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MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 30

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## Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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| GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:<br><br>Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen). |
| GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:<br><br>Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind. |

**Science-Specific Marking Principles**

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| 1 | Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly. |
| 2 | The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored. |
| 3 | Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection). |
| 4 | The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted. |
| 5 | ‘List rule’ guidance<br><br>For questions that require ***n*** responses (e.g. State **two** reasons …):<br><br>• The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided.<br>• Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards ***n***.<br>• Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards ***n***.<br>• Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should **not** be awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should be treated as a single incorrect response.<br>• Non-contradictory responses after the first ***n*** responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science. |

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6 Calculation specific guidance

Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

For answers given in standard form (e.g. $a \times 10^n$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient ($a$) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7 Guidance for chemical equations

Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

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**Annotations**

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| ✓ | Correct point<br>Method of analysis marks in **Question 1** |
| ✓$_{1–10}$ | Additional detail marks in **Question 1** |
| **X** | Incorrect point |
| **^** | Omission |
| **BOD** | Benefit of the doubt |
| **NBOD** | No benefit of the doubt given |
| **ECF** | Error carried forward |
| **P** | Defining the problem marks in **Question 1**<br>Power of ten error in **Question 2** |
| **M0** | Methods of data collection marks in **Question 1** |
| **SF** | Incorrect number of significant figures |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 1 | **Defining the problem** | |
| | *d* is the independent variable and *V* is the dependent variable **or** vary *d* and measure *V* | **1** |
| | keep *A* or area (of overlap) of plates constant | **1** |
| | **Methods of data collection** | |
| | labelled diagram of workable experiment including:<br>• circuit diagram with voltmeter connected in parallel with the capacitor<br>• capacitor and voltmeter connected to the metal plates with no power supply in discharge part of the circuit<br>• correct symbols for capacitor and voltmeter | **1** |
| | method to charge parallel plates, e.g. separate circuit diagram showing plates connected to a d.c. power supply or combined circuit with switches and d.c. power supply | **1** |
| | use calipers to measure *d*<br>**or**<br>use micrometer/calipers to measure thickness of spacers | **1** |
| | use rule(r) to measure lengths to determine *A* **and** *A* = length × breadth | **1** |
| | **Method of analysis** | |
| | plot a graph of $\frac{1}{V}$ against *d* or equivalent (e.g. *d* against $\frac{1}{V}$)<br>(Do not accept log graphs.) | **1** |
| | $K = \frac{y\text{-intercept} \times C}{\text{gradient} \times A}$ or $K = \frac{C}{\text{gradient} \times AW}$<br>(for *d* against $\frac{1}{V}$: $K = -\frac{y\text{-intercept} \times C}{A}$) | **1** |

| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 1 | $W = \frac{1}{y\text{-intercept}}$<br>(for $d$ against $\frac{1}{V}$: $W = -\frac{\text{gradient}}{y\text{-intercept}}$ or $W = \frac{\text{gradient} \times C}{AK}$) | **1** |
| | **Additional detail including safety considerations** | **6** |
| | D1 use gloves <u>to prevent</u> electric shock **or** do not touch metal plates to avoid shocks | |
| | D2 keep the <u>initial</u> p.d. across plates **or** initial charge <u>constant</u> | |
| | D3 method to determine the value of $C$, e.g. description of an experiment to measure p.d. or current against time during discharge through a resistor | |
| | D4 method of operation of circuit(s) using switch(es) | |
| | D5 description of method to fully discharge capacitor, e.g. between experiments, short-circuit the capacitor **or** use of switch in parallel with capacitor | |
| | D6 repeat measurements of $d$ <u>at different points across plates</u> **and** average | |
| | D7 repeat measurements of $V$ for same $d$ **and** average $V$ | |
| | D8 bottom plate resting on insulating material **or** top plate supported by strings | |
| | D9 use high voltage power supply to increase charge on plates<br>**or**<br>use a very small value of capacitance to increase voltmeter reading | |
| | D10 relationship valid <u>if</u> a straight line is produced (not passing through the origin) | |

