



Chemistry A

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

Unit F321: Atoms, Bonds and Groups

Mark Scheme for January 2011

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C	Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
1	(a)		Rb-87 has (two) more neutrons ✓	1	 ALLOW Different numbers of neutrons ALLOW 2 neutrons ALLOW Rb-85 has 48 neutrons AND Rb-87 has 50 neutrons
					IGNORE correct references to protons and electrons DO NOT ALLOW incorrect references to protons and electrons
	(b)		The (weighted) mean mass of an atom (of an element) OR The (weighted) average mass of an atom (of an element) ✓ compared with 1/12th (the mass) ✓ of (one atom of) carbon-12 ✓	3	 ALLOW average atomic mass DO NOT ALLOW mean mass of an element ALLOW mean mass of isotopes OR average mass of isotopes DO NOT ALLOW the singular; 'isotope' For second AND third marking points ALLOW compared with (the mass of) carbon-12 which is 12 ALLOW mass of one mole of atoms ✓ compared to 1/12th ✓ (mass of) one mole OR 12 g of carbon-12 ✓ ALLOW mass of one mole of atoms 1/12th mass of one mole OR 12 g of carbon-12
	(c)		$\frac{(85.00 \times 72.15) + (87.00 \times 27.85)}{100} =$ OR 61.3275 + 24.2295 OR 85.557 \checkmark A _r = 85.56 (to 2 decimal places) \checkmark	2	 ALLOW two marks for correct answer A_r = 85.56 (with no working) ALLOW one mark for ECF from seen incorrect sum provided final answer is between 85 and 87 and is to 2 decimal places, e.g. 85.567 gives ECF of 85.57 for one mark

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1	(d)		Spherical OR sphere ✓	1	DO NOT ALLOW 'circular'
					IGNORE unlabelled 2-D diagrams
	(e)	(i)	$Sr^+(g) \rightarrow Sr^{2+}(g) + e^- \checkmark$	1	ALLOW e for electrons
					ALLOW $Sr^+(g) - e^- \rightarrow Sr^{2+}(g)$
					DO NOT ALLOW $Sr^{+}(g) + e^{-} \rightarrow Sr^{2+}(g) + 2e^{-}$
					IGNORE state symbols for electrons
	(e)	(ii)		3	Use annotations with ticks, crosses ECF etc. for this part
			Sr has one more proton OR great er nuclear charge ✓		Comparison should be used for each mark
					ALLOW Sr has more protons ALLOW 'across the period' for 'Sr'
					IGNORE 'atomic number increases', but ALLOW 'proton number' increases
					IGNORE 'nucleus gets bigger'
					'Charge increases' is insufficient
					ALLOW 'effective nuclear charge increases' OR 'shielded
					nuclear charge increases'
					Quality of Written Communication – Nuclear OR proton(s)
					OR nucleus spelled correctly ONCE for the first marking point
			(Outermest) electrops are in the same shell		ALLOW shielding is similar
			OR (outermost) electrons experience same shielding		ALLOW screening for shielding
			OR Atomic radius of Sr is smaller $$		IGNORE sub-shells
					DO NOT ALLOW 'distance is similar'
			Sr has greater nuclear attraction (on outer electrons /		ALLOW 'greater nuclear pull' for 'greater nuclear attraction'
			outer snell/s)		DO NOT ALLOW 'nuclear charge' for nuclear attraction
			OR the (outer) electrons are attracted more strongly (to the nucleus) ✓		OKA throughout

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1	(e)	(iii)	2nd IE of Rb involves removing electron from shell closer to nucleus ✓	2	IGNORE new shell ALLOW There is one shell fewer in Rb(⁺) (than Sr ⁺) ALLOW Rb(⁺) has a smaller radius (than Sr ⁺) ALLOW Rb(⁺) loses an electron from the 4th shell AND Sr(⁺) loses an electron from the 5th shell.
			Strong er nuclear attraction on (outermost electron) of Rb OR (outermost electron) of Rb experiences less shielding ✓		 ALLOW responses which do not specifically say 'nuclear' attraction (e.g. Rb has greater attraction) as long as nucleus is seen in first point A comparison of Rb to Sr must be used, e.g. 'Because of shielding' is not enough ORA
			Total	13	

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2	(a)	(i)	mol of H _x A = 25.00×0.0500 = 1.25×10^{-3} OR 0.00125 mol \checkmark	1	ALLOW 0.0013 OR 1.3 × 10 ⁻³
			1000		ALLOW correct answer only without working
		(ii)	mol of NaOH =	1	ALLOW correct answer without working
			<u>12.50 × 0.200</u> = 2.5(0) × 10 ⁻³ OR 0.0025(0) mol ✓ 1000		
		(iii)	Answer 2a(ii) rounded to nearest whole number ✓ Answer 2a(i)	1	ALLOW answer without working if answers to 2a(i) AND 2a(ii) are seen
			If 2a(i) and 2a(ii) are correct this will be $x = \frac{2.50 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}}{1.25 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}} = 2$ OR H ₂ A		DO NOT ALLOW responses without seeing answers in 2a(i) AND 2a(ii)
	(b)	(i)	$\frac{HNO_3}{CuO + 2HNO_3} \rightarrow Cu(NO_3)_2 + H_2O \checkmark$	2	IGNORE state symbols ALLOW correct multiples
		(ii)	(Electrostatic) attraction between oppositely charged ions ✓	1	Attraction is essential IGNORE references to metal and non-metal
		(iii)	lons are mobile OR ions can move ✓	1	IGNORE 'free ions' IGNORE 'delocalised ions' IGNORE ions can move when molten IGNORE charge carriers DO NOT ALLOW Any mention of electrons moving ALLOW ions move when in a liquid IGNORE responses which give liquid ions
		(iv)	(+) 5 🗸	1	ALLOW V

