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Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
1(a)(i)	Award mark for X on the time axis at the point where the lines just become horizontal	1	Allow this mark If X is above the letters "sh" in the word "show' in Question $1(a)(ii)$ - in the range of lines 31 to 33
1(a)(ii)	They are equal / the same OR Forward (rate) = Reverse / backward (rate)	1	Allow the word 'speed' in this context. Ignore reference to concentration.
1(b)	Both OR forward and reverse reactions <u>occur at the same time</u> OR both are <u>occurring at once</u> OR both <u>occur all of the time</u> OR both are ongoing OR both never stop	1	Ignore 'at equal rates'. Ignore reference to concentration or equilibrium. The idea that both reactions occur <u>simultaneously</u> is essential. The simple idea of 'both reactions occurring' is insufficient for the mark.
1(c)(i)	M1 No effect / no change / none / stays the sameM2 requires correct M1	2	In M2 , ignore reference to particles or atoms.
	M2 Fequiles correct W1 M2 Equal (number of) moles / molecules on both sides		

1(c)(ii)	M1 Less time or it decreases or (equilibrium) <u>reached</u> faster (ie M1 is a reference to time taken)	3	If M1 is 'more time / it increases' or 'no effect', then CE=0 for the clip.
	M2 <u>More</u> particles / molecules in a <u>given volume / space</u>		Reference to faster / increased rate / increased speed <u>alone</u> penalises M1 , but mark on M2 and M3
	OR the particles / molecules are clos <u>er</u> together		If M1 is blank, then look for all three marks in the text.
	M3 <u>More successful / productive</u> collisions <u>in a given time</u> OR <u>more</u> collisions with $E > E_{Act}$ in a given time		Ignore reference to reactants / products.
	OR <u>more frequent successful / productive</u> collisions OR <u>increased / greater successful / productive</u> collision <u>frequency / rate</u>		Penalise $\textbf{M3}$ if an increase / decrease in the value of \textbf{E}_{Act} is stated.

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
2(a)	Amount / number / proportion / percentage / fraction / moles of molecules / particles	1	Penalise an incorrect qualification of the number eg NOT number of molecules with E greater than Ea Not 'atoms'.
2(b)	There are no molecules / particles with zero energy OR All of the molecules / particles are moving / have some energy	1	Not 'atoms'. The answer should relate the energy to the molecules.
2(c)	C (The most probable energy)	1	

2(d)	M1 The peak of the new curve is <u>displaced to the right</u> and <u>lower</u> than the original	2	
	M2 All of the following needed		
	 The new curve starts at the origin and should begin to separate from the original almost immediately 		
	and the new curve only crosses the original curve once		
	 <u>and</u> the total area under the new curve is <u>approximately</u> the same as the original 		
	 <u>and</u> an attempt has been made to draw the new curve correctly towards the axis <u>above the original curve</u> but not to touch the original curve 		
2(e)	None / no effect / stays the same	1	

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
3(a)(i)	3 Fe + Sb ₂ S ₃ \longrightarrow 3 FeS + 2 Sb	1	Or multiples. Ignore state symbols.
3(a)(ii)	$Fe \longrightarrow Fe^{2+} + 2e^{-}$	1	Ignore charge on the electron unless incorrect. Or multiples. Credit the electrons being subtracted on the LHS. Ignore state symbols.
3(b)(i)	$Sb_2S_3 + 4.5O_2 \longrightarrow Sb_2O_3 + 3SO_2$	1	Or multiples. Ignore state symbols.
3(b)(ii)	SO_3 or sulfur trioxide / sulfur (VI) oxide	1	Credit also the following ONLY H ₂ SO ₄ or sulfuric acid <i>OR</i> gypsum / CaSO ₄ or plaster of Paris

3(c)(i)	M1 (could be scored by a correct mathematical expression) M1 $\Delta H_{t} = \Sigma \Delta H_{t} (\text{products}) - \Sigma \Delta H_{t} (\text{reactants})$ OR a correct cycle of balanced equations / correct numbers of moles M2 = 2(+20) + 3(-394) - (-705) - 3(-111) = 40 - 1182 + 705 + 333 = -1142 - (-1038) (This also scores M1) M3 = -104 (kJ mol ⁻¹)	3	 Correct answer gains full marks. Credit 1 mark for +104 (kJ mol⁻¹). For other incorrect or incomplete answers, proceed as follows: check for an arithmetic error (AE), which is either a transposition error or an incorrect multiplication; this would score 2 marks. If no AE, check for a correct method; this requires either a correct cycle with 3CO, 2Sb and 3CO₂ OR a clear statement of M1 which could be in words and scores <u>only M1</u>.
	(Award 1 mark ONLY for + 104)		
3(c)(ii)	It / Sb is <u>not in its standard state</u> OR <u>Standard state (for Sb) is solid / (s)</u> OR <u>(Sb) liquid is not its standard state</u>	1	Credit a correct definition of standard state as an alternative to the words 'standard state'. QoL
3(c)(iii)	Reduction OR reduced OR redox	1	

