AQA GCSE Chemistry | 8462

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.1.2.5

Group 1

Mark schemes and examiner comments

Tier	**Higher**
Question groups	**43**
Available paper years	**2007–2025**

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

November 2007 | CHY1A | Original Q6 | Legacy

Six	**3**	**3**	**2**	**3**

Answer 02 · Mark scheme

January 2008 | CHY3H | Original Q4 | Legacy

The full source mark scheme begins on page 90. Follow original question 4 in that document.

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Answer 03 · Mark scheme

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)	reasonable smooth curve	do **not** allow straight lines joining dot to dot curve must extend from 0 and 30 °C	1
2(b)	solubility curve changes direction	allow solubility decreases (after 35 °C) **or** solubility goes up and down	1
2(c)	(experiments were) repeated	allow they were an average	1
2(d)	35	accept any value from 34 to 35	1
2(e)	14	accept any value from 13 to 15	1
2(f)	27	correct answer = **2** marks accept 46 **or** 19 for **1** mark	2
2(g)	no more solid / gas can be dissolved	owtte allow unable to dissolve any more **or** no more can go into solution ignore absorbs	1
Total			**8**

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Answer 03 · Mark scheme

COMPONENT NUMBER: CHY3H

COMPONENT NAME: Chemistry

STATUS: Final

DATE: June 2008

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme June 2008 | CHY3H | Original Q4 | Legacy

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)	acts as barrier between sodium and air / oxygen / water (vapour)	accept because they are reactive ignore oil will not react	1
4(b)	**2**Na + **2**H_2O → **2**NaOH + H_2	allow multiples / fractions	1
4(c)	these metals react with water producing an alkaline solution **or** produce solution with pH greater than 7 / high pH	owtte allow produce OH^- ions **not** these metals are / form alkalis ignore 'strong' pH	1
4(d)		it = potassium <u>outer</u> electron must be mentioned once for all **3** marks	
	bigger atom **or** outer shell electron further from nucleus **or** more shells	**or** converse argument for sodium less reactive provided sodium is specified	1
	less attraction to nucleus **or** more shielding	**not** less magnetic attraction	1
	outer electron more easily lost	**ignore** potassium reacts more easily	1
Total			**6**

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme June 2008 | CHY3H | Original Q4 | Legacy

COMPONENT NUMBER: CHY3H

COMPONENT NAME: Chemistry

STATUS: Final

DATE: June 2008

Answer 05 · Mark scheme November 2009 | CHY1AP | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question	Key		
One	**A**	Calcium (Ca)	**2**
	B	Lithium (Li)	**3**
	C	Gold (Au)	**1**
	D	Iron (Fe)	**4**

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)	gas / g	accept low density / low boiling point **or** weak intermolecular forces **or** small molecules **or** simple molecules **or** simple molecular (structure) accept volatile **or** easy to evaporate ignore very light ignore incorrect name of gas	1
2(b)	filter / filtration	accept filter paper accept decant / centrifuge ignore filter funnel / sieving / drained off / funnelling ignore names of compounds ignore evaporation / heating if after filtration do **not** accept crystallisation	1
2(c)	evaporation / crystallisation	accept heating / boiling accept 'leave for a few days' owtte allow cool do **not** allow freeze ignore filtration	1

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CHY2H

Question 2 continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(d)	candidates can gain marks from any two of the three linked pairs		
	hydrogen chloride escaped / released (into atmosphere) **or** (hydrogen chloride) damaged vegetation / harmful	to get both of these **2** marks hydrogen chloride must be mentioned	1
		ignore HCl formed / produced / made	
	used to make chlorine / bleach	ignore sale of hydrogen chloride	1
	unpleasant smell (of calcium sulfide) **or** waste of calcium (sulfide)	ignore calcium sulphide alone allow calcium / calcium sulfate for calcium sulphide to get both of these 2 marks calcium (sulphide) must be mentioned	1
	converted to sulfur **or** used to make sulfuric acid	ignore sale of calcium sulfide	1
	unreacted coal (1) recycled / burnt / used / sold (1)	must be linked to first coal point	
Total			**7**

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme January 2010 | CHY2H | Original Q2 | Legacy

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

Eight	**4**	**3**	**3**	**3**

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Answer 08 · Mark scheme

Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)(i)	removal of oxygen	accept definition in terms of electrons **or** oxidation numbers ignore oxides	1
4(a)(ii)	2 (Cl_2)	allow correct multiples	1
4(a)(iii)	no atoms are lost / made (during a chemical reaction) **or** the atoms are rearranged (during a chemical reaction)	accept because of (the law of) conservation of mass / matter	1
4(b)(i)	sodium is more reactive (than titanium)	accept sodium is very reactive **or** titanium is less reactive do **not** accept sodium is more reactive than argon	1
4(b)(ii)	any **one** from: • sodium / titanium would react with oxygen / air • sodium / titanium does not react with argon	 accept air / oxygen is reactive accept argon is unreactive / inert / a noble gas / in group O	1
4(c)(i)	all atoms are the same / it only contains one type of atom	accept all ions are the same do **not** accept only got one atom do **not** accept all atoms are the same size ignore particles	1
4(c)(ii)	two different / types atoms / elements / ions bonded / joined together	accept more than one type of atom / ion / element do **not** accept different size accept definite proportions do **not** accept mixture	1 1
Total			**8**

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Answer 08 · Mark scheme

CHY1H

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)	the ions can move / travel / flow / are free **or** the ions carry the charge / current	accept particles / they for ions allow delocalised ions ignore delocalised / free electrons ignore references to collisions accept converse with reference to solid ignore ions carry electricity	1
1(b)	any **one** from: • because they are negative / anion • opposite charges / attract	allow Cl^- ignore chlorine	1
1(c)	13		1
1(d)(i)	reasonable attempt at straight line which misses the anomalous point	must touch all five crosses do **not** allow multiple lines	1
1(d)(ii)	40	ignore 2.2	1

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CHY2H

Question 1 contd

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(d)(iii)	any **two** sensible errors from: • gas escapes • weighing error • error in measuring (volume / amount) of hydrogen • error in measuring (volume / amount) of water • incorrect concentration • timing error • change in voltage / current • change in temperature • recording / plotting error	ignore systematic / human / apparatus / zero /experimental / random / measurement / reading errors unless qualified allow NaCl not measured correctly allow error in measuring volume / scale for **1** mark if neither hydrogen or water mentioned allow NaCl not fully dissolved **or** spilled **or** impure allow faulty power supply	2
1(d)(iv)	any **one** from: • repeat the experiment • results compared with results from /other students / other groups / other laboratories / internet / literature. • results compared with another method	ignore 'do more tests'	1
1(d)(v)	increases owtte	allow directly proportional or positive correlation allow rate / it is faster / quicker	1
Total			**9**

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme

January 2011 | CHY2H | Original Q1 | Legacy

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Answer 10 · Mark scheme

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)(i)	smooth curve through all points	do **not** accept multiple lines	1
1(a)(ii)	36.9 to 37.2	if outside range accept correct reading from candidate's own curve +/- half small square	1
1(a)(iii)	35.8 (at 20°C) correctly calculated answer to their (a)(ii) – 35.8	 ignore units ecf from incorrect reading of 35.8 or incorrect transfer of (a)(ii) correct answer from (a)(ii) without working = **2** marks	1 1
1(b)	some recognition that the (y-axis) scales are different **or** some indication of the effect this has eg in **B**: values compressed / not fine enough **or** scale in **B** less precise / larger range	do **not** accept x-axis scale is different accept converse for **A** ignore precise graph	1
Total			**5**

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Answer 10 · Mark scheme

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Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)(i)	a correct link between any two named elements eg same group / column same properties / number of outer electrons	allow some link between any two elements in the same group (in both Newlands' and **or** the modern periodic table)	1
4(a)(ii)	any **two** from: • elements still being discovered **or** no gaps for undiscovered elements • some boxes have 2 elements in them • metals and non-metals in same column / mixed up • pattern for first 16 or so elements only	ignore statements about lack of evidence / proof accept some elements in same column have different properties. allow any sensible suggestion about misplaced elements eg copper in group 1 elements allow did not work for all elements	2
4(b)(i)	Cl > Br > I **or** I < Br < Cl Cl has 2 reactions, Br has 1 reaction, I doesn't react	accept reactivity / it decreases down the group owtte allow Cl has most / more reactions and I has least / less reactions (must be clear about where Br fits in)	1 1

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CHY3H

Question 4 contd

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(b)(ii)	Br_2	allow multiples / fractions if correctly completed and balanced	1
4(b)(iii)	(they) have 7 outer electrons	allow (they) have 7 electrons in highest occupied (energy) level / shells / rings	1
4(c)	down group (atom / elements) bigger **or** outer electrons (level / shell / ring) further from nucleus / centre **or** more shells / level / rings	outer / last / final must be mentioned once in correct context, otherwise max **2** marks comparative required on all three points accept converse ie less reactive up group ignore more electrons do **not** accept more outer shells for this mark	1
	force(s) / attraction(s) are weaker **or** more shielding **or** attracts less	allow electron(s) attracted less easily allow electron(s) less under influence (of nucleus) do **not** accept magnetic / gravitational / intermolecular forces	1
	electron(s) lost more easily	allow electron(s) more likely to be lost allow easier to give away	1
Total			**10**

