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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

- the Assessment Objectives, level of demand and specification content that each question is intended to cover.

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 and underlining

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 bullet points 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.

2.4   Any wording that is underlined is essential for the marking point to be awarded.

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	green, 5	0
2	red*, 5	1
3	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

Marks should be awarded for each stage of the calculation completed correctly, as students are instructed to show their working. Full marks can, however, be given for a correct numerical answer, without any working shown.

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 is 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 ecf 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.

3.8 Allow

In the mark scheme additional information, 'allow' is used to indicate creditworthy alternative answers.

3.9 Ignore

Ignore is used when the information given is irrelevant to the question or not enough to gain the marking point. Any further correct amplification could gain the marking point.

3.10 Do not accept

Do **not** accept means that this is a wrong answer which, even if the correct answer is given as well, will still mean that the mark is not awarded.

4. Level of response marking instructions

Extended response questions are marked on level of response mark schemes.

- Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor.
- The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level.
- There are two marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer, read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

Step 1: Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer. Do **not** look to penalise small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level.

Use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 2 with a small amount of level 3 material it would be placed in level 2 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 3 content.

Step 2: Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this.

The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do **not** have to cover all of the points mentioned in the indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

You should ignore any irrelevant points made. However, full marks can be awarded only if there are no incorrect statements that contradict a correct response.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.	ID
01.1	potable		1	AO1.1 5.10.1.2	A
01.2		allow boils at 100°C for **2** marks		AO2 5.8.1.1	E
	boil (water)	ignore heat do **not** accept filter do **not** accept incorrect test	1		
	(boils) at 100°C		1		
		alternative approach freeze (water) (1)			
		(freezes) at 0°C (1)			
		if no other mark awarded, allow 1 mark for evaporate or distil water **and** no solid left			

01.3	**Level 2:** The design/plan would lead to the production of a valid outcome. All key steps are identified and logically sequenced.	3–4	AO1.1 5.10.1.2 10.2.13	E
	Level 1: The design/plan would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome. Some steps are identified, but the plan may not be logically sequenced.	1–2		
	No relevant content	0		

Indicative content

- weigh container.
- measure volume (100 cm^3) of water into container.
- evaporate / heat until dry.
- weigh container and remaining solids.
- determine mass of dissolved solids

To access Level 2 there should be an indication of using a known volume of water, heating until dry and determining the mass of solid.

01.4		an answer of 0.031 (g) scores **4** marks		AO2 5.3.2.5 10.2.13	E
	(conversion of cm^3 to dm^3) (250 cm^3 =) $\frac{250}{1000}$ or 0.25 (dm^3)		1		
	(conversion of mg to g) (125 mg =) $\frac{125}{1000}$ or 0.125 (g)		1		
	(0.25 × 0.125) = 0.03125	allow correct calculation from incorrect attempt(s) at conversion	1		
	=0.031 (g)	allow an answer correctly rounded to 2 significant figures from an incorrect calculation that uses the values in the question	1		

01.5		an answer of 8.8 (%) or 9 (%) scores **2** marks		AO2 5.10.1.2 10.2.13	E
	$\frac{44}{500} \times 100$		1		
	= 8.8 (%)	allow 9 (%)	1		

Total			**13**		

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.	ID
02.1	high temperatures (in the engine)		1	AO1 5.9.3.1	E
	enable oxygen and nitrogen (from air) to react	allow combine / bond for react	1		

02.2	**Level 3:** A judgement, strongly linked and logically supported by a sufficient range of correct reasons, is given.	5–6		E
	Level 2: Some logically linked reasons are given. There may also be a simple judgement.	3–4		
	Level 1: Relevant points are made. They are not logically linked.	1–2		
	No relevant content	0		
	Indicative content Examples of relevant points might include: • car **C** produces the most CO_2 during manufacture • car **A** produces the most CO_2 per km when driving • car **C** produces the most CO_2 from manufacture and 40,000km when driving • car **B** produces the most CO_2 from manufacture and 100,000km when driving Examples of linked statements might include: • car **A** produces least CO_2 during manufacture, but most CO_2 per km • car **C** produces most CO_2 during manufacture, but least CO_2 per km • car **A** produces least CO_2 during manufacture, but car **C** produces the least CO_2 per km Examples of judgements might include: • overall car **A** has the smallest carbon footprint as it has the smallest CO_2 production during manufacture, the smallest mass of CO_2 after 40,000km of driving and the smallest mass of CO_2 produced after 100,000km of driving. • car **A** eventually (after 157,895km) will have the largest carbon footprint because the mass of carbon dioxide produced per km is highest.		AO3 5.9.2.2 5.9.2.45.10.2.1	

