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Paper 3 (Extended Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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Abbreviations used in the Mark Scheme

- ; separates marking points
- / separates alternatives within a marking point
- () the word or phrase in brackets is not required but sets the context
- A accept (a less than ideal answer which should be marked correct)
- I ignore (mark as if this material were not present)
- R reject
- ecf credit a correct statement that follows a previous wrong response
- ora or reverse argument
- owtte or words to that effect (accept other ways of expressing the same idea)

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	Na ⁺ /sodium and O ²⁻ /oxide;	1
1(a)(ii)	Ca ²⁺ /calcium;	1
1(a)(iii)	P/phosphorus;	1
1(a)(iv)	Si/silicon;	1
1(b)(i)	 number of protons = 29; number of neutrons = 35; number of electrons = 27; three correct = [2]; two correct = [1] 	2
1(b)(iii)	number of nucleons = 45; number of charged particles = 42;	1
1(c)(i)	have same proton number/same element/same atomic number; different number of neutrons/nucleons/mass number;	1
1(c)(ii)	magnesium/Mg;	1
1(c)(iii)	any two from: • treating cancer or radiotherapy; • biological tracer; • thickness (of paper or foil); • (checking for) leaks/cracks (in pipes); • (carbon) dating; • (generating) energy/electricity; • smoke detectors; • fill levels in packages; • sterilising surgical instruments;	2

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2(a)	add a (dilute) acid; filter; copper does not react or dissolve/zinc reacts or dissolves or forms a salt;	1 1 1
2(b)	diffusion (through a membrane); nitrogen diffuses faster; because it has the smaller M_r ; or (turn into) liquid; (fractional) distillation; different boiling points; or burn a named substance to make non-gaseous product; oxygen reacts/nitrogen does not react; name of product of combustion;	3
2(c)	chromatography; use a locating agent/the two acids move at different rates/alanine travels faster/alanine higher up paper/travels further;	1
2(d)	add sodium hydroxide solution; filter; zinc hydroxide (is amphoteric it) will react or will dissolve/magnesium hydroxide does not react or does not dissolve;	1 1 1

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	fast(er) reaction; large(r) surface area;	1 1
3(b)	4.76 (dm ³);	1
3(c)	moves equilibrium to right; increases yield (of sulfur trioxide)/uses up more sulfur dioxide;	1
3(d)(i)	moves equilibrium to left; (forward reaction) exothermic;	1 1
3(d)(ii)	decrease rate; molecules have less energy/move slower; fewer collisions (per second)/fewer particles have the activation energy / fewer collisions have the activation energy;	1 1 1
3(e)(i)	moves to right;	1
3(e)(ii)	high yield at 2 atm;	1
3(f)	vanadium(V) oxide/vanadium pentoxide;	1
3(g)	M1 dissolve/react sulfur trioxide in (concentrated) sulfuric acid; add water to product of M1;	1

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)(i)	any two from: shortage of sites/landfill sites fill up; visual pollution/litter; danger to wild life;	2
4(a)(ii)	(produce) toxic gases or CO or HC l or HF/carbon dioxide/ greenhouse gases;	1
4(b)	any two from: bags/clothing or specified clothing/packaging/bowls/cups/plates/flooring/carpets/pipes/insulation/non-stick coatings/ropes;	1

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4(c)(i)	CH ₂ =CHCH ₃ double bond is shown; rest of structure correct;	2
4(c)(ii)	ester;	1
4(c)(iii)	(carboxylic) acid; alcohol;	1
4(d)	addition – polymer only product/only one product; condensation – (polymer and) simple molecule/water/ hydrogen chloride made; polymer A is an addition polymer and polymer B is a condensation polymer;	1 1 1

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)(i)	adds up to 100%;	1
5(a)(ii)	M1 55.85/12 and 6.97(/1) and 37.2/16; or evaluation 4.650 6.970 2.325; M2 C ₂ H ₃ O; correct answer with no working = [2]	1
5(a)(iii)	M1 (86/)43; M2 $C_4H_6O_2$; correct answer with no working = [2]	1 1
5(b)(i)	unsaturated / C=C double bond / alkene;	1
5(b)(ii)	(organic/carboxylic) acid/contains or releases H ⁺ ions;	1
5(b)(iii)	CH ₃ CH=CHCOOH/CH ₂ =CHCH ₂ COOH/CH ₂ =CH(CH ₃)COOH;	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)(i)	any three from:	3
6(a)(ii)	any three from: high melting point/boiling point; hard; strong; (colourless) crystalline (solid); brittle/not malleable; poor/non-conductor (of electricity)/insulator; insoluble (in water); 	3
6(a)(iii)	SiO ₂ reacts with or dissolves in or neutralises an acid or acidic oxide; SiO ₂ does not react or dissolve in or neutralise an alkali or base or basic oxide;	1
6(b)	carbon dioxide has a simple molecular structure;	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
7(a)(i)	step 2 and it is electron gain/oxidation state decreases;	1
7(a)(ii)	silver (ion) and it accepts electrons/gets reduced/oxidation state decreases;	1
7(b)	prediction: the 'not covered' section will be black; the 'covered in thick card' section will be white/cream; the 'covered in thin card' section will be grey; explanation: the more light, the more silver ions are reduced;	1 1 1
7(c)(i)	carbon dioxide + water → glucose + oxygen reactants correct; products correct;	1 1
7(c)(ii)	chlorophyll;	1
7(c)(iii)	one correct –O– link between rectangles; two correct glucose units with continuation bonds;	1 1
7(c)(iv)	the reaction of glucose with oxygen to release (carbon dioxide and water and) energy; or the reaction of glucose in a biological system to release energy;	1