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Answer 11 · Mark scheme

January 2011 | CHY3H | Original Q4 | Legacy

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Answer 12 · Mark scheme

January 2011 | CHY3H | Original Q5 | Legacy

Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)	limewater / calcium hydroxide (limewater) goes milky / cloudy **or** gives white precipitate / solid	 do **not** allow this mark if lime water added to solution or powder	1 1
5(b)	eg flame colour of (Na) and flame colour of (K) interfere / mask / mix with each other	accept difficult to determine the colour **or** hard to distinguish accept some indication that two distinct colours are not seen	1
5(c)(i)	barium chloride (solution) / $BaCl_2$ white precipitate / white solid	ignore mention of acidification but do **not** allow sulfuric acid. wrong reagent = no mark allow white barium sulfate **or** barium sulfate precipitate	1 1
5(c)(ii)	white precipitate / white solid	ignore goes milky do **not** accept any mention of precipitate dissolving	1
Total			**6**

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Answer 12 · Mark scheme

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Answer 13 · Mark scheme

Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(a)	Group O / 8 **or** noble / rare / inert gases	accept transition elements / metals apply list principle	1
3(b)	(chemically) similar elements (now) in the same group / column	accept iodine has properties of Group 7 / halogens **or** iodine does not have group 6 properties **or** converse for tellurium ignore 'it fits the pattern' or any reference to proton / atomic numbers / atomic structure	1
3(c)	any **three** from: • (some) boxes had <u>two</u> elements • Group 1: copper / silver unreactive (not like the others) • there are non-metals and metals in the same group / box • Mendeleev left spaces / gaps • Medeleev reversed the order (for some elements)	ignore not enough evidence / proof **or** Mendeleev not respected allow <u>two</u> correctly identified elements together (in the same box) allow copper / silver not alkali metals / Group 1 accept named examples accept (some chemists thought) there were no more elements to discover	3

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Question 3 continued

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(d)	any **two** from: • elements arranged in proton / atomic number order • group: elements in same group / column have same number of outer electrons • elements in same period / row have same number of (electron) shells / energy levels	ignore mass number / atomic weight / neutrons throughout allow number of protons / electrons increases across period allow number of (electron) shells / energy level increase down group allow electron rings allow orbits	2
Total			**7**

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Answer 13 · Mark scheme

June 2011 | CHY3H | Original Q3 | Legacy

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Answer 14 · Mark scheme

June 2012 | CH2HP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)	Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 2, and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.		6

0 marks	Level 1 (1-2 marks)	Level 2 (3-4 marks)	Level 3 (5-6 marks)
No relevant content.	There is a simple description of a laboratory procedure for obtaining potassium chloride.	There is a clear description of a laboratory procedure for obtaining potassium chloride from potassium hydroxide solution and hydrochloric acid that does not necessarily allow the procedure to be completed successfully by another person. The answer must include the use of an indicator / pH meter **or** a method of obtaining crystals.	There is a detailed description of a laboratory procedure for obtaining potassium chloride from potassium hydroxide solution and hydrochloric acid that can be followed by another person. The answer must include the use an indicator / pH meter **and** a method of obtaining crystals

examples of the chemistry points made in the response:

- One reagent in beaker (or similar)
- Add (any named) indicator
- Add other reagent
- Swirl **or** mix
- Add dropwise near end point
- Stop addition at change of indicator colour
- Note volume of reagent added
- Repeat without indicator, adding same volume of reagent **or** remove indicator using charcoal
- Pour solution into basin / dish
- Heat (using Bunsen burner)
- Leave to crystallise / leave for water to evaporate / boil off water

Accept any answers based on titration

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Question 2 cont'd…

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(b)	nitric (acid)	allow HNO_3 ignore incorrect formula	1
2(c)(i)	because it is a fertiliser / helps plants grow	allow plant food do **not** accept pesticide / herbicide / neutralising soil	1
2(c)(ii)	tick by: 'Should farmers stop using ammonium nitrate on their land?' any **two** from: • cannot be done by experiment • based on opinion / view • ethical **or** economic issue	 accept difficult to get / not enough evidence allow must be done by survey if top box ticked allow **1** mark for drinking water varies from place to place	1 2
Total			**11**

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Answer 14 · Mark scheme June 2012 | CH2HP | Original Q2 | Legacy

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Answer 15 · Mark scheme

January 2013 | CH2HP | Original Q1 | Legacy

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)	because sulfur / S forms which is insoluble / a solid / a precipitate		1 1
1(b)(i)	32	correct answer with or without working gains **2** marks accept evidence of 31 + 33 / 2 for **1** mark allow 35 for **1** mark	2
1(b)(ii)	reaction rate increases because of more particles (per unit volume) and because there is an increase in frequency of collisions	if incorrect reference to energy = max **2** allow because particles are closer together accept because particles are more likely to collide **or** higher chance of collision ignore more (successful) collisions	1 1 1
Total			**7**

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Answer 15 · Mark scheme

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Answer 16 · Mark scheme

Question 4

question	Answers	extra information	Mark
4(a)(i)	current / charge couldn't flow	allow could not conduct (electricity)	1
	because the ions / particles couldn't move **or** (salt) needs to be molten / dissolved (to conduct electricity) (1)	do **not** accept electrons/ molecules / atoms	1
	so that the ions / particles can move (1)	do **not** accept electrons / molecules / atoms	
4(a)(ii)	he had status **or** he had evidence / proof	accept he had authority **or** experience accept the experiment could be repeated	1
4(b)	hydrogen / H_2	do **not** allow hydrogen ions	1
	the ions are positive	accept because opposite (charges) attract	1
	potassium is more reactive (than hydrogen)	accept potassium ions are less easily discharged (than hydrogen) **or** potassium ions are less easily reduced (than hydrogen)	1
4(c)(i)	gain electron(s)	accept fully balanced correct equation for **2** marks	1
	one electron	if no other marks awarded allow (potassium ions) reduced for **1** mark	1
4(c)(ii)	$\mathbf{2}Cl^- \rightarrow Cl_2 + \mathbf{2e^-}$	must be completely correct, including charge on electron accept correct multiples	1
4(c)(iii)	2, 8, 8	accept any combination of dots, crosses, "e" or any other relevant symbol ignore any charges if given	1
Total			**10**

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Answer 17 · Mark scheme

Question 1

question	Answers	extra information	Mark
1(a)(i)	hydrogen	accept H_2 allow H	1
1(a)(ii)	hydroxide	accept OH^- allow OH do **not** accept lithium hydroxide	1
1(b)	any **two** from: potassium: • reacts / dissolves faster • bubbles / fizzes faster • moves faster (on the surface) • melts • produces (lilac / purple) flame	'it' = potassium accept converse for lithium allow reacts more vigorously / quickly / violently / explodes ignore reacts more allow fizzes more allow more gas allow moves more allow forms a sphere allow catches fire / ignites do **not** accept other colours	2
Total			**4**

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Answer 18 · Mark scheme

Question 4

question	Answers	extra information	Mark
4(a)(i) E	12	correct answer with or without working gains **2 marks** if answer incorrect allow (13+11)/2 for **1 mark** allow 10 for **1 mark**	2
4(a)(ii) E	spring water is hardest because it takes the most drops (of soap solution) **or** distilled water is softest (1) because it takes the fewest drops (of soap solution) (1)	**must** be comparative for each marking point 2nd mark must refer to amount of soap added accept correct comparison of tap water with either spring or distilled water	1 1
4(a)(iii) E	water contains (calcium) hydrogencarbonate which decomposes (on heating) to (calcium) carbonate	allow magnesium instead of calcium accept HCO_3^- allow breaks down accept CO_3^{2-} allow (lime)scale do **not** accept scum correct complete equation = 2 marks	1 1 1
4(b)(i) E	calcium ions (in water) replaced by / exchanged for sodium ions (in resin)	accept Ca^{2+} allow magnesium ions / Mg^{2+} ignore Ca^+ / Mg^+ any reference to reaction or reactivity series negates this mark accept Na^+ allow hydrogen ions / H^+	1 1 1

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Question 4 continues

question	Answers	extra information	Mark
4(b)(ii)	to replenish sodium ions (in resin)	accept Na^+ allow 'to top up the sodium ions' allow 'so sodium ions do not run out' allow 'to remove calcium / magnesium ions'	1
4(c)	Argument for : any **one** from: • prevents disease • kills microbes / microorganisms / bacteria / pathogens • only small amounts needed Argument against : any **one** from: • toxic / poisonous • no consumer choice	 ignore sterilise / disinfect allow prevents illness ignore removes ignore cost / taste / corrosive ignore harmful **or** causes health problems **or** specific illnesses / diseases allow unethical	 1 1
Total			**13**

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Answer 19 · Mark scheme

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.	ID
3(a)	similar properties	*allow same properties* allow correct example of property ignore answers in terms of atomic structure	1	1 / 3.1.1a	E
3(b)(i)	in order of atomic / *proton* number	*allow increasing number (of protons)*	1	1 / 3.1.2a	E
3(b)(ii)	elements in same group have same number *(of electrons)* in outer shell **or** *highest energy level*	*allow number (of electrons) increases across a period*	1	1 / 3.1.2b	E
3(c)	any **two** from: • stronger / harder • less reactive • higher melting points	*statements must be comparative* *ignore higher densities* *ignore boiling point*	2	2 / 3.1.3c	E
3(d)	*reactivity increases down group* *outer electron is further from nucleus* *less attraction between outer electron and nucleus* *therefore outer electron lost more easily*	*allow converse throughout* *for next three marks, outer electron needs to be mentioned once otherwise max = **2*** *allow more energy levels / shells* *allow larger atoms* *allow more shielding*	1 1 1 1	1 / 3.1.3b/h	E
Total			9		

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Answer 19 · Mark scheme

June 2014 | CH3HP | Original Q3 | Legacy



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Answer 20 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
1(a)	Li **and** K	either order allow lithium **and** potassium	1	**AO1** 3.1.3.a
1(b)	Fe	allow iron	1	**AO1** 3.5.1.b
1(c)	N **and** As	either order allow nitrogen **and** arsenic	1	**AO2** 3.1.2.b
1(d)	Cu	allow copper	1	**AO1** 3.1.3.d
Total			**4**	

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Answer 20 · Mark scheme

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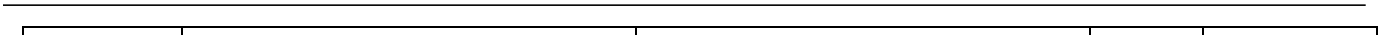

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Answer 21 · Mark scheme June 2015 | CH3HP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
2(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
2(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
2(c)	atomic number(s)	allow proton number(s)	1	**AO1** 3.1.2.a
2(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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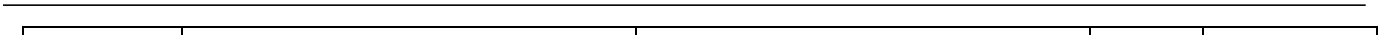
Answer 21 · Mark scheme

June 2015 | CH3HP | Original Q2 | Legacy



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Answer 22 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
4(a)	(calcium or magnesium) ions causing water hardness are dissolved from rocks	ignore named anions allow limestone	1 1	AO1/ AO2 3.2.1.b

4(b) Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 5, and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.

