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**Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE**

**Tuesday 14 May 2024**

Morning (Time: 1 hour 30 minutes)

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**Chemistry**  
**Advanced Subsidiary**  
**PAPER 1: Core Inorganic and Physical Chemistry**

**You must have:**  
 Scientific calculator, Data Booklet

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- If pencil is used for diagrams/sketches/graphs it must be dark (HB or B).
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
 – *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
 – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- For the question marked with an **asterisk** (\*), marks will be awarded for your ability to structure your answer logically, showing the points that you make are related or follow on from each other where appropriate.
- A Periodic Table is printed on the back cover of this paper.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Show all your working in calculations and include units where appropriate.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ALL questions.

Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☐. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☐.

1 What is the electronic configuration of the phosphide ion,  $^{31}_{15}\text{P}^{3-}$ ?

- ☐ A  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^3$
- ☐ B  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$
- ☐ C  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2$
- ☐ D  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3p^6$

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 Which could be the first four successive ionisation energies, in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ , of a Group 4 element?

- ☐ A 496 4563 6913 9544
- ☐ B 900 1757 14849 21 007
- ☐ C 801 2427 3610 25 026
- ☐ D 1086 2353 4621 6223

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

3 Which pair of responses show the trend in atomic radii of atoms, excluding the noble gases (Group 0)?

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<input type="checkbox"/> B	increasing	decreasing
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(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)





(b) Nitric acid removes other ions that would interfere with the halide test, for example carbonate ions.

- (i) State the observation when silver nitrate is added to a solution of carbonate ions in the **absence** of nitric acid.

(1)

- (ii) State the observation when nitric acid is added to a solution of carbonate ions.

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- (iii) Write the ionic equation for the reaction of nitric acid with carbonate ions. Include state symbols.

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(Total for Question 4 = 10 marks)



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- 5 This question is about chlorine dioxide,  $\text{ClO}_2$ , and the chlorate(III) ion,  $\text{ClO}_2^-$ .

Chlorine dioxide can be used to sterilise drinking water.

Chlorine dioxide is a gas at room temperature and pressure (r.t.p.).

Chlorine dioxide can be prepared by reacting sodium chlorate(III) with hydrochloric acid.

The equation for this reaction is shown.



- (a) Chlorine dioxide is very toxic by inhalation and skin absorption.

State **two** precautions that must be taken when preparing chlorine dioxide in a laboratory.

You may assume that a lab coat and eye protection are worn.

(2)

- (b) Calculate the mass of sodium chlorate(III) needed to make 5.40 g of chlorine dioxide.

[ $A_r$  values: H = 1.00   O = 16.0   Na = 23.0   Cl = 35.5]

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- (c) (i) Chlorine dioxide decomposes to form chlorine and oxygen.

The equation for this decomposition is shown.



Calculate the **increase** in volume, in **cm<sup>3</sup>**, when 0.125 mol of chlorine dioxide gas completely decomposes.

[Molar gas volume = 24.0 dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>]

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- (ii) A swimming pool contains 400 m<sup>3</sup> water. Chlorine dioxide has been suggested as a disinfectant for use in swimming pools.

Calculate the mass of **chlorine dioxide** needed to produce a concentration of chlorine of  $7.82 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  in this pool.

Give your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

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(d) The **strongest** of the attractions between molecules in liquid chlorine dioxide is

