

GCSE

Chemistry A

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit A322/01: Modules C4, C5, C6 (Foundation Tier)

Mark Scheme for January 2013

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Annotations

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

Annotation	Meaning	
/	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point	
(1)	separates marking points	
not/reject	answers which are not worthy of credit	
ignore	statements which are irrelevant - applies to neutral answers	
allow/accept	answers that can be accepted	
(words)	words which are not essential to gain credit	
<u>words</u>	underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark	
ecf	error carried forward	
AW/owtte	credit alternative wording / or words to that effect	
ORA	or reverse argument	

Available in scoris to annotate scripts:

?	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
BOD	benefit of doubt
CON	contradiction
×	incorrect response
ECF	error carried forward
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
~~	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
NBOD	no benefit of doubt

R	reject
	correct response
25	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response
Λ	information omitted

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

- a. Accept any clear, unambiguous response (including mis-spellings of scientific terms if they are *phonetically* correct, but always check the guidance column for exclusions).
- b. Crossed out answers should be considered only if no other response has been made. When marking crossed out responses, accept correct answers which are clear and unambiguous.

e.g. for a one-mark question where ticks in the third <u>and</u> fourth boxes are required for the mark:

		*
		y ≥ ª
₹	✓	✓
*	*	✓
This would be worth 1 mark.	This would be worth 0 marks.	This would be worth 1 mark.

c. The list principle:

If a list of responses greater than the number requested is given, work through the list from the beginning. Award one mark for each correct response, ignore any neutral response, and deduct one mark for any incorrect response, e.g. one which has an error of science. If the number of incorrect responses is equal to or greater than the number of correct responses, no marks are awarded. A neutral response is correct but irrelevant to the question.

d. Marking method for tick-box questions:

If there is a set of boxes, some of which should be ticked and others left empty, then judge the entire set of boxes.

If there is at least one tick, ignore crosses and other markings. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, e.g. shading or crosses. Credit should be given according to the instructions given in the guidance column for the question. If more boxes are ticked than there are correct answers, then deduct one mark for each additional tick. Candidates cannot score less than zero marks.

e.g. if a question requires candidates to identify cities in England:

Edinburgh	
Manchester	
Paris	
Southampton	

the second and fourth boxes should have ticks (or other clear indication of choice) and the first and third should be blank (or have indication of choice crossed out).

Edinburgh			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Manchester	✓	×	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Paris				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Southampton	✓	×		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Score:	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	NR

- e. For answers marked by levels of response:
 - i. Read through the whole answer from start to finish
 - ii. **Decide the level** that **best fits** the answer match the quality of the answer to the closest level descriptor
 - iii. To determine the mark within the level, consider the following:

Descriptor	Award mark			
A good match to the level descriptor	The higher mark in the level			
Just matches the level descriptor	The lower mark in the level			

iv. Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris to show your decision; do not use ticks.

Quality of Written Communication skills assessed in 6-mark extended writing questions include:

- appropriate use of correct scientific terms
- spelling, punctuation and grammar
- developing a structured, persuasive argument
- selecting and using evidence to support an argument
- considering different sides of a debate in a balanced way
- logical sequencing.

Q	uestion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)	sodium chloride (1); Na (1)	2	
	(b)	It is not necessary to take any safety precautions when handling chlorine gas. Chlorine is a brown gas.	1	
		Chlorine gas has two atoms in each molecule. Chlorine is an alkali metal.		
	(c)	The ions move around the water. (1) The water changes colour. The ions get smaller. The solid compound melts. The regular arrangement of ions breaks down. (1)	2	
	(d)	state symbol BR ₂	2	1 mark for the correct line on each side. any additional line scores 0 for that 'side'
	(e)	sodium bromide	1	
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C	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	(a)		Cs; 55;	1	both correct for one mark
	(b)		any four from: lithium has a lower (relative) atomic mass/lithium has an atomic mass of 7, sodium 23; (1) lithium has fewer protons than sodium/lithium has 3 protons, sodium has 11 protons; (1) lithium has fewer electrons than sodium/lithium has 3 electrons, sodium has 11 electrons; (1) lithium has fewer neutrons than sodium/lithium has 4 neutrons, sodium contains 12 neutrons; (1) lithium has fewer electron shells/lithium has 2 shells, sodium has 3/lithium is 2,1 and sodium is 2,8,1; (1)	4	ignore lithium has a lower atomic number (in the question) if numbers for protons, electrons, neutrons or shells are given, they must be correct allow correct "dot and cross" diagrams for both atoms
			both have 1 electron in outer shell/same number of electrons in the outer shell; (1) (in both types of atom) the number of protons is equal to the number of electrons; (1)		if no other marks are scored, allow (1) only for they contain different numbers of protons/electrons/neutrons/atomic masses;

