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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptions for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5: Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).
GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6: Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Science-Specific Marking Principles

1	Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly.
2	The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored.
3	Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection).
4	The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.
5	<u>'List rule' guidance</u> For questions that require ***n*** responses (e.g. State **two** reasons …): • The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided. • Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards ***n***. • Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards ***n***. • Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should **not** be awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should be treated as a single incorrect response. • Non-contradictory responses after the first ***n*** responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science.

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6 Calculation specific guidance

Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

For answers given in standard form (e.g. $a \times 10^n$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient (a) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7 Guidance for chemical equations

Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

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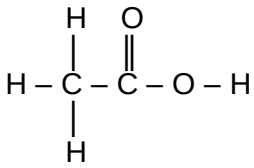
Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	calcium oxide	**1**
1(b)	brass	**1**
1(c)	methyl orange	**1**
1(d)	water	**1**
1(e)	sodium chloride	**1**
1(f)	carbon monoxide	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	phosphate	**1**
2(a)(ii)	ammonium sulfate	**1**
2(a)(iii)	0.24 (mg)	**1**
2(b)	flame test / description of flame test (1) yellow flame colour (1)	**2**
2(c)	improved plant growth	**1**
2(d)	sewage: contains microbes which cause <u>disease</u> (1) phosphates: deoxygenation of water (1)	**2**
2(e)(i)		**1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(e)(ii)	sodium ethanoate (1) water (1)	**2**
2(e)(iii)	102 (2) if 2 marks not scored 1 mark for 10 (for H) OR 32 (for O)	**2**

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	gets less (metallic) / decrease (in metal character)	**1**
3(a)(ii)	1 mark each for any two of: • density increases • melting point decreases • reactivity increases	**2**
3(b)(i)	2 (NaBr) (1) Br_2 (1)	**2**
3(b)(ii)	iodine is less reactive than bromine / bromine is more reactive than iodine	**1**
3(b)(iii)	bonding pair of electrons between iodine atoms (1) 6 non-bonding electrons on each iodine atom (1)	**2**
3(c)	anode: bromine (1) cathode: silver (1)	**2**
3(d)(i)	cathode labelled ‘silver deposited’	**1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(d)(ii)	to improve their appearance / to improve resistance to corrosion	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)(i)	C_nH_{2n}	**1**
4(a)(ii)	to make more of the fractions in demand / to make more petrol / to make hydrogen	**1**
4(a)(iii)	high temperature (1) catalyst (1)	**2**
4(b)	has carbon-carbon double bond(s) / has C=C bond(s)	**1**
4(c)(i)	values between –103 °C and –7 °C (inclusive of these values)	**1**
4(c)(ii)	liquid (1) –100 °C is between the melting point and boiling point / –100 °C is higher than the and lower than the boiling point / melting point below –100 °C and boiling point above (1)	**2**
4(d)	(volume) decreases	**1**
4(e)(i)	thermal energy is released (in the reaction) / (reaction that) transfers thermal energy / (reaction that) gives out heat	**1**
4(e)(ii)	the energy (level) of the reactants is higher than the energy (level) of the products / the energy (level) of the ethene is higher than the energy (level) of the poly(ethene) / the energy of the products is less than the energy of the reactants	**1**
4(f)(i)	H_2O (1) C_2H_5OH (1)	**2**
4(f)(ii)	circle around acid	**1**

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5(a)	electrons: 62 (1) neutrons: 92 (1)	**2**
5(b)	4th box down ticked (Samarium has a high density.)	**1**
5(c)(i)	gas syringe drawn / measuring cylinder (or burette) dipping into water drawn (1) apparatus closed, i.e. no air gaps (1)	**2**
5(c)(ii)	increases / goes faster	**1**
5(c)(iii)	increases / goes faster	**1**
5(d)	yttrium < nickel < samarium < strontium (2) if 2 marks not scored: 1 mark if one consecutive pair reversed OR strontium < samarium < nickel < yttrium	**2**
5(e)	4 (Sm) (1) 2 (Sm_2O_3) (1)	**2**
5(f)(i)	(substance) chemically combined with water	**1**
5(f)(ii)	high melting point / high boiling point (1) conducts electricity when molten / conducts electricity when in aqueous solution (1)	**2**

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	(substance where) all atoms have the same proton number / (substance where) all atoms have the same atomic number / (substance containing) only one type of atom	**1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(b)	isotopes (1) ^{12}C (1)	**2**
6(c)	motions: (only) vibrates (1) separation: close together / touching (1)	**2**
6(d)(i)	solid has a definite shape / solid has a fixed shape / liquid has no definite shape / liquid takes the shape of its container (1) solid does not flow (over a surface easily) / liquid flows (easily over a surface) / solid does not spread out (over a surface) / liquid spreads out (over a surface) (1)	**2**
6(d)(ii)	40.5 (g)	**1**
6(e)(i)	21 (%)	**1**
6(e)(ii)	combustion of fossil fuels (containing sulfur)	**1**
6(e)(iii)	acid rain / stated effect of acid rain, e.g. acidification of lakes	**1**
6(e)(iv)	flue gas desulfurisation / burning low–sulfur fuels	**1**
6(e)(v)	H^+	**1**
6(e)(vi)	$\rightleftharpoons$	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)	2,8,2	**1**
7(b)	magnesium oxide loses oxygen	**1**
7(c)	B	**1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
7(d)(i)	magnesium chloride (1) water (1)	**2**
7(d)(ii)	1st box from top ticked (magnesium carbonate)	**1**
7(e)	4 / four	**1**

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