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Mark Scheme

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MARK SCHEME

Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the Examiner make his or her judgement and help to delineate what is acceptable or not worthy of credit or, in discursive answers, to give an overview of the area in which a mark or marks may be awarded.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent.

2. Emboldening

- 2.1 In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available 'any **two** from' is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following lines is a potential mark.
- 2.2 A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.
- 2.3 Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of or. (Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a /; eg allow smooth / free movement.)

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which students have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that 'right + wrong = wrong'.

Each error/contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of error/contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution? (1 mark)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	4,8	0
2	green, 5	0
3	red*, 5	1
4	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system. (2 marks)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	Neptune, Mars, Moon	1
2	Neptune, Sun, Mars,	0
	Moon	

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a student writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, full credit can be given if the symbol / formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, as shown in the column 'answers', without any working shown.

However if the answer is incorrect, mark(s) can be gained by correct substitution / working and this is shown in the 'extra information' column;

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.5 Errors carried forward

Any error in the answers to a structured question should be penalised once only.

Papers should be constructed in such a way that the number of times errors can be carried forward are kept to a minimum. Allowances for errors carried forward are most likely to be restricted to calculation questions and should be shown by the abbreviation e.c.f. in the marking scheme.

3.6 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.7 Brackets

(.....) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

question	answers	extra information	mark
1(a)	causes dust pollution		1
	increases traffic		1
1(b)(i)	it is soft	accept the layers of atoms can slide over each other ignore other properties	1
1(b)(ii)	contains chromium / nickel	allow contains other metals	1
1(c)(i)	an element		1
1(c)(ii)	hard		1
1(c)(iii)	is resistant to corrosion		1
Total			7

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)	1 / one		1
	3 / three		1
2(b)(i)	air linked to nitrogen and oxygen		1
	quicklime linked to calcium oxide		1
	waste gases linked to nitrogen and carbon dioxide		1
2(b)(ii)	mixture burns / combusts	accept methane reacts with air / oxygen accept as a fuel	1
	to provide energy / heat		1
2(c)	as a building material		1
	to make cement		1
Total			9

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(a)	bar drawn correctly 78 – 80 (%)		1
3(b)(i)	(Mars has) no (green / living) plants / trees		1
3(b)(ii)	(argon) is unreactive / inert	accept argon is a noble gas	1
		ignore it is in Group 0	
3(c)	(the amount of carbon dioxide has decreased because it has been) absorbed / used by (green / living) plants / trees or used for photosynthesis	accept dissolved / absorbed by oceans or locked up in fossil fuels / carbonate rocks	1
3(d)	the eruption of volcanoes		1
Total			5

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)(i)	hydrocarbons	accept alkanes	1
4(a)(ii)	distillation		1
4(b)(i)	vaporising		1
4(b)(ii)	cracking		1
4(c)	В		1
4(d)(i)	new plastic products are made from the used plastic bags		1
4(d)(ii)	not biodegradable	accept does not decompose allow does not rot	1
4(d)(iii)	advantage – energy is released		1
	disadvantage – carbon dioxide is produced		1
Total			9

Question 5

question	answers	extra information	mark
5(a)(i)	a reasonable attempt at a smooth curve	allow a curve which is close to but does not necessarily touch all points	1
5(a)(ii)	 biodiesel is more viscous than petroleum diesel at all / lower temperatures biodiesel – as the temperature increases the viscosity decreases or vice versa petroleum diesel – the viscosity does not change 	allow thicker / thinner / runny for viscous if no other mark awarded allow 1 mark for any correct conclusion based on time or rate	2
		of flow	
5(a)(iii)	does not flow as easily (through pipes / engine) or	allow could form a solid / block pipes / engine at low temperatures allow more difficult to vaporise / ignite ignore burning	1
	needs a high temperature to flow	ignore references to viscosity	
5(b)(i)	global dimming	allow correct description	1
5(b)(ii)	56 (%)		1

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question	answers	extra information	mark
5(b)(iii)	(increases) acid rain		1
	because there is more nitrogen oxide(s)	ignore sulfur dioxide if no other mark awarded allow 1 mark for nitrogen oxide(s) given	1
5(b)(iv)		answer yes or no does not gain credit because the marks are for an explanation ignore references to petroleum diesel allow carbon for carbon dioxide	
	no		
	because carbon dioxide (26%) is released / produced		1
	this will <u>not</u> all be absorbed by photosynthesis / growing plants for biodiesel	accept growing plants / farming uses machinery / fossil fuels releases carbon dioxide	1
	OR		
	yes		
	because although carbon dioxide (26%) is released / produced (1)		
	this was absorbed by photosynthesis / growing plants(for biodiesel) (1)	allow this will be absorbed by photosynthesis / growing plants for biodiesel	
Total			10

Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)	(improve) appearance	allow add colour allow these food colourings have not been proven to cause hyperactive behaviour in young children do not accept taste / flavour / preservatives ignore reference to E-numbers	1
6(b)	X		1
6(c)	 any three from: S contains six / 6 colourings P contains five / 5 colourings both S and P contain the same five / 5 colourings both contain W and Y both sweets (may) cause hyperactivity neither contain X and Z 	if neither of first 2 bullet points given allow 1 mark for S contains more colours than P or converse ignore unsafe	3
Total			5

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