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Mark Scheme

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MARK SCHEME

Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the Examiner make his or her judgement and help to delineate what is acceptable or not worthy of credit or, in discursive answers, to give an overview of the area in which a mark or marks may be awarded.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent.

2. Emboldening

2.1 In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available 'any **two** from' is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following lines is a potential mark.

2.2 A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.

2.3 Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of **or**. (Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a / ; eg allow smooth / free movement.)

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which students have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that 'right + wrong = wrong'.

Each error/contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of error/contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution? (1 mark)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	4,8	0
2	green, 5	0
3	red*, 5	1
4	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system. (2 marks)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	Neptune, Mars, Moon	1
2	Neptune, Sun, Mars, Moon	0

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a student writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, full credit can be given if the symbol / formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, as shown in the column 'answers', without any working shown.

However if the answer is incorrect, mark(s) can be gained by correct substitution / working and this is shown in the 'extra information' column;

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.5 Errors carried forward

Any error in the answers to a structured question should be penalised once only.

Papers should be constructed in such a way that the number of times errors can be carried forward are kept to a minimum. Allowances for errors carried forward are most likely to be restricted to calculation questions and should be shown by the abbreviation e.c.f. in the marking scheme.

3.6 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.7 Brackets

(…..) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

Quality of Written Communication and levels marking

In Question 8(b) students are required to produce extended written material in English, and will be assessed on the quality of their written communication as well as the standard of the scientific response.

Students will be required to:

- use good English
- organise information clearly
- use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

The following general criteria should be used to assign marks to a level:

Level 1: Basic

- Knowledge of basic information
- Simple understanding
- The answer is poorly organised, with almost no specialist terms and their use demonstrating a general lack of understanding of their meaning, little or no detail
- The spelling, punctuation and grammar are very weak.

Level 2: Clear

- Knowledge of accurate information
- Clear understanding
- The answer has some structure and organisation, use of specialist terms has been attempted but not always accurately, some detail is given
- There is reasonable accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar, although there may still be some errors.

Level 3: Detailed

- Knowledge of accurate information appropriately contextualised
- Detailed understanding, supported by relevant evidence and examples
- Answer is coherent and in an organised, logical sequence, containing a wide range of appropriate or relevant specialist terms used accurately.
- The answer shows almost faultless spelling, punctuation and grammar.

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Question 1

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)(i)	nucleus		1
1(a)(ii)	protons		1
1(b)	protons / + / positive electrons / – / negative	both words needed in any order for **1** mark	1
1(c)	nitrogen	allow N or N_2	1
1(d)	B **and** C (both) have one electron **or** same number of electrons in the outer energy level / shell	both letters needed in any order for **1** mark allow Li **and** Na allow both are in Group **1** allow both are alkali metals allow both can lose <u>only</u> one electron **or** become +1 ions allow this mark if no letters given in boxes	1 1
Total			**6**

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Question 2

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)	A – core		1
	B – mantle		1
	C – crust		1
2(b)	any **two** from:		2
	• carbon dioxide dissolves / absorbs in water / oceans	allow reacts with water	
	• plants / algae photosynthesise / absorb / use carbon dioxide	accept remains of plants / algae / marine organisms contain locked up carbon dioxide / carbon in the form of fossil fuels do **not** accept plants use carbon dioxide for respiration	
	• marine organisms use (dissolved) carbon dioxide to form their shells / skeletons **or** limestone was formed from the shells / skeletons of marine organisms	accept carbon dioxide became locked up in sedimentary rocks / carbonates / limestone **or** precipitation or formation of insoluble carbonates	
Total			**5**

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Question 3

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(a)	Aluminium has a low density Aluminium is resistant to corrosion		1 1
3(b)(i)	(an alloy) is a mixture of metals	accept (an alloy) can be a metal mixed with another metal **or** iron mixed with carbon / a non-metal	1
3(b)(ii)	pure metals are soft **or** alloys are hard	allow weak allow strong / keep their shape ignore rust / corrosion	1
3(c)(i)	crude oil		1
3(c)(ii)	hydrocarbons		1
3(c)(iii)	oxygen		1
3(d)(i)	hydrogen	allow H_2 or H	1
3(d)(ii)	only water is produced (from the fuel) **or** no carbon dioxide is produced (from the fuel)	 allow less carbon dioxide produced **or** less global warming allow carbon dioxide causes global warming	1
Total			**9**

