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PUBLISHED**Generic Marking Principles**

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Science-Specific Marking Principles

- 1 Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly.
- 2 The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored.
- 3 Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection).
- 4 The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.
- 5 'List rule' guidance
 For questions that require *n* responses (e.g. State **two** reasons ...):
 - The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided.
 - Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards *n*.
 - Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards *n*.
 - Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should **not** be awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should be treated as a single incorrect response.
 - Non-contradictory responses after the first *n* responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science.

6 Calculation specific guidance

Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

For answers given in standard form (e.g. $a \times 10^n$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient (a) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7 Guidance for chemical equations

Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

Examples of how to apply the list rule			
State three reasons ... [3]			
A	1	Correct	✓
	2	Correct	✓
	3	Wrong	✗
			2
B (4 responses)	1	Correct, Correct	✓, ✓
	2	Correct	✓
	3	Wrong	ignore
			3
C (4 responses)	1	Correct	✓
	2	Correct, Wrong	✓, ✗
	3	Correct	ignore
			2
D (4 responses)	1	Correct	✓
	2	Correct, CON (of 2.)	✗, (discount 2)
	3	Correct	✓
			2
E (4 responses)	1	Correct	✓
	2	Correct	✓
	3	Correct, Wrong	✓
			3
F (4 responses)	1	Correct	✓
	2	Correct	✓
	3	Correct CON (of 3.)	✗ (discount 3)
			2
G (5 responses)	1	Correct	✓
	2	Correct	✓
	3	Correct Correct CON (of 4.)	✓ ignore ignore
			3
H (4 responses)	1	Correct	✓
	2	Correct	✗
	3	CON (of 2.) Correct	(discount 2) ✓
			2
I (4 responses)	1	Correct	✓
	2	Correct	✗
	3	Correct CON (of 2.)	✓ (discount 2)
			2

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	<p>I table or list to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • initial and final balance readings to same precision and to 2 or 3 dp • correctly calculated mass of FA 1 <p>II the following data must be shown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two burette readings and titre for rough titration • initial final burette readings for two (or more) accurate titrations <p>III titre values shown for accurate titrations and appropriate headings and units in the accurate titration table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • initial / start and (burette) reading / volume • final / end and (burette) reading / volume • titre or volume / FA 2 and used / added <p>unit: / cm³ or (cm³) or in cm³ (for each heading) or cm³ unit given for each volume recorded</p> <p>IV all accurate burette readings are to nearest 0.05 cm³</p> <p>V the final accurate titre recorded is within 0.10 cm³ of any other accurate titre</p> <p>VI, VII, VIII award VI if $\delta \leq 0.80$ (cm³) award VII if $\delta \leq 0.50$ (cm³) award VIII if $\delta \leq 0.30$ (cm³) where d is the difference between the supervisor's mean titre and the candidate's scaled mean titre = candidate's scaled mean titre $\times \frac{\text{supervisor's mass used}}{\text{candidate's mass used}}$ (calculated to 2 decimal places (dp))</p>	8
1(b)	<p>candidate calculates mean correctly to 2 dp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • candidate must take the average of two (or more) titres that are within a total spread of not more than 0.20 cm³ • working / explanation must be shown or ticks must be put next to the two (or more) accurate titres selected • the mean should be quoted to 2 dp and be rounded to the nearest 0.01 cm³ 	1
1(c)(i)	<p>Significant figures all quoted answers in (c)(ii) – (c)(iv) are expressed to 3 or 4 sf.</p>	1

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1(c)(ii)	<p>correctly calculates amount of $\text{MnO}_4^- = \frac{0.01 \times \text{vol (b)}}{1000}$ (mol)</p>	1
1(c)(iii)	<p>correctly uses $5 \times \text{(c)(ii)}$ AND $10 \times \text{ANS}$</p>	1
1(c)(iv)	<p>M1: correct expression display of $\text{(c)(iii)} \times 55.8$</p> <p>M2: correctly uses percentage by mass of iron = $\left[\frac{\text{(c)(iii)} \times 55.8}{\text{mass in (a)}} \right] \times 100$ (%)</p>	2
1(d)	<p>the (apparent) mass of the sample would be higher AND the percentage would decrease</p>	1
1(e)	<p>M1: all the iron is present as Fe^{2+} ions / no Fe^{3+} present</p> <p>M2: only Fe^{2+} / iron ions react with KMnO_4 OR the unknown anion / (any other) cation does not react with KMnO_4 OR there are no impurities that react with KMnO_4</p>	2

