

GCSE (9–1)

Chemistry A (Gateway Science)

J248/03: Paper 3 (Higher Tier)

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Mark Scheme for Autumn 2021

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1. Annotations available in RM Assessor

Annotation	Meaning
	Correct response
	Incorrect response
	Omission mark
	Benefit of doubt given
	Contradiction
	Rounding error
	Error in number of significant figures
	Error carried forward
	Level 1
	Level 2
	Level 3
	Benefit of doubt not given
	Noted but no credit given
	Ignore

2. Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme (to include abbreviations and subject-specific conventions).

Annotation	Meaning
/	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
✓	Separates marking points
DO NOT ALLOW	Answers which are not worthy of credit
IGNORE	Statements which are irrelevant
ALLOW	Answers that can be accepted
()	Words which are not essential to gain credit
—	Underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ECF	Error carried forward
AW	Alternative wording
ORA	Or reverse argument

3. Subject-specific Marking Instructions

INTRODUCTION

Your first task as an Examiner is to become thoroughly familiar with the material on which the examination depends. This material includes:

- the specification, especially the assessment objectives
- the question paper
- the mark scheme.

You should ensure that you have copies of these materials.

You should ensure also that you are familiar with the administrative procedures related to the marking process. These are set out in the OCR booklet **Instructions for Examiners**. If you are examining for the first time, please read carefully **Appendix 5 Introduction to Script Marking: Notes for New Examiners**.

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The breakdown of Assessment Objectives for GCSE (9-1) in Chemistry A:

	Assessment Objective
AO1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas and scientific techniques and procedures.
AO1.1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas.
AO1.2	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific techniques and procedures.
AO2	Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas and scientific enquiry, techniques and procedures.
AO2.1	Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas.
AO2.2	Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific enquiry, techniques and procedures.
AO3	Analyse information and ideas to interpret and evaluate, make judgements and draw conclusions and develop and improve experimental procedures.
AO3.1	Analyse information and ideas to interpret and evaluate.
AO3.1a	Analyse information and ideas to interpret.
AO3.1b	Analyse information and ideas to evaluate.
AO3.2	Analyse information and ideas to make judgements and draw conclusions.
AO3.2a	Analyse information and ideas to make judgements.
AO3.2b	Analyse information and ideas to draw conclusions.
AO3.3	Analyse information and ideas to develop and improve experimental procedures.
AO3.3a	Analyse information and ideas to develop experimental procedures.
AO3.3b	Analyse information and ideas to improve experimental procedures.

For answers to Section A if an answer box is blank ALLOW correct indication of answer e.g. circled or underlined.

Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
1	D ✓	1	1.1	
2	C ✓	1	2.1	
3	C ✓	1	1.1	
4	B ✓	1	2.1	
5	C ✓	1	1.1	
6	A ✓	1	2.2	
7	B ✓	1	2.1	
8	C ✓	1	1.1	
9	C ✓	1	2.2	
10	B ✓	1	2.1	
11	C ✓	1	2.1	
12	B ✓	1	2.2	
13	C ✓	1	1.2	
14	A ✓	1	1.1	
15	B ✓	1	2.1	

Question		Answer		Marks	AO element	Guidance	
16	(a)		Allotrope	2	2 x 1.1		
			<i>Diamond</i>				4✓
			<i>Graphite</i>				3✓
			<i>Graphene</i>				3
	(b)	(i)	Diamond has many strong covalent bonds ✓ Which require a lot of energy to break ✓	2	2 x 1.1	ALLOW idea that each carbon atom forms 4 strong covalent bonds / diamond is a giant covalent structure / diamond is macromolecular DO NOT ALLOW references to intermolecular forces or ionic bonds – scores 0 for question ALLOW idea that the bonds are hard to break	
		(ii)	Any two from: Graphite forms layers of (covalently bonded) carbon atoms ✓ Idea that graphite has weak(er) intermolecular forces / weak forces between layers ✓ Layers can slide / slip over each other ✓	2	2 x 1.1	DO NOT ALLOW references to ionic bonds – scores 0 for question ALLOW sheets for layers	
	(c)		Any two from: Carbon can bond to itself ✓ Carbon can form families / groups / series of compounds ✓ Idea that carbon forms four bonds, which gives different bonding possibilities to different elements ✓ Idea that carbon can form single or double bonds (in different compounds) ✓	2	2 x 1.1		

Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
17	(a)	Second box ticked ✓	1	3.2b	
	(b)	(i)	3	3 x 3.3a	Answer must relate to P and O and be in the correct order
		(ii)	3	2 x 2.2 1.2	ALLOW ECF from incorrect division if answer x 10 ALLOW ECF for sig fig mark
	(c)	<p>One mark for each correct line</p>	3	3 x 3.2b	

Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
18	(a)	No atoms are made or lost during a chemical reaction / Idea that the mass of the products is equal to the mass of the reactants ✓	1	1.1	
	(b)	Magnesium carbonate is a solid ✓ (Solid) particles vibrate in a fixed position ✓	2	2.1 1.1	
	(c) (i)	Idea that gas is formed / idea that the beaker is not sealed ✓ Gas particles are able to completely fill their container / gas particles (spread out and) escape from the beaker / AW ✓	2	2.2 1.1	ALLOW carbon dioxide for 'gas' ALLOW gas is released for 2 marks IGNORE references to evaporation
	(ii)	Any two from: Forces of attraction are not taken into account ✓ Size of particles are not taken into account ✓ Shape of particles are given as perfect spheres ✓	2	2 x 1.1	IGNORE references to bonds
	(d) (i)	Any one from: Idea that $MgCl_2$ is aqueous / soluble (so can't be filtered) ✓ The solid is (left over / unreacted) magnesium carbonate / $MgCO_3$ ✓	1	2.2	
	(ii)	Any two from: Keep the (salt) solution / filtrate (not the solid) ✓ Evaporation (of the salt solution / filtrate) ✓ Crystallisation ✓	2	2 x 3.3b	ALLOW answers in any order ALLOW description of crystallisation

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19	(a)	(i)	<p>Any two from:</p> <p>The mass of the atom is all in the nucleus (rather than evenly spread throughout) ✓</p> <p>Idea that atom has a nucleus (in the middle) ✓</p> <p>The positive charge is in the nucleus ✓</p> <p>Idea that the (negative charged) electrons orbit (rather than negative electrons embedded in a “pudding” of positive charge) ✓</p>	2	2 x 1.1	<p>Assume unqualified answer refers to the current structure of the atom</p> <p>ALLOW idea that atom has neutrons in the centre</p> <p>ALLOW idea that atom has protons in the centre</p> <p>ALLOW idea that electrons are found in shells (rather than throughout the atom)</p>
		(ii)	<p>A scientist giving feedback on another scientist's experiments is peer review. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓</p> <p>A scientist should have more confidence in results that have not been peer reviewed. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Peer review is important to make sure results are reproducible. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓</p> <p>Peer review is not important as everyone can have a different opinion. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Two friends discussing science is peer review. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Two scientists discussing science is peer review. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	2	2 x 1.1	

Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
19	(b)	(i)	<p>FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 3.36×10^{-23} (g) award 3 marks</p> <p>$20.2 \div 6.02 \times 10^{23} \checkmark$ $= 3.355.. \times 10^{-23} \checkmark$</p> <p>$= 3.36 \times 10^{-23}(\text{g})$ (to 3 sf) \checkmark</p>	3	2 x 2.2 1.2	ALLOW ECF for sig fig mark
		(ii)	11 \checkmark	1	2.1	
		(iii)	<p>FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 5 (mol) award 2 marks</p> <p>$101 \div 20.2 \checkmark$</p> <p>$= 5 \checkmark$</p>	2	2 x 2.2	
	(c)		<p>Any two from: Group 0 elements have a full outer shell (of electrons) / 8 electrons in their outer shell \checkmark</p> <p>Group 1 elements do not have a full outer shell (of electrons) / have 1 electron in their outer shell \checkmark</p> <p>A full outer shell (of electrons) is unreactive / stable \checkmark</p>	2	2 x 1.1	<p>ALLOW named Group 0 and Group 1 elements ALLOW Group 8 instead of Group 0</p> <p>ALLOW Group 1 elements lose their outer electron to become stable for 2 marks</p>

Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
20	(a)	<p>Any one from: Copper anode is decreased in mass / the graphite anode does not decrease in mass ✓</p> <p>Oxygen is formed at the graphite anode / oxygen is not formed at the copper anode ✓</p> <p>Copper anode takes part in the reaction / graphite anode doesn't take part in the reaction ✓</p> <p>Copper anode forms copper ions ✓</p>	1	2.2	ALLOW positive electrode for anode and negative electrode for cathode throughout
	(b)	(i)	2	2 x 2.2	<p>ALLOW any correct multiple, including fractions DO NOT ALLOW and / & instead of '+'</p> <p>Balancing mark is dependent on the correct formulae but ALLOW 1 mark for a balanced equation with a minor error in subscripts / formulae e.g. $2\text{h}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2$</p>
		(ii)	1	2.2	<p>DO NOT ALLOW Cl DO NOT ALLOW Chloride / Cl^-</p>
		(iii)	2	2 x 2.1	DO NOT ALLOW electrons moving
		<p>Any two from: <u>Ions</u> are free to move in aqueous solution ✓</p> <p><u>Ions</u> cannot move in solid ✓</p> <p><u>Ions</u> carry a charge / current ✓</p>			

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	(c)	B ✓ An (inert) electrode has to conduct electricity ✓ An (inert) electrode has to remain solid / not dissolve ✓	3	3 x 3.2a	If C or D is chosen, score 0 for the question If A is chosen, allow 1 mark for an (inert) electrode has to conduct electricity

Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
21	(a) *	<p>Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question.</p> <p>Level 3 (5-6 marks) Analyses and explains the information provided to correctly identify which samples contain painkiller AND determines the purity of the samples AND Provides an explanation of how melting point data AND thin layer chromatograms relate to purity of samples</p> <p><i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated</i></p> <p>Level 2 (3-4 marks) Analyses and explains the information provided to correctly identify which samples contain the painkiller OR Analyses and explains the information provided to correctly determine the purity of the samples AND Provides an explanation of how melting point data OR thin layer chromatograms relate to purity of samples.</p> <p><i>There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.</i></p>	6	2 x 2.2 2 x 3.1 2 x 3.2b	<p>AO2.2 Knowledge of melting points and chromatography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chromatography / TLC separates mixtures into pure compounds. Different substances move at different rates up the stationary phase. A pure substance only has one spot on a chromatogram. A mixture has multiple spots on a chromatogram. Pure substances have a sharp melting point. Mixtures melt over a range of temperatures. Impurities lower the melting point of a sample. Samples with the same R_f value(s) and the same melting point (range) are likely to be the same substance/mixture. <p>AO3.1a Analyses melting point data and thin layer chromatogram to determine purity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample A has 2 spots so is not a pure substance/is a mixture. Sample B has 2 spots so is not a pure substance/is a mixture. Sample C has one spot, so is a pure substance.

		<p>Level 1 (1-2 marks) Analyses the information provided to correctly identify whether a sample contains painkiller OR determines the purity of a sample OR Provides an explanation of how melting point data relate to purity of samples OR Provides an explanation of how thin layer chromatograms relate to purity of samples.</p> <p><i>There is an attempt at logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.</i></p> <p>0 marks <i>No response or no response worthy of credit.</i></p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample A melts over a temperature range, so is a mixture. Sample B melts over a temperature range so is a mixture. • Sample C has a sharp melting point, so it is a pure substance. <p>AO3.2b Analyses data provided for pure painkiller and compares data with samples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample A contains painkiller and another substance. • Sample B contains two substances, neither of which are aspirin. • Sample C only contains painkiller. • The R_f value of painkiller is 0.73 (0.71 – 0.75). Samples A and C also contain spots with R_f values of 0.73. Sample B does not have a spot with R_f value of 0.73. • Sample C has the same melting point as painkiller. • Substances in samples A and C contain spots with the same R_f value as painkiller.
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Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
	(b)	A formulation has a specific / consistent proportion of components or AW ✓	1	1.1	
	(c) (i)	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">A dilute, strong acid</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">A concentrated, weak acid</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">A dilute, weak acid</div> </div>	3	3 x 1.1	
	(ii)	(No), the painkiller is a weak acid ✓ The starting pH is 4 / the starting pH is not 1 / the starting pH is not low enough for a strong acid ✓	2	2 x 3.1b	

Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
22	(a)	(i)	Limiting reactant is the reactant that is used up first / limiting reactant has fewer moles (than other reactants) ✓	1	1.1	ALLOW the reactant that is fully used up in the reaction ALLOW idea that there isn't enough of the reactant
		(ii)	Idea that reaction <u>stops</u> once limiting reactant is consumed or used up ✓	1	1.1	
	(b)		FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 192.3 (g) award 3 marks M_r of H_2S = 34.1 AND M_r of SO_2 = 64.1 ✓ Moles H_2S = $(102.3 \div 34.1) = 3$ (mol) ✓ Mass SO_2 = $(3 \times 64.1) = 192.3$ (g) ✓	3	3 x 2.2	DO NOT ALLOW 34 and 64 ALLOW ECF from incorrect M_r ALLOW ECF from incorrect moles of H_2S

Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance	
	(c)	<p>FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = -1030 (kJ) award 4 marks</p> <p>Bonds broken = $1388 + 1482 / 2870$ (kJ) ✓ $4 \times 347 = 1388$ $3 \times 494 = 1482$</p> <p>Bonds formed = $2092 + 1836 / 3928$ (kJ) ✓ $4 \times 523 = 2092$ $4 \times 459 = 1836$</p> <p>(Bonds broken – bonds formed =) $2870 - 3928 = -1058$ (kJ) ✓</p> <p>To 3 sig figs = -1060 (kJ) ✓</p>	4	<p>3 x 2.2</p> <p>1 x 1.2</p>	<p>ALLOW ECF from incorrect bonds broken and bonds formed calculations IGNORE (+)1058 (kJ)</p> <p>ALLOW ECF for sig fig mark from (+)1058 (kJ)</p>	
	(d)	(i)	Exothermic ✓	2	2 x 1.1	<p>Second mark is dependent on correct choice of exothermic</p> <p>IGNORE energy needed / energy used ALLOW more energy is released than is taken in IGNORE energy at the end is less than at the start</p>
			Products are lower in energy than reactants / energy released in making bonds is greater than the energy taken in to break bonds / AW ✓			

Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
(ii)	<p>FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 4 award 3 marks</p> <p>$990 + 10 = 1000 \text{ (cm}^3\text{)} \checkmark$</p> <p>(Volume has increased by a factor of $1000 \div 10 = 100$, so concentration has been decreased by a factor of) $1000 \div 10 = 100 \checkmark$</p> <p>(When concentration of H^+ is decreased by factor of 100, pH is increased by 2,) $2 + 2 = 4 \checkmark$</p>	3	3 x 2.2	

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