AQA GCSE Chemistry | 8462

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.7.3.1

Addition polymerisation

Mark schemes and examiner comments

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Question groups	**24**
Available paper years	**2007–2024**

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Answer 01 · Mark scheme March 2007 | CHY1B | Original Q8 | Legacy

Eight	**3**	**4**	**4**	**1**

Answer 02 · Mark scheme June 2007 | CHY1B | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A** 2 **B** 4 **C** 1 **D** 3			
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**

Answer 03 · Mark scheme June 2007 | CHY1B | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**3**	**4**	**2**	**3**

Answer 04 · Mark scheme November 2007 | CHY1B | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A** 1 **B** 2 **C** 4 **D** 3			
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**

Answer 05 · Mark scheme November 2007 | CHY1B | Original Q6 | Legacy

Six	**4**	**2**	**3**	**4**

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Answer 06 · Mark scheme March 2008 | CHY1BP | Original Q9 | Legacy

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

* This question is removed

Answer 07 · Mark scheme June 2008 | CHY1BP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A**	Carbon compound **A**	**4**	
	B	Carbon compound **B**	**2**	
	C	Carbon compound **C**	**3**	
	D	Carbon compound **D**	**1**	
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**

Answer 08 · Mark scheme June 2008 | CHY1BP | Original Q7 | Legacy

Seven	**4**	**4**	**1**	**3**

Answer 09 · Mark scheme November 2008 | CHY1BP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Eight	**1**	**3**	**2**	**3**

Answer 10 · Mark scheme March 2009 | CHY1BP | Original Q4 | Legacy

Four	**3**	**3**	**4**	**2**

Answer 11 · Mark scheme June 2009 | CHY1BP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Five	**4**	**3**	**1**	**1**

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Answer 12 · Mark scheme

November 2009 | CHY1BP | Original Q5 | Legacy

No matching mark scheme was available in the supplied archive for this question.

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Answer 13 · Mark scheme January 2010 | CHY1H | Original Q6 | Legacy

Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)	vaporise / evaporate different condensing points / temperatures	allow boil for vaporise accept condense at different levels ignore different size molecules or different densities mention of cracking = max **1** allow boils at different temperatures and condenses for **2** marks if no other marks awarded allow fractional distillation for **1** mark	1 1
6(b)(i)	3 (C_2H_4)	accept +C_4H_8	1
6(b)(ii)	(decane / naphtha / hydrocarbon) vaporise / evaporate (passed over) a catalyst / alumina / porous pot	allow crude oil allow boil for vaporise ignore other names of catalysts	1 1
6(c)	any **two** from: • alkanes / butane (molecules) do not have a (carbon carbon) double bond / are saturated / have (carbon carbon) single bonds • alkenes / ethene (molecules) have (carbon carbon) double bonds **or** are unsaturated • alkenes / ethene molecules are able to bond to other molecules	'they' must be clarified	2
6(d)	single bonds between carbon atoms the $–CH_3$ group appears on each pair of carbons on the 'chain'	— C – C — NB any double bonds = **0** marks	1 1
Total			**9**

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Answer 13 · Mark scheme January 2010 | CHY1H | Original Q6 | Legacy

CHY1H

Answer 14 · Mark scheme June 2010 | CHY1BP | Original Q2 | Legacy

Two	**A** Formula **A**		**2**	
	B Formula **B**		**4**	
	C Formula **C**		**3**	
	D Formula **D**		**1**	
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**

Answer 15 · Mark scheme June 2010 | CHY1BP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Three	**2**	**3**	**1**	**2**

Answer 16 · Mark scheme June 2010 | CHY1BP | Original Q8 | Legacy

Eight	**2**	**4**	**3**	**3**

Answer 17 · Mark scheme November 2011 | CHY1BP | Original Q5 | Legacy

Five	**1**	**4**	**1**	**4**

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Answer 18 · Mark scheme June 2015 | CH2HP | Original Q3 | Legacy

