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Paper 2 AS Level Structured Questions
MARK SCHEME
Maximum Mark: 60

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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 descriptions 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.

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.

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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 <u>'List rule' guidance</u>

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.

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.

Question				Answer		Marks
1(a)	Mg ²⁺	24	12	10		2
	Al ³⁺	27	13	10		
4 correct = 2 marks 2 or 3 correct = 1 mark 0 or 1 correct = 0 marks						
1(b)	M1 it / Al^{3+} is smaller (compared to Mg^{2+}) M2 greater nuclear attraction for remaining electrons M3 same shielding effect AND greater nuclear charge					3
1(c)	+ + + + + positively charged ions - + + + + + delocalised electrons					1
	labelled diagram shows: • regular arrangement of minimum of 2 × 2 circles containing + for positive ions • AND surrounded by (sea of) delocalised electrons					
1(d)(i)	large amo	ount of energy requ	ired to break bonds in	n giant covalent structu	re	1

Question			Answer		Marks	
1(d)(ii)	M1 all 3 melting points lower than Mg M2 show melting point CI < P < S					
1(e)(i)	Na solid 10-14			2		
	S	gas	0–4			
	4 correct = 2 mark 2 or 3 correct = 1 0 or 1 correct = 0	mark				
1(e)(ii)	acid–base OR neu	utralisation			1	
1(e)(iii)	$P_4O_{10} + 6H_2O \rightarrow 4$	$P_4O_{10} + 6H_2O \rightarrow 4H_3PO_4$				
1(f)(i)	reacts with both a	cids and bases OR sho	ows both acidic and basic behaviou	ır	1	
1(f)(ii)	Al(OH) ₃ + NaOH -	→ NaA <i>l</i> (OH) ₄			1	

Question	Answer	Marks			
2(a)	Progress of reaction All three correct (2 marks) or two correct (1 mark): • profile for endothermic reaction (include 'hump') • arrow representing E_A • arrow representing ΔH OR (+) 27.2				
2(b)(i)	no more fizzing / effervescence stops	1			
2(b)(ii)	mo more fizzing / effervescence stops M1 calculate Q from = $50 \times 4.18 \times (26.2 - 19.6)$) = $1379.(4)$ M2 Use M1 to find energy change when 1 mol Na ₂ CO ₃ / 2 mol HCl reacts M1 ÷ $0.04 = 34485$ M3 express Q as $\Delta H_{(1)}$ in kJ mol ⁻¹ = $-$ (value for M2) ÷ 1000 = -34.5 kJ mol ⁻¹ Alternative method M1 evidence of use Q = $mc\Delta T = 50 \times 4.18 / 1000 \times (26.2 - 19.6) = 1.3794$ M2 Use M1 to find energy change when 1 mol Na ₂ CO ₃ / 2 mol HCl reacts M1 ÷ $0.04 = 34.485$ M3 express Q as $\Delta H_{(1)}$ in kJ mol ⁻¹ = $-$ (value for M2) (expressed in kJ) = -34.5 kJ mol ⁻¹				

Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)(iii)	Using answer from $2(b)(ii)$ (=) $2\Delta H_2 - (\Delta H_1)$ (=) $2 \times 27.2 - (2b(ii))$ $2 \times 27.2 - (-34.50) = (+) 88.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ All three correct (2 marks) or two correct (1 mark): • $(27.2) - (-34.5) \text{ OR } (27.2) - (2b(ii))$ • $2 \times 27.2 \text{ and } 1 \times 2b(ii)$ • calculate correctly their expression Using alternative value of $\Delta H_1 = -38.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ $\Delta H_r = (+)92.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} = 2 \text{ marks}$	2
2(c)	$Ca(NO_3)_2 \rightarrow CaO + 2NO_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2$ M1 correct formula for calcium nitrate: $Ca(NO_3)_2$ M2 correct balanced equation	2

