

**GCSE**

**Chemistry A**

Unit **A173/01**: Module C7 (Foundation Tier)

General Certificate of Secondary Education

**Mark Scheme for June 2014**

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## Annotations

Used in the detailed Mark Scheme:

Annotation	Meaning
/	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
(1)	separates marking points
not/reject	answers which are not worthy of credit
ignore	statements which are irrelevant - applies to neutral answers
allow/accept	answers that can be accepted
(words)	words which are not essential to gain credit
words	underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ecf	error carried forward
AW/owtte	credit alternative wording / or words to that effect
ORA	or reverse argument

Available in scoris to annotate scripts:

	Blank Page – this annotation <b>must</b> be used on all blank pages within an answer booklet (structured or unstructured) and on each page of an additional object where there is no candidate response.
	correct response
	incorrect response
	benefit of doubt
	no benefit of doubt
	error carried forward
	indicate level awarded for a question marked by level of response
	information omitted
	contradiction

	reject
	indicate uncertainty or ambiguity
	draw attention to particular part of candidate's response

**ADDITIONAL OBJECTS:** You **must** assess and annotate the additional objects for each script you mark. Where credit is awarded, appropriate annotation must be used. If no credit is to be awarded for the additional object, please use annotation as agreed at the SSU.

**Subject-specific Marking Instructions**

- a. Accept any clear, unambiguous response (including mis-spellings of scientific terms if they are *phonetically* correct, but always check the guidance column for exclusions).
- b. Crossed out answers should be considered only if no other response has been made. When marking crossed out responses, accept correct answers which are clear and unambiguous.

*e.g. for a one-mark question where ticks in the third and fourth boxes are required for the mark:*

<del>✓</del>
<del>✓</del>

*This would be worth  
1 mark.*

✓
<del>✓</del>

*This would be worth  
0 marks.*

<del>✓</del>
<del>✓</del>
✓
✓

*This would be worth  
1 mark.*

c. Marking method for tick-box questions:

If there is a set of boxes, some of which should be ticked and others left empty, then judge the entire set of boxes. If there is at least one tick, ignore crosses and other markings. If there are no ticks, accept clear, unambiguous indications, e.g. shading or crosses. Credit should be given according to the instructions given in the guidance column for the question. If more boxes are ticked than there are correct answers, then deduct one mark for each additional tick. Candidates cannot score less than zero marks.

*e.g. if a question requires candidates to identify cities in England:*

Edinburgh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manchester	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paris	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southampton	<input type="checkbox"/>

the second and fourth boxes should have ticks (or other clear indication of choice) and the first and third should be blank (or have indication of choice crossed out)

Edinburgh			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Manchester	✓	x	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Paris				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Southampton	✓	x		✓		✓	✓		✓	
<b>Score:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>NR</b>

- d. For answers marked by levels of response:
- i. **Read through the whole answer from start to finish**
  - ii. **Decide the level that best fits** the answer – match the quality of the answer to the closest level descriptor
  - iii. **To determine the mark within the level**, consider the following:

Descriptor	Award mark
A good match to the level descriptor	The higher mark in the level
Just matches the level descriptor	The lower mark in the level

- iv. Use the **L1**, **L2**, **L3** annotations in Scoris to show your decision; do not use ticks.

Quality of Written Communication skills assessed in 6-mark extended writing questions include:

- appropriate use of correct scientific terms
- spelling, punctuation and grammar
- developing a structured, persuasive argument
- selecting and using evidence to support an argument
- considering different sides of a debate in a balanced way
- logical sequencing.

Here is the mark scheme for this question paper.

Question			Answer/Indicative content	Mark	Guidance
1	a	F	methane + steam → hydrogen + carbon dioxide	1	reactants in either order Allow water products in either order Allow correctly balanced symbol equation
	bi	E	44 [tonnes]	1	
	bii	EF	One from waste, and one from effect  <b>Waste:</b> Most of reactants form a product which is not useful /a lot of waste/carbon dioxide (gas) is made/ process has a low/poor atom economy (1)  <b>Effect:</b> Product is a greenhouse gas/ causes global warming/ Product causes <u>air/atmospheric</u> pollution (1)	2	
	c	CD	Discusses both production and intake of CO <sub>2</sub> :  When trees are burned the CO <sub>2</sub> is released, however, this CO <sub>2</sub> was taken in by trees for photosynthesis = 2 marks  Carbon neutral/ attempts a description of carbon dioxide being given out being used by trees(1)	2	If no other mark is achieved then allow 1 mark for: wood is renewable/you can grow more trees ORA
			TOTAL	6	