AO1/ AO3
3.2.1.g
3.2.2.b

0 marks	Level 1 (1–2 marks)	Level 2 (3–4 marks)	Level 3 (5–6 marks)
No relevant content	There is a statement about one of the methods **or** one advantage of one of the methods	There is a description of one method of water softening **and** one advantage of a method is given	There is a description of both methods of water softening **and** a comparison of the two methods by giving an advantage of at least one of them

general:

- hard water contains calcium/magnesium (ions)
- softening water involves removal of calcium/magnesium (ions)

ion exchange:

- resin
- contains sodium/hydrogen ions
- which are exchanged with calcium/magnesium ions
- resin needs periodic replenishment with sodium ions/hydrogen ions or sodium chloride (disadvantage)
- increases sodium content of water (if sodium ions used) (disadvantage)
- easy/quick method to use (advantage)
- continuous process (advantage)

sodium carbonate:

- sodium carbonate is added to hard water
- calcium/magnesium ions precipitate out
- as calcium/magnesium carbonate
- batch process (disadvantage)
- leaves a residue of precipitated carbonate in the water (disadvantage)
- increases sodium content of water (disadvantage)
- easy method to use (advantage)
- relatively cheap (advantage)

Total			8

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Answer 22 · Mark scheme

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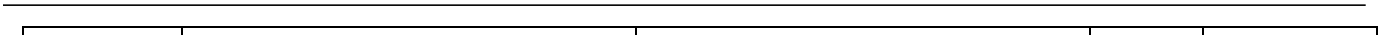

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Answer 23 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | CH1HP | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question 1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
1(a)(i)	electronic structure 2,3 drawn	allow any representation of electrons, such as, dots, crosses, or numbers (2,3)	1	AO2 1.1.1h
1(a)(ii)	nucleus		1	AO1 1.1.1c
1(a)(iii)	protons and neutrons (relative charge of proton) +1 (relative charge of neutron) 0	do **not** allow electrons in nucleus allow positive allow no charge/neutral ignore number of particles	1 1 1	AO1 1.1.1c/d/f
1(b)	too many electrons in the first energy level or inner shell too few electrons in the second energy level or outer shell neon does not have 9 electrons **or** neon has 10 electrons	allow inner shell can only have a maximum of 2 electrons allow neon has 8 electrons in its outer shell **or** neon does not have 1 electron in its outer shell allow neon has a stable arrangement of electrons or a full outer shell allow one electron missing allow fluorine has 9 electrons ignore second shell can hold (maximum) 8 electrons or 2,8,8 rule or is a noble gas or in Group 0 max 2 marks if the wrong particle, such as atoms instead of electrons if no other mark awarded allow 1 mark for the electronic structure of neon is 2,8	1 1 1	AO2+AO3 1.1.1h; 1.1.2b
Total			8	

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Answer 24 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | CH1HP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question 3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
3(a)(i)	(thermal) decomposition	allow decomposes or endothermic	1	AO1 1.2.1b/c
3(a)(ii)	copper oxide		1	AO2 1.2.1b/c
3(b)(i)	the (potassium) carbonate did not decompose/change/react (when heated) the mass did not change or the limewater did not go cloudy because no carbon dioxide produced	allow temperature not high enough do **not** allow potassium did not decompose ignore references to reactivity	1 1 1	AO1+AO2 +AO3 1.2.1c/e; 4.5.4a
3(b)(ii)	the less reactive the metal the more (easily) its carbonate will decompose/react or vice versa	needs to be a relative comparison allow max **1** mark where the distinction between a metal and its carbonate is not clear allow **1** mark for carbonates of reactive metals do not decompose or vice versa	2	AO3 1.2.1 c; 1.3
3(c)(i)	make it economical (to extract the metal/iron)	allow make it worth extracting allow so they can make money/profit	1	AO1 1.3.1a
3(c)(ii)	Fe balanced correctly (2,3,4,3)	 not ecf allow correct balanced equation but with $2Fe_2$ on right for one mark	1 1	AO2 1.1.3b; 1.3.2c

4.1.2.5 Group 1

3(c)(iii)	**iron** from the blast furnace is brittle **steel** produced is strong / flexible	"it" = iron allow steel has more/specific uses allow steel is rust-resistant	1 1	AO1 1.3.2a/b/c
3(c)(iv)	(recycling) is used to conserve iron (ore) **or** energy **or** resources **or** minimise pollution **or** reduce the need to quarry (not reuse) because of damage, paint removal, rusting/corrosion, metal fatigue/weaker (not landfill) because sites have limited space **or** loss of habitats	allow reverse arguments. allow to reduce the use of landfill	1 1 1	AO1+AO2 1.3.1j
Total			**15**	

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 25 · Mark scheme

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / SpecRef
1(a)(i)	5.75 **or** 5.8	correct answer with or without working gains **2** marks correct working showing addition of any four results and division by 4 gains **1** mark **OR** 6(.04) for **1** mark	2	AO2/AO3 2.5.1a,c
1(a)(ii)	use a polystyrene cup **or** lid to prevent energy/heat gain **OR** use a digital thermometer easier to read (to 0.1°C)	accept insulate the beaker accept to prevent energy/heat transfer do **not** accept energy/heat loss allow use a data logger	1 1	AO3 2.5.1a,c
1(b)	(as mass increases) the final temperature increases then stays constant correct reference to a value above 8 g up to and including 10 g as mass when the trend changes		1 1 1	2AO2 / 1AO3 2.5.1b
Total			**7**	

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 25 · Mark scheme

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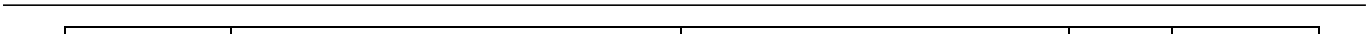


4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 26 · Mark scheme

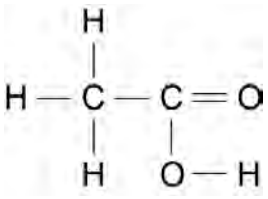
June 2016 | CH2HP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / SpecRef
4(a)	because sulfur / S (forms) (which) is solid / insoluble / a precipitate/ a suspension		1 1	AO2 2.6.1a
4(b)	any **two** from: • volume of sodium thiosulfate • volume of (hydrochloric) acid • concentration of sodium thiosulfate • concentration of (hydrochloric) acid	ignore amount of sodium thiosulfate ignore amount of (hydrochloric) acid if no other mark, allow **1** mark for same cross **or** same flask **or** unspecified volume **or** unspecified concentration ignore same person do **not** accept references to temperature	2	AO3 2.4.1
4(c)	rate increases because particles move faster so frequency of collisions increases more particles/ collisions have energy greater than (or equal to) the activation energy	 accept particles have more energy accept particles are more likely to collide **or** more chance of collisions ignore more collisions	1 1 1 1	AO1 2.4.1b,c
4(d)	cool **or** decrease the temperature (of the solutions)	accept refrigerate **or** method to decrease temperature	1	AO3 2.4.1c
Total			**9**	

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 27 · Mark scheme

June 2016 | CH3HP | Original Q1 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / SpecRef
1(a)(i)	fizz / effervescence / bubbles	allow calcium carbonate decreases in size or dissolves	1	AO2/AO3 3.4.1d, 3.6.2b
	because carbon dioxide produced / released	allow because gas produced / released	1	
	limewater turns cloudy / milky / white		1	
	because (a precipitate of or solid) calcium carbonate forms	allow because of carbon dioxide if not already credited	1	
1(a)(ii)		allow –OH do not allow lower case 'h'	1	AO1 3.6.2a
1(a)(iii)	acid	must be in this order ignore any name of an acid	1	AO1 3.6.2b
	ester(s)		1	
1(b)	white (precipitate) no change no change no change	all four correct 2 marks any two correct 1 mark	2	AO2 3.4.1e,f
1(c)(i)	lilac red	must be in this order allow purple	1 1	AO1 3.4.1a
1(c)(ii)	colours are masked / changed by each flame colour		1	AO3 3.4.1a
Total			12	

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 27 · Mark scheme

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• indicator in flask
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4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 27 · Mark scheme

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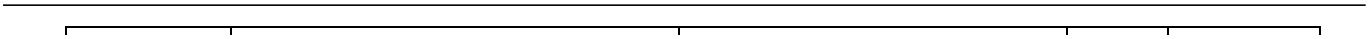

