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## General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response
- Mark schemes have been developed so that the rubrics of each mark scheme reflects the characteristics of the skills within the AO being targeted and the requirements of the command word. So for example the command word 'Explain' requires an identification of a point and then reasoning/justification of the point.

Explain questions can be asked across all AOs. The distinction comes whether the identification is via a judgment made to reach a conclusion, or, making a point through application of knowledge to reason/justify the point made through application of understanding. It is the combination and linkage of the marking points that is needed to gain full marks.

When marking questions with a 'describe' or 'explain' command word, the detailed marking guidance below should be consulted to ensure consistency of marking.

Assessment Objective		Command Word	
Strand	Element	Describe	Explain
AO1*		An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description	An explanation that links identification of a point with reasoning/justification(s) as required
AO2		An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description, showing application of knowledge and understanding	An explanation that links identification of a point (by applying knowledge) with reasoning/justification (application of understanding)
AO3	1a and 1b	An answer that combines points of interpretation/evaluation to provide a logical description	
AO3	2a and 2b		An explanation that combines identification via a judgment to reach a conclusion via justification/reasoning
AO3	3a	An answer that combines the marking points to provide a logical description of the plan/method/experiment	
AO3	3b		An explanation that combines identifying an improvement of the experimental procedure with a linked justification/reasoning

\*there will be situations where an AO1 question will include elements of recall of knowledge directly from the specification (up to a maximum of 15%). These will be identified by an asterisk in the mark scheme.

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Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(a)	<p>46.25 / 46 with or without working scores 2 marks</p> <p><math>\frac{200}{1000} (1) = 0.200 \text{ (dm}^3\text{)}</math></p> <p><math>\frac{9.25}{0.200} (1) = 46.25 / 46</math></p> <p>OR</p> <p><math>\frac{9.25}{200} = (0.04625) (1)</math></p> <p><math>0.04625 \times 1000 = 46.25 (1)</math></p>	answer to 2 or more sig fig	(2) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1(b)(i)	<p>an explanation linking two of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• {ammonium chloride solution/product} has more energy than {ammonium chloride solid and water/reactant} / ora (1)</li> <li>• heat (energy) has increased / energy change is positive (1)</li> <li>• (therefore) heat energy has been {absorbed/taken in} (1)</li> </ul>	ignore arguments about bond making / bond breaking	(2) AO3

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1 (b) (ii)	<p>heat energy</p> <p>ammonium chloride solid + water</p> <p>ammonium chloride solution</p> <p>progress of reaction</p> <p>(2)</p>	<p>curve from reactants to products with peak higher than product energy (1)</p> <p>arrow labelled activation energy on correct curve (1)</p>	(2) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
1 (c)	<p>An explanation linking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ammonium chloride solution conducts electricity and solid ammonium chloride does not conduct electricity (1)</li> <li>• ammonium chloride contains <b>ions</b> (1)</li> <li>• in solution <b>ions</b> can move / in solid <b>ions</b> cannot move (1)</li> </ul>	<p>Answer must refer to both solid and solution for full marks</p>	(3) AO3

Total for Question 1 = 9 marks

Question number	Answer	Mark
2(a)	<b>fractional</b> distillation / fractionation (1)	(1) AO1

Question number	Answer	Mark
2(b)	<b>C</b> they have the same general formula  <b>A, B</b> and <b>D</b> not correct as compounds in homologous series have different chemical, empirical and molecular formulae.	(1) AO1

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(c)	$\text{N}_2 + 2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_2$ (2)  or  $\text{NO}_2$ (1)	other incorrect balancing max 1	(2) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
2(d)	An explanation linking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• {carbon dioxide / water} produced (1)</li> <li>• (the gases) absorb heat radiated from earth (1)</li> <li>• re-radiate heat back into the atmosphere (1)</li> </ul>	allow formula  allow traps the heat	(3)

**Total for Question 2 = 7 marks**

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(a)	<p><b>C</b> 63 °C Is the only answer.</p> <p><b>A</b> would be a gas at room temperature</p> <p><b>B</b> would be a liquid at room temperature</p> <p><b>D</b> alkali metals have low melting points – this is too high</p>	<p>(1)</p> <p>AO1</p>

