



A-Level Chemistry

Intermolecular Forces

Mark Scheme

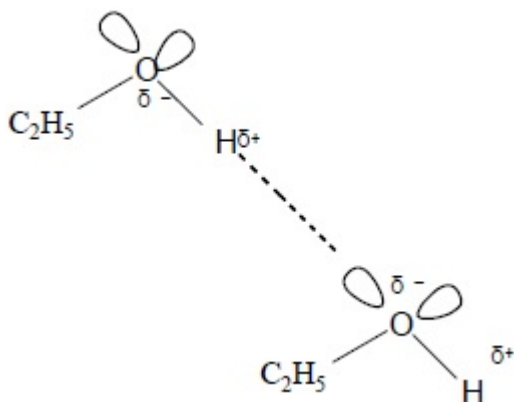
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Mark schemes

1.



M1 two lone pairs on each O atom

and

δ^+ and δ^- on each H-O bond

1

M2 dotted/broken line shown between lone pair on one molecule and the correct H on another

1

M3 O.....H-O in straight line, dependent on **M2**

Ignore any partial charges on C-H or C-O bonds

For straight line in **M3**, allow a deviation of up to 15°

1

If a different molecule containing hydrogen bonding due to O-H bond drawn (e.g. methanol, water) or an incorrect attempt at the structure of ethanol, then maximum of 2 marks (i.e. only penalise if would score all three marks otherwise)

(b) Hydrogen bonds (between ethanol molecules)

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(permanent) dipole-dipole OR van der Waals force (between methoxymethane molecules)

Allow vdW

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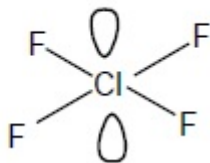
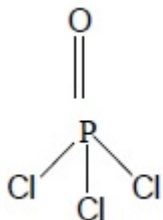
Hydrogen bonds are stronger/est intermolecular force

Allow more energy to break/overcome hydrogen bonding

Allow converse arguments

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(c)



POCl₃: allow any shape showing 1 double bond between P and O and 3 P-Cl bonds

1

ClF₄⁻: allow any shape showing 4 Cl-F bonds and 2 lone pairs

1

(distorted) Tetrahedral

1

Square planar

1

90°

1

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2.

(a) Power of an atom to attract a pair of electrons in a covalent bond.

Allow power of an atom to attract a bonding/shared pair of electrons

Allow power of an atom to withdraw electron density from a covalent bond

Not lone pair Not Element

1

(b) Difference in electronegativity leads to bond polarity

If chloride (ions) mentioned then CE = 0

1

(dipoles don't cancel therefore the molecule has an overall permanent dipole) and there is an attraction between δ^+ on one molecule and δ^- on another

partial charges should be correct if shown and can score M2 from diagram

1

(c)

SiH ₄	Tetrahedral		1 shape & no tick
PH ₃	Pyramidal (trigonal) Allow tetrahedral	✓	1 shape & tick
BeCl ₂	Linear		1 shape & no tick
CH ₃ Cl	(Distorted)Tetrahedral	✓	1 shape & tick

If shapes are drawn rather than named then penalise first mark gained

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3.

(a) SrCl₂ > ICl > Br₂

If wrong can award 1 for one in the correct 'position'

2

SrCl₂ strong ionic bonds / (strong electrostatic attraction between opposite ions)

1

Lattice so many strong bonds to overcome

1

ICl has dipole-dipole between molecules – weaker than ionic bonds

1

Br₂ has van der Waals forces between molecules – much weaker

Accept London / dispersion / induced dipole forces

1

(b) Cl₂ + H₂O ⇌ HCl + HClO

OR 2Cl₂ + 2H₂O ⇌ O₂ + 4HCl

OR Cl₂ + H₂O ⇌ 2H⁺ + Cl⁻ + ClO⁻

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Kills bacteria

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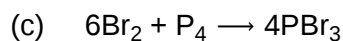
Wasteful as most potable water not used for drinking - used in washing clothes etc

OR Some people suffer eye irritation / Some people find the taste unpleasant

OR can react with organic compounds to produce harmful substances

Allow 'it is potentially toxic as it can be if over concentrated'

1



Accept 4P for P₄

1

Pyramidal shown in a diagram (but the name of the shape isn't needed)

1

100–108°

Actual value is 101° (hence larger range of values allowed)

1

(d) Tetrahedral shown in a diagram (but the name of the shape isn't needed)

1

109.5°

Accept 109° or 109°28'

1

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4.