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
3(a)		first 3 marks can be obtained from a suitably labelled diagram incorrect structure or bonding or particle = max 3		**AO1** 2.1.h,i 2.2.4a
	giant structure / lattice / layers / close packed		1	
	made up of atoms / positive ions		1	
	with delocalized / free electrons		1	
	so electrons can move / flow through the metal	accept so electrons can carry charge through the metal accept so electrons can form a current	1	
3(b)		accept converse for pure metal throughout both marks can be obtained from suitable diagrams		**AO1** 2,2,4c
	an alloy (is a metal which) has different types / sizes of atoms	allow made of different metals allow mixture of metals / atoms / elements ignore particles ignore properties do **not** accept compound	1	
	alloy has distorted layers	allow layers are unable to slide	1	
3(c)(i)	can return to its original shape	accept shape memory alloy accept smart alloy ignore other properties	1	**AO1** 2.2.4d

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Question 3 continued

3(c)(ii)	(pure copper is too) soft	accept converse accept malleable or bends accept copper is running out ignore references to strength and weakness	1	**AO2** 2.2.4c 2.7.1d
3(c)(iii)	aluminium oxide	accept alumina accept Al_2O_3 ignore bauxite / aluminium ore	1	**AO1** 2.7.1h
3(c)(iv)	any **one** from: • different conditions • different catalyst • different pressure • different temperature	allow different concentration do **not** accept different monomers	1	**AO1** 2.2.5a
3(d)	any **two** from: • accurate • sensitive • rapid • small sample	both needed for 1 mark	1	**AO1** 2.3.2a
Total			**11**	

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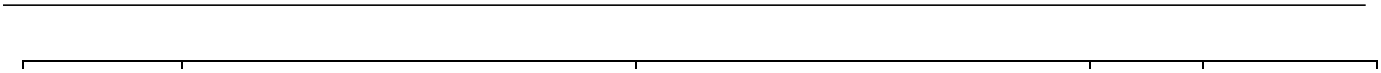
Answer 18 · Mark scheme

June 2015 | CH2HP | Original Q3 | Legacy



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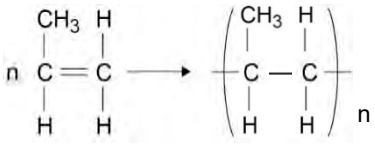
Answer 19 · Mark scheme June 2018 | 8462/2H | Original Q6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	water	allow H_2O allow hydrogen chloride **or** HCl	1	AO1 4.7.3.2
06.2	 single C–C bond and nothing added to the trailing bonds 3 × H and CH_3 correct n at bottom right	an answer of scores **3** marks must be four single bonds must be fully correct to score all **3** marks	 1 1 1	AO2 4.7.3.1
06.3	any **two** from: • poly(propene) comes from a non-renewable source • poly(propene) requires a lot of energy to make • poly(propene) is not biodegradable • a wool carpet needs replacing more often • wool requires the use of large areas of land (which could be used to grow food crops)	allow converse arguments allow poly(propene) will run out must refer to the carpet, not just the fibre ignore references to cost ignore pollution ignore landfill	2	AO3 4.10.1.1

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Answer 19 · Mark scheme June 2018 | 8462/2H | Original Q6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO/ Spec. Ref.
06.4	any **four** from: advantages of polyester • better flame resistance (so burns less easily) • higher melting point (so melts less easily) • absorbs water so less likely to ignite disadvantages of polyester: • high density so uniform is heavy • absorbs water so firefighter gets wet • absorbs water so uniform becomes heavy • justified conclusion	allow converse arguments throughout. **max 3** marks if only advantages or only disadvantages of one type of fibre allow good flame resistance so protects the firefighter allow high melting point so uniform is not damaged	4	AO3 4.7.3.1 4.7.3.2
Total			**10**	

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Answer 19 · Mark scheme

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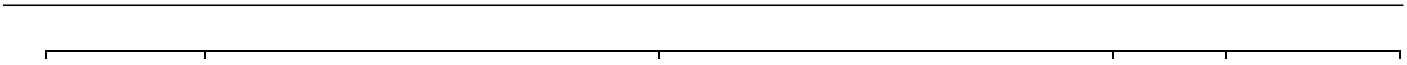

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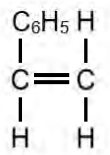
Answer 20 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8462/2H | Original Q6