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(b)	<p>An explanation linking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• number of electrons on outer shell gives the group number / 1 electron on outer shell so group 1 (1)</li> <li>• number of electron shells gives the period number / 4 electron shells so period 4 (1)</li> </ul>	<p>(2)</p> <p>AO1</p>

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(c)(i)	<p>A description to include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use of <b>glowing</b> splint (1)</li> <li>• (glowing splint) relights (1)</li> </ul>	2 <sup>nd</sup> mark dependent on correct test	<p>(2)</p> <p>AO1</p>

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(c)(ii)	<p>potassium ion: 2.8.8 (1)</p> <p>oxide ion: 2.8 (1)</p>	Allow other separators between the numbers including spaces	<p>(2)</p> <p>AO1</p>

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
3(d)	A plan to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• heating tube where zinc is (1)</li> <li>• pass {gas / air} over (heated) zinc (1)</li> <li>• until no further change in volume (1)</li> <li>• measuring volume of gas after experiment / calculate difference in volume (1)</li> </ul>		(4)  <b>AO3</b>

**Total for Question 3 = 11 marks**

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(a)	<p><b>B</b> CaCO<sub>3</sub></p> <p>is the only correct answer</p> <p><b>A, C</b> and <b>D</b> are incorrect formulae</p>	<p>(1)</p> <p><b>AO1</b></p>

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(b)	<p>diagram of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• delivery tube with bung in flask connected to (1)</li> <li>• gas syringe / gas syringe labelled (1)</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• delivery tube with bung in flask leading into water trough (below upturned measuring cylinder) (1)</li> <li>• upturned measuring cylinder containing water / measuring cylinder labelled (1)</li> </ul> <p>allow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• connected delivery tube from flask to upturned test tube in water trough (1)</li> </ul>	<p>(2)</p> <p><b>AO1</b></p>

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(c)(i)	<p>conical flask in water bath</p> <p>[could be shown on diagram]</p>	<p>Reject heat with a Bunsen burner</p> <p>warm water alone is not enough.</p>	<p>(1)</p> <p><b>AO3</b></p>

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(c)(ii)	Using tangent drawn on graph eg $\frac{\text{vertical difference}}{\text{horizontal difference}} = \frac{(100 - 52)}{180}$ (1) $(= 0.267) \text{ (cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}\text{)}$ calculation will depend on final graph 2 marks for rate being within a range eg 0.250 – 0.290 1 mark for rate being in range 0.230 – 0.249 or 0.291 – 0.310	(2)  AO3

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
4(c)(iii)	particle size / concentration of acid / volume of acid / mass of calcium carbonate	allow marble chips for calcium carbonate allow amount of calcium carbonate ignore size of container	(1)  AO1

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(c)(iv)	An explanation linking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fewer successful collisions (between acid and calcium carbonate particles) / fewer collisions with activation energy (1)</li> </ul> and any two from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(because) decreasing temperature (of the acid) particles have lower energy (1)</li> <li>(because) the particles move slower (1)</li> <li>(so) rate of reaction decreases (1)</li> </ul>	(3)  AO1

**Total for Question 4 = 10 marks**

Question number	Answer	Mark
5(a)	<p><b>D</b> iodine: dark-grey solid bromine: red-brown liquid Is the only correct answer</p> <p><b>A, B and C</b> all contain at least one incorrect piece of information</p>	<p>(1)</p> <p>AO1</p>

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(b)	<p>Formula mass <math>\text{POCl}_3 = (31 + 16 + 3 \times 35.5) \text{ (1)}</math> (= 153.5)</p> <p><math>\% \text{ Cl} = \frac{3 \times 35.5}{153.5} \times 100 \text{ (1) (= 69.4\%)}</math></p>	<p>allow answers to 2 or more sig figs</p> <p>allow ecf on formula mass</p> <p>allow <math>\% \text{ Cl} = \frac{35.5}{82.5} \times 100 = 43\% \text{ (1)}</math></p>	<p>(2)</p> <p>AO2</p>

