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Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
1(a)	Award in either order for curve  M1 curve is steeper than original and starts at the origin  M2 curve levels at the top line on the graph	2	"Steeper" requires line to be on the left of the original line, starting from the origin
1(b)	Award in either order for curve  M1 curve is shallower than original and starts at the origin  M2 curve levels at the first line on the graph	2	"Shallower" requires line to be on the right of the original line, starting from the origin
1(c)	<ul><li>M1 curve would be steeper than original</li><li>M2 curve levels at the <u>same original volume</u> of O<sub>2</sub></li></ul>	2	"Steeper" requires line to be on the left of the original line, starting from the origin
1(d)	<ul> <li>M1 The (concentration / amount of) H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> or reactant falls / decreases / used up</li> <li>OR  The number of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> or reactant molecules/ particles falls / decreases</li> <li>M2  The rate of reaction / rate of decomposition / rate of formation of oxygen / frequency of collisions / (effective) collisions in a given time decreases / is slower</li> </ul>	2	Mark independently

1(e)(i)	<b>2</b> H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> → <b>2</b> H <sub>2</sub> O + O <sub>2</sub>	1	Ignore state symbols Accept only this equation or its multiples Extra species must be crossed through
1(e)(ii)	hydrogen bromide / it does not appear in the overall equation	1	
	OR		
	hydrogen bromide / it is not <u>used up</u> in the reaction / <u>unchanged</u> <u>at the end</u> of the reaction		
	OR		
	hydrogen bromide / it is regenerated / re-formed (in Step 2)		

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
2(a)(i)	M1 (could be scored by a correct mathematical expression which must have all $\Delta H$ symbols and the $\Sigma$ or SUM)  M1 $\Delta H_r = \Sigma \Delta H_f$ (products) - $\Sigma \Delta H_f$ (reactants)  OR a correct cycle of balanced equations with $\frac{1C, 3H_2}{2}$ and $\frac{10}{2}$ M2 $\Delta H_r = -201 + (-242) - (-394)$ $\Delta H_r = -201 - 242 + 394$ $\Delta H_r = -443 + 394$ (This also scores M1)  M3 = -49 (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) (Award 1 mark ONLY for +49)	3	Correct answer gains full marks Credit 1 mark ONLY for + 49 (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) 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 (M1 and M2)  • If no AE, check for a correct method; this requires either correct cycle of balanced equations with 1C, 3H <sub>2</sub> and 1O <sub>2</sub> OR a clear statement of M1 which could be in words and scores only M1
2(a)(ii)	It is an element / elemental  OR  By definition	1	Ignore reference to "standard state"

2(b)	M1 (The yield) increases / goes up / gets more M2	3	If M1 is given as "decreases" / "no effect" / "no change" then CE= 0 for clip, but mark on only M2 and M3 from a blank M1
	There are more moles / molecules (of gas) on the left / of reactants		Ignore "volumes", "particles" "atoms" and "species" for <b>M2</b>
	OR fewer moles / molecules (of gas) on the right / products		
	<i>OR</i> there are <u>4 moles / molecules</u> (of gas) on the left <u>and 2 moles / molecules</u> on the right.		
	OR (equilibrium) shifts / moves to the side with less moles / molecules		For <b>M3</b> , <u>not</u> simply "to oppose the change"
	M3: Can only score M3 if M2 is correct  The (position of) equilibrium shifts / moves (from left to right) to oppose the increase in pressure		For <b>M3</b> credit the <u>equilibrium</u> <u>shifts / moves</u> (to right) to <u>lower / decrease the pressure</u> (There must be a <u>specific</u> reference to the change that is opposed)

2(c)	<ul> <li>M1 Yield increases / goes up</li> <li>M2 The (forward) reaction / to the right is endothermic OR takes in / absorbs heat</li> <li>OR</li> <li>The reverse reaction / to the left is exothermic OR gives out / releases heat</li> <li>Can only score M3 if M2 is correct</li> <li>M3 The (position of) equilibrium shifts / moves (from left to right) to oppose the increase in temperature (QoL)</li> </ul>	3	If M1 is given as "decrease" / "no effect" / "no change" then CE= 0 for clip, but mark on only M2 and M3 from a blank M1  For M3, not_simply "to oppose the change" For M3, credit the (position of) equilibrium shifts / moves (QoL) to absorb the heat_OR to cool the reaction OR to lower the temperature (There must be a specific reference to the change that is opposed)
2(d)(i)	An activity which has no net / overall (annual) carbon emissions to the atmosphere  OR  An activity which has no net / overall (annual) greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere.  OR  There is no change in the total amount / level of carbon dioxide / CO <sub>2</sub> carbon /greenhouse gas present in the atmosphere.	1	The idea that the carbon / CO <sub>2</sub> given out equals the carbon / CO <sub>2</sub> that was taken in from the atmosphere
2(d)(ii)	CH <sub>3</sub> OH + <b>1</b> ½O <sub>2</sub> → CO <sub>2</sub> + <b>2</b> H <sub>2</sub> O	1	Ignore state symbols Accept multiples