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2(a)	<p>I table of data must show all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (mass of) crucible + lid • (mass of) crucible + lid + FA 5 • (mass of) crucible + lid + residue / contents / MgX • (mass of) FA 5 • (mass of) water lost / mass lost <p>II recording of data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unit / g, (g) or in grams is covering each entry • all three balance readings are recorded to the same number of decimal points (2 or 3 dp). <p>III correctly calculates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mass of FA 5 • mass of water lost <p>IV, V award IV if $\delta \leq 0.20$ award V if $\delta \leq 0.10$</p> <p>where d is the difference between the supervisor's and candidate's mass ratio = $\frac{\text{mass of FA 5}}{\text{mass of water lost}}$ and calculated correct to 2 dp the theoretical value of 1.96 is used if there is no supervisor's value available</p>	5
2(b)(i)	<p>correctly calculates amount of H₂O lost = $\frac{\text{mass of water lost}}{18}$ (mol)</p> <p>AND answer to 2 – 4 sf</p>	1

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2(b)(ii)	<p>correctly uses M1: amount of Mg = (b)(i) / 7 (mol)</p> <p>M2: percentage of Mg = $\frac{[(b)(i) \times 24.3]}{(7 \times \text{mass of FA 5})} \times 100$ (%) AND answer to 2 – 4 sf</p>	2
2(c)	<p>M1: all the water is lost. OR heating was for long enough to reach constant mass. (owtte)</p> <p>M2: MgX / residue is thermally stable / does not decompose. OR the mass loss is due to the water only.</p>	2

Question	Answer	Marks
FA 6 is NH₄Fe(SO₄)₂(aq); FA 7 is NaBr(aq); FA 8 is Na₂CO₃(aq); FA 9 is NaCl(aq).		
3(a)(i)	<p>M1: selects NaOH OR NH₃ AND red-brown / brown / rust / orange-brown ppt on adding NaOH or NH₃</p> <p>M2: warms solution with NaOH AND ammonia / gas (given off on warming) that turns (damp red) litmus blue.</p>	2
3(a)(ii)	<p>M1: selects (acidified) potassium manganate(VII) / KMnO₄ (with or without barium salt) OR selects BaCl₂ or Ba(NO₃)₂ AND HCl or HNO₃ (in either order) (or full names)</p> <p>M2: (KMnO₄) solution stays purple / no change / no reaction OR white ppt AND insoluble in (excess) acid</p>	2

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3(a)(iii)	identifies ions from (partially) successful tests: cations NH_4^+ Fe^{3+} anion SO_4^{2-} Any 2 ions correct = 1 mark All ions correct = 2 marks	2
3(b)	Test 1 + $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3(\text{aq})$ • forms red solution / (pale) yellow solution turns red + H_2SO_4 • (solution turns) colourless / pale yellow Test 2 + $\text{KI}(\text{aq})$ • (solution turns) darker yellow / yellow-brown / brown / colourless (solution) turns yellow + starch • turns blue-black / black 2 • = 1 mark	2
3(c)(i)	FA 7: • cream / off-white ppt with $\text{AgNO}_3(\text{aq})$ • insoluble / partially soluble in $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$ FA 8: • white / off-white / cream / brown ppt with $\text{AgNO}_3(\text{aq})$ • soluble in $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$ / forms colourless solution FA 9: • white ppt with $\text{AgNO}_3(\text{aq})$ • soluble in $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$ / forms colourless solution	3

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(c)(ii)	one of: selects named acid AND observes fizzing with FA 8 or limewater gives white ppt with gas / CO ₂ OR tests solution(s) with litmus paper or universal indicator AND only FA 8 turns (red) litmus blue or (yellow / green) UI turns blue	1
3(c)(iii)	all identities are correct the CO ₃ ²⁻ ion is present in FA 8 the Cl ⁻ ion is present in FA 9 the Br ⁻ ion is present in FA 7	1