AQA GCSE Combined Science - Trilogy | 8464

SPECIFICATION POINT 5.8.2.4

Test for chlorine

Mark schemes and examiner comments

Tier	**Higher**
Question groups	**1**
Available paper years	**2018–2018**

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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Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	<u>damp / moist</u> litmus paper	ignore colour of litmus paper	1	AO1 5.8.2.4
	bleaches / goes white		1	
06.2	forward and reverse rates equal		1	AO1 5.6.2.1 5.6.2.3
	because no escape of reactants or products	allow closed system allow particles for reactants or products	1	AO2 5.6.2.1 5.6.2.3
06.3	equilibrium shifts	allow no longer in equilibrium	1	AO3 5.6.2.3 5.6.2.4 5.6.2.5 5.6.2.7
	to right-hand side	allow in favour of forward reaction	1	
	to produce more of any products **or** to reduce any reactants	allow correct references to Le Chatelier's Principle	1	
	(new) equilibrium will be established		1	
06.4	amount of chlorine gas increases		1	AO2 5.6.2.4 5.6.2.6
	(because) system shifts to counteract the change	allow (because) system shifts to take in energy allow (because) system shifts in endothermic direction	1	AO1 5.6.2.4 5.6.2.6
06.5	no change		1	AO2 5.6.2.4 5.6.2.7
	because equal numbers of molecules **or** moles (of gas) on each side		1	AO1 5.6.2.4 5.6.2.7
Total			**12**	

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Question 6 (standard & high demand)

06.1 53% of students achieved credit on this question. The majority of those in their response omitted to write ‘damp or moist’ when describing the litmus paper test. Limewater was a popular incorrect answer.

06.2 34% of students achieved any credit on this question; with 5% of responses achieving both marks. The idea of a ‘closed system’ was the most popular creditworthy answer.

Students described a reversible reaction, explained that the reactants changed into the products and vice versa but rarely indicated that it was the rate of these reactions that was equal. Some students gave the confused answer that ‘the rate that reactants are used up is equal to the rate that the products are formed'.

06.3 In this question and in questions **06.4** and **06.5**, it was apparent that, although many students could recall Le Chatelier’s Principle, few were able to apply it.

23% of students achieved more than one mark on this question, with 2% of students achieving all four marks. Students (34% that achieved one mark) were able to suggest a shift in the equilibrium but often in the wrong direction: ‘The equilibrium shifts to the left so that more NaClO can be formed to react with the HCl’.

Some students gave responses that discussed changes in terms of the exothermic or endothermic direction though this was not given in the stem of the question.

A simple response that ‘reaction would do the opposite’ because of Le Chatelier was frequently given. Very few students concluded their explanation with ‘a new equilibrium would be established’.

06.4 Many students answered incorrectly by explaining the effect of temperature on the rate of reaction rather than on the equilibrium. 8% of students achieved both marks. And a further 28% achieved a single mark, predominately for identifying that the amount of chlorine gas increased. 14% of students made no attempt at this question.

06.5 This was a challenging question whereby 7% of students achieved any marks. Many students answered incorrectly by explaining the effect of pressure on the rate of reaction rather than on the equilibrium. Those that answered with reference to the number of molecules on each side of the equation seemed to think that 2HCl was one molecule and consequently talked of the equilibrium shifting to the left, the side with fewer molecules. Approximately 12% of students made no attempt at this question.

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Use of statistics

Statistics used in this report may be taken from incomplete processing data. However, this data still gives a true account on how students have performed for each question.

Mark Ranges and Award of Grades

Grade boundaries and cumulative percentage grades are available on the Results Statistics page of the AQA Website.