(a) Electron movement in first molecule / temporary dipole

Allow description

1

Induces a dipole in another molecule

Allow description

1

(Induced-temporary) attraction or δ^+ attracts δ^- in different/adjacent molecules

M3 dependent on M1 and M2

Allow electrostatic attraction

M3 could be scored in diagram

If other type of force / metallic / ionic / polar bonds / permanent dipoles / difference in electronegativity mentioned CE = 0

1

(b) (i) (Methanol) H-bonds / hydrogen bonding

1

(Methanethiol) dipole-dipole forces or van der Waals

1

H-bonds are a stronger / are the strongest IMF

Allow H-bonds require more energy to overcome

If M1 and M2 not scored, allow 1 for methanol has stronger IMFs

If breaking covalent bonds then CE=0

1

(ii) (Fractional) distillation

Allow description

Do not allow heating unqualified

1

- (c) (Methaneselenol is a) bigger molecule / larger Mr / larger no of electrons / Se bigger atom

1

With stronger/more vdw forces between molecules

If breaking covalent bonds then CE=0

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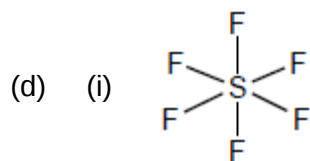


Diagram showing 6 bond pairs

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(Bond angle) 90° for SF_6

Ignore 180°

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Octahedral

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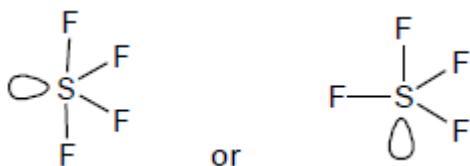


Diagram showing 4 bond pairs and 1 lone pair

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(Bond angles) for SF_4

If shape of SF_4 is not based on 4 bond pairs and 1 lone pair cannot score M4 or M5

Any **two** from:

Allow $85 - 89^\circ$

Do not allow 90°

Allow $100 - 119^\circ$

Do not allow 120°

Allow $170 - 179^\circ$

Do not allow 180°

2

- (ii) NaCl (as product in any equation)

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Allow multiples

Ignore states

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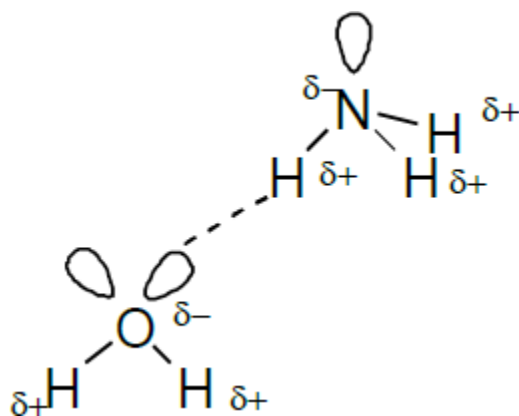
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- (a) Hydrogen bonding / hydrogen bonds / H-bonding / H-Bonds

Not just hydrogen.

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(b)

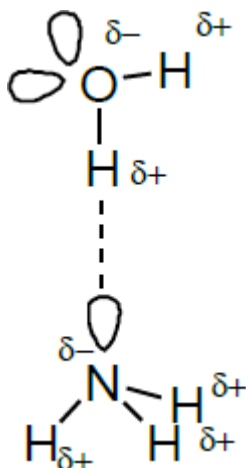


One mark for minimum of 4 correct partial charges shown on the N-H and O-H

One mark for the 3 lone pairs.

One mark for H bond from the lone pair on O or N to the $H^{\delta+}$

OR



The N-H-O should be linear but can accept if the lone pair on O or N hydrogen bonded to the H

If wrong molecules or wrong formula, CE = 0/3

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(c) (Phosphine) does not form hydrogen bonds (with water)

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6.

(a) tendency / strength / ability / power of an atom / element / nucleus
to attract / pull / withdraw electrons / e - density / bonding
pair / shared pair

1

in a covalent bond

1

- (b) (i) F_2 = van der Waals' / induced/temporary dipole-dipole / dispersion / London forces
1
- CH_3F dipole-dipole
(not just 'dipole')
1
- HF = hydrogen bonding
(not just 'H' / 'hydrogen')
1
- (ii) large difference in electronegativity between H and F / F most/very/much more electronegative / values '4' & '2.1' quoted
(not just 'high er')
1
- $\delta^+H-F\delta^-$ dipole created or dipole clearly implied
(accept arguments such as 'uneven charge in bond' / 'polar bond' $\therefore$ F slightly negative / H slightly positive)
1
- attraction/bond formed between δ^+H and lone pair on F
(M2 / M3 may be scored from a diagram)
(CE if full charges shown - lose M2 and M3)
1
- (c) (i) van der Waals' / induced/temporary dipole-dipole / dispersion / London forces / attractions
(ignore references to dipole-dipole)
1
- increase with the increasing M_r / size / mass / N^0 of e^- / size of e^- cloud (in the hydrogen halides)
(if ionic, or if 'covalent bonds broken' = CE = 0)
(mark M1 and M2 separately)
1
- (ii) hydrogen bonding stronger than van der Waals' attraction/forces
(accept hydrogen bonding is very strong / strongest)
(accept arguments such as 'HF has H-bonds, others only have van der Waals')
(not just 'HF has H-bonding')
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