AQA GCSE Chemistry | 8462

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.4.1.1

Metal oxides

Mark schemes and examiner comments

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Answer 01 · Mark scheme

June 2007 | CHY1A | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question	Key		
One	**A**	atom	**3**
	B	compound	**2**
	C	element	**4**
	D	symbol	**1**

Answer 02 · Mark scheme

June 2007 | CHY1F | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 03 · Mark scheme

June 2007 | CHY1F | Original Q7 | Legacy

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme

Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	gives out (heat)		1
(b)	D		1
(c)	L		1
(d)	magnesium chloride		1
total			4

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme January 2008 | CHY2F | Original Q3 | Legacy

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Answer 05 · Mark scheme March 2009 | CHY1AP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A**	carbon	**2**
	B	cast iron	**4**
	C	iron	**3**
	D	iron oxide	**1**

Answer 06 · Mark scheme June 2009 | CHY1AP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A**	haematite	**2**
	B	silver ore	**3**
	C	chalcopyrite	**1**
	D	bauxite	**4**

Answer 07 · Mark scheme March 2010 | CHY1AP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Eight	**2**	**3**	**2**	**2**

Answer 08 · Mark scheme June 2010 | CHY1AP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Eight	**2**	**1**	**1**	**2**

Answer 09 · Mark scheme November 2010 | CHY1AP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Five	**A**	uses another metal	**3**	
	B	does **not** use a chemical reaction	**2**	
	C	could be done in a blast furnace	**4**	
	D	is called electrolysis	**1**	
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**

Answer 10 · Mark scheme November 2010 | CHY1AP | Original Q9 | Legacy

Nine	**3**	**2**	**1**	**2**

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Answer 11 · Mark scheme

Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)(i)	low percentage / very little of metal (in the ore)	accept only 0.5% metal in the ore **or** over 99% waste in the ore **or** nearly 100% waste in the ore ignore reference to percentage of metal in the Earth's crust **or** energy used or pollution	1
6(a)(ii)	any **one** from • iron uses less energy / fuel for extraction • iron has more uses • more demand for iron • iron is stronger • cheaper / costs less • easier to extract	(it = iron) ignore electrolysis / uses electricity / reactivity ignore high abundance in the Earth's crust / high percentage of metal in ore ignore harder	1
6(b)(i)	has melting point lower than 950°C	(it = aluminium) allow has a low melting point ignore boiling point	1
6(b)(ii)	electrode(s) made of carbon oxygen reacts with electrode(s) / carbon	 accept $C + O_2$ ($\rightarrow$ CO_2) NB oxygen reacts with the carbon electrode(s) = **2** marks	1 1

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Question 6 contd

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(b)(iii)	any **two** from: • saves resources / non renewable • landfill problem • saves energy / fuel / electricity • less carbon dioxide / carbon emissions or reduces carbon footprint • less quarrying / mining	accept aluminium / ore will run out or conserves aluminium accept aluminium does not corrode ignore global warming ignore consequences of quarrying / mining ignore pollution / harms environment / costs / easy to recycle	2
Total			**7**

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Answer 11 · Mark scheme

January 2011 | CHY1F | Original Q6 | Legacy

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Answer 12 · Mark scheme

Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)(i)	65	correct answer with or without working = **2** marks if answer incorrect evidence of (81 – 16) for **1** mark ignore units	2
7(a)(ii)	zinc	accept error carried forward from (a)(i) allow correct symbol answer given should be element / metal closest to their answer do **not** allow compounds	1
7(b)(i)	• it loses electrons • three electrons	sharing / covalency = max **1** mark	1 1
7(b)(ii)	8 electrons shown in second shell.	accept dots / crosses / mixture of dots and crosses / e electrons do not need to be paired do **not** allow extra electrons in first shell	1
Total			**6**

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Answer 13 · Mark scheme

March 2011 | CHY1AP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Eight	**1**	**2**	**1**	**4**

Answer 14 · Mark scheme

June 2011 | CHY1AP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Five	**A** electrons			**2**
	B bonds			**3**
	C products			**1**
	D elements			**4**
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**

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Answer 15 · Mark scheme

June 2011 | CHY2F | Original Q5 | Legacy

Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)	gives out / releases / transfers to surroundings heat / energy	ignore light / burns ignore the wire gets hot	1
5(b)	activation energy		1
5(c)	(aluminium +) oxygen (→) aluminium oxide	accept correct formulae	1
5(d)	C		1
5(e)(i)	a negative		1
5(e)(ii)	loses		1
5(e)(iii)	gains two		1 1
Total			**8**

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Answer 15 · Mark scheme

June 2011 | CHY2F | Original Q5 | Legacy

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Answer 16 · Mark scheme

June 2011 | CHY2F | Original Q7 | Legacy

Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	because they are gases	ignore vapours / evaporate / (g) allow it is a gas	1
7(b)(i)	80 / 79.5	correct answer with or without working = **2** marks ignore units if no answer **or** incorrect answer then evidence of 64 / 63.5 + 16 gains **1** mark	2
7(b)(ii)	80 / 79.87 / 79.9 / 79.375 / 79.38 / 79.4	correct answer with or without working = **2** marks if no answer **or** incorrect answer then evidence of $\frac{64}{80}$ **or** $\frac{63.5}{79.5}$ (x100) gains **1** mark accept (ecf) $\frac{64 or 63.5}{answer(b)(i)}(\times 100)$ for **2** marks if correctly calculated if incorrectly calculated evidence of $\frac{64 or 63.5}{answer(b)(i)}(\times 100)$ gains **1** mark	2
7(b)(iii)	3.2	correct answer with or without working = **1** mark allow (ecf) 4 x ((b)(ii)/100) for **1** mark if correctly calculated	1

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Answer 16 · Mark scheme

Question 7 continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(c)(i)	3.3	accept 3.33…….. or $3\frac{1}{3}$ or $3.3^{\cdot}$ or 3.3^{r}	1
7(c)(ii)	measure to more decimal places **or** use a more sensitive balance / apparatus	allow use smaller scale (division) **or** use a smaller unit ignore accurate / repeat	1
7(c)(iii)	any **two** from: • different balances used **or** faulty balance • reading / using the balance incorrectly **or** recording error • spilling copper oxide / copper • copper oxide impure • not all of the copper oxide was reduced / converted to copper **or** not enough / different amounts of methane used • heated for different times • heated at different temperatures • some of the copper made is oxidised / forms copper oxide • some of the copper oxide / copper blown out / escapes (from tube) • some water still in the test tube	ignore systematic / human / apparatus / zero / measurement / random / weighing / reading errors unless qualified ignore dirty apparatus accept incorrect weighing of copper / copper oxide allow some copper left in tube allow impure copper (produced) accept not all copper oxide (fully) reacted accept Bunsen burner / flame at different temperatures ignore some copper oxide / copper lost	2
Total			**10**

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Answer 17 · Mark scheme

November 2011 | CHY1AP | Original Q9 | Legacy

Nine	**3**	**2**	**1**	**2**

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Answer 18 · Mark scheme

January 2012 | CH1FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)	reduction		1
2(b)	carbon is less reactive than aluminium		1
2(c)		they = aluminium ions ignore particle names	
	aluminium (ions) / they are positively charged	accept aluminium (ions) / they are cations allow aluminium (ions) / they have an opposite charge	1
	so they are attracted **or** they move towards the negative electrode **OR** aluminium (ions) / they need to gain electrons (1) which come from the negative electrode (1)	if no other marks awarded allow 'opposites attract' for **1** mark	1
2(d)	aluminium has a low density		1
	aluminium is resistant to corrosion		1
2(e)	**advantage** less carbon dioxide is produced		1
	disadvantage used aluminium cans have to be collected and transported		1
Total			**8**

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Answer 18 · Mark scheme

January 2012 | CH1FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

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Answer 19 · Mark scheme

June 2012 | CH2FP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)(i)	cryolite		1
4(a)(ii)	lower the melting point of the aluminium oxide		1
4(b)(i)	opposite charges **or** oxide ions are negative attract		1 1
4(b)(ii)	carbon		1
4(b)(iii)	reacts with oxygen **or** forms carbon dioxide	accept burns	1
4(c)	**Structure mark**: **either** Al (atoms) in layers / rows **or** alloy (atoms) not in layers / rows **Sliding mark**: **either** so (Al layers) can slide **or** so (alloy) layers cannot slide	 accept Al (atoms) all the same size allow Al (atoms) in lines accept different sizes of atoms in alloy allow alloy (atoms) not in lines	1 1
Total			**8**

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Answer 19 · Mark scheme

June 2012 | CH2FP | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 20 · Mark scheme

