

# **2. Atoms, molecules and stoichiometry**

## **2.1 Relative masses of atoms and molecules**

### **Paper 3**

Marking Scheme

## Q1.

(c)	mass of an atom of an isotope	1
	compared to the mass of the unified atomic mass unit (amu) OR on a scale on which a carbon-12 atom has a mass of exactly 12 units OR divided by $\frac{1}{12}$ mass of a carbon-12 atom	1
(c)(ii)	$\frac{190.96 \times 15.18 + 192.96 \times 34.82}{50.00}$	1
	= 192.35	1

## Q2.

(b)(i)	isotope	RIM	# protons	# neutrons	2
	${}_{41}^{93}\text{Nb}$	92.91	• 41	• 52	
	${}_{73}^{181}\text{Ta}$	180.95	• 73	• 108	

(b)(ii)	<b>M1</b> mass of an (atom of an) isotope	1
	<b>M2</b> relative/compared to (the mass of) the unified atomic mass unit <b>OR</b> on a scale in which a carbon-12 atom / isotope has a mass of exactly 12 units <b>OR</b> divided by / compared to $\frac{1}{12}$ of the mass of a carbon-12 atom / isotope  Alternative route using mass of 1 mol throughout <b>M1</b> mass of one mol of an (atom of an) isotope <b>M2</b> relative/compared to $\frac{1}{12}$ of the mass of 1 mol of C-12 atom / isotope <b>OR</b> when the mass of one mol C-12 atom / isotope is exactly 12(.000) g	1
(b)(iii)	$92.91 \times 0.909 + 180.95 \times 0.091$	1
	= 100.92	1

## Q3.

(e)(i)	1 / 12 (one twelfth) the mass of a carbon-12 / ${}^{12}\text{C}$ atom	1
(e)(ii)	<b>M1</b> correct expression relating $A_r$ to the mass / % abundance of the three isotopes $24.31 = x \times 0.7899 + 24.99 \times 0.1000 + 25.98 \times 0.1101$	2
	<b>M2</b> correct answer to 4 sig figs atomic mass of <b>X</b> = 23.99	
(e)(iii)	<b>M1</b> (magnesium isotopes have) identical chemical properties <b>AND</b> same electron(ic) arrangement / configuration	2
	<b>M2</b> different physical properties <b>AND</b> different number of neutrons	

## Q4.

(a)(ii)	<b>M1</b> (weighted) average / mean mass of the isotopes / average mass of the atom(s) (of an element)	<b>1</b>
	<b>M2</b> compared to (the mass of) the unified atomic mass unit	<b>1</b>

## Q5.

(a)(i)	<b>option 1</b> <b>M1</b> the mass of a molecule OR the (weighted) average / (weighted) mean mass of the molecule(s)	<b>1</b>
	<b>option 1</b> and <b>M2</b> relative / compared to 1 / 12 (the mass) of <b>an atom</b> of carbon-12	<b>1</b>
	OR on a scale in which a carbon-12 atom / isotope has a mass of (exactly) 12 (units) <b>option 2</b> <b>M1</b> mass of one mol of molecules	
	<b>option 2</b> <b>M2</b> relative / compared to 1 / 12 (the mass) of 1 mol of C-12 OR which one mol C-12 (atom / isotope) has a mass of (exactly) 12 g	

## Q6.

(c)	<b>M1</b> calculate $M_r$ of $MBr_2$ using $8.415 \times 10^{-4}$ mol $MBr_2$ in 0.250 g $M_r = \dots\dots = 297(.1)\dots\dots$	<b>1</b>
	<b>M2</b> calculate the atomic mass of <b>M</b> using $M_r$ calculated in M1 $297.1 - (2 \times 79.9) = 137(.4)$	<b>1</b>
	<b>M3</b> identify group 2 element from $A_r$ in M2 Ba / barium	<b>1</b>

## Q7.

(a)	<b>EITHER</b> <b>M1</b> (weighted) average/mean mass of the isotope(s)/an atom(s) <b>M2</b> relative to 1/12 of the mass (of an atom) of $^{12}\text{C}$ (where an atom of $^{12}\text{C}$ is exactly 12). <b>OR</b> <b>M1</b> mass of one mol of atoms <b>M2</b> relative / compared to 1/12 (the mass) of 1 mol of C-12 OR in which one mol C-12 (atom) has a mass of (exactly) 12 g	<b>2</b>
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