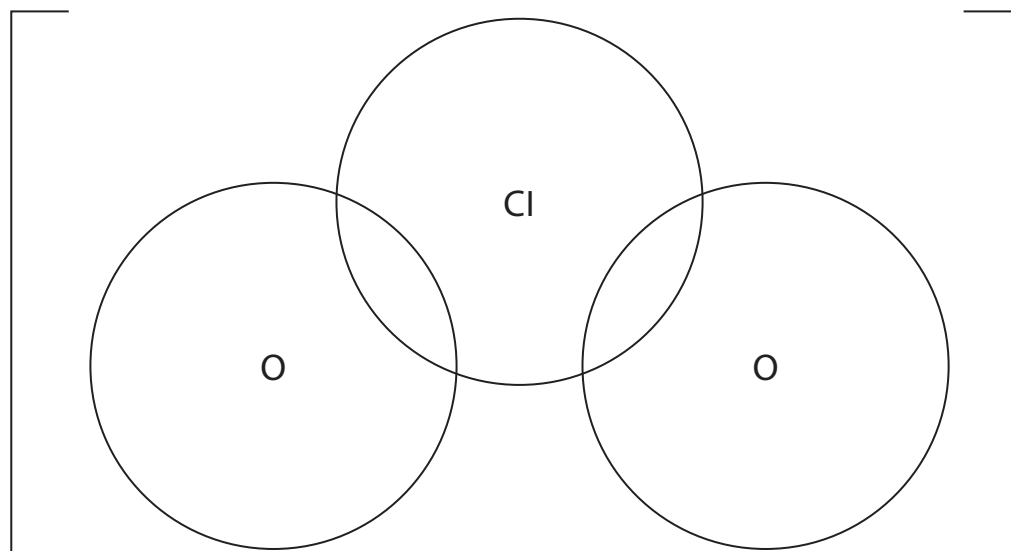
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- ☐ **A** covalent bonding
- ☐ **B** hydrogen bonding
- ☐ **C** ionic bonding
- ☐ **D** permanent dipoles

(e) (i) Complete a dot-and-cross diagram for the chlorate(III) ion,  $\text{ClO}_2^-$ .

Use crosses (X) for chlorine electrons, dots (•) for oxygen electrons and a triangle (Δ) for the extra electron.

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(ii) Predict the bond angle in this ion. Justify your answer.

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(f) What is the oxidation number of **oxygen** in the chlorate(III) ion,  $\text{ClO}_2^-$ ?

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- ☐ **A** -1
- ☐ **B** +1
- ☐ **C** -2
- ☐ **D** +2

(Total for Question 5 = 18 marks)

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6 This question is about mass spectrometry and relative atomic mass.

- (a) Compound **A** contains carbon, hydrogen and oxygen only. Analysis shows that the percentage composition, by mass, of **A** is 26.7 % carbon, 2.2 % hydrogen and the remainder is oxygen.

Molar mass of **A** =  $90 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

- (i) Calculate the empirical formula of compound **A**.

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- (ii) Calculate the **molecular** formula of compound **A**.

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- (b) A mass spectrometer was used to obtain the mass number and relative abundance of each isotope of an unknown element, **B**.

Mass number of isotope	Relative isotopic abundance / %
50	4.31
52	83.76
53	9.55
54	2.38

Calculate the relative atomic mass of **B**, using data from the table.  
Give your answer to **two** decimal places.

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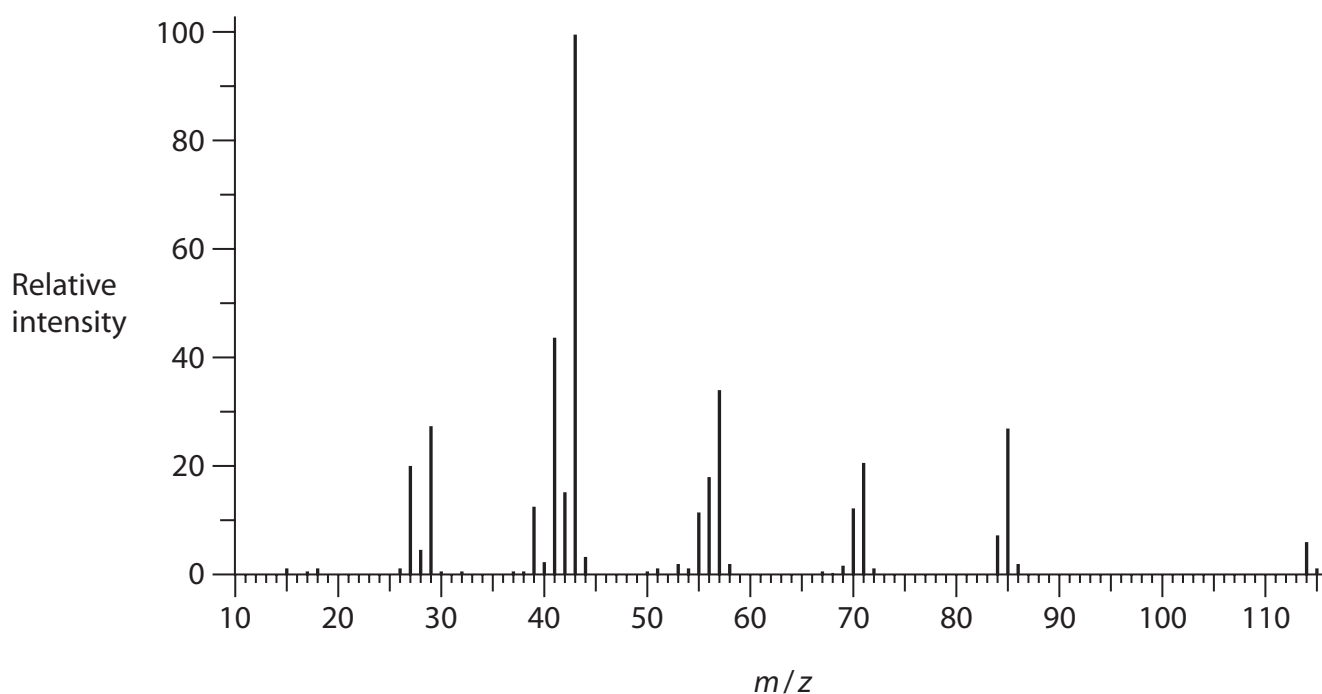
(c) Cations are formed in a mass spectrometer.