January 2013 | CH1FP | Original Q4 | Legacy

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)(i)	Positive impact any **one** from: • provides employment **or** • improves local economy • improved transport - new roads are built, new rail links • after use the quarry could provide recreation facilities Negative impact any **one** from: • destruction of animal habitats • fewer plants and trees to absorb carbon dioxide • visual pollution **or** noise pollution **or** atmospheric / air pollution • more traffic • uses non-renewable resources	 allow dust pollution allow pollutants from burning diesel	1 1
4(a)(ii)	economical		1
4(b)	carbon / coke burns (in oxygen / air)	accept carbon / coke reacts with oxygen / air	1
4(c)(i)	iron oxide (reactant) carbon dioxide (product)	must be words	1 1
4(c)(ii)	reduction		1

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Answer 20 · Mark scheme

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question	answers	extra information	mark
4(d)(i)	oxygen reacts with carbon **or** oxygen and carbon produce carbon dioxide / carbon monoxide carbon dioxide / carbon monoxide is a gas **or** the carbon is removed as a gas		1 1
4(d)(ii)	much harder		1
4(e)	Advantage: less carbon dioxide is produced Disadvantage: there are different types of steel which must be sorted		 1 1
Total			**12**

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Answer 20 · Mark scheme

January 2013 | CH1FP | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 21 · Mark scheme

January 2013 | CH2FP | Original Q5 | Legacy

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)(i)	sulfuric		1
5(a)(ii)	1		1
5(a)(iii)	to speed up the reaction		1
5(b)	because copper oxide in excess **or** because acid all used up / neutralised	allow copper oxide unreacted	1
5(c)	evaporation **or** crystallisation	allow heating allow cooling allow leave (to evaporate) do **not** accept freezing	1
5(d)	Some copper sulfate may have been lost during the experiment		1
Total			**6**

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Answer 21 · Mark scheme

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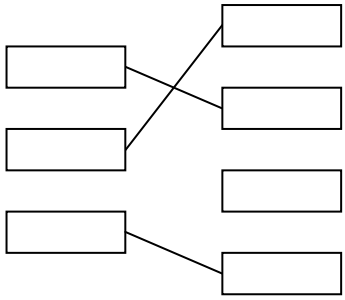
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Answer 22 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | CH1FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	Mark
1(a)		one mark for each substance linked correctly to its description do **not** accept more than one line from each substance	3
1(b)	0 / zero / none / no charge electron		1 1
1(c)(i)	nucleus		1
1(c)(ii)	atomic number		1
1(c)(iii)	mass number		1
Total			8

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Answer 23 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | CH2FP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Question 5

question	answers	extra information	Mark
5(a)	giant lattices		1
5(b)(i)	heat / warm / increase the temperature	allow reduce pressure do not accept melt	1
5(b)(ii)	(polymer) chains cannot slide because they have cross-links	 if no other mark awarded allow polymers do not melt for **1** mark	1 1
5(c)(i)	separates (substances)		1
5(c)(ii)	any **two** from: • quick / rapid • accurate • can detect small quantities / sensitive	ignore reliable / precise / efficient ignore references to cost	2
Total			**7**

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Answer 24 · Mark scheme June 2014 | CH1FP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.	ID
5(a)(i)	economical		1	1 / 1.3.1a	A
5(a)(ii)	phytomining		1	1 / 1.3.1g	A
5(a)(iii)	carbon dioxide		1	1 / 1.3.1d/f	A
5(b)(i)	copper / Cu iron sulfate / $FeSO_4$		1 1	2 / 1.3.1h	E
5(b)(ii)	copper/ ions have a positive charge	it = copper ions allow copper ions have a different charge accept copper / ions are free to move accept to gain electrons accept copper / ions are attracted to the negative electrode **or** opposite charges attract	1	1 / 1.3.1h	E
5(c)	any **two** from: • copper ores are limited / running out • copper can be recycled • copper can be reused • copper is expensive • landfill sites are filling up • copper compounds are toxic	ignore not biodegradable or does not decay allow copper is running out allow copper is toxic	2	3 / 1.3.1j	E
Total			**8**		

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Answer 24 · Mark scheme

June 2014 | CH1FP | Original Q5 | Legacy



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Answer 25 · Mark scheme June 2014 | CH2FP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.	ID
5(a)(i)	ions cannot move	*allow only conducts as a liquid*	1	1 / 2.7.1a	E
5(a)(ii)	chlorine		1	2 / 2.7.1b	G
5(a)(iii)	they are positively / oppositely charged **or** they are attracted		1	1 / 2.7.1c	E
5(a)(iv)	2		1	2 / 2.7.1e	G
5(b)(i)	any **one** from: • not all the magnesium was collected • *used less time* ***or*** *lower current* ***or*** *different battery / power pack* ***or*** *different balance* ***or*** *lower voltage* • error in reading balance • error in recording result	*allow some magnesium was lost*	1	3 / 2.7.1	E
5(b)(ii)	1.11	correct answer with or without working gains **2** marks. if answer incorrect, allow **1** mark for 0.99 **or** for 1.13+1.11+1.09	2	2 + 3 / 2.7.1	E
5(c)(i)	*25 – 25.3*	correct answer with or without working gains **2** marks. If answer incorrect, allow **1** mark for 24/95	2	2 / 2.3.3a	E
5(c)(ii)	71		1	2 / 2.3.1f	A
5(d)(i)	reversible reaction		1	1 / 2.3.3f	A
5(d)(ii)	decreases		1	1 / 2.5.1c	A
Total			**12**		

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Answer 25 · Mark scheme

June 2014 | CH2FP | Original Q5 | Legacy



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Answer 26 · Mark scheme

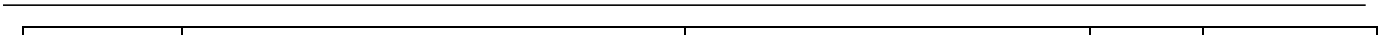
June 2015 | CH2FP | Original Q4 | Legacy

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

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Answer 26 · Mark scheme

June 2015 | CH2FP | Original Q4 | Legacy



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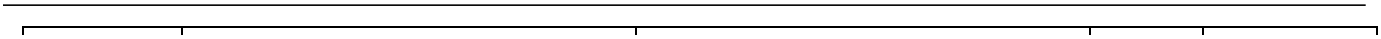
Answer 27 · Mark scheme June 2017 | CH1FP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
3(a)	magnesium oxide	allow MgO but must be correct formula do **not** allow extra products	1	**AO2** 1.1.3b
3(b)(i)	carbon	ignore C ignore any numbers eg 3 carbon	1	**AO1** 1.1.1b
3(b)(ii)	loss of oxygen	allow iron gains electrons do **not** allow loss of oxide do **not** allow iron oxide gains electrons	1	**AO2** 1.3.1d
3(b)(iii)	brittle soft alloys **or** steels		1 1 1	**AO1** 1.3.2a;b;c
Total			**6**	

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Answer 27 · Mark scheme

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Answer 28 · Mark scheme

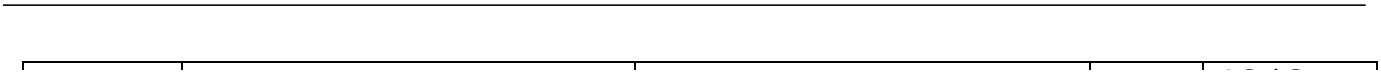
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
2(a)(i)	s		1	AO2 2.6.1a
2(a)(ii)	to speed up the reaction		1	AO2 2.6.1b
2(a)(iii)	tick (✓) by: 1		1	AO1 2.6.2d
2(a)(iv)	tick (✓) by: To make sure all the sulfuric acid has reacted		1	AO1 2.6.1b
2(b)(i)	funnel	accept filter funnel	1	AO1 2.6.1b
2(b)(ii)	heat / evaporate / boil	accept cool accept leave (to evaporate) do **not** accept heat until all water gone	1	AO1 2.6.1b
2(c)	tick (✓) by: The student left some copper sulfate crystals in the apparatus.		1	AO3 2.3.3d
2(d)(i)	white	accept grey	1	AO1 2.5.1d
2(d)(ii)	it goes blue	accept steam / water vapour ignore unspecified colour change	1	AO1 2.5.1d
2(e)(i)	polymers		1	AO1 2.2.5a
2(e)(ii)	as wealth decreases, ethene production decreases	accept converse	1	AO2 2.6; 3.7.12
2(e)(iii)	no relationship		1	AO2 2.6; 3.7.12
Total			**12**	

