

GCSE (9-1)

Chemistry A (Gateway Science)

J248/03: Paper 3 (Higher Tier)

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Annotation	Meaning
✓	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

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
√	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 A:

	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.

SECTION A

For answers to Section A if an answer box is blank ALLOW correct indication of answer e.g. circled or underlined.

Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
1	C✓	1	1.1	
2	D✓	1	1.1	
3	D✓	1	1.1	
4	B✓	1	1.1	
5	A ✓	1	1.1	
6	C✓	1	2.1	
7	B✓	1	1.1	
8	C✓	1	2.1	
9	C✓	1	2.1	
10	C✓	1	2.2	
11	D✓	1	2.2	
12	C✓	1	1.2	
13	B✓	1	2.2	
14	A ✓	1	1.1	
15	D✓	1	2.1	
	Total	15		

C	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
16	(a)	(i)	Positive (metal) ions or cations (in a lattice structure) ✓ Surrounded by sea of or delocalised electrons ✓	2	1.1	Any reference to ionic or covalent bonding or IMF scores 0 ALLOW a labelled diagram electrons
		(ii)	Idea that layers or rows or sheets (of particles) slide over each other ✓	1	1.1	IGNORE layers can bend IGNORE IMF
		(iii)	Has electrons ✓	2	1.1	DO NOT ALLOW free ions – scores 0
			(Electrons) can move / that can carry the charge ✓			IGNORE free (electrons) for idea of movement
			BUT			
			Delocalised electrons scores 2 marks			

Questi	ion	Answer		AO element	Guidance
(b)		Low density and idea that aircraft is lightweight / isn't too heavy to fly / less weight to carry / AW ✓ High strength and idea that aircraft is less likely to be damaged ✓	2	3.2b	DO NOT ALLOW light / lighter for low density but ALLOW so aircraft is light or lighter Answers must give property and explanation for marks BUT ALLOW 1 mark for low density and high strength / strongest if no or only one explanation given
(c)	(i)	(Percentage of lithium =) (2 ÷ 10) x 100 = 20(%) ✓	1	3.1a	
	(ii)	Idea that alloy B is only 2.2% lithium / Idea that alloy B is 2.2% lithium but the diagram has 20% lithium / Idea that the % of lithium in the alloy is much smaller than in the diagram / there should be 100 aluminium atoms (and 2 lithium atoms) ✓	1	3.2a	ALLOW ECF from incorrect percentage in (c)(i) ALLOW should be more Al atoms / 17.8% too large IGNORE references to the relative sizes of the atoms

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
17	(a)		Could be breathed in / Idea of absorbed by skin / Idea of absorbed into bloodstream / Take a long time to break down in the environment ✓	1	2.1	ALLOW cannot see so may leave (areas of) skin unprotected ALLOW idea that we don't know the long term risks IGNORE idea that they are not fully understood / there could be side effects / idea that they may react with or irritate skin / harmful to humans
	(b)		FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 0.12 OR 0.12:1 OR 1:8.3 award 4 marks Surface area = 6 × 50 ² = 15000 ✓	4	3 x 2.2	Units not needed ALLOW surface area = 1.5 x 10 ⁴ nm ²
			Volume = 50^3 = $125000 \checkmark$ Surface area / volume ratio = $15000 \div 125000 \checkmark$		0 X Z.Z	ALLOW volume = 1.25 x 10 ⁵ nm ³ ALLOW ECF from incorrect surface area and/or volume
			= 0.12 or 0.12:1 or 1:8.3 ✓		1.2	ALLOW any simplified ratio consistent with 0.12:1 eg 3:25 or 1.5:12.5 for 4 marks DO NOT ALLOW ratio wrong way round eg 1:0.12
	(c)	(i)	Nanoparticles have diameter between 1 - 100 (nm) / idea that (diameter of) DNA is more than 1 (nm) but less than 100 (nm) ✓ Water (molecule) is too small / 0.27 (nm) is less than 1 (nm) / idea that 0.27 (nm) is not in range 1 – 100 (nm) ✓	2	1.1	ALLOW has at least one dimension on the nanoscale

Q	Question		Answer		AO element	Guidance
		(ii)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 3100 award 2 marks	2	2.2	
			100000 ÷ 32 ✓			ALLOW 3125 for 1 mark
			= 3100 (2 significant figures) ✓			ALLOW 0.00032 for 1 mark (correct sig figs from incorrect working out, ie 32 ÷ 100000)

