AQA GCSE Chemistry | 8462

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.3.3.1

Percentage yield

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Answer 01 · Mark scheme January 2008 | CHY2H | Original Q7 | Legacy

(c)	7		1
(d)(i)	steeper line from around the same starting point and left of the points	allow crosses if they are fully correct for **1** mark	1
	levelling off at 99	accept short level line at 99 ± ½ square	1
(d)(ii)	any **three** from: • particles / molecules / atoms/ ions have more energy • move faster • collide more often **or** more chance of collisions **or** bump into each other more • collide with more force / energy **or** more particles have the activation energy **or** more collisions result in reaction **or** more collisions are successful	allow given / gain / get energy ignore move about more ignore vibrate more / faster ignore collide quicker / faster	3
total			8

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Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	any **one** from: • they are made of layers • atoms / ions / particles / layers (of atoms) can slide over each other	do **not** accept line / rows / lattice	1
(b)	any **one** from: • smaller / tiny **or** very small • correct size range 1 to 100 nanometres • a few hundred atoms in size	do **not** allow small alone if they state smaller and give a size outside range ignore size if it is less than 20,000	1
(c)	harder plus **one** from: • so does not wear as quickly / erode as quickly • less vulnerable to damage owtte • because they have a high surface area to volume ratio **or** stronger (1) plus **one** from: (1) • less likely to break / do not break • not as vulnerable to damage owtte • do not bend out of shape • because they have a high surface area to volume ratio	 ignore corrode harder to wear down = **1** mark accept withstand pressure harder and stronger alone gains **1** mark	1 1
total			4

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Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	N_2O		1
(b)	13.8 to 14	gains full marks without working if answer incorrect 13 gains **1** mark **or** 14/101 × 100 gains **1** mark	2
total			3

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Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	electric current / electricity		1
	plus **one** from:		1
	• is passed through ionic compound / substance / electrolyte • passed through molten/aqueous compound / substance	must be linked to electricity allow liquid compound / substance do **not** allow solution / liquid alone	
	• causing decomposition	accept split up / breakdown / breaking up owtte ignore separated accept elements are formed ignore new substances form	
(b)	hydrogen	accept H_2 do **not** accept H / H^2	1
(c)	one electron from each atom	accept each carbon is bonded to three other carbon atoms leaving one (unbonded) electron owtte	1
	is delocalised / free (to move)	must be linked to electrons answers of delocalised / free electrons only, gains **1** mark accept each carbon is bonded to three other carbon atoms leaving delocalised / free electrons = **2** marks **maximum 1** mark if graphite described as a metal / giant ionic lattice	1
total			5

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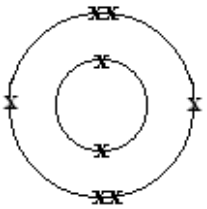
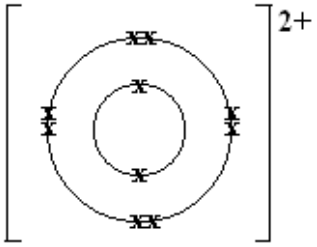
Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	any **one** from: • gives out heat / energy • transfers energy from a substance to the surroundings • ΔH / energy change / enthalpy change is negative	accept releases / gives off owtte ignore references to light	1
(b)	$2Mg + O_2 \rightarrow 2MgO$	accept correct multiples / fractions	1
(c)		electrons do not need to be paired accept dots / circles / e instead of crosses do **not** allow 2.6 without diagram	1
(d)		electrons do not need to be paired allow without brackets must have the charge accept dots / circles / e instead of crosses ignore extra empty outer shells ignore nucleus do **not** allow $[2.8]^{2+}$ without diagram	1

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question	answers	extra information	mark
(e)	oppositely charged (ions / atoms)	allow positive and negative(ions / atoms)	1
	(they) attract	must be in correct context accept held by electrostatic forces ignore ionic bonding **maximum 1** if they refer to intermolecular forces / attractions / covalent bonds	1
(f)	magnesium chloride	accept $MgCl_2$ (if correctly written)	1
total			7

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Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	**Compound A** any **one** from: • sodium bromide • potassium bromide • ammonium bromide • hydrogen bromide • any metal bromide except silver and lead. **Compound B** silver nitrate	accept correct formulae accept silver sulfate	1 1
(b)	the silver compound will decompose / silver ions be reduced to silver (owtte)	accept film would darken owtte accept any idea of light changing silver bromide / silver ions / silver nitrate / silver sulfate allow 'forms a black solid' / it would turn black	1
(c)	precipitation	accept descriptions of precipitation reactions accept double decomposition accept precipitate do **not** allow displacement	1
(d)	electrons are gained	 the second mark **must** be linked to electrons accept it / silver / silver ions gains electrons for **both** marks ignore references to oxygen	1 1
total			6

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Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
(a)	1213.8 to 1214.3 correct answer not given then check working 1) moles of N_2 = $\frac{1000}{28}$ = 35.7 mol 2) moles of NH_3 = 2 × (answer from (1)) = 71.4 mol 3) mass of NH_3 = (answer from 2) × 17 = 71.4 × 17 = 1214 g **or** • 28g of N_2 → 34g of NH_3 • 1g of N_2 → $\frac{34}{28}$ = 1.214g NH_3 • 1000 g of N_2 → 1000 × 1.214 = 1214g **or** • $1000 \times \frac{34}{28}$ **or** **other correct methods**	gains **3** marks without working **1** mark for each correct step do **not** penalise rounding errors in this part **1** mark for each correct step do **not** penalise rounding errors in this part allow error carried forward eg gains **2** marks if correct answer not given $1000 \times \frac{28}{34}$ gains **1** mark, **2** marks if correctly calculated (823.5g) $1000 \times \frac{28}{17}$ gains **1** mark if calculated correctly (1647.05g) look for the key ideas in the methods above	3

