

INTERNATIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL

# CHEMISTRY

## AS EXEMPLARS WITH COMMENTARIES

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## Introduction

This booklet has been produced to support chemistry teachers delivering the new International Advanced Level Chemistry specification for first teaching in September 2018 and first assessment in January 2019.

This booklet looks at questions from the [Sample Assessment Materials](#). It shows real student responses to these questions, and indicates how the examining team will follow the mark schemes to demonstrate how students would be awarded marks in these questions.

We have selected some responses to 5 questions, with mark schemes, from the sample assessment materials. A range of student responses with accompanying examiner commentaries on how the mark scheme has been applied then follow.

Other teaching and learning materials for this specification are available on the IAL Chemistry subject page [here](#).

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## Question 1 – Exemplar 1

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1.3<sup>2</sup> 3p<sup>2</sup> 3p<sup>6</sup> 3s<sup>2</sup> 3p<sup>4</sup>

1 This question is about bromine.

(a) Complete the electronic configuration for a bromine atom, using the s, p, d notation.  
[Ar] 3d<sup>10</sup> 4s<sup>2</sup> 4p<sup>5</sup>

(b) Bromine exists as two isotopes with mass numbers 79 and 81.

(i) Complete the table to show the numbers of subatomic particles in a <sup>79</sup>Br atom and a <sup>81</sup>Br<sup>-</sup> ion.

Species	Protons	Neutrons	Electrons
<sup>79</sup> Br	44	35	44
<sup>81</sup> Br <sup>-</sup>	46	35	47

(ii) A sample of bromine contained equal amounts of the two isotopes.  
Complete the mass spectrum to show the peaks you would expect for Br<sub>2</sub> from this sample of bromine gas.

Br<sup>79</sup>Br<sup>81</sup>  
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Br<sup>79</sup>Br<sup>79</sup>

(iii) Calculate the number of bromine molecules in 2.00 g of Br<sub>2</sub>.  
[Avogadro constant = 6.02 × 10<sup>23</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>]

$$n = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{molar mass}}$$

$$= \frac{2.00}{159.8} = 0.0125 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$$

Number of molecules =  $7.525 \times 10^{21}$

(c) A sample of bromine gas occupied 200 cm<sup>3</sup> at a temperature of 77°C and a pressure of 1.51 × 10<sup>5</sup> Pa.  
Calculate, using the ideal gas equation, the amount in moles of bromine molecules in this sample.  
[pV = nRT     R = 8.31 J mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>]

$$pV = nRT$$

$$n = \frac{pV}{RT}$$

$$n = \frac{1.51 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} \times 200 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3}{8.31 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \times (273 + 77)}$$

Amount of bromine molecules =  $1.038 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}$

### Examiner commentary Question 1 Exemplar 1

(a) correct

(b)(i) 0 marks awarded as protons and neutrons and electrons incorrect in both rows.

(b)(ii) and (iii) correct.

(c) 3 marks awarded as calculation correctly processed with 1 error, the incorrect conversion of cm<sup>3</sup> to m<sup>3</sup>.

## QUESTION 1 – Exemplar 2

1 This question is about bromine.

(a) Complete the electronic configuration for a bromine atom, using the s, p, d notation.

[Ar]  $4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^5$

(b) Bromine exists as two isotopes with mass numbers 79 and 81.

(i) Complete the table to show the numbers of subatomic particles in a  $^{79}\text{Br}$  atom and a  $^{81}\text{Br}^-$  ion.

Species	Protons	Neutrons	Electrons
$^{79}\text{Br}$	35	44	35
$^{81}\text{Br}^-$	35	46	36

(ii) A sample of bromine contained equal amounts of the two isotopes.

Complete the mass spectrum to show the peaks you would expect for  $\text{Br}_2$  from this sample of bromine gas.

(iii) Calculate the number of bromine molecules in 2.00 g of  $\text{Br}_2$ .  
[Avogadro constant =  $6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ]

$n = \frac{m}{M_r}$        $n = \frac{2}{79.9}$   
 $n = 0.02503 \text{ mol}$   
 $\text{molecules} = (6.02 \times 10^{23}) \times 0.02503$   
 $\text{Number of molecules} = 1.507 \times 10^{22}$

(c) A sample of bromine gas occupied  $200 \text{ cm}^3$  at a temperature of  $77^\circ\text{C}$  and a pressure of  $1.51 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ .  
Calculate, using the ideal gas equation, the amount in moles of bromine molecules in this sample.

