

2021 Chemistry Section 2

Higher

Finalised Marking Instructions

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General marking principles for Higher Chemistry

Always apply these general principles. Use them in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidates' responses.

- (a) Always use positive marking. This means candidates accumulate marks for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding; marks are not deducted for errors or omissions.
- (b) If a candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.
- (c) Do not award half marks.
- (d) Where a candidate makes an error at an early stage in a multi-stage calculation, award marks for correct follow-on working in subsequent stages, unless the error significantly reduces the complexity of the remaining stages. Apply the same principle for questions that require several stages of non-mathematical reasoning. The exception to this rule is where the marking instructions for a numerical question assign separate 'concept marks' and an 'arithmetic mark'. In such situations, the marking instructions will give clear guidance on the assignment or partial marks.
- (e) Unless a numerical question specifically requires evidence of working to be shown, award full marks for a correct final response (including units) on its own.
- (f) Candidates may fully access larger mark allocations whether their responses are in continuous prose, linked statements, or a series of developed bullet points.
- (g) Do not deduct marks for inaccurate or unconventional spelling or vocabulary as long as the meaning of the word(s) is conveyed. For example, responses that include 'distilling' for 'distillation', or 'it gets hotter' for 'the temperature rises', are acceptable.
- (h) In many questions, the unit in which the answer is to be expressed is given. In these questions, the candidate does not need to state a unit in their answer; but if they do, the unit must be correct. The full mark allocation cannot be awarded if an incorrect unit is shown. In these questions, incorrect units would only be penalised once in any paper.
- (i) If a correct response is followed by a wrong response, award no marks. For example in response to the question, 'State the colour seen when blue Fehling's solution is warmed with an aldehyde', do not award marks for the response 'red green'. However, if a correct response is followed by additional information which does not conflict with that, ignore the additional information, whether correct or not. For example in response to a question concerned with melting point, 'State why the tube should not be made of copper', the response 'Copper has a low melting point and is coloured grey' would gain marks.
- (j) Award full marks for the correct response to a calculation without working. Award partial marks, as shown in the detailed marking instructions, when working is given but the final response is incorrect. An exception is when candidates are asked to 'Find, by calculation' do not award full marks for the correct response without working.
- (k) Ignore the omission of one H atom from a full structural formula provided the bond is shown.
- (I) Award marks for a symbol or correct formula in place of a name unless stated otherwise in the detailed marking instructions.

- (m) When formulae of ionic compounds are given as responses, candidates only need to show ion charges if these have been specifically asked for. However, if ion charges are shown, they must be correct. If incorrect charges are shown, do not award marks.
- (n) If an answer comes directly from the text of the question, do not award marks. For example, in response to the question, 'A student found that 0.05 mol of propane, C_3H_8 burned to give 82.4 kJ of energy. $C_3H_8(g) + 5O_2(g) = 3CO_2(g) + 4H_2O(\ell)$. Name the kind of enthalpy change that the student measured', do not award marks for 'burning' since the word 'burned' appears in the text.
- (o) A guiding principle in marking is to give credit for correct elements of a response rather than to look for reasons not to give marks.

Example 1: The structure of a hydrocarbon found in petrol is shown below.

$$CH_3$$
 $CH_3-CH_2-CH-CH_2-CH_3-CH_3$

Name the hydrocarbon

• Award the full mark for '3, methyl-hexane', although the punctuation is not correct.

Example 2: A student measured the pH of four carboxylic acids to find out how their strength is related to the number of chlorine atoms in the molecule. The results are shown.

CH₃COOH	1.65
CH₂ClCOOH	1.27
CHCl₂COOH	0.90
CCl₃COOH	0.51

Describe the relationship between the number of chlorine atoms in the molecule and the strengths of the acids.

- Award the full mark for a response such as 'the more Cl₂, the stronger the acid', although not completely correct.
- (p) Unless the question is clearly about a non-chemistry issue, for example costs in an industrial chemical process, do not award marks for a non-chemical response. For example, in response to the question, 'Why does the (catalytic) converter have a honeycomb structure?', do not award a mark for 'To make it work'. This response may be correct but it is not a chemical response.