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	M1 rates of forward and reverse / backward reactions are equal M2 no change in measurable properties OR concentration of reactants AND products remain constant	2
3(b)(i)	M1 change to appearance of the mixture: (goes) darker red / more red M2 change to relative concentration of $Fe^{3+}(aq)$: decreases M3 change to the value of equilibrium constant, K_c : constant / none	3

Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)(ii)	Method 1 M1 conc of initial conc of Fe³+ and SCN⁻= 0.0020 (mol dm⁻³) M2 at equilibrium the conc of Fe³+ and SCN⁻ are (M1 − 0.000423) M3 use $0.000423 \div (M1 - 0.000423)^2$ to calculate $K_c = 170(.089)$ M4 units = mol⁻¹ dm³ OR dm³ mol⁻¹ Method 2 M1 no mol FeSCN²+ = $4.23 \times 10^{-4} \times 25 / 1000 = 1.0575 \times 10^{-5}$ M2 no mol Fe³+ and SCN⁻ are $(5 \times 10^{-5} - M1) = 3.9425 \times 10^{-5}$ M3 $0.000423 \div (M2 \times 1000 / 25)^2 = 170(.089)$	4
3(c)	M4 units = $mol^{-1} dm^3$ OR $dm^3 mol^{-1}$ full electronic configuration of Fe^{3+} 1s ² 2s ² 2p ⁶ 3s ² 3p ⁶ 3d ⁵	1
3(d)	s c N	2
	M1 6 electrons between C and N AND 2 electrons between C and SM2 3 lone pairs around S AND none around C AND 1 lone pair around N	

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	Three-dimensional stereoisomers of CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₅ CHBrCH ₃	2
	M1 correct representation of left-hand answer as 3d structure of one of the enantiomers of CH₃(CH₂)₅CHBrCH₃	
	M2 correct representation of 3d structure of the second enantiomer of CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₅ CHBrCH ₃	

Question	Answer	Marks
4(b)	H S_Br C ₆₊ (CH ₂) ₅ CH ₃ CH ₃ HO C-(CH ₂) ₅ CH ₃ CH ₃ HO C-(CH ₂) ₅ CH ₃ CH ₃ HO C-(CH ₂) ₅ CH ₃ CH ₃ M1 correct dipole (⁸⁺ C—Br ⁸⁻) AND curly arrow from bond of C—Br to Br (or just beyond) M2 correct intermediate ALLOW R for −(CH ₂) ₅ CH ₃ M3 curly arrow from lone pair on OH ⁻ to the C of intermediate (or suitable position where C–OH bond is made) If SN2 mechanism shown: Apply SN2 mechanism mark scheme only if mechanism shows OH / NaOH species attacking the reactant and no OH M1 correct dipole (⁸⁺ C—Br ⁸⁻) AND curly arrow from bond of C—Br to Br of reactant (or just beyond) NOT M2 M3 curly arrow from lone pair on :OH ⁻ to the appropriate C of the reactant	3

Question				Answer		Marks
4(c)	Chemical test	observation with 2-bromooctane	observation with octan-2-ol	observation with CH₃(CH₂)₅CHCH₂		3
	Br ₂ in the dark	x		orange / brown to colourless		
	PCl ₅		steamy fumes	×		
	AgNO ₃ (aq)	cream precipitate OR off white precipitate	×			
	4 or 5 correct 2 or 3 correct	wers = 3 marks answers = 2 marks answers = 1 mark answer = 0 marks			-	
4(d)(i)	elimination					1
4(d)(ii)	NaOH / sodiu	m hydroxide in ethan	ol			1
4(e)(i)		0 2	6			2
	2 correct ans	wers = 2 marks wers = 1 mark answers = 0 marks				

Question	Answer	Marks
4(e)(ii)	M1 presence of a π bond	3
	M2 limited rotation of C=C bond	
	M3 EITHER two different groups on each / both double bonded carbon atoms OR two different atoms on each / both double bonded carbon atom OR one H / atom and one alkyl group on each / both double bonded carbon atom	