[ $pV = nRT$        $R = 8.31 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ]

$(1.51 \times 10^5) \times (2 \times 10^{-4}) = n \times 8.31 \times 77$   
 $n = 0.0047197 \text{ mol}$   
 $n = 0.0104 \text{ mol}$   
 $\text{Amount of bromine molecules} = 6.25 \times 10^{21}$

### EXAMINER COMMENTARIES

#### Question 1 – Exemplar 2

(a) and b)(i) correct

(b)(ii) Scores 1 mark for 3 lines in spectrum at the correct  $m/z$  values. However, abundances are incorrect.

(b)(iii) Scores 1 mark for a transferred error. The response calculates the amount of moles incorrectly and then uses this value appropriately in the second part of the problem.

(c) 3 marks awarded. The student did rearrange the expression and calculate the correct value for  $n$ . However they went on to perform an additional unnecessary calculation, confusing 'amount' with 'number'.

## Question 1 – Exemplar 3

1 This question is about bromine.

(a) Complete the electronic configuration for a bromine atom, using the s, p, d notation.

(1)

[Ar]  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$

(b) Bromine exists as two isotopes with mass numbers 79 and 81.

(i) Complete the table to show the numbers of subatomic particles in a  $^{79}\text{Br}$  atom and a  $^{81}\text{Br}^-$  ion.

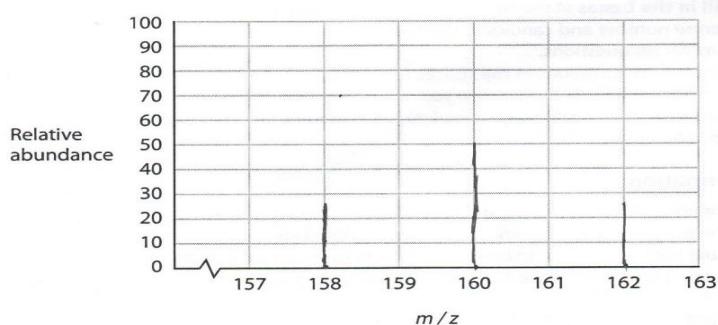
(2)

Species	Protons	Neutrons	Electrons
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$^{81}\text{Br}^-$	35	46	36

(ii) A sample of bromine contained equal amounts of the two isotopes.

Complete the mass spectrum to show the peaks you would expect for  $\text{Br}_2$  from this sample of bromine gas.

(2)



(iii) Calculate the number of bromine molecules in 2.00 g of  $\text{Br}_2$ .

[Avogadro constant =  $6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ]

(2)

$$\frac{2}{159.8} = 0.0125 \text{ mol}$$

$$6.02 \times 10^{23} \times 0.0125 = 7.525 \times 10^{21}$$

Number of molecules =  $7.525 \times 10^{21}$

(c) A sample of bromine gas occupied  $200 \text{ cm}^3$  at a temperature of  $77^\circ\text{C}$  and a pressure of  $1.51 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ .

Calculate, using the ideal gas equation, the amount in moles of bromine molecules in this sample.

[ $pV = nRT$   $R = 8.31 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ]

(4)

$$1.51 \times 10^5 \times 200 \times 10^{-6} = 8.31 \times 77 \times n$$

$$200 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.2 \text{ dm}^3$$

$$n = 47.197$$

$$1.51 \times 10^5 \times 0.2 = 8.31 \times 77 \times n$$

$$n = 47.2 \text{ mol}$$

### EXAMINER COMMENTARIES

#### Question 1 – Exemplar 3

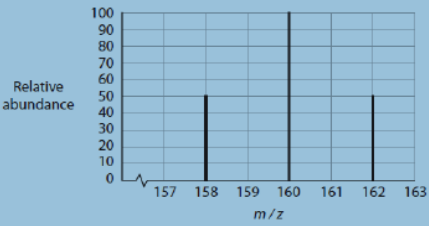
(a) and (b) (i) Correct

(b)(ii) 1 mark awarded. This looks like a bar chart and the bars are too wide. The  $m/z$  values should be lines at exactly 158, 160 and 162.