- (q) Only award marks for a valid response to the question asked. Where candidates are asked to:
 - identify, name, give or state, they must only name or present in brief form.
 - **describe**, they must provide a statement or structure of characteristics and/or features.
 - **explain**, they must relate cause and effect and/or make relationships between things clear.
 - **compare**, they must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the similarities and/or differences between things.
 - complete, they must finish a chemical equation or fill in a table with information.
 - **determine** or **calculate**, they must determine a number from given facts, figures or information.
 - draw, they must draw a diagram or structural formula, for example 'Draw a diagram to show the part of a poly(propene) molecule formed from two propene molecules.'
 - estimate, they must determine an approximate value for something.
 - **predict**, they must suggest what may happen based on available information.
 - evaluate, they must make a judgement based on criteria.
 - **suggest**, they must apply their knowledge and understanding of chemistry to a new situation. A number of responses are acceptable: award marks for any suggestions that are supported by knowledge and understanding of chemistry.
 - use their knowledge of chemistry or aspect of chemistry to comment on, they must apply their skills, knowledge and understanding to respond appropriately to the problem/situation presented (for example by making a statement of principle(s) involved and/or a relationship or equation, and applying these to respond to the problem/situation). Candidates gain marks for the breadth and/or depth of their conceptual understanding.
 - write, they must complete a chemical or word equation, for example 'Write the word equation for the complete combustion of ethanol.'

Marking instructions for each question

Q	Question		Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
1.	(a)	(i)	Increases (across period)	1	
		(ii)	They don't form (covalent) bonds	1	Accept: They (noble gases) are unreactive. They are noble gases is not
		(iii)	Screening increases so less attraction (of nucleus/protons for the bonding/outer/shared electrons) OR Covalent radius/atomic size/number of shells increases so less attraction (of nucleus/protons for the	1	acceptable. Shielding is acceptable in place of screening. 'Screening/shielding effect' by itself is not acceptable. Information in brackets is not required but if included, the direction of attraction must be
	(b .)	(:)	bonding/outer/shared electrons)	4	correct.
	(b)	(i)	2·8 ± 0·05	1	
		(ii)	Cross at (2·1, 1·8) on graph 2 marks Partial mark For calculation of both average electronegativity (2·1) and difference (1·8) (1 mark) OR For correctly plotting the point for the values candidate has calculated (1 mark)	2	A point other than (2·1, 1·8) plotted with no calculated values is worth 0 marks.
		(iii) A	(Li ⁺) ₂ S ²⁻ Both charges must be shown. Brackets are required for Li ⁺ .	1	
		В	Carbon fluorine Sulfur fluorine Boron oxygen	1	Accept correct symbols. If candidate states name of a compound then it must be correct. Accept germanium and oxygen.
	(c)		Polar (covalent)	1	

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2.	(a)	(i)	Graphite		1		
		(ii)			2	the mark for diamond.	molecular would cancel or covalent bonds for s for London dispersion
						Treat each	mark separately.
			Form of carbon	Strongest attra	ction broken		
			Diamond	covalent (network)	oond(s) (1 mark)		
			fullerene	London dispersion	forces (1 mark)	
		(iii)	12		1		
	(b)		45·81/45·8/46(%) (2 marks) A partial mark can be awarded for any one of the following: Correct use of atom economy relationship without correct use of stoichiometry (working must be shown). (1 mark) OR Correct working with no correct final answer. (1 mark)		2	be awarded wrong unit	quired. Only 1 mark can I for the correct answer if is given. (Wrong units be penalised once in any

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2.	(c)		+250 kJ mol ⁻¹ (2 marks) Partial marks Treat as two concepts. Either would be acceptable for 1 mark. Evidence of understanding of reversal of first and second enthalpy values must be seen ie +283 and +286 (or positive multiples of either/both). The third enthalpy value (regardless of value) must be negative, or this partial mark cannot be awarded. OR	2	If correct answer is shown, award 2 marks. Only 1 concept mark can be awarded if the final answer is incorrect. If answer given is -250, maximum of 1 mark can be awarded. No units required. Only 1 mark can be awarded for the correct answer if wrong unit is given. (Wrong units would only be penalised once in any paper). kJ is acceptable in place of kJ mol ⁻¹
			Evidence of understanding of multiplying the second enthalpy value by 3 (shown as 3 x +/-286 or +/- 858) Multiplication of any other enthalpy value by any factor is taken as cancelling of this partial mark.		(KJ or Kj or KJ mol ⁻¹ or Kj mol ⁻¹ accepted).

has demonstrated, at an appropriate level, a limited understanding of the chemistry involved. They have made some statement(s) which are relevant to the situation, showing that they have understood at least a little of the chemistry within the problem. Award 2 marks where the candidate The sample of the situation of the involvence of a recognized that the situation of a recognized that the situat	o marks should be awarded if: student has demonstrated, at an ropriate level, no understanding, he chemistry involved. There is evidence that the student has ognised the area of chemistry plved or has given any statement relevant chemistry principle. It mark would also be given when student merely restates the mistry given in the question.

