



GCE

Chemistry B

H433/03: Practical skills in chemistry

A Level

Mark Scheme for June 2024

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MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

PREPARATION FOR MARKING RM ASSESSOR

1. Make sure that you have accessed and completed the relevant training packages for on-screen marking: *RM Assessor Assessor Online Training*; *OCR Essential Guide to Marking*.
2. Make sure that you have read and understood the mark scheme and the question paper for this unit. These are posted on the RM Cambridge Assessment Support Portal <http://www.rm.com/support/ca>
3. Log-in to RM Assessor and mark the **required number** of practice responses (“scripts”) and the **number of required** standardisation responses.

YOU MUST MARK 10 PRACTICE AND 10 STANDARDISATION RESPONSES BEFORE YOU CAN BE APPROVED TO MARK LIVE SCRIPTS.

MARKING

1. Mark strictly to the mark scheme.
2. Marks awarded must relate directly to the marking criteria.
3. The schedule of dates is very important. It is essential that you meet the RM Assessor 50% and 100% (traditional 40% Batch 1 and 100% Batch 2) deadlines. If you experience problems, you must contact your Team Leader (Supervisor) without delay.
4. If you are in any doubt about applying the mark scheme, consult your Team Leader by telephone or the RM Assessor messaging system, or by email.
5. **Crossed Out Responses**
Where a candidate has crossed out a response and provided a clear alternative then the crossed out response is not marked. Where no alternative response has been provided, examiners may give candidates the benefit of the doubt and mark the crossed out response where legible.

Rubric Error Responses – Optional Questions

Where candidates have a choice of question across a whole paper or a whole section and have provided more answers than required, then all responses are marked and the highest mark allowable within the rubric is given. Enter a mark for each question answered into RM assessor, which will select the

highest mark from those awarded. *(The underlying assumption is that the candidate has penalised themselves by attempting more questions than necessary in the time allowed.)*

Multiple Choice Question Responses

When a multiple choice question has only a single, correct response and a candidate provides two responses (even if one of these responses is correct), then no mark should be awarded (as it is not possible to determine which was the first response selected by the candidate).

When a question requires candidates to select more than one option/multiple options, then local marking arrangements need to ensure consistency of approach.

Contradictory Responses

When a candidate provides contradictory responses, then no mark should be awarded, even if one of the answers is correct.

Short Answer Questions (requiring only a list by way of a response, usually worth only **one mark per response**)

Where candidates are required to provide a set number of short answer responses then only the set number of responses should be marked. The response space should be marked from left to right on each line and then line by line until the required number of responses have been considered. The remaining responses should not then be marked. Examiners will have to apply judgement as to whether a 'second response' on a line is a development of the 'first response', rather than a separate, discrete response. *(The underlying assumption is that the candidate is attempting to hedge their bets and therefore getting undue benefit rather than engaging with the question and giving the most relevant/correct responses.)*

Short Answer Questions (requiring a more developed response, worth **two or more marks**)

If the candidates are required to provide a description of, say, three items or factors and four items or factors are provided, then mark on a similar basis – that is downwards (as it is unlikely in this situation that a candidate will provide more than one response in each section of the response space.)

Longer Answer Questions (requiring a developed response)

Where candidates have provided two (or more) responses to a medium or high tariff question which only required a single (developed) response and not crossed out the first response, then only the first response should be marked. Examiners will need to apply professional judgement as to whether the second (or a subsequent) response is a 'new start' or simply a poorly expressed continuation of the first response.

6. Always check the pages (and additional objects if present) at the end of the response in case any answers have been continued there. If the candidate has continued an answer there, then add a tick to confirm that the work has been seen.
7. Award No Response (NR) if:

- there is nothing written in the answer space

Award Zero '0' if:

- anything is written in the answer space and is not worthy of credit (this includes text and symbols).

Team Leaders must confirm the correct use of the NR button with their markers before live marking commences and should check this when reviewing scripts.