Question	Answer/Indicative content	Mark	Guidance
2	<p>EE FF GG</p> <p><b>[Level 3]</b> Discusses why the catalyst is used AND why the gases are recycled AND what happens; must include indicative points from all three categories. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks)</p> <p><b>[Level 2]</b> Includes indicative points from two of the three categories OR an indicative point from each of the three categories. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks)</p> <p><b>[Level 1]</b> Includes some indicative points. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1 – 2 marks)</p> <p><b>[Level 0]</b> Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks)</p>	6	<p>This question is targeted at grades up to E Indicative scientific points may include:</p> <p><b>What happens:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nitrogen comes from air</li> <li>• Hydrogen comes from methane</li> <li>• Gases go to a reaction vessel</li> <li>• Which contains a catalyst</li> <li>• Catalyst is not used up</li> <li>• The catalyst is iron</li> <li>• Cooling turns ammonia gas to liquid</li> <li>• (Liquid) ammonia is removed from the system</li> <li>• Unreacted gases are recycled</li> <li>• (The forward reaction) is exothermic</li> <li>• Conditions are a compromise/are not optimum</li> <li>• The pressure used is 200 atm/ high pressure used</li> <li>• The temperature is 450<sup>o</sup>C/ high temperature</li> </ul> <p><b>Why it uses a catalyst:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to speed up the reaction/make ammonia more quickly</li> <li>• Catalyst lowers activation energy</li> <li>• Catalyst provides an alternative route for reaction</li> </ul> <p><b>Why the gases are recycled:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reaction is reversible/ reaches equilibrium</li> <li>• Not all the chemicals react</li> <li>• Recycling is more cost-effective/ improves efficiency</li> <li>• Reduces waste/ more sustainable/ improved atom economy/ increases yield</li> </ul> <p>Accept annotations to the diagram in lieu of text.</p> <p>Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.</p>
	Total	6	

Question			Answer/Indicative content	Mark	Guidance
3	a	EF	Alcohol, [carboxylic] acid, ester	2	all three correct = 2 one or two correct = 1
	b	C DD	[Mary] – no mark  Less than 100% conversion,  So some reagents/ reactants/ named reactants still present/ the reaction does not run out of acid or alcohol  Reaction can't have stopped/ reversible reaction/ there are both reactants and products;	3	Ignore choice of Steve  Allow reaction can go both ways/ reaction can go backwards and forwards Dynamic equilibrium = 1 mark  The ester is still breaking down into the alcohol and carboxylic acid at the same rate as the alcohol and carboxylic acid combines to form the ester = 2 marks
	c	EE	Carbon dioxide, water	2	Allow correct formulae Allow carbon monoxide in place of carbon dioxide
			Total	7	

Question			Answer/Indicative content	Mark	Guidance
4	a	EE	As a drink, solvent, fuel	2	accept any reasonable answers e.g. cleaning products/ treat wounds/ mouthwash/ chemical feedstock/ perfume OR aftershave/ hand sanitizer
	b	EE	Yeast Stops working / dies/ gets poisoned At higher alcohol levels	2	

