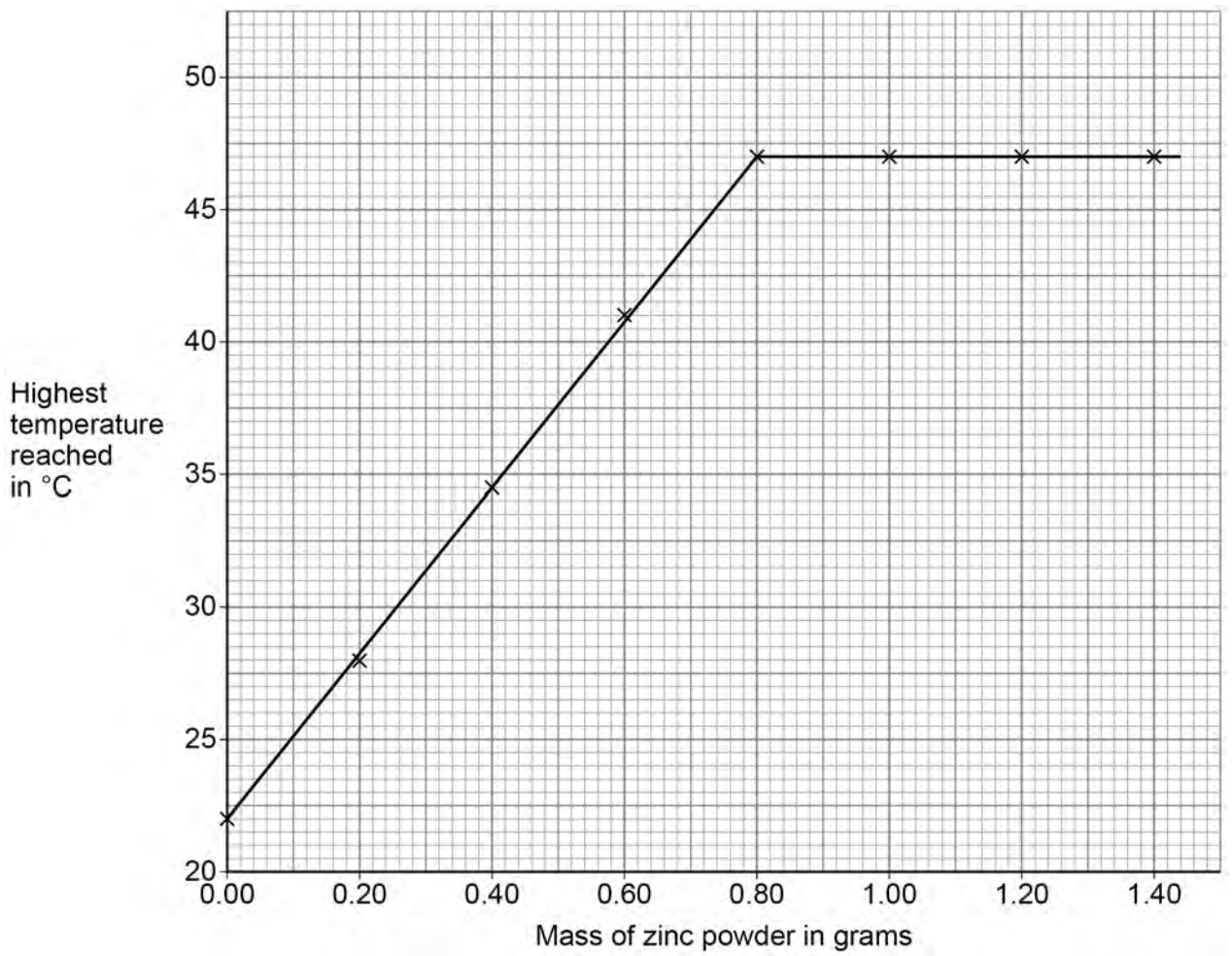
- Highest temperature reached by the mixture ☐
- Mass of zinc powder ☐
- Volume of copper sulfate solution ☐

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Question 29 · continued

Figure 6 shows the results.

