# Chemistry A 

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

## Mark Scheme for June 2012

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Annotations

| Annotation | Meaning |
| :---: | :---: |
| [-I]d | Benefit of doubt given |
| [ $\mathrm{C} \cdot \mathrm{]}$ ] | Contradiction |
| * | Incorrect response |
| [-W | Error carried forward |
| $\square$ | Ignore |
| [0] | Not answered question |
| P | Benefit of doubt not given |
| Fill | Power of 10 error |
| $\square$ | Omission mark |
| [i] | Rounding error |
| $\square$ | Error in number of significant figures |
| $\checkmark$ | Correct response |

## Subject-specific Marking Instructions

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

| Annotation | Meaning |
| :---: | :--- |
| 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 |
| ECF | Underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark |
| AW | Error carried forward |
| ORA | Alternative wording |

The following questions should be annotated with ticks to show where marks have been awarded in the body of the text: $\mathbf{1 ( e ) ( i ) , \mathbf { 2 ( b ) } , \mathbf { 3 ( b ) } \text { (ii) }}$




| Question |  |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | (h) | (i) | Sulfur has six bonded pairs (and no lone pairs) <br> Electron pairs repel (one another equally) $\checkmark$ | 2 | ALLOW 'It has six bonded pairs' ALLOW bonds for bonded pairs IGNORE regions OR areas of negative charge <br> ALLOW 'bonds repel' <br> DO NOT ALLOW 'Atoms repel' or 'electrons repel' <br> 'Lone pairs repel more than bonded pairs' would score the second mark but would contradict the first mark if there is no reference to no lone pairs |
|  |  | (ii) | The ability of an atom to attract electrons in a (covalent) bond <br> (The octahedral shape) is symmetrical | 3 | ALLOW dipoles cancel out IGNORE polar bonds repel IGNORE charges cancel |
|  |  |  | Total | 23 |  |


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| 2 | (a) |  | Periodicity $\checkmark$ | 1 | ALLOW phonetic versions |
|  | (b) |  | Al bonding mark <br> Al has metallic (bonding) OR has (electrostatic) attraction between positive ions and (delocalised) electrons <br> Si bonding mark <br> Si has covalent (bonding) OR has shared pairs of electrons between atoms $\checkmark$ <br> Pbonding mark <br> $P$ has induced dipoles OR has van der Waals' forces (between molecules) <br> Structure mark 1 <br> AI AND Si are Giant $\checkmark$ <br> Structure mark 2 <br> P is Simple molecular OR simple covalent <br> Bond strength mark <br> Metallic AND covalent are stronger than vdWs <br> OR <br> Bonds broken in AI AND in Si are stronger than the forces broken in $P$ <br> OR <br> More energy is needed to overcome bonds in AI AND Si than the forces in $P \checkmark$ | 6 | Use annotations with ticks, crosses, ECF etc for this part <br> DO NOT ALLOW marking point 1 if Al has dipoles OR intermolecular forces OR molecules OR atoms <br> OR attraction between nuclei and electrons <br> OR attraction between oppositely charged ions <br> DO NOT ALLOW marking point 2 if Si has dipoles OR intermolecular forces OR molecules but IGNORE 'molecule' <br> Must be induced dipoles <br> ALLOW vdW for van der Waals' <br> IGNORE $P$ has covalent bonds for marking point 3 <br> Quality of Written Communication: ‘giant’ spelled correctly once and used in context for the fourth marking point <br> DO NOT ALLOW covalent bonds are broken in phosphorus for marking point 6, but ALLOW answers that inform Al and Si are stronger than P , ignoring incorrect forces or bonds used above <br> IGNORE 'heat' but ALLOW 'heat energy' |


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| 2 | (c) | (i) | Increasing straight line OR curve from Na to $\mathrm{Ar} \checkmark$ | 1 | ALLOW bar charts OR points IGNORE the standard of drawing as long as the trend is clear IGNORE decrease between Mg/Al and P/S <br> Essentially the mark is for $\mathrm{Na}<\mathrm{Mg}<\mathrm{Si}<\mathrm{P}<\mathrm{Cl}<\mathrm{Ar}$ AND Al < Si AND $\mathrm{S}<\mathrm{Cl}$ |
|  |  | (ii) | Decreasing straight line OR curve from Na to $\operatorname{Ar} \checkmark$ | 1 | ALLOW bar charts OR points IGNORE the standard of drawing as long as the trend is clear IGNORE Ar <br> Essentially the mark is for $\mathrm{Na}>\mathrm{Mg}>\mathrm{Al}>\mathrm{Si}>\mathrm{P}>\mathrm{S}>\mathrm{Cl}$ |
|  |  |  | Total | 9 |  |