2(d)(iii)	$3H_2 + 1\frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow 3H_2O$ $OR$ $2H_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow 2H_2O$	A	gnore state symbols accept multiples extra species must be crossed through
2(e)	M1  q = m c ΔT OR  q =140 x 4.18 x 7.5 M2  = 4389 (J) OR 4.389 (kJ) OR 4.39 (kJ) OR 4.4 (kJ) (also scores M1) M3  Using 0.0110 mol therefore $\Delta H = -399$ (kJmol <sup>-1</sup> ) OR $-400$	Ig Pobl Pol In fo	ward full marks for correct answer gnore the case for each letter renalise M3 ONLY if correct numerical answer ut sign is incorrect; +399 gains 2 marks renalise M2 for arithmetic error and mark on M1, do not penalise incorrect cases in the formula $\Delta T = 280.5$ ; score q = m c $\Delta T$ only $\Delta T = 280.5$ ; score q = m c $\Delta T$ only $\Delta T = 280.5$ ; penalise M2 ONLY and mark on for M3 = $-459$
	+399 or +400 gains 2 marks	lg	gnore incorrect units

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
3(a)	2Ca <sub>5</sub> F(PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> + 9SiO <sub>2</sub> + 15C → 9CaSiO <sub>3</sub> + CaF <sub>2</sub> +15CO + 6P	1	
3(b)	M1 $(P_4 =) 0$ M2 $(H_3PO_4 =) (+) 5$	2	Accept Roman numeral V for <b>M2</b>
3(c)	$H_2SO_4$ $M_r$ = 2(1.00794) + 32.06550 + 4(15.99491)	1	Both numbers required  Calculations not required
3(d)(i)	A substance that <u>speeds up</u> a reaction OR <u>alters / increases the</u> <u>rate</u> of a reaction <b>AND</b> is <u>chemically unchanged at the end / not used up</u> .	1	Both ideas needed Ignore reference to activation energy or alternative route.
3(d)(ii)	The <u>addition of water</u> ( <b>QoL</b> ) to a molecule / compound	1	QoL- for the underlined words

3(d)(iii)	M1 $CH_3CH=CH_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow CH_3CH(OH)CH_3$ $(C_3H_6)$ M2 propan-2-ol	2	For <b>M1</b> insist on correct structure for the alcohol but credit correct equations using either $C_3H_6$ or double bond not given.
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Question		Mark	Comments
4(a)	Ti is not produced  OR  TiC / carbide is produced OR titanium reacts with carbon  OR  Product is brittle  OR  Product is a poor engineering material	1	Penalise "titanium carbonate" Ignore "impure titanium" Credit "it / titanium is brittle"
4(b)(i)	FeTiO <sub>3</sub> + 3½Cl <sub>2</sub> + 3C FeCl <sub>3</sub> + TiCl <sub>4</sub> + 3CO	1	Ignore state symbols Credit multiples
4(b)(ii)	FeCl <sub>3</sub> + TiCl <sub>4</sub> + <b>7</b> Na $\longrightarrow$ <b>7</b> NaCl + Fe + Ti <b>OR</b> (for example)  2FeCl <sub>3</sub> + TiCl <sub>4</sub> + <b>10</b> Na $\longrightarrow$ <b>10</b> NaCl + 2Fe + Ti	1	Ignore state symbols Credit multiples including ratios other than 1:1 Ignore working

4(c)	<ul> <li>Either order</li> <li>M1 The Cu²+ / copper(II) ions / they have gained (two) electrons</li> <li>OR Cu²+ + 2e⁻ → Cu</li> <li>OR oxidation state / number decreases (or specified from 2 to 0)</li> <li>M2 The Cu²+ / copper(II) ions / they have been reduced</li> </ul>	2	Penalise reference to incorrect number of electrons in M1  For M1, accept "copper" if supported by correct half-equation or simplest ionic equation  Ignore charge on the electron  For M2 do not accept "copper" alone
4(d)	<b>2</b> O <sup>2-</sup>	1	Or multiples including  3O <sup>2-</sup> 1.5 O <sub>2</sub> + 6e <sup>-</sup> Ignore state symbols  Ignore charge on the electron  Credit the electrons being subtracted on the LHS