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question	answers	extra information	mark
(b)	25 / 25.035 **or** ecf from (a)	gains **2** marks even when there is no working incorrect answer then 304/(their answer from (a)) × 100 gains **1** mark	2
	or using figures from part (b)		
	27.6 / 28	gains **2** marks even when there is no working accept 27 for **1** mark if answers incorrect then304/1100 × 100 gains **1** mark	
(c)(i)	increase yield		1
	reaction is exothermic		1
	or		
	allow decreased yield because rate of reaction is slower / fewer collisions for **2** marks	**must** get both points for **2** marks	
(c)(ii)	increase yield		1
	plus **one** from:		1
	• more (gaseous) reactant molecules than (gaseous) product molecules (owtte) • increased rate of reaction / more collisions	accept greater volume on the left than the right owtte	

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Question 7 continued…

question	answers	extra information	mark
(d)	any **one** from: **economic** • large town provides workforce • workers do not have to travel far to the factory. (owtte) • transport infrastructure already in place for large town. (owtte) • factory brings prosperity to town (owtte) • factory provides employment • reduced tourism • reduction in local house prices • any other sensible economic factor linked to town		1
	any **one** from: **safety** • <u>escape</u> of dangerous / harmful chemicals / gases (owtte) • <u>danger</u> of increased traffic • risk of explosion.(owtte) /danger of high pressure • consequences of an accident could be severe if the town is close • any other sensible safety idea	do **not** allow polluting gases unqualified	1

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Question 7(d) continued…

question	answers	extra information	mark
	any **one** from: **environmental** • factory might be unsightly (owtte) • screening of factory (owtte) • loss of habitats (owtte) • plant trees/ hedges etc on and around plant site • pollution of water / air / soil could harm plants / animals **or** noise pollution • CO_2 is produced by burning fuels / heating • CO_2 causes global warming / any effect of global warming • eye sore • any other sensible environmental factor	must be explained	1
total			12

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Answer 02 · Mark scheme

June 2008 | CHY2H | Original Q8 | Legacy

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(a)	25.4(%)	correct answer with **or** without working accept 25(%) accept 25.433……..(%) allow 26(%) for **1** mark if incorrect answer **1** mark for identification of 44 as M_r of useful product **or** 173 as total M_r of reactants / products	2
8(b)	any **two** sensible ideas from eg: • no / less waste • less materials / reactants needed / used • fewer / no environmental problems **or** less / no pollution • better for sustainable development / resources running out • more useful use of atoms • less purification / separation of products owtte	ignore references to energy / cheaper / profit / cost / efficient	2

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question	answers	extra information	mark
8(c)	increase yield more (gaseous) reactant molecule than (gaseous) product molecule owtte	owtte accept more molecules on left hand side **or** converse accept Le Chatelier based answers for second mark ignore rate of reaction	1 1
8(d)	reduce yield **or** less product owtte	allow no yield ignore waste / less efficient	1
Total			**7**

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Answer 03 · Mark scheme

Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)(i)	less drying time **and/or** less soaking time	allow it is quicker / faster allow converse if they state water	1
6(a)(ii)	forces of attraction / bonds between molecules are weak (owtte) **or** intermolecular forces / bonds are weak (owtte)	do not accept intramolecular forces / covalent bonds are weak forces of attraction are weak (without specifying between molecules / intermolecular) gains **1** mark (accept easily broken / not much energy needed to break instead of weak) bonds are weak without specifying intermolecular would **not** gain a mark and would be ignored. made of small molecules / simple molecular gain **1** mark an answer such as, it is made of small molecules with weak forces of attraction, would gain **2** marks	2
6(b)(i)	exothermic reaction (owtte)	accept answers based on Le Chatelier eg when temperature is low the reaction moves to increase the temperature accept reverse argument	1

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Question 6 contd

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(b)(ii)	fewer product molecules / particles (than reactants molecules) (owtte)	accept three molecules / particles / volumes / moles on the left and one on the right (numbers given must be correct) accept answers based on Le Chatelier eg when pressure is high, reaction moves to the side with fewest molecules / smaller volume **or** when pressure is high, reaction moves to reduce the pressure do **not** accept reference to atoms do not accept more reactants than products unless qualified	1
6(b)(iii)	any **two** from: • molecules / particles / they move faster • collide more (often) / quicker • more of the collisions are successful **or** more have the activation energy (owtte) **or** more energetic collisions	 ignore move / vibrate more allow harder collisions allow collide with more force	2
6(c)(i)	16	correct answer with or without working accept correct rounding if the answer is incorrect then check the working. for **1** mark look for correct method in one line of the working. Moles of CO = 14/28 **or** 0.5 **or** Mass of CH_3OH = 0.5 × 32 **or** 28 → 32 **or** 14 → 32/2 **or** $\frac{32}{28}\times 14$	2

