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GCSE (9–1)

Combined Science B (Twenty First Century Science)

J260/06: Chemistry (Higher Tier)

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Mark Scheme for Autumn 2021

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1. Annotations available in RM Assessor

Annotation	Meaning
\checkmark	Correct response
×	Incorrect response
^	Omission mark
BOD	Benefit of doubt given
CON	Contradiction
RE	Rounding error
SF	Error in number of significant figures
ECF	Error carried forward
L1	Level 1
L2	Level 2
L3	Level 3
NBOD	Benefit of doubt not given
SEEN	Noted but no credit given
I	Ignore

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

Annotation	Meaning
1	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
\checkmark	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 Combined Science B:

	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.

G	Question		Answer		AO element	Guidance	
1	(a)	(i)	27(%) ✓	1	2.1		
		(ii)	(particles) slower ✓ (particles) closer together ✓ becomes liquid/condensed ✓	3	1.1	ALLOW forms clouds/rain	
	(b)		carbon dioxide decreases AND oxygen increases ✓ plants formed which absorb carbon dioxide ✓ for photosynthesis, and emit oxygen ✓	3	3.2b 1.1 x 2	ALLOW carbon dioxide dissolved in the oceans	
	(C)	(i)	4 AND 3 ✓	1	2.1		
		(ii)	No oxygen ✓	1	2.1		

Qı	Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
2	(a)		nanoparticles bigger than (all the) atoms/ORA ✓ nanoparticles bigger than water molecules/ORA ✓ nanoparticles smaller than/not larger than polymer molecules/ORA ✓	3	3.1b	
	(b)	(i)	(nanoparticles) because largest surface area to volume ratio ✓	1	2.1	DO NOT ALLOW answers that simply quote the values from the table, needs to be a comparative statement.
		(ii)	(no) Not proportional/use of word proportional \checkmark As size increases particles have smaller surface area to volume ratios \checkmark	2	3.1a	
	(c)		atoms arranged in balls – carry medicines into the body atoms arranged in tubes – molecular sieves high surface area to volume ratio – catalysts $\checkmark \checkmark$	2	1.1	3 correct = 2 marks 2 or 1 correct = 1 mark
	(d)		Catalysts decrease the activation energy of the reaction \checkmark Catalysts reduce the energy needed to break the bonds in the reactants \checkmark	2	1.1	

Que	estior	า	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
3	(a)	(i)	idea that elements in a group have similar properties / properties of elements in a group 'fitted'.✓	1	1.1	
		(ii)	more elements were discovered ✓ properties matched predicted properties / matched	2	1.1	
			other elements in the same group \checkmark			
		(iii)	in reverse order of atomic mass√	1	3.1a	
	(b)	(i)	atomic number - total number of electrons/3 electrons✓ group - number of electrons in outer shell / Group 1 because 1 electron in outer shell ✓ period - number of electron shells / period 2 because 2 electron shells✓	3	1.1	
		(ii)	How - Metals form positive ions AND non-metals form negative ions ✓ Why - metals small number of electrons in outer shell AND non-metals large number in outer shell ✓ metals lose electrons to form ions AND non-metals gain electrons to form ions ✓	3	1.1	ALLOW reference to lithium and fluorine in place of metal and non-metal ALLOW diagram showing positive and negative ions

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4	(a)	(i)	particles move faster/have more kinetic energy ✓ more have activation energy/more successful collisions ✓	2	1.1	
		(ii)	Any two from: increase concentration of acid smaller pieces of zinc / bigger surface area of zinc add a catalyst ✓	1	3.3b	
	(b)	(i)	4.5 (min) ✓	1	2.2	
		(ii)	94 (cm³) ✓	1	2.2	
		(iii)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 0.348 (cm ³ /s) award 2 marks	2		ALLOW ECF from (i) and (ii)
			$4.5 \times 60 = 270 (s) \checkmark$ 94 ÷ 270 = 0.348 (cm ³ /s) ✓		1.2 2.2	
		(iv)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 2.56 to 4.17 (cm³/s) award 3 marks	3		
			tangent drawn at 0 and readings for x and y axis \checkmark time value converted into seconds \checkmark calculation of rate using readings from graph \checkmark		2.2 1.2 2.2	
		(v)	Rate gets lower ✓ Concentration of acid decreases ✓	2	2.2	

Qu	Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance	
5	(a)		 heat/energy/radiation trapped in ✓ AND any two from: UV from sun absorbed by earth ✓ Carbon dioxide absorbs IR which is emitted from earth ✓ Re-emits irradiation in all directions (including back to Earth) ✓ 	3	1.1		
	(b)	(i) (ii)	(I) ✓ (aq) and (aq) ✓ reversible ✓	2	1.1	ALLOW can go back and form between reactants	
		(ii)	pH goes down ✓ increase in concentration of H ⁺ / more H ⁺ ions ✓	2	2.1	and products/description of a reversible reaction ALLOW becomes more acidic for 1 mark if no	
		(iv)	use pH meter ✓ use Universal Indicator ✓	2	3.3a	other marks scored	