Q	uesti	ion	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
18	(a)	(i)	Methanol ✓ (because it has the) lowest boiling point ✓		3.2b	IGNORE (because it has the) lowest melting point
		(ii)	Particles (are close together in a liquid and) move further apart in a gas ✓	1	1.1	Answer must be comparative ALLOW idea that arrangement of particles becomes less regular or more random IGNORE the idea that movement increases
		(iii)	Particles move more quickly (in all directions) in a gas ✓	1	1.1	Answer must be comparative IGNORE particles have more (kinetic) energy IGNORE the idea that movement increases
		(iv)	Fractionating column ✓ Large surface area ✓	2	3.3b 1.2	ALLOW fractional (distillation) column IGNORE distillation / fractional distiller
	(b)		More energy is given out during bond making than is taking in during bond breaking / AW ✓	1	1.1	IGNORE idea that more energy is used during bond making than is taken in during bond breaking IGNORE idea that it takes more energy to make bonds than to break bonds
	(c)	(i)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = (+)3057 (kJ/mol) award 2 marks (413 x 3) + (358) + (464) + (2 x 498) = 3057 (kJ/mol)	2	2.2	IGNORE + or - sign
		(ii)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = (-)3466 (kJ/mol) award 2 marks (805 x 2) + (464 x 4) ✓ = 3466 (kJ/mol) ✓	2	2.2	IGNORE + or - sign
		(iii)	3057 – 3466 = -409 (kJ/mol) ✓	1	2.2	ALLOW ecf from parts (i) and (ii) DO NOT ALLOW +409

Q	uesti	on	Answer		Marks	AO element	Guidance	
19	(a)	(i)	C ✓			2	3.2a	
			Low density and go	od electrical condu	uctor ✓		1.1	Second mark is dependent on correct choice of C BOTH properties required for second mark IGNORE good conductor DO NOT ALLOW light / lighter for low density
		(ii)	Idea of a feature of a substance that can be observed or measured ✓			1	1.1	ALLOW a specific example eg the appearance of something or the state (of matter) or melting point / boiling point IGNORE idea of a property that is reversible
	(b)		Dissolve gas or oxide in water / make a solution of the oxide ✓		3	3.3a	ALLOW shake gas or oxide with water	
			Test with universal i	ndicator (paper) ✓				ALLOW use a pH meter / pH probe ALLOW test with (damp) red litmus (paper)
			(universal indicator)	would turn blue / p	H greater than 7 ✓			ALLOW (damp red litmus paper) turns blue
	(c)	(i)	Isotope Number of pro Chlorine-35 17 Chlorine-37 17	tons Number of neutrons 18 20	Number of electrons 17 17	2	1.1	

Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
(ii)	$Cl_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Cl^- \checkmark$	1	2.1	ALLOW $Cl_2 \rightarrow 2Cl^-$ - 2e ⁻ ALLOW any correct multiple, including fractions ALLOW = / \rightleftharpoons instead of \rightarrow DO NOT ALLOW and / & instead of '+' balancing mark is dependent on the correct formulae but
(iii)	Ba ²⁺ (aq) + SO ₄ ²⁻ (aq) → BaSO ₄ (s) Equation ✓ State symbols ✓	2	2.1	ALLOW any correct multiple, including fractions ALLOW = / ⇒ instead of → DO NOT ALLOW and / & instead of '+' Mark for state symbols is dependent on correct species ALLOW a full balanced ionic equation Ba²+ (aq) + 2Cl⁻ (aq) + 2Na⁺(aq) + SO₄²- (aq) → BaSO₄(s) + 2Na⁺(aq) + 2Cl⁻(aq)

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
20	(a)	(i)	x-axis labelled volume of hydrochloric acid in cm³ and y-axis labelled pH ✓	3	2.2 x 2	
			All points plotted correctly ✓			ALLOW ±1/2 square
			Line of best fit drawn ✓		1.2	Must be identifiable as a titration curve
		(ii)	Answer ± 0.1cm³ of their own graph √	1	2.2	Scores 0 if no line of best fit in (a)(i)
		(iii)	Decreases √	1	3.1a	ALLOW diluted
		(iv)	$H^+ + OH^- \rightarrow H_2O \checkmark$	1	1.1	ALLOW correct multiples IGNORE state symbols
	(b)		Strong acids are fully ionised or completely dissociated (in aqueous solution) ✓	2	1.1	ALLOW all molecules release H ⁺ ions ALLOW HCI → H ⁺ + Cl ⁻ DO NOT ALLOW strong acids have many H ⁺ ions / strong acids have a high concentration of H ⁺ ions IGNORE strong acids are more ionised / dissociated
			Weak acids are partially ionised or not completely dissociated (in aqueous solution) ✓			ALLOW not all molecules release H ⁺ ions ALLOW CH ₃ COOH CH ₃ COO + H ⁺ DO NOT ALLOW weak acids have few H ⁺ ions / weak acids have a low concentration of H ⁺ ions
	(c)	(i)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = pH 4 award 2 marks	2		
			Concentration of H⁺ decreases by factor of 10, the pH increases by 1 ✓		2.1	
			Factor of 100 = 10 x 10 so pH increases by 2 pH value = 4 ✓		2.2	

Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
(ii)	HNO ₃ + NaOH → NaNO ₃ + H ₂ O ✓	1	1.1	ALLOW any correct multiple, including fractions ALLOW = / ⇒ instead of → DO NOT ALLOW and / & instead of '+' IGNORE state symbols
(iii)	Any two from: Evaporate water (slowly) / heat the solution ✓ Idea of forming a saturated solution ✓ Idea of crystallisation ✓ Cool solution (slowly) ✓ Idea of drying in a warm oven / air drying / leave on filter paper to dry ✓	2	3.3a	DO NOT ALLOW idea of boiling the solution IGNORE just 'crystals should be dried'