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4.	(a)		Bond enthalpy is high (945)/has the highest bond enthalpy value (in the data booklet)	1	(Bond(s)) take(s) a lot of energy to break/are very strong would not be accepted on its own but would not be cancelling.
	(b)		Diagram shows a workable method for removing carbon dioxide - must include label for KOH (solution) (1 mark)	2	Treat each mark separately.
	fo		Diagram shows a workable method for passing gas over heated copper - must include label for heated copper (1 mark)		

Question Expected response Max mark Additional	al guidance
4. (c) (i) 2 marks for correct calculations AND 1 mark for a statement which follows on from the calculation stating that nitrogen is in excess or that lithium is the limiting reactant. Partial marks By calculating number of moles: 1 mark for the correct calculation of number of moles of Li and N₂. 1 mark for correct application of the mole ratio. This can be shown by dividing a calculated number of moles of Li by 6 or multiplying a number of moles of N₂ by 6. 1 mark awarded for a correct statement following on from the candidate's calculations. OR By proportion: 1 mark for 41·4 g → 24 litres 1 mark for follow through from incorrect multiples of 6·9g or 24 l 1 mark awarded for a correct statement following on from the candidate's calculations. This mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio 1 mark can be awa of the following patable obtained with ratio	072/0·0725 moles ·038/0·0375 moles tables shown as to whether 1 for calculations d. warded for any one paired values in the applying the mole need 0·29 l N₂ 1·55 g Li 0·29 l N₂ 1·55 g Li 0·215 mol Li 0·012 mol N₂ varded for any one paired values in the thout applying mole need 1·74 l N₂ 0·26 g Li 1·74 l N₂ 0·26 g Li 1·74 l N₂ 0·26 g Li

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4.	(c)	(ii)	$Cu^{+}(aq) + e^{-} \rightarrow Cu(s)$		State symbols not required but if given must be correct. Accept electron without a negative sign.
		(iii)	(ionic) lattice/network	1	Covalent network is not acceptable
	(d)	(i)	atoms/molecules with an unpaired electron	1	
		(ii)	676 (kJ mol ⁻¹) -676 would be worth 1 mark Partial marking, 1 mark can be awarded for candidate correctly retrieves both of the relevant bond enthalpy data (945, 498) and attempts to use this with 91 OR calculation carried out correctly with one error in retrieval of bond enthalpy	2	No units are required but award only 1 mark for correct answer if incorrect unit is given. (Wrong units would only be penalised once in any paper). kJ is acceptable in place of kJ mol ⁻¹ (KJ or Kj or KJ mol ⁻¹ or Kj mol ⁻¹ accepted)
	(iii) termination		1		
	B H—O—N=O or O—O H—N		1		

Question		on	Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
4.	(e)	(i)	Decreasing temperature favours the exothermic reaction/increasing temperature favours endothermic reactions (1 mark) Increases the yield of ammonia (1mark)	2	
		(ii) A	$C_3H_5N_3O_9 \rightarrow$ $3CO_2 + 2\frac{1}{2}H_2O + 1\frac{1}{2}N_2 + \frac{1}{4}O_2$ OR correct multiples	1	
		В	The shock/bump provides the activation energy/E _A OR the shock/bump provides sufficient/enough energy to start the reaction OR the reaction has a low activation energy/E _A	1	If candidate uses "it" in response, this can be taken as "the shock/bump".

Q	uestic	on	Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
5.	(a)		 1 mark for any correct feature and explanation as shown: Contains oxygen to ensure complete combustion Sample is surrounded by water so all energy transferred/reduce heat loss to surroundings Sealed container prevents/reduces heat loss to the surroundings Stirring to ensure accurate temperature (measurement) 	1	
	(b)	(i)	-34 078 (kJ mol ⁻¹) Partial marks 1 mark for a demonstration of the correct use of the relationship Eh=cm∆T as shown by (4·18 × (an order of magnitude of 0·775) × 11·9) (ignore units for this partial mark) 1 mark for evidence of the knowledge that enthalpy of combustion relates to 1 mole, evidenced by the scaling up of a calculated value of energy released. 1 mark for correct arithmetic. This mark should be awarded if the candidate has obtained the 2 partial marks above but has applied correct early rounding within the calculation resulting in an answer that differs from -34 078).	3	Maximum of 2 marks can be awarded if negative enthalpy sign is not shown in final answer. Units not required. Only 2 marks can be awarded for the correct answer if wrong unit is given. (wrong units would only be penalised once in any paper). kJ is acceptable in place of kJ mol ⁻¹ (KJ or Kj or KJ mol ⁻¹ or Kj mol ⁻¹ accepted).
		(ii)	0.71/0.713/0.7125	1	
	(c)	(i)	23.3	1	Ignore any units
		(ii)	Glycerol has 3 hydroxyl groups.	1	Accept glycerol is propan(e)-1,2,3- triol/an alcohol with 3 hydroxyl (- OH) groups