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
5(a)(i)	Ba + <b>2</b> H <sub>2</sub> O → Ba(OH) <sub>2</sub> + H <sub>2</sub>	1	Ignore state symbols Credit multiples and correct ionic equations
5(a)(ii)	(Reactivity with water) increase(s) / increasing / increased (down the Group / from Mg to Ba)	1	Accept "greater" or "gets more" or similar words to that effect.  Ignore reference to "increase in solubility / gets more soluble"
5(b)	Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub>	1	Accept Mg <sup>2+</sup> (OH <sup>-</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> / Mg(HO) <sub>2</sub> Insist on brackets and correct case
5(c)	M1 Barium meal / barium swallow / barium enema or (internal) X-ray or to block X-rays  M2 BaSO <sub>4</sub> / barium sulfate is insoluble (and therefore not toxic)	2	Accept a correct reference to M1 written in the explanation in M2, unless contradictory  For M2NOT barium ions  NOT barium  NOT barium meal and NOT "It"  Ignore radio-tracing

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
6(a)(i)	M1 Initiation Cl₂ → 2Cl•	3	Penalise absence of dot once only.  Penalise + or – charges every time  Accept dot anywhere on CHCl <sub>2</sub> radical but if the
	M2 First propagation CI• + CH₂CI₂ → •CHCI₂ + HCI		structure is drawn out, the dot must be on the carbon atom. Penalise this error once only Penalise once only for a line and two dots to show a bond.
	M3 Second propagation $CI_2 + \bullet CHCI_2 \longrightarrow CHCI_3 + CI \bullet$		Penalise once only for double headed curly arrows  Mark independently
6(a)(ii)	<ul> <li>M1 Condition     ultra-violet / uv / sun light</li> <li>OR high temperature</li> <li>OR 400°C ≤ T ≤ 900 °C</li> </ul>	2	
	M2 Type of mechanism (free-) radical substitution (mechanism)		
6(b)(i)	CHCl <sub>3</sub> + Cl <sub>2</sub> → CCl <sub>4</sub> + HCl	1	Allow X as alternative to CCI <sub>4</sub> only if X is clearly identified as CCI <sub>4</sub>

6(b)(ii)	M1	Trichloromethane / CHCl <sub>3</sub> has a C–H bond	2	M1 must refer to presence or absence of the
	Oi	X / CCl <sub>4</sub> / it has no C-H bond		C–H bond in a compound
	M2	The infrared spectrum shows (absorption / peak for C–H in range) 2850 to 3300 ( cm <sup>-1</sup> ) is missing		M2 answer must refer to / imply the spectrum Allow the words "dip" OR "spike" OR "low transmittance" as alternatives for absorption. Ignore references to other absorptions.

## 6(c) M1 a statement about bond breakage / formation of Cl•

C-CI / carbon-chlorine bond breakage occurs

OR CI. / chlorine (free) radical forms

**OR** correct equation CHCIF<sub>2</sub> → CI• + •CHF<sub>2</sub>

M2 CI• + 
$$O_3$$
 \_\_\_\_ CIO• +  $O_2$ 

M3 CIO• + O<sub>3</sub> 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 CI• + 2O<sub>2</sub>

М4

CHCIF<sub>2</sub> / chlorine-containing compounds/ CFCs <u>damage / react with / decrease</u> the ozone layer

OR

this overall decomposition occurs;  $2O_3 \longrightarrow 3O_2$ 

OR

without an ozone layer or with a decreased ozone layer, uv radiation is not being "filtered" / prevented from passing through the atmosphere or there is a concern about an increase in skin cancer etc.

OR

CI• catalyses the decomposition of ozone / a single CI• causes (chain) reaction / decomposition of many ozone molecules / ozone layer

Penalise **M1**, if CI• is formed from CI<sub>2</sub> as the only reaction or an additional reaction

Do not penalise an incorrect equation using CHCIF<sub>2</sub> if correct reference is made to CI• formation or C-CI / carbon-chlorine bond breakage

M2 and M3 either order

Penalise absence of dot once only.

Accept dot anywhere on CIO radical

Award **M4** for the general idea behind the EU justification for banning the use of CFCs as refrigerants

Penalise **M4** if overall ozone decomposition equation is incorrect

Ignore "greenhouse effect", "global warming" etc.