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 28 · Mark scheme

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / SpecRef
3(a)(i)	atomic weights	allow atomic masses	1	AO1 3.1.1a
3(a)(ii)	proton	allow proton number	1	AO1 3.1.2a
3(b)(i)	F/fluorine	allow F_2	1	AO3 3.1.3a,b,f
3(b)(ii)	any **one** from: • copper has a higher density • copper is stronger • copper is harder • copper is less reactive	allow converse for potassium allow named property ignore colour, conductivity, melting point and boiling point	1	AO1 3.1.3c
3(b)(iii)	relative distance from nucleus relative attraction to nucleus relative ease of gain or loss of electron opposite explanation of ease of gain or loss of electron for other group	max 3 marks if 'outer' not mentioned allow more / fewer energy levels / shells or larger / smaller atom allow more / less shielding	1 1 1 1	2AO1 / 1AO2 / 1AO3 3.1.3b,f,h
Total			8	

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 28 · Mark scheme

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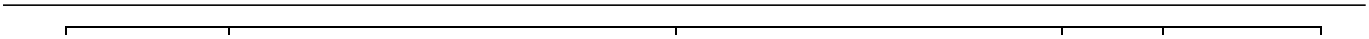

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 29 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
4(a)(i)	2 (K +) 2 (H_2O →) 2 (KOH) + H_2	allow multiples allow H_2 for 1 mark allow 2 (K +) 2 (H_2O →) 2 (KOH) + 2H for 1 mark	2	**AO1** **AO2** 3.1.3a
4(a)(ii)	any **two** from: • potassium reacts more quickly / vigorously • potassium moves around more quickly • more bubbles from potassium • potassium melts • potassium produces a (lilac) flame	accept converse for Li allow dissolves more quickly allow more gas / hydrogen from potassium allow potassium catches fire	2	**AO1** **AO3** 3.1.3a
4(b)	add alkali to acid from burette until indicator changes colour take reading of volume at start and end repeat (and find mean) any **one** from • swirl / stir • add dropwise / slowly • white tile • rinse apparatus • meniscus • read at eye level	allow alternative apparatus for measuring volume allow appropriate use of pH probe allow record the volume used	1 1 1 1 1	**AO1** **AO3** 3.4.1g

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 29 · Mark scheme

4(c)	0.21	if incorrect, 26.25 x 0.2/1000 or 0.00525 for 1 mark their moles x 1000/25.00 or their moles x 40 for 1 mark correct evaluation for 1 mark 0.19(0476…) gains only 1 mark with or without working	3	**AO2** 3.4.1h
Total			**12**	

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 29 · Mark scheme

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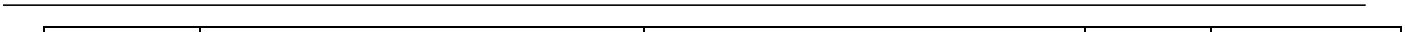

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 30 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.1	FeS_2	do **not** accept equations	1	AO2 4.2.1.3
02.2	26 30 26	must be this order	1 1 1	AO2 4.1.1.4 4.1.1.5
02.3	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

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 30 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.4	carbon is more reactive (than nickel) (so) carbon will displace / replace nickel (from nickel oxide) **or** (so) carbon will remove oxygen (from nickel oxide)	allow converse allow (so) nickel ions gain electrons allow (so) carbon transfers electrons to nickel (ions)	1 1	AO1 4.4.1.2 4.4.1.3
02.5	(total M_r of reactants =) 87 (percentage atom economy) $= \frac{59}{87} \times 100$ = 67.8 (%)	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 allow (percentage atom economy) $= \frac{59}{\text{incorrectly calculated } M_r} \times 100$ allow an answer from an incorrect calculation to 3 sig figs	1 1 1	AO2 4.3.3.2
Total			**11**	

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 30 · Mark scheme

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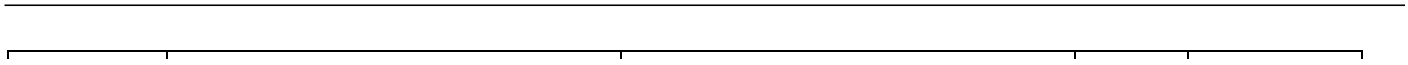


4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 31 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8462/1H | Original Q1

Question 1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.1	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
01.2	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
01.3	relative atomic mass		1	AO1 4.1.1.6
01.4	(increasing) atomic / proton number	ignore (increasing) electron number do **not** accept relative atomic / proton number	1	AO1 4.1.2.1
01.5	(formula) At_2 (state) solid	ignore incorrect state symbol allow (s) ignore s	1 1	AO1 4.1.2.6

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 31 · Mark scheme

01.6	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**	

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 32 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8462/2H | Original Q2

Question 2

Question	Answers	Mark	AO/ Spec. Ref
02.1	**Level 3**: The design/plan would lead to the production of a valid outcome. All key steps are identified and logically sequenced.	5–6	AO1 4.8.2.3 4.8.3.1 4.8.3.3
	Level 2: The design/plan would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome. Most steps are identified, but the plan is not fully logically sequenced.	3–4	
	Level 1: The design/plan 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 lithium: • crush tablets or dissolve tablet (in water or acid) • clean wire • place on wire • place in (roaring / blue / non-luminous) flame • observe flame colour • crimson flame carbonate: • add hydrochloric acid • effervescence / fizzing • bubble gas through limewater • limewater becomes cloudy		
02.2	formulation(s)	1	AO1 4.8.1.2

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 32 · Mark scheme

02.3	1.20 g = 1200 mg **or** 700 mg = 0.700 g	an answer of 58.3333333 (%) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures scores **3** marks	1	AO2 4.8.1.2
	$\frac{700}{1200} \times 100$ **or** $\frac{0.700}{1.20} \times 100$	allow correct use of incorrectly or not converted values from step 1	1	
	= 58.3 (%)	allow 58.3333333 (%) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures	1	

Total			**10**

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 33 · Mark scheme

November 2021 | 8462/1H | Original Q4

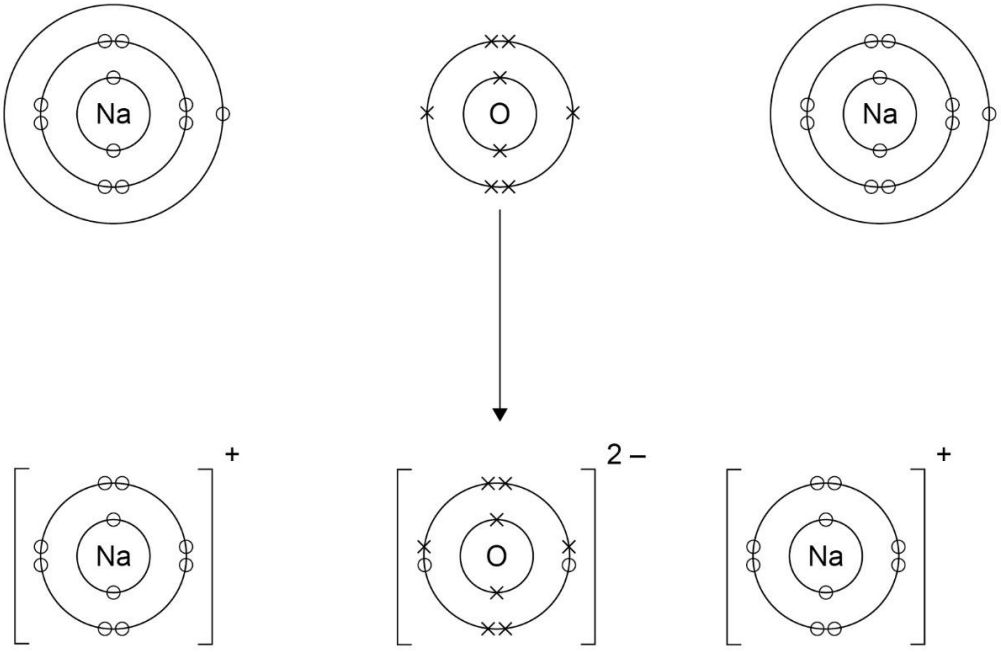
Question 4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.1	any **two** from: • (potassium) floats • (potassium) melts • (potassium) moves around • potassium becomes smaller • (lilac) flame • effervescence	 allow potassium disappears allow fizzing	2	AO1 4.1.2.5 4.4.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.2	$2K + 2H_2O \rightarrow 2KOH + H_2$	allow multiples allow **1** mark for KOH **and** H_2	2	AO1 AO2 4.1.1.1 4.1.2.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.3	reactivity increases (going down the group) (because) the outer electron / shell is further from the nucleus (so) there is less attraction between the nucleus and the outer electron / shell (so) the atom loses an electron more easily	 allow (because) there are more shells allow (because) the atoms get larger allow (so) there is more shielding from the nucleus do **not** accept incorrect attractions	1 1 1 1	AO1 4.1.2.5 4.4.1.2

Question 4 continued

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.4	(dot and cross diagram to show) sodium atom **and** oxygen atom	allow use of outer shells only	1	AO2 4.2.1.1 4.2.1.2
	two sodium atoms to one oxygen atom	allow two sodium ions to one oxide ion	1	
	(to produce) sodium ion with a + charge		1	
	(to produce) oxide ion with a 2– charge		1	
	 scores **4** marks			

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Question 4 continued

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.5	(oxygen) gains electrons		1	AO1 4.4.1.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.6	giant structure	allow (giant ionic) lattice	1	AO1 4.2.1.3 4.2.2.1
	(with) strong (electrostatic) forces of attraction between (oppositely charged) ions		1	4.2.2.3
	(so) large amounts of energy are needed to break the bonds / forces	allow (so) large amounts of energy are needed to separate the ions	1	