3(d)	Low-grade ore extraction / it • uses (cheap) <u>scrap / waste iron / steel</u> • is a single-step process • uses / requires <u>less / low(er) energy</u>	1	Ignore references to temperature / heat or labour or technology.
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Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
4(a)	M1 Used in a barium meal / barium swallow / barium enemaOR (used to absorb) X-rays	2	Credit a correct reference to M1 written in the explanation in M2 unless contradictory.
	M2 <u>BaSO₄ / barium sulfate / it is insoluble</u>		For M2 penalise obvious reference to barium or to barium ions being insoluble.
4(b)	$Mg(OH)_2 + 2HCI \longrightarrow MgCI_2 + 2H_2O$	1	Or multiples. Ignore state symbols.
4(c)	It / magnesium hydroxide is insoluble / insufficiently soluble / sparingly soluble / less soluble than barium hydroxide / forms low concentration solutions	1	Weak alkali alone is insufficient. Formation of a precipitate needs explanation.
4(d)	$TiCl_4 + 2Mg \longrightarrow 2MgCl_2 + Ti$	1	Or multiples. Ignore state symbols.

4(e)	M1 Hydrogen / H ₂ produced	2	For M1
	OR an equation to produce $\frac{\text{hydrogen / H}_2}{\text{(eg Mg + 2H}_2O \longrightarrow Mg(OH)_2 + H}_2)}$ (eg Mg + H_2O \longrightarrow MgO + H_2)		Do not penalise an incorrect equation; the mark is for H_2 or hydrogen.
	M2 requires correct M1		Award one mark only for 'exothermic reaction with steam / H_2O ' for a student who has not scored M1
	risk of explosion OR forms explosive mixture (with air) OR (highly) flammable		Ignore 'violent' reaction.

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
5(a)(i)	M1 Initiation $Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2Cl \cdot$	4	Penalise absence of dot once only.
	M2 First propagation CI• + CHF ₃ \longrightarrow CF ₃ • + HCI		Penalise + or – charges <u>every time</u>
	M3 Second propagation $CI_2 + CF_3 \bullet \longrightarrow CCIF_3 + CI \bullet$		Credit $CF_3 \bullet$ with the radical dot above / below / to either side.
	M4 Termination (must make C_2F_6) 2 CF ₃ • \longrightarrow C ₂ F ₆ or CF ₃ CF ₃		Mark independently.
5(a)(ii)	ultra-violet / uv / sun light OR (very) high temperature OR 500 °C \leq T \leq 1000 °C OR 773 K \leq T \leq 1273 K	1	

5(b)(i)	CI• OR chlorine atom / chlorine (free-) radical / CI (atom)	1	Not 'chlorine' alone. Credit 'CI' alone on this occasion.
5(b)(ii)	$2O_3 \longrightarrow 3O_2$	1	Or multiples. Ignore state symbols. If the correct answer is on the line OR clearly identified below some working, then ignore any working.

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
6(a)(i)	M1 (+) 4 OR IV	2	
	M2 (+) 6 OR VI		
6(a)(ii)	It / Chlorine has gained / accepted electron(s)	1	Credit 1 or 2 electrons but not lone pair.
	OR Correctly balanced half-equation eg $Cl_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Cl^-$		The idea of 'reduction' alone is not enough.
6(b)(i)	$6KI + 7H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 6KHSO_4 + 3I_2 + S + 4H_2O$	1	
6(b)(ii)	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1	Ignore charge on the electron unless incorrect. Or multiples. Credit the electrons being subtracted on the LHS. Ignore state symbols.
6(b)(iii)	$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	1	Ignore charge on the electron unless incorrect. Or multiples. Credit the electrons being subtracted on the RHS. Ignore state symbols.