6(d)(i)	H F C — C — F H F F	1	All bonds must be drawn out
6(d)(ii)	2,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene / it does not contain chlorine (atoms) / C-CI (bonds)	1	Ignore "chlorine molecules"
	OR		
	It does not produce CI• / does not produce chlorine (free) radical(s)		
	OR		
	chlorodifluoromethane does contain chlorine / does produce CI• / does produce chlorine (free) radical(s)		
	OR		
	C–F is too strong and does not break / create radicals		
	OR		
	C–F is stronger than C–CI		

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
7(a)(i)	M1 must show an arrow from the lone pair on oxygen of a negatively charged hydroxide ion to the correct H atom  M2 must show an arrow from the correct C-H bond to the correct C-C bond. Only award if an arrow is shown attacking the H atom of the correct C-H bond in M1  M3 is independent but CE=0 if nucleophilic substitution  N.B these are double- headed arrows	3	Penalise one mark from their total if half-headed arrows are used  Penalise M3 for formal charge on C of the C-Br or incorrect partial charges on C-Br Ignore other partial charges  Penalise once only in any part of the mechanism for a line and two dots to show a bond.
7(a)(ii)	M1 E isomer M2 Z isomer $H \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow C_2H_5 \longrightarrow H_5C_2 \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow C_2H_5$	2	Award 1 mark if both correct stereoisomers but in the wrong places  Accept no other alkenes.  Be reasonably lenient on the bonds to ethyl (or to CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ) since the question is about E and Z positions but penalise once only if connection is clearly to the CH <sub>3</sub> of CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> Accept linear structures

7(a)(iii)	M1 (Compounds / molecules with) the same structural formula  M2 with atoms/bonds/groups arranged differently in space  OR  atoms/bonds/groups that have different spatial arrangements / different orientation.	2	Penalise <b>M1</b> if "same structure"  Ignore references to "same molecular formula" or "same empirical formula" or any reference to "displayed formula"  Mark independently
7(b)	M3 Structure  H <sub>5</sub> C <sub>2</sub> —CH=CH-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> M1  M1must show an arrow from the double bond towards the H atom of the H – O bond OR HO on a compound with molecular formula for H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> M1 could be to an H+ ion and M2 an independent O – H bond break on a compound with molecular formula for H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> M2 must show the breaking of the O – H bond.  M3 is for the structure of the carbocation.  M4 must show an arrow from the lone pair of electrons on the correct oxygen of the negatively charged ion towards a correct (positively charged) carbon atom.  NB The arrows here are double-headed	4	<ul> <li>M1 Ignore partial negative charge on the double bond.</li> <li>M2 Penalise partial charges on O – H bond if wrong way and penalise formal charges</li> <li>In M2 do not penalise incorrect structures for H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></li> <li>M4 NOT HSO<sub>4</sub> —</li> <li>For M4, credit as shown or —:OSO<sub>3</sub>H ONLY with the negative charge anywhere on this ion OR correctly drawn out with the negative charge placed correctly on oxygen</li> <li>Penalise once only in any part of the mechanism for a line and two dots to show a bond</li> <li>Max 3 of any 4 marks for wrong organic reactant or wrong organic product (if shown)</li> <li>Accept the correct use of "sticks"</li> </ul>

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
8(a)	M1 Safety (in Process 1)	2	
	Sodium hydroxide / alkali is corrosive / harmful / caustic		Ignore references to chromium compounds
	or <u>sodium hydroxide</u> is <u>alkali(ne</u> )		
	OR		
	Bromine compounds are toxic / poisonous		"Carbon-neutral" alone is insufficient for <b>M2</b>
	M2 Environmental		Ignore references to greenhouse gases
	Process 2 could be used as a carbon sink / for carbon capture		
	OR		
	<u>uses waste / recycled <math>CO_2</math> / <math>CO_2</math> from the factory / <math>CO_2</math> from the bioethanol (or biofuel) production</u>		
	OR		
	$\underline{\text{reduces or limits}}$ the amount of $\underline{\text{CO}_2}$ released / given out (into the atmosphere)		
	OR		
	Process 2 uses <u>renewable</u> glucose / <u>renewable</u> resource(s)		