Total			**16**

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 34 · Mark scheme

November 2021 | 8462/2H | Original Q7

Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	flame test lilac (flame)	allow description of flame test	1 1	AO1 4.8.3.1 RPA7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.2	flame emission spectroscopy		1	AO1 4.8.3.6 4.8.3.7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.3	white precipitate	ignore precipitate dissolves	1	AO1 4.8.3.2 RPA7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.4	(add) excess sodium hydroxide (solution) precipitate dissolves	allow (add) more sodium hydroxide (solution)	1 1	AO3 AO1 4.8.3.2 RPA7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.5	add barium chloride (solution) add (dilute) hydrochloric acid white precipitate	allow add barium nitrate (solution) allow add (dilute) nitric acid dependent on MP1 being awarded	1 1 1	AO1 4.8.3.5 RPA7

Total			9

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 35 · Mark scheme

June 2022 | 8462/1H | Original Q1

Question 1

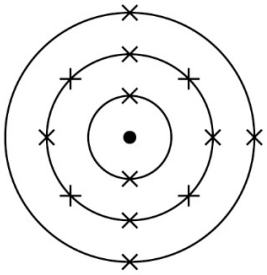
Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.1	D		1	AO3 4.1.2.3

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

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.3	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

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 35 · Mark scheme

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

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

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

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 35 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.7	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 1		**13**

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 36 · Mark scheme

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Question 5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1	any **one** from: • more vigorous bubbling (for rubidium) • bigger / brighter flame (for rubidium)	allow converse statements for potassium allow (rubidium) catches fire more quickly allow (rubidium) moves around more quickly allow (rubidium) explodes allow (rubidium) disappears more quickly allow (rubidium) melts more quickly	1	AO3 4.1.2.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.2		allow energy level for shell throughout allow converse argument in terms of potassium		AO1 4.1.2.5 4.4.1.2
	(rubidium's) outer shell / electron is further from the nucleus	allow the (rubidium) atom is larger allow (rubidium) has more shells	1	
	(so) there is less (electrostatic) attraction between the nucleus and the outer electron (in rubidium)	allow (so) there is more shielding between the outer electron and the nucleus (in rubidium)	1	
	(so) the (outer) electron (in rubidium) is more easily lost	allow (so) less energy is needed to remove the (outer) electron (in rubidium)	1	

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 36 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.3	$2\ Rb + 2\ H_2O \rightarrow 2\ RbOH + H_2$	ignore state symbols allow multiples allow **1** mark for H_2 allow **1** mark for RbOH	3	AO2 4.1.1.1 4.1.2.5 4.3.1.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.4	the noble gases have boiling points that increase going down the group		1	AO1 4.1.2.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.5	(relative atomic mass =) $\frac{(90.48 \times 20)+(0.27 \times 21)+(9.25 \times 22)}{100}$ = 20.1877 = 20.2	allow (relative atomic mass =) $\frac{1809.6 + 5.67 + 203.5}{100}$ allow (relative atomic mass =) 18.096 + 0.0567 + 2.035 allow an answer correctly rounded to 3 significant figures from an incorrect calculation which uses all of the values in **Table 1** ignore units	1 1 1	AO2 4.1.1.6

Total Question 5		11

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 37 · Mark scheme

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Question 5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1		allow a description of each process		AO1 4.10.1.3
	screening **or** grit removal	allow filtering to remove (large) solids	1	
	sedimentation (to produce sewage sludge and effluent)		1	
	anaerobic digestion of (solid sewage) sludge		1	
	aerobic biological treatment of (liquid) effluent	allow aerobic digestion of effluent	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.2	Na^+ : 0.003 mol/dm^3 Cl^- : 0.003 mol/dm^3		1	AO3 4.10.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.3	the ions pass through the filter	allow the ions are not trapped / removed by the filter	1	AO3 4.1.1.2 4.10.1.2
	(because) the ions are in solution	allow (because) the ions are smaller than the filter pores	1	

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 37 · Mark scheme

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.4	(the ground water) contains microbes which are harmful (to health) (so) the water is sterilised **or** (so) the microbes are destroyed		1 1	AO3 AO1 4.10.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.5	(the water is) unadulterated **or** (the water is) in its natural state	allow nothing is added (to the water) allow (the water) contains no microbes	1	AO2 4.8.1.1 4.10.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.6	(use) damp litmus paper (the paper) is bleached **or** (the paper) turns white	MP2 is dependent upon MP1 ignore paper turns red	1 1	AO1 4.8.2.4

Total Question 5		12

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 38 · Mark scheme

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Question 5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1	(the acid is only) partially ionised (in aqueous solution)		1	AO1 4.4.2.6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.2	the mass of acid dissolved is doubled and the volume of the solution is halved		1	AO2 4.3.2.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.3	methyl orange from yellow to red / orange / pink **OR** phenolphthalein (1) from pink to colourless (1) **OR** litmus (1) from blue to red (1)	MP2 is dependent on the award of MP1 if no other marks awarded, allow **1** mark for universal indicator turns from purple / blue to green / yellow / orange / red	1 1	AO1 4.4.2.5 RPA2

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 38 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.4	OH^-		1	AO1 4.4.2.4

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 38 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.5	(moles Na_2CO_3 = $\frac{25.0}{1000}$ × 0.124) = 0.0031(0)		1	AO2 4.3.4 4.4.2.5 RPA2
	(moles HNO_3 = 2 × 0.0031(0)) = 0.0062(0)	allow correct use of an incorrectly determined number of moles of Na_2CO_3	1	
	(concentration =) $\frac{0.0062(0)}{23.6}$ ×1000	allow correct use of an incorrectly determined number of moles of HNO_3	1	
	= 0.262711864		1	
	= 0.263 (mol/dm^3)	allow an answer correctly rounded to 3 significant figures from an incorrect calculation which uses all the data in the question	1	
	alternative approach:			
	$\left(\text{ratio } \frac{\text{moles } HNO_3}{\text{moles } Na_2CO_3} = \right)$	allow inverted expression		
	$\frac{2}{1} = \frac{23.6 \times \text{concentration}}{25.0 \times 0.124}$ (2)	allow **1** mark for the expression with an incorrect mole ratio		
	(concentration =) $\frac{2 \times 25.0 \times 0.124}{23.6}$ (1)	allow correct use of the expression with an incorrect mole ratio		
	= 0.262711864 (1)			
	= 0.263 (mol/dm^3) (1)	allow an answer correctly rounded to 3 significant figures from an incorrect calculation which uses all the data in the question		

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 38 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.6	3.16×10^{-3} (mol/dm^3)		1	AO2 4.4.2.6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.7	argon / Ar		1	AO2 4.1.2.4 4.2.1.2

Total Question 5	**12**

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 39 · Mark scheme

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Question 3

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref
03.1	**Level 3:** The method would lead to the production of a valid outcome. The key steps are identified and logically sequenced.	5–6	AO1 4.8.3.1 4.8.3.4 RPA7
	Level 2: The method would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome. Most steps are identified, but the plan 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 (potassium ions) • **place sample on (clean metal) wire** • **introduce into (blue / non-luminous) flame** • using (Bunsen) burner • **observe lilac flame colour** • which shows presence of potassium (ions) (bromide ions) • **dissolve sample** • in (distilled) water • in test tube • add (dilute) nitric acid • **add silver nitrate (solution)** • using (dropping) pipette • **observe cream precipitate (formed after addition of silver nitrate solution)** • which shows presence of bromide (ions)		

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.2	flame emission spectroscopy		1	AO1 4.8.3.7

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 39 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.3	any **one** from: • (more) accurate • (more) sensitive • fast(er) • determine the concentration of ions present	allow requires a small(er) sample	1	AO1 4.8.3.6

Total Question 3	8

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 40 · Mark scheme

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Question 2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.1	(similarity) both have one outer (shell) electron	allow energy level for shell allow same number of outer (shell) electrons	1	AO1 4.1.2.1
	(difference) sodium has 3 shells but potassium has 4 shells	allow potassium has more shells allow (different) number of shells	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.2	any **two** from: • effervescence / bubbles / fizzing • (potassium) floats • (potassium) moves around • (potassium) becomes smaller • (potassium) melts • flame • explosion	ignore gas produced allow (potassium) forms a ball ignore colour of flame	2	AO1 4.1.2.5 4.4.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.3	blue / violet / purple		1	AO2
	(the solution is) alkaline	allow (the solution) contains OH^- (ions) allow (the solution) contains hydroxide ions allow the solution is basic	1	AO1 4.1.2.5 4.4.2.4

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 40 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.4	all five points correctly plotted	allow a tolerance of ± ½ a small square allow **1** mark for three or four points correctly plotted	2	AO2 4.1.2.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.5	3.4 (mg/cm^3)	allow a value in the range 3.0 to 3.8 (mg/cm^3)	1	AO3 4.1.2.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.6	chlorine and potassium bromide		1	AO2 4.1.2.6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.7	relative molecular mass increases and boiling point increases		1	AO1 4.1.2.6

Total Question 2	**11**

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 41 · Mark scheme

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Question 6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	(most reactive) Mg Zn Ni Cu Ag (least reactive)	allow name of metal for symbol allow **1** mark for (most reactive) Mg Zn Ni **or** Ni Cu Ag (least reactive)	2	AO3 4.4.1.2 4.5.2.1
	(justification) the higher the (positive) voltage the more reactive the metal	allow the most reactive (metal) has the highest (positive) voltage allow the least reactive (metal) has the most negative voltage allow the greater the difference in reactivity the greater the (magnitude of the) voltage	1	

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 41 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.2	**Level 3:** The method would lead to the production of a valid outcome. The key steps are identified and logically sequenced.	5–6	AO3 4.3.4 4.5.2.1
	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 • **set up cell with sodium chloride solution as the electrolyte** • **use two different metals as electrodes** • **measure voltage** • **repeat at different concentrations of electrolyte solution** • **by diluting the sodium chloride solution with water** • using measured volumes of sodium chloride solution and water • measure volumes with a measuring cylinder (allow pipette / burette) • use the same two metals each time • use the same volume of electrolyte solution		