(b)(iii) and (c) Correct

# Mark scheme for Question 1

Answer				Additional guidance	Mark
• [Ar]3d <sup>10</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 4p <sup>5</sup>				Allow 4s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>10</sup> 4p <sup>5</sup>  Ignore 1s <sup>2</sup> 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>6</sup> 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>6</sup> for (Ar) written out but do not allow incorrect electronic configuration for Ar	1
Answer				Additional guidance	Mark
				1 mark for each row correct	2
Species	Protons	Neutrons	Electrons		
<sup>79</sup> Br	35	44	35	(1)	
<sup>81</sup> Br <sup>-</sup>	35	46	36	(1)	

Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lines at 158 and 160 and 162</li> <li>relative abundances 50:100:50</li> </ul>	(1)  (1) Allow relative abundances in any ratio 1:2:1, e.g. 25:50:25	2

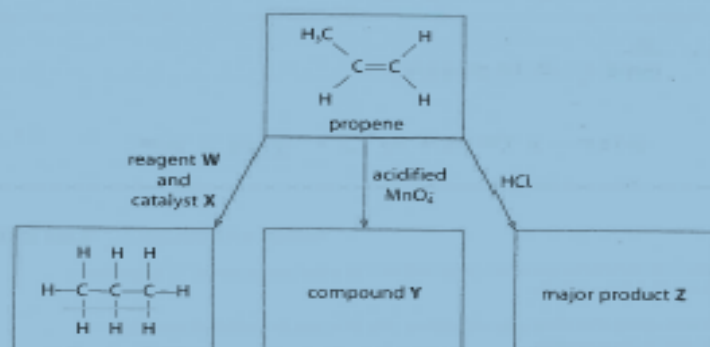
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>calculation of amount (mol) of <math>\text{Br}_2</math></li> <li>calculation of molecules of <math>\text{Br}_2</math></li> </ul>	Example of calculation: Amount of $\text{Br}_2 = \frac{2.00}{160} = 0.0125 \text{ (mol)}$ Molecules of $\text{Br}_2 = 0.0125 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 7.525 \times 10^{21}$ or Amount of $\text{Br}_2 = \frac{2.00}{(2 \times 79.9)} = 0.012516 \text{ (mol)}$ Molecules of $\text{Br}_2 = 0.012516 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 7.5344 \times 10^{21}$ TE on amount $\text{Br}_2$ Correct answer with no working scores both marks Ignore SF except 1 SF	2

Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conversion of volume to <math>\text{m}^3</math></li> <li>conversion of temperature to K</li> <li>rearrangement of expression</li> <li>evaluation to give n</li> </ul>	Example of calculation: Volume of bromine $= \frac{200}{1 \times 10^6} = 2.00 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3$ $77+273 = 350$ $1.51 \times 10^5 \times 2.00 \times 10^{-4} = n \times 8.31 \times 350$ TE on volume bromine $n = \frac{1.51 \times 10^5 \times 2.00 \times 10^{-4}}{8.31 \times 350}$ $n = 1.03834 \times 10^{-2}$ Ignore SF except 1SF Correct answer with no working scores full marks	4

## Question 2 – Exemplar 1

2 Alkenes contain a double bond between two carbon atoms.

(a) Some reactions of propene are shown.

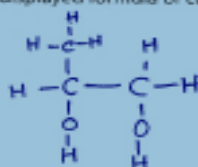


(i) Give the names of reagent W and catalyst X.

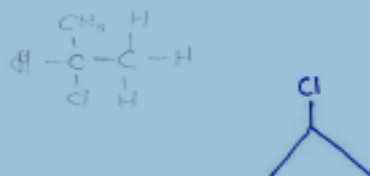
Reagent W Hydrogen

Catalyst X nickel

(ii) Draw the displayed formula of compound Y.



(iii) Draw the skeletal formula of the major product Z.