8(b)(i)	M1 nucleophilic substitution	3	For M1, both words required
	M2 must show an arrow from the lone pair of electrons on the oxygen atom of the negatively charged hydroxide ion to the C atom.  M3 must show the movement of a pair of electrons from the C—Br bond to the Br atom. Mark M3 independently provided it is from the original molecule  For M2 and M3 award full marks for an S <sub>N</sub> 1 mechanism  NB The arrows here are double-headed		Penalise M2 if covalent NaOH / KOH is used Penalise one mark from M2 or M3 if half-headed arrows are used Penalise M3 for formal charge on C of the C-Br or incorrect partial charges on C-Br Penalise once only for a line and two dots to show a bond. For M2 and M3, maximum 1 of 2 marks for the mechanism if wrong reactant is used. Penalise M3 if an extra arrow is drawn from the Br of the C-Br bond to, for example, K <sup>+</sup> Accept the correct use of "sticks
	The arrows note are deader neaded		
8(b)(ii)	<b>M1</b> B	3	
	M2 C		
	<b>M3</b> A		

8(c)	M1 fermentation Three conditions in any order for M2 to M4 M2 (enzymes from) yeast or zymase M3 $25^{\circ}$ C $\leq$ T $\leq$ 42 $^{\circ}$ C OR $298$ K $\leq$ T $\leq$ 315 K M4 anaerobic / no oxygen / no air OR neutral pH	4	Mark M2 to M4 independently  Penalise "bacteria" and "phosphoric acid" using the list principle  Ignore reference to "aqueous" or "water", "closed container", "pressure, "lack of oxygen", "concentration of ethanol" and "batch process" (i.e. not part of the list principle)
8(d)	<ul> <li>M1 primary OR 1° (alcohol)</li> <li>M2 acidified potassium or sodium dichromate</li> <li>OR H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> / K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> OR H<sup>+</sup> / K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub></li> <li>OR correct combination of formula and name</li> <li>M3</li> <li>HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH + 4[O] →</li> <li>HOOCCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOH + 2H<sub>2</sub>O</li> </ul>	3	Mark independently  For M2, it must be a whole reagent and/or correct formulae  Do not penalise incorrect attempt at formula if name is correct or <i>vice versa</i> Accept phonetic spelling  If oxidation state given in name, it must be correct.  For M2 accept acidified potassium manganate(VII)  For M3 structures must be correct and not molecular formula

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
9(a)(i)	M1 iodine OR I <sub>2</sub> OR I <sub>3</sub>	3	Ignore state symbols Credit <b>M1</b> for "iodine solution"
	M2 $Cl_2 + 2l^- \longrightarrow 2Cl^- + l_2$ OR $\frac{1}{2} Cl_2 + l^- \longrightarrow Cl^- + \frac{1}{2} l_2$		Penalise multiples in M2 except those shown
	M3 redox or reduction-oxidation or displacement		M2 accept correct use of I <sub>3</sub>
9(a)(ii)	M1 (the white precipitate is) silver chloride	3	M1 must be named and for this mark ignore incorrect formula
	M2 Ag <sup>+</sup> + Cl <sup>−</sup> → AgCl		For <b>M2</b> ignore state symbols
	M3 (white) precipitate / it dissolves  OR colourless solution		Penalise multiples Ignore references to "clear" alone
9(b)(i)	M1 $H_2SO_4$ + $2CI^ \longrightarrow$ $2HCI$ + $SO_4^{2-}$ OR $H_2SO_4$ + $CI^ \longrightarrow$ $HCI$ + $HSO_4^-$ OR $H+$ + $CI^ \longrightarrow$ $HCI$	2	For <b>M1</b> ignore state symbols  Penalise multiples for equations and apply the list principle
	M2 hydrogen chloride OR HCI OR hydrochloric acid		

9(b)(ii)	M1 a	nd M2 in either order 2  - →  ₂ + 2e -	4	For <b>M1</b> and <b>M2</b> , ignore state symbols and credit multiples
	IVII	2		Do not penalise absence of charge on the electron
		8l <sup>-</sup> → 4l <sub>2</sub> + 8e <sup>-</sup>		Credit electrons shown correctly on the other side of each equation
	M2	$H_2SO_4 + 8H^+ + 8e^- \rightarrow H_2S + 4H_2O$		
	OR			Additional equations should not contradict
		$SO_4^{2-} + 10H^+ + 8e^- \longrightarrow H_2S + 4H_2O$		
	М3	oxidising agent / oxidises the iodide (ions)		
	OR			
		electron acceptor		
	M4	sulfur <b>OR</b> S <b>OR</b> S <sub>2</sub> <b>OR</b> S <sub>8</sub> <b>OR</b> sulphur		

