REDOX REACTIONS & ELECTROLYSIS 1

MARK SCHEME

Q1.

Question	Answer	Extra information	Marks
(a)(i)	because they are positively charged	accept they are positive / H ⁺	1
		accept oppositely charged or	
		opposites attract	
		opposites attract	
		ignore they are attracted	
(ii)	gains one / an electron	accept H $^+$ + e $^ \rightarrow$ H or multiples	1
		allow gains electrons	
(d)	Marks awarded for this answer w	vill be determined by the Quality	6
	of Written Communication (QWC	c) as well as the standard of the	
	scientific response.		
0 marks	Level 1 (1-2 marks)	Level 2 (3-4 marks)	Level 3 (5-6 marks)
No relevant	There are basic descriptions of	There are clear descriptions of	There are detailed
content.	advantages or disadvantages of	environmental or economic	descriptions of
	the electrolysis cells.	advantages or disadvantages of	environmental and
		the electrolysis cells.	economic
		Comparisons may be implied.	advantages and
			disadvantages,
			comparing the

Accept converse where appropriate.

- mercury cell is more expensive to construct
- mercury is recycled but membranes must be replaced
- mercury is toxic but membrane / polymer is not
- removing traces of mercury from waste is expensive
- mercury cell uses more electricity
- mercury cell produces chlorine that is purer
- mercury cell produces higher concentration / better quality of sodium hydroxide (solution)

(solution)		
Total		8

Q2.

Question	Answer	Extra information	Marks
(i)	$2I \rightarrow I_2 + 2e^-$		1
(ii)	hydrogen is formed		1
	because sodium is more		1
	reactive (than hydrogen)		
Total marks			3

Q3.

Question	Answer	Extra information	Marks
(i)	because it lowers the melting	allow lowers the temperature	1
	point (of the aluminium oxide)	needed	
		do not accept lowers boiling	
		point	
	so less energy is needed (to	accept so that the cell /	1
	melt it)	equipment does not melt	
(ii)	2 O ²⁻ on left hand side	accept correct multiples or	1
		fractions	
	4e ⁻ on right hand side	accept –4e ⁻ on left hand side	1
(iii)	because the electrode reacts		1
	with oxygen or		
	because the electrode burns		
	to form carbon dioxide or		1
	electrode made from carbon /		
	graphite		
Total marks			6

Q4.

Question	Answer	Extra information	Marks
(a)(i)	current / charge couldn't flow	allow could not conduct (electricity)	1
	because the ions / particles couldn't move	do not accept electrons/ molecules / atoms	1
	or (salt) needs to be molten / (1)		

	dissolved (to conduct		
	electricity)		
	so that the ions / particles can	do not accept electrons /	
	move (1)	molecules / atoms	
(ii)	he had status	accept he had authority or	1
	or	experience	
	he had evidence / proof	accept the experiment could be	
		repeated	
(b)	hydrogen / H ₂	do not allow hydrogen ions	1
		accept because opposite	
	the ions are positive	(charges) attract	1
		accept potassium ions are less	
	potassium is more reactive	easily discharged (than	1
	(than hydrogen)	hydrogen)	
		or potassium ions are less easily	
		reduced (than hydrogen)	
(c)	$2Cl^- \rightarrow Cl_2 + 2e^-$	must be completely correct,	1
		including charge on electron	
		accept correct multiples	
Total marks			7

Q5.

Question	Answer	Extra information	Marks
(a)	electric current / electricity		1
	plus one from:		1
	 is passed through ionic 	must be linked to electricity	
	compound /	allow liquid compound /	
	substance / electrolyte	substance	
	passed through	do not allow solution / liquid	
	molten/aqueous	alone	
	compound / substance	accept split up / breakdown /	
	 causing decomposition 	breaking up owtte	
		ignore separated	
		accept elements are formed	
		ignore new substances form	
(b)	hydrogen	accept H ₂	1
		do not accept H / H ₂	
Total marks			3

Q6.

Question	Answer	Extra information	Marks
(a)	ions can move / are attracted	accept ions are free	1
	to electrode	allow 'they' for ions	
	or		
	attracted to named electrode		
	or		
	ions are charged or ions form /		
	carry the current or ions form		
	the charge		
(b)(i)	electron gain	ignore hydrogen reduces charge	1
(ii)	$2Cl^{-} - 2e^{-} \rightarrow Cl_{2}$	allow fractions or multiples	1
	or	allow e or e	
	$2Cl^{-} \rightarrow Cl_2 + 2e^{-}$	do not allow e ⁺	
Total marks			3