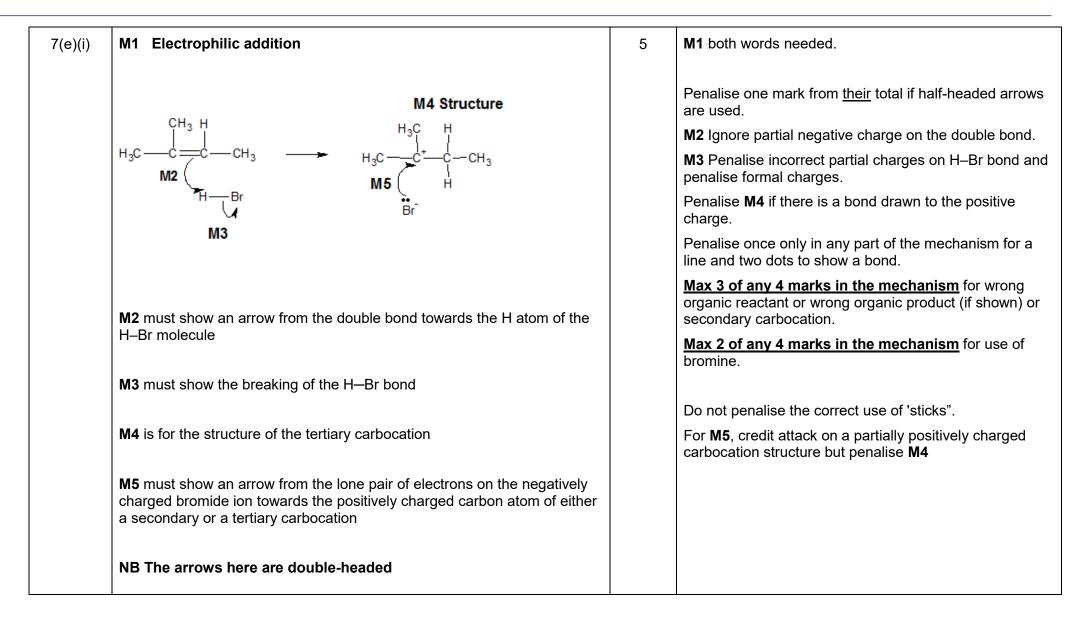
6(c)(i)	$Ag^+ + I^- \longrightarrow AgI ONLY$	1	Ignore state symbols. Not multiples.
6(c)(ii)	The precipitate / solid / it does not dissolve / is insoluble / remains OR a <u>white / cream / yellow solid / precipitate</u> OR stays the same OR no (visible / observable) change OR no effect / no reaction	1	Ignore 'nothing (happens)'. Ignore 'no observation'.
6(c)(iii)	 The silver nitrate is acidified to react with / remove (an)ions that would interfere with the test prevent the formation of other silver precipitates / insoluble silver compounds that would interfere with the test remove (other) ions that react with the silver nitrate react with / remove carbonate / hydroxide / sulfite (ions) 	1	Credit a correct reference to <u>ions</u> that give a 'false positive'. Do not penalise an incorrect formula for an ion that is written in addition to the name. If only the formula of the ion is given, it must be correct. Ignore 'sulfate'.
6(c)(iv)	HCI would <u>form a (white) precipitate / (white) solid</u> (with silver nitrate and this would interfere with the test)	1	It is not sufficient simply to state either that it will interfere or simply that the ions / compounds react to form AgCI

6(d)(i)	 Any one from to sterilise / disinfect water to destroy / kill microorganisms / bacteria / microbes / pathogens 	1	Ignore 'to clean water'. Ignore 'water purification' and 'germs'. Credit 'remove bacteria etc' / prevent algae.
6(d)(ii)	The (health) benefit outweighs the risk OR a clear statement that once it has done its job, little of it remains OR used in (very) dilute concentrations / small amounts / low doses	1	
6(d)(iii)	$\begin{array}{rcl} CI_2 & + & H_2O & \longrightarrow & HCIO & + & HCI \\ \hline \textbf{OR} & & & \\ CI_2 & + & H_2O & \longrightarrow & \textbf{2}H^+ + & CIO^- & + & CI^- \\ \hline \textbf{OR} & & & \\ \textbf{2}CI_2 & + & \textbf{2}H_2O & \longrightarrow & \textbf{4}HCI & + & O_2 \end{array}$	1	Credit HOCI or CIOH Or multiples. Credit other ionic or mixed representations. Ignore state symbols.
6(e)	In either order - Both required for one mark only NaCIO (OR NaOCI) <u>and</u> NaCI	1	Credit correct ionic formulae. Give credit for answers in equations unless contradicted.