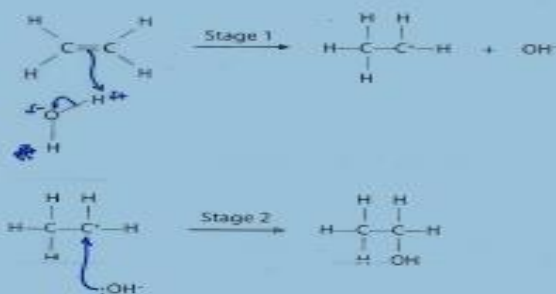




(b) Ethene reacts with steam in the presence of a catalyst to form ethanol.

The mechanism takes place in two stages.

- (i) Complete the simplified mechanism for the reaction by adding curly arrows and the relevant dipole.



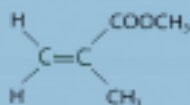
- (ii) Predict the shape of the intermediate ion with reference to the positively-charged carbon. Justify your answer.



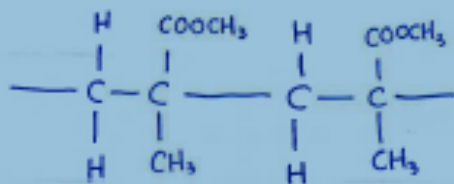
There are 3 bonding electron pairs around the central carbon atom, and there are no lone pairs of electrons, since there are only 3 electrons around the central carbon atom.

In order to minimise repulsion and maximise separation between the 3 electron pairs, the molecule should have a trigonal planar shape, with 120° angles between the bonds.

(c) Methyl 2-methylpropenoate has the structure:



Draw a section of the polymer formed from methyl 2-methylpropenoate, showing two repeat units.



### Examiner commentary. Question 2 – Exemplar 1

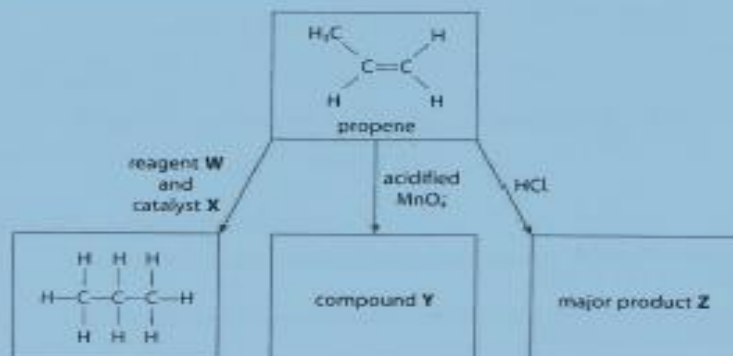
All correct and awarded full marks.



## Question 2 – Exemplar 2

2 Alkenes contain a double bond between two carbon atoms.

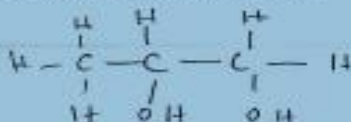
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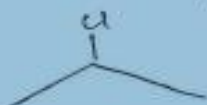
(i) Give the names of reagent W and catalyst X.

Reagent W  $\text{H}_2$   
Catalyst X Platinum

(ii) Draw the displayed formula of compound Y.



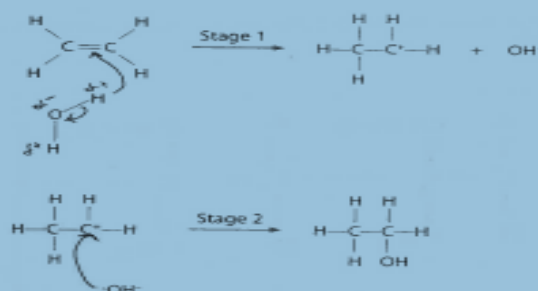
(iii) Draw the skeletal formula of the major product Z.



(b) Ethene reacts with steam in the presence of a catalyst to form ethanol.

The mechanism takes place in two stages.

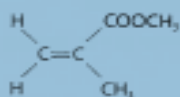
(i) Complete the simplified mechanism for the reaction by adding curly arrows and the relevant dipole.