9(b)(iii)	M1 OR	The NaOH / OH <sup>-</sup> / (sodium) hydroxide reacts with / neutralises the H <sup>+</sup> / acid / HBr (lowering its concentration) a correct neutralisation equation for H <sup>+</sup> or HBr with NaOH or with hydroxide ion	ഗ	Ignore reference to NaOH reacting with bromide ions Ignore reference to NaOH reacting with HBrO alone In M2, answers must refer to the (position of) equilibrium shifts / moves and is not enough to
	M2	Requires a correct statement for M1		state simply that it / the system / the reaction shifts to oppose the change.
	The (p	position of) equilibrium moves / shifts (from L to R)		simila to oppose the change.
		<ul> <li>to <u>replace the H<sup>+</sup> / acid / HBr that has been</u> <u>removed / lost</u></li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>OR to increase the H<sup>+</sup> / acid / HBr concentration</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>OR to make more H<sup>+</sup> / acid / HBr / product(s)</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>OR to oppose the loss of H<sup>+</sup> / loss of product(s)</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>OR to oppose the decrease in concentration of product(s)</li> </ul>		
	M3 OR	The (health) benefit outweighs the risk or wtte		
		a clear statement that once it has done its job, little of it remains		
	OR			
		used in (very) dilute concentrations / small amounts / low doses		

#### General principles applied to marking CHEM2 papers by CMI+ June 2012

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.

#### A. The "List principle" and the use of "ignore" in the mark scheme

If a question requires **one** answer and a candidate 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.

N.B. 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.

### B. 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.

#### C. 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.

N.B. 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.

#### D. 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 generally ignored, unless specifically required in the mark scheme.

#### E. Reagents

The command word "Identify", allows the candidate 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<sup>-</sup> when the reagent should be potassium cyanide or KCN;
- the hydroxide ion or OH<sup>-</sup> when the reagent should be sodium hydroxide or NaOH;
- the Ag(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 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 candidate 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.

#### F. Oxidation states

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

#### G. Marking calculations, such as those involving enthalpy changes

In general

- The sign for an enthalpy change will be assumed to be positive unless specifically shown to be negative.
- A correct answer alone will score **full marks** unless the necessity to show working is specifically required in the question.
- A correct numerical value with the wrong sign will usually score only one mark.

All other values gain no credit except

- Two marks can be awarded for correct chemistry with an arithmetic error.
- One mark can be awarded for a correct mathematical statement (or cycle) for the method.

#### H. 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.

$$H_3C$$
 $H_3C$ 
 $H_3C$ 
 $H_3C$ 
 $H_3C$ 
 $H_3C$ 
 $H_3C$ 
 $H_3C$ 

For example, the following would score zero marks

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.

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.

#### I. 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.
   For example, if candidates 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 structures, given that CH<sub>3</sub>— is considered to be interchangeable with H<sub>3</sub>C— even though the latter would be preferred.
- Poor presentation of vertical C CH<sub>3</sub> bonds or C NH<sub>2</sub> bonds should **not** be penalised. For the 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

CH<sub>3</sub>COH for ethanal

CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>HO for ethanol

OHCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	for	ethanol
$C_2H_6O$	for	ethanol
CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	for	ethene
CH <sub>2</sub> .CH <sub>2</sub>	for	ethene
CH <sub>2</sub> :CH <sub>2</sub>	for	ethene

N.B. 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.

 $CH_2 = CH_2$  for ethene,  $H_2C = CH_2$ 

CH<sub>3</sub>CHOHCH<sub>3</sub> for propan-2-ol, CH<sub>3</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>3</sub>

## J. 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 should be **butan-2-ol** should be **butan-2-ol** should be **butan-2-ol** 

2-butanol should be **butan-2-ol** ethan-1,2-diol should be **ethane-1,2-diol** 

2-methpropan-2-ol should be **2-methylpropan-2-ol** 

2-methylbutan-3-ol should be **3-methylbutan-2-ol** 

3-methylpentan should be **3-methylpentane**3-mythylpentane should be **3-methylpentane**3-methypentane should be **3-methylpentane** 

propanitrile should be **propanenitrile** 

aminethane should be **ethylamine** (although aminoethane can gain credit)

2-methyl-3-bromobutane should be **2-bromo-3-methylbutane** 3-bromo-2-methylbutane should be **2-bromo-3-methylbutane** 3-methyl-2-bromobutane should be **2-bromo-3-methylbutane** 

2-methylbut-3-ene should be **3-methylbut-1-ene** 

difluorodichloromethane should be **dichlorodifluoromethane**