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
5(c)	<p>mass of chlorine = 19.05 – 8.40 (1) (= 10.65 g)</p> <p><b>EITHER</b></p> <p>moles iron = <math>\frac{8.40}{56}</math> and moles chlorine = <math>\frac{10.65}{35.5 \times 2}</math> (1)  (= 0.15) (= 0.15)</p> <p>ratio 1:1 so equation <b>A</b> represents reaction (1)</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>moles iron = <math>\frac{8.40}{56}</math> and moles chlorine atoms = <math>\frac{10.65}{35.5}</math> (1)  (=0.15) (=0.30)</p> <p>Ratio 1:2 for formula of product FeCl<sub>2</sub> so equation <b>A</b> (1)</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>formula mass FeCl<sub>2</sub> = 56 + 2x35.5 (=127) (1)</p> <p>moles Fe = <math>\frac{8.4}{56}</math> and moles FeCl<sub>2</sub> = <math>\frac{19.05}{127}</math> (1)  (=0.15) (=0.15)</p> <p>ratio 1:1 so equation <b>A</b> represents reaction (1)</p>	<p>allow</p> <p>not finding mass of chlorine initially:  moles iron = <math>\frac{8.40}{56}</math> (=0.15)</p> <p><u>and</u> moles chlorine atoms = <math>\frac{19.05}{35.5}</math> (=0.537) (1)</p> <p>simplest ratio: <math>\frac{0.15}{0.15}</math> : <math>\frac{0.537}{0.15}</math> or 1 : 3.58</p> <p>allow:</p> <p>mass of chlorine = 19.05 – 8.40 (1) (= 10.65 g)</p> <p>for reaction A, mass of chlorine needed  <math>\frac{2 \times 35.5}{56} \times 8.4 = 10.65</math> (g) (1)</p> <p>mass of chlorine needed = mass of chlorine reacted, so  equation <b>A</b> represents reaction (1)</p> <p>accept calculations based on expected mass of FeCl<sub>2</sub> or mass of FeCl<sub>3</sub> to show which reaction is taking place</p>	(3)  AO3

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
5(d)	<p>Answers will be credited according to candidate's deployment of knowledge and understanding of the material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme. The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material that is indicated as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• group 1 metals form positive ions</li> <li>• outer electron lost</li> <li>• further down the group outer electron more easily lost</li> <li>• due to electron shell further from nucleus OR greater electron shielding</li> <li>• so lower nuclear attraction</li> <li>• group 1 metal becomes more reactive</li> <li>• order of reactivity <math>\text{Li} &lt; \text{K} &lt; \text{Rb}</math></li> <li>• group 7 elements form negative ions</li> <li>• gains electron to complete outer shell</li> <li>• further down the group electron is less easily gained</li> <li>• due to outer electron shell further from nucleus OR greater electron shielding</li> <li>• so lower nuclear attraction</li> <li>• group 7 element becomes less reactive</li> <li>• order of reactivity <math>\text{F} &gt; \text{Br} &gt; \text{I}</math></li> <li>• most reactive pair likely to be potassium + fluorine with suitable justification (K low in group 1 and F is at the top of group 7)</li> <li>• allow rubidium + iodine with justification (Rb lower in group 1 than K and so more reactive)</li> </ul>	<p><b>(6)</b></p> <p><b>AO1</b></p> <p><b>AO2</b></p>