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6	(a)	(i)	H H C H H	1	2.2	Symbols and electrons both required.
		(ii)	Both covalent ✓ Diamond giant (molecular) AND methane simple (molecular) ✓	2	2.1	
		(iii)	Diamond many strong bonds / strong bonds in all directions ✓ Methane weak bonds between the molecules ✓ More energy to break bonds in diamond ORA ✓	3	2.1	
	(b)	(i)	All electrons used in bonding for diamond \checkmark Delocalised electrons (between layers) for graphite \checkmark	2	1.1	
		(ii)	Diamond atoms held in fixed positions ✓ Graphite layers can slide / weaker bonds between layers ✓	2	1.1	ALLOW 1 mark for idea that only graphite has layers if no other mark scored.

Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance	
7*	Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question. Level 3 (5–6 marks) Describes experimental method using the given solutions AND describes observations in detail AND links observations to trend in reactivity There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated. Level 2 (3–4 marks) Describes a suitable experimental method AND describes some observations OR Describes a suitable experimental method AND gives trend in reactivity There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence. Level 1 (1–2 marks) Describes a suitable experimental method OR gives trend in reactivity There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant. 0 marks No response or no response worthy of credit.	6	4 x 1.2 2 x 2.2	 AO1.2 Description of experimental method mixes each halogen solution with each halide solution idea of apparatus e.g. test tube any suitable method that would show a trend in reactivity AO1.2 Description of observations chlorine with chloride no change chlorine with bromide goes red/brown chlorine with bromide goes brown bromine with chloride no change bromine with bromide goes brown bromine with bromide no change bromine with chloride no change iodine with chloride no change iodine with chloride no change iodine with bromide no change iodine with iodide no change iodine with iodide no change chlorine more reactive than bromine chlorine more reactive than iodine AO1.2 Trend in reactivity chlorine more reactive than iodine AO2.2 Explains link between observations and trend in reactivity chlorine displaces bromine so chlorine more reactive than bromine chlorine displaces iodine so bromine more reactive than iodine 	

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8	(a)	(i)	Solid doesn't conduct electricity \checkmark lons (in solid) cannot move/no free ions \checkmark	2	2.1	
		(ii)	(Mixture has a lower melting point) therefore less energy /less fuel / less electricity needed (to make liquid) \checkmark	1	3.2a	
	(b)		 At positive electrode: oxide ions lose electrons at positive electrode/anode ✓ to form oxygen gas ✓ At negative electrode: Aluminium ions gain electrons at negative electrode/cathode ✓ to form aluminium metal ✓ 	4	1.2	
	(c)	(i)	2CuO + C → 2Cu + CO ₂ Symbols/formulae correct \checkmark Correctly balanced \checkmark	2	2.2	
		(ii)	Carbon more reactive than copper \checkmark Carbon less reactive than aluminium \checkmark	2	2.1	
	(d)		Any two advantages from: Don't use energy/electricity \checkmark works with low concentrations \checkmark extracted from waste \checkmark reduces need for new ores \checkmark removes toxic waste \checkmark Any one disadvantage from: slow \checkmark use of acid \checkmark not large quantities \checkmark	3	3.1b	Advantages = 2 marks Disadvantage = 1 mark

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
9	(a)	(i)	1 should be 1.0 ✓ no units added ✓	2	2.2	
		(ii)	know when to start adding slowly / add dropwise near the end / rough trial goes over the end point \checkmark	1	2.2	
		(iii)	Left out rough and repeat 3 \checkmark Calculated mean of the other 3 \checkmark	2	2.2	
	(b)	(i)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 0.2 (g) award 3 marks	3		
			(volume =) 25 ÷1000 = 0.025 (dm³) ✓		1.2	
			mass = 8 x 0.025 ✓ = 0.2 (g) ✓		2.2 x 2	
		(ii)	$23+16+1 = 40 \checkmark$ 0.2÷40 = 0.005 0.005 ÷ 2 (= 0.0025)	3	2.2	ALLOW ECF from (i)
		(iii)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 0.11 (g) award 3 marks	3		ALLOW 0.106-0.107 on answer line for 2 marks
			$23.5 \div 1000 = 0.0235 (dm^3) \checkmark$ $0.0025 \div 0.0235 = 0.1068 \checkmark$ $= 0.11 (mol/dm^3) \checkmark$		1.2 2.2 1.2	ALLOW correct significant figures for incorrect calculation

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