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2	(c)		Cu(NO ₃) ₂ •6H ₂ O ✓		1	ALLOW $Cu(NO_3)_26H_2O$ ALLOW $Cu(NO_3)_2(H_2O)_6$ ALLOW $Cu(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$ DO NOT ALLOW $CuN_2O_6\bullet 6H_2O$	
				Total	9		

Q	Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
3	(a)		The ability of an atom to attract electrons ✓	2	ALLOW 'attraction of an atom for electrons'
					ALLOW 'pull' for 'attract'
					DO NOT ALLOW 'element' for 'atom'
			in a covalent bond \checkmark		ALLOW 'shared pair' or 'bond(ing) pair' for 'covalent bond'
	(b)		δ ⁺ N–Fδ [−] AND δ [−] N–Brδ ⁺ ✓	1	ALLOW d+ / d-
	• •				DO NOT ALLOW + / -
	(C)	(i)	octahedral OR octahedron ✓	1	
		(ii)		5	Use annotations with ticks, crosses ECF etc. for this part
			F F		ALLOW diagrams without circles
					Must be 'dot-and-cross'
			(F F)		
			Diagram of BF ₃ showing three ' <i>dot-and-cross</i> ' bonds between		
			B and F and all F atoms with complete octet of electrons \checkmark		
			Diagram of NH ₃ showing three 'dot-and-cross' bonds between		
			N and H and N atom has a lone pair \checkmark		
			Marking points 2. 4 and 5 may be awarded independently		
			Marking points 5, 4 and 5 may be awarded independently		
			electron nairs renel 🗸		IGNORE 'electrons repel'
					DO NOT ALLOW 'atoms repel'
					ALLOW 'bonds repel'
					ALLOW (bonds) for (bonding poirs)
			NH ₃ has one lone pair and three bonding pairs of electrons		ALLOW bollus for bolluling pairs
			AND lone pair of electrons repels more than bonding pairs ✓		ALLOW four pairs in place of one fone pair and three banding pairs?
					bonding pairs
					The third marking point can be gained from statements seen
			BF ₃ has three (bonding) pairs of electrons (which repel		in fourth or fifth marking points
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3	(c)	(iii)	BF ₃ is symmetrical \checkmark The dipoles cancel out \checkmark	2	IGNORE 'polar bonds cancel' IGNORE 'charges cancel'
			Total	11	

G	Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
4	(a)		Used to neutralise acidic soils ✓	2	ALLOW raises the pH of the soil IGNORE references to fertilisers
			Excess will result in soils becoming too alkaline (to sustain crop growth) ✓		ALLOW pH becomes too high IGNORE 'harmful' IGNORE 'corrosive'
	(b)	(i)	0.00131 × 40.1 = 0.0525 g OR 5.25 × 10 ⁻² ✓	1	ALLOW 0.053 OR 0.05253 OR 0.052531 g IGNORE 0.05 if correct answer seen in working DO NOT ALLOW 0.052 OR 0.0524
		(ii)	$0\ 00131 \times 24.0 = 0.0314 \ \mathrm{dm^3}$ OR $3.14 \times 10^2 \checkmark$	1	ALLOW 0.031 OR 0.03144 dm ³ IGNORE 0.03 if correct answer seen in working DO NOT ALLOW 31.4
		(iii)	Mol of OH ⁻ ions = 0.00131 × 2 = 0.00262 OR 2.62 × 10 ⁻³ \checkmark Mol of OH ⁻ ions in 1 dm ³ = 0.00262 × <u>1000</u> = 0.0105 mol dm ⁻³ 250 \checkmark	2	ALLOW 0.0026 ALLOW 0.01048 OR 0.01(0) ALLOW ECF from incorrect mol of OH ⁻ DO NOT ALLOW 2nd mark as ECF if 0.0525 is used as no of mol of OH ⁻ ions DO NOT ALLOW 2nd mark as ECF if 0.0314 is used as no of mol of OH ⁻ ions
					0.00524 mol dm ⁻¹ is a likely ECF as a result of not multiplying 0.00131 by 2, but 0.00131 must be seen in working
	(c)	(i)	Fewer moles of Ba (in 0.0525 g) OR Fewer atoms of Ba (in 0.0525) ✓	1	ORA Assume candidate is referring to Ba if not stated IGNORE A_r Ba > A_r Ca
		(ii)	Idea of Ba having a quick er rate OR more vigorous reaction ✓	1	ALLOW more exothermic OR gets hotter OR fizzes more Assume candidate is referring to Ba if not stated Comparison is essential IGNORE 'Ba more reactive' ORA
			Total	8	