Level	Mark	Additional Guidance	General additional guidance – the decision within levels Eg - At each level, as well as content, the scientific coherency of what is stated backed up by detail will help place the answer at the top, or the bottom, of that level.
	0	No rewardable material.	
Level 1	1–2	<u>Additional guidance</u> States some simple facts about group 1 OR group 7 elements OR Correctly identifies most violent reaction(s) with simple reasoning	<u>Possible candidate responses</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group 1 elements lose 1 electron from outer shell.</li> <li>Group 7 elements are more reactive up the group.</li> <li>The most violent reaction could be potassium with fluorine as fluorine is the most reactive group 7 element (2)</li> </ul>
Level 2	3–4	<u>Additional guidance</u> Correctly identifies most violent reaction(s) with a simple justification  OR  A simple explanation of the reactivity of group 1 AND group 7 elements.  OR  A detailed explanation of the reactivity of group 1 OR group 7 elements.	<u>Possible candidate responses</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The most violent reaction could be rubidium with iodine as rubidium is the most reactive of the group 1 elements given. Rubidium is so reactive because it loses its outer electron easily.</li> <li>Group 1 elements are more reactive down the group as the distance between the nucleus and the outer electron is further, so the force of attraction between them is weaker and the electron is more easily lost.</li> <li>Fluorine is the most reactive halogen because its outer electron shell is closer to the nucleus. Group 1 elements are more reactive down the group as their outer shell gets further from the nucleus.</li> </ul>
Level 3	5–6	<u>Additional guidance</u> Correctly identifies the most violent reaction with a detailed justification.  OR  A detailed explanation of the reactivity of group 1 AND group 7 elements.	<u>Possible candidate responses</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The most violent reaction is potassium and fluorine as fluorine is the most reactive element in group 7. Potassium loses its outer electron easily as there is a weak nuclear attraction, and fluorine gains this electron easily as it has a strong nuclear attraction.</li> <li>Group 1 elements become more reactive down the group. They lose 1 electron to form cations and the larger the distance between the nucleus and the outer shell, the more easily the electron is lost. Group 7 elements gain 1 electron to form anions and the smaller elements gain this electron more easily. This is because the force between the nucleus and the outer shell is stronger.</li> </ul>

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates elements of chemical understanding, some of which is inaccurate. Understanding of scientific ideas lacks detail. (AO1)</li> <li>• Lines of reasoning are unsupported or unclear. (AO2)</li> </ul>
Level 2	3–4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates chemical understanding, which is mostly relevant but may include some inaccuracies. Understanding of scientific ideas is not fully detailed and/or developed. (AO1)</li> <li>• Lines of reasoning mostly supported through the application of relevant evidence. (AO2)</li> </ul>
Level 3	5–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates accurate and relevant chemical understanding throughout. Understanding of the scientific ideas is detailed and fully developed. (AO1)</li> <li>• Lines of reasoning are supported by sustained application of relevant evidence. (AO2)</li> </ul>

**Total for Question 5 = 12 marks**

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(a)(i)	An explanation linking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>insufficient oxygen (1)</li> <li>to oxidise all carbon to carbon dioxide (1)</li> </ul>	(2) AO1

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(a)(ii)	An explanation linking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>carbon monoxide reacts with {haemoglobin (in blood) / blood / red blood cells} (1)</li> <li>stops oxygen being carried by {haemoglobin / blood / red blood cells} / so less oxygen reaches brain (1)</li> </ul>	(2) AO1

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(b)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	Allow H <sub>4</sub> C <sub>2</sub>	(1) AO2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
6(c)	bonds broken = C=C + O-H = 612 + 464 (1) (= 1076 (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ))  bonds formed = C-C + C-O + C-H = 347 + 358 + 413 (1) (= 1118 (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ))  energy change of reaction = 1076 – 1118 (1) = - (1) (42 (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ))	answer of - 42 (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) scores 4 marks answer of (+) 42 (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) scores 3 marks  bonds broken = C=C + C-C + 6 C-H + 2 O-H = 612 + 347 + 6x413 + 2x464 (1) (= 4365 (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )) bonds formed = 2C-C + 7C-H + C-O + O-H = 2x347 + 7x413 + 358 + 464 (1) (= 4407 (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )) Energy change = 4365 – 4407 (1) = - (1) (42 (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ))	(4) AO2

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(d)	An explanation to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="371 371 994 403">• water vapour forms during combustion (1)</li><li data-bbox="371 403 1037 435">• (water vapour) condenses on cold surface (1)</li></ul>	(2)  AO2

**Total for Question 6 = 11 marks**