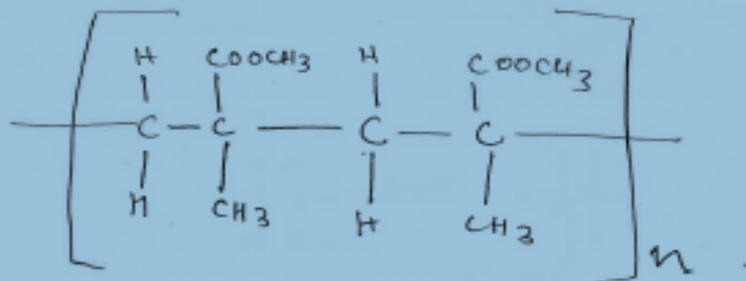
(ii) Predict the shape of the intermediate ion with reference to the positively-charged carbon. Justify your answer.

2, 4    2, 3     $\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}^+-\text{H}$   
Trigonal planar,  $\text{C}^+$  has only 3 bond pairs of electrons surrounding it. The bond pairs separate to points of minimum repulsion.

(c) Methyl 2-methylpropenoate has the structure:



Draw a section of the polymer formed from methyl 2-methylpropenoate, showing two repeat units.



### Examiner commentary

#### Question 2 – Exemplar 2

(a)(i), (ii) and (iii) correct

(b)(i) scores 3 marks – the only error is the direction of the arrow between the C=C and the positive hydrogen

(b)(ii) 3 marks as per the mark scheme

(c) Correct for 2 marks

## Mark scheme for Question 2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
23(a)(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> </li> </ul>	Allow OH  Do not allow C-H-O	1
23(a)(iii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> </li> </ul>		1

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
23(b)(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>correct dipole (<math>O^{\delta-} - H^{\delta+}</math>)</li> <li>curly arrow from <math>C=C</math> to H in <math>H_2O</math></li> <li>curly arrow from O-H bond to O</li> <li>curly arrow from lone pair on O of <math>OH^-</math> to <math>C^+</math></li> </ul>	Example of mechanism: 	4
23(b)(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>trigonal planar</li> <li>3 bond pairs/electron pairs (around the carbon atom)</li> <li>bond pairs/electron pairs arranged to minimise repulsion</li> </ul>	(1) Allow M1 and M2 shown on a diagram (1) Allow bond pairs/electron pairs as far apart as possible (1)	3

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
23(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 carbon backbone with continuation bonds</li> <li>all side chains correct</li> </ul>	(1) Example of polymer: (1) or  Allow $CO_2CH_3$ in side chains Allow $CH_3$ and $COOCH_3$ groups above or below the carbon chain Ignore square brackets and n Any structure with $C=C$ scores 0	2

## Question 3 – Exemplar 1

- 3 Ethanedioic acid is a solid diprotic acid. A student used ethanedioic acid in a titration to find the concentration of a potassium hydroxide solution.

The equation for the reaction is:



- (a) Calculate the mass of ethanedioic acid that should be used to make  $1000\text{ cm}^3$  of a  $0.0500\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  solution in water.

Give your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

[Molar mass of ethanedioic acid =  $90.0\text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ].

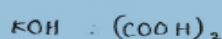
$$1 \times 0.05 = 0.5\text{ mol}$$

$$0.500 \times 90.0 = 45\text{ g}$$

- (b) A student decided to check to see if phenolphthalein was a suitable indicator for this titration. The student measured  $400\text{ cm}^3$  of the  $0.0500\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  ethanedioic acid into a beaker and added a few drops of phenolphthalein indicator.

Calculate the minimum mass of solid potassium hydroxide that should be added to produce a colour change.

$$400 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.05 = 0.02\text{ mol}$$



$$2 : 1$$

$$x : 0.02$$

$$x = 0.02 \times 2 = 0.04\text{ mol}$$

$$0.04 \times 56.1 = 2.244\text{ g}$$

- \*(c) A student used a  $0.0500\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  solution of ethanedioic acid to find an accurate concentration of a potassium hydroxide solution which was known to have an approximate concentration of  $0.1\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .

Describe a procedure to obtain reliable titration results using standard laboratory equipment.