8. The RM Assessor **comments box** is used by your team leader to explain the marking of the practice responses. Please refer to these comments when checking your practice responses. **Do not use the comments box for any other reason.**
If you have any questions or comments for your team leader, use the phone, the RM Assessor messaging system, or e-mail.
9. Assistant Examiners will send a brief report on the performance of candidates to their Team Leader (Supervisor) via email by the end of the marking period. The report should contain notes on particular strengths displayed as well as common errors or weaknesses. Constructive criticism of the question paper/mark scheme is also appreciated.
10. For answers marked by levels of response:

Read through the whole answer from start to finish, using the Level descriptors to help you decide whether it is a strong or weak answer. The indicative scientific content in the Guidance column indicates the expected parameters for candidates' answers, but be prepared to recognise and credit unexpected approaches where they show relevance. Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the skills and science content evidenced within the answer, first decide which set of level descriptors, Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3, best describes the overall quality of the answer.

Once the level is located, award the higher or lower mark:

The higher mark should be awarded where the level descriptor has been evidenced and all aspects of the communication statement (in italics) have been met.

The lower mark should be awarded where the level descriptor has been evidenced but aspects of the communication statement (in italics) are missing.














In summary:

The skills and science content determines the level.

The communication statement determines the mark within a level.

Level of response questions on this paper are **2(c)** and **3(b)**



11. Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	Correct response
	Incorrect response
	Omission mark
	Benefit of doubt given
	Contradiction
	Rounding error
	Error in number of significant figures
	Error carried forward
	Level 1
	Level 2
	Level 3
	Benefit of doubt not given
	Noted but no credit given

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Annotation	Meaning
	Ignore
	Blank page

12. Subject Specific Marking Instructions

Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme (to include abbreviations and subject-specific conventions).

Annotation	Meaning
/	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
✓	Separates marking points
DO NOT ALLOW	Answers which are not worthy of credit
IGNORE	Statements which are irrelevant
ALLOW	Answers that can be accepted
()	Words which are not essential to gain credit
—	Underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ECF	Error carried forward
AW	Alternative wording
ORA	Or reverse argument

13. Subject-specific Marking Instructions

INTRODUCTION

Your first task as an Examiner is to become thoroughly familiar with the material on which the examination depends. This material includes:

- the specification, especially the assessment objectives
- the question paper
- the mark scheme.

You should ensure that you have copies of these materials.

You should ensure also that you are familiar with the administrative procedures related to the marking process. These are set out in the OCR booklet **Instructions for Examiners**. If you are examining for the first time, please read carefully **Appendix 5 Introduction to Script Marking: Notes for New Examiners**.

Please ask for help or guidance whenever you need it. Your first point of contact is your Team Leader.

Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	<u>Standard</u> hydrogen electrode ✓	1	ALLOW standard hydrogen (half) cell DO NOT ALLOW SHE electrode
		(ii)	(Conc ions/solutions) 1.0 mol dm ⁻³ ✓ Temp 298K/25C ✓	2	IGNORE pressure Allow 1 molar solution NOT room temp but ignore if correct value give
	(b)	(i)	<p>✓✓ see guidance</p>	2	MP1 must be correct metal in L & R half cell MP2 correct ion associated with metal (even if metals wrong way round) or wrong metal used and correct charge and aq state. mark as ecf ALLOW half eqn as long as ion has (aq) state symbol
		(ii)	Use 'non-reacting/inert' electrolyte/salt e.g Potassium nitrate/sodium nitrate/ammonium nitrate either in tube or soaked on (filter) paper ✓	1	Ignore Chlorides/sulphates Only allow the nitrates or general statement shown in the answer column
		(iii)	0.47 (V) ✓	1	Do not need +ve but –ve is wrong
	(c)	(i)	Negative electrode $\text{Zn} \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$ ✓	3	IGNORE state symbols

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Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
			Positive $\text{Ag}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Ag} + 2\text{OH}^-$ ✓ Overall cell reaction $\text{Zn} + \text{Ag}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{Ag} + 2\text{OH}^-$ ✓ Allow $2\text{Ag} + \text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2$ as alternative product representation		ALLOW 1 mark for correct half equations but at wrong electrode ALLOW 1 mark for eqns all reversed (BOD) Wrong metal/metal ions used score zero for that MP and MP3 (max 1 mark) No ecf
		(ii)	Act as a salt bridge /to allow diffusion/flow of <u>ions</u> /allows <u>ions</u> to pass/transfer/move through (AW) ✓	1	Ignore 'completes circuit'/prevents mixing Reject electrons
			Total	11	

Question			Answer	Mark	Guidance
2	(a)	(i)	Aromatic/arene ✓	1	
		(ii)	Ester(link) ✓	1	
	(b)		Add (neutral) iron (III) / ferric (chloride) ✓ purple colour ✓	2	