Figure 6



0 3 . 4 What is the minimum mass of zinc powder needed to react with all the copper sulfate solution?

Use **Figure 6**.

[1 mark]

Minimum mass of zinc powder = _____ g

Question 29 · continued

0 3 . 5 What is the maximum temperature change in the reaction between zinc powder and 25 cm^3 of copper sulfate solution?

Use **Figure 6**.

[2 marks]

Maximum temperature change = _____ °C

0 3 . 6 25 cm^3 of copper sulfate solution contained 6.75 g of copper sulfate.

Calculate the concentration of the solution in g/dm^3.

You should:

- calculate the volume of the solution in dm^3 (1000 cm^3 = 1 dm^3)
- use the equation:

$$\text{concentration of solution in g/dm}^3 = \frac{\text{mass of copper sulfate in grams}}{\text{volume of solution in dm}^3}$$

[3 marks]

Volume of solution = _____ dm^3

Concentration of solution = _____ g/dm^3

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Question 29 · continued

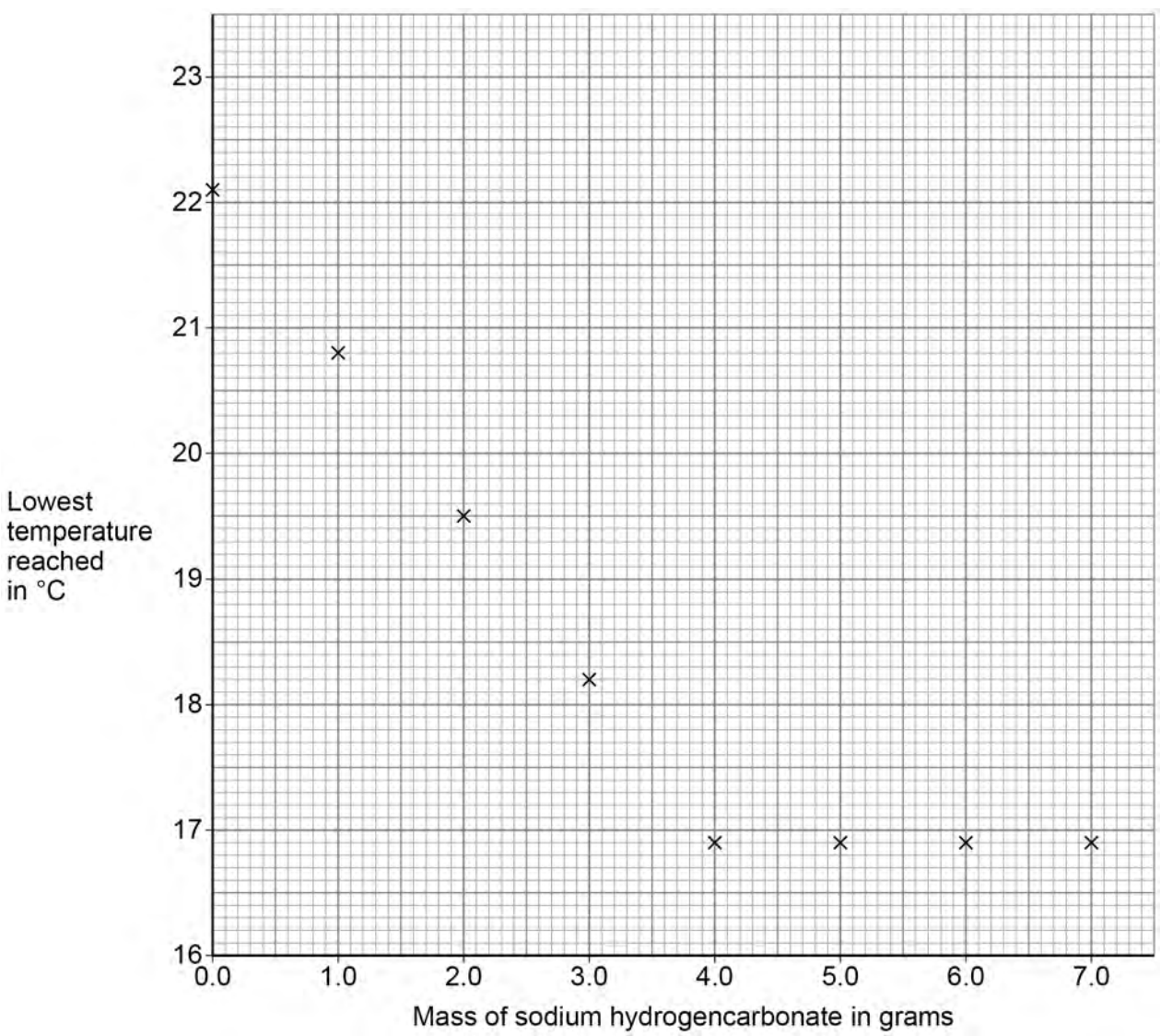
Another student investigated the energy change of the reaction between sodium hydrogencarbonate and hydrochloric acid.