- Add ethanedioic acid into a burette so that the meniscus lies on the zero
- Prepare 4 <sup>conical flasks each</sup> ~~same~~ beakers with  $50\text{ cm}^3$  of KOH
- Add phenolphthalein to the KOH
- ~~Have a rough~~
- Have a rough titration. Record the value at which solution goes from <sup>acid</sup> pink to colourless
- Add <sup>acid</sup> up to a point less than rough titre then <sup>add</sup> dropwise
- Close the tap at the exact moment colour change from pink to colourless
- Repeat <sup>3</sup> times
- Take concordant values and calculate the average

## Question 3 – Exemplar 1

- (a) 1 mark awarded as  $1 \times 0.05 = 0.05\text{ mol}$ , not 0.5  
 (b) Correct  
 (c) 3 marks awarded for the ideas of a rough titration, adding the potassium hydroxide dropwise and repeating to obtain concordant results. There is no mention of rinsing the burette and pipette with the solutions they will be measuring, making sure there are no air bubbles in the burette and using a pipette and pipette filler.

## Question 3 – Exemplar 2

Marks awarded – Q3a (2) – 1, Q3b (2) -2, Q3C (6) -6

Give your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

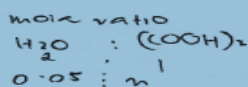
[Molar mass of ethanedioic acid =  $90.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ].

$$c = \frac{n}{V}$$

$$n = cV$$

$$= 0.05 \times \frac{1000}{1000}$$

$$= 0.05 \text{ mol}$$



$$2n = 0.05$$

$$n = \frac{0.05}{2}$$

$$= 0.025 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{mass} = n \times M_r$$

$$= 0.025 \times [12 \times 2 + 16 \times 2 + 1 \times 2]$$

$$= 2.25 \text{ g}$$

(b) A student decided to check to see if phenolphthalein was a suitable indicator for this titration. The student measured  $400 \text{ cm}^3$  of the  $0.0500 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  ethanedioic acid into a beaker and added a few drops of phenolphthalein indicator.

Calculate the minimum mass of solid potassium hydroxide that should be added to produce a colour change.

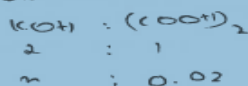
$$c = \frac{n}{V}$$

$$n = cV$$

$$= 0.05 \times \frac{1000}{1000}$$

$$= 0.025 \text{ mol}$$

mole ratio



$$n = 0.02 \times 2$$

$$= 0.04$$

$$\text{mass} = n \times M_r$$

$$= 0.04 \times (39.1 + 16 + 1)$$

$$= 2.24 \text{ g}$$

wash the burette with distilled water and then with a little of  $\text{KOH}$ . place a funnel on top of the burette and add the  $\text{KOH}$  acid. Open the tap and allow some of the  $\text{KOH}$  acid to run out. This makes sure that there are no air bubbles in the stem of the burette and ensures that the delivery jet is filled with the  $\text{KOH}$  acid. Wash the pipette with distilled water. Wash the pipette with distilled water and then with a little bit of the  $\text{KOH}$  acid using a pipette filler. Fill the pipette with  $\text{KOH}$  acid until the meniscus is on the mark of the pipette. Hold the conical flask at an angle and allow the  $\text{KOH}$  acid to drain along the wall of the conical flask. Add a few drops of phenolphthalein to the conical flask. Add the solution in the beaker to the conical flask until the colour of phenolphthalein changes and note the final volume. This is an approximate titre. Empty contents of the beaker, and wash thoroughly. Repeat the procedure but this time add the  $\text{KOH}$  acid slowly when the colour starts to change. And finally dropwise. Make sure you constantly swirl. Repeat the same procedure until concordant readings are obtained.

