

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
1(a)	To prevent it coming into contact/reacting with oxygen/air	1	Allow because it reacts with air/oxygen And because with air/oxygen it forms an oxide. (Oxide, if identified, must be correct :- P_4O_{10} , P_2O_5 , P_4O_6 , P_2O_6)
1(b)	One molecule contains 4P and 10O/the molecular formula is P_4O_{10}	1	Allow exists as P_4O_{10} Do not allow reference to combination of two P_2O_5 molecules Ignore any reference to stability
1(c)	P_4O_{10} is a bigger molecule (than SO_3)/greater M_r /more electrons/ greater surface area <u>Van der Waals / vdW forces between molecules are stronger/require more energy to break</u>	1 1	Penalise SO_2 for one mark (max 1) CE = 0 if mention of hydrogen bonding/ionic/ giant molecule/breaking of covalent bonds Do not allow just more vdW forces Ignore any reference to dipole-dipole forces
1(d)	$P_4O_{10} + 6H_2O \rightarrow 4H_3PO_4$ pH must be in the range -1 to +2	1 1	Allow correct ionic equations Ignore state symbols Allow -1 to +2 Mark independently

1(e)(i)	$3\text{MgO} + 2\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 \rightarrow \text{Mg}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ OR $\text{MgO} + 2\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 \rightarrow \text{Mg}(\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4)_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ OR $\text{MgO} + \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 \rightarrow \text{MgHPO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	1	Allow $\text{MgO} + 2\text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ Allow magnesium phosphates shown as ions and ionic equations Ignore state symbols
1(e)(ii)	MgO is sparingly soluble/insoluble/weakly alkaline	1	Excess/unreacted MgO can be filtered off/separated
1(e)(iii)	An excess of NaOH would make the lake alkaline/toxic/kill wildlife	1	Allow pH increases