This is the method used.

1. Measure 25 cm^3 of hydrochloric acid.
2. Weigh 1.0 g of sodium hydrogencarbonate.
3. Add the sample of sodium hydrogencarbonate to the hydrochloric acid.
4. Measure the lowest temperature reached by the mixture.
5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 using different masses of sodium hydrogencarbonate.

Figure 7 shows the results.

Figure 7



4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 29 · continued

0 3 . 7 Draw **two** straight lines of best fit on **Figure 7**.

The lines should cross.

[2 marks]

0 3 . 8 Which statement describes the energy change in the reaction shown in **Figure 7**?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Energy is **transferred to** the surroundings so the reaction is **endothermic**. ☐

Energy is **transferred to** the surroundings so the reaction is **exothermic**. ☐

Energy is **taken in from** the surroundings so the reaction is **endothermic**. ☐

Energy is **taken in from** the surroundings so the reaction is **exothermic**. ☐

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 30

June 2024 | 8462/1F | Original Q6

0 6 This question is about electrolysis and the extraction of metals.

0 6 . 1 Why can some molten substances be electrolysed?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Electrons can move through the molten substance to the electrodes. ☐

Ions can move through the molten substance to the electrodes. ☐

Protons can move through the molten substance to the electrodes. ☐

0 6 . 2 **Table 3** shows the products of the electrolysis of some molten compounds.

Complete **Table 3**.

[3 marks]

Table 3

Molten compound	Product at negative electrode	Product at positive electrode
Lead chloride	_____	Chlorine
Potassium iodide	Potassium	_____
_____	Zinc	Bromine

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 30 · continued

Aluminium is extracted by electrolysing molten aluminium oxide.

0 6 . 3 Balance the equation for the reaction.

Choose numbers from the box.

[2 marks]

2	**3**	**4**	**5**

$$2Al_2O_3 \rightarrow __ Al + __ O_2$$

0 6 . 4 Calculate the relative formula mass (M_r) of aluminium oxide (Al_2O_3).

Relative atomic masses (A_r): O = 16 Al = 27

[2 marks]

Relative formula mass (M_r) = _____

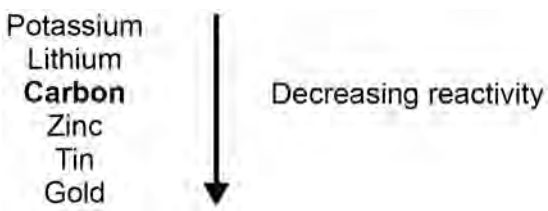
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Question 30 · continued

0 6 . 5 **Figure 13** shows part of the reactivity series of metals.

The non-metal carbon has been included.

Figure 13



Metals can be extracted from their compounds by:

- electrolysis
- reduction with carbon.

Electrolysis is more expensive than reduction with carbon.

Predict one metal that would be extracted by each method.

