Mark scheme – Atomic Structure (F)

Question		ion	Answer/Indicative content					Guidance
1			С	1 (AO2.1)				
			Total					
2			В	1 (AO2.1)				
			Total	1				
3			Α	1 (AO 2.1)	Examiner's Comments B and D were quite common incorrect responses.			
			Total				1	
4			D	1 (AO 1.1)				
			Total				1	
5		i	Unreactive √ Full outer shell (of electro	2 (AO2.1 1.1)	ALLOW doesn't bond / doesn't lose or gain electrons / doesn't share electrons ALLOW (argon has a) stable electronic structure / 8 electrons			
						in outer shell		
		ii	Proton Neutron Electron	20 Ne 10 10 10	22 Ne 10 10 12 10	✓ ✓ ✓	3 (AO2.1)	1 mark for each row
			Total	0				
6	а	i	electron ✓ Nucleus containing protons and neutrons ✓ (Need both for the mark)					ALLOW either order Examiner's Comments

				A small number of candidates used biology terms including chromosomes and DNA or labelled the nucleus protons and electrons.
	ii	Has equal numbers of (positive) protons and (negative) electrons ✓	1 (AO2.1)	q asks for particles IGNORE protons cancel electrons Examiner's Comments Many referred to protons cancelling electrons with no reference to charges or numbers or stated that electrons are negative and protons positive with no further explanation or discussed neutrons and protons.
b		Isotopes have same number of protons (and electrons) ✓ Isotopes have different numbers of neutrons ✓	2 (AO1.1)	ALLOW same proton number/same atomic number ALLOW different mass number/number of nucleons/atomic mass DO NOT ALLOW different RAM/Mr ALLOW 1 mark for same protons and different neutrons Examiner's Comments Some candidates reversed atomic number and mass number as relative atomic mass. Atomic number was better known than mass number.

			Total							5	
7	а		graphite – has a layered structure (1) electrons can move / electrons between layers or delocalised (1) diamond – no free electrons or ions (1)						3		
	b		it can bond to itself (and make chains and rings) (1)							1	
			Total						4		
	а		Particle	Atomic number	Mass number	Number of protons	Number of neutrons	Number of electrons	Electronic structure	4	one mark scored for each correct line
			Α	11	23	11	12	11	2.8.1		
8			В	9	19	9	10	9	2.7		
			С	17	37	17	20	17	2.8.7		
			D	13	27	13	14	10	2.8		
	b		particle A – one electron in outer shell or energy level (1) particle D – has more protons than electrons (1)						2		
	С		group 7 (1) as 7 electrons in outer shell (1) period 3 (1) as 3 shells occupied (1)						4		
			Total						8		
9			В					1			
			Total						1		