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All examiners are instructed that alternative correct answers and unexpected approaches in candidates' scripts must be given marks that fairly reflect the relevant knowledge and skills demonstrated.

Mark schemes should be read in conjunction with the published question papers and the report on the examination.

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

PREPARATION FOR MARKING

RM ASSESSOR

1. Make sure that you have accessed and completed the relevant training packages for on-screen marking: *RM Assessor Online Training*; *OCR Essential Guide to Marking*.
2. Make sure that you have read and understood the mark scheme and the question paper for this unit. These are available in RM Assessor.
3. Log-in to RM Assessor and mark the **required number** of practice responses ("scripts") and the **required number** of standardisation responses.

MARKING

1. Mark strictly to the mark scheme.
2. Marks awarded must relate directly to the marking criteria.
3. The schedule of dates is very important. It is essential that you meet the RM Assessor 50% and 100% (traditional 50% Batch 1 and 100% Batch 2) deadlines. If you experience problems, you must contact your Team Leader (Supervisor) without delay.
4. If you are in any doubt about applying the mark scheme, consult your Team Leader by telephone, email or via the RM Assessor messaging system.

5. **Crossed Out Responses**

Where a candidate has crossed out a response and provided a clear alternative then the crossed out response is not marked. Where no alternative response has been provided, examiners may give candidates the benefit of the doubt and mark the crossed out response where legible.

Rubric Error Responses – Optional Questions

Where candidates have a choice of question across a whole paper or a whole section and have provided more answers than required, then all responses are marked and the highest mark allowable within the rubric is given. Enter a mark for each question answered into RM assessor, which will select the highest mark from those awarded. *(The underlying assumption is that the candidate has penalised themselves by attempting more questions than necessary in the time allowed.)*

Multiple Choice Question Responses

When a multiple choice question has only a single, correct response and a candidate provides two responses (even if one of these responses is correct), then no mark should be awarded (as it is not possible to determine which was the first response selected by the candidate).
When a question requires candidates to select more than one option/multiple options, then local marking arrangements need to ensure consistency of approach.

Contradictory Responses

When a candidate provides contradictory responses, then no mark should be awarded, even if one of the answers is correct.

Short Answer Questions (requiring only a list by way of a response, usually worth only **one mark per response**)
Where candidates are required to provide a set number of short answer responses then only the set number of responses should be marked. The response space should be marked from left to right on each line and then line by line until the required number of responses have been considered. The remaining responses should not then be marked. Examiners will have to apply judgement as to whether a 'second response' on a line is a development of the 'first response', rather than a separate, discrete response. *(The underlying assumption is that the candidate is attempting to hedge their bets and therefore getting undue benefit rather than engaging with the question and giving the most relevant/correct responses.)*

Short Answer Questions (requiring a more developed response, worth **two or more marks**)
If the candidates are required to provide a description of, say, three items or factors and four items or factors are provided, then mark on a similar basis – that is downwards (as it is unlikely in this situation that a candidate will provide more than one response in each section of the response space.)

Longer Answer Questions (requiring a developed response)
Where candidates have provided two (or more) responses to a medium or high tariff question which only required a single (developed) response and not crossed out the first response, then only the first response should be marked. Examiners will need to apply professional judgement as to whether the second (or a subsequent) response is a 'new start' or simply a poorly expressed continuation of the first response.

6. Always check the pages (and additional objects if present) at the end of the response in case any answers have been continued there. If the candidate has continued an answer there then add a tick to confirm that the work has been seen.

7. Award No Response (NR) if:
   - there is nothing written in the answer space

   Award Zero '0' if:
   - anything is written in the answer space and is not worthy of credit (this includes text and symbols).

   Team Leaders must confirm the correct use of the NR button with their markers before live marking commences and should check this when reviewing scripts.

8. The RM Assessor **comments box** is used by your Team Leader to explain the marking of the practice responses. Please refer to these comments when checking your practice responses. **Do not use the comments box for any other reason.**

   If you have any questions or comments for your Team Leader, use the phone, the RM Assessor messaging system, or email.

9. Assistant Examiners will send a brief report on the performance of candidates to their Team Leader (Supervisor) via email by the end of the marking period. The report should contain notes on particular strengths displayed as well as common errors or weaknesses. Constructive criticism of the question paper/mark scheme is also appreciated.

