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**Final**

***Mark Scheme***

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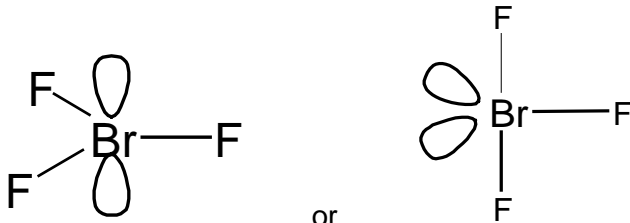
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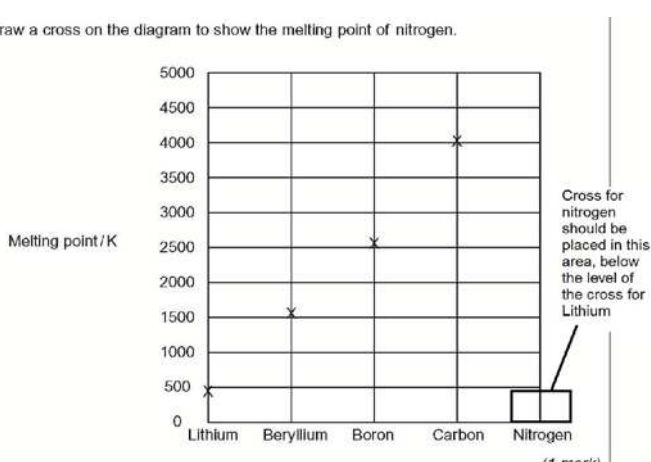
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Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
1(a)	Covalent  Shared <u>pair</u> (s) of electrons / one electron from Br and one electron from F	1  1	If not covalent CE = 0/2 If dative covalent CE = 0/2 If blank mark on Ignore polar If number of pairs of electrons specified, must be 3 Not 2 electrons from 1 atom Not shared pair between ions/molecules
1(b)(i)	 <p>BrF<sub>3</sub> if trigonal planar shown = 120°                      or if T shape shown 84 - 90°</p>	1  1	BrF <sub>3</sub> should have 3 bp and 2 lp and correct atoms for the mark Penalise FI  Allow 84 - 90° or 120° and ignore 180° Irrespective of shape drawn



1(e)	<p>vdw / van der Waals forces between molecules</p> <p>IMF are weak / need little energy to break IMF / easy to overcome IMF</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>QoL</p> <p>Not vdw between HF molecules, CE = 0/2</p> <p>vdw between atoms, CE = 0/2</p> <p>If covalent, ionic, metallic, CE=0/2</p>
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Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
2(a)	Lithium / Li	1	Penalise obvious capital I (second letter).
2(b)(i)	Increase / gets bigger	1	Ignore exceptions to trend here even if wrong
2(b)(ii)	Boron / B Electron removed from (2)p orbital /sub-shell / (2)p electrons removed Which is higher in energy (so more easily lost) / more shielded (so more easily lost) / further from nucleus	1 1 1	If not Boron, CE = 0/3 If p orbital specified it must be 2p
2(c)	C / carbon	1	
2(d)	Below Li 2 (d) Draw a cross on the diagram to show the melting point of nitrogen. 	1	The cross should be placed on the diagram, on the column for nitrogen, below the level of the cross printed on the diagram for Lithium.

2(e)	<p>Macromolecular / giant molecular / giant atomic</p> <p><u>Covalent</u> bonds in the structure</p> <p><u>Strong</u> (covalent) <u>bonds must be broken or overcome</u> / (covalent) <u>bonds need a lot of energy to break</u></p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Allow giant covalent (molecule) = 2</p> <p>Ignore weakening / loosening bonds</p> <p>If ionic / metallic/molecular/ dipole dipole/ H bonds/ bonds between molecules, CE = 0/3</p> <p>Ignore van der Waals forces</p> <p>Ignore hard to break</p>
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3(a)(i)	Crude oil / oil / petroleum	1	Do not allow 'petrol'
3(a)(ii)	Fractional distillation / fractionation / fractionating	1	Not distillation alone
3(b)(i)	5	1	Allow five / V
3(b)(ii)	Chain (isomerism)	1	Allow branched chain / chain branched / side chain (isomerism) Ignore position (isomerism) Do not allow straight chain / geometric / branched / function
3(c)(i)	$C_{12}H_{26}$ / $H_{26}C_{12}$	1	Only
3(c)(ii)	<u>Thermal</u> cracking  High temperature ( $400^{\circ}C \leq T \leq 900^{\circ}C$ ) or ( $650 K \leq T \leq 1200 K$ ) <b>and</b> High pressure ( $\geq 10 \text{ atm}$ , $\geq 1 \text{ MPa}$ , $\geq 1000 \text{ kPa}$ )	1  1	If not thermal cracking, CE = 0/2 If blank mark on Allow 'high heat' for 'high temperature' Not 'heat' alone If no T, units must be 650 - 900
3(c)(iii)	To produce substances which are (more) in demand / produce products with a high value / products worth more	1	Ignore 'to make more useful substances'