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.3		ignore references to electrodes		AO1 4.5.2.2
	hydrogen is oxidised (electrochemically)	allow hydrogen loses electrons	1	
	to produce water		1	

Total Question 6	11

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 42 · Mark scheme

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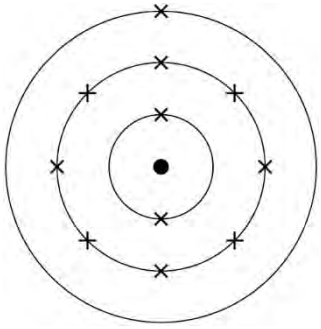
Question 1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.1	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.
01.2	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.
01.3		allow any combination of ×, ●, o, $e^{(-)}$ for electrons	1	AO1 4.1.1.7

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 42 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.4	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	ignore reference to atomic structure allow named element(s) 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.
01.5	argon has a full outer shell (of electrons)	allow energy level for shell allow argon has eight outer shell electrons ignore argon has no outer shell electrons	1	AO1 4.1.2.4
	(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	

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 42 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.6	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.
01.7	~115		1	AO2 4.1.1.6

Total Question 1	**9**

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 43 · Mark scheme

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Question 3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.1	(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.
03.2	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.
03.3	(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	

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 43 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.4		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

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 43 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.5	(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 + (3 × 2) = 184 + (3 × 18) **or** 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.
03.6	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 3	11

4.1.2.5 Group 1

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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.

4.1.2.5 Group 1

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.

4.1.2.5 Group 1

CHY3H

Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	either: calculations: all correct (ethanol = 6, methanol = 3, peanut oil = 10, vegetable oil = 15) **or** implication of correct calculation (vegetable oil) gives largest temperature / heat increase <u>per gram</u> (owtte)	ignore repetition of data from table unqualified allow 'produced most heat in proportion to the fuel used' owtte for **1** mark	2
(b)	any **one** from: • smoke • soot • carbon • carbon monoxide • carbon dioxide • global warming / climate change / greenhouse gases • (air) pollution • harmful / poisonous scrub / wash the gases owtte	owtte ignore references to crops/food filter / remove (gases / fumes / appropriate named substance) owtte (add extra oxygen) can burn more efficiently owtte use a cleaner fuel owtte plant more trees or similar linked to CO_2 any sensible answer 'don't burn so much fuel' insufficient alone ignore extractor fans / air conditioning	1 1

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4.1.2.5 Group 1

CHY3H

Question 1 continued…

question	answers	extra information	mark
(c)(i)	A		1
(c)(ii)	B		1
total			6

4.1.2.5 Group 1

CHY3H

Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	smooth curve through all points over full range finishing between 6.4 and 5.4 at 50°C		1
(a)(ii)	5.6 **or** from their graph		1
(a)(iii)	10 – 5.6 = 4.4	their reading at 15ºC – their (a)(ii) answer from their figures	1 1
(a)(iv)	Yes: the value at 15°C because have values either side owtte **or** No: more error in a smaller number owtte	accept converse answers based on 50°C accept converse answers based on 50°C	1
(b)(i)	balanced view / involving people / debate / gather information / democracy	owtte any sensible answer ignore 'trout might die'	1
(b)(ii)	undue weight / bias may be given to high status and very experienced people **or** less experienced/lower status may reduce status of enquiry	owtte any sensible answer	1

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4.1.2.5 Group 1

CHY3H

Question 2 continued…

question	answers	extra information	mark
(b)(iii)	(A) Management: any **one** from: • small amounts may be fine • can cope for short periods • could spread throughout the day • fish still getting (enough) oxygen • rate of photosynthesis could be increased to balance loss of oxygen • water will cool down (quickly) (B) Council: any **one** from: • any rise in temperature would reduce / affect (dissolved) oxygen • water will still be too hot • trout will die above 26°C	any sensible answer any sensible answer	1 1
total			9

4.1.2.5 Group 1

CHY3H

Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	scale – (solid) formed when <u>heat</u> decomposes dissolved calcium / magnesium compounds owtte	allow: scale is formed when <u>hard</u> water is heated / boiled (to leave magnesium / calcium compounds)	1
	scale is calcium carbonate / $CaCO_3$ or magnesium carbonate / $MgCO_3$	ignore evaporate	
	scum – (ppt) formed when soap reacts with calcium / magnesium (ions) owtte	allow scum is formed when <u>hard</u> water reacts with soap	1
	scum is calcium stearate / magnesium stearate		
(b)	calcium (ions) / Ca^{2+} / magnesium (ions) / Mg^{2+}		1
	replaced by hydrogen ions / H^+ / sodium ions / Na^+		1
total			4

4.1.2.5 Group 1

CHY3H

Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)	undiscovered elements owtte		1
(a)(ii)	they would be in the wrong group / have the wrong / different properties / don't fit the pattern owtte	allow atomic weights may have been wrong	1
(b)(i)	any **three** from: • elements arranged in proton / atomic number order • group: elements in the same group / column have same number of outer electrons owtte • group: number of shells increase down group • period: elements in the same period / row have the same number of shells / energy levels • period: number of protons / electrons increase across period • atomic number: link of atomic number to number of protons • atomic number gives number of electrons	ignore mass number / atomic weight / neutrons throughout	3
(b)(ii)	it would mean splitting a proton / electron **or** implication of splitting proton / electron		1

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4.1.2.5 Group 1

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Question 4 continued…

(c)		must be a comparison	
	(outer) electron closer (to nucleus)	accept fewer (electron) shells / energy levels fluorine is the smaller/est	1
	stronger/est attraction (to nucleus) owtte **or** less screening (by inner electrons)	do **not** allow magnetic / intermolecular forces	1
	electron gained more easily	need some indication of <u>outer</u> electron shell somewhere in explanation otherwise max of **2** marks	1
total			9

4.1.2.5 Group 1

CHY3H

Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)		**must** be description of a titration no titration = no marks	
	NaOH in <u>burette</u>	do **not** accept biuret etc	1
	add NaOH until (indicator) changes colour	if specific colour change mentioned, must be correct – colourless to pink / red **or** 'goes pink / red' do **not** accept 'clear' for colourless	1
	note (burette) volume used **or** final reading	accept 'work out the volume'	1
	one other point: eg repeat	accept: (white) tile **or** add dropwise / slowly **or** white background **or** swirling / mix **or** read meniscus at eye level **or** wash apparatus	1
(b)	0.054	for **2** marks (0.1 × 13.5)/25 for **1** mark	2
(c)	don't know – insufficient evidence to decide **or** depends on whether acid level is considered safe or unsafe	owtte any sensible answer	1
	yes, safe – acid level low / weak acids / low compared with stomach acid	owtte any sensible answer	
	no, unsafe – acid level (too) high / other substances or bacteria may be present / insufficient evidence to decide	owtte any sensible answer	

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4.1.2.5 Group 1

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Question 5 continued…

question	answers	extra information	mark
(d)	(methyl orange) would have changed colour (well) before the end-point / pH7 / neutral	owtte	1
	weak acid present	weak acid-strong base (titration) allow methyl orange used for strong acid-weak base titration	1
total			9

4.1.2.5 Group 1

CHY3H

Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)(i)		each correct test and one result = **1** mark	
		one other result for any test = **1 mark** this mark can only be awarded <u>once</u>	1
	Na_2CO_3: HCl → (odourless) gas (1) CO_2 / carbon dioxide (1)		1
	NaCl: $AgNO_3$ → white ppt (1) silver chloride (1)		1
	$NaNO_3$: Al + NaOH → pungent /sharp smell / choking gas (1) NH_3 / ammonia (1)		1
	Na_2SO_4: $BaCl_2$ → white ppt (1) barium sulfate (1)		1
(a)(ii)	all would give a <u>yellow</u> / <u>yellow-orange</u> (flame) / <u>same</u> coloured (flame) / <u>same</u> results **or** they all contain <u>sodium</u> owtte	allow <u>orange</u> (flame)	1
(b)	any **two** from: • fast / quick or comment about speed • small amounts • sensitive / accurate • ease of automation • sample not used up • reliable / efficient • can be left to run / continuous analysis	ignore cost ignore human error accept any valid answer accept operators do not need <u>chemical</u> skills ignore results can be saved	2
total			8

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 30 · Examiner comments

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Question 2 (standard demand)

02.1 Because the question asked for the formula rather than the empirical formula, an answer of Fe_9S_{18} was accepted. Even so, 51% of students could not count the atoms and produce a ratio of 1:2. A formula was required, not an equation which some students provided.

02.2 This was very well answered, with 88% of students achieving all three marks.

02.3 57% of students achieved both marks. However, some repeated information in the stem of the question, and some contradicted it by saying sodium is not a metal. Some gave differences in the structure of the atoms instead of differences in properties of the substances.

02.4 This was well answered, with 32% of students achieving one mark, and 57% achieving both.

A common error was to say that carbon is reacting with oxygen (it is not; it is reacting with nickel oxide to remove the oxygen). Those who tried to answer in terms of electron transfer often struggled to gain all the marks.

Answer 30 · Examiner comments

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02.5 This question was well answered, with 60% of students achieving all three marks. However, interpretation of calculator displays did cause a bit of trouble for some students. Some students lost the final mark because they gave an answer of 67.$\dot{8}$. This answer is neither correct (it is not 67.8888888…) nor to three significant figures (it is to an infinite number of significant figures). Some even recognised this latter point and rounded, incorrectly, to 67.9.

4.1.2.5 Group 1

Answer 31 · Examiner comments

June 2019 | 8462/1H | Original Q1

Question 1 (standard demand)

01.1 Approximately 40% of students scored this mark which required an appropriate reference to the properties of tellurium and/or iodine.