Question 6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	C=C bond in correct position 3× C-H **and** 1× C-C bond in correct positions	 do **not** accept any additional bonds or atoms ignore brackets and n before and after displayed structural formula an answer of  scores **2** marks	1 1	AO2 4.7.3.1
06.2	carboxylic acid (group)	allow carboxyl (group)	1	AO1 4.7.2.4
06.3	water	allow H_2O	1	AO1 4.7.3.2
06.4	(polyester is) thermosoftening (polyester has) no cross-links	allow (polyester is) thermoplastic ignore thermoforming allow intermolecular forces are weak do **not** accept references to breaking covalent bonds or breaking chains	1 1	AO1 AO3 4.10.3.3

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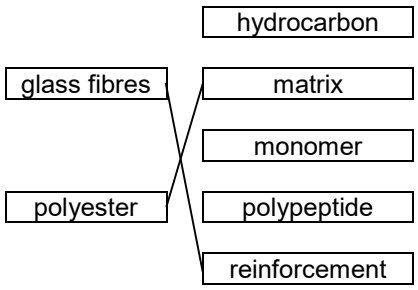
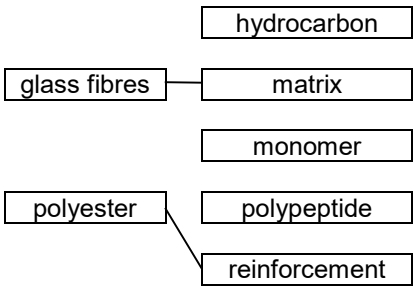
Answer 20 · Mark scheme

June 2019 | 8462/2H | Original Q6

06.5		allow for **1** mark: 	1 1	AO3 4.10.3.3
06.6	any **two** from: (to make the board) • harder • stronger • tougher • more rigid • waterproof	must be implied comparative statements	2	AO3 4.10.3.3
Total			**10**	

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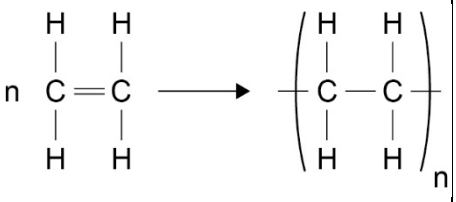
Answer 21 · Mark scheme

November 2021 | 8462/2H | Original Q4

Question 4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.1		if equation incorrect allow **1** mark for 5 single bonds **or** allow **1** mark for n	2	AO1 4.7.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.2		allow converse statements about thermosetting polymers		
	(poly(ethene)) melts	allow thermosoftening polymers melt	1	AO1
	(so) can be reshaped (into new products)		1	AO3 4.10.3.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.3	use different (reaction) conditions	allow use different temperatures / pressures	1	AO1 4.10.3.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.4		allow converse statements about LDPE		AO3 4.10.3.3
	(in HDPE) polymer chains / molecules are closer together	allow (HDPE has) unbranched polymer chains / molecules	1	
	(so) more atoms per unit volume	allow (so) more molecules per unit volume	1	

Question 4 continued

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.5	circle around HO– **or** –OH on monomer **A**		1	AO2 4.7.2.3 4.7.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.6	H_2O **and** HCl	must be in this order	1	AO3 4.7.3.2

Total			9

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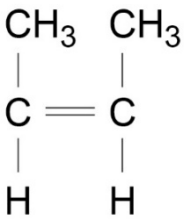
Answer 22 · Mark scheme

June 2022 | 8462/2H | Original Q1

Question 1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.1	C=C bond		1	AO2 4.7.3.1
	2x C-H bonds **and** 2x C-CH_3 bonds	do **not** accept extra bonds	1	
		an answer of  scores **2** marks		

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.2	any **one** from: • (otherwise) the copper (produced) would be impure • (otherwise) the copper (produced) would be a mixture • (otherwise) the insulation would burn / melt (during recycling) • copper and poly(butene) are recycled by different methods	allow (otherwise) the copper (produced) would be contaminated allow (otherwise) poly(butene) could produce toxic fumes	1	AO3 4.10.2.2

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Answer 22 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.3	(wire heated until) copper melts (re)cast / reformed (into pipes)	 allow (re)shaped / extruded / (re)moulded	1 1	AO1 4.10.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.4	 any **two** from: (recycling scrap copper) • uses less energy • conserves copper (ore) • (produces) less waste • specified environmental impact	allow converse statements for extracting copper from ores ignore references to cost allow less landfill required	 2	AO1 4.10.1.1 4.10.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.5	 sodium hydroxide (solution) blue precipitate	MP2 dependent on MP1 allow NaOH for sodium hydroxide allow blue solid	 1 1	AO1 4.8.3.2 RPA7