| Question |  |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| 3 | (a) |  | $\left(1 s^{2}\right) 2 s^{2} 2 p^{6} 3 s^{2} \checkmark$ | 1 | IGNORE $1 \mathrm{~s}^{2}$ seen twice ALLOW subscripts |
|  | (b) | (i) | $\mathrm{Mg}^{+}(\mathrm{g}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Mg}^{2+}(\mathrm{g})+\mathrm{e}^{-}$ <br> Equation correct $\checkmark$ State symbols correct $\checkmark$ | 2 | ALLOW $\mathrm{Mg}^{+}(\mathrm{g})-\mathrm{e}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{Mg}^{2+}(\mathrm{g})$ for 2 marks The second mark is dependent upon the first mark except for the following close attempts for the first mark: <br> ALLOW the following for one mark as states are correct $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Mg}(\mathrm{~g}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Mg}^{2+}(\mathrm{g})+2 \mathrm{e}^{-} \\ & \mathrm{Mg}(\mathrm{~g})+\mathrm{e}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{Mg}^{2+}(\mathrm{g})+2 \mathrm{e}^{-} \end{aligned}$ <br> ALLOW e for electron IGNORE states on electron |
|  |  | (ii) | Ionic radius mark <br> $\mathrm{Mg}^{(+)}$has smaller (ionic) radius OR has less shells $\checkmark$ <br> Shielding mark <br> (outermost electron) of $\mathrm{Mg}^{(+)}$experience less shielding $\checkmark$ <br> Nuclear attraction mark <br> More nuclear attraction on (outermost electrons) <br> OR <br> Outer electrons are attracted more strongly (to the nucleus) <br> ORA throughout | 3 | Use annotations with ticks, crosses, ECF etc for this part <br> ALLOW $\mathrm{Mg}^{(+)}$has less energy levels <br> ALLOW $\mathrm{Mg}^{(+)}$has electrons in lower energy level <br> ALLOW $\mathrm{Mg}^{(+)}$has electrons closer to nucleus <br> IGNORE $\mathrm{Mg}^{(+)}$has less orbitals OR less sub-shells <br> IGNORE atomic for ionic <br> IGNORE ‘different shell' <br> ALLOW screening for shielding <br> ALLOW Mg ${ }^{(+)}$has less electron repulsion from inner shells <br> Quality of Written Communication: 'nuclear' OR <br> 'nucleus' OR 'electron(s)' spelled correctly once and used in context for the third marking point <br> ALLOW $\mathrm{Mg}^{(+)}$has more nuclear pull IGNORE $\mathrm{Mg}^{(+)}$has more effective nuclear charge DO NOT ALLOW more nuclear charge for more nuclear attraction for the third mark |


| Question |  |  | Answer |  | Marks | Guidance |
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| 3 | (c) | (i) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Sr}^{2+} \checkmark \\ & \mathrm{OH}^{-} \quad \end{aligned}$ |  | 2 | ALLOW $2 \mathrm{OH}^{-}$ <br> ALLOW 2 marks for $\mathrm{Sr}(\mathrm{OH})_{2} \rightarrow \mathrm{Sr}^{2+}+2 \mathrm{OH}^{-}$ ALLOW 1 mark for $\mathrm{Sr}^{2+}+2 \mathrm{OH}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{Sr}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$ IGNORE H ${ }^{+}$ |
|  |  | (ii) | Sr has lost (two) electrons $\checkmark$ |  | 1 | ALLOW Sr $\rightarrow \mathrm{Sr}^{2+}+2 \mathrm{e}^{-}$ IGNORE references to oxidation numbers |
|  |  | (iii) | SrO AND $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \checkmark$ |  | 1 | ALLOW acceptable alternatives from Sr salts and alkalis eg $\mathrm{SrCl}_{2}+\mathrm{NaOH}$ |
|  | (d) | (i) | It shows the oxidation number of the sulfur OR <br> the name without the IV is ambiguous $\checkmark$ |  | 1 | DO NOT ALLOW 'the charge on sulfur' DO NOT ALLOW 'shows the oxidation number of the sulfate' ALLOW Otherwise it could be $\mathrm{SrSO}_{4}$ ALLOW Sulfur has different oxidation numbers AW |
|  |  | (ii) | $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{3} \checkmark$ |  | 1 |  |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 12 |  |





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| 4 | (e) | (ii) | FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON THE ANSWER LINE If answer $=242\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ award 3 marks <br> $\left(\right.$ amount of $\left.\mathrm{KClO}_{3}\right)=0.824 / 122.6 \mathrm{OR}=0.00672(\mathrm{~mol})$ <br> $\left(\right.$ amount $\left.\mathrm{O}_{2}\right)=\left(\mathrm{mol}\right.$ of $\left.\mathrm{KClO}_{3}\right) 0.00672 \times 3 / 2 \mathrm{OR}=0.0101$ (mol) <br> $\left(\right.$ volume of $\left.\mathrm{O}_{2}\right)=0.0101 \times 24000=242\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right) \checkmark$ | 3 | IGNORE over rounding to two significant figures once <br> DO NOT ALLOW over rounding to two significant figures twice <br> eg <br> ALLOW the following answer for 3 marks <br> $241\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ ( 0.00672 was rounded to 0.0067 OR 0.0101 was rounded to 0.010 ) <br> ALLOW the following answers for 2 marks <br> $240\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)(0.00672$ was rounded to 0.0067 AND 0.0101 was rounded to 0.010) <br> $252\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)(0.00672$ was rounded to 0.007$)$ <br> $161 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ (no multiplying by $3 / 2$ ) <br> If there is an alternative answer, check to see if there is any ECF credit possible using working below <br> ALLOW up to correctly rounded calculator value of 0.006721044046 <br> ALLOW up to correctly rounded calculator value ALLOW ECF for mol of $\mathrm{KClO}_{3} \times 3 / 2$ for 2 nd mark <br> ALLOW ECF for $\left(\mathrm{mol}\right.$ of $\left.\mathrm{KClO}_{3}\right) \times 3 / 2 \times 24000$ |
|  |  |  | Total | 16 |  |

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