Which species is a cation?

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	Number of protons	Number of neutrons	Number of electrons
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b>	3	4	3
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>B</b>	6	6	6
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b>	12	12	10
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b>	35	44	36

(d) The mass spectrum of another compound, **D**, is shown.



Use the spectrum to determine the relative molecular mass of compound **D**.

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(Total for Question 6 = 8 marks)

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7 This question is about comparing the chemical and physical properties of Group 1 and Group 2 compounds.

- \*(a) Potassium chloride and potassium bromide are white crystalline solids which react with concentrated sulfuric acid.

Give the observations in these reactions and an explanation, using oxidation numbers, of which is the stronger reducing agent.  
Include equations for any reactions that occur.

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- (b) A student was asked to confirm the cation present in a sample of white powder that was known to be a Group 1 compound. The student carried out a flame test using the procedure shown.

**Procedure**

**Step 1** A platinum wire was first cleaned by dipping it into concentrated hydrochloric acid and then heating in a colourless Bunsen flame.

**Step 2** After cleaning, the cleaned wire was dipped into a fresh, clean sample of concentrated hydrochloric acid and then into the white powder to pick up a sample for testing.

**Step 3** The sample was tested by placing the wire in the colourless Bunsen flame.

**Result**

The flame was coloured lilac.

- (i) State a reason why, in Step 2, the acid used was hydrochloric acid.

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- (ii) Identify the cation present in this sample of white powder.

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- (c) The thermal stability of compounds in Group 2 is investigated.

- (i) Draw a labelled diagram of apparatus that would enable you to compare the thermal stability of Group 2 carbonates.

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- (ii) State the conditions that must be used with the apparatus shown in your diagram to ensure that the test is fair.

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- (iii) State what data could be obtained in this experiment to compare thermal stability.

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- (iv) Which pair of responses show the trend in thermal stability of compounds **down** Group 2?

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		Carbonates	Nitrates
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- (d) The table shows the electrical conductivity of some pure substances in the solid and liquid states.

Substance	Electrical conductivity	
	Solid state	Liquid state
potassium chloride	poor	good
iron	good	good
water	poor	poor

Explain the electrical conductivity of potassium chloride, iron and water in the solid and liquid states.

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(Total for Question 7 = 18 marks)



8 This question is about the physical properties of some substances.

(a) Water is able to dissolve many compounds.

- (i) Explain, using suitable labelled diagrams, why water is a good solvent for calcium chloride.

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- (ii) Explain why methanol dissolves in water.  
Include a suitable labelled diagram.

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(b) The boiling temperature of a compound is dependent on the intermolecular forces present and the shape of the molecule.

(i) Data about two isomeric alkanes are shown.

Compound	Formula	Boiling temperature / K
2,2-dimethylpropane	$\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_4$	283
pentane	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$	309

Explain why pentane has a higher boiling temperature than 2,2-dimethylpropane.