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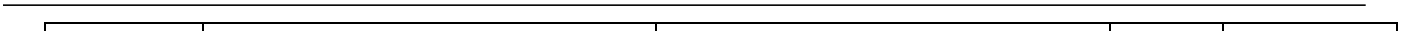
Answer 29 · Mark scheme June 2017 | CH2FP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
3(a)(i)	tick (✓) by: covalent		 1	**AO1** 2.1.1g
3(a)(ii)	ticks (✓) by: oxygen consists of small molecules oxygen has a low boiling point		 1 1	**AO1** 2.1.1g
3(b)(i)	magnesium (atom) loses (electrons) oxygen (atom) gains (electrons) two (electrons) ions formed	max 3 if reference to incorrect particle or incorrect bonding accept ionic bonding or full outer shells/noble gas structure is formed allow magnesium forms positive (ion) **or** oxygen forms negative (ion)	 1 1 1 1	**AO1** **AO2** 2.1.1a,b,c, d,e,f
3(b)(ii)	ticks (✓) by: nanoparticles contain a few hundred atoms nanoparticles have a high surface area to volume ratio		 1 1	**AO1** 2.2.6a
3(c)	giant covalent		1	**AO1** 2.2.3a
Total			**10**	

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Answer 29 · Mark scheme

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Answer 30 · Mark scheme

June 2018 | 8462/1F | Original Q5

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Answer 31 · Mark scheme

June 2018 | 8462/1F | Original Q8

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Answer 32 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8462/1F | Original Q6

Question 6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	$\frac{184}{(232 + 6)} \times 100$ = 77 (%)	an answer of 77 (%) scores **2** marks an answer of 78.63247863 (%) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures scores **1** mark allow 77.31092437 (%) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures	1 1	AO2 4.3.3.2
06.2	$\frac{38}{100} \times 40$ = 15 (kg)	an answer of 15 (kg) scores **2** marks allow 15.2 (kg)	1 1	AO2 4.4.1.3
06.3	(2 x 27) + (3 x 16) = 102	an answer of 102 scores **2** marks ignore units	1 1	AO2 4.3.1.2
06.4	$\frac{28.4}{31.8} \times 100$ = 89.3081761 (%) = 89.3 (%)	an answer of 89.3 (%) scores **3** marks allow 89.3081761(%) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures allow an answer correctly rounded to 3 significant figures from an incorrect calculation which uses the masses in the question	1 1 1	AO2 4.3.3.1

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Answer 32 · Mark scheme

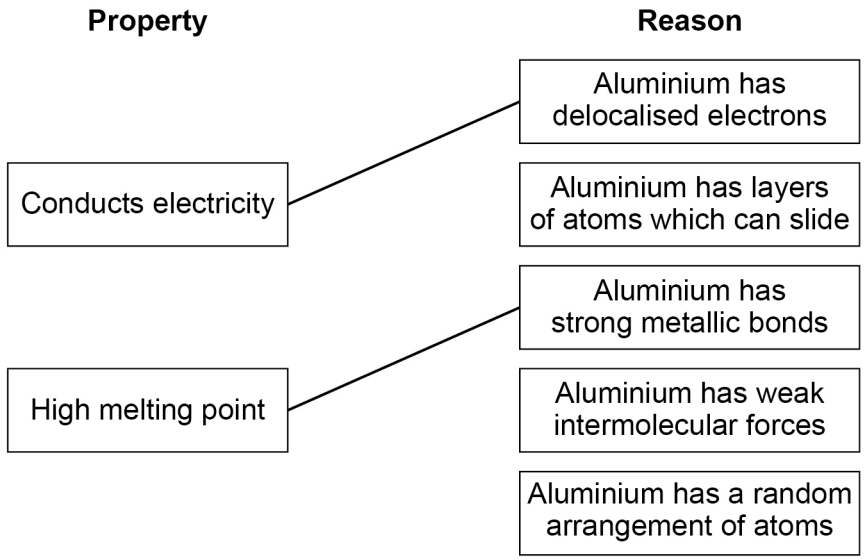
06.5	aluminium is more reactive than carbon (so) carbon cannot displace aluminium **or** (so) carbon cannot reduce aluminium oxide	allow aluminium is above carbon in the reactivity series allow (so) carbon cannot replace aluminium allow (so) carbon cannot remove oxygen from aluminium oxide allow (so) carbon will not react with aluminium oxide	1 1	AO1 4.4.1.1 4.4.1.2 4.4.1.3 4.4.3.3
Total			**11**	

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Answer 33 · Mark scheme

November 2020 | 8462/1F | Original Q5

Question 5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1	 additional line from a box on the left negates the mark from that box		1 1	AO1 4.2.1.5 4.2.2.7 4.2.2.8
05.2	a mixture of metals	allow a mixture of a metal with other elements	1	AO1 4.2.2.7
05.3	bauxite contains a variable percentage of aluminium	allow converse argument allow bauxite does not have a fixed proportion / percentage of aluminium	1	AO3 4.1.1.1
05.4	any **two** from: • danger of dam bursting • leakage of toxic substances from mud to environment • water pollution • damage to habitats • visual pollution • (dam) blocks light • reduces the value of houses	allow the lake (of mud) could overflow allow unpleasant smell	2	AO3 4.4.3.3

Question 5 continued

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.5	10 / ten		1	AO2 4.1.1.1
05.6	to lower the melting point of the mixture		1	AO1 4.4.3.3
05.7	oxygen carbon	must be in this order	1 1	AO1 4.4.3.3
05.8	$\frac{25}{100}$ × 300 000 =75 000 (kg) = 7.5 ×10^4 (kg)	 allow correct conversion to standard form of an incorrectly calculated mass	1 1 1	AO2 4.4.3.3
Total			**13**	

4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

Answer 34 · Mark scheme

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Question 8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	poly(ethene)		1	AO2 4.2.1.4
	water		1	4.2.2.4 4.2.2.5

Question 8 continued

Question	Answers	Mark	AO/ Spec. Ref
08.2	**Level 2:** Scientifically relevant features are identified; the way(s) in which they are similar/different is made clear and (where appropriate) the magnitude of the similarity/difference is noted.	4–6	AO1 4.2.1.2 4.2.1.3 4.2.1.4
	Level 1: Relevant features are identified and differences noted.	1–3	
	No relevant content	0	
	Indicative content • (both) carbon dioxide and silicon dioxide are made up of atoms • (but) magnesium oxide is made up of ions • (both) silicon dioxide and magnesium oxide are giant structures • (but) carbon dioxide is small molecules • with weak intermolecular forces • all three compounds have strong bonds • (both) carbon dioxide and silicon dioxide are formed from two non-metals • (so) bonds formed are covalent • (so) electron (pairs) are shared (between atoms) • (but) magnesium oxide is formed from a metal and a non-metal • (so) bonds in magnesium oxide are ionic • (so) electrons are transferred • from magnesium to oxygen • two electrons are transferred • bonds in silicon dioxide are single bonds • (where) each silicon forms four bonds • (and) each oxygen forms two bonds • (but) in carbon dioxide the bonds are double bonds • (where) carbon forms two double bonds • (and) oxygen forms one double bond ignore properties e.g. melting point, electrical conductivity		

Total			8

4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

Answer 35 · Mark scheme

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Question 10

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.1	(3 × M_r H_2O = 3 × (2 + 16) =) 54 (A_r **R** = 150 – 54 =) 96 **alternative approach**: (M_r **R**O_3 = 150 – 6 =) 144 (1) (A_r **R** = 144 – (3 × 16) =) 96 (1)	 ignore units ignore units	1 1	AO2 4.3.1.1 4.3.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.2	(**R** =) molybdenum / Mo	allow ecf from question **10.1**	1	AO3 4.1.1.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.3	(total M_r of reactants) = 163 (% atom economy =) $\frac{119}{163}$ (×100) = 73 (%)	 allow correct use of an incorrectly calculated value of total M_r allow 73.00613 (%) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures	1 1 1	AO2 4.3.1.2 4.3.3.2

Question 10 continued

Question	Answers	Mark	AO/ Spec. Ref
10.4	**Level 2:** Some logically linked reasons are given. There may also be a simple judgement.	3–4	AO3 4.4.1.3
	Level 1: Relevant points are made. They are not logically linked.	1–2	
	No relevant content	0	
	Indicative content • carbon and iron are the cheapest reactants • hydrogen is the most expensive reactant • separating solid products is expensive • separating solid products is time consuming • in method 1, tungsten needs to be separated from tungsten carbide • in method 1, some tungsten is lost as tungsten carbide • in method 1, the carbon dioxide produced will escape • in method 2, the water vapour produced will escape • in method 2, no separation of solids is needed • in method 3, tungsten needs to be separated from iron oxide		

