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MARK SCHEME

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded positively:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Science-Specific Marking Principles

- 1 Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly.
- 2 The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored.
- Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection).
- The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.

5 'List rule' guidance

For questions that require *n* responses (e.g. State **two** reasons ...):

- The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided.
- Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards *n*.
- Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards n.
- Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should **not** be
 awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should
 be treated as a single incorrect response.
- Non-contradictory responses after the first *n* responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science.

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6 Calculation specific guidance

Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

For answers given in standard form (e.g. $a \times 10^n$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient (a) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7 Guidance for chemical equations

Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

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Question	Answer	
1(a)	I Table or list of correct headings for 4 balance readings:	1
	(mass of) crucible (and lid)	
	 (mass of) crucible (and lid) and FA 1 / contents before heating 	
	 (mass of) crucible (and lid) and residue / contents after heating (not FA 1) 	
	 (mass of) crucible (and lid) and residue / contents after re-heating (not FA 1) 	
	II Recording of readings – all 3 bullets required:	1
	Unambiguous unit for all data is recorded	
	All weighings recorded to same number of decimal places (2 or more)	
	 4th weighing is	
	III Correct subtractions of masses	1
	Masses of FA 1 and residue are correct.	
	IV, V Accuracy (Q) marks	
	 Examiner must check and correct (if necessary) the masses of FA 1 used and of residue obtained by supervisor and by candidate 	
	Calculate (mass of FA 1) / (mass of residue) for the supervisor to 2 dp	
	Write this ratio, in a ring, on the candidate script	
	Calculate (mass of FA 1) / (mass of residue) for the candidate to 2 dp	
	 Calculate δ, the difference between these two ratios 	
	Award IV if $\delta \leqslant 0.25$	1
	Award V if ≤ 0.10	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(b)(i)	Correctly calculates of moles of zinc oxide:	1
	n(ZnO) = mass of residue / 81.4 and Correctly uses n(ZnO) to calculate moles of ZnCO ₃ •2Zn(OH) ₂ •xH ₂ O:	
	n(ZnO) / 3 and both answers given to 2–4 sf	
1(b)(ii)	Correctly uses (b)(i) to calculate M_r of ZnCO ₃ •2Zn(OH) ₂ • x H ₂ O: mass of FA 1 / final answer (b)(i) and answer given to 2–4 sf	1
1(b)(iii)	Correctly calculates M_r as 324.2	1
1(b)(iv)	M1 shows use of: (b)(ii) - (b)(iii) / 18	1
	M2 answer given correctly rounded to the nearest integer value	1

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Question	Answer	Marks			
2(a)	I Initial and final readings and titre recorded for rough titration and accurate titration details tabulated	1			
	II Titre values recorded for accurate titrations and All three headings and units correct for accurate titrations Headings: initial / final (burette) and reading / volume / vol or reading / volume / vol at start / finish and titre or volume / FA 3 and added / used and Units: (cm³) or / cm³ or in cm³ (or cm³ by every entry)	1			
	III All accurate burette readings are recorded to the nearest 0.05 cm ³	1			
	IV The final accurate titre recorded is within 0.10 cm ³ of any other accurate titre	1			
	Award V if $\delta \leqslant 0.50\mathrm{cm^3}$ Award VI if $\delta \leqslant 0.30\mathrm{cm^3}$ Award VII if $\delta \leqslant 0.20\mathrm{cm^3}$	3			
2(b)	Candidate must average two (or more) accurate titres with total spread of not more than 0.20 cm ³ . The mean value must be quoted correct to 2 dp Working must be shown or ticks must be put next to the two (or more)				
2(c)(i)	All answers in (c)(ii), (c)(iii), (c)(iv) and (c)(vi) given to 3 or 4 sf Minimum of three answers to qualify				
2(c)(ii)	Correctly calculates amount of NaOH added: ((b) / 1000) × 0.150				

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(c)(iii)	Correctly calculates amount of HCl in 1 dm³ of FA 2 :	1
	(c)(ii) × 40	
2(c)(iv)	Correctly uses:	1
	(c)(iv) = 0.2(0) - (c)(iii)	
2(c)(v)	Correctly balanced equation:	1
	$ZnCO_3 \cdot 2Zn(OH)_2 \cdot \mathbf{x}H_2O + 6HCl \rightarrow 3 ZnCl_2 + CO_2 + (x+5) H_2O$	
2(c)(vi)	Correctly uses:	1
	(c)(iv)/6	
	Correctly uses:	1
	3.52 / ((c)(iv) / 6)	
2(d)	Any two for 1 mark and four for 2 marks:	2
	 smaller titre / less FA 3 used / smaller volume (of NaOH) used (therefore) calculated / remaining HCl is less or less HCl present in (1 dm³) FA 2 more HCl apparently reacted (with basic zinc carbonate) moles of basic zinc carbonate (reacting) increases but same mass (so M_r is smaller) 	

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Question	Answer			
3	FA 5 is CuCO ₃ FA 6 is HC <i>l</i>			
3(a)	 Green powder (solid) turns black (powder) 'jumps' around the tube Condensation / (water) droplets Gas / CO₂ forms white ppt with limewater Any 2 bullet points = 1 mark	2		
3(b)(i)	effervescence and Mg/solid dissolves/colourless solution formed/vigorous reaction/(test-tube/mixture) gets hot	1		
	(gas) 'pops' with a lighted splint	1		
3(b)(ii)	$Mg(s) + 2H^{+}(aq) \rightarrow Mg^{2+}(aq) + H_2(g)$			
3(c)(i)	effervescence and blue / turquoise / green solution	1		
3(c)(ii)	(pale) blue ppt soluble in excess giving dark / deep blue solution	1		
3(d)(i)	silver nitrate and ammonia (solution)	1		
	sodium hydroxide and aluminium (foil)	1		
3(d)(ii)	M1 minimum 2 × 2 table with unambiguous heading(s) and Use of both sets of reagents given in (d)(i)	1		
	M2 With silver nitrate: white precipitate and ppt soluble / colourless solution in ammonia and no reaction with second set of reagents	1		

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Question	Answer				Marks	
3(e)			cation	anion		2
		FA 5	Cu ²⁺ / copper(II)	CO ₃ ²⁻ / carbonate		
		FA 6	H+/hydrogen	C1⁻/ chloride		
	Any 2 correct identities = 1 i	mark			•	

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