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6.	(a)		Mass (1 mark) 0.00113 1.13 1130	Unit (1 mark) kg g mg	2	As no unit is specified, the correct answer can be expressed with any appropriate unit (as shown in table). Any correct rounding accepted e.g. 1.1278/1.128/1.13 g
			Any correct line ir marks) Correctly calculat without units Appropriate units	ed mass of iodine (1)		Partial mark for appropriate units can only be awarded when the order of magnitude of an incorrectly calculated mass matches the unit. If the candidate's working is unclear then the mark for units cannot be awarded.
	(b)	(i)	Measuring the mass seaweed/sample a mass of the conta	and subtracting the	1	Taring the balance with container and then adding the seaweed/ sample is accepted "use of Tare function" on its own is not accepted.
		(ii)	l⁻/iodide (ions)		1	
		(iii)	A solution of accu precisely known c		1	
		(iv) A	0·00013 (moles)		1	Units not required, but if present, must be correct. Wrong units are only penalised once per paper.
		В	0·03299g/0·033 g	/0·03 (g)	1	To award this mark, the candidates answer to part B must be correct for their use of their answer to part A (i.e. answer to part A x 253·8). Units not required, but if present, must be correct. Wrong units are only penalised once per paper.

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6.	(c)	(i)	Amino acid that must be acquired/obtained from the diet.	1	Amino acid that cannot be made by the body is accepted.
		(ii)	Correctly drawn structure for dipeptide. H O H O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	1	Shortened structural formula accepted. All atoms and bonds must be present as shown. However, in the side chains only, bonds drawn from C (or S) to H (or N) would not be penalised.
			OR H. H. O. H. J. J.		
			N—C—C—N—C—C—OH—CH ₂ —H—CH ₂ —H—CH ₂ —H—CH ₂ —CH ₂ —CH ₂ —CH ₂ —CH ₂ —CH ₃ —CH		

Q	Question		Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
7.	(a)		1 mark for: sulfur dioxide + oxygen reactor with catalyst sulfur trioxide sulfur dioxide sulfur trioxide sulfur dioxide sulfur dioxide sulfur dioxide	2	1 mark for correct top half (4 responses) and 1 mark for correct bottom half (4 responses). Accept correct chemical formula in place of names. Accept "air" for "excess air".

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7.	(b)		Require heat to be prevent the temper rising).	,	1	
	(c)	(i)	1 mark for descrip forces of attraction temporary dipoles dipoles)	n between	2	Attraction involving permanent dipoles cancels this mark
			1 mark for an expl cause of temporary of uneven distribute electron wobble/n electrons in the mark	y dipoles in terms tion of electrons/ novement of		
		(ii)	1 mark Sulfur/S has more oxygen/O	electrons than	2	
			1 mark These forces are st sulfur structure be oxygen is O ₂			The structure of S_8 and O_2 must be evidenced in answer (molecular formula, structural formula) for the second mark to be awarded.
						Correctly calculated number of electrons (16, 128) would also be evidence of structure.
	(d)				1	
			Effect of catalyst on enthalpy change	Effect of catalyst on activation energy		
			Increase Stay the same decrease	increase stay the same decrease		
	(e)	(i)	Do not form scum.		1	
		(ii)	Both parts of mole described.	cule must be	1	If answer mentions head and/or tail, then it must be correct ie head is hydrophilic.
			Head Hydrophilic Polar Ionic Water soluble	Tail Hydrophobic Non-polar Non-polar Fat soluble		пуш оргине.
			Any term to descri the table can be u from the table to d	sed with any term		