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Question 6 contd

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(c)(ii)	75	correct answer with or without working allow correct answer with ecf from (c)(i) for **2** marks if the answer is incorrect $\frac{12}{16}\times 100$ **or** $\frac{12}{\text{their (c)(i)}}\times 100$ gains **1** mark **OR if working from 18 g** 66.6 recurring or correctly rounded to a max of 67 = **2** marks incorrect rounding eg 66 = **1** mark **or** $\frac{12}{18}\times 100$ gains **1** mark	2
6(c)(iii)	reversible reaction **or** not all reactants converted to product (owtte) **or** other sensible reason such as: loss of product / reactant **or** impurities in reactants **or** side reactions / other products **or** temperature too high / pressure too low	 allow 'it did not all react' allow gas is lost ignore mass lost ignore some is lost	1
Total			**12**

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme June 2012 | CH2HP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question 3

question	answers	extra information	Mark
3(a)	gives out energy **or** heat		1
3(b)(i)		accept qualified answers in terms of volume of gas related to time	
	fast initially		1
	slows down		1
	reaction stops	accept reaction is now very slow	1
3(b)(ii)	21		1
3(b)(iii)	84	correct answer with or without working = **2** marks allow ecf from 3(b)(ii) correctly calculated for **2** marks allow evidence of 21/25 **or** 3(b)(ii)/25 for **1** mark	2
3(c)	because they / particles have more energy / move faster	ignore particles move more / vibrate	1
	(and so) particles collide more often / more frequently **or** particles more likely to collide	ignore collide faster ignore more collisions	1
	(and) more of the collisions are successful **or** particles collide with more energy / harder **or** more of the particles have the activation energy	accept more successful collisions	1
Total			**10**

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Answer 04 · Mark scheme

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Answer 05 · Mark scheme

January 2013 | CH2HP | Original Q7 | Legacy

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	copper has delocalised electrons	accept copper has free electrons ignore sea of electrons **or** mobile electrons	1
	(electrons) which can move through the metal / structure	allow (electrons) which can carry a charge through the metal / structure	1
7(b)(i)		correct answer with or without working gains **3** marks	
	(M_r $FeCl_3$ =) 162.5 **or** 2 (moles of) $FeCl_3$ = 325 **or** 112 → 325	can be credited from correct substitution in step **2**	1
	$\frac{11.20}{56} \times 162.5$	allow ecf from step 1 accept $\frac{325}{112} \times 11.2$	1
	= 32.5	accept 32.48	1
7(b)(ii)	74.8	accept 74.77 - 75 accept ecf from 7 (b)(i) if there is no answer to part(i) **or** if candidate chooses not to use their answer then accept 86.79 - 87	1
Total			**6**

UMS conversion calculator www.aqa.org.uk/umsconversion

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme

June 2013 | CH2HP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question 3

question	Answers	extra information	Mark
3(a)(i)	M_r of NH_3 = 17 **or** 2 (moles of) NH_3 = 34 **or** 14 → 17 **or** 28 → 34	correct answer with or without working gains **3** marks accept correct rounding of intermediate answers can be credited from correct substitution from step 2	1
	(28/34) x 6.8 **or** (14/17) x 6.8	allow ecf from step 1	1
	= 5.6	allow ecf from step 1	1
3(a)(ii)	61.8	accept 61.76 **or** 62 **or** 61.76… correct answer with or without working gains **2** marks if answer is not correct evidence of 4.2 / 6.8 x 100 gains **1** mark if answer not correct 0.618 or 0.62 gains **1** mark	2
3(a)(iii)	reaction is reversible	accept reaction reaches equilibrium allow reaction does not reach completion ignore some is lost	1
3(b)	3 bonding pairs	do **not** accept extra electrons on hydrogen	1
	1 lone pair	accept 2 non-bonding electrons on outer shell of nitrogen	1
3(c)(i)	hydroxide / OH^-	accept phonetic spelling	1

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Question 3 continued

question	Answers	extra information	Mark
3(c)(ii)	neutralisation	accept acid-base allow exothermic	1
3(c)(iii)	nitric (acid)	allow HNO_3 ignore incorrect formula	1
3(c)(iv)	$(NH_4)_2SO_4$	allow $(NH_4^+)_2SO_4^{2-}$	1
Total			12

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme June 2014 | CH2HP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.	ID
4(a)(i)	so ions can move (and carry charge)	accept so current can flow *allow so it can conduct (electricity)* *allow so charged particles can move* *do **not** accept so electrons can move*	1	1 / 2.7.1a/b	E
4(a)(ii)	because zinc ions gain electrons 2 (electrons) zinc is formed	accept because zinc ions are reduced *accept correct half equation for **3** marks* *if no mark gained allow* *positive ions go to negative electrode **or*** *opposites attract **or*** *reduction (of zinc) **or*** *(zinc) gains electrons for **1** mark*	1 1 1	1 + 2 / 2.7.1b/c/e	E
4(a)(iii)	**2** Cl^- ⟶ Cl_2 + **2** e^-	must be completely correct	1	1 / 2.7.1g	E
4(b)(i)	because the magnesium is *a gas*	*allow magnesium goes from solid to gas*	1	2 / 2.6.1a	E
4(b)(ii)	(a reaction which) takes in energy (from the surroundings)	*accept more energy needed to break bonds than released by forming bonds* *accept correct reference to energy level diagram* *allow (a reaction which) takes in heat (from the surroundings)*	1	1 / 2.5.1a/b	E