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Answer 22 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.6	(add acidified) barium chloride (solution)	MP2 dependent on MP1 allow $BaCl_2$ for barium chloride allow (add acidified) barium nitrate (solution) do **not** accept add sulfuric acid	1	AO1 4.8.3.5 RPA7
	white precipitate	allow white solid	1	

Total Question 1		11

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Answer 23 · Mark scheme

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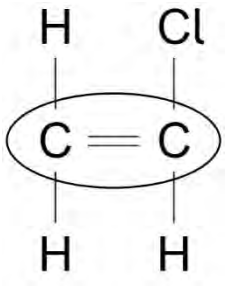
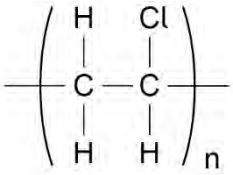
Question 8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1			1	AO1 4.7.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.2	C-C bond 3x C-H **and** 1x C-Cl bonds 2x single bonds extending through brackets **and** n below halfway	an answer of  scores **3** marks	1 1 1	AO2 4.7.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.3	composites		1	AO1 4.10.3.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.4	water	allow H_2O	1	AO1 4.7.3.3

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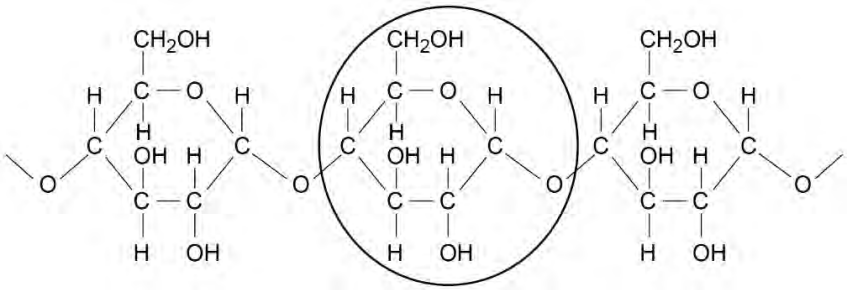
Answer 23 · Mark scheme June 2023 | 8462/2H | Original Q8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.5	(M_r of NH_2 and COOH) = (2 × 1) + 14 + 12 + (2 × 16) + 1 =) 61 (M_r of section = 75 – 61) = 14	 allow correct use of incorrectly determined M_r of NH_2 and COOH	1 1	AO2 4.3.1.2 4.7.3.3

Question	Answers	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.6		1	AO2 4.7.3.1 4.9.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.7	starch	allow cellulose allow glycogen allow polysaccharide	1	AO3 4.7.3.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.8	nucleotides		1	AO1 4.7.3.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.9	double helix	ignore DNA	1	AO1 4.7.3.4

Total Question 8	**12**

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Answer 24 · Mark scheme

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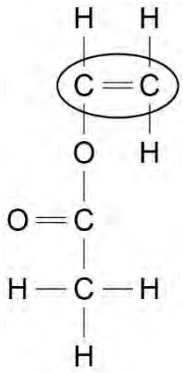
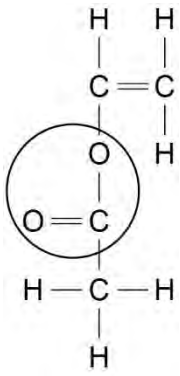
Question 8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1			1	AO2 4.7.2.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.2	orange (bromine water) turns colourless	allow yellow / brown allow is decolourised ignore clear	1 1	AO2 4.7.1.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.3			1	AO3 4.7.2.4 4.7.3.2

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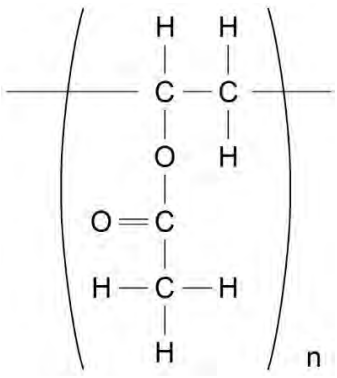
Answer 24 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.4	$2\ C_4H_6O_2 + 9\ O_2 \rightarrow 8\ CO_2 + 6\ H_2O$	allow multiples allow **1** mark for $C_4H_6O_2 + O_2 \rightarrow$ with incorrect / no multipliers allow **1** mark for $\rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O$ with incorrect / no multipliers ignore state symbols	3	AO2 4.7.2.1 4.1.1.1 4.3.1.1 4.7.2.1 4.7.2.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.5	single C-C bond in polymer repeating unit n after polymer repeating unit	do **not** accept extra atoms added to trailing bonds an answer of  scores **2** marks	1 1	AO2 4.7.3.1