3(d)(i)	Corrosive or diagram to show this hazard symbol	1	Ignore irritant, acidic, toxic, harmful
3(d)(ii)	$\left( \frac{120.5}{86 + 71} \times 100 \right)$ =76.75(%) or 76.8(%)	1	Allow answers > 3 sig figs
3(e)	2,2-dichloro-3-methylpentane  $C_3H_6Cl$	1  1	Ignore punctuation  Any order

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
4(a)(i)	$C_8H_{18} + 8\frac{1}{2} O_2 \rightarrow 8CO + 9H_2O$	1	Accept multiples
4(a)(ii)	Not enough oxygen or air (available for complete combustion) /lack of oxygen or air / too much octane	1	Ignore poor ventilation, low temp, poor mixing, incomplete combustion
4(b)(i)	$2CO + 2NO \rightarrow 2CO_2 + N_2$	1	Allow multiples
4(b)(ii)	Pt / Pd / Rh / Ir or names Big(ger) surface area / increased reaction rate / removes more of the gases / ensures complete reaction	1 1	Apply list principle Allow (ceramic) withstands high temperatures
4(c)(i)	Acid rain	1	Allow consequence of acid rain Ignore greenhouse gas / global warming / ozone
4(c)(ii)	CaO/ lime / CaCO <sub>3</sub> /limestone Neutralises the gas or words to that effect/it is basic/ SO <sub>2</sub> is acidic	1 1	Allow chemical names Allow 'reacts with it' or 'it is alkaline' Ignore 'absorb'

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
5(a)	$\text{N}^{3-} / \text{N}^{-3}$	1	
5(b)	$\text{F}^-$ / fluoride	1	Ignore fluorine/F Penalise FI
5(c)	$\text{Li}_3\text{N} / \text{NLi}_3$	1	
5(d)	$\frac{81.1}{40.1} \quad \frac{18.9}{14}$ (=2.02    = 1.35) 1.5        1        or        3 : 2 $\text{Ca}_3\text{N}_2$	1  1 1	M1 for correct fractions  M2 for correct ratio If $\text{Ca}_3\text{N}_2$ shown and with no working award 3 marks If $\text{Ca}_3\text{N}_2$ obtained by using atomic numbers then lose M1
5(e)	$3 \text{Si} + 2 \text{N}_2 \rightarrow \text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$	1	Accept multiples

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
6(a)	Mol Pb = $8.14 / 207(.2)$ (= 0.0393 mol) Mol HNO <sub>3</sub> = $0.0393 \times 8 / 3 = 0.105$ mol Vol HNO <sub>3</sub> = $0.105 / 2 = 0.0524$ (dm <sup>3</sup> )	1 1 1	M1 and M2 are process marks Allow mark for M1 x 8/3 or M1 x 2.67 Accept range 0.0520 to 0.0530 No consequential marking for M3 Answer to 3 sig figs required
6(b)	101000 (Pa) and $638 \times 10^{-6}$ (m <sup>3</sup> ) $n = pV/RT$ ( $= \frac{101000 \times 638 \times 10^{-6}}{8.31 \times 298}$ )  <u>0.026(0)</u> (mol)	1 1 1	Can score M2 with incorrect conversion of p and V If T incorrect lose M1 and M3 If answer correct then award 3 marks Allow answers to 2 sig figs or more $26.02 = 1$ If transcription error lose M3 only
6(c)(i)	$2\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{s}) \rightarrow 2 \text{PbO}(\text{s}) + 4\text{NO}_2(\text{g}) + (1)\text{O}_2(\text{g})$	1	Allow multiples Allow fractions
6(c)(ii)	Decomposition not complete / side reactions / by-products / some (NO <sub>2</sub> ) escapes / not all reacts / impure Pb(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1	Ignore reversible / not heated enough / slow
6(c)(iii)	Hard to separate O <sub>2</sub> from NO <sub>2</sub> / hard to separate the 2 gases	1	Allow mixture of gases Not 'all products are gases'

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
7(a)	$\frac{(82 \times 2) + (83 \times 2) + (84 \times 10) + (86 \times 3)}{17} \quad \frac{(1428)}{(17)}$ $= \underline{84.0}$ <p>The <math>A_r</math> in the Periodic table takes account of the <u>other isotopes / different amounts of isotopes</u> (or words to that effect regarding isotopes)</p>	1 1 1  1	M1 for the top line M2 is for division by 17 Not 84 No consequential marking from M1 or M2 Ignore units Award independently Comparison implied Isotope(s) alone, M4 = 0
7(b)	(Beam of electrons from) an electron gun / high speed / high energy electrons Knocks out electron(s) (to form a positive ion) $\text{Kr(g)} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Kr}^+(\text{g}) + 2\text{e}^-$ <b>OR</b> $\text{Kr(g)} \rightarrow \text{Kr}^+(\text{g}) + \text{e}^- / \text{Kr(g)} - \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Kr}^+(\text{g})$ The $^{84}\text{Kr}$ isotope Has 2 electrons knocked out / gets a 2+ charge	1  1 1  1 1	  State symbols must clearly be (g)  One mark for identifying the 84 isotope One mark for the idea of losing 2 electrons (from this isotope)

### **General principles applied to marking CHEM1 papers by CMI+ (January 2012)**

It is important to note that the guidance given here is generic and specific variations may be made in the mark scheme.

#### Basic principles

- **Examiners should note that throughout the mark scheme, items that are underlined are required information to gain credit.**
- **Occasionally a response 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 that 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 organic chemical compounds and functional groups **must be spelled correctly**, when specifically asked for, to gain credit.
- Phonetic spelling may be acceptable for some chemical compounds (eg amonia would be phonetically acceptable. However, ammoniam would be unacceptable since it is ambiguous).

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.

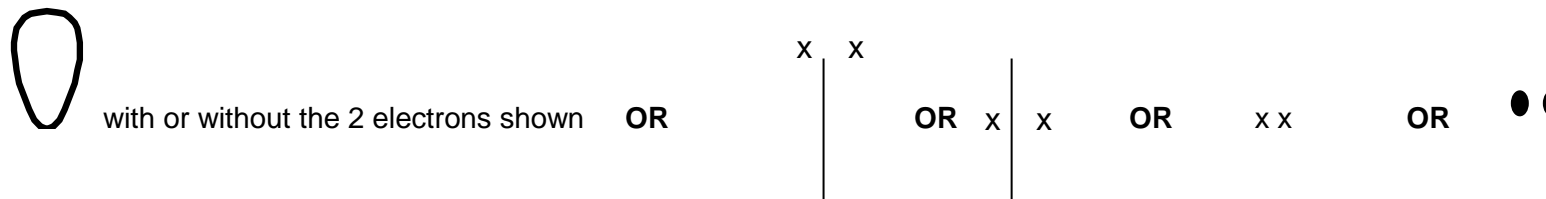
### D. Equations

In general

- Equations **must** be balanced.
- State symbols are generally ignored, unless specifically required in the mark scheme.

### E. Lone Pairs

The following representations of lone pairs in structures are acceptable.



### F. 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 the name and formula contradict. Specific details will be given in mark schemes.

### G. Marking calculations

In general

- A correct answer alone will score **full marks** unless the necessity to show working is specifically required in the question.
- If a candidate has made an arithmetic error or a transcription error deduct one mark, but continue marking (error carried forward).

## H. 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.
- 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.
- The following representations are allowed:-