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.	ID
4(b)(iii)	(M_r MgO =) 40	*accept* ($2\ M_r$ MgO =) 80	1	2 / 2.3.3c	E
	1.2/24 (x40) **or** 0.05 (x40) **or** 40/24 (x1.2) **or** 1.67 (x1.2)	allow ecf from step 1	1		
	2(.0)	allow ecf carried through from step 1 correct answer with or without working gains **3** marks	1		
4(b)(iv)	75(%)		1	2 / 2.3.3e	E
4(b)(v)	any **one** from: • the reaction is reversible • *some lost /escaped/ released (when* separated) • some of the reactant may react in different ways from the expected reaction • *impure reactant(s)*	*accept incomplete reaction* *ignore equilibrium not reached* *ignore measurement and calculation errors*	1	1 / 2.3.3d/f	E
Total			**12**		

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Answer 07 · Mark scheme

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Answer 08 · Mark scheme June 2016 | CH3HP | Original Q6 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / SpecRef
6(a)(i)	natural gas	allow fossil fuels / biogas generator	1	AO1 3.5.1a
6(a)(ii)	air contains oxygen this would react with / oxidise the hydrogen	 allow this would react with / oxidise the iron ignore nitrogen	1 1	AO3 3.5.1b
6(a)(iii)	cooled ammonia condenses / liquefies (so can be separated) nitrogen and hydrogen (remain as gases and) are returned to the reactor	 allow recycled	1 1 1	AO1 3.5.1b
6(b)(i)	200 °C **and** 1000 atmospheres		1	AO3 3.5.1b
6(b)(ii)	the reaction is reversible forward reaction is exothermic so increased temperature lowers the yield of ammonia a lower temperature would decrease rate of reaction a higher pressure would increase the yield of ammonia because the forward reaction produces the least number of (gaseous) molecules / moles higher pressures would involve high cost / energy	allow stated as equilibrium or forward / backward reaction anywhere in answer allow converse allow converse allow converse ignore risk / explosion	1 1 1 1 1	3AO1 / 2AO3 3.5.1d,e,f,g,h
Total			**12**	

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Answer 09 · Mark scheme June 2018 | 8462/1H | Original Q8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	chlorine is toxic	allow carbon monoxide is toxic allow poisonous for toxic ignore harmful / deadly / dangerous allow a poisonous gas is used / produced allow titanium chloride is corrosive	1	AO3 4.1.2.6 4.4.1.3
08.2	any **one** from: • very exothermic reaction • produces a corrosive solution • produces hydrogen, which is explosive / flammable	 allow explosive allow violent reaction ignore vigorous reaction ignore sodium is very reactive allow caustic for corrosive ignore alkaline allow flames produced ignore sodium burns	1	AO3 4.1.2.5 4.4.1.3
08.3	argon is unreactive / inert oxygen (from air) would react with sodium / titanium **or** water vapour (from air) would react with sodium / titanium	allow argon will not react (with reactants / products / elements) allow elements / reactants / products for sodium / titanium	1 1	AO3 4.1.2.4 4.1.2.5 4.4.1.1 4.4.1.3

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.4	metal chlorides are usually ionic	allow titanium chloride is ionic	1	AO1 4.1.2.6 4.1.3.1
	(so)(metal chlorides) are solid at room temperature **or** (so)(metal chlorides) have high melting points	allow titanium chloride for metal chlorides	1	4.2.1.2 4.2.2.3 4.2.2.4
	(because) they have strong (electrostatic) forces between the ions **or** (but) must be a small molecule or covalent	ignore strong ionic bonds allow molecular allow alternative approach: titanium chloride must be covalent **or** has small molecules (1) with weak forces between molecules do **not** accept bonds unless intermolecular bonds(1) (but) metal chlorides are usually ionic (1)	1	
08.5	sodium (atoms) lose electrons	do **not** accept references to oxygen	1	AO1 4.4.1.4
08.6	Na → $Na^+ + e^-$	do **not** accept e for e^-	1	AO2 4.1.1.1 4.4.1.4

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.7	(M_r of $TiCl_4$ =) 190 (moles Na) = $\frac{20\,000}{23}$ =) 870 (mol $\left(\text{moles } TiCl_4 = \frac{40\,000}{190} =\right)$ 211 (mol) **either** (sodium is in excess because) 870 mol Na is more than the 844 mol needed **or** (because) 211 mol $TiCl_4$ is less than the 217.5 mol needed	an incorrect answer for one step does **not** prevent allocation of marks for subsequent steps allow **1** mark for 0.870 mol Na **and** 0.211 mol $TiCl_4$ allow use of incorrectly calculated M_r from step 1 the mark is for correct application of the factor of 4 other correct reasoning showing, with values of moles or mass, an excess of sodium or insufficient $TiCl_4$ is acceptable allow use of incorrect number of moles from steps 2 and / or 3 alternative approaches: **approach 1:** (M_r of $TiCl_4$ =) 190(1) (40 kg $TiCl_4$ needs) $\frac{40}{190} \times 4 \times 23$ (kg Na) (1) (=) 19.4 (kg) (1) so 20 kg is an excess (1) **approach 2:** (M_r of $TiCl_4$ =) 190(1) (20 kg Na needs) $\frac{20}{4 \times 23} \times 190$ (kg $TiCl_4$) (1) (=) 41.3 (kg) (1) so 40 kg is not enough (1)	1 1 1 1	AO2 4.3.1.2 4.3.2.1 4.3.2.2 4.3.2.4

