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It must be stressed that a mark scheme is a working document, in many cases further developed and expanded on the basis of students' reactions to a particular paper. Assumptions about future mark schemes on the basis of one year's document should be avoided; whilst the guiding principles of assessment remain constant, details will change, depending on the content of a particular examination paper.

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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 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 <u>not</u> 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.

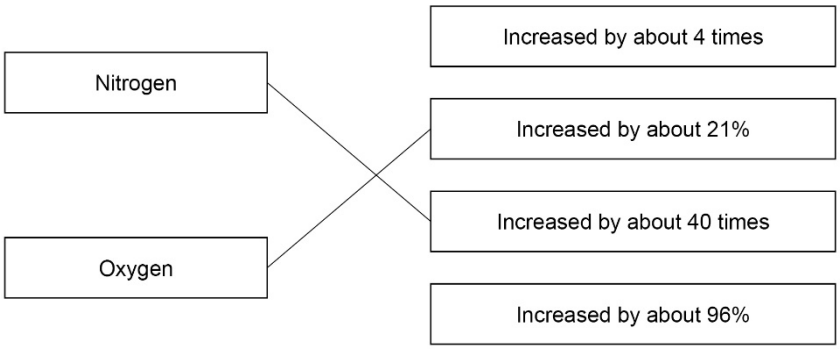
You should ignore any irrelevant points made. However, full marks can be awarded only if there are no incorrect statements that contradict a correct response.

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

Question 1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.1	4.6 billion years ago		1	AO1 4.9.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.2	0.92 (%)		1	AO2 4.9.1.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.3	 do **not** accept more than one line from a box on the left		1 1	AO1 AO2 4.9.1.1 4.9.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.4	carbon dioxide dissolving in sea water formation of sedimentary rocks		1 1	AO1 4.9.1.2 4.9.1.4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.5	carbon dioxide (+ water →) (→ glucose +) oxygen	allow CO_2 allow O_2	1 1	AO1 4.9.1.3

Question 1 continued

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
01.6	evidence / proof		1	AO1 4.9.1.2

Total			**9**

Question 2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.1	(mass) balance (volume) measuring cylinder	allow scales allow burette / pipette	1 1	AO1 4.10.1.2 RPA 8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.2	(mass of salt = 30.49 – 30.44 =) 0.05 (g salt) (mass of salt in 1000 cm^3 =) $\frac{1000}{50} \times 0.05$ = 1.0 (g) **alternative approach**: (volume ratio = $\frac{1000}{50}$) = 20 (1) (mass of salt in 1000 cm^3) = (30.49 – 30.44) × 20 (1) = 1.0 (g) (1)	allow correct use of incorrectly determined mass of salt allow correct use of incorrectly determined volume ratio	1 1 1	AO2 4.10.1.2 RPA8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.3	heat the evaporating dish and salt again measure the mass of the evaporating dish and salt again		1 1	AO3 4.10.1.2 RPA 8

Question 2 continued

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.4	(no condenser) (more) steam escapes **or** less steam condenses	allow converse for condenser allow water vapour for steam	1	AO1
	(because) cooling / condensing is less efficient **or** (because) a (liebig) condenser is not used	allow (because) cooling / condensing is slower allow (because) cold water is not used for cooling / condensing	1	AO3 4.1.1.2 4.10.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.5	(distilled) water is pure	allow microbes are destroyed (by distillation)	1	AO3 4.8.1.1 4.10.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.6	using chlorine using ozone		1 1	AO1 4.10.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.7	pH 7		1	AO2 4.4.2.4 4.10.1.2 RPA8

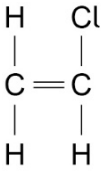
Total			13

Question 3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.1	limestone sodium carbonate		1 1	AO1 4.10.3.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.2	(advantage) stronger (reason) less easily damaged		1 1	AO3 AO2 4.10.3.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.3	(advantage) lower density (reason) lighter (to install)		1 1	AO3 AO2 4.10.3.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.4			1	AO2 4.7.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.5	(add damp) litmus paper (litmus paper) is bleached **or** (litmus paper) turns white	ignore (litmus paper) turns red	1 1	AO1 4.8.2.4