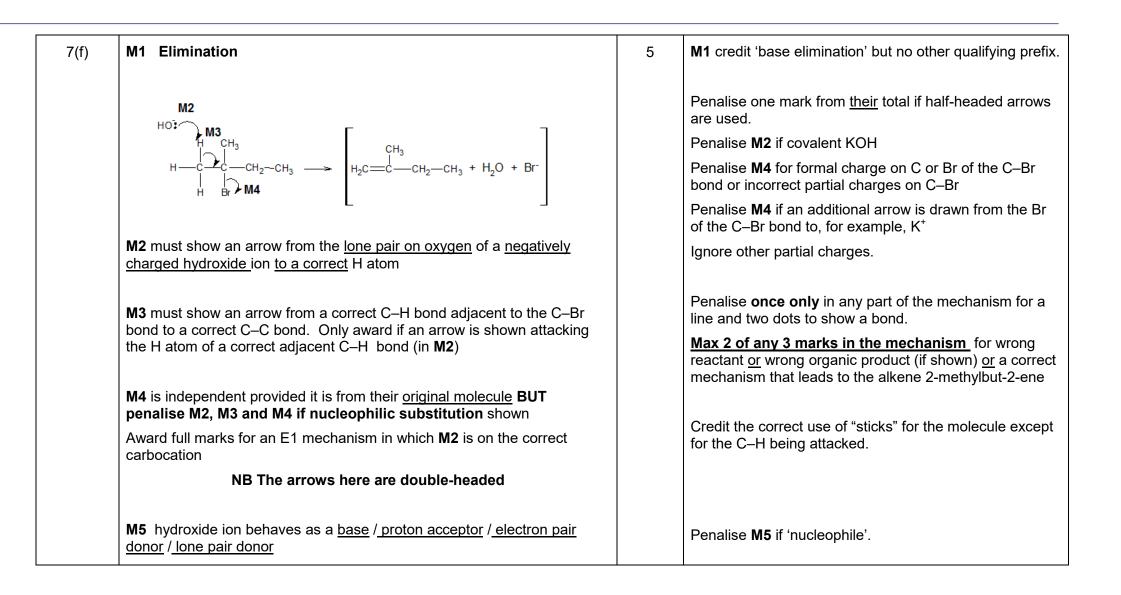
Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
7(a)(i)	M1 (Compounds / molecules with) the same structural formula	2	Penalise M1 if 'same structure' or 'different structural / displayed formula'.
	 M2 with <u>atoms / bonds / groups</u> arranged <u>differently in space</u> OR <u>atoms / bonds / groups</u> with <u>different spatial arrangements / different</u> <u>orientation</u> 		Ignore references to 'same molecular formula' or 'same empirical formula'. Mark independently.
7(a)(ii)	H C H ₃ C H	1	Credit C–H ₃ C Credit C ₂ H ₅ Penalise C–CH ₃ CH ₂

7(b)	M1 Br ₂ OR bromine (water) OR bromine (in CCl ₄ / organic solvent)	3	If M1, has no reagent or an incorrect reagent, CE=0
			Ignore 'acidified'.
	M2 Isomer 1: decolourised / goes colourless / loses its colour		For M1 penalise Br (or incorrect formula of other correct reagent), but mark on.
	M3 Isomer 2: remains orange / red / yellow / brown / the same OR no reaction / no (observable) change OR reference to colour going to the cyclopentane layer		For M1 , it must be a whole reagent and/or correct formula.
			If oxidation state given in name, it must be correct. If 'manganate' OR 'manganate(IV)' or incorrect formula, penalise M1 , but mark on.
	Alternatives : potassium manganate(VII)		penalise W T, but mark on.
	M1 KMnO ₄ in acid M2 colourless M3 purple		
	M1 KMnO ₄ in alkali / neutral M2 brown solid M3 purple		
	Credit for the use of iodine		Ignore 'goes clear'.
	M1 iodine (solution / in KI) M2 colourless M3 (brown) to purple (credit no change)		Ignore 'nothing (happens)'.
			Ignore 'no observation'.
	Credit for the use of <u>concentrated</u> H ₂ SO ₄		No credit for combustion observations.
	M1 <u>concentrated</u> H_2SO_4 M2 brown M3 no change / colourless		