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.8	(actual mass =) $\frac{92.3}{100} \times 13.5$ **or** (actual mass =) 0.923×13.5 = 12.5 (kg)	an answer 12.5 (kg) scores **2** marks allow 12 / 12.46 / 12.461 / 12.4605 (kg)	1 1	AO2 4.3.3.1
Total			**15**	

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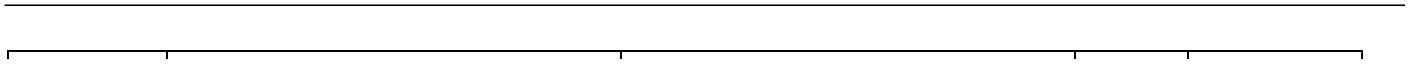

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Answer 10 · Mark scheme

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Question 10

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.1	$\frac{6}{34} \times 100$ = 17.6 (%)	an answer of 17.6470588 (%) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures scores **2** marks allow 17.6470588 (%) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures	1 1	AO2 4.3.3.2
10.2	higher yield (of hydrogen or carbon monoxide or product) (because) fewer moles / molecules / particles on left hand side **or** (because) more moles / molecules / particles on right hand side	allow converse arguments in terms of higher pressure ignore references to rate allow more hydrogen or more carbon monoxide or more product allow equilibrium moves to the right allow equilibrium moves in the forward direction allow (because) the reverse reaction produces fewer moles / molecules / particles **or** allow (because) the forward reaction produces more moles / molecules / particles do **not** accept fewer / more atoms	1 1	AO2 4.6.2.4 4.6.2.7
10.3	no effect (on yield of hydrogen)	allow position of equilibrium unaffected by pressure ignore references to rate of reaction	1	AO2 4.6.2.7

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Answer 10 · Mark scheme June 2019 | 8462/2H | Original Q10

10.4	an answer of 2.25 scores **3** marks 350 (°C) and 285 (atmospheres) = 63 (%) **and** 450 (°C) and 200 (atmospheres) = 28 (%) $\frac{63}{28}$ = 2.25 (times greater)	 allow a value between 62 (%) and 64 (%) inclusive allow a correct expression using incorrectly determined value(s) for percentage yield allow a correct calculation using incorrectly determined value(s) for percentage yield correctly evaluated and rounded to at least 2 significant figures	 1 1 1	AO2 4.10.4.1
10.5	any **one** from: • the energy costs would be high(er) • the equipment would need to be strong(er) • high(er) pressures are (more) dangerous	allow converse arguments in terms of low(er) pressure ignore energy / cost unqualified allow the equipment would be (more) expensive (to build / maintain) allow (more) dangerous because (greater) risk of explosion	1	AO1 4.10.4.1
10.6	higher temperatures produce a lower (percentage) yield (of ammonia)	allow converse allow correct reference to shift in equilibrium ignore references to pressure	1	AO2 4.6.2.6 4.10.4.1
10.7	world population has increased any **one** from: • demand for fertiliser has increased • increased demand for other specified ammonia-based products e.g. nitric acid, drugs, dyes, explosives	 allow more food needed	1 1	AO3 AO1 4.10.4.1 4.10.4.2
Total			**12**	

4.3.3.1 Percentage yield

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Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	(nitrogen) air (hydrogen) natural gas	allow atmosphere allow methane allow water / steam	1 1	AO1 4.10.4.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.2	there is only one product		1	AO2 4.3.3.2 4.10.4.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.3	(mixture is) cooled (so that only) ammonia liquefies	 allow (so that only) ammonia condenses	1 1	AO1 4.10.4.1

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.4	scale labelled at 100, 200, 300 and 400 (atm)	allow scale labelled at 50, 150, 250 and 350 (atm)	1	AO2 4.10.4.1
	all five points plotted correctly	allow a tolerance of ± ½ a small square allow **1** mark for three / four points plotted correctly	2	
	line of best fit		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.5 View with Figure 5	extrapolation to 500 atmospheres		1	AO2 4.10.4.1
	percentage value at 500 atmospheres	allow a tolerance of ± ½ a small square	1	

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Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.6	**Level 3**: Relevant points (reasons/causes) are identified, given in detail and logically linked to form a clear account.	5–6	AO1 4.6.1.3 4.6.1.4 4.6.2.6 4.6.2.7 4.10.4.1
	Level 2: Relevant points (reasons/causes) are identified, and there are attempts at logical linking. The resulting account is not fully clear.	3–4	
	Level 1: Points are identified and stated simply, but their relevance is not clear and there is no attempt at logical linking.	1–2	
	No relevant content	0	
	Indicative content **rate** • higher temperature gives higher rate because of more frequent collisions • higher temperature gives higher rate because more particles have the activation energy • higher pressure gives higher rate because of more frequent collisions • use of catalyst gives higher rate because the activation energy is lowered **equilibrium** • higher temperature shifts the position of equilibrium to the left because reaction is exothermic • higher pressure shifts the position of equilibrium to the right because more molecules on left-hand side • use of catalyst has no effect on the position of equilibrium **other factors** • higher temperature (than 450°C) uses more energy so increases costs • higher pressure (than 200 atmospheres) uses more energy so increases costs • higher pressure (than 200 atmospheres) requires stronger reaction vessels so increases costs • use of a catalyst reduces energy costs **compromise** • the temperature chosen is a compromise between rate of reaction and position of equilibrium • the temperature chosen is a compromise between rate and cost • the pressure chosen is a compromise between yield / rate and cost		