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Answer 24 · Mark scheme

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.6	addition polymer		1	AO2 4.7.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.7	thermosoftening	allow thermoplastic	1	AO1 4.10.3.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.8	cross-links between (polymer) chains (so) too much energy needed to overcome the cross-links	allow covalent bonds between (polymer) chains allow (so) too much energy needed to overcome the covalent bonds between (polymer) chains	1 1	AO1 4.2.2.5 4.10.3.3

Total Question 8	**13**

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Answer 19 · Examiner comments

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Question 6 (standard / high & high demand)

06.1 There was a variety of incorrect answers for the small molecule lost during condensation polymerisation, some of which were not molecules. However, 56% of students knew the answer was water.

06.2 Of those students who lost marks here, there was no clear-cut marking point that caused the problem. Some students did not make it clear that the bond joined on to the C atom of the methyl group, but were given benefit of the doubt provided it didn't join to the H_3. 28% of students gave faultless answers.

06.3 This question was not answered well, mainly because students did not appreciate that they were making a comparison with both of the fibres used alone.

- Some students restated the question stem by saying 'wool wears out quickly'.
- There was little mention of land usage for wool production or that poly(propene) is not biodegradable.
- There were many uncreditworthy references to cost, and the greater comfort of wool.
- Many students failed to make it clear whether they were talking about the fibre or the carpet, or whether they were comparing the mixed fibre carpet with wool or poly(propene) alone.

Most students who achieved any marks at all (39%) were only able to score one of the available marks.

06.4 This was generally well answered with 99% of students achieving at least one mark. There were various advantages and disadvantages given for the uniform absorbing water as covered by the marking points on the mark scheme (including an advantage of 'it would absorb lots of sweat'). 44% of the students were able to achieve all four marks.

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Answer 21 · Examiner comments November 2021 | 8462/2H | Original Q4

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

04.1 Around half of the students either drew five single bonds or wrote ‘n’. Around one third provided a completely correct response.

04.2 Many of the students scored one mark, usually for stating that poly(ethene) melts. The consequence in terms of recycling was less well known.

04.3 How poly(ethene) is produced from ethene was not well known.

04.4 Approaching half of the students scored one mark but only a tiny number scored both. The fact that the chains are closer together or unbranched was well known but not how that linked to density.

04.5 Some students seem to think that any -OH is an alcohol group even if it is part of a carboxylic acid group. Other students circled whole molecules rather than functional groups.

04.6 Very few students were able to use the diagrams to work out that hydrogen chloride was the small molecule formed when a polyester was produced from monomers **A** and **B**.

Answer 22 · Examiner comments June 2022 | 8462/2H | Original Q1

Question 1 (Standard demand)

01.1 This was well answered by many students. The most common errors were to omit the double bond, or to add additional bonds to the carbon atoms. Brackets and/or the inclusion of the letter n were ignored. Around two-thirds of the students scored both marks.

01.2 The majority of responses correctly referred to the insulation being burned or melted or the lack of purity or ‘contamination’ of the copper produced. Around 60% of students scored this mark.

01.3 This was generally well answered as the copper melting and being reformed/moulded into new pipes were commonly seen. Responses referring to ‘heating the wire’ were insufficient to gain credit. Around 70% of the students scored both marks.

01.4 The most common correct responses referred to the conservation of copper and the use of less energy in this process. Relatively few answers identified specified environmental impacts.

Weaker responses referred to ‘pollution’ alone which was insufficient to gain credit. Only around 30% of the students were able to identify two advantages of recycling.

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Answer 22 · Examiner comments

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01.5 The specific correct reagent used and correct result, were not well known.

A variety of tests were chosen, with the most common incorrect response being the use of flame tests.

Acceptable results included shades of blue precipitate, e.g. pale/light blue, but answers giving two colours such as green/blue were not credited. Around a third of students scored both the marks.