Question 3 continued

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.6	(polymers) last a long time (wood) renewable	ignore references to cost allow break down slowly allow trees can be replanted allow aesthetic reasons	 1 1	 AO3 AO1 4.10.1.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.7	(percentage of aluminium =) $\frac{5.94}{6.00} \times 100$ = 99 (%)		1 1	AO2 4.10.3.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.8	(alloy is) harder (than pure aluminium)	allow (alloy is) stronger (than pure aluminium) ignore references to cost	1	AO2 4.2.2.7 4.10.3.2

Total			14

Question 4

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.1	(equation contains the symbol) ⇌	allow description of arrow / symbol	1	AO1 4.6.2.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.2	the mass of each substance does not change the rates of the forward reaction and reverse reaction are equal		1 1	AO3 AO1 4.6.2.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.3	the mixture will have become a paler purple		1	AO3 4.6.2.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.4	increases decreases increases	must be in this order	1 1 1	AO1 4.6.1.2 4.6.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.5	change the temperature **or** add a catalyst	ignore references to pressure	1	AO1 4.6.1.2 4.6.1.3

Total			8

Question 5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1	(diagram) gas syringe **or** inverted measuring cylinder over water		1	AO3 4.6.1.2 RPA5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.2	(error) (delivery) tube is in (sulfuric) acid (problem) (sulfuric) acid will travel up tube **or** no hydrogen / gas will be collected		1 1	AO3 4.6.1.2 RPA5

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.3	line of best fit	must include 0, 0	1	AO2 4.6.1.1 4.6.1.2 RPA5

Question 5 continued

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.4	(volume of gas =) 45 (cm^3)	allow a tolerance of ± ½ a small square allow volume from drawn curve	1	AO2 4.6.1.1 4.6.1.2 RPA5
	(rate =) $\frac{45}{60}$	allow correct use of incorrectly determined volume at 60 seconds	1	
	= 0.75		1	
	cm^3/s		1	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.5	the line of best fit for higher concentration would have a steeper slope		1	AO1 4.6.1.1 4.6.1.2 RPA5

Total			**9**

Question 6

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	flame emission spectroscopy flame test		1 1	AO1 4.8.3.1 4.8.3.7 RPA7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.2	white		1	AO2 4.8.3.2 RPA7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.3	barium chloride (solution)		1	AO1 4.8.3.5 RPA7

Question 6 continued

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.4	(conversion) (800 cm^3 = $\frac{800}{1000}$ =) 0.8 (dm^3) (mass =) 0.8 × 258 (g) = 206.4 (g) = 206 (g) **alternative approach:** (conversion) (258 g/dm^3 = $\frac{258}{1000}$ =) 0.258 (g/cm^3) (1) (mass =) 0.258 × 800 (g) (1) = 206.4 (g) (1) = 206 (g) (1)	 allow correct use of incorrect / no volume conversion allow an answer correctly calculated to 3 significant figures from an incorrect calculation which uses the values in the question allow correct use of incorrect / no concentration conversion allow an answer correctly calculated to 3 significant figures from an incorrect calculation which uses the values in the question	 1 1 1 1	AO2 4.3.2.5

Total			**8**

Question 7

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	fuel		1	AO1 4.7.1.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.2	propene		1	AO2 4.7.2.1 4.7.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.3	(percentage yield =) $\frac{380}{400}$ × 100 = 95 (%)		1 1	AO2 4.3.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.4	some ethanol changes back into ethene and steam some ethanol escapes from the apparatus		1 1	AO2 4.3.3.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.5	C_2H_5OH + **3** O_2 → 3 H_2O + 2 CO_2	allow multiples	1	AO2 4.1.1.1 4.3.1.1 4.7.2.3

Question 7 continued

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.6	(advantages) (fermentation) low energy usage (fermentation) uses renewable raw materials (disadvantages) (fermentation) produces impure ethanol (fermentation) slow rate of reaction		 1 1 1 1	AO3 4.7.2.2 4.7.2.3 4.10.1.1