Total			10

4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

Answer 36 · Mark scheme

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Question 3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.1	B		1	AO3 4.4.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.2	C		1	AO3 4.4.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.3	zinc (oxide) sulfuric (acid)	allow ZnO allow H_2SO_4	1 1	AO2 4.4.2.2

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Answer 36 · Mark scheme

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.4	pH → Colour of universal indicator 1 → Green 7 → Red do **not** accept more than one line from a box on the left		1 1	AO1 4.4.2.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.5	neutralisation		1	AO1 4.4.2.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.6	burette		1	AO1 4.4.2.5 RPA2

Total Question 3		8

4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

Answer 37 · Mark scheme

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Question 9

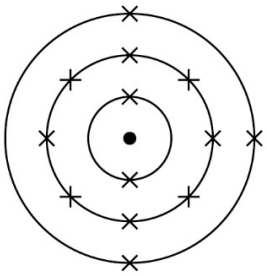
Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.1	D		1	AO3 4.1.2.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.2	B		1	AO3 4.1.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.3	any **two** from: (Group 1 elements) • have lower melting / boiling points • have lower densities • are less strong • are softer	allow converse statements for transition elements allow (Group 1 elements are) more malleable / ductile allow (Group 1 elements) are not useful as catalysts ignore transition elements form coloured compounds ignore transition elements form ions with different charges ignore references to chemical properties	2	AO1 4.1.3.1 4.1.3.2

4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

Answer 37 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.4		allow any combination of x, •, o, $e^{(-)}$ for electrons	1	AO2 4.1.1.7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.5	delocalised electrons (the electrons) carry (electrical) charge (the electrons move) through the metal / aluminium / structure	allow free electrons ignore current / electricity for charge ignore throughout for through	1 1 1	AO1 4.2.1.5 4.2.2.8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.6	ionic		1	AO1 4.2.1.1

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Answer 37 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.7	magnesium (atom) loses electrons		1	AO2 4.2.1.1 4.2.1.2
	oxygen (atom) gains electrons		1	
	two electrons (are transferred)		1	
	magnesium ions **and** oxide ions are formed	allow Mg^{2+} (ions) **and** O^{2-} (ions) are formed allow magnesium forms positive ions and oxygen forms negative ions allow (both) form a complete outer shell	1	

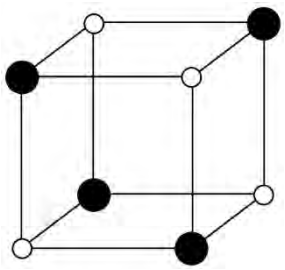
Total Question 9		**13**

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Answer 38 · Mark scheme

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Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1		allow **1** mark for 2 Na^+ and 2 Cl^-	2	AO1 4.2.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.2	the ions can move (in the liquid)	do **not** accept reference to moving / delocalised electrons	1	AO1 4.4.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.3				AO2 4.4.3.2

Molten compound	Product at the negative electrode	Product at the positive electrode	
Magnesium bromide	Magnesium	**Bromine**	1
Potassium chloride	**Potassium**	Chlorine	1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.4	the mixture has a lower melting point than pure aluminium oxide		1	AO1 4.4.3.3

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.5	water		1	AO1 4.4.3.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.6	hydrogen is less reactive than sodium		1	AO2 4.4.3.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.7	the volume of hydrogen is twice the volume of oxygen	allow the volume of hydrogen is greater than the volume of oxygen allow the volume of hydrogen is (directly) proportional to the volume of oxygen	1	AO3 4.4.3.4

Total Question 7	9

4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

Answer 39 · Mark scheme

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Question 8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	Fe_2O_3 + 3 C → **2** Fe + **3** CO	allow multiples allow **1** mark for 2 Fe **or** allow **1** mark for 3 CO	2	AO2 4.1.1.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.2	(iron oxide) loses oxygen	ignore references to gain of electrons	1	AO2 4.4.1.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.3	(M_r =) (2 × 56) + (3 × 16) = 160	allow 112 + 48	1 1	AO2 4.3.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.4	(percentage atom economy =) $\frac{63.5}{2 + 79.5}$ × 100 = 77.9 (%)	 allow 77.914110 (%) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures	1 1	AO2 4.3.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.5	any **one** from: • colour change (in solution) • colour change (in metal) • change of temperature	 allow bubbles	1	AO3 4.1.1.1 4.4.1.2

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.6	(most reactive) **D** **B** **A** (least reactive) **C** (reason) more reactive (metals) displace less reactive (metals)	 allow **D** has most (displacement) reactions **and C** does not react allow the more reactive metals have more (displacement) reactions	1 1	AO3 4.4.1.2

Total Question 8	10

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Answer 40 · Mark scheme

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Question 6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	ions can move through the molten substance to the electrodes		1	AO1 4.4.3.1

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.2	<table><tr><th>Molten compound</th><th>Product at negative electrode</th><th>Product at positive electrode</th></tr><tr><td>Lead chloride</td><td>Lead</td><td>Chlorine</td></tr><tr><td>Potassium iodide</td><td>Potassium</td><td>Iodine</td></tr><tr><td>Zinc bromide</td><td>Zinc</td><td>Bromine</td></tr></table>	1 1 1	AO2 4.4.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.3	$2Al_2O_3 \rightarrow 4Al + 3O_2$	allow **1** mark for 4 Al allow **1** mark for 3 O_2	2	AO2 4.1.1.1 4.4.3.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.4	(M_r =) (27 × 2) + (16 × 3) = 102		1 1	AO2 4.3.1.2

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Answer 40 · Mark scheme

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.5	(by electrolysis) any **one** from: • potassium / K • lithium / Li	allow aluminium / Al allow sodium / Na allow calcium / Ca allow magnesium / Mg	1	AO3 4.4.1.2 4.4.1.3 4.4.3.3
	(by carbon reduction) any **one** from: • zinc / Zn • tin / Sn	allow iron / Fe allow copper / Cu	1	

Total Question 6	10

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Answer 41 · Mark scheme

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Question 5

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1	molten compound: copper chloride; potassium bromide product at the negative electrode: **copper**; potassium product at the positive electrode: chlorine; **bromine**	1 1	AO2 4.4.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.2	O_2		1	AO1 4.1.1.1 4.2.1.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.3	aluminium ions are positive(ly charged)		1	AO1 4.4.3.1 4.4.3.2 4.4.3.3
	(so) are attracted to the negative electrode	allow (and) opposite charges attract	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.4	(the mixture) has a lower melting point (than aluminium oxide)		1	AO3
	(so) less energy is required		1	AO1 4.4.3.3

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Answer 41 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.5	carbon reacts with the oxygen produced		1	AO1 4.4.3.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.6	3.4 cm^3		1	AO2 4.4.3.4 RPA3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.7	hydrogen is less reactive than magnesium		1	AO1 4.4.3.4 RPA3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.8	the volume of hydrogen collected depends on **both** the current and the time		1	AO3 4.4.3.4 RPA3

4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

Answer 41 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.9	(change in volume = 3.8 – 1.9 =) 1.9 (cm^3)	allow any correct matching pairs of values of volume and time for **2** marks	1	AO2 4.4.3.4 RPA3
	(change in time = 5 – 2.5 =) 2.5 (min)		1	
	(gradient =) $\frac{1.9}{2.5}$	allow correct use of incorrectly determined values of volume and / or time	1	
	= 0.76 (cm^3/min)	allow correct use of incorrectly determined values of volume and / or time	1	

Total Question 5	**15**

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Answer 42 · Mark scheme

June 2025 | 8462/1F | Original Q10

Question 10

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.1	(substance reduced) SnO_2	allow tin oxide	1	AO2 4.4.1.1 4.4.1.3
	(reason) (SnO_2) loses oxygen	allow (tin oxide) loses oxygen MP2 is dependent upon MP1 being awarded	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.2	carbon is more reactive than tin	allow tin is less reactive than carbon	1	AO3 4.4.1.2 4.4.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.3	(total M_r = 128 + 12 =) 140	allow (total M_r = 112 + 12 + 16 =) 140	1	AO2 4.3.3.2
	(% atom economy =) $\frac{112}{140} \times 100$	allow correct use of an incorrectly determined total M_r	1	
	= 80 (%)		1	

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Answer 42 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.4		allow the converse for potassium allow the transition metal for tungsten allow the Group 1 metal for potassium ignore references to atomic structure		
	any **two** from: tungsten • has a higher melting / boiling point • is denser • is harder • is stronger • is less reactive • has ions with different charges • forms coloured compounds • can be a catalyst	 allow is less malleable / ductile allow specific reactions showing difference in reactivity	2	AO1 4.1.2.5 4.1.3.1 4.1.3.2

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Answer 42 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.5	(sum of relative formula masses on left hand side =) 232 + (3 × 2) = 238 (is equal to sum of relative formula masses on right hand side =) 184 + (3 × 18) = 238	allow (sum of relative formula masses on left hand side =) 232 + 6 = 238 allow (is equal to sum of relative formula masses on right hand side =) 184 + 54 = 238 if no other mark awarded, allow **1** mark for 232 + 6 = 184 + 54 **or** allow **1** mark for both sides = 238	1 1	AO2 4.3.1.1 4.3.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.6	for sustainable development **or** for economic reasons	allow to minimise use of limited resources allow to minimise use of energy allow to minimise waste ignore references to yield	1	AO1 4.3.3.2

Total Question 10	11

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4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

MARK SCHEME

Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the Examiner make his or her judgement and help to delineate what is acceptable or not worthy of credit or, in discursive answers, to give an overview of the area in which a mark or marks may be awarded.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent.