7(c)(i)	(Both infrared spectra show an absorption in range) <u>1620 to 1680</u> (cm ^{-1})	1	Ignore reference to other ranges (eg for C–H or C–C).
7(c)(ii)	The <u>fingerprint</u> (region) / <u>below 1500 cm⁻¹</u> will be different or its <u>fingerprinting</u> will be different OR different <u>absorptions / peaks</u> are seen (in the region) below 1500 cm ⁻¹ (or a specified region within the fingerprint range)	1	Allow the words 'dip' OR 'spike' OR 'low transmittance' as alternatives for absorption. QoL
7(d)	H = C = H $H = C = H$ $H = C = C = C = C$ $H = H$	1	All bonds must be drawn. Ignore bond angles.



7(e)(ii)	M1 Reaction goes via intermediate <u>carbocations / carbonium ions</u>	2	M1 is a lower demand mark for knowledge that carbocations are involved.
	M2 (scores both marks and depends on M1) <u>Tertiary carbocation</u> / <u>carbonium ion</u> is <u>more stable</u> (than the secondary carbocation / carbonium ion) OR <u>Secondary carbocation</u> / <u>carbonium ion</u> is <u>less stable</u> (than the tertiary carbocation / carbonium ion)		M2 is of higher demand and requires the idea that the secondary carbocation is less stable or the tertiary carbocation is more stable. Reference to incorrect chemistry is penalised.A carbocation may be defined in terms of alkyl groups / number of carbon atoms, rather than formally stated.



Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
8(a)(i)	$\ensuremath{\text{M1}}$ double-headed curly arrow from the lone pair of the bromide ion to the C atom of the CH_2	2	Penalise additional arrows.
	M2 double-headed arrow from the bond to the O atom As follows		
	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		
8(a)(ii)	M1 <u>nucleophilic substitution</u>	2	M1 both words needed (allow phonetic spelling).
	M2 1-bromo(-2-)methylpropane		M2 Require correct spelling in the name but ignore any hyphens or commas.

8(b)	M1 hydrolysis	3	For M1 give credit for 'hydration' on this occasion only.
	M2 <u>C=N</u> with absorption range <u>2220–2260</u> (cm ⁻¹)		Credit 1 mark from M2 and M3 for identifying C=N and either O–H(acids) or C=O or C–O without reference to wavenumbers or with incorrect wavenumbers.
	M3 <u>O-H</u> (acids) with absorption range <u>2500–3000</u> (cm ⁻¹) OR		
	<u>C=O</u> with absorption range <u>1680–1750 (</u> cm ⁻¹)		Apply the list principle to M3
	OR (2.0) with charaction mapping 1000, 1200 (cm ⁻¹)		
	<u>C–O</u> with absorption range <u>1000–1300 (</u> cm ^{–1})		
8(c)(i)	M1 Yield / product OR ester increases / goes up / gets more	3	If no reference to M1 , marks M2 and M3 can still score BUT if M1 is incorrect CE=0
	M2 (By Le Chatelier's principle) the position of <u>equilibrium is driven / shifts</u> / moves to the right / L to R / in the forward direction / to the product(s)		
	M3 – requires a correct statement in M2		
	(The position of equilibrium moves)		
	to oppose the increased concentration of ethanol		If there is reference to 'pressure' award M1 ONLY.
	to oppose the increased moles of ethanol		
	to lower the concentration of ethanol		
	to oppose the change and decrease the ethanol		

8(c)(ii)	M1 Catalysts provide an alternative route / pathway / mechanism OR surface adsorption / surface reaction occurs	2	For M1 , not simply 'provides a surface' as the only statement. M1 may be scored by reference to a specific example.
	M2 that has a <u>lower / reduced activation energy</u> OR <u>lowers / reduces the activation energy</u>		 Penalise M2 for reference to an increase in the energy of the molecules. For M2, the student may use a definition of activation energy without referring to the term. Reference to an increase in successful collisions in unit time <u>alone</u> is not sufficient for M2 since it does not explain why this has occurred.