Use Figure 13.

[2 marks]

Extracted by electrolysis _____

Extracted by carbon reduction _____

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4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 31

June 2025 | 8462/1F | Original Q8

0 8 This question is about elements in the periodic table.

0 8 . 1 Describe where the non-metallic elements are found in the periodic table.

[1 mark]

0 8 . 2 Gallium (Ga) is a metallic element in Group 3.

Which of these properties of gallium is **not** typical of most metals?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- A boiling point above 1000 °C ☐
- A melting point below 100 °C ☐
- Conducts electricity when solid ☐
- Forms positive ions ☐

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

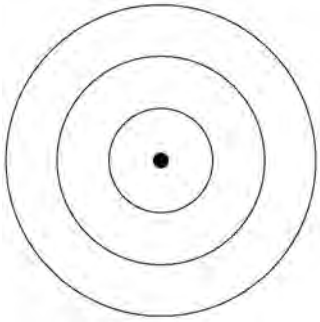
Question 31 · continued

0 8 . 3 A sodium atom can be represented as $^{23}_{11}Na$

Complete **Figure 12** to show the electronic structure of a sodium atom.

[1 mark]

Figure 12



0 8 . 4 Mendeleev created an early periodic table.

Mendeleev placed most of the elements in order of atomic weight.

Tellurium and iodine were not placed in order of atomic weight.

Why did Mendeleev **not** place tellurium and iodine in order of atomic weight?

[1 mark]

0 8 . 5 Argon is an element in Group 0 of the periodic table.

Explain why argon is unreactive.

[2 marks]

Question 31 · continued

An element **X** consists of two isotopes.

0 8 . 6 What is meant by 'isotopes'?

Answer in terms of subatomic particles.

[2 marks]

0 8 . 7 **Table 5** shows the mass numbers and percentage abundances of the isotopes of **X**.

Table 5

Mass number	Percentage abundance (%)
113	4
115	96

Which is the closest estimate to the relative atomic mass of **X**?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

~113 ☐ ~114 ☐ ~115 ☐

9

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 32

June 2025 | 8462/1F | Original Q10

1 0 This question is about metals and metal oxides.

Tin (Sn) is extracted from tin oxide using carbon.

The equation for the reaction is:

$$SnO_2 + C \longrightarrow Sn + CO_2$$

1 0 . 1 Which substance is reduced in this reaction?

Give **one** reason for your answer.

Answer in terms of oxygen.

[2 marks]

Substance reduced _____

Reason _____

_____

1 0 . 2 Why can carbon be used to extract tin from tin oxide?

[1 mark]

_____

_____

Question 10 continues on the next page

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 32 · continued

10.3 Cadmium (Cd) can be extracted by the reaction of cadmium oxide with carbon.

The equation for the reaction is:

$$CdO + C \longrightarrow Cd + CO$$

Calculate the percentage atom economy for the production of cadmium in this reaction.

Relative atomic masses (A_r): C = 12 Cd = 112

Relative formula mass (M_r): CdO = 128

[3 marks]

Percentage atom economy = _____ %

10.4 Tungsten is a transition metal.

Potassium is a Group 1 metal.

Give **two** differences between the properties of tungsten and the properties of potassium.

[2 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

4.1.1.6 Relative atomic mass

Question 32 · continued

June 2025 | 8462/1F | Original Q10

Tungsten oxide reacts with hydrogen to give tungsten (W) and water.

10.5 The equation for the reaction is:

$$WO_3 + 3\,H_2 \longrightarrow W + 3\,H_2O$$

The law of conservation of mass states:

'The mass of the products equals the mass of the reactants during a chemical reaction.'

Show that the equation obeys the law of conservation of mass.

Relative atomic mass (A_r): W = 184

Relative formula masses (M_r): H_2 = 2 WO_3 = 232 H_2O = 18

[2 marks]

10.6 The reaction producing tungsten has a high atom economy.

Why is it important to use reactions with a high atom economy in industry?

[1 mark]

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