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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 6: 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.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	balance	**1**
1(a)(ii)	crucible	**1**
1(b)	open	**1**
1(c)	weigh the solid	**1**
	heat to constant mass	**1**
1(d)	anhydrous copper sulfate / cobalt chloride paper	**1**
	turns blue / turns pink	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	all temperature boxes completed correctly: 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 30, 29, 28	**2**
2(b)	all points plotted correctly (± half a small square)	**1**
	best-fit intersecting straight-line graphs	**1**
2(c)	temperature boxes completed correctly: 21, 26, 31, 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27	**2**
2(d)	all points plotted correctly	**1**
	best-fit intersecting straight-line graphs	**1**
2(e)(i)	value from graph where lines cross: 12 cm^3	**1**
	shown clearly at intersection	**1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(e)(ii)	half volume of acid	**1**
	less / half as many moles of sodium hydroxide present	**1**
2(f)	exothermic / heat given out	**1**
2(g)(i)	to remove traces of acid / clean / remove impurities	**1**
2(g)(ii)	to remove traces of water	**1**
2(h)	sources of error using a measuring cylinder or heat losses	**1**
	improvement use a pipette / use a burette / lag / insulation / lid	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	yellow	**1**
3(a)(ii)	pH 11–14	**1**
3(b)	white precipitate	**1**
	clears / dissolves	**1**
	white precipitate	**1**
3(c)	pH / litmus paper	**1**
	turns pH >7 / turns blue	**1**
3(d)	grey-green	**1**
	precipitate	**1**

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(e)	organic / fuel / flammable	**1**

Question	Answer	Marks
4	any **6** from: • cut leaves into small pieces • grind / crush with sand / ethanol • using pestle/mortar • decant / pour-off / filter liquid • chromatography • apply extract to paper (in correct location) • description of separating colours	**Max 6**

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