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
9(a)	$\begin{array}{rcl} \textbf{M1} & C_6H_{12}O_6 & \longrightarrow & \textbf{2}CH_3CH_2OH & + & \textbf{2}CO_2 \\ & & (2C_2H_5OH) \end{array} \\ \textbf{M2} \mbox{ and } \textbf{M3} \\ \mbox{Any two conditions } \underline{\textbf{in any order}} \mbox{ for } \textbf{M2} \mbox{ and } \textbf{M3} \mbox{ from} \\ & & (enzymes \mbox{ from}) \mbox{ yeast or zymase} \\ & & 25 \ ^\circ C \ \leq T \leq 42 \ ^\circ C OR 298 \ K \leq T \leq 315 \ K \\ & & \underline{anaerobic \ / \ no \ oxygen \ / \ no \ air} \ OR \ neutral \ pH \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} \textbf{M4} \ (fractional) \ distillation \ or \ GLC \end{array}$	5	 Penalise C₂H₆O for ethanol in M1 Mark M2 and M3 independently. A lack of oxygen can mean either without oxygen or not having enough oxygen and does not ensure <u>no oxygen</u>, therefore only credit "lack of oxygen" if it is qualified. Penalise 'bacteria', 'phosphoric acid', 'high pressure' using the list principle. Ignore reference to 'aqueous' or 'water' (ie not part of the list principle).
	 M5 Carbon-neutral in this context means There is no <u>net / overall</u> (annual) <u>carbon dioxide / CO₂ emission to the atmosphere</u> OR There is no change in the <u>total amount / level</u> of <u>carbon dioxide / CO₂ present in the atmosphere</u> 		For M5 – must be about CO_2 and the atmosphere. The idea that the <u>carbon dioxide / CO_2 given out equals</u> the <u>carbon dioxide / CO_2</u> that was taken in from the <u>atmosphere</u> .

9(b)	M1 q = m c ΔT (this mark for correct mathematical formula)	5	Full marks for M1 , M2 and M3 for the <u>correct answer</u> .
	$M2 = (75 \times 4.18 \times 5.5)$		In M1 , do not penalise incorrect cases in the formula.
	1724 (J) OR 1.724 (kJ) OR 1.72 (kJ) OR 1.7 (kJ)		
	(also scores M1)		Ignore incorrect units in M2
	M3 Using 0.0024 mol		Penalise M3 ONLY if correct numerical answer but sign
	therefore $\Delta H = -718$ (kJ mol ⁻¹)		is incorrect. Therefore +718 gains two marks.
	(Accept a range from -708 to -719 but do not penalise more than 3 significant figures)		If units are quoted in M3 they must be correct
			If $\Delta T = 278.5$, CE for the calculation and penalise M2 and M3
	M4 and M5 in any order		
	Any two from		If c = 4.81 (leads to 1984) penalise M2 ONLY and mark
	incomplete combustion		on for $M3 = -827$
	heat loss		
	heat capacity of Cu not included		
	some ethanol lost by evaporation		
	 not all of the (2.40 × 10⁻³ mol) ethanol is burned / reaction is incomplete 		

9(c)(i)	M1 enthalpy / heat / energy change (at constant pressure) or enthalpy / heat / energy needed in <u>breaking / dissociating (a) covalent bond(s)</u>	2	Ignore bond making.
	M2 averaged for that type of bond over different / a range of molecules / compounds		Ignore reference to moles.

9(c)(ii)	M1	3	Correct answer gains full marks.		
	$\Sigma B(reactants) - \Sigma B(products) = \Delta H$				
	OR		Credit 1 mark for – 496 (kJ mol ^{–1})		
	<u>Sum of bonds broken – Sum of bonds formed</u> = ΔH				
	OR B(C-C) + B(C-O) + B(O-H) + 5B(C-H) + 3B(O=O)		For other incorrect or incomplete answers, proceed as follows		
	$-4B(C=O) - 6B(O-H) = \Delta H = -1279$		• check for an arithmetic error (AE), which is either a transposition error or an incorrect multiplication; this would score 2 marks (M1 and M2).		
	M2 (also scores M1)				
	348+360+463+5(412)+ 3B(O=O)		If no AE, check for a correct method; this requires either		
	(3231) (or 2768 if O–H cancelled)		a correct cycle with 2CO ₂ and 3H ₂ O OR a clear statement of M1 which could be in words and scores		
	$-4(805) - 6(463) = \Delta H = -1279$		only M1.		
	(5998) (or 5535 if O–H cancelled)				
	3B(O=O) = <u>1488</u> (kJ mol ⁻¹)		Credit a maximum of one mark if the <u>only</u> scoring point is bonds formed adds up to 5998 (or 5535) OR bonds broken includes the calculated value of 3231 (or 2768) .		
	M3				
	$B(O=O) = 496 (kJ mol^{-1})$				
	Award 1 mark for –496				
	Students may use a cycle and gain full marks				

General principles applied to marking CHEM2 papers by CMI+ (June 2014)

It is important to note that the guidance given here is generic and specific variations may be made at individual standardising meetings in the context of particular questions and papers.