## Mark scheme for Question 3

Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
	Example of calculation:	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>calculation of number of moles</li> </ul>	(1) $0.0500 \text{ cm}^3 (\times 1000 \div 1000) = 0.0500 \text{ (mol)}$	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>evaluation to 2/3 SF</li> </ul>	(1) $(0.0500 \times 90.0) = 4.50 \text{ (g)}$	

Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
An answer that make reference to the following points:	Example of calculation:	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>moles of ethanedioic acid</li> </ul>	(1) Moles acid = $400 \times 0.0500 \div 1000 = 2.00 \times 10^{-2}$	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>moles of potassium hydroxide and mass of potassium hydroxide.</li> </ul>	(1) Moles KOH = $2.00 \times 10^{-2} \times 2 = 4.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol}$ $4.00 \times 10^{-2} \times 56.1 = 2.24(4) \text{ g}$  Correct answer with no working scores 2 Ignore SF except 1 SF	

Answer	Additional guidance	Mark																				
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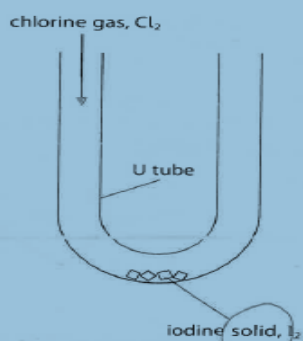
Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<p>Indicative points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>rinse glassware with appropriate solutions</li> <li>fill the burette with potassium hydroxide solution, ensuring there are no air bubbles</li> <li>use a pipette and pipette filler to transfer <math>25.0 \text{ cm}^3 / 10 \text{ cm}^3</math> of acid to a conical flask</li> <li>(add indicator to the acid in the conical flask and) carry out a range finder/rough titration</li> <li>add potassium hydroxide drop by drop near the end point</li> <li>repeat titrations until concordant/within <math>\pm 0.2 \text{ cm}^3</math>.</li> </ul>	<p>Do not award just 'rinse with distilled water'. Alternative IP 2 to 5 if acid (solution) used in burette:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fill the burette with (ethanedioic) acid solution, ensuring there are no air bubbles</li> <li>use a pipette and pipette filler to transfer <math>25.0 \text{ cm}^3</math> of potassium hydroxide solution to a conical flask</li> <li>(add indicator to the potassium hydroxide in the conical flask and) carry out a range finder/rough titration</li> <li>add (ethanedioic) acid drop by drop near the end point.</li> </ul>	



## Question 4 – Exemplar 1

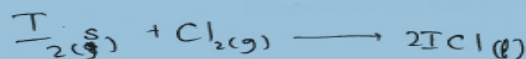
- 4 Iodine monochloride, ICl, is a covalent compound produced by the reaction of iodine with chlorine. Iodine monochloride is a dark brown liquid at room temperature.

The equipment shown can be used to pass chlorine over solid iodine to produce iodine monochloride.



When excess chlorine is passed through the U tube, the iodine monochloride reacts to produce iodine trichloride in an equilibrium reaction.

- (a) Write a chemical equation for the reaction of iodine with chlorine to produce iodine monochloride. Include state symbols.



- (b) The iodine monochloride molecule has a permanent dipole. Complete the following table using the electronegativity data from your Data Booklet and hence show the dipole on the diagram of the iodine monochloride molecule.

Element	Electronegativity
Cl	
I	



- (c) Iodine monochloride reacts with propene to form two isomeric products. This is an addition reaction that is similar to the reaction of propene with hydrogen halides.

- (i) Draw the skeletal formulae of both isomers.



- (ii) Explain which of these isomers is the major product.

Since the secondary carbocation is more stable, the iodine attaches to the carbon atom the more hydrogens. ∴ the major product is 2-chloro-1-iodopropane.

### Examiner commentary

#### Question 4 – Exemplar 1

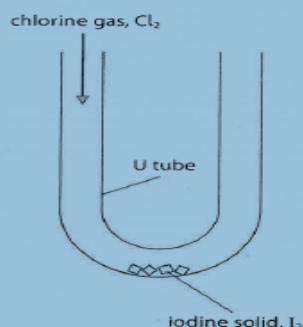
- (a) Correct  
 (b) Not attempted  
 (c) (i) Correct  
 (c) (ii) 2 marks awarded for the major product and the secondary carbocation is more stable (than the primary carbocation). The answer would need to refer to the  $\delta+$  on iodine and that it is attacked by the  $\pi$  electrons in propene for the third mark.