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<table>
<tr><th>Question</th><th>Answer</th><th>Marks</th></tr>
<tr><td>2(a)</td><td>gradient = $n$<br>$y$-intercept = lg $SZ$</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">2(b)</td><td>
<table>
<tr><th>lg ($M$ / $10^{30}$ kg)</th><th>lg ($L$ / $10^{28}$ W)</th></tr>
<tr><td>0.68 or 0.681 $\pm$ 0.03 or 0.04</td><td>0.15 or 0.146</td></tr>
<tr><td>0.81 or 0.806 $\pm$ 0.02 or 0.03</td><td>0.49 or 0.491</td></tr>
<tr><td>1.08 or 1.079 $\pm$ 0.07 or 0.08</td><td>1.51 or 1.505</td></tr>
<tr><td>1.36 or 1.362 $\pm$ 0.04</td><td>2.54 or 2.544</td></tr>
<tr><td>1.63 or 1.633 $\pm$ 0.04</td><td>3.56 or 3.556</td></tr>
<tr><td>1.96 or 1.959 $\pm$ 0.02</td><td>4.82 or 4.820</td></tr>
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Values of lg ($M$ / $10^{30}$ kg) and lg ($L$ / $10^{28}$ W) correct as shown above.</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>Absolute uncertainties in lg ($M$ / $10^{30}$ kg) correct as shown above.</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">2(c)(i)</td><td>Six points from (b) plotted correctly.<br>Must be within half a small square. Diameter of points must be less than half a small square.</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>Error bars in lg ($M$ / $10^{30}$ kg) plotted correctly.<br>All error bars must be plotted. Total length of bar must be accurate to less than half a small square and symmetrical.</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">2(c)(ii)</td><td>Straight line of best fit drawn.<br>Points must be balanced. Do not accept line from top point to bottom point.<br>Line must pass between (0.92, 1.0) and (0.96, 1.0) and between (1.86, 4.5) and (1.90, 4.5)</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>Worst acceptable line drawn (steepest or shallowest possible line that passes through all the error bars).<br>All error bars must be plotted.</td><td>1</td></tr>
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| 2(c)(iii) | Gradient determined with clear substitution of data points into $\Delta y / \Delta x$.<br>Distance between data points must be greater than half the length of the drawn line. | **1** |
| | Gradient of worst acceptable line determined.<br><br>uncertainty = (gradient of line of best fit – gradient of worst acceptable line)<br>**or**<br>uncertainty = ½ (steepest worst line gradient – shallowest worst line gradient) | **1** |
| 2(c)(iv) | *y*-intercept determined by substitution into $y = mx + c$. | **1** |
| | *y*-intercept of worst acceptable line determined by substitution into $y = mx + c$.<br><br>uncertainty = *y*-intercept of line of best fit – *y*-intercept of worst acceptable line<br>**or**<br>uncertainty = ½ (steepest worst line *y*-intercept – shallowest worst line *y*-intercept)<br><br>Do not allow methods using a false origin. | **1** |

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| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 2(d) | $n$ = gradient = **(c)(iii) and** $n$ and $Z$ both given to two or three significant figures. | **1** |
| | Value of $Z$ determined using $y$-intercept. Correct method must be seen.<br>$Z = \frac{10^{y\text{-intercept}} \times 10^{28}}{S} = \frac{10^{\textbf{(c)(iv)}} \times 10^{28}}{3.85 \times 10^{26}}$<br>**or**<br>$Z = 10^{y\text{-intercept} - \lg S} \times 10^{28}$<br>**or**<br>$Z = 10^{\textbf{(c)(iv)} - \lg 3.85 \times 10^{26}} \times 10^{28}$ | **1** |
| | Absolute uncertainty in $n$ = absolute uncertainty in gradient<br>**and**<br>$\Delta Z = \frac{\left(10^{y\text{-intercept}} - 10^{\text{WAL } y\text{-intercept}}\right) \times 10^{28}}{S}$<br>Correct substitution of numbers must be seen. | **1** |
| 2(e) | $L$ determined from **(d) or (c)(iii)** and **(c)(iv)** with correct substitution and correct power of ten(s).<br>Do not accept incorrect POT for $n$ or $Z$.<br>$L = 3.85 \times 10^{26} \times$ **(d)** $\times 3.0^{\textbf{(c)(iii)}}$<br>**or**<br>$\lg L =$ **(c)(iii)** $\times \lg 3.0 + y$-intercept | **1** |