Basic principles

- Examiners should note that throughout the mark scheme, items that are underlined are required information to gain credit.
- Occasionally an answer involves incorrect chemistry and the mark scheme records CE = 0, which means a chemical error has
 occurred and no credit is given for that section of the clip or for the whole clip.
- 1. The "List principle" and the use of "ignore" in the mark scheme

If a question requires **one** answer and a student gives two answers, no mark is scored if one answer is correct and one answer is incorrect. There is no penalty if both answers are correct.

NB Certain answers are designated in the mark scheme as those which the examiner should "Ignore". These answers are not counted as part of the list and should be ignored and will not be penalised.

2. Incorrect case for element symbol

The use of an incorrect case for the symbol of an element should be penalised **once only** within a clip. For example, penalise the use of "h" for hydrogen, "CL" for chlorine or "br" for bromine.

3. Spelling

In general

- The names of chemical compounds and functional groups **must be spelled correctly** to gain credit.
- Phonetic spelling may be acceptable for some chemical terminology.

NB Some terms may be required to be spelled correctly or an idea needs to be articulated with clarity, as part of the "Quality of Language" (**QoL**) marking. These will be identified in the mark scheme and marks are awarded only if the QoL criterion is satisfied.

4. Equations

In general

- Equations **must** be balanced.
- When an equation is worth two marks, one of the marks in the mark scheme will be allocated to one or more of the reactants or products. This is independent of the equation balancing.
- State symbols are <u>generally</u> ignored, unless specifically required in the mark scheme.

5. Reagents

The command word "Identify", allows the student to choose to use **either** the name or the formula of a reagent in their answer. In some circumstances, the list principle may apply when both the name and the formula are used. Specific details will be given in mark schemes.

The guiding principle is that a reagent is a chemical which can be taken out of a bottle or container. Failure to identify complete reagents **will be penalised**, but follow-on marks (e.g. for a subsequent equation or observation) can be scored from an incorrect attempt (possibly an incomplete reagent) at the correct reagent. Specific details will be given in mark schemes. For example, **no credit** would be given for

- the cyanide ion or CN^- when the reagent should be potassium cyanide or KCN;
- the hydroxide ion or OH⁻ when the reagent should be sodium hydroxide or NaOH;

• the $Ag(NH_3)_2^+$ ion when the reagent should be Tollens' reagent (or ammoniacal silver nitrate). In this example, no credit is given for the ion, but credit could be given for a correct observation following on from the use of the ion. Specific details will be given in mark schemes.

In the event that a student provides, for example, **both** KCN and cyanide ion, it would be usual to ignore the reference to the cyanide ion (because this is not contradictory) and credit the KCN. Specific details will be given in mark schemes.

6. Oxidation states

In general, the sign for an oxidation state will be assumed to be positive unless specifically shown to be negative.

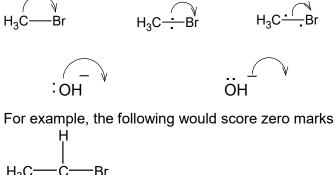
7. Marking calculations

In general

- A correct answer alone will score **full marks** unless the necessity to show working is specifically required in the question.
- An arithmetic or transposition error will result in a one mark penalty if further working is correct.
- A chemical error will usually result in at least a two mark penalty; often no marks are awarded.

8. Organic reaction mechanisms

Curly arrows should originate either from a lone pair of electrons or from a bond. **The following representations** should not gain credit **and will be penalised each time** within a clip.





When the curly arrow is showing the formation of a bond to an atom, the arrow can go directly to the relevant atom, alongside the relevant atom or **more than half-way** towards the relevant atom.