Total			**11**

Question 8

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	use of oil has decreased by 0.8% **or** use of oil has decreased from 1.3% to 0.5%		1	AO2 4.10.1.1
	use of solar energy has increased by 3.4% **or** use of solar energy has increased from 0% to 3.4%	allow any value below 0.05% for 2007	1	
	any **one** from: • use of oil increased from 2007 to 2009 • no change in oil use between 2013 and 2015 • no change in solar energy use between 2007 and 2009 • use of solar energy increased most between 2013 and 2015 • between 2007 and 2011 more oil was used **and** between 2013 and 2017 more solar energy was used	allow use of oil was highest in 2009	1	
		if no other mark is awarded, allow **1** mark for oil decreased **and** solar energy increased		

Question 8 continued

Question	Answers	Mark	AO/ Spec. Ref
08.2	**Level 3**: Relevant points (reasons/causes) are identified, given in detail and logically linked to form a clear account.	5–6	AO2
	Level 2: Relevant points (reasons/causes) are identified, and there are attempts at logical linking. The resulting account is not fully clear.	3–4	AO1
	Level 1: Points are identified and stated simply, but their relevance is not clear and there is no attempt at logical linking.	1–2	AO1
	No relevant content	0	
	Indicative content • carbon dioxide produced • (which is) a greenhouse gas • (therefore) surface temperature increases • (therefore) global warming • (so) climate change • (so) polar ice caps melt • (so) increasing sea levels • (so) flooding • (so) extreme weather events • (so) reduction in biodiversity • (so) famine / drought • sulfur dioxide produced • (which causes) acid rain • (so) damage to buildings / statues • (so) damage to trees • (so) damage to aquatic animals • (so) respiratory problems in humans • carbon / soot produced • (which are) particulates • (which cause) global dimming • (so) respiratory problems in humans • carbon monoxide produced • (which is) toxic		4.9.2.2 4.9.2.3 4.9.3.1 4.9.3.2

Question 8 continued

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.3	solar is (a) renewable (source of energy)	allow oil is (a) finite (source of energy)	1	AO3 4.10.1.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.4	any **two** from: • sunshine is unreliable • increased demand for energy • lack of space	ignore references to cost	2	AO3 4.9.2.4 4.10.1.1

Total			**12**

Question 9

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.1	all five points plotted correctly	allow a tolerance of ± ½ a small square allow **1** mark for three or four points plotted correctly	2	AO2 4.7.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.2	98 (°C)	allow a value in the range 92 to 104 (°C)	1	AO3 4.7.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.3	the boiling point is lower than 0 (°C)	allow the graph cannot show negative temperatures	1	AO3 4.7.1.3

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.4	gas	allow (g)	1	AO2 4.2.2.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.5	C_9H_{20}		1	AO2 4.7.1.1

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.6	(nonane) has a higher boiling point (so nonane) condenses where the column has a higher temperature	allow converse for the other alkanes allow (so nonane) collects where the column has a higher temperature	1 1	AO2 4.7.1.2

Total			8

Question 10

Question	Answers	Mark	AO/ Spec. Ref
10.1	**Level 3**: The design/plan would lead to the production of a valid outcome. All key steps are identified and logically sequenced.	5–6	AO1 4.8.1.3 RPA6
	Level 2: The design/plan would not necessarily lead to a valid outcome. Most steps are identified, but the plan is not fully logically sequenced.	3–4	
	Level 1: The design/plan would not lead to a valid outcome. Some relevant steps are identified, but links are not made clear.	1–2	
	No relevant content	0	
	Indicative content **Method** • draw (pencil) start line on (chromatography) paper • place spot of food colouring on start line • use of suitable solvent • place solvent in beaker / container • place (chromatography) paper in beaker / container • so (chromatography) paper is in solvent • but solvent is below start line • use a lid • wait for solvent to travel up the (chromatography) paper (until near top) • mark solvent front • dry the (chromatography) paper **Measurements** • measure distance between start line and centre of spot • measure distance between start line and solvent front • use of measurements to determine R_f value		

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.2	different solvent used		1	AO3 4.8.1.3 RPA6

Question 10 continued

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.3	paper		1	AO1 4.8.1.3 RPA6

Total			**8**