AQA GCSE Chemistry | 8462

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.1.2.2

Development of the periodic table

Mark schemes and examiner comments

Tier	**Foundation**
Question groups	**10**
Available paper years	**2008–2025**

Using this booklet

1. Booklet answer numbers match the question booklet.
2. Use the original question number within marking tables.
3. Examiner comments are included where available.

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Where a precise marking extract is unavailable, the full source document is included in an appendix. Any missing mark scheme is explicitly identified.

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Answer 01 · Mark scheme

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	B		1
(a)(ii)	A		1
(a)(iii)	E		1
(a)(iv)	D		1
(b)(i)	Mendeleev and Newlands		1
(b)(ii)	atomic weight		1
(b)(iii)	chemical reactions		1
(b)(iv)	electrons		1
total			8

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Answer 01 · Mark scheme January 2008 | CHY3F | Original Q1 | Legacy

CHY3F

Answer 02 · Mark scheme June 2008 | CHY3F | Original Q2 | Legacy

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)(i)	floated / (moved on) surface	accept does not sink ignore it melted	1
2(a)(ii)	melted / molten	ignore heat is given off	1
2(a)(iii)	hydrogen	allow H_2	1
2(b)(i)	potassium / rubidium / caesium / francium	accept: K / Rb / Cs / Fr	1
2(b)(ii)	they are metals they form ions with a 1+ charge		1 1
2(c)(i)	atomic weight		1
2(c)(ii)	similar		1
2(c)(iii)	groups		1
2(d)	left gaps owtte		1
Total			**10**

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Answer 02 · Mark scheme

June 2008 | CHY3F | Original Q2 | Legacy

COMPONENT NUMBER: CHY3F

COMPONENT NAME: Chemistry

STATUS: Final

DATE: June 2008

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Answer 03 · Mark scheme

June 2011 | CHY3F | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)(i)	Sb		1
1(a)(ii)	Se		1
1(a)(iii)	Sn		1
1(a)(iv)	Si		1
1(b)(i)	elements		1
1(b)(ii)	potassium (K)		1
1(b)(iii)	0		1
Total			**7**

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Answer 03 · Mark scheme

June 2011 | CHY3F | Original Q1 | Legacy

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | CH3FP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question 3

question	Answers	extra information	Mark
3(a)	number 0	 allow 8	1 1
3(b)	beryllium **or** magnesium **or** strontium **or** barium **or** radium	allow correct symbols	1
3(c)(i)	an alkali metal		1
3(c)(ii)	a transition metal		1
3(d)	for undiscovered elements	accept so elements with similar properties were in the same groups accept so elements fitted the pattern of properties	1
Total			**6**

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Answer 05 · Mark scheme June 2014 | CH3FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.	ID
1(a)(i)	atomic weight		1	1 / 3.1.1a	A
1(a)(ii)	groups		1	1 / 3.1.1a	A
1(a)(iii)	left a gap		1	1 / 3.1.1b	A
1(a)(iv)	had not been discovered by 1869		1	3 / 3.1.1b	A
1(b)	protons electrons	*must be in correct order*	1 1	1 / 3.1.2a/b	G
1(c)	sodium and nickel are both metals sodium is more reactive than nickel		1 1	1 / 3.1.3c	A
1(d)(i)	bromine	allow Br_2 / *Br* do **not** allow bromide	1	2 / 3.1.3g	E
1(d)(ii)	iodine is less reactive (than bromine)	*it = iodine* allow converse do **not** allow bromide	1	1 / 3.1.3g	E
Total			**10**		

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme

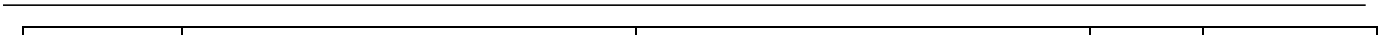
June 2015 | CH3FP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
8(a)	(iron) is a metal	accept transition element allow (iron) had different properties (to oxygen and sulfur) ignore electrons	1	**AO2** 3.1.1.a
8(b)	so that elements with similar properties could be placed together	allow to make the pattern fit ignore undiscovered elements	1	**AO1** 3.1.1.b
8(c)	atomic number(s)	allow proton number(s)	1	**AO1** 3.1.2.a
8(d)	all have one electron in the outer shell (highest energy level) (so they) have similar properties **or** react in the same way	allow same number of electrons in the outer shell (highest energy level) allow specific reactions e.g. with water	1 1	**AO1** 3.1.2.b
Total			**5**	