Que	Question		Answer Mark	Marks	AO element	Guidance
21 ((a)	(i)	Any two from: Size of atoms or ions is not accurate ✓ Idea that atoms or ions are held together by forces not physical bonds ✓ Idea that it show the atoms or ions too far apart ✓ There are not really 'sticks' holding the atoms or ions together ✓	2	3.1b	ALLOW doesn't show relative size of atoms or ions IGNORE idea that you cannot see the forces between the atoms / ions
		(ii)	Charges on ions are not shown ✓ Correct sodium ion / 2.8 OR empty outer shell ✓ ie Na Correct chloride ion / 2.8.8 OR correct chloride ion showing full outer shell only ✓	2	2.1	Two correct electronic structures but no charges award one mark Two correct charges with incorrect electronic structure award one mark The ionic charges must not be shown in the nucleus Award 0 marks for structures with shared electrons One electronic structure must be labelled in some way to indicate which ion is which in order to score two marks. ALLOW answers showing the transfer of electrons providing the same electrons are not shown twice All electrons can be dots or crosses

(b)* Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question.	6	2 x 1.1	4
Level 3 (5–6 marks) Analyses ideas and applies knowledge to explain the formation of the products during the electrolysis of potassium bromide solution, including balanced half equations. 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) Analyses ideas and applies knowledge to explain the formation of the products during the electrolysis of potassium bromide solution OR applies knowledge to write balanced half equations. 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) Applies knowledge to identify the products formed at the electrodes OR applies knowledge to identify the ions present in the solution OR applies knowledge to identify which ions move to each electrode. There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant. O marks No response or no response worthy of credit.		2 x 2.1 2 x 3.2b	 AO1.1 Knowledge of electrolysis Negative electrode is cathode Positive electrode is anode Ions move to oppositely charged electrodes AO2.1 Apply knowledge and understanding of the electrolysis of salt solutions Hydrogen ions are discharged more readily than potassium ions, so hydrogen is formed at the cathode Bromide ions are discharged more readily than hydroxide ions, so bromine is formed at the anode Cathode: 2H* + 2e⁻ → H₂ / 2H* → H₂ - 2e⁻ Anode: 2Br → Br₂ + 2e⁻ / 2Br - 2e⁻ → Br₂ AO3.2b Analyse ideas about electrolysis to draw conclusions about the electrolysis of potassium bromide solution Solution contains K* and Br ions from potassium bromide and H* and OH ions from water Positive ions / K* and H* ions move to negative electrode Negative ions / Br and OH ions move to positive electrode DO NOT ALLOW reference to bromine ions

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
22	(a)	(i)	Reactants Activation Enthalpy, Ea Progress of reaction ⇒ Correctly labelled axes ✓ Products shown below reactants ✓ Activation energy correctly labelled ✓	4	1.2 2.2 2.2 2.2	ALLOW 'energy' for 'enthalpy' and 'time' for 'progress of reaction' Reactants and products must be labelled (ALLOW formulae or names) DO NOT ALLOW double headed arrow
		(ii)	Energy change or ∆H correctly labelled ✓ Carbon donates or gives or loses electrons (to the lead ions) / electrons are transferred from carbon (to lead ions) ✓	1	1.1	IGNORE carbon is oxidised IGNORE reference to lead oxide DO NOT ALLOW idea of transfer of electrons to oxygen / oxide ion
	(b)	(i)	$3Pb + 8HNO_3 \rightarrow 3Pb(NO_3)_2 + 2NO + 4H_2O$ Formulae ✓ Balancing ✓	2	1.1 2.2	ALLOW any correct multiple, including fractions ALLOW = / ⇒ instead of → DO NOT ALLOW and / & instead of '+' balancing mark is dependent on the correct formulae but ALLOW 1 mark for a balanced equation with a minor error in subscripts / formulae e.g. 3PB + 8HNO₃ → 3Pb(NO₃)₂ + 4H₂O

Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
(ii)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 0.10 award 4 marks	4		
	M_r of Pb(NO ₃) ₂ = 331.2		3 x 2.2	ALLOW 331
	or 207g of Pb would produce 331.2g of Pb(NO ₃) ₂ / 20.7g of Pb would produce 33.12g of Pb(NO ₃) ₂ ✓			ALLOW ECF from balanced equation in (i)
	Moles = mass ÷ M _r / 33.1 ÷ 331.2 ✓			
	= 0.09993961 ✓			ALLOW 3 marks for 0.1 (ie not 2 sig figs)
	= 0.10 (2 sig. figs) ✓		1.2	ALLOW ECF from incorrect calculation for sig fig
	OR			mark
	Ratio of Pb : Pb(NO ₃) ₂ is 3:3 / 1:1 ✓			ALLOW ECF from balanced equation in (i)
	RAM of Pb is 207 or 207.2 ✓			
	(so) 20.7g of Pb is 0.10 mol or 0.099903474 ✓			ALLOW ECF for calculation of mol of Pb from
	(and so) this will make 0.10 mol of Pb(NO ₃) ₂ ✓			incorrect RAM

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