Q	Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
5	(a)	(i)	Creating the dipole mark uneven distribution of electrons ✓	3	Use annotations with ticks, crosses ECF etc. for this part ALLOW movement of electrons ALLOW changing electron density
			<i>Type of dipole mark</i> creates an instantaneous dipole OR temporary dipole ✓		ALLOW 'transient', 'oscillating', 'momentary', 'changing'
			<i>Induction of a second dipole mark</i> causes induced dipole(s) in neighbouring molecules ✓		ALLOW 'induces a dipole in neighbouring molecules' ALLOW 'causes a resultant dipole in neighbouring molecules' ALLOW 'atoms' for 'molecules'
		(ii)	boiling points increase down the group ✓ greater number of electrons OR stronger intermolecular forces OR stronger van der Waals' forces ✓	3	Use annotations with ticks, crosses ECF etc. for this part ALLOW Bpt of iodine is highest OR Bpt of chlorine is lowest ALLOW CI for chlorine etc. For 'down the group' ALLOW 'as molecules get bigger' ALLOW number of electron shells increases IGNORE 'more shells' (if no reference to electrons) ALLOW 'more' for 'stronger' ALLOW iodine has most electrons ALLOW chlorine has fewest electrons
			more energy needed to break intermolecular OR van der Waals' forces ✓		DO NOT ALLOW any implication that the attraction is between atoms not molecules for third mark
	(b)		Same number of outer(most) electrons OR same outer(most) electron structure ✓	1	ALLOW same number of electrons in outer shell ALLOW It has seven outer electrons IGNORE same group DO NOT ALLOW 'same number of electrons'

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5	(c)	(i)	Colours:	6	Use annotations with ticks, crosses ECF etc. for this part
			(Add Br_2 to NaCl,) (Cyclohexane layer) turns orange OR yellow \checkmark		ALLOW any combination of these but no others
			(Add Dr. to Nol.) (Cycloboyana layer) turna purple		ALLOW any combination of these but no others
			OR lilac OR violet OR pink OR mauve \checkmark		DO NOT ALLOW 'precipitate' with either colour
			Equation: Br ₂ + 2l ⁻ \rightarrow l ₂ + 2Br ⁻ \checkmark		DO NOT ALLOW equation mark if incorrect equation(s) also seen IGNORE $Br_2 + 2CI^- \rightarrow Br_2 + 2CI^-$ IGNORE correct non-ionic version of equation IGNORE state symbols
			Reactivity: Reactivity decreases down the group OR Oxidising power decreases down the group ✓ Explanations: Chlorine will gain electron easiest OR form negative ion easiest ✓		ALLOW Chlorine is the most reactive ALLOW Cl for chlorine etc. ALLOW lodine is the least reactive ALLOW chlorine is best at electron capture ALLOW chlorine has 'greatest' electron affinity IGNORE chlorine is most electronegative DO NOT ALLOW explanations in terms of displacement <i>Quality of Written Communication – Electron(s) OR negative spelled</i> <i>correctly at least ONCE for marking point 5</i>
			Because chlorine (atom) is smallest		ALLOW Chlorine atom has fewest shells
			OR Nuclear attraction on electrons of chlorine is		ALLOW OUTER(MOST) SHELL CLOSEST TO THE HUCHEUS
			greatest V		ORA for marking points 4, 5 and 6

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5	(c)	(ii)	Bromine is toxic ✓	1	ALLOW cyclohexane is toxic ALLOW bromine irritates the lungs DO NOT ALLOW Cl ₂ is toxic IGNORE 'strong smelling' IGNORE 'halogens' are toxic
	(d)	(i)	$2F_2 + 2H_2O \rightarrow 4HF + O_2 \checkmark$	1	ALLOW correct multiples, including use of ½ O ₂ ALLOW 4FH IGNORE state symbols
		(ii)	Oxygen has been oxidised as (oxidation number has increased from) $O = -2$ to $O = 0 \checkmark$ Fluorine has been reduced as (oxidation number has decreased from) F = 0 to F = -1 \checkmark	2	IGNORE references to oxygen in any incorrect products DO NOT ALLOW $O_2 = -2 \rightarrow O = 0$ but ALLOW $F_2 = 0 \rightarrow F = -1$ ALLOW 'F is reduced from 0 to -1' regardless of product (or no product) in 5d(i) except ALLOW ECF for $F = -2$ if H_2F is seen ALLOW one mark for $O = -2$ and $O_2 = 0$ AND $F_2 = 0$ and $F = -1$ if no reference OR incorrect reference to oxidation / reduction is seen Look at equation in 5d(i) for oxidation numbers if not seen in 5d(ii) IGNORE reference to electron loss / gain if correct DO NOT ALLOW incorrect reference to electron loss / gain
	(e)	(i)	$(1s^2) 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^1 \checkmark$	1	IGNORE 1s ² twice ALLOW 4s ² before 3d ¹⁰ ALLOW '3D'
		(ii)	GaF₃ ✓	1	
			Total	19	

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