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / SpecRef
1(a)	atomic weights electrons proton numbers	must be in this order	1 1 1	AO1 3.1.1a, 3.1.2a
1(b)(i)	H/hydrogen	allow H_2 or h	1	AO3 3.1.3b,c
1(b)(ii)	one / 1	allow alkali metals	1	AO2 3.1.3a
1(b)(iii)	Potassium (K)		1	AO1 3.1.3b
1(b)(iv)	Iron has a higher density than potassium Iron forms ions that have different charges		1 1	AO1/AO2 3.1.3c,d
1(c)	any **three** from: • melts • fizzes / bubbles / effervesces • sodium floats • size of the sodium decreases • sodium moves	allow gas produced allow dissolves / disappears allow two marks for moves around on the surface of the water	3	2AO1 / 1AO2 3.1.3a
Total			**11**	

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Answer 08 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8462/1F | Original Q8

Question 8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	any **one** from: • so elements / iodine / tellurium were in groups with similar properties • iodine has similar properties to Br / Cl / F / Group 7 • iodine has different properties to Se / S / O / Group 6	ignore reference to atomic structure ignore references to Cr, Mn and Mo allow corresponding argument in terms of tellurium	1	AO1 4.1.2.2
08.2	Mendeleev had predicted properties of missing elements elements were discovered (that filled the spaces / gaps) properties (of these elements) matched Mendeleev's predictions	ignore reference to atomic structure allow atomic weights (of these elements) fitted in the spaces / gaps if no other mark awarded, allow **1** mark for in previous versions of the periodic table the pattern of similar properties broke down	1 1 1	AO1 4.1.2.2
08.3	relative atomic mass		1	AO1 4.1.1.6
08.4	(increasing) atomic / proton number	ignore (increasing) electron number do **not** accept relative atomic / proton number	1	AO1 4.1.2.1
08.5	(formula) At_2 (state) solid	ignore incorrect state symbol allow (s) ignore s	1 1	AO1 4.1.2.6

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08.6	any **two** from: • flame • (white) solid forms • colour of gas / chlorine disappears / fades	allow burns allow (white) smoke forms	2	AO1 4.1.2.5
Total			**10**	

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme

November 2021 | 8462/1F | Original Q9

Question 9

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.1	(atoms with the) same number of protons	allow atoms with the same atomic number allow atoms of the same element ignore the same number of electrons	1	AO1 4.1.1.4 4.1.1.5
	(but with) different numbers of neutrons	ignore (but with) different mass numbers do **not** accept (but with) different relative atomic mass	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.2	$(A_r =) \frac{(69 \times 60) + (71 \times 40)}{100}$		1	AO2 4.1.1.6
	= 69.8		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.3	(number of electrons) = 31		1	AO2 4.1.1.4
	(number of neutrons) = 38		1	4.1.1.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.4	Ga^{3+}		1	AO3 4.2.1.2

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Question 9 continued

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.5	(gallium) fitted in a gap (Mendeleev had left)		1	AO2 4.1.2.2
	(gallium's) properties were predicted correctly (by Mendeleev)	allow (gallium's) properties matched the rest of the group	1	

Total			**9**

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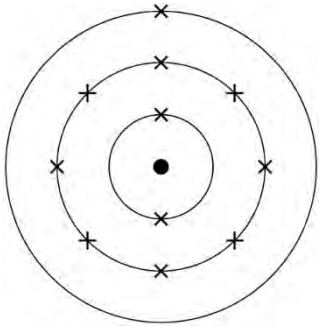
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Question 8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	towards the right **and** the top	allow a description of the position in the periodic table allow in Groups (3) 4 to 0	1	AO1 4.1.2.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.2	a melting point below 100 °C		1	AO3 4.1.2.3 4.2.2.7 4.2.2.8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.3		allow any combination of ×, ●, o, $e^{(-)}$ for electrons	1	AO1 4.1.1.7