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(c)	How quickly the salt evaporates in the flame. Whether the compound burns. The colour of the flame. Whether a gas is given off.	1]]]	
		Total 6	

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)		ions break out of lattice (1) ions are free to move (1)	2	
	(b)	(i)	arrow to left	1	accept arrows that are not horizontal, but are pointing towards the correct electrode any arrow in the wrong direction = 0 accept arrows above and below the container but between the electrodes in the correct direction
		(ii)	oxygen	1	accept carbon dioxide/CO ₂
	(c)		metallic	1	

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Question	Answer	Mark	s	Guidance
(d)	Aluminium is a good conductor of heat.] 2		
	Aluminium has a lower melting point than some other metals.]		
	Aluminium is less dense than other metals.			
	Aluminium is softer than most other metals.			
	Aluminium is a good electrical conductor.]		
	To	al 7		

C	uestion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(a)	SiO ₂ (1)		
		$A l_2 O_3 (1)$		
	(b)	Sodium occurs in other compounds; (1)	2	
		There is much less chlorine than sodium in the Earth's crust; (1)		
		Total	4	

Q	uestion	Answer		Marks	Guidance		
5	(a)	carbon dioxide oxygen	Increases	Decreases ✓	Same	1	
	(b)	carbon dioxide contains atom/only oxygen	en (1) only one ele				assume "it" refers to carbon dioxide ignore "it is a mix of carbon and oxygen" allow "carbon dioxide has more/different elements" or "carbon dioxide has more than one element" not just "pure element" for oxygen not "2 oxygen molecules"
					Total	3	

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
6	(a)	(i)	The temperature cools during the reaction.	1	
			All the acid has been used up.		
			All the gas has been used up.		
			The magnesium carbonate becomes unreactive.		
		(ii)	filtration / filtering / filter / decantation / decant	1	

Questi	ion	Answer		Guidance
(b)		chemical state symbol magnesium carbonate (s) water (g) carbon dioxide (aq) magnesium sulfate solution (l)	2	all four correct = 2 marks two or three correct = 1 mark one correct = 0 marks
(c)	(i)	Each line finishes at the same volume.	1	
	(ii)	Increasing the temperature of the acid ✓	1	
		Total	6	

Q	uestion	Answer		Guidance
7	(a)	relative atomic mass Ca 40 Cl 35.5 O 16 H 1 (1) relative formula mass of Ca $Cl_2 = 111$ (1)	2	ignore units if given if 20 is given for RAM of Ca allow a mark for 91
	(b)	OH-	1	
	(c)	$\begin{array}{c c} & & \\ & & + & \\ \hline \\ & & + & \\ \hline \\ & & \\ \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} & \\ & \\ & \\ \end{array} H_2O \end{array}$	1	H ⁺ and OH ⁻ can be written in either order in the two boxes on the left of the arrow
		Total	4	

C	uestior	n Answer	Marks	Guidance
8	(a)	falls / gets less (1) water is lost / water evaporates (1)	2	no mark for 'evaporation' unqualified / solution evaporates
	(b)	to dry out / make sure (all) water has gone	1	allow to evaporate remaining water / get rid of the water do not allow to dry the solution
	(c)	4.3	1	
		Total	4	

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