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## GCSE

## Chemistry A

## Mark Scheme for January 2012

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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 |
| words | underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark |
| ecf | error carried forward |
| AW/owtte | alternative wording |
| ORA | or reverse argument |

Available in scoris to annotate scripts

|  | indicate uncertainty or ambiguity |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | benefit of doubt |
|  | contradiction |
|  | drarrect response carried forward |
|  | draw attention to particular part of candidate's response |


|  | no benefit of doubt |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\square$ | reject |
| $\square$ | correct response |
| $\square$ | draw attention to particular part of candidate's response |
| $\square$ | information omitted |

## Subject-specific Marking Instructions

a. If a candidate alters his/her response, examiners should accept the alteration.
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.

Eg
For a one mark question, where ticks in boxes 3 and 4 are required for the 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, eg 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 boxes:

Always check the additional guidance.
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. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, eg shading or crosses.
Credit should be given for each box correctly ticked. 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.

Eg If a question requires candidates to identify a city in England, then in the boxes

| 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 |  |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Manchester | $\checkmark$ | $\times$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Paris |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Southampton | $\checkmark$ | $\times$ |  | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Score: | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0}$ | NR |


| Question |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | (a) | (he flames flash at <br> different rates <br> the flames are <br> different colours <br> sodium burns much <br> faster than potassium <br> the height of the flames <br> is different in each test | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |


|  | esti | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| 1 | (b) | any four from: <br> mixture contains same (three) lines as potassium / contains spectrum of potassium; <br> does not contain the line/spectrum for sodium; <br> extra lines in mixture spectrum / lines in mixture that are not in potassium or sodium spectrum; <br> links extra lines to another element in mixture; <br> can identify unknown by comparison with spectra for other elements; <br> each element has a characteristic/unique spectrum; <br> reference to position of lines / idea of lines in the same place; | 4 | accept 'pattern' for 'lines' accept other similar words for lines eg bars / marks etc <br> allow 'mixture contains same line/lines as potassium', but do not allow incorrect number of lines (should be three). <br> ignore 'the results show potassium' / 'the results do not show sodium' etc. (same wording as question) <br> ignore references to colour <br> ignore 'spectrum shows another unknown element' (rewords the question) accept 'compound / atom / molecule' for 'element' ignore the numbers of extra lines <br> need idea of spectrum, not just 'compare to unknown sample' <br> ignore 'in similar places' |


| Question |  |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | (c) |  | lithium 2.8.1 <br> 19 | 2 | if name is missing, allow correct symbol, Li i.e not $\mathrm{Li}_{2}$ / li/ LI <br> 3 correct $=2$ marks <br> $2 / 1$ correct $=1$ mark |
|  |  |  | Total | 7 |  |


| 2 | (a) | (i) | the surface bubbles and fizzes a flame appears the surface changes from shiny to dull the piece of lithium gets smaller | 1 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | (ii) | $\mathrm{Li}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1)$ $\begin{equation*} \mathrm{CO}_{3}{ }^{2-} \text { or } \mathrm{CO}_{3}{ }^{-2} \tag{1} \end{equation*}$ | 2 | formula must be close to that written, ie Li, not LI, or li. 2 must be subscripted or clearly smaller than Li. <br> do not accept $\mathrm{Li} 20 / \mathrm{Li}^{2} \mathrm{O}$ <br> do not accept $\mathrm{LiO}_{2}$ <br> 3 must be subscripted. <br> 2- must be superscripted |
|  | (b) | (i) | hydrogen (1) | 1 |  |
|  |  | (ii) | lithium hydroxide (1) | 1 | accept LiOH (correct formula) ignore any other partially correct or incorrect formula |


