AQA GCSE Combined Science - Trilogy | 8464

SPECIFICATION POINT 5.8.1.1

Pure substances

Past-paper questions

Tier	**Higher**
Question groups	**2**
Available paper years	**2021–2023**

Using this booklet

1. Answer the questions in order and show your working.
2. Original question numbers and marks are retained.
3. Print at actual size (100%) for measuring questions.
4. Use the companion answer booklet to check your work.

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Whole questions are retained for context, so some parts assess other specification points. Current and legacy sources are labelled. Continue on extra paper if needed.

5.8.1.1 Pure substances

Question 01

November 2021 | 8464/C/2H | Original Q3

0 3 The methods used to produce potable water depend upon available sources of water.

0 3 . 1 Suggest how copper sulfate can be used as a test for the presence of water.

[3 marks]

The boiling point is used to check the purity of a sample of water.

0 3 . 2 In chemistry, what is meant by a 'pure substance'?

[1 mark]

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Question 01 · continued

0 3 . 3 The boiling point of a 250 g sample of water was 100.60 °C.

The boiling point of pure water in a data book is 100.00 °C.

Each 1% of impurity increases the boiling point of water by 0.12 °C.

Calculate the mass of the impurity in the sample of water.

[3 marks]

Mass of the impurity = _____ g

0 3 . 4 Explain how distillation is used to obtain potable water from salty water.

[4 marks]

Question 3 continues on the next page

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Question 01 · continued

0 3 . 5 Obtaining potable water from salty water is more expensive than obtaining potable water from ground water.

Explain why.

Refer to the processes used in both methods in your answer.

[2 marks]

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Question 02

June 2023 | 8464/C/2H | Original Q1

0 1 The combustion of fuels is a source of atmospheric pollutants.

0 1 . 1 Methane is a fuel.

Balance the equation for the combustion of methane.

[1 mark]

$$CH_4 + ____ O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + ____ H_2O$$

0 1 . 2 Many fuels are mixtures.

Petrol and diesel are mixtures of hydrocarbons.

Table 1 shows properties of petrol and of diesel.

Table 1

	Petrol	**Diesel**
Range of number of carbon atoms in a hydrocarbon molecule	4 to 12	12 to 20
Range of boiling points in °C	40 to 205	250 to 350

Compare the properties of petrol and diesel.

Use **Table 1**.

[2 marks]

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Question 02 · continued

0 1 . 3 The gases released when a fuel is burned in car engines may include:

- oxides of nitrogen
- carbon monoxide
- water vapour.

Which chemical element do all these gases contain?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Carbon ☐

Hydrogen ☐

Nitrogen ☐

Oxygen ☐

0 1 . 4 When diesel burns in car engines, oxides of nitrogen are produced.

Where does the nitrogen come from?

[1 mark]

0 1 . 5 When diesel burns, particulates may be produced.

What environmental effect do particulates from burning diesel cause?

[1 mark]

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Question 02 · continued

0 1 . 6 Carbon monoxide may be produced when diesel burns.

Give **one** reason why carbon monoxide is difficult to detect.

[1 mark]

0 1 . 7 Explain why water vapour and **not** liquid water is produced when diesel burns.

[2 marks]

0 1 . 8 Sulfur is a common impurity in diesel.

Explain why this causes an environmental problem.

[3 marks]

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