The following are acceptable representations of ions, both in equations and in mechanisms:

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:OH	or	:OH	:CN	or	:CN	NO ₂	or	NO_2^+

In free-radical substitution

- The absence of a radical dot should be penalised **once only** within a clip.
- The use of double-headed arrows or the incorrect use of half-headed arrows in free-radical mechanisms should be penalised **once only** within a clip

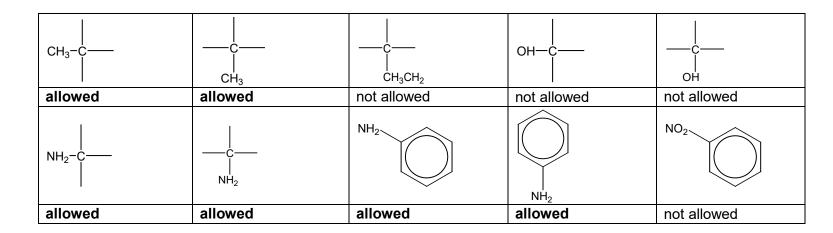
In mass spectrometry fragmentation equations, the absence of a radical dot on the molecular ion and on the free-radical fragment would be considered to be two independent errors and both would be penalised if they occurred within the same clip.

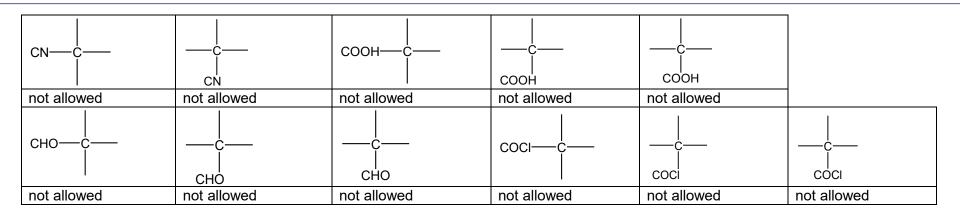
9. Organic structures

In general

- Displayed formulae must show all of the bonds and all of the atoms in the molecule, but need not show correct bond angles.
- Bonds should be drawn correctly between the relevant atoms. This principle applies in all cases where the attached functional group contains a carbon atom, e.g. nitrile, carboxylic acid, aldehyde and acid chloride. The carbon-carbon bond should be clearly shown. Wrongly bonded atoms will be penalised **on every occasion**. (see the examples below)
- The same principle should also be applied to the structure of alcohols. For example, if students show the alcohol functional group as C HO, they should be penalised **on every occasion**.
- Latitude should be given to the representation of C C bonds in alkyl groups, given that CH_3 is considered to be interchangeable with H_3C even though the latter would be preferred.
- Similar latitude should be given to the representation of amines where NH₂- C will be allowed, although H₂N- C would be preferred.
- Poor presentation of vertical C CH_3 bonds or vertical C NH_2 bonds should **not** be penalised. For other functional groups, such as OH and CN, the limit of tolerance is the half-way position between the vertical bond and the relevant atoms in the attached group.

By way of illustration, the following would apply.





- In most cases, the use of "sticks" to represent C H bonds in a structure should **not** be penalised. The exceptions will include structures in mechanisms when the C H bond is essential (e.g. elimination reactions in haloalkanes) and when a displayed formula is required.
- Some examples are given here of **structures** for specific compounds that should **not** gain credit

CH₃COH	for	ethanal
CH_3CH_2HO	for	ethanol
$OHCH_2CH_3$	for	ethanol
C_2H_6O	for	ethanol
CH_2CH_2	for	ethene
$CH_2.CH_2$	for	ethene
$CH_2:CH_2$	for	ethane

NB Exceptions <u>may</u> be made in the context of balancing equations

• Each of the following **should gain credit** as alternatives to correct representations of the structures.

10. Organic names

As a general principle, non-IUPAC names or incorrect spelling or incomplete names should **not** gain credit.

Some illustrations are given here.

but-2-ol 2-hydroxybutane butane-2-ol 2-butanol ethan-1,2-diol 2-methpropan-2-ol 2-methylbutan-3-ol 3-methylpentan 3-mythylpentane 3-methypentane propanitrile aminethane 2-methyl-3-bromobutane	should be butan-2-ol should be butan-2-ol should be butan-2-ol should be butan-2-ol should be ethane-1,2-diol should be 2-methylpropan-2-ol should be 3-methylputan-2-ol should be 3-methylpentane should be 3-methylpentane should be 3-methylpentane should be 3-methylpentane should be propanenitrile should be propanenitrile should be ethylamine (although aminoethane can gain credit) should be 2-bromo-3-methylbutane
propanitrile	should be propanenitrile