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| 2 | (c) | (i) | both elements are in the same vertical column of the Periodic Table they are both non-metal elements the boiling points and densities of both elements are the same an atom of caesium has the same number of protons as a lithium atom the atoms have the same number of electrons in the outer shell | $\checkmark$ <br> $\checkmark$ |  | 2 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \text { correct }=2 \\ & 3 / 4 \text { correct }=1 \\ & 1 / 2 \text { correct }=0 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | (ii) | the caesium reaction takes a much a different gas is made in each reaction the caesium reaction is much faster the caesium reaction makes an acid a different compound is made in each | er time <br> action | $\square$ <br>  <br> $\checkmark$ <br> $\square$ <br> $\square$ | 1 | need both |
|  |  |  |  |  | Total | 8 |  |


| Question |  | Answer |  |  |  | Marks | Guidance |
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| 3 | (a) | metallic; ionic; covalent |  |  |  | 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { all correct = } 2 \\ & 2 / 1 \text { correct = } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | (b) | statement <br> _. dissolved in <br> water <br> ...below room <br> temperature <br> ... between <br> molecules <br> ... electrons <br> ... solids at room <br> temperature | ionic | covalent <br> $\checkmark$ <br> $\checkmark$ <br> $\checkmark$ | both | 3 | ```all 5 correct = 3 marks 4 correct = 2 marks 3 correct = 1 mark 2/1 correct = 0``` |
|  |  |  |  |  | Total | 5 |  |


| Question |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | (a) | Similarity: <br> both contain carbon, hydrogen and oxygen (atoms); <br> all bonds are covalent; <br> maximum of three from: <br> Difference: <br> contain different numbers of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen; <br> sugar contains more carbon / 6 carbons in sugar and 3 carbons in the amino acid; <br> sugar contains more hydrogen / 12 hydrogens in sugar and 7 hydrogens in the amino acid ; <br> sugar contains more oxygen / 6 oxygen in sugar and 2 in the amino acid; <br> amino acid contains nitrogen and/or sulfur / more (different) elements ORA; <br> amino acid is a smaller / lighter molecule / fewer (total) atoms ORA; <br> sugar is a chain (molecule) / amino acid (molecule) is branched; | 4 | 4 marks must include at least one similarity. <br> ignore contain $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{H}$ and O (not enough) <br> ignore 'molecular' bonding <br> ignore 'more Cs' or 'more Hs' or 'more Os' if numbers are given, they must be correct. ignore $\mathrm{C}_{6} / \mathrm{C}^{6}$ etc. <br> ignore 'sugar is straight / amino acid is round' or similar |
|  | (b) | $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{NS}$ (1) | 1 | elements may be in any order eg $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{SO}_{2} \mathrm{~N}$ etc do not accept lower case letters eg h or n |
|  |  | Total | 5 |  |



| Question |  |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| 6 | (a) | (i) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { sulfuric (acid) } \\ & \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4} \end{aligned}$ | 1 | both needed <br> accept formula in a different order eg $\mathrm{SO}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{2}$ etc. do not accept $\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{SO} 4 / \mathrm{H}^{2} \mathrm{SO}^{4}$; numbers should be half way down the letters or lower. |
|  |  | (ii) | hydrogen $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ | 1 | both needed do not accept $\mathrm{H} 2 / \mathrm{H}^{2}$ |
|  | (b) | (i) | experiment 5 (1) | 1 |  |
|  |  | (ii) | States a pattern to link concentration to rate: decreased concentration decreases rate of reaction / increased concentration increases rate of reaction; (1) <br> Refers to volume or time in the table: lower volume of acid decreases rate / lower concentration of acid takes a longer time / lower volume of acid takes a longer time; ORA (1) | 2 | allow 'it is faster' / 'gas is made quicker' for increased rate allow 'it is slower' for decreased rate <br> allow 'less acid' / 'more water' for lower volume of acid allow 'more acid' / 'less water' for higher volume of acid; allow 'takes longer' for a longer time ignore numbers quoted from table without any additional explanation |
|  |  | (iii) | (acid) particles closer together / more particles per unit volume idea ORA(1) <br> more frequent collisions /collide more often ORA(1) | 2 | allow ions / atoms / molecules for particles ignore 'more particles' alone <br> ignore 'faster/'slower' collisions / 'takes longer to collide' ignore 'more collisions' alone ignore 'more successful collisions' allow 'more chance of collisions' / collisions are more likely do not allow second marking point if answer refers to particles having more or less energy or moving faster or moving more slowly |


| Question |  | Answer | Marks |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | (c) | zinc carbonate <br> zinc oxide <br> zinc hydroxide | 2 | 3 correct $=2$ marks <br> 2 correct $=1$ <br> 1 correct $=0$ |  |
|  |  |  | Total | 9 |  |



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