10. For answers marked by levels of response:

Read through the whole answer from start to finish, using the Level descriptors to help you decide whether it is a strong or weak answer. The indicative scientific content in the Guidance column indicates the expected parameters for candidates' answers, but be prepared to recognise and credit unexpected approaches where they show relevance. Using a 'best-fit' approach based on the skills and science content evidenced within the answer, first decide which set of level descriptors, Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3, best describes the overall quality of the answer.

Once the level is located, award the higher or lower mark:

The higher mark should be awarded where the level descriptor has been evidenced and all aspects of the communication statement (in italics) have been met.

The lower mark should be awarded where the level descriptor has been evidenced but aspects of the communication statement (in italics) are missing.

In summary:

The skills and science content determines the level.

The communication statement determines the mark within a level.

Level of response question on this paper is **14.**

11. Annotations available in RM Assessor

Annotation	Meaning
	Correct response
	Incorrect response
	Omission mark
	Benefit of doubt given
	Contradiction
	Rounding error
	Error in number of significant figures
	Error carried forward
	Level 1
	Level 2
	Level 3
	Benefit of doubt not given
	Noted but no credit given
	Ignore

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

Annotation	Meaning
I	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

13. **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**.

Please ask for help or guidance whenever you need it. Your first point of contact is your Team Leader.

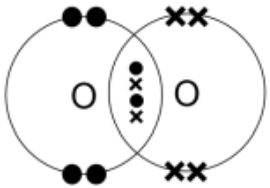
The breakdown of Assessment Objectives for GCSE (9-1) in Combined Science A:

	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.

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	A ✓	1	1.2	
2	B ✓	1	1.2	
3	C ✓	1	2.2	
4	C ✓	1	1.1	
5	C ✓	1	2.2	
6	A ✓	1	1.2	
7	A ✓	1	1.1	
8	B ✓	1	1.1	
9	B ✓	1	2.1	
10	B ✓	1	2.1	

Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
11	(a)		The molecules of nitrogen and oxygen **break apart**. ✓ The atoms then **join together** to form nitrogen dioxide. ✓ This is called a **chemical change**. ✓	3	3 x 1.1	
	(b)		N_2 + **2**O_2 → **2**NO_2 ✓	1	2.2	
	(c)	(i)	(g) ☐ (l) ☑ (s) ☐ ✓	1	2.1	
		(ii)	–11 °C ☐ –9 °C ☐ 23 °C ☐ ✓	1	3.2b	
	(d)		**FIRST CHECK ANSWER IN TABLE** **If answer = 46 award 2 marks** (M_r =) 14.0 + 16.0 + 16.0 ✓ = 46 ✓	2	**1 x 1.2** **1 x 2.2**	

	(e)		 4 ‘electrons’ in the overlap ✓ Rest of structure correct ✓	**2**	**2.2**	**ALLOW** any combination of dots and crosses Ionic structure = 0 marks for the question

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<tr><td>12</td><td>(a)</td><td></td><td>
<table>
<tr><th>Particle</th><th>Relative mass</th><th>Relative charge</th></tr>
<tr><td>proton</td><td>1</td><td>+1✓</td></tr>
<tr><td>neutron</td><td>1 ✓</td><td>0</td></tr>
<tr><td>electron</td><td></td><td>-1 ✓</td></tr>
</table>
</td><td>3</td><td>3 x 1.1</td><td>ALLOW 1+ / positive / +

ALLOW 1- / negative / -</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>(b)</td><td></td><td>1.672×10^{-27} ☐
1.837×10^{3} ☐
5.445×10^{-4} ☑ ✓</td><td>1</td><td>3.2b</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>(c)</td><td></td><td>Structure of atom showing particles (electrons) orbiting a nucleus ✓

2 electrons in orbit, 4 particles in the nucleus ✓

Correct number of particles, all in correct places, all correctly labelled ✓</td><td>3</td><td>3 x 1.1</td><td>Labels not required. Assume particles are electrons unless labelled otherwise