Total			**8**

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.1	a mixture designed as a useful product		1	AO1 5.8.1.2
03.2	dyes distributed differently between the stationary and mobile phase	allow dyes have different solubilities allow dyes have different forces of attraction for stationary phase allow dyes have different forces of attraction for mobile phase allow dyes have different forces of attraction to the paper allow dyes have different forces of attraction to the solvent ignore density	1	AO1 5.8.1.3
	(so dyes) move up the paper at different speeds / rates	allow (so dyes) move different distances up the paper ignore references to time	1	
03.3	(because chromatogram has) different dots / colours		1	AO2 5.8.1.3
	in a (vertical) column	allow above the (original) spot	1	
03.4	run known dyes and food colouring (as a chromatogram)		1	AO2
	compare distances moved **or** compare R_f values		1	AO2
	(so) can identify those that move the same distance as known dyes **or** (so) can identify those that have the same R_f values as known dyes	allow (so) can identify those that move different distances as unknown dyes **or** allow (so) can identify those that have different R_f values as unknown dyes	1	AO2 5.8.1.3
Total			**8**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.1	growing plants (on low-grade ore)	allow named plant	1	AO1 5.10.1.4
	plants are burnt (to produce ash)		1	
	(ash dissolved in acid to produce) solution of a copper compound	allow named copper compound	1	
	electrolysis (of solution of a copper compound) **or** displacement (by adding scrap iron to a solution of a copper compound)	allow addition of scrap iron (to a solution of a copper compound)	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.2		an answer of 0.002 **or** 2×10^{-3} (mol) scores **3** marks		AO2 5.3.2.1 5.3.2.5
	M_r $CuSO_4$ = 159.5		1	
	$\dfrac{0.319}{159.5}$	allow correct use of incorrectly calculated value for M_r	1	
	= 0.002 (mol)	allow 2×10^{-3} (mol)	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.3	both reaction profiles start at the same energy level and end at the same energy level.		1	AO3 5.6.1.4

04.4	the amount of carbon dioxide used to produce the ethanol		1	AO3 5.9.2.2 5.9.3.1
	is the same as the amount of carbon dioxide given off when the ethanol is burned		1	
		alternative approach		
		there is sufficient carbon dioxide (in the atmosphere) (1)		
		because carbon dioxide is constantly produced from burning fossil fuels (1)		
		if no other mark awarded allow for **1** mark burning ethanol produces carbon dioxide		

04.5	meets needs of current generation		1	AO1 5.10.1.1
	without compromising needs of future generations	allow so there are enough resources for future generations ignore references to harming / damaging planet / environment	1	

Total			**12**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1	$Mg + 2H^+ \rightarrow Mg^{2+} + H_2$		1	AO2 5.6.1.2 5.1.1.1
05.2	electron transfer		1	AO2 5.11
05.3	all points correctly plotted	allow a tolerance of ± ½ a small square allow **1** mark for at least 4 points correctly plotted	2	AO2 5.6.1.1
	line of best fit		1	
05.4	(rate) decreases	allow (rate is) fastest at the beginning	1	AO3 5.6.1.1
	(rate decrease) more slowly as time increases (in rate)		1	AO3 5.6.1.1
	(rate) becomes zero at time read from graph	allow reaction stops at time read from graph	1	AO3 5.6.1.1
05.5		Incorrect reference to energy scores **max. 1**		AO2 5.6.1.3
	(rate decreases because) fewer particles (of acid / magnesium) as reaction progresses	allow (rate decreases because) concentration of acid decreases as reaction progresses	1	AO1 5.6.1.3
	(so) less frequent collisions	allow collisions less likely ignore less / fewer collisions	1	AO2 5.6.1.3 5.3.2.4
	reaction stops due to limiting factor / reagent	allow reaction stops because a reactant is used up	1	
Total			**11**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	glowing splint		1	AO1 5.8.2.2
	relights		1	
06.2	equilibrium shifts to right-hand side	allow towards the products allow in favour of the forward reaction	1	AO3
	(because) concentration of SO_3 decreases	this marking point is dependent on first marking point being awarded allow pressure decreases allow to increase the concentration of SO_3 allow to re-establish equilibrium	1	AO2 5.6.2.5 5.6.2.7
06.3		an answer of 15(.0 g) scores **4** marks in all approaches allow a correct calculation using an incorrectly calculated M_r		AO2 5.3.1.2 5.3.2.1 5.3.2.2
	(M_r CaO =) 56		1	
	(M_r $CaSO_3$ =) 120		1	
	$\dfrac{7}{56}$ × 120		1	
	= 15(.0 g)	**alternative approach A** (M_r CaO =) 56 (1) $\dfrac{7}{56}$ = 0.125 (moles) (1) (mass $CaSO_3$ =) 0.125 × 120 (1) = 15(.0 g) (1)	1	

16		**alternative approach B** (M_r CaO =) 56 (1) $\dfrac{56}{7}$ = 8 (factor) (1) (M_r CaSO$_3$ =) 120 (1) $\dfrac{120}{8}$ = 15(.0 g) (1) **alternative approach C** (M_r CaO =) 56 (1) (M_r CaSO$_3$ =) 120 (1) $\dfrac{120}{56}$ = 2.14235714 (factor) (1) 2.14235714 × 7 = 15(.0 g) (1)		

Total			**8**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1		maximum of **3** marks if incorrect reference made to cracking ignore fractional distillation ignore fracking		AO1 5.7.1.2
	heat or vaporise (oil)		1	
	temperature gradient in column	allow column is cooler at the top or allow column is hotter at the bottom	1	
	(vapour) condenses (into fractions)		1	
	depending on boiling point of fraction	allow at different levels	1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.2	different amounts of oxygen available	allow complete combustion **and** incomplete / partial combustion	1	AO2 5.9.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.3	$2\ C_4H_{10} + 9\ O_2 \rightarrow 8\ CO + 10\ H_2O$	allow correct multiples / halves	1	AO2 5.7.1.3 5.9.3.1 5.1.1.1

07.4	short wavelength radiation which enters the atmosphere	because uv / ultra violet radiation which enters the atmosphere	1	AO1.1 5.9.2.1
	is absorbed by materials **and** re-emitted		1	
	as a longer wavelength radiation	as ir / infrared radiation	1	
	(the longer wavelength radiation is trapped by) a greenhouse gas / carbon dioxide / methane which stops radiation escaping (from the atmosphere)	allow so temperature increases	1	

Total			**10**