01.6 The use of barium chloride or barium nitrate as the reagent for the test was generally followed by the correct result. Again, around a third of the students scored both the marks.

The most common incorrect responses were the use of a flame test or the use of an incorrect reagent.

The mark for the result of the test was dependent upon a mark being being awarded for a correct test.

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Answer 23 · Examiner comments

June 2023 | 8462/2H | Original Q8

Question 8 (standard, standard / high and high demand)

08.1 The majority of students correctly circled the C=C group. A common mistake for those who didn't gain the mark was identifying the C-Cl bond or to circle the double bond alone without including the carbon atoms. More than half of students gained this mark.

08.2 There was a wide range of responses to this question. In the majority of answers MP2 was achieved with 3x C-H and 1x C-Cl bonds drawn correctly. Incorrect answers often lacked extended bonds or failed to extend them far enough or failed to replace the C=C bond by C-C.

08.3 A wide range of responses were seen to this question. Common incorrect responses included alloys, polymers, formulations, mixtures and ceramics. Around one-third of students gained this mark.

08.4 A wide range of responses were seen to this question. Common incorrect answers included alkene, hydrogen, named alkanes and alkenes, protein and nitrogen. Around one-half of students gained this mark.

08.5 Many students got this question correct. Those achieving one mark often got this for calculating the M_r of NH_2 and COOH and adding them for MP1. For those who didn't gain any marks a common mistake was subtracting the M_r of NH_2 and COOH from each other. Around three-quarters of students gained both marks

08.6 A wide variety of answers were seen. Incorrect responses included students circling individual side groups such as -OH or $-CH_2OH$ or some including both bridging oxygen atoms or neither. Correct answers varied in which repeating unit they circled – there are six valid alternatives. Nearly half of the students gained the mark.

08.7 The most common correct answers seen were starch, cellulose or glycogen. Polysaccharide was less commonly seen. Incorrect responses included alcohol, amino acids, proteins and a whole range of polymer names including polyester. Fewer than one-third of students gained this mark.

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08.8 Many students gave the answer 'bases' or gave the names of DNA bases. Fewer than one-third responded 'nucleotides'.

08.9 The majority of students (9/10) knew the shape of DNA. A common incorrect response was 'DNA'.

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Question 8 (standard, standard / high and high demand)

08.1 Around 60% of students correctly identified the C=C bond. For students who were not awarded the mark common mistakes were incorporating the 3 Hs and 1 O atom attached to the C=C group in their circle or also circling the C=O group. Others circled only the double bond and not the carbon atoms on either side.

08.2 Those students who were awarded marking point 1 used a range of the colours allowed in the mark scheme to describe the starting colour of bromine water. The most common colours were orange or brown. A small number of students described the bromine water as turning clear rather than colourless. For students who were awarded one mark there seemed to be an even split between those awarded marking point 1 and those awarded marking point 2. Just over half scored both.

08.3 A variety of areas in the molecule were circled in an attempt to answer this question. A mistake some students made who were not awarded this mark was incorporating one of the C atoms either side of the ester bond in their circle. Around 40% of students gained credit.

08.4 Those students awarded 3 marks for this question often balanced the equation using half the values of those in the mark scheme and gained credit. A common error was use of inaccurate formulae, particularly a small O on H_2O or CO_2. Just over one-third of students gained all three marks.

08.5 For those students awarded one mark there was an even split between those achieving marking point 1 and marking point 2. A minority of students added atoms or groups to the extension bonds, which contradicted marking point 1. Around 40% gained both marks.

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08.6 This multiple-choice question was well answered, with three quarters of students gaining the mark.

08.7 An array of answers were given for this question. Common incorrect responses included condensation, meltable, polyester, hydrocarbon and alkene. 'Thermoforming' was regarded as a process and not a description of the polymer used in that process. Nearly half of students gained a mark here.

08.8 Only around 10% of students achieved two marks for this question.

Common mistakes for marking point 1 were referencing crosslinks but saying they were between the polymers or molecules rather than the polymer chains, or mentioning bonds between polymer chains but not stating they were covalent. A number of students also referred to crosslinks between monomers in the polymer or crosslinks between bonds in the polymer.

For marking point 2 many students were not awarded the mark as they gave generalised answers about a lot of energy, or high amounts of energy being needed to break the strong bonds but did not make it clear that **too much** energy was needed to break the bonds between polymer chains.