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.4		ignore reference to atomic structure		
	any **one** from: • so elements / tellurium / iodine were in groups with similar properties • iodine has similar properties to Group 7 elements • iodine has different properties to Group 6 elements	allow named elements for Group 6 / 7 elements allow converse arguments in terms of tellurium	1	AO1 4.1.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.5		allow energy level for shell		AO1 4.1.2.4
	argon has a full outer shell (of electrons)	allow argon has eight outer shell electrons ignore argon has no outer shell electrons	1	
	(so argon) has a stable arrangement of electrons **or** (so argon) has a stable electronic structure	allow (so argon) does not gain / lose / share electrons	1	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.6	atoms with the same number of protons (but with) different numbers of neutrons	allow atoms of the same element allow atoms with the same atomic number ignore atoms with the same number of electrons	1 1	AO1 4.1.1.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.7	~115		1	AO2 4.1.1.6

Total Question 8	**9**

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Question 8 (standard demand)

08.1 Less than 10% of students scored this mark which required an appropriate reference to the properties of tellurium and/or iodine.

Many referred to atomic number or electron arrangement rather than properties.

08.2 Students found this question difficult. In many cases, they simply repeated the information in the question that Mendeleev thought there were undiscovered elements.

Less than 20% of students gained any marks. The most commonly scored mark was for the idea that these elements were eventually discovered.

08.3 Approximately 70% of students correctly identified relative atomic mass as the modern name for atomic weight.

08.4 Approximately 40% of students scored this mark.

The most common correct response was 'atomic number'.

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Common responses seen that were not credited included:

- reactivity
- relative atomic mass
- mass
- number of electrons in the outer shell.

08.5 Approximately 60% of students scored 0 marks on this question, with approximately 10% not attempting it.

More students scored the mark for the state of astatine than for its formula. For the formula, At_2, the correct casing for the letters needed to be used; also, a subscript for the number.

08.6 Students appeared to be unfamiliar with the reaction in this question.

Many students described the reaction of sodium with water rather than chlorine, referring to the sodium floating, dissolving, fizzing, etc.

The observation of a flame was the most common correct response.

Question 8 (standard demand)

08.1 Only one student in six could give a correct description of where the non-metals are found, despite there being a clear statement in the specification. Many referred to the right of the table, but few referred to the top. Those who referred to specific groups were often correct but some omitted Group 0. Some referred to a 'staircase' but did not specify what it means; it should be noted that the periodic table provided does not show a staircase.

08.2 About half correctly chose the low melting point, with the three distractors all being popular. Several ticked more than one box, which automatically scores zero when the instruction is to tick **one** box.

08.3 Three fifths of students drew the structure correctly. A few tried to put in 23 electrons and a few 12. One in seven students did not attempt to answer; this is a common occurrence when a question is not accompanied by answer lines. Students do need to read all the words, so they are aware there is a task to do.

08.4 This was answered less successfully. Many stated that Mendeleev left spaces for other elements to be discovered which, while true, does not answer the question. Others answered in terms of atomic number, which was not known in Mendeleev's time. Even those who tried to answer in terms of placing elements in the 'correct' group rarely mentioned properties.

08.5 Whilst about two fifths knew that argon has a full outer shell, not many were able to go on to say that this is a stable electronic structure, or that electrons are not transferred or shared. Many simply repeated information in the question with different words, such as 'argon is a noble gas' or 'argon is stable'.

08.6 Whilst about a quarter of students knew that a different number of neutrons was involved, few stated that isotopes are <u>atoms</u> with the same number of protons or <u>atoms</u> of the same element. Some referred to 'elements' implying more than one element, which contradicts the idea of atoms of the same element. Some students implied incorrectly that an isotope is a single atom in which the number of neutrons is different to the number of protons and electrons.

08.7 Fewer than half of students could correctly estimate that the A_r must be closest to 115 as there was such a high proportion of the 115 isotopes. The most popular answer was ~114, taking a simple mean rather than a weighted mean of the mass numbers.