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Question 4

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)(i)	react	allow neutralise allow bubbles / fizzes accept produces gas / CO_2 ignore rises	1
4(a)(ii)	stop reacting / producing the (hydrochloric) acid / (calcium) carbonate is used up **OR** have been used up (1) the graph line becomes horizontal / levels out (1) **OR** stays the same / no change (1) no further reaction (1)	stops on its own is insufficient allow stop working / bubbling / fizzing accept because the (calcium) carbonate has neutralised the (hydrochloric) acid ignore reference to graph line	1 1
4(a)(iii)	bubble the gas through limewater / calcium hydroxide solution (the solution) goes cloudy	allow (add) limewater test must be correct to gain result mark allow milky	1 1
4(b)	advantage > Quarrying limestone provides building materials, employment and new road links disadvantage > Quarrying limestone releases dust, and lorries release carbon dioxide from burning diesel fuel		1 1
Total			**7**

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Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)(i)	Olive oil does not dissolve in vinegar		1
5(a)(ii)	(the mustard is) an emulsifier	accept an emulsion has formed	1
5(b)(i)	double		1
5(b)(ii)	add bromine water – turns colourless		1
5(c)(i)	because the (olive) trees/plants/crops/leaves/fruit absorb/use carbon dioxide	allow carbon for carbon dioxide allow carbon dioxide is used in photosynthesis	1
5(c)(ii)	any **one** from: • olive oil is a food • olives are slow-growing • olives require a lot of land • not enough olive trees / oil • olive oil <u>dense</u> / <u>viscous</u> / <u>high boiling point</u>	ignore habitats ignore gives off carbon dioxide	1
Total			**6**

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Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)	6 oxygen		1 1
6(b)(i)	heating the hydrocarbon to a high temperature the presence of a catalyst		1 1
6(b)(ii)	all bonds correct four C—H bonds **and** one C=C bond		1
6(b)(iii)	water	accept hydrogen oxide/steam allow H_2O	1
6(c)(i)	carbon dioxide	allow CO_2	1
6(c)(ii)	by filtering/decanting/centrifuging (to remove yeast) (fractional) distillation (to separate ethanol from water)	ignore sieving accept a description of (fractional) distillation	1 1
Total			**9**

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Question 7

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	any **one** from: • there are many stages needed (to extract titanium) • more energy / materials are needed (to extract titanium) • titanium cannot be extracted by using carbon	ignore references to cost / mining / availability allow longer / slower / more complicated process / batch process ignore higher temperature ignore reference to electrolysis do **not** accept titanium extracted by electrolysis	1
7(b)	carbon dioxide	allow CO_2	1
7(c)	magnesium chloride is electrolysed / used / decomposed magnesium and / or chlorine are recycled / reused	 allow the products of electrolysis are recycled word / symbol equation = **1** mark	1 1
7(d)	 because oxygen / nitrogen (in air) would react with the magnesium **or** would produce magnesium oxide / nitride whereas argon is inert / unreactive **or** argon does not react with magnesium	accept titanium for magnesium ignore argon is in Group 0 / noble gas	 1 1
7(e)	240		1
7(f)	250	allow range 245 to 250	1
Total			**8**

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Question 8

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(a)(i)	(1) 5 3 (6) 4 2	all numbers in the correct order gains both marks any two numbers in the correct position gains **1** mark	2
8(a)(ii)	water carbon dioxide	ignore formula if correct name given accept hydrogen oxide allow H_2O allow CO_2 accept carbon monoxide / CO **or** carbon / C	1 1

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Question 8 cont'd

question	answers	extra information	mark
8(b)	Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. **Examiners should also refer to the information on page 2**, and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.		6

0 marks	Level 1 (1-2 marks)	Level 2 (3-4 marks)	Level 3 (5-6 marks)
No relevant content.	There is a **basic** description of at least one advantage **or** one disadvantage caused by using plastic shopping bags made from poly(ethene).	There is a **clear** description of both an advantage **and** a disadvantage caused by using plastic shopping bags made from poly(ethene).	There is a **detailed** description of both advantages **and** disadvantages caused by using plastic shopping bags made from poly(ethene).

examples of the chemistry/social points made in the response:
ignore cost unqualified

Advantages:

- Simple properties eg strong / low density / water resistant
- Bags can be reused (for shopping) **or** another specified use eg bin liners
- Money charged for bags can go to good causes **or** encourage reuse
- Poly(ethene) bags can be recycled eg made into milk bottle crates
- Poly(ethene) bags can be burned to provide heat for buildings/generation of electricity
- New bags are now made that can biodegrade

Disadvantages:

- (Older) bags can take many years to biodegrade
- There is a shortage of landfill space
- Bags are made from (crude) oil which is a non-renewable resource/running out
- Large amounts of energy/fuel are used for the production of poly(ethene)
- Production of poly(ethene) releases carbon dioxide/causes global warming
- Specified issue caused by litter eg visual pollution or effect on wildlife
- Burning bags release carbon dioxide / causes global warming

Total			10

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