2	(c)*	<p>Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question.</p> <p>Level 3 (5–6 marks)</p> <p>Makes most of indicative scientific points from all potential reactions of both compounds as well as commenting on why aspirin to B cannot be made in one step</p> <p><i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.</i></p> <p>Level 2(3-4 marks)</p> <p>Makes most of indicative scientific points from all potential reactions of both compounds</p> <p><i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.</i></p> <p>Level 1(1-2 marks)</p> <p>Makes some points from one or both of compounds</p> <p>Small factual errors in a reaction can be regarded as errors of communication</p> <p><i>There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.</i></p> <p>0 marks</p> <p><i>No response or no response worthy of credit.</i></p>	6	<p>Indicative scientific discussion includes</p> <p><u>Aspirin to B</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>conc H₂SO₄ needed to form B</i> • <i>but will also hydrolyse ester</i> <p><u>Reagents, conditions and products</u></p> <p>Aspirin reaction:</p> <p><u>Rn1.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to compound A by heating with acid • <i>other compound</i> CH₃COOH <p>Oil of wintergreen reactions</p> <p><u>Rn2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to compound A by heating with acid • <i>other compound</i> CH₃OH <p><u>Rn3.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to compound B by reacting with ethanoic anhydride (not ethanoic acid) or ethanoyl chloride • <i>other compound</i> CH₃COOH (<i>no other organic ignore HCl</i>) <p><u>Type of reaction</u></p> <p>Rn 1 and 2 hydrolysis Rn 3 condensation</p>
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2	(d)	(i)	Any (sulfuric) acid/acidic impurities ✓ Effervescence/bubbling/fizzing ✓	2	Mark MP1 and 2 separately NOT 'gas' seen
		(ii)	Methanol / alcohol ✓ Water denser than ether/most dense layer ORA ✓	2	Independent marks Reject 'heavier'
		(iii)	Evaporate solvent (ether) from top layer over (hot) <u>water bath/electric heater</u> ✓	1	DO NOT ALLOW Bunsen Ignore distillation (NBOD) Ignore boil (NBOD) ALLOW leave ether to evaporate (BOD)
	(e)		FIRST CHECK ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If percentage = 92(...) award 3 marks moles aspirin = $0.90/180 = 0.005$ ✓ mass 0.005 moles of product = $0.005 \times 152 = 0.76$ ✓ % yield = $0.70/0.76 \times 100 = 92\%$ ✓	3	ALLOW 2 or more sf ALLOW ecfs Alternative method: mass of product = $0.90 \times 180/152 = 0.76$ % = $0.70/0.76 \times 100 = 92(\dots)\%$ MP1 correct Mr's MP2 correct evaluation (0.76) MP3 % calc. ecfs on wrong Mr <u>Molar</u> alternative method look for 0.0046/0.005
			Total	18	

Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
3	(a)	$\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Cl}^-$ ✓	1	ALLOW equilibrium or = sign Ignore any state symbols
	(b)*	<p>Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question.</p> <p>Level 3 (5–6 marks) Species present causing a particular colour in wells AND Correctly explains, with at least two balanced redox equations any reactions taken place in particular wells AND Recognise pattern in oxidising ability of halogens <i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.</i></p> <p>Level 2 (3–4 marks) Attempts all three scientific points but explanations may be incomplete. OR Explains two scientific points thoroughly with very few omissions. <i>e.g. Describes cause of colour and identifies key reaction. Key terminology used appropriately.</i> <i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.</i></p> <p>Level 1 (1–2 marks) A simple explanation based on at least two of the main scientific points. OR Explains one scientific point thoroughly with few omissions <i>There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.</i></p> <p>0 marks No response or no response worthy of credit.</p>	6	<p>Remember to check any diagrams for points which might add to complete answer. Indicative scientific points may include, with bulleted detail..... Explanation of colours in wells</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iodine present in any well will give blue black colour (complex with the starch) A3, B3, C1,2 and 3 Bromine present gives pale orange A2, B1 and 2 Chlorine present well colourless A1 <p>Identification appropriate redox reactions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any reactions taking place involves a particular halide ion being oxidised by another halogen Reactions taking place in A3, A2, B3 At least two appropriate balanced redox reactions given E.g. $\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{I}^- \rightarrow \text{I}_2 + 2\text{Cl}^-$ $\text{Br}_2 + 2\text{I}^- \rightarrow \text{I}_2 + 2\text{Br}^-$ <p>Identification of pattern in reactions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both bromide and iodide ions oxidised to bromine and iodine respectively by chlorine(water/aq) Iodide ion oxidised to iodine by bromine (water/aq)) Chloride ion not oxidised by either bromine or iodine Oxidising ability in order chlorine, bromine, iodine <p>NB: question stem includes “adds four drops of different sodium halide solutions to columns 1, 2 and 3” but the diagram shows column 3 with the more common <u>potassium</u> iodide(aq) being added. Accept references to both NaI(aq) and KI(aq).</p>

Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
3	(c)	<p>NaCl ionic/ionically bonded/(giant) ionic structure ✓ strong (electrostatic) attractions <u>between</u> <u>cation/anion/ions</u> (AW) ✓ PCl₃ has simple molecular structure/covalent ✓ intermolecular forces (between molecules) relatively weak ✓ electrical conduction caused by ions acting as charge carriers in NaCl but no ions present in PCl₃ ✓</p>	5	<p>ALLOW correctly labelled diagram for relevant marking points</p> <p>Mp2 Allow any correctly named interactions e.g. id:id :pd;pd dipole:dipole London, van der Waals</p>
3	(d)	<p>FIRST CHECK ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If x = 76 award 4 marks, if x = <u>38</u> give 3 marks</p> <p>Dead sea bromide conc.(mol dm⁻³) = $5.1 \div 79.9 =$ 0.0638 ✓ ‘Normal’ bromide conc.(mol dm⁻³). = $0.546 \div 650 =$ 0.00084 ✓ x = $0.0638 \div 0.00084 = 75.9$ ✓ 76 to 2 sig figs ✓</p>	4	<p>ALLOW ecf's from wrong concns ALLOW 80 M_r of bromine</p> <p>MP3 for correct quotient value (ecf's on conc's) MP4 for sf, including ecf on MP3 Must have some working for the sig fig mark to be scored</p> <p>76.0 scores 3</p>
		Total	16	

Question			Answer	Mark	Guidance
4	(a)		Labelled axes (temp/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ and time/min)✓ Appropriate scale ✓	2	Y axis starts at 13 or implied Check y axis is linear don't allow 
	(b)		endothermic ✓	1	
4	(c)	(i)	Follows warming curve back to initial addition ✓ Maximum temp change shown from initial addition to give $5.5 \pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$ ✓	2	MP1 is the extrapolation of the warming line See dotted line on graph scan above $4.9 \pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$ with no extension line scores MP2 ALLOW ecf from student graph MPs are independent
		(ii)	FIRST CHECK ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If energy = 24(.4...) (kJ mol$^{-1}$) award 2 marks molar mass ammonium nitrate = 80 energy (absorbed) per mole = $2200 \times 80 / 7.2$ ✓ kJ mole $^{-1}$ = (+)24(...) ✓	2	ALLOW 2 or more sf ALLOW ecf Ignore no sign but -ve is wrong
4	(d)	(i)	ΔH_1 = lattice enthalpy (of ammonium nitrate/ NH_4NO_3)✓ ΔH_2 = enthalpy change of hydration of the nitrate ion/ NO_3^- ✓ ΔH_3 = enthalpy change of hydration of the ammonium ion/ NH_4^+ ✓	4	ALLOW $\Delta_{\text{LE}}H$ etc See brackets

Question			Answer	Mark	Guidance
			ΔH_4 enthalpy change of solution (of ammonium nitrate/ NH_4NO_3) ✓		
		(ii)	FIRST CHECK ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = +26 award 2 marks $647 - 314 - 307$ ✓ $= +26$ ✓	2	must have plus sign 26 or -26 scores 1. No ecf. No mark for correct sign but wrong value
		(iii)	Breaking of <u>H-bonds</u> between water molecules to form ion-water/dipole bonds ✓ Formation of ion-water bonds gives out more energy / are stronger than bonds broken ✓	2	Need to watch energy required to make bonds CON Ignore references to lattice enthalpy Do not allow generic more energy released from bond making than is absorbed in bond breaking. There has to be a comparison between bonds
			Total	15	

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