IGNORE labelling of protons and neutrons for this mark

ALLOW the use of correct charges to identify particles</td></tr>
</table>

	(d)	**(i)**	A <u>and</u> E ✓	**1**	**2.1**	**ALLOW** Na / sodium and K / potassium Answers can be in either order
		(ii)	E ✓	**1**	**2.1**	**ALLOW** K / potassium
		(iii)	F ✓	**1**	**2.1**	**ALLOW** carbon **DO NOT ALLOW** C unless candidate has written symbols of elements instead of A – F in other answers for 12(d)
		(iv)	D <u>and</u> F ✓	**1**	**2.1**	Answers can be in either order **ALLOW** Carbon 12 and Carbon 13
		(v)	C ✓	**1**	**2.1**	**ALLOW** Mg / magnesium
	(e)		(student) B or $AlCl_3$ ✓ Idea that the (total) positive charge must equal the (total) negative charge / correct working out of formula shown ✓	**2**	**2 x 3.1b**	 **ALLOW** the idea that 3 chloride ions are formed by gaining 3 electrons from one Aluminium atom

Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
13	(a)		69.8 - 70.3 (g) ✓	1	3.2a	
	(b)		Idea that the mass decreases / it gets lighter ✓ At 6 minutes it stops decreasing / stays the same ✓ Idea that hydrogen is produced / a gas is produced / hydrogen or a gas leaves the flask ✓	3	2 x 3.1a 1 x 1.2	**ALLOW** stays the same after 5 minutes
	(c)		Mass stops decreasing / mass remains constant ✓	1	3.1b	**ALLOW** the reaction stops at 6 mins / the last 3 results are the same
	(d)		**FIRST CHECK ANSWER IN TABLE** **If answer = 71.6 award 3 marks** (71.5 + 71.4 + 71.8) ÷ 3 **OR** 214.7 ÷ 3 ✓ = 71.56 / 71.566 / 71.567 ✓ = 71.6 ✓	3	2 x 2.2 1 x 1.2	**ALLOW** 2 marks for 71.56 up to calculator value **ECF** if processing of data has given an incorrect answer but correctly expressed to one decimal place

Question			Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
14*			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)** Identifies mistakes **AND** suggests improvements, with explanations, so a pure and / or dry sample of sodium chloride can be obtained *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)** Identifies mistakes **OR** suggests improvements, with an explanation, so sample can be obtained. Sample may not be sodium chloride or be pure or dry. *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)** Identifies mistakes **OR** suggests improvements so sample can be obtained but sample may not be sodium chloride or be pure or dry. *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**	**3 x 2.2** **3 x 3.3a**	**AO2.2 Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific enquiry, techniques and procedures** Describes mistakes in method e.g. • uses incorrect acid • uses too much indicator • portions of sodium hydroxide too large • idea that solution not necessarily neutralised at 10 cm^3 • solution still contains indicator • filtering doesn't remove sodium chloride **AO3.3a Analyse information and ideas to develop experimental procedures.** Describes how experiment could be improved e.g. • use hydrochloric acid • use only a few drops of indicator • use smaller portions of sodium hydroxide • stop adding sodium hydroxide when indicator changes colour • repeat experiment without universal indicator/ remove indicator • remove sodium chloride by evaporation / crystallisation and leave to dry In order to access Level 3, answers must either have explained why NaCl will not be made or have given a method by which it can be made.

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Organic ✓
Physical ☐
✓</td><td>1</td><td>1.1</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td>(ii)</td><td>1 x 10^{-15} m ☐
1 x 10^{-10} m ✓
1 x 10^{-5} m ☐
✓</td><td>1</td><td>1.1</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>(b)</td><td>(i)</td><td>(Carbon atoms) share electrons ✓

two electrons / a pair of electrons ✓</td><td>2</td><td>2 x 1.1</td><td>DO NOT ALLOW ideas of transfer of electrons or involvement of ions</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td>(ii)</td><td>3 ✓</td><td>1</td><td>3.2b</td><td>ALLOW 4 (for the inclusion of a double bond)</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>(c)</td><td></td><td><table><tr><th></th><th>True</th><th>False</th></tr><tr><td>It shows the length of the covalent bonds.</td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>It shows the size of the carbon atoms.</td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>It shows the three-dimensional shape of the molecule.</td><td>✓</td><td></td></tr></table></td><td>2</td><td>2 x 1.1</td><td>3 correct = 2 marks
1 or 2 correct = 1 mark</td></tr>
</table>

	(d)	**(i)**	Idea that fullerenes can slide past each other easily ✓ Forces between molecules/intermolecular forces are weak ✓	**2**	**2 x 2.1**	**IGNORE** layers
		(ii)	Many (covalent bonds) ✓ <u>strong</u> covalent bonds ✓ require large amounts of energy to break / fullerenes have a high melting point ✓	**3**	**3 x 2.1**	**ALLOW** giant covalent structure **IGNORE** references to boiling point

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