

GCSE

Chemistry A

Unit A171/02: Modules C1, C2, C3 (Higher Tier)

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Mark Scheme for June 2014

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Annotations

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

Annotation	Meaning				
/	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point				
(1)	separates marking points				
not/reject	answers which are not worthy of credit				
ignore	statements which are irrelevant - applies to neutral answers	statements which are irrelevant - applies to neutral answers			
allow/accept	w/accept answers that can be accepted				
(words)	words which are not essential to gain credit				
words	underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark				
ecf	error carried forward	error carried forward			
AW/owtte	credit alternative wording / or words to that effect	credit alternative wording / or words to that effect			
ORA	or reverse argument				

Available in scoris to annotate scripts:

BP	Blank Page – this annotation must be used on all blank pages within an answer booklet (structured or unstructured) and on each page of an additional object where there is no candidate response.
✓	correct response
×	incorrect response
BOD	benefit of doubt
NBOD	no benefit of doubt
ECF	error carried forward
0, L1, L2, L3	indicate level awarded for a question marked by level of response
^	information omitted
CON	contradiction

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	R	reject	
	?	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity	
	\bigcirc	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response	

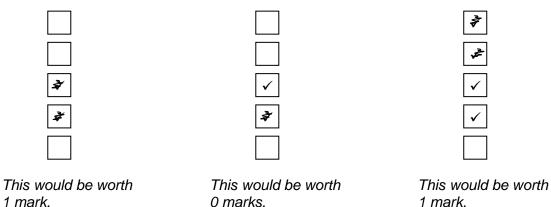
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ADDITIONAL OBJECTS: You **must** assess and annotate the additional objects for each script you mark. Where credit is awarded, appropriate annotation must be used. If no credit is to be awarded for the additional object, please use annotation as agreed at the SSU.

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- a. Accept any clear, unambiguous response (including mis-spellings of scientific terms if they are *phonetically* correct, but always check the guidance column for exclusions).
- b. Crossed out answers should be considered only if no other response has been made. When marking crossed out responses, accept correct answers which are clear and unambiguous.

e.g. for a one-mark question where ticks in the third <u>and</u> fourth boxes are required for the mark:

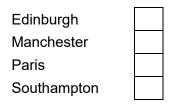


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c. Marking method for tick-box questions:

If there is a set of boxes, some of which should be ticked and others left empty, then judge the entire set of boxes. If there is at least one tick, ignore crosses and other markings. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, e.g. shading or crosses. Credit should be given according to the instructions given in the guidance column for the question. If more boxes are ticked than there are correct answers, then deduct one mark for each additional tick. Candidates cannot score less than zero marks.

e.g. if a question requires candidates to identify cities in England:



the second and fourth boxes should have ticks (or other clear indication of choice) and the first and third <u>should be blank</u> (or have indication of choice crossed out).

Edinburgh			~			~	✓	✓	✓	
Manchester	~	×	~	~	~				~	
Paris				~	~		✓	~	~	
Southampton	~	×		~		~	✓		~	
Score:	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	NR

- d. For answers marked by levels of response:
 - i. Read through the whole answer from start to finish
 - ii. Decide the level that best fits the answer match the quality of the answer to the closest level descriptor
 - iii. To determine the mark within the level, consider the following:

Descriptor	Award mark		
A good match to the level descriptor	The higher mark in the level		
Just matches the level descriptor	The lower mark in the level		

iv. Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris to show your decision; do not use ticks.

Quality of Written Communication skills assessed in 6-mark extended writing questions include:

- appropriate use of correct scientific terms
- spelling, punctuation and grammar
- developing a structured, persuasive argument
- selecting and using evidence to support an argument
- considering different sides of a debate in a balanced way
- logical sequencing.

Q	uesti	ion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	а	i	1/3	1	
		ii	(Almost always equal to 1/3 or very near because) Any two of: Reference to (ai) 2000 - 2010;	2	
			ref to calculation over a different 10 years; ref to calculation over another different10 years;		
	b		identifies number of power stations decreases and amount of sulfur dioxide decreases (2)	2	idea of 'as one(graph) goes down the other (graph) goes down' is 1 mark ignore positive and negative correlation
	С	İ	Diagram shows 3 hydrogen molecules ∞ ; (1) diagram shows 2 hydrogen sulfide molecules γ ; (1)	2	accept balancing numbers Molecules should be separate Atoms within each molecule should touch
		ii	sulfur /product is easier to handle (than a gas) / may be more useful / can be separated easily / easier to sell; (1) hydrogen sulfide is toxic / foul smelling / causes air pollution / acid rain; (1)	2	Ignore harmful Ignore pollution alone Allow acidic
			Total	9	

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Q	uestion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	a	[Level 3] Makes a choice and justifies this choice. Statements that discuss the amount of fuel burned and the amount of air pollution for cars and buses. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 - 6 marks) [Level 2] Makes a choice and justifies this choice. Answer gives comparison between buses and cars in terms of air pollution or fuel burned. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 - 4 marks)	6	 This question is targeted at grades up to C Indicative scientific points may include: choice of Dom or neither or both fewer cars make less pollution/burn less fuel if people travel on a bus rather than in cars then less fuel is burned overall/per person one bus burns less fuel/ makes less pollution than a number of cars faster journey by bus linked to less fuel burned/ less pollution cars stuck in traffic burn extra fuel /make more pollution pollution increases as more fuel burned.
		[Level 1] Simple statement about benefit of using a type of transport Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1 – 2 marks)		 Simple statements: each bus carries more people than each car if people travel on buses there will be fewer cars journey time is longer in a car / shorter in a bus some buses may not be full
		[Level 0] Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks)		 Only credit these statements if qualified or linked more people travel by bus bus burns more fuel bus travels faster Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.