C	Question		Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
8.	(a)	(i)	pentyl ethanoate	1	
		(ii)	condensation/esterification	1	
	(b)	(i)	Carbon dioxide is (relatively) insoluble/has very low solubility	1	
		(ii)	0.029 (g) 2 marks Partial marks Correctly calculated number of moles of carbon dioxide divided by 3 to give number of moles of citric acid e.g. moles of citric acid = 0.00076 (1 mark) Calculated number of moles of citric acid x 192 divided by 5 (1 mark) OR by proportion 192 g \rightarrow 72 l (1 mark) 0.147 g \rightarrow 0.055 l $0.147/5 = 0.029$ (g) (1 mark) Allow follow through from incorrect multiple of 24 l	2	Units not required, but if present, must be correct. Wrong units are only penalised once per paper. Allow follow through from incorrect application of mole ratio or correct mole ratio applied to incorrectly calculated number of moles of CO ₂
	(c)	(i) A	orange to green/blue-green/ blue	1	
		В	Tollens' reagent OR Fehling's solution	1	Benedict's/Schiff's reagent would be accepted.
		(ii)	2	1	
		(iii)	1 pence/£0·01 (2 marks) Partial marks 1 mark can be awarded for: cost per mg of vanillin = £0·00105 OR cost per g of vanillin = £1·05 OR cost of 0·184 g of vanillin = £0·1932 OR mass of vanillin needed = 0·0092 g	2	Candidates final answer must be in a correct monetary number.

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9.	(a)	(i)	1·575/1·58/1·6(g)	1	Units not required. 0 marks should be awarded for the correct answer if wrong unit is given. (Wrong units would only be penalised once in any paper).
		(ii)	Protein(s)	1	
		(iii)	pipette and burette	1	Volumetric flask would not be taken as cancelling.
	(b)		essential oils	1	
	(c)	(i)	2-methylbuta-1,3-diene	1	
		(ii)	ketone	1	accept terpenoids
	(d)	(i)	methanol	1	A correct structure would also be accepted H H H H H H H
		(ii)	79·24/79·2/79 (%) (2 marks) Partial marking for 1 mark Theoretical yield = 31·17 (g) OR Allow follow through from incorrect calculation of theoretical yield.	2	Units not required, but if present, must be correct. Wrong units are only penalised once per paper. Rounding of a calculated theoretical yield to 31 g gives 77.68/79.7/80 (%) which would be accepted.
		(iii)	6·5 (cm³)	2	Units not required.
			Partial marking for 1 mark For correct calculation of toxic dose = 9·1 g OR For calculation of the volume of oil of wintergreen containing 0·14 g of methyl salicylate = 0·1 cm ³		Only 1 mark can be awarded for the correct answer if wrong unit is given. Wrong units would only be penalised once in any paper. Allow follow from incorrect first step of candidate's calculation.

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	Award 1 mark where the candidate has demonstrated, at an appropriate level, a limited understanding of the chemistry involved. They have made some statement(s) which are relevant to the situation, showing that they have understood at least a little of the chemistry within the problem. Award 2 marks where the candidate has demonstrated, at an appropriate level, a reasonable understanding of the chemistry involved. They make some statement(s) which are relevant to the situation, showing that they have understood the problem. Award 3 marks where the candidate has demonstrated, at an appropriate level, a good understanding of the chemistry involved. They show a good comprehension of the chemistry of the situation and provide a logically correct answer to the question posed. This type of response might include a statement of the principles involved, a relationship or an equation, and the application of these to respond to the problem. The answer does not need to be 'excellent' or 'complete' for the candidate to gain full marks. Award 0 marks where the candidate has not demonstrated, at an appropriate level, an understanding of the chemistry involved. There is no evidence that they have recognised the area of chemistry involved, or they have not given any statement of a relevant chemistry principle. Award this mark also if the candidate merely restates the chemistry given in the question.	3	Zero marks should be awarded if: The student has demonstrated, at an appropriate level, no understanding, of the chemistry involved. There is no evidence that the student has recognised the area of chemistry involved or has given any statement of a relevant chemistry principle. This mark would also be given when the student merely restates the chemistry given in the question.

Question			Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
11.	(a)	(i)	Reactants/solvent is flammable/catches fire with a flame	1	accept products
		(ii)	condenser	1	
	(b)	(i)	addition	1	
		(ii)	2-methylbutan-2-ol	1	
		(iii)	A correct structural formula for 3-methylhexan-3-ol e.g. a full structural formula or a shortened structural formula	1	A mixture of full and shortened structural formula is accepted, e.g. H H CH ₃ H—C—C—C—OH H H CH ₂ CH ₂ H ₃ C

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12.	(a)		Poly(phenylethene)	1	
	(b)		C=O circled	1	accept 'C=O stretch'
	(c)		2 single absorptions (peaks) required 1 for C-H within the range 2700-3300 cm ⁻¹ and 1 for C≡N within the range 2260-2215 cm ⁻¹ increasing absorption 3500 3000 2500 2000 wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	1	Ignore the intensity of the absorptions. Ignore the width of the absorptions so long as the peak maximum is defined and within the given range.

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]