Most correct answers referred to iodine having similar properties to other Group 7 elements.

References to atomic structure were quite common, for example, iodine has 7 electrons in the outer shell so fits in Group 7. This was not creditworthy since this detail of atomic structure would not have been known by Mendeleev.

01.2 Students found this question difficult with almost half scoring 0 marks.

The most commonly awarded mark was for the idea that the missing elements were eventually discovered.

The ideas that Mendeleev predicted the properties of the missing elements and that when discovered the actual properties matched his predictions were not often stated.

01.3 Approximately three-quarters of students correctly identified relative atomic mass as the modern name for atomic weight.

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01.4 Approximately 70% of students scored this mark with the most common response being 'atomic number'.

The most common responses seen that were not credited:

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

01.5 Almost 70% of students scored at least 1 mark.

To gain the mark for the formula, At_2, the correct casing for the letters needed to be used; also, a subscript for the number. This mark was scored more often than the mark for the state.

01.6 Students found this question difficult and were often unable to give the observations associated with the reaction between sodium and chlorine.

The few students that gained credit mostly did so for the formation of a solid or for a flame.

Many students gave observations that would be expected from adding sodium to water, for example, a vigorous reaction or fizzing.

Other common non-scoring responses referred to:

- a precipitate being formed
- salt or sodium chloride being produced
- transfer of electrons.

4.1.2.5 Group 1

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Question 4 (standard, standard / high and high demand)

04.1 Many students remembered that effervescence would be seen, but there were many vague descriptions such as 'vigorous reaction' which did not gain credit. Students often gave the same observation twice, eg, 'effervescence' and 'bubbles'. Many students incorrectly mentioned a colour change, perhaps remembering a demonstration where an indicator had been added. Very few mentioned the potassium melting.

04.2 Very few students could write the formulae for the correct products. Those who could were usually able to balance the equation. Many students approached the question from the wrong direction, trying to balance the equation by inventing fictitious products.

04.3 This was not well answered, with only a small number of students scoring full marks. Many incorrectly tried to link reactivity to melting and boiling point. Many referred to the distance and / or attraction between the nucleus and electrons in general, rather than the outer electrons. Others failed to mention the nucleus at all.

04.4 The electron arrangements of both atoms and ions were required for full marks, as well as the ratio of sodium ions to oxide ions and the correct charges on the ions. Few students scored all the marks as they did not draw the atoms of sodium and oxygen before reaction. Many tried to draw covalent structures. The ratio of 2 atoms of sodium to one of oxygen was well known. Students should be aware that electrons cannot be in two places at the same time and should not be drawn as if they are. Some students drew both ionic and covalent structures, thereby contradicting themselves and losing the marks for a correct ionic structure. A great deal of time and effort would be saved by drawing the outer electrons only, as in the specification.

04.6 Students found this question very difficult, with many referring incorrectly to intermolecular forces, even when mentioning ions. Many also referred to covalent bonds or forces between atoms. Of those who did refer correctly to the large amounts of energy required to break the strong attractions between ions, very few referred to the giant structure of the compound.

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Question 7 (standard, standard / high and high demand)

07.1 Over half of the students knew that a flame test should be used but fewer knew the correct result for potassium.

07.2 Only a few students mentioned flame emission spectroscopy as an instrumental alternative to a flame test.

07.3 Just over a third of students gave white precipitate.

07.4 Very few students were able to complete the steps needed to differentiate between metal ions producing a white metal hydroxide precipitate.

07.5 Students found this difficult with many students unable to go beyond the need to acidify the solution being tested.

4.1.2.5 Group 1

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Question 1 (Standard demand)

01.1 Students found this question challenging. It was expected that the lack of electrical conductivity and the low melting point would have suggested a non-metal and therefore section **D**. However, fewer than half of students gave this response, with distractors **A** and **C** both proving very attractive to students.

01.2 Nearly two thirds of students recognised element **R** as a transition metal and therefore in area **B**.

01.3 Fewer than 20% of students scored two marks, although more than half scored at least one mark. Students were asked to compare physical properties of Group 1 elements with transition elements. Many students gave chemical properties such as reactivity instead of physical properties. Others referred to atomic structure. Some students described a property of either a Group 1 element or a transition element without reference to the other.

01.4 Nearly all students could draw the electronic structure correctly.

01.5 The great majority of students referred to delocalised electrons in their answer. Many also referred to the electrons carrying charge. However, few articulated the idea that the electrons themselves move through the metal in a particular direction. Many implied that the movement was random by the use of words such as ‘throughout’ rather than ‘through’. Some students incorrectly referred to electrons bumping into other atoms or electrons.

01.6 The great majority of students correctly identified the type of bonding.

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01.7 The majority of students gave excellent descriptions of the transfer of two electrons from a magnesium atom to an oxygen atom to produce magnesium ions and oxide ions,with more than 80% scoring at least three marks. A few students showed a lack of understanding by subsequently referring to electrons being shared.

4.1.2.5 Group 1

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Question 5 (Standard, standard/high and high demand)

05.1 Nearly half of students described how a specific observation would differ. Vague comments about a more violent reaction, with no specific visual observation, did not gain credit.

05.2 Most students scored at least two marks. They knew that rubidium would lose an electron more easily, and that it was the larger size of the atom that was responsible (often expressed as the rubidium atom having more shells). The description of the weaker attraction of the rubidium nucleus for the outer electron was less well expressed; some students omitted to say that the attraction was for the outer electron or that the attraction was between the outer electron and the nucleus. Some gave an inappropriate description of the attraction, such as intermolecular or magnetic. Some contradicted their attraction argument by saying that the outer electron in rubidium is less shielded from the nucleus, rather than more shielded.

05.3 Only about a sixth of students scored full marks. Many knew that one of the products was hydrogen, and could write its formula correctly. However, far fewer knew that RbOH was the other product. Of those who did, most managed to balance the equation correctly.

05.4 Fewer than half of students gave the correct answer. Nearly as many, though, stated that the noble gases all have eight outer shell electrons, appearing to forget about helium.

05.5 More than half of students completed the calculation successfully and rounded to the appropriate 3 significant figures. Common errors were to divide by 63 (sum of the mass numbers) or 3 (number of isotopes) rather than by 100.

4.1.2.5 Group 1

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Question 5 (Standard, standard/high and high demand)

05.1 About a fifth of the students gained all the available marks. Many students answered the question in terms of treating water to make it potable, rather than treating sewage. Those who did answer in terms of treating sewage initially answered well though many answers broke down after mention of screening and sedimentation.

05.2 Half of the students were able to give the correct pair of concentrations in this multiple choice question.

05.3 The common error in this question was to concentrate on what Process 1 (filtering) did do, rather than the lack of effect on the ions. Of those who did correctly answer the question, more were awarded the first mark on the mark scheme. Around a quarter of the students gained both of the marks.

05.4 Students needed to state that the microbes were harmful and because of this some did not gain the first mark, although many were awarded the second. About 40% of the students scored both marks.

05.5 Less than a third of students answered this successfully with many responses stating the company meant the water was chemically pure, in spite of this being explicitly negated in the question.

05.6 Most students knew the test for chlorine gas; however a significant number did not refer to the need for the litmus paper to be damp and therefore did not gain the first mark. Over one-third of the students gained both marks.

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Question 5 (standard, standard/high and high demand)

05.1 More than half of the students were able to state that a weak acid is one which is only partially ionised or dissociated in aqueous solution. Common incorrect responses were

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that the acid is partially ionising (it does not ionise other species) or that hydrogen ions are ionised (it is the acid molecule which ionises to form H^+ ions). Attempted responses in terms of pH were not accepted.

05.2 The great majority of students gave the correct response. The most common distractor was the mass of acid dissolved is halved and the volume of the solution is doubled, which would decrease the concentration. The other two options would not change the concentration.

05.3 Fewer than a third of students could recall the name of an appropriate indicator and the correct colour change from this required practical. Any single acid-base indicator was allowed, with its associated colour change. Phenolphthalein was the most popular choice of indicator; with phonetic spellings accepted. The colour change was often the wrong way round, as acid is being added to the alkali, and some students described the final colour incorrectly as 'clear' rather than colourless.

05.4 About three fifths of students knew that the OH^- ion is responsible. When asked for a formula, an equation is not an appropriate response.

05.5 This question discriminated very well. Some scaffolding was given to help the students and bring the demand of the question down. This resulted in two fifths of students scoring full marks on the question and nearly three quarters scoring at least one mark.

Some intermediate marks were not awarded because students didn't convert the volume into dm^3 when calculating the number of moles of sodium carbonate. A second mark was then often not awarded in calculating the concentration of nitric acid because students divided by a volume in cm^3 instead of dm^3. Those students who tried to bring relative formula masses into the calculation (when no data had been given to enable them to do so) rarely scored more than two marks; one for applying the mole ratio and one for rounding an answer to 3 significant figures if all the data supplied had been used.

A few students did not use the method suggested, but used a ratio method instead. On this occasion full credit was given to these answers. However, students should be aware that purely mathematical methods, which do not demonstrate an understanding of the chemical principles, are not always appropriate.

05.6 Over a third of students scored the mark in this high demand question. As the pH has decreased by a factor of 2, the concentration of hydrogen ions increases by a factor of 10^2. However, many students did not realise this and attempted to calculate a concentration by applying a linear, instead of logarithmic, scale factor. Some students divided by 100 instead of multiplying.

05.7 Only two fifths of the students worked out that the element must be argon. Sulfur was a popular incorrect response (one electron subtracted instead of added), but other halogens were also popular.

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Question 3 (standard demand)

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03.1 This extended response question used the command word 'plan', which was well understood by most students.

A simplistic approach to the level descriptors might be:

Level 3 – will produce the expected outcomes.
Level 2 – might produce the expected outcomes with additions or modifications.
Level 1 – will not produce the expected outcomes.

However**,** the marking of extended response questions must always be holistic, so a best-fit approach must always be followed.

Key steps were shown in the indicative content in **bold**.

In general, most students were familiar with the analytical tests required for this method and wrote coherent plans that would lead to valid outcomes. The flame test for potassium ions was better known.

Many students added value to their responses by describing the use of acid to treat the nichrome wire before use. However, a few omitted to introduce the wire into the flame of the Bunsen burner (as opposed to just holding the wire over the Bunsen burner without stating that the burner was alight) or by using the orange or 'safety' flame for the test.

The halide test was slightly less well known.

Many students assumed that the medicine sample was in solution, and if this was apparent in their response (for example referring to drops of the medicine), this was credited.

Most students added both dilute nitric acid and silver nitrate solution to their sample, although acidification was not strictly necessary as a key step. Some students incorrectly referred to bromine ions, or a slightly incorrect result such as a cream solution. Unfortunately, a very small number of students failed to score any marks at all as despite correctly describing some tests and results, they failed to mention testing the medicine sample and so their methods would not lead to a valid outcome. The minority of students who clearly did not know the tests involved also usually failed to score any marks, as use of reagents and techniques had to be placed in the correct context in order to be creditworthy.

Around 45% of students gave a Level 3 response, whilst more than 20% provided a Level 2 response

03.2 In this question, knowledge of the name of an instrumental method, flame emission spectroscopy, was being tested. The full name was required for the mark. A substantial proportion of students did not know the name of this method. The abbreviation F.E.S. was not creditworthy. Around one third of students gained this mark.

03.3 This question was generally answered well, with 'more accurate' being the most common correct advantage of flame emission spectroscopy given. However, a minority of students answered the question in terms of disadvantages of other methods such as flame tests and this was not creditworthy. Some students suggested incorrectly that this instrumental method was more precise. A few students referred to the identification of multiple ions in a sample, but this was not considered to be a sufficiently creditworthy advantage. More than half of students gained credit here.

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Question 2 (standard demand)

02.1 This was very well answered by the majority of students, with nearly two thirds scoring both marks. Most stated that both atoms have one outer shell electron and that potassium has one more shell than sodium. Sometimes the wrong number of shells was given for the two elements; usually 2 shells for sodium and 3 for potassium. Some stated that potassium has more outer shells than sodium. This is not correct as the phrase 'outer shell' is always taken to mean the single outermost shell. Some students gave consequences of the electronic structure rather than referring to the electronic structure itself; this was not given credit. Simply stating that the number of electrons is different did not answer the question; the number of electrons is not the electronic configuration.

02.2 More than two thirds of students gave two correct observations, with bubbling and a flame being the most popular. 'Gas produced' did not gain credit as it is not an observation but a deduction from the observation of bubbling. 'Fizzing' is taken to mean effervescence, so fizzing and bubbling are the same thing rather than two different observations. Credit was not given for any observation requiring extra equipment such as a thermometer or an indicator.

02.3 Well over half of students gave a correct colour and a correct reason, either in terms of the solution being alkaline or containing hydroxide ions. Nearly three quarters of students gained one mark. Some students had evidently seen, and remembered, the experiment done with phenolphthalein in the water, and therefore stated the indicator colour to be pink even though they knew the solution to be alkaline. Some answers were not clearly expressed; 'potassium is an alkali' did not gain credit as it is the potassium hydroxide solution that is alkaline. There were

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also, however, some excellent answers in terms of the hydroxide ion produced causing the solution to be alkaline.

02.4 More than four fifths of students plotted all of their points accurately. Many also drew a line of best fit although this was not required. A few drew their points as small dots instead of crosses, making it very difficult for the examiners to see them on a scanned image. Points do need to be visible, albeit sharp.

02.5 Students could nearly always estimate the density of krypton to within the tolerance allowed. Many used a line of best fit to do so although this was not necessary. In some cases inappropriate methods were used, such as finding the mean of all the other values; this did not gain credit even if it gave a value withing the range allowed.

02.6 Three quarters of students identified the correct pair of solutions, with the spread of incorrect responses being approximately equal.

02.7 Over two thirds of students identified the correct pair of trends. Most of the incorrect responses thought that boiling point decreases down the group.

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Question 6 (standard, standard/high and high demand)

06.1 Over three fifths of students scored all three marks. Most students could list the metals in order of decreasing reactivity, although some ignored the sign and ordered the metals in order of absolute magnitude of voltage. A few tried to remember the reactivity series, even though nickel and silver are not listed in the specification. The best answers justified the order not only in terms of the most reactive metal producing the most positive voltage, but also that the negative voltages were produced by elements less reactive than nickel.

06.2 This extended response plan of a non-required practical discriminated very well. About a third of responses reached Level 3, with more than two thirds reaching level 2.

There were some excellent descriptions of a plan which would work, including details of how the different concentrations to be tested would be made. Some students thought the pure water was to be used as a control rather than for diluting the sodium chloride solution. The top mark in Level 3 was only available if there was detail about how the voltage could be linked quantitatively to the concentration of sodium chloride. This was often poorly expressed using terms such as

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'amount' rather than 'volume,' and did not always mention both the sodium chloride solution provided and the water. The control variable 'use the same two metals each time' was essential to access a Level 3 mark, since the method must lead to a valid outcome. This was often implied in responses where a student named different metals, or stated they must be different, and then said, 'repeat using different concentrations of sodium chloride.' Many students, however, specified that all of the different metals should be used, which was completely unnecessary and possibly rendered the outcome invalid.

A common error was to use two electrodes of the same metal, or to refer simply to 'the electrodes' without specifying what type of electrodes to use. This restricted the answer to Level 2.

It was not uncommon to see reference to a power supply, which restricted the answer to Level 1; there is some confusion between an electrolytic cell and an electrochemical cell.

06.3 Only 1 in 25 students scored both marks by repeating the statement in the specification that hydrogen is oxidised electrochemically to produce water, and only a quarter of students scored one mark. There were a few excellent answers showing the half equations at both electrodes; as long as these showed hydrogen losing electrons, and water being a product, they gained full credit. Those who referred to hydrogen losing electrons in the fuel cell gained credit; however, students often thought that hydrogen ions were reacting, rather than hydrogen molecules. Other types of oxidation, such as combustion, were not accepted. Some students appear to believe that the water is produced as steam, which then drives a turbine generating electricity.

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Question 1 (standard demand)

01.1 Only a quarter of students scored the mark, despite the clear statement in the specification. Many referred to the right of the table, but fewer 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.

01.2 More than three quarters of students correctly chose the low melting point as the atypical property. The last distractor, 'forms positive ions' was the least popular, but the other distractors were about equal.

01.3 Nearly all students drew the electronic structure correctly. A few tried to use either 12 or 23 electrons.

01.4 Only two fifths of students were able to make sensible comments about the properties of the elements and either the groups that they would have been in or the groups that they were moved to. However, many comments were not clear, either not mentioning similar properties to the rest of the group or referring to vague regions of the periodic table rather than groups. Some stated that the elements were placed in order of atomic number, but atomic number was not known at Mendeleev's time, so these answers were disregarded. Some referred to leaving spaces for elements that had not been discovered, which does not answer this particular question.

01.5 Students scored well on this question, with more than two thirds scoring both marks and nearly all scoring at least one. Most referred to argon having a full outer shell of electrons, although some stated that there were no electrons in the outer shell, which is meaningless as the shell is not present without electrons. Fewer scored the second mark, for explaining that argon does not gain, lose or share electrons. Very few mentioned that the electron arrangement is stable; some said that argon is stable, which is just a rewording of the question.

01.6 The vast majority of students knew that isotopes have the same number of protons but a different number of neutrons. However, just over a half did not state that isotopes are atoms with the same number of protons, or atoms of the same element, so were restricted to one mark. Some implied that an isotope is a single atom where the number of neutrons is different to the number of protons, as in carbon-13.

01.7 The vast majority of students estimated the A_r correctly as ~115. The most popular distractor was ~114. Some students did not realise that an actual calculation was not required: only an estimation from the huge proportion of the isotope with mass number 115.

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Question 3 (standard demand)

03.1 This was answered less successfully, with the majority of students choosing tin as the substance reduced. Tin is the product of the reduction, not the substance which is reduced. Those who did choose the correct substance, SnO_2, were usually able to give a correct reason; one in seven students were awarded both marks. Some tried to answer in terms of electrons, despite the instruction to answer in terms of oxygen. These answers did not gain credit for the second marking point.

03.2 Nearly three quarters of students managed to state succinctly that carbon is more reactive than tin or that tin is less reactive than carbon. However, some answers were vague and used the word 'it' which is problematic as there are three substances named in the question. 'Carbon is more reactive' is insufficient as we do not know what the reactivity is being compared to.

03.3 More than two thirds of students achieved full marks. Some did not calculate a total M_r but used the M_r of CdO instead; these answers were not creditworthy. Others added up all the M_r of reactants and products instead of just the reactants; these gained partial credit.

03.4 The question asked for two differences in properties, so comparative language was necessary (potassium is softer rather than potassium is soft). Three fifths of students scored both marks, choosing from differences in physical properties and properties exhibited by transition metals only. The most common type of error was to describe differences in atomic structure rather than differences in the properties of the metals in bulk.

03.5 The vast majority of students interpreted the equation correctly and showed that the total M_r on both sides was 238.

03.6 More than two thirds of students gave an acceptable response. Most of those who were awarded the mark answered in terms of economic reasons such as lowering the cost of the operation. Fewer answered in terms of sustainable development; of those who did, most referred to a high atom economy producing less waste. Some students confuse a high atom economy with a high yield; references to yield were ignored.