Total Question 7		**17**

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Question 1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.1	copper sulfate water	allow $CuSO_4$ allow H_2O	1 1	AO2 AO1 4.4.2.2 4.4.2.3 RPA1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.2	solid remains (in the mixture) **or** no more effervescence / bubbles / fizzing	ignore references to colours allow copper carbonate remains (in the mixture)	1	AO1 4.4.2.3 RPA1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.3	to remove copper carbonate	allow to remove excess (copper carbonate)	1	AO1 4.1.1.2 4.4.2.3 RPA1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.4	electric heater **or** water bath	ignore Bunsen burner	1	AO1 4.4.2.3 RPA1

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.5	$92.8 = \frac{\text{mass produced}}{12.5} \times 100$	allow mass produced = $\%\text{ yield} \times \frac{\text{max theoretical mass}}{100}$	1	AO2 4.3.3.1
	$(\text{mass produced}) = \frac{92.8}{100} \times 12.5$		1	
	= 11.6 (g)		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.6	(copper) does not react with (sulfuric) acid	allow is unreactive allow will not displace hydrogen allow is below hydrogen in the reactivity series	1	AO1 AO3
		ignore is not reactive enough		4.4.1.2 4.4.2.3
	(sodium) could explode **or** could get too hot	allow (the reaction is) dangerous	1	

Total Question 1	10

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Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	(test) add barium chloride (solution) (result) white precipitate	ignore (hydrochloric / nitric / sulfuric) acid allow add barium nitrate (solution) MP2 is dependent upon MP1 being awarded	1 1	AO1 4.8.3.5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.2	the yield is smaller at higher temperatures because the reaction is exothermic		1	AO2 4.6.2.6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.3	there are more moles / molecules (of gas) on the left (so the position of) equilibrium shifts to the right	allow converse ignore particles	1 1	AO2 4.6.2.7

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.4	any **two** from: • the yield is already high • more energy required • risk of explosion is increased • higher income from increased yield is outweighed by the extra expenditure • increased cost of safety precautions	allow requires stronger vessels allow requires thicker walls	2	AO3 4.6.2.7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.5	vanadium (V)		1	AO3 4.1.3.2

Total Question 7	**8**

4.3.3.1 Percentage yield

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Question 9

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.1	**Level 3:** The method would lead to the production of a valid outcome. The key steps are identified and logically sequenced.	5–6	AO3 4.1.1.2 4.4.2.3 RPA1
	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 **dissolve iodine in ethanol** • in a beaker **add zinc to iodine solution** • stir **continue adding until zinc is in excess** • shown by solid remaining **filter (the reaction mixture)** • to remove the excess zinc **heat the solution** • using a water bath **or** using an electric heater • to evaporate off some of the ethanol • cool / leave remaining solution to crystallise		

4.3.3.1 Percentage yield

Answer 14 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.2	$\left(\text{moles } I_2 = \frac{6.35}{254} =\right)$ 0.025		1	AO2 4.3.1.1 4.3.2.1 4.3.2.2 4.3.3.1
	(moles ZnI_2 = 0.025 theoretical mass ZnI_2 = 0.025 × 319 =) 7.975 (g)	allow (moles Zn = 0.025 mass of Zn = 0.025 × 65 = 1.625 g theoretical mass ZnI_2 = 1.625 + 6.35 =) 7.975 (g) allow correct use of an incorrectly determined number of moles of I_2	1	
	(% yield =) $\frac{6.29}{7.975}$ × 100	allow correct use of an incorrectly determined theoretical mass of ZnI_2	1	
	= 78.871 (%)		1	
	= 78.9 (%)	allow an answer correctly rounded to 3 significant figures from an incorrect calculation which uses both mass values in the question	1	
	alternative approach 1: $\left(\text{moles } I_2 = \frac{6.35}{254} =\right)$ 0.025 (1)			
	$\left(\text{moles } ZnI_2 = \frac{6.29}{319} =\right)$ 0.019717868 (1)			
	(% yield =) $\frac{0.019717868}{0.025}$ × 100 (1)	allow correct use of an incorrectly determined number of moles of I_2 and/or ZnI_2		
	= 78.871 (%) (1)			
	= 78.9 (%) (1)	allow an answer correctly rounded to 3 significant figures from an incorrect calculation which uses both mass values in the question		

4.3.3.1 Percentage yield

	alternative approach 2: (moles ZnI_2 = $\frac{6.29}{319}$ =) 0.019717868 (1) (moles I_2 reacted = 0.019717868 mass I_2 reacted = 0.019717868 × 254 =) 5.0083 (g) (1) (% yield =) $\frac{5.0083}{6.35}$ × 100 (1) = 78.871 (%) (1) = 78.9 (%) (1)	allow correct use of an incorrectly determined number of moles of ZnI_2 allow correct use of an incorrectly determined mass of I_2 reacted allow an answer correctly rounded to 3 significant figures from an incorrect calculation which uses both mass values in the question		

Total Question 9	**11**

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Question 8 (standard / high and high demand)

08.1 42% of students could answer this correctly. A hazard was asked for, and it was expected that students would use the correct chemical term for such a hazard; hence the idea that chlorine or carbon monoxide is **toxic** was required. Many did not use the correct term, referring instead to it being harmful (incorrect – it can kill, not merely make one ill), or dangerous or deadly (in what way?). Some students misread the equation and referred to carbon dioxide.

