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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				Marks	
1(a)	I All thermometer readings to .0 or .5 °C AND at least one at .0 °C and one at .5 °C					3
	Accuracy marks Examiner calculates ΔT_{max} for supervisor. Examiner calculates ΔT_{max} for candidate. Calculate and record the difference between supervisor and candidate value, δ .					
	II and III Award accuracy marks as shown:					
	Supervisor ΔT_{max}	≤ 6.5 °C	7.0–15.0 °C	>15.0 °C		
	1 mark	δ ≤ 1.0 °C	δ ≤ 1.5 °C	δ ≤ 2.0 °C		
	2 marks	δ ≤ 0.5 °C	δ ≤ 1.0 °C	δ ≤ 1.5 °C		
1(b)(i)	M1 Temperature on <i>y</i> -axis and volume of FB 2 added on the <i>x</i> -axis AND with unambiguous names or units AND some numbers for scales M2 Linear scales which include 2 °C above highest <i>T</i> in table				4	
	AND plotted points/data and 2 °C above highest T in table, would occupy at least 5×5 big squares					
	M3 All recorded points plotted correctly					
	M4 Two lines of best fit drawn (straight line or smooth curve) covering all plotted points ignoring points labelled anomalous AND extrapolated to intersect					
1(b)(ii)	Reads and records volume of FB 2 at intersection to 1 or 2 decimal places				1	
1(c)(i)	Correctly uses results to calculate energy released Q = (25 + volume in (b)(ii)) × 4.18 × temp rise AND answer to 2 or more significant figures				1	

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Question	Answer	Marks	
1(c)(ii)	Correctly calculates amount of NaOH (= $1.9 \times 25 / 1000$) = 4.75×10^{-2} AND answer given to 2–4 significant figures	1	
1(c)(iii)	Correct use of (c)(i) and (c)(ii) to calculate enthalpy change = - (c)(i) / [(c)(ii) × 1000] AND answer given to 2–4 significant figures with negative sign shown	1	
1(c)(iv)	Correct expression evaluated M_r CH ₃ CH X COOH = [312.5 × (b)(ii)] / [(c)(ii) × 1000]		
1(c)(v)	Correct use of (c)(iv) to identify acid	1	
	$A_{\rm r}$ = (c)(iv) -73 AND correct choice of acid		
	CH ₃ CHFCOOH ≤ 100.25 100.25 < CH ₃ CHC <i>l</i> COOH ≤ 130.7 130.7 < CH ₃ CHBrCOOH ≤ 176.4 176.4 < CH ₃ CHICOOH		
1(c)(vi)	Correct expression evaluated [actual M_r – (c)(iv)] x 100 / actual M_r	1	
	CH ₃ CHFCOOH = 92.0 CH ₃ CHC <i>I</i> COOH = 108.5 CH ₃ CHBrCOOH = 152.9 CH ₃ CHICOOH = 199.9		

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	I Three weighings recorded in the space provided AND all weighings recorded to the same decimal places (2 or 3)	
	 II Correct headings AND correct displayed units (Mass of) crucible (+ lid) (Mass of) crucible (+ lid) + FB 3 (or 'contents before heating') (Mass of) crucible (+ lid) + residue / MO / metal oxide / contents (after heating) (Mass of) FB 3 (Mass of) residue / MO / metal oxide / contents after heating (Mass) loss / FB 3 - residue/ CO₂ Units must be '/' or 'in' or '()' AND g or 'grams' in column headings or with every entry 	
	III Correct subtractions to give masses of FB 3, residue and mass loss AND values are correctly labelled AND mass of FB 3 is between 0.90 and 1.10 g.	
	Accuracy marks Calculate supervisor's mass ratio (to 2 d.p.) = mass FB 3 / mass of residue Calculate candidate's mass ratio (to 2 dp) = mass FB 3 / mass of residue Difference (δ) between the candidate's mass ratio and the supervisor's mass ratio	
	IV if δ is within 25% of the supervisor ratio V if δ is within 10% of the supervisor ratio	
2(b)(i)	Correctly calculates amount of CO ₂ lost = mass loss / 44 AND answer given to 2–4 significant figures	1
2(b)(ii)	Correct use of (b)(i) to calculate M_r M_r = mass of FB 3 used / (b)(i) AND answer given to 2–4 significant figures	1
2(b)(iii)	Correct use of (b)(ii) to identify A_r = (b)(ii) – 60 AND selects metal that forms a 2+ ion with suitable A_r	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(c)	The M_r would appear lower AND it would appear that greater amount / moles of CO_2 was lost	1
2(d)	M1 test: add named acid	2
	M2 fizz / effervescence / bubbles AND (some) FB 3 not decomposed (owtte)OR no fizz / effervescence / bubbles / no reaction AND FB 3 completely decomposed (owtte)	

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Question	Answer					
		FB 4 is HNO ₃ (aq), FB 5 is HCO	DH(aq), FB 6 is H ₂ SO ₄ (aq) and FB	3 7 is NaBr(aq)		
3(a)(i)	, ,		observations			
	test	FB 4	FB 5	FB 6		
	Test 1 + KMnO ₄ (and warm)	no change / (KMnO ₄) stays purple / no (visible) reaction *	(solution) turns colourless / KMnO4 decolourised *	look to box below		
		ignore	KWITO4 decolourised	no change / (solution stays) purple / no (visible) reaction *		
	Test 2 + Cu turnings	effervescence / fizzing / bubbling (on warming) *	no (visible) reaction / no change *	no (visible) reaction / no change *		
		solution (turns) (pale) blue / green-blue / blue-green OR (pale) brown gas / bubbles *				
	Test 3 + Mg ribbon	(slow) effervescence / fizzing / bubbling *	(slow) effervescence / fizzing / bubbling *	fast / rapid / vigorous gas made / fizz / effervescence / bubbling *		
	gentle shake after leaving	Mg remaining OR effervescence *	Mg remaining OR effervescence *	becomes hot owtte / exothermic * no Mg remaining / colourless solution only *		
		anywhere in Test 3: (gas / H ₂) burns with a 'pop' / pops with a lighted splint * *				

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(ii)	M1 FB 4 is nitric acid / HNO ₃ AND slower effervescence than FB 6 OR forms brown gas / NO ₂ (with Cu) OR blue solution (with Cu) OR reacts with Cu	3
	M2 FB 5 is methanoic acid / HCOOH AND (only acid to) decolourise KMnO ₄ (owtte) OR (only) methanoic acid can be oxidised	
	M3 FB 6 is sulfuric acid / H ₂ SO ₄ AND faster / fastest bubbling with Mg OR Mg disappears	
3(b)(i)	M1 acidifies FB 7 with nitric acid (before testing with AgNO ₃)	3
	M2 adds (aqueous) silver nitrate / AgNO ₃ AND off-white / cream ppt	
	M3 adds (aqueous) ammonia / NH ₃ AND ppt partially soluble / insoluble AND bromine	
3(b)(ii)	Two marks for fully correct equation (with excess NaOH): 2NaOH + CH ₃ CHXCOOH \rightarrow CH ₃ CH(OH)COONa + NaX + H ₂ O where X is the halogen identified in (b)(i) or ' X '	2
	One mark for: unbalanced equation with correct formulae OR NaOH + CH₃CHXCOOH → CH₃CH(OH)COOH + NaX OR NaOH + CH₃CHXCOOH → CH₃CH(OH)COONa + HX	

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