	c	<p>CC C DD D</p> <p><b>[Level 3]</b> Gives operational points AND theoretical points which describe the distillation including a reference to BPt difference [from water]. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks)</p> <p><b>[Level 2]</b> Gives operational points AND theoretical points which describe the distillation. OR Makes reference to BPt and operational OR theoretical points. Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks)</p> <p><b>[Level 1]</b> Gives indicative points which describe the distillation. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1 – 2 marks)</p> <p><b>[Level 0]</b> Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks)</p>	6	<p><b>This question is targeted at grades up to C</b> <b>CHECK FOR INFORMATION ON THE DIAGRAM</b> <b>Indicative operational points may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• boil/heat [the dilute ethanol]</li> <li>• antibumping granules control the boiling</li> <li>• condenser used</li> <li>• [condenser] is cold / cooled / water flows through</li> <li>• use of thermometer</li> <li>• keep the liquid that collects around the boiling temperature of the alcohol</li> <li>• stop when temp too high</li> </ul> <p><b>Indicative theoretical points may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• boiling points different</li> <li>• boiling point of alcohol lower than water</li> <li>• gas/ vapour / evaporation (ethanol)</li> <li>• vapour contains both alcohol and water</li> <li>• [vapour] richer in alcohol</li> <li>• [Vapour] condenses / turns to liquid [in the condenser]</li> <li>• vapour contains increasing amounts of water as distillation proceeds</li> </ul> <p>If answer includes incorrect points (e.g. BPt of ethanol higher than water) then consider quality of communication to be impeded at level 2 and 3.</p> <p><b>Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.</b></p>
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	d	CC D	<p>Any three from</p> <p>Ethanol is the alcohol which is collected at 79°C</p> <p>General comparison – ethanol is the least toxic/poisonous/ the largest amount needed to poison a person (of all the alcohols of all the alcohols);</p> <p>Specific - compares toxicity of ethanol to another named alcohol</p> <p>Quotes at least one correct value for toxicity</p> <p>Compares the amount that can be <b>drunk</b> of different alcohols.</p>	3	<p>Candidate may either agree or disagree, the marks are for the explanation only</p> <p>Ignore “ethanol <u>does</u> distil over at only one temperature</p> <p>E.g. methanol is more toxic/poisonous</p> <p>”</p>
	e	F	9, 3	2	
			Total	15	

Question			Answer/Indicative content	Mark	Guidance
5	(a)	EE FF GG	<p><b>[Level 3]</b> Describes the correct technique for a single titration, including collection of results. Discusses the need for several titrations. Quality of written communication does not impede communication of the science at this level. (5 – 6 marks)</p> <p><b>[Level 2]</b> Describes a single titration and includes some discussion of measurement OR describes the correct techniques for titration and explains the need for repetition, omitting measurements. (may have described the alkali as being inside the burette)  Quality of written communication partly impedes communication of the science at this level. (3 – 4 marks)</p> <p><b>[Level 1]</b> Discusses the addition of acid to alkali in the presence of an indicator in a qualitative fashion only. Quality of written communication impedes communication of the science at this level. (1 – 2 marks)</p> <p><b>[Level 0]</b> Insufficient or irrelevant science. Answer not worthy of credit. (0 marks)</p>	6	<p><b>This question is targeted at grades up to E</b> <b>Indicative scientific points may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable use of terms such as burette, pipette, pipette filler, [conical] flask or other suitable receptacle.</li> <li>• Acid into burette</li> <li>• Read burette at start and end</li> <li>• Subtract the readings to find the titre</li> <li>• Sodium hydroxide measured using pipette</li> <li>• Use of pipette filler</li> <li>• Into a [conical] flask</li> <li>• Few drops of indicator used appropriately</li> <li>• Reference to swirling the flask</li> <li>• Reference to colour change</li> <li>• Reference to neutralisation</li> <li>• Technique for a rough titration</li> <li>• Technique for an accurate titration</li> <li>• Need for several accurate titrations</li> </ul> <p><b>Use the L1, L2, L3 annotations in Scoris; do not use ticks.</b></p>

	b	CD	<p>Any two from</p> <p>He calculated a mean; Ignored 26.4; It is an outlier / rough result;</p>	2	<p><b>Ignore</b> it is in the middle of the other values <b>Ignore</b> take the median <math>25.2 + 25.6 + 25.4 [=76.2]</math> divided by 3 (2)</p>
	c	EEF	<p><u>Any three from</u></p> <p>Might be checking for purity Checking the reliability of the process Idea of variation during the process [variation] with time Chance to take corrective action Check the sample quickly before it deteriorates/ becomes contaminated Safety arguments</p>	3	
			Total	11	

Question			Answer/Indicative content	Mark	Guidance
6	a	G	Exothermic	1	
	b	DD EE	Breaks Give out Less Activation	3	4 correct = 3 3 correct = 2 2 correct = 1 1 correct = 0 SSU – may wish to allow 1 or 2 correct = 1
	ci	G	2	1	
	cii	EE	4, 32	2	Ignore any units
			Total	7	

Question			Answer/Indicative content	Mark	Guidance
7	ai	G	3	1	
	a ii	EF	C, goes further (up the paper)	2	Any other choice made scores zero for the question. Accept carried further by water
	a iii	EE	$0.75 = 2$ 15 divided by 20 = 1	2	
	bi	EE	Insoluble[ in water] = 2 not carried [by water] = 1	2	Allow it is permanent marker for 1 mark
	bii	E	Idea of a different solvent e.g. ethanol	1	
			Total	8	



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