08.2 40**%** of students achieved the mark here. Many did not realise that their observations of a vigorous reaction with a small piece of sodium in the lab would be magnified enormously on an industrial scale. Hence the reaction would be **very** violent or explosive, not just vigorous.

08.3 There were many good attempts at this question, with 73% of students scoring at least one mark. Many students referred to the lack of reactivity of the metals with argon, but some forgot to refer to air. Then some students did not express themselves clearly, referring to one or both metals reacting with air in general, or even with gases not present in the air, such as hydrogen.

08.4 There were some excellent attempts at this difficult question, which discriminated well. 8% of students achieved full marks with 43% achieving at least one mark. Full credit could be gained by those who started with the premise that titanium chloride must be ionic so should have a high melting point; very few started from the true situation, which is that titanium chloride must exist as small molecules as its melting point is low.

The mark that was scored least often was for the explanation of the bonding and how it leads to the actual, or predicted, melting point. Some spoiled an otherwise good description of ionic bonding by also referring to ‘strong intermolecular forces’. Many referred to ‘strong electrostatic forces’ but failed to mention that those forces were between ions.

A significant number of students answered solely in terms of the separate elements, particularly titanium, rather than the compound.

08.5 51% of students achieved the mark for this question. Whilst the definition of oxidation in terms of electrons is well known, the question asked why **this** reaction is oxidation. So, it was necessary to refer to the sodium atoms losing electrons rather than giving a generalised answer. Some students referred to ‘it’ losing electrons, without specifying what ‘it’ referred to, while others referred to oxygen, which is not present.

08.6 54% of students achieved the mark here. It was not uncommon to see ‘$-e^-$’ on the right hand side. A significant number of incorrect responses showed the formation of a doubly charged sodium ion.

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08.7 This difficult unstructured calculation tested a new area of the specification, and discriminated very well. 74% of students were able to achieve at least one mark, usually for calculating the M_r of $TiCl_4$. 7% of students achieved all four marks, with 12% achieving at least three marks and there were some valiant efforts.

Common errors were:

- using 92 instead of 23 to calculate the number of moles of Na
- omitting the unit conversion from kg to g for the mole calculations
- using the 1:4 mole ratio incorrectly or not at all.

Also, it is not appropriate to leave answers in the form of a fraction, even if this is the default on their calculator. Answers should always be converted to decimal form.

08.8 This was well answered, with 74% of students achieving both marks. A few forgot the 100 in their expression and didn't realise they were making about 1000 kg more than the theoretical maximum.

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

07.1 This was well answered with around half of the students scoring both marks. Incorrect responses included the atmosphere being a source of the hydrogen as well as the nitrogen. There were far fewer responses stating that biogas of any kind was suitable for the large-scale production of ammonia than in previous years.

07.2 About 25% of the students scored this mark. 'No by-products' was seen quite often and others stated there were the same number of atoms on both sides, which just means that the equation is balanced, not necessarily that there is only 1 product.

07.3 Roughly 1 in 10 students gained both marks. Many scored the second mark, but far fewer the first. This was often due to imprecise language rather than misunderstanding, but many stated that 'ammonia is cooled'. The distinction between **all** the gases being cooled but only ammonia condensing is important. A large proportion did not mention cooling at all. Some negated the second mark by stating that ammonia has a lower boiling point than the other two gases.

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07.4 Labelling the scale and the plotting of the given points was nearly always correct. Some did not label on the major gridlines, while a few got the scale completely wrong by labelling the major gridlines in multiples of 60 atmospheres, which did not match the pre-plotted points and therefore denied access to the plotting marks. Most students drew good best-fit curves, although some inappropriately drew a straight line. Over half of the students gained all four marks.

07.5 Most students extrapolated their line correctly and read off the value of the percentage at 500 atmospheres. About two-thirds of the students scored both marks.

07.6 This high demand extended response question gave students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of collision theory, Le Chatelier's Principle and catalytic action in the context of the Haber Process.

More able students seemed to understand that they needed to consider cost implications. Explaining that a compromise is made in the choice of the temperature and the pressure was important in accessing Level 3.

The compromises made for temperature and pressure that were related to cost were more commonly stated than the compromise for temperature in relation to rate and position of equilibrium.

There was a high proportion of responses with additional material producing comprehensive, high-scoring responses. There were also a good number of weaker responses containing isolated statements, most commonly relating the conditions to rate, or more rarely position of equilibrium, but without explaining these relationships. Such responses were usually confined to Level 1. The ratio of Level 1:2:3 marks was roughly 40:20:20 with the remainder failing to gain any marks on this question.

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Question 1 (standard demand)

01.1 Two thirds of students gained both marks, with nearly all scoring one mark. A few incorrect salts were named, such as copper chloride and copper sulfide, and sometimes hydrogen was given as the third product instead of water.

