



General Certificate of Secondary Education

Additional Science 4408 / Chemistry 4402

CH2FP Unit Chemistry 2

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 student 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, Moon	0

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.

Quality of Written Communication and levels marking

In Question 7(a) students are required to produce extended written material in English, and will be assessed on the quality of their written communication as well as the standard of the scientific response.

Students will be required to:

- use good English
- organise information clearly
- use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

The following general criteria should be used to assign marks to a level:

Level 1: Basic

- Knowledge of basic information
- Simple understanding
- The answer is poorly organised, with almost no specialist terms and their use demonstrating a general lack of understanding of their meaning, little or no detail
- The spelling, punctuation and grammar are very weak.

Level 2: Clear

- Knowledge of accurate information
- Clear understanding
- The answer has some structure and organisation, use of specialist terms has been attempted but not always accurately, some detail is given
- There is reasonable accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar, although there may still be some errors.

Level 3: Detailed

- Knowledge of accurate information appropriately contextualised
- Detailed understanding, supported by relevant evidence and examples
- Answer is coherent and in an organised, logical sequence, containing a wide range of appropriate or relevant specialist terms used accurately.
- The answer shows almost faultless spelling, punctuation and grammar.

CH2FP**Question 1**

question	Answers	extra information	mark
1(a)	oxygen and water	both needed for mark allow hydrogen oxide for water in any order ignore formulae	1
1(b)(i)	best fit line, omitting point at 10s	straight line drawn through all correct points	1
1(b)(ii)	circle around point at 10 s	allow any indication	1
1(b)(iii)	7.5	allow ecf from candidate's line	1
1(b)(iv)	increases (with time)	accept goes from 0 to 12.5	1
1(c)(i)	higher		1
1(c)(ii)	more concentrated		1
1(d)(i)	share		1
1(d)(ii)	covalent		1
1(d)(iii)	simple molecules		1
1(e)	Water has a boiling point of 100°C		1
	Water has a melting point lower than room temperature		1
Total			12

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CH2FP**Question 2**

question	answers	extra information	mark
2(a)	79		1
	79		1
2(b)	hundred		1
2(c)(i)	electron(s)		1
2(c)(ii)	three		1
2(d)	changes rate of reaction	accept lowers activation energy	1
	or speeds up / slows down reaction	accept reduces costs	
2(e)(i)	melt		1
2(e)(ii)	crosslinking	allow answers on diagram	1
	or (covalent) bonds between polymers / chains	allow bonds between layers do not allow intermolecular	
Total			8

CH2FP**Question 3**

question	answers	extra information	mark
3(a)	22		1
3(b)(i)	exothermic		1
3(b)(ii)	C gives out most heat energy	accept has largest temperature change / increase allow has highest (final) temperature or hottest	1 1
3(c)(i)	increases		1
3(c)(ii)	blue	ignore pale / dark etc	1
3(c)(iii)	reversible (reaction)	allow goes both ways or two / either way	1
3(c)(iv)	<u>anhydrous</u> copper sulfate		1
Total			8

CH2FP**Question 4**

question	answers	extra information	mark
4(a)(i)	cryolite		1
4(a)(ii)	lower the melting point of the aluminium oxide		1
4(b)(i)	opposite charges or oxide ions are negative		1
	attract		1
4(b)(ii)	carbon		1
4(b)(iii)	<u>reacts</u> with oxygen or forms carbon dioxide	accept burns	1
4(c)	Structure mark: either Al (atoms) in layers / rows	accept Al (atoms) all the same size allow Al (atoms) in lines	1
	or alloy (atoms) not in layers / rows Sliding mark: either so (Al layers) can slide or so (alloy) layers cannot slide	accept different sizes of atoms in alloy allow alloy (atoms) not in lines	1
Total			8

CH2FP**Question 5**

question	answers	extra information	Mark
5(a)(i)	covalent	two different answers indicated gains 0 marks	1
5(a)(ii)	carbon	two different answers indicated gains 0 marks	1
5(a)(iii)	3	two different answers indicated gains 0 marks	1
5(b)	layers can slide / slip	accept because weak forces / bonds between layers	1
	because there are no bonds between layers or so (pieces of) graphite rubs / breaks off or graphite left on the paper		1
Total			5

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Question 6

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(a)(i)	prevent evaporation of solvent	allow prevent loss of solvent allow to support the (chromatography) paper	1
6(a)(ii)	ink dissolves in the solvent or carbon / graphite does not dissolve in the solvent	allow ink 'runs' / spreads or pencil does not 'run' / spread allow ink would affect the result / mixes with colours accept pencil for carbon / graphite	1
6(b)(i)	4		1
6(b)(ii)	any one from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • because not all colours match • not all colours are safe • some colours could be unsafe • some colours travelled higher (than safe colours) 	no mark for 'no / don't know' ignore numbers	1
6(c)(i)	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rapid / quick • accurate • sensitive or detects very small quantities 	ignore reliable / precise accept small sample	2

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CH2FP**Question 6 cont'd...**

question	answers	extra information	mark
6(c)(ii)	separates		1
6(c)(iii)	identifies solvents / compounds / substances	accept (relative) molecular mass accept formula mass accept M_r accept relative mass accept molecular ion peak	1
Total			8

CH2FP**Question 7**

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 2, and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.		6
0 marks	Level 1 (1-2 marks)	Level 2 (3-4 marks)	Level 3 (5-6 marks)
No relevant content.	There is a simple description of a laboratory procedure for obtaining potassium chloride.	There is a clear description of a laboratory procedure for obtaining potassium chloride from potassium hydroxide solution and hydrochloric acid that does not necessarily allow the procedure to be completed successfully by another person. The answer must include the use of an indicator or a method of obtaining crystals.	There is a detailed description of a laboratory procedure for obtaining potassium chloride from potassium hydroxide solution and hydrochloric acid that can be followed by another person. The answer must include the use of an indicator and a method of obtaining crystals
<p>examples of the chemistry points made in the response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One reagent in beaker (or similar) • Add (any named) indicator • Add other reagent • Swirl or mix • Add dropwise near end point • Stop addition at change of indicator colour • Note volume of reagent added • Repeat without indicator, adding same volume of reagent or remove indicator using charcoal • Pour solution into basin / dish • Heat (using Bunsen burner) • Leave to crystallise / leave for water to evaporate / boil off water <p>Accept any answers based on titration</p>			

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CH2FP**Question 7 cont'd..**

question	answers	extra information	mark
7(b)	nitric (acid)	allow HNO ₃ ignore incorrect formula	1
7(c)(i)	because it is a fertiliser / helps plants grow	allow plant food do not accept pesticide / herbicide / neutralising soil	1
7(c)(ii)	tick by: 'Should farmers stop using ammonium nitrate on their land?' any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cannot be done by experiment • based on opinion / view • ethical or economic issue 	 accept difficult to get / not enough evidence allow must be done by survey if top box ticked allow 1 mark for drinking water varies from place to place	1 2
Total			11

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