## Question 4 – Exemplar 2

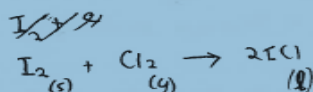
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When excess chlorine is passed through the U tube, the iodine monochloride reacts to produce iodine trichloride in an equilibrium reaction.

- (a) Write a chemical equation for the reaction of iodine with chlorine to produce iodine monochloride. Include state symbols.



(2)

- (b) The iodine monochloride molecule has a permanent dipole. Complete the following table using the electronegativity data from your Data Booklet and hence show the dipole on the diagram of the iodine monochloride molecule.

	Element	Electronegativity
20	Cl	3.0
215	I	2.5

$\begin{array}{c} +\delta \quad -\delta \\ \text{I} - \text{Cl} \end{array}$

(3)

- (c) Iodine monochloride reacts with propene to form two isomeric products. This is an addition reaction that is similar to the reaction of propene with hydrogen halides.

- (i) Draw the skeletal formulae of both isomers.



(2)

- (ii) Explain which of these isomers is the major product.

This 1-Iodo-2-Chloropropane is the major product as the Iodine which has a  $+\delta$  charge gets added to the carbon which it has the most hydrogen atoms already attached to.

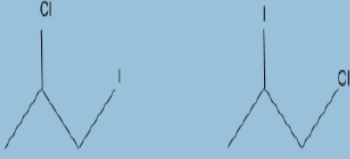
(3)

### Examiner commentary Question 4 – Exemplar 2

(a) (b) and (c)(i) all correct

(c)(ii) The correct isomer has been identified so 1 mark awarded. The student has realised that iodine has the slight positive charge but has not followed this by stating that it will be attacked by the pi electrons in the C=C bond, so misses out on the second mark.

## Mark scheme for Question 4

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
23(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>balanced equation</li> <li>all states correct</li> </ul>	(1) $\text{I}_2(\text{s}) + \text{Cl}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{ICl}(\text{l})$ (1) Accept multiples	2
23(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>correct electronegativity values and correct dipole diagram</li> </ul>	Cl = 3.0 and I = 2.5 $\delta^+ \text{I} - \text{Cl} \delta^-$ Do not award full charges	1
23(c)(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 mark each correct formula</li> </ul>	 <p>Allow 1 mark for 2 correct non-skeletal formulae</p>	2

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
23(c)(ii)	An explanation that makes reference to the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identification of correct isomer</li> <li>iodine is <math>\delta^+</math> and is attacked by the <math>\pi</math> electrons</li> <li>more stable secondary carbocation formed.</li> </ul>	(1) 2-chloro-1-iodopropane (1) (1)	3

## Question 5 – Exemplar 1

- 5 A class of students carried out experiments to determine the value of  $x$  in the formula of hydrated sodium carbonate,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Hydrated sodium carbonate was heated until no more water of crystallisation remained. Anhydrous sodium carbonate,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , was formed.



The students were given the following instructions:

- weigh a sample of the hydrated sodium carbonate in a pre-weighed crucible
- heat the crucible containing the sample to remove the water of crystallisation
- allow the crucible to cool and then reweigh the crucible.

A student's results are shown in Table 3.

- (a) Complete Table 3.

Measurement	Value / g
Mass of crucible empty	19.36
Mass of crucible + hydrated sodium carbonate	26.06
Mass of crucible + anhydrous sodium carbonate	21.98
Mass of hydrated sodium carbonate	6.70
Mass of anhydrous sodium carbonate	2.62
Mass of water removed	4.08

Table 3

- (b) (i) Calculate the number of moles of water removed on heating the hydrated sodium carbonate.

$$\text{moles} = \frac{4.08}{18} = 0.227 \text{ mol}$$

- (ii) Calculate the number of moles of anhydrous sodium carbonate,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , formed after heating.

$$\text{moles} = \frac{2.62}{106} = 0.0247 \text{ mol}$$

- (iii) Use your answers from (b)(i) and (b)(ii) to calculate the value of  $x$ . Give your answer to three significant figures.

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{H}_2\text{O} & : & \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \\ 0.227 & : & 0.0247 \\ 9.17 & : & 1 \