01.2 Nearly three quarters of students were awarded the mark for this question. The question asked for an observation to show that the reaction was complete. Those who stated that the solid would no longer react were simply rewording the question and did not gain credit. A statement of copper carbonate no longer disappearing or still being visible did gain credit, and this was the approach taken by the vast majority of students. The idea of a product forming rather than remaining did not gain credit. Only a few recognised that bubbling would stop.

01.3 More than 3/4 of students were awarded the mark. Most answered correctly in terms of removing the excess copper carbonate. A few gave generalised answers about filtration removing solids that were not specific to this salt preparation and therefore did not gain credit.

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01.4 Students were expected to give one of the two methods in the specification, ie a water bath or an electric heater. Many, however, simply stated that a Bunsen burner would be used. This was an insufficient response unless a beaker of water was also present. Less than half of students scored the mark.

01.5 The great majority of students were able to substitute the values and rearrange the expression to give the correct answer. Some students used their calculator incorrectly, using both the % button and also dividing by 100, giving an answer that was a factor of 100 too low. They seemed unfamiliar with the idea that the symbol '%' means divided by 100. A minority of students tried to incorporate the 50 cm^3 into their calculation.

01.6 This question proved surprisingly difficult, although it did discriminate well. Only a sixth of students scored both marks, with half of students not gaining credit at all.

Students were expected to recognise that copper would not react with an acid, and that the reaction with sodium would be too vigorous to be safe. There were some excellent answers for the lack of reactivity of copper in terms of its position below hydrogen in the reactivity series. However, there were many poorly phrased answers that implied there might be some reaction with copper, and also many that described copper as a transition metal but did not link that to reactivity in any way. There were also some excellent answers in terms of the consequences of the high reactivity of sodium, although some did not go far enough; they simply stated that sodium is too reactive without saying why that is a problem. A minority of students thought that the metal would be displacing sulfur if it reacted.

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

07.1 Around 40% of students scored two marks for this question. However, many students were not able to name the correct reagent for the test. White precipitate was often given as the result of the test, but this answer was not creditworthy unless the correct reagent had been named. Sodium hydroxide and silver nitrate were the most common incorrect reagents. A significant number of students left the answer space blank.

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07.2 This multiple-choice question was well answered with two-thirds of students gaining the mark.

07.3 Around 30% of students scored both the marks on this question. Clear descriptions about the numbers of moles / molecules on each side of the equation and the resulting shift in the position of equilibrium at higher pressure were seen. A number of students failed to score the first marking point because they did not give a comparison of the number of moles or molecules of gas on each side of the equation. Answers that focused on changes in the rate of reaction or particle collisions were not creditworthy, nor were those which stated that the equilibrium shifted to the side with lower pressure.

07.4 This question was not well answered and only around 2% of students were awarded both marks. The most common creditworthy responses were based on the idea that a higher pressure is not used because the yield is already high or because more energy would be required to achieve a higher pressure. Many answers could not be given credit because they were not comparative. Higher risk of explosion or higher cost of safety precautions were creditworthy responses that focused on the consequences of using higher pressure compared to using a lower pressure.

07.5 This multiple-choice question was answered correctly by around a quarter of students who used their periodic table to locate and identify vanadium as a transition metal.

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Question 9 (standard/high and high demand)

09.1 This question discriminated well. Nearly all were able to reach level 1, with two thirds reaching level 2 and one third reaching level 3; one in six students were awarded full marks. This was an AO3 question which required students to apply techniques they had learned in a required practical to a new situation. There were many excellent answers, with students realising that the first step should be to make a solution of iodine in ethanol and then carry out a normal salt preparation adding excess zinc, filtering, and crystallising the solution. The most common error was to ignore the flammability of ethanol and heat with a direct flame instead of over a water bath or electric heater. Some

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students ignored the instruction to use zinc and iodine, using zinc oxide, zinc hydroxide or even zinc carbonate. Many students believed that iodine is a liquid or should be used in aqueous solution; this was not penalised as the students' experience of iodine is probably only as a solution. This did lead to problems for some students, however, as they believed that both ethanol and water were present. Those who missed out a key step, such as adding excess zinc or filtering to remove the excess zinc, were limited to level 2. Those who started with the product, zinc iodide, were limited to level 1.

09.2 Nearly a half of students gained full marks in this calculation and over three quarters could make some progress. This was a multi-step calculation, which is classed as an extended response question. As such, the working has to make sense chemically. Those students who managed to put the data together in such a way as to obtain an answer of 78.9%, but whose working made no sense chemically, were often limited to the mark for the correct number of significant figures.

There were many excellent fully correct answers, and many students were able to make some progress by calculating the number of moles of iodine and / or zinc iodide. While most adopted the expected approach, calculating the expected mass of zinc iodide and finding the actual mass as a percentage of that value, two other valid approaches also gained credit. One of these was to find the moles of zinc iodide produced as a percentage of the expected moles. The other, far less commonly seen, was to find the mass of iodine actually reacted and take that as a percentage of the mass provided. Of those who adopted the approach of calculating the expected mass of zinc iodide, many surprisingly calculated the mass of zinc and added that to the mass of iodine, rather than simply multiplying the number of moles by the M_r of ZnI_2, which was provided. Students had little difficulty in rounding correctly to 3 significant figures.

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