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(ii) Data about two silicon compounds are shown.

Name of compound	Formula	Boiling temperature / K
silicon(IV) oxide	$\text{SiO}_2$	2503
silicon tetrachloride	$\text{SiCl}_4$	331

Explain why these two covalently bonded substances have very different boiling temperatures.

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(Total for Question 8 = 14 marks)



9 This question is about some redox reactions.

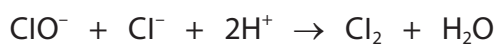
(a) Iodine is reduced by thiosulfate ions. The relevant half-equations are shown.



Deduce an overall equation for this reaction.  
State symbols are not required.

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(b) In a different redox reaction, the chlorate(I) ion,  $\text{ClO}^-$ , can react with the chloride ion as shown in this equation.



(i) State a reason why this is **not** a disproportionation reaction.

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(ii) Identify the reducing agent in this reaction.

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(iii) Which is the half-equation for the chlorate(I) ion,  $\text{ClO}^-$ , in this reaction?

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- ☐ **A**  $\text{ClO}^- + \text{Cl}^- \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 + 2\text{e}^-$
- ☐ **B**  $\text{ClO}^- + \text{H}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\text{Cl}_2 + \text{OH}^-$
- ☐ **C**  $\text{ClO}^- + 2\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- ☐ **D**  $\text{ClO}^- \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\text{Cl}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 + \text{e}^-$

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(c) A 5.00 g sample of solid potassium chlorate(V) was heated until fully decomposed.

The equation for this reaction is shown.



Calculate the volume, **in cm<sup>3</sup>**, of oxygen produced at a temperature of 30 °C and pressure of 110 000 Pa.

[The ideal gas equation is  $pV = nRT$

Molar mass of  $\text{KClO}_3 = 122.6 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

Gas constant ( $R$ ) =  $8.31 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ]

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(Total for Question 9 = 9 marks)

**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 80 MARKS**





## The Periodic Table of Elements

1	2	<div>1.0 <b>H</b> hydrogen 1</div>										3	4	5	6	7	0 (8)	
<div>Key</div> <div>relative atomic mass atomic symbol name atomic (proton) number</div>																		
(1)	(2)											(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	
6.9 <b>Li</b> lithium 3	9.0 <b>Be</b> beryllium 4											10.8 <b>B</b> boron 5	12.0 <b>C</b> carbon 6	14.0 <b>N</b> nitrogen 7	16.0 <b>O</b> oxygen 8	19.0 <b>F</b> fluorine 9	20.2 <b>Ne</b> neon 10	
23.0 <b>Na</b> sodium 11	24.3 <b>Mg</b> magnesium 12											27.0 <b>Al</b> aluminium 13	28.1 <b>Si</b> silicon 14	31.0 <b>P</b> phosphorus 15	32.1 <b>S</b> sulfur 16	35.5 <b>Cl</b> chlorine 17	39.9 <b>Ar</b> argon 18	
39.1 <b>K</b> potassium 19	40.1 <b>Ca</b> calcium 20											69.7 <b>Ga</b> gallium 31	72.6 <b>Ge</b> germanium 32	74.9 <b>As</b> arsenic 33	79.0 <b>Se</b> selenium 34	79.9 <b>Br</b> bromine 35	83.8 <b>Kr</b> krypton 36	
85.5 <b>Rb</b> rubidium 37	87.6 <b>Sr</b> strontium 38											114.8 <b>In</b> indium 49	118.7 <b>Sn</b> tin 50	121.8 <b>Sb</b> antimony 51	127.6 <b>Te</b> tellurium 52	126.9 <b>I</b> iodine 53	131.3 <b>Xe</b> xenon 54	
132.9 <b>Cs</b> caesium 55	137.3 <b>Ba</b> barium 56											204.4 <b>Tl</b> thallium 81	207.2 <b>Pb</b> lead 82	209.0 <b>Bi</b> bismuth 83	[209] <b>Po</b> polonium 84	[210] <b>At</b> astatine 85	[222] <b>Rn</b> radon 86	
[223] <b>Fr</b> francium 87	[226] <b>Ra</b> radium 88											200.6 <b>Hg</b> mercury 80						
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\* Lanthanide series

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