AQA GCSE Combined Science - Trilogy | 8464

SPECIFICATION POINT 5.1.2.4

Group 0

Mark schemes and examiner comments

Tier	**Higher**
Question groups	**1**
Available paper years	**2019–2019**

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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04.1	atomic weight	do **not** accept atomic mass or A_r	1	AO1 5.1.2.2

04.2	left gaps / spaces **or** changed the order based on atomic weights	allow placed them in correct groups according to properties do **not** accept reference to atomic number	1	AO1 5.1.2.2

04.3	weak forces between the molecules **or** weak intermolecular forces	allow weak intermolecular bonds do **not** accept incorrect references to covalent bonds	1	AO1 AO3 5.1.2.6 5.2.2.4
	(so) little energy required to overcome / break the forces between molecules **or** (so) little energy required to overcome / break the intermolecular forces	allow (so) little energy required to separate the molecules allow (so) little energy required to overcome / break the intermolecular bonds ignore less energy	1	

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Answer 01 · Mark scheme

04.4	(the) molecules get larger going down the group (so the) forces between the molecules increase **or** (so the) intermolecular forces increase (so the) boiling points increase going down the group **or** (so the) boiling points increase with increasing relative atomic mass	allow converse explanation in terms of boiling point allow (so) more energy is needed to separate the molecules	1 1 1	AO1 AO3 5.1.2.6 5.2.2.4

04.5	2,8 (so) stable arrangement of electrons **or** (so) full outer shell	allow diagram or description	1 1	AO1 5.1.2.4

04.6	$\frac{1}{40} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ **or** $0.025 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ 1.51×10^{22}	an answer of 1.51×10^{22} scores **2** marks allow 1.505×10^{22}	1 1	AO2 5.3.2.1

Total			**11**

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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.

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Question 4

Most of this question was at standard/high demand.

04.1 Scientists' use of atomic weight to arrange elements in early periodic tables was not well known. Far too many students did not fully appreciate the historical nature of the question and provided concepts that were not known at the time, such as atomic number and electrons.

04.2 Over half the entry gave a correct reason. Large numbers of students appreciated that Mendeleev left gaps or grouped elements with similar properties. Changing the order based upon atomic weights was correct but less common.

04.3 Only the higher-attaining students were able to explain that halogens have low boiling points because of weak intermolecular forces. It is these forces that are overcome when a 'little energy' is applied; less energy did not gain this mark, as less does not necessarily equate to little. Many students answered this question incorrectly in terms of the covalent bonds within the halogens. A lot of students linked the listed values to reactivity within group 7.

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04.4 The concept of intermolecular forces and the fact that the intermolecular forces increase because the molecules got larger was rarely seen in explanations. Many students gained a mark for stating that the boiling points increased down the group; down the table or periodic table did not gain this mark. Students commonly tried to explain a trend in reactivity down the group and attempted to link that to boiling points. Some struggled with negative temperatures.

04.5 Most students were able to state that neon's outer shell was full. Many did not gain the second mark by not giving the electronic structure of neon.

04.6 A third of students calculated the correct answer for 2 marks. Many were confused by standard form, with only a few students making slight calculation errors.
Most wrong answers came from either dividing the Avogadro number by 0.025 (the number of moles) or from multiplying by 40; they did not appreciate that 1g of argon is less than 1 mole of argon so the answer to this question must be less than 6×10^{23}