Q	uestion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
	b	Biofuels do not change the amount of CO ₂ in the air overall / carbon neutral;(1) ORA they are renewable;(1) ORA	2	ignore sustainable or reusable ignore bland statements such as environmentally friendly
	С	Fuel contains hydrogen and carbon/is a hydrocarbon; (1) complete combustion / burned in plenty of air/oxygen; (1)	2	accept 'it is a carbohydrate/alcohol' / contains hydrogen, carbon and oxygen
	d	oxidised	1	
		Total	11	
3	a i	(6.5 + 8.2 + 6.1 + 10.2 + 9.0) / 5 (1) = 8.0 kg (1)	2	Correct answer without working = 2 marks accept 8
	ii		2	ignore weaker or stronger
		Means are different/ mean of old bags higher than new ones;(1)		allow average allow mass is different allow numbers 14.5 and 8 or 6.5 difference ecf from 3ai
		Idea of small overlap of ranges; (1)		mean of one is outside the range of the other = 2 marks
	b	Any two from:	2	'it' is HDPE
		Polymer chains are closer together in HDPE / more regular / aligned;		ignore any other structure eg plasticizers, cross links allow other words for chains eg molecules, polymers
		LDPE is branched and HDPE is not;		
		so there are more /stronger forces between chains;		ignore 'stronger bonds' but accept 'stronger bonds between chains'
		Therefore need more energy/harder to pull the chains apart so HDPE is stronger;		
		Total	6	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4 a	3 + 40 + 88 or 131(1)	2	Allow 29 are not fuels
	81.875%/81.88%/81.9%/82% (1)		allow (80% of 160 =) 128 (1) 2 marks for correct answer without working
b	[Level 3] States trend between the size of molecules and boiling point. Explains the trend in terms of intermolecular forces and the energy required to overcome these forces.Quality of written communication does not impede 	6	 This question is targeted at grades up to A/A* Indicative scientific points may include: the boiling points increase as you go down the boiling points increase with increasing size of molecules larger molecules have more/stronger intermolecular forces between them the more / stronger the intermolecular forces the more energy is required to boil the more energy needed the higher the boiling point separating molecules / chains / hydrocarbons Allow alternative wording for the size of molecules eg greater number of carbon atoms in molecule / longer chain / larger mass / larger M_r Wrong terminology eg confusion between atoms, elements or molecules: reference to breaking up of molecules/chains impedes communication at level 2 and 3. Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.
	Total	8	

Q	uestion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5	а	1.0 to 100.0 ✓	1	
	b	Any two from: larger surface area; more (light) absorbed; minimises the cost / cost effective / cheaper / uses less gold;	2	Larger surface area to volume ratio = 2 marks
	С	Any two from: (may) get into the body/cells/blood/brain; (may) have health effects; not fully investigated/researched; not used long enough / not enough data collected;	2	allow any named health effect ignore 'harmful' or 'risk' or 'danger' to humans/the body 'harmful' or 'risk' or 'danger' must be linked to a named body part
		Total	5	

Q	uesti	ion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6	а	i			both ticks needed for mark
			Dr Abbott	1	
			Miss Brown 🗸		
			Mr Collins		
			Professor Derry ✓		
			Mrs Evans		
		ii			
			Dr Abbott	1	
			Miss Brown		
			Mr Collins		
			Professor Derry		
			Mrs Evans		
		iiii		1	
			Dr Abbott		
			Miss Brown		
			Mr Collins 🗸		
			Professor Derry		
			Mrs Evans		
		iv	Flavouring / taste	1	
	b	i	Any two from:	2	
			KCI mined in solution mining has greater purity / contains less impurities;		accept alternative wording for impurities eg grit, dirt, mud, rock
			Solution mining uses less labour / more economic / less hazardous for workforce / makes less waste / uses less energy / less of an eyesore;		ignore subsidence ignore cleaner
			this is more suitable for turning into other chemicals / electrolysis;		
		ii	chlorine and hydrogen;(1) potassium hydroxide;(1)	2	allow correct symbols/formulae do not allow chloride
			Total	8	

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[Level 3] Describes both graphs in detail and links them together. Explains the cause for the reduction in disease or evaluates the effectiveness of adding chlorine. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks [Level 2] Links both graphs together and either gives extra detai of one graph or explains the cause for reduction. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks [Level 1] Describes one graph or explains the cause for the reduction in disease. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1 – 2 marks [Level 0] Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
8 a		3	All 4 lines correct = 3 2 or 3 lines correct = 2 1 line correct = 1
b	When continentschanged ✓ When continentschanged ✓ Tectonic platesEarth ✓ polarity/alignment / direction of magnetism (in the	2	ignore references to layers
	rock);(1) evidence for theory of moving plates / where/ when rock was formed / about sea floor spreading; (1)	2	Magnetic poles switching / earth's polarity is not enough for polarity mark
	Total	7	

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