2. Emboldening

2.1 In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available 'any **two** from' is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following lines is a potential mark.

2.2 A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.

2.3 Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of **or**. (Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a / ; eg allow smooth / free movement.)

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which candidates have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that 'right + wrong = wrong'.

Each error/contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of error/contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

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Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution? (1 mark)

Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	4,8	0
2	green, 5	0
3	red*, 5	1
4	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system. (2 marks)

Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	Pluto, Mars, Moon	1
2	Pluto, Sun, Mars, Moon	0

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a candidate writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, full credit can be given if the symbol / formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, as shown in the column 'answers', without any working shown.

However if the answer is incorrect, mark(s) can be gained by correct substitution / working and this is shown in the 'extra information' column;

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.5 Errors carried forward

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

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

3.6 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.7 Brackets

(…..) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.8 Unexpected Correct Answers not in the Mark Scheme

The Examiner should use professional judgement to award credit where a candidate has given an unexpected correct answer which is not covered by the mark scheme. The Examiner should consult with the Team Leader to confirm the judgement. The Team Leader should pass this answer on to the Principal Examiner with a view to informing all examiners.

4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

CHY1F Question 1

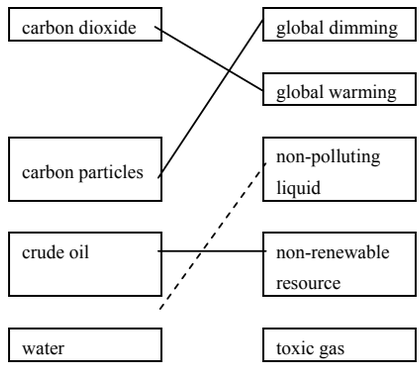
	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	low density unreactive		1 1
(b)	a polymer		1
(c)	any **one** from: • not broken down by (microorganisms) • does not decay (naturally)	ignore cannot recycle / degrade / disintegrate	1
total			4

CHY1F Question 2

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	additive		1
(b)	any **three** from: • colour 1 is made up of only one colour / dye • colour 2 is made up of only one colour / dye • colour 3 is made up of two colours / dyes **or** more colours (than colours 1 and 2) • colours 1, 2 and 3 are all different • colour 1 is less dark than colour 2	accept colour 3 is a mixture of colours 1 and 2 for **3** marks accept E-number or additive instead of colour ignore comments about height / level	3
total			4

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CHY1F Question 3

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	hydrogen	ignore formulae	1
(b)	any **two** from: • different sized molecules / more or less (carbon) atoms (in molecules) • fuels have <u>different</u> boiling points • fuels condense at <u>different</u> temperatures	ignore different densities	2
(c)		all three correct = **3** marks two correct = **2** marks one correct = **1** mark	3
total			6

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CHY1F Question 4

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	any **one** from: • iron ore is a limited resource / non-renewable • iron is in high demand • provide jobs • economic advantage		1
(ii)	any **two** from: • would damage (wildlife) habitats / countryside / greenfield sites • extra traffic • visual (pollution) / eyesore • noise (pollution) / sound (pollution) • dust (pollution) • river (pollution) • carbon dioxide (from traffic) / adds to greenhouse effect / global warming • damage roads / buildings by <u>vibrations</u> / <u>shockwaves</u>		2
(b)(i)	carbon monoxide / carbon	accept formulae CO / C	1
(ii)	atoms are all the same (size) / type	accept (particles) are all the same (size) / type for one mark	1 1

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Question 4 continued

	answers	extra information	mark
(iii)	any **two** from: • impurities / carbon / different (sized) atoms **or** elements **or** metals • changes the structure / disrupts the pattern or layers • prevents layers sliding over each other • it is an alloy		2
total			8

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CHY1F Question 5

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	core	ignore outer or inner	1
	mantle		1
(b)(i)	carbon dioxide	accept formula CO_2	1
	oxygen	accept formulae O_2 / O	1
(ii)	4%		1
(iii)	carbon dioxide has <u>decreased</u> / from 95% to 0%		1
	oxygen has <u>increased</u> / from 0% to 21%		1
	any **one** from: (carbon dioxide decrease) • carbon dioxide used during photosynthesis / by plants • carbon dioxide dissolves in oceans • carbon dioxide is locked up in rocks / carbonates / fossil fuels (oxygen increase) • oxygen released during photosynthesis / by plants		1
total			8

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CHY1F Question 6

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	any **two** from: • nitrogen • carbon dioxide • water (vapour) / steam	 accept formulae N / N_2 accept formula CO_2 ignore CO accept formula H_2O	2
(b)	any **three** from: <u>limestone</u> • abundant / local • natural material **or** no 'processing' needed • relatively easy to cut • appearance better <u>concrete</u> • <u>raw materials</u> are abundant • can be reinforced (by steel rods) / strong(er) / supported (by steel rods) • concrete mixture can be poured / moulded / constructed on site • less reactive with acid rain / weathering / erosion	no mark for 'limestone' or 'concrete' on first line – mark advantages only ignore ideas of speed of production or easier to use accept 'can build higher' ignore density / extraction / quarrying / pollution / cost	3
total			5

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CHY1F Question 7

	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	$Cu_2S + 2O_2 \rightarrow 2CuO + SO_2$	accept fractions and multiples	1
(ii)	any **two** from: • sulfur dioxide • causes acid rain • consequence of acid rain eg kills fish / plants	 accept sulphur dioxide / sulphur oxide / SO_2 ignore other comments eg global warming / ozone / global dimming / greenhouse effect	2
(b)	any **two** from: • heat (copper oxide with carbon) • oxygen is removed by carbon **or** carbon monoxide / carbon dioxide is produced **or** carbon displaces copper • because carbon is more reactive than copper	 accept copper (oxide) loses oxygen **or** carbon gains oxygen accept carbon oxide accept a correct word or balanced symbol equation allow a correct comparison of reactivity	2
(c)(i)	electrolysis	accept electroplating	1
(ii)	(electrical) wiring / appliances / coins / pipes / cladding for buildings / jewellery / making alloys **or** named alloys		1

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Question 7 continued

	answers	extra information	mark
(d)	any **three** explanations from: <u>for recycling</u> • less acid rain (pollution) • copper reserves last longer / conserved **or** do not run out • energy for extraction (saved) **or** less energy required • less mining / quarrying • less waste (copper) / electrical appliances dumped **or** less landfill <u>against recycling</u> • collection problems • transport problems • difficult to separate copper from appliances • energy used to melt the collected copper	ignore electrolysis / pollution ignore ideas about less machinery / plant ignore idea of cost	3
total			10

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Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the Examiner make his or her judgement
- the Assessment Objectives and specification content that each question is intended to cover.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right-hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent.

2. Emboldening and underlining

2.1 In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available 'any **two** from' is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following bullet points is a potential mark.

2.2 A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.

2.3 Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of **or**. Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a / ; eg allow smooth / free movement.

2.4 Any wording that is underlined is essential for the marking point to be awarded.

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3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which students have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that 'right + wrong = wrong'.

Each error / contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of error / contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution?

[1 mark]

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	green, 5	0
2	red*, 5	1
3	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system.

[2 marks]

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

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a student writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, full credit can be given if the symbol / formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

Marks should be awarded for each stage of the calculation completed correctly, as students are instructed to show their working. Full marks can, however, be given for a correct numerical answer, without any working shown.

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.5 Errors carried forward

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

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

3.6 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.7 Brackets

(…..) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.8 Allow

In the mark scheme additional information, 'allow' is used to indicate creditworthy alternative answers.

3.9 Ignore

Ignore is used when the information given is irrelevant to the question or not enough to gain the marking point. Any further correct amplification could gain the marking point.

3.10 Do not accept

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

4. Level of response marking instructions

Extended response questions are marked on level of response mark schemes.

- Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor.
- The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level.
- There are two marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer, read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

Step 1: Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer. Do **not** look to penalise small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level.

Use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 2 with a small amount of level 3 material it would be placed in level 2 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 3 content.

Step 2: Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this.

The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

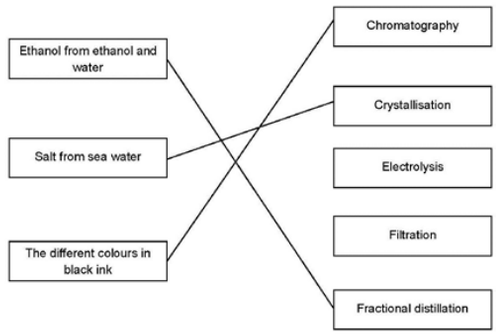
Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do **not** have to cover all of the points mentioned in the indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

You should ignore any irrelevant points made. However, full marks can be awarded only if there are no incorrect statements that contradict a correct response.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.1			1 1 1	AO1 4.1.1.2
01.2	include a (filter) funnel	allow funnel drawn on the diagram ignore clamp stand	1	AO3 4.1.1.2
01.3	evaporate condense	must be this order	1 1	AO1 4.1.1.2
01.4	$\frac{2}{20} \times 100$ = 10 (%)	an answer of 10 (%) scores **2** marks an answer of 11.1(%) **or** 90 (%) scores **1** mark	1 1	AO2 4.2.2.7
01.5	an alloy		1	AO1 4.2.2.7
01.6	the layers in the mixture are distorted		1	AO1 4.2.2.7

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.7	8000 nm^3		1	AO2 4.2.4.1
Total			**11**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.1	7		1	AO1 4.1.2.6
02.2	small molecule		1	AO2 4.1.2.6 4.2.2.4
02.3	F_2		1	AO1 4.1.1.1 4.1.2.6
02.4	the reactivity decreases (going down Group 7)	allow the reactivity decreases from chlorine to iodine	1	AO1 4.1.2.6
	(because) chlorine displaces bromine and iodine	allow (because) chlorine has two reactions allow (because) neither bromine nor iodine can displace chlorine	1	AO3 4.1.2.6
	(and) bromine displaces iodine **or** iodine does not react	allow (and) bromine has one reaction **or** iodine has no reactions allow (and) iodine cannot displace bromine	1	AO3 4.1.2.6
02.5	80		1	AO2 4.3.1.2

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.6	(1.2 kg =) 1200 (g) **or** (900 g =) 0.9 (kg)	an answer of 75 (%) scores **2** marks	1	AO2 4.3.3.1
	$(\frac{900}{1200} \times 100) = 75(\%)$ **or** $(\frac{0.9}{1.2} \times 100) = 75(\%)$	allow an answer correctly calculated from: $(\frac{900}{\text{incorrect attempt at conversion of 1.2}} \times 100)$ **or** $(\frac{\text{incorrect attempt at conversion of 900}}{1.2} \times 100)$	1	
Total			**9**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.1	nucleus neutron neutron electron proton	must be in this order	1 1 1 1 1	AO1 4.1.1.3 4.1.1.4 4.1.1.5
03.2	$(A_r)\ \frac{(63 \times 70) + (65 \times 30)}{100}$ = 63.6	an answer of 63.6 scores **2** marks	1 1	AO2 4.1.1.6
03.3	copper / Cu	allow ecf from answer to question **03.2**	1	AO2 4.1.1.1
03.4	$\frac{1.2 \times 10^{-10}}{10\,000}$ **or** $1.2 \times 10^{-10} \times 1 \times 10^{-4}$ $= 1.2 \times 10^{-14}$ (m)	an answer of 1.2×10^{-14} (m) scores **2** marks a correct answer not in standard form scores **1** mark	1 1	AO2 4.1.1.5
Total			**10**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.1	3.6 (cm^3)		1	AO2 4.4.3.4
04.2	hydrogen line only		1	AO3 4.4.3.4
04.3	both lines		1	AO3 4.4.3.4
04.4	graphite has delocalised electrons		1	AO1 4.2.3.2
04.5	**cathode** zinc (1) **anode** chlorine (1) hydrogen (1) bromine (1)	do **not** accept chloride allow **1** mark if chlorine and zinc the wrong way around do **not** accept bromide allow **1** mark if bromine and hydrogen the wrong way around	1+1 1+1	AO2 4.4.3.2 4.4.3.4
Total			**8**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1	gas		1	AO1 4.2.2.2
05.2	the gas escapes	allow carbon dioxide escapes do **not** accept references to evaporation	1	AO1 4.3.1.3
05.3	5.12 (g)		1	AO2 4.3.1.3
05.4	4.00 (g) trial 1	allow 2.89 written in either space, or ringed in the table, unless contradicted by mass of copper carbonate or trial number	1	AO3 4.3.1.3
05.5	reheat (and reweigh) until constant mass	 an answer of heat to constant mass scores **2** marks if no other mark scored allow for **1** mark heat for longer **or** (heat at a) higher temperature **alternative approach**: (1) continue heating and pass gas through limewater (1) until the (lime)water stops bubbling **or** until the limewater no longer turns cloudy	1 1	AO3 4.3.1.3

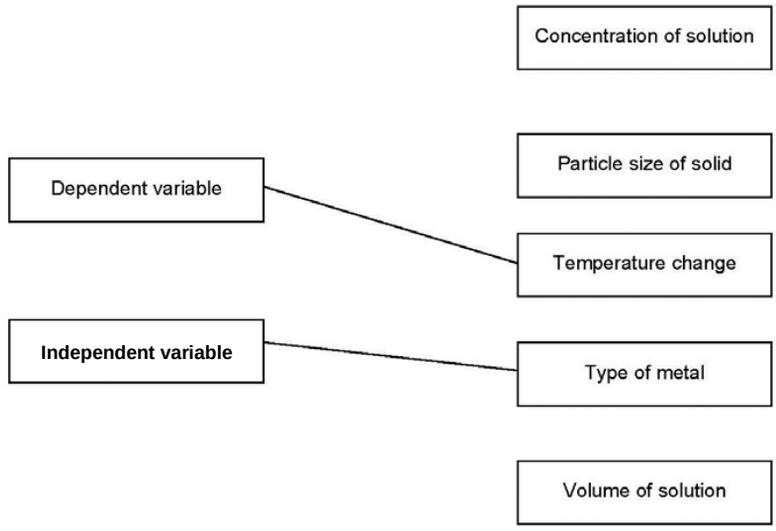
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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.6	straight line of best fit	must touch at least 5 of the 6 plots	1	AO2 4.3.1.3
05.7	correct value read from line of best fit in Figure 8	allow tolerance of ± ½ small square	1	AO2 4.3.1.3
05.8	(mass =) $168 \times \frac{\text{answer from question } \mathbf{05.7}}{8.4}$ correctly calculated value (g)	a correctly calculated value from their answer to question **05.7** scores **2** marks allow (mass =) answer from question **05.7** × 20	1 1	AO2 4.3.1.3
Total			**10**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	 allow **one** mark if answers are reversed		1 1	AO1 4.5.1.1
06.2	polystyrene is a better insulator		1	AO3 4.5.1.1
06.3	both bars labelled both bars correctly plotted	 allow tolerance of ± ½ small square ignore width and spacing of bars if no other mark scored, allow **1** mark for any one bar correctly plotted and labelled	1 1	AO2 4.5.1.1

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.4	temperature increases **or** temperature does not decrease	ignore because it is exothermic allow (because) energy / 'heat' is transferred to the surroundings energy / 'heat' is not taken in from the surroundings allow the energy of the products is less than the energy of the reactants	1	AO3 4.5.1.1
06.5	(most reactive) magnesium (zinc) nickel	this order only	1	AO3 4.5.1.1 4.4.1.2
06.6	suitable method described the observations / measurements required to place in order an indication of how results would be used to place the unknown metal in the reactivity series **approaches that could be used:** **approach 1:** add the unknown metal to copper sulfate solution (1) measure temperature change (1) place the metals in order of temperature change (1)		1 1 1	AO3 4.4.1.2 4.5.1.1

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.6 cont.	**approach 2:** add the metal to salt solutions of the other metals **or** heat the metal with oxides of the other metals (1) measure temperature change (only if salt solutions used) **or** observe whether a chemical change occurs (1) compare temperature change or whether there is a reaction to place in correct order (1) **approach 3:** add all of the metals to an acid (1) measure temperature change or means of comparing rate of reaction (1) place the metals in order of temperature change or rate of reaction (1) **approach 4:** set up electrochemical cells with the unknown metal as one electrode and each of the other metals as the other electrode (1) measure the voltage of the cell (1) place the metals in order of voltage (1)			
06.7	D		1	AO1 4.5.1.2
06.8	C		1	AO1 4.5.1.2
Total			**12**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	sodium oxide	allow Na_2O	1	AO2 4.1.1.1 4.1.2.5 4.4.1.1
07.2	oxidation		1	AO1 4.4.1.1
07.3	13		1	AO1 4.4.2.4
07.4	sodium hydroxide		1	AO2 4.1.1.1
07.5	OH^-		1	AO1 4.4.2.4
07.6	(volume =) $\frac{250}{1000}$ or ¼ or 0.25 (dm^3) **or** (mass per cm^3 =) $\frac{40}{1000}$ (g) or 0.04 (g) ($\frac{250}{1000}$ × 40 =) 10 (g)	an answer of 10 (g) scores **2** marks	1 1	AO2 4.3.2.5

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.7	all points correct	allow a tolerance of ± ½ a small square allow **1** mark for 3 points correct ignore any attempt at a line of best fit	2	AO2 4.1.2.5
07.8	39 (°C)	allow any value from 34 to 46 (°C)	1	AO2 4.1.2.5
Total			**10**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	any **one** from: • metal • (metal) hydroxide • (metal) carbonate • alkali	allow named example allow correct formula ignore base allow ammonium hydroxide allow ammonium carbonate allow soluble base allow ammonia	1	AO1 4.4.2.1 4.4.2.2 4.4.2.3
08.2	$Ca(NO_3)_2$	allow $Ca^{2+}(NO_3^-)_2$	1	AO2 4.4.2.2

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Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.3	**Level 3:** The method would lead to the production of a valid outcome. All key steps are identified and logically sequenced.	5–6	AO1 4.4.2.3
	Level 2: The method would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome. Most steps are identified, but the method is not fully logically sequenced.	3–4	
	Level 1: The method would not lead to a valid outcome. Some relevant steps are identified, but links are not made clear.	1–2	
	No relevant content	0	
	Indicative content • use magnesium oxide and sulfuric acid • add sulfuric acid to a beaker • warm sulfuric acid • add magnesium oxide • stir • continue adding until magnesium oxide is in excess • filter • using a filter paper and funnel • to remove excess magnesium oxide • heat solution in an evaporating basin • to crystallisation point • leave to crystallise • pat dry with filter paper credit may be given for diagrams		
Total		**8**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.1	FeS_2	do **not** accept equations	1	AO2 4.2.1.3
09.2	26 30 26	must be this order	1 1 1	AO2 4.1.1.4 4.1.1.5
09.3	any **two** from: • iron has a high(er) melting / boiling point • iron is dense(r) • iron is hard(er) • iron is strong(er) • iron is less reactive • iron has ions with different charges • iron forms coloured compounds • iron can be a catalyst	allow the converse statements for sodium allow transition metal for iron allow Group 1 metal for sodium ignore references to atomic structure ignore iron rusts allow iron is less malleable / ductile allow specific reactions showing difference in reactivity allow iron is magnetic	2	AO1 4.1.2.5 4.1.3.1 4.1.3.2

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.4	carbon is more reactive (than nickel)	allow converse	1	AO1 4.4.1.2 4.4.1.3
	(so) carbon will displace / replace nickel (from nickel oxide) **or** (so) carbon will remove oxygen (from nickel oxide)	allow (so) nickel ions gain electrons allow (so) carbon transfers electrons to nickel (ions)	1	
09.5		an answer of 67.8 (%) scores **3** marks an answer of 67.8160919 (%) or correctly rounded answer to 2, 4 or more sig figs scores **2** marks an incorrect answer for one step does **not** prevent allocation of marks for subsequent steps		AO2 4.3.3.2
	(total M_r of reactants =) 87		1	
	(percentage atom economy) $= \frac{59}{87} \times 100$	allow (percentage atom economy) $= \frac{59}{\text{incorrectly calculated } M_r} \times 100$	1	
	= 67.8 (%)	allow an answer from an incorrect calculation to 3 sig figs	1	
Total			**11**	

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.1	copper, zinc, sodium chloride solution		1	AO2 4.5.2.1
10.2	a reactant is used up	allow the reaction stops allow electrolyte / electrode / ions / metal / metal hydroxide / alkali for reactant	1	AO1 4.5.2.1
10.3	the reaction is not reversible		1	AO1 4.5.2.1
10.4	$2H_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O$	allow fractions / multiples allow **1** mark for O_2	2	AO1 AO2 4.1.1.1 4.5.2.2

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• lithium-ion batteries can catch fire
• produces only water
or
no pollutants produced
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• charging points are more widely available than hydrogen filling stations
• hydrogen takes up a lot of space
or
is difficult to store
• hydrogen can be highly flammable / explosive
• no emissions produced
• (catalyst in the hydrogen fuel-cell eventually becomes poisoned so) have a finite life</td></tr>
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Question 5 (low and standard demand)

05.1 This was well answered, with 73% of students knowing the state symbol for a gas.

05.2 This question was difficult to answer with 81% of students not achieving a mark. The idea of a gas leaving the test tube was required. Many referred incorrectly to evaporation. Some students correctly said that a gas was produced, but did not say that it escaped, so did not gain the mark. Many thought the loss in mass was due to energy being lost.

05.3 This was very well answered, with 83% of students achieving the mark.

05.4 74% of students could correctly identify the anomalous result. The most popular incorrect answer was Trial 3 for 8 g of copper carbonate, which is exactly midway between the other two values.

05.5 This was not answered very well with 0.6% of students achieving both marks here. 12% of students achieved a single mark, usually for eating for longer'. 10% of students did not attempt an answer at all.

A lack of precision of expression proved costly, for example, 'leave it for longer' does not mean the same thing as 'heat it for longer'. Some students suggested putting in a bung to prevent any gas escaping, missing the entire reason for the investigation.

Some students suggested heating until no more gas was given off, with no indication as to how they would know when that was the case. Credit was given to those who could do so, for example by testing with lime water until it no longer turned cloudy or no more bubbles were seen. No credit was given for stating the test for carbon dioxide.

05.6 77% of students could draw a straight line touching five of the points. Errors occurred where a student had bent the line to touch the point at (12.0, 5.6), or where there was a discontinuity in the line. Some students used a pen and were then unable to correct their first attempt. Graphs should always be plotted and drawn with a sharp pencil and a long enough ruler.

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05.7 50% of students achieved the mark here. Of the incorrect responses, many misread the scale on the *x*-axis and reading the value at 8.8 g instead of 8.4 g.

05.8 There were some very good answers, with 48% of students achieving both marks. An incorrect answer to the previous question did not prevent access to both marks. However, a significant number of students did not use their answer from question **05.7** as instructed (which would have entailed scaling up by multiplying by 20). Instead, they used a different point on the graph, which almost always led to an incorrect answer.

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Question 8 (standard demand)

08.1 33% of students could give a different type of substance. Many suggested a base, but as metal oxides are themselves bases, this was not another type of substance and was ignored. Named examples of correct types of substance were accepted.

08.2 This was not answered well. 2% of students were able to work out that two nitrate ions were required for each calcium ion, or to use correct notation for the resulting formula.

08.3 This was a tough question that discriminated between students very well. 39% of students were able to achieve at least two marks, and 1% achieved all six.

Many students did not start with a metal oxide and an acid. Of those who did, many then added magnesium sulfate, the product, to their mixture, rendering the whole process nonsensical. Most did not name the metal oxide or the acid. Many conflated the reaction to produce the salt with the crystallisation phase, adding the metal oxide and acid together in an evaporating basin and then evaporating it to dryness.

The crystallisation phase was often described very well, and this was where most students scored their marks.

4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

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Question 6 (low and standard demand)

06.1 Approximately 60% of students calculated the percentage atom economy correctly.

A final answer of 77.3 with a dot over the 3 signifying a recurring 3 was a common error.

06.2 Approximately two-thirds of students performed the percentage calculation correctly.

06.3 Approximately 70% of students calculated the relative formula mass correctly.

06.4 The requirement to give the answer to 3 significant figures made this calculation more challenging. However, approximately a half of students scored all 3 marks.

A final answer of 89.3 with a dot over the 3 signifying a recurring 3 was a common error.

06.5 Students found this question difficult. Almost three-quarters of students scored 0 marks.

For those students who scored 1 mark, it was almost always for the relative reactivity of aluminium and carbon.

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June 2022 | 8462/1F | Original Q3

Question 3 (Low and standard demand)

03.1 This question was answered correctly by the majority of students, who recognised that copper would not react. Incorrect responses were almost equally divided between **A** and **D**.

03.2 This question was answered correctly by nearly all students.

03.3 Fewer than half of students scored both marks, although three quarters named one substance correctly. Most students realised that the appropriate metal oxide would be zinc oxide. However, fewer could correctly name the acid, with hydrochloric acid being a popular response.

03.4 Nearly three-quarters of students scored at least one mark, with nearly half scoring both.

03.5 Nearly 80% of students identified the correct type of reaction.

03.6 Over 80% of students correctly identified the apparatus as a burette. The majority of the rest gave a response of pipette.

4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

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Question 9 (Standard demand)

09.1 Fewer than a quarter of students recognised that element **Q** must be a non-metal because of the lack of conductivity, and therefore in section **D**. **B** and **C** were both seen more often than the correct answer, though responses were fairly evenly spread across all options.

09.2 This was slightly better answered than the previous question. However, again responses were spread across all options.

09.3 Most students described a property of either a Group 1 element or a transition element without reference to the other; this did not gain credit as a comparison was needed. Of those students who did answer in comparative terms, most knew that Group 1 metals are softer than transition metals, but there was confusion about which had lower melting points. Some students thought that one group or the other would not conduct electricity. Very few students were awarded both marks; about a sixth scored one mark.

09.4 Most students could draw the electronic structure correctly. The most common error was to draw only one electron on the outer shell.

09.5 Most students referred to electrons in their answer as required, but fewer than a third described those electrons as delocalised. Some also referred to the electrons carrying charge. However, very few articulated the idea that the electrons themselves move through the metal in a particular direction. Of those who referred to electrons moving, many implied that the movement was random. Some students incorrectly referred to electrons bumping into other atoms or electrons.

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09.6 Just over half of students correctly identified the type of bonding. The most common incorrect response was covalent.

09.7 Many students gave good descriptions of the transfer of two electrons from a magnesium atom to an oxygen atom to produce magnesium ions and oxide ions. However, some students subsequently referred to electrons being shared. About 40% of students were awarded at least one mark, with about a sixth gaining all four marks.

4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

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Question 7 (low and standard demand)

07.1 This question was answered by fewer than half of the students showing that many students do not read the entire question, but focus only on the sentence above an answer line. As there was no answer line, the instruction to complete Figure 8 was missed. Of those who did respond, most scored at least one mark.

Most of those who did answer realised that two of each ion should be drawn, but many placed the ions directly under the same type of ion, instead of in the alternate positions.

07.2 This standard demand question proved to be difficult even with the prompt to refer to ions. There were few references to electrons, showing that students had taken note of this prompt; however, the idea that ions can move in the liquid state was not given by many students.

07.3 This question was well answered, with more than three quarters of students scoring both marks. Potassium was nearly always correct, but bromine was often incorrectly described as bromide.

07.4 Only a half of the students knew that the mixture has a lower melting point than pure aluminium oxide, with the majority of the rest opting for a higher melting point.

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07.5 Only a half of students knew that the source of the hydrogen and oxygen is water. Most of the other chose sulfate ions.

07.6 Again, roughly a half of students knew the reason for the production of hydrogen rather than sodium, with nearly as many choosing the incorrect statement that hydrogen is more reactive than sodium.

07.7 Some students were not specific enough about the relationship of the volumes, merely stating that as one increased, so did the other. However, many gave excellent descriptions of the volume of hydrogen being twice that of oxygen. Just over a half of students scored the mark.

4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

Answer 39 · Examiner comments June 2023 | 8462/1F | Original Q8

Question 8 (low and standard demand)

08.1 The great majority of students scored at least one mark, with three-fifths scoring both. Most could give the correct coefficient for Fe, but that for CO proved to be more challenging, with values of 5 or 6 being seen quite frequently. This question discriminated well.

08.2 Just over a quarter of students were able to articulate that iron oxide loses oxygen. Many expressed their answer as if decomposition of iron oxide were occurring.

08.3 There were many correct answers, with three fifths of students scoring both marks. However, many students do not realise that all they have to do is add the relative atomic masses of two Fe and three O atoms. 56 x 112 was frequently seen. Some students used three Fe atoms and two O instead of the other way round, misunderstanding the subscripts in the formula. Those who made an arithmetic error but had shown their working were able to score one mark. The question discriminated well.

08.4 This question also discriminated well. Most students could substitute the values correctly into the given expression. However, some did not know how to evaluate that expression and some incorrectly rounded a value of 77.9% to 77% instead of 78%.

08.5 About two thirds of students gave an acceptable observation**.** The majority of students gave bubbling as an observation. This was accepted as bubbles do form as a side reaction to the main displacement reaction. The expected observations of a colour change in either the metal or the solution, or a temperature change, were more rarely seen.

08.6 About three-quarters of students placed the metals in the correct order, but fewer could give a coherent reason. It was common to see the metals listed in reverse order. Students sometimes did not understand the difference between a metal and a metal sulfate, giving incorrect statements such as ‘C had most ticks’.

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Question 6 (low and standard demand)

06.1 Fewer than a half of students identified the reason why molten substances can be electrolysed. The incorrect distractor that electrons can move through the substance was almost as popular.

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4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

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06.2 Nearly three quarters of students could name all three substances correctly. The most common errors were iodide instead of iodine and zinc bromine instead of zinc bromide.

06.3 Nearly a half of students gave a completely balanced equation. The oxygen was correctly balanced more often than the aluminium.

06.4 Nearly three fifths of students set out their work clearly and obtained the correct answer. The most common incorrect answers were 27 + 16 = 43 and 27 × 16 = 432.

06.5 Fewer than two thirds of students scored one or two marks, with fewer than one third scoring both marks. It was expected that students would chose appropriate metals from the list provided, but other correct answers were accepted. Gold was not given credit, since students should know that gold is found in the Earth as the metal itself, so does not need chemical extraction. Carbon was often given as a response.

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Question 5 (low and standard demand)

05.1 This was very well answered, although a few said bromide rather than bromine. Four fifths of students scored both marks.

05.2 Three quarters of students chose the correct formula. The most popular distractor was O^2.

05.3 Students found this question difficult and one in ten did not attempt it. Many stated that aluminium, rather than aluminium ions, is positive. The attraction between the positive ions and the negative electrode was better expressed.

05.4 Again, students found this difficult despite the data provided as a prompt, and again one in ten made no attempt. Few students stated clearly that the mixture has a lower melting point, and even fewer that less energy is therefore required. Some stated that the melting point is lowered by cryolite, which was not accepted; the melting point of aluminium oxide is a fixed value. Some did not make a clear reference to energy, referring to fuel or heat instead. Many referred to boiling points instead of melting points, despite also quoting the given values of melting point. Just over a quarter of students scored 1 mark but only one in 20 scored both.

05.5 About half of students gave the correct answer, with the two distractors both being very popular.

05.6 Three quarters of students gave the correct value, with 2.7 cm^3 being the more popular distractor.

05.7 Three fifths of students gave the correct reason, though a surprising number thought that hydrogen is more reactive than magnesium.

05.8 Only a half of students gave the correct answer, with nearly as many thinking that the volume did not depend on the time.

05.9 There were very many fully correct answers, with a half of students scoring full marks. A few measured the change in volume as 1.8 cm^3 instead of 1.9 cm^3, and some inverted

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the expression for gradient even though it was provided. Any matching pairs of change in volume and change in time were accepted. Even those who read incorrectly from the graph were able to gain partial credit for showing how to manipulate their values correctly.

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Question 10 (standard demand)

10.1 Students found this question difficult and fewer than one in ten could give the correct substance. Many gave tin (the result of the reduction) as the answer instead of tin oxide, and many did not appreciate that reduction is loss of oxygen.

10.2 One in six students could give an acceptable answer in terms of reactivity. Students were expected to compare the reactivities of carbon and tin, so both needed to be named. There was some ambiguous use of the word 'it'.

10.3 Whilst a third of students scored one mark, only about one in ten scored all three. Many could not recall the expression for percentage atom economy and therefore did not attempt to find the total M_r of the reactants. A significant minority added the two relative atomic masses provided to give 124 and then divided by 128.

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10.4 Nearly a half of students scored at least one mark. Many answers were not comparative so could not gain credit. Some gave two halves of the same comparison as two different differences in properties, e.g. tungsten is hard for one answer and potassium is soft for the other. Answers in terms of atomic structure, rather than properties of the element, did not gain credit.

10.5 Nearly a half of students scored both marks by producing working to show that the total M_r on each side was 238.

10.6 One in five students scored the mark. Common correct responses included minimising waste or making more profit. Common incorrect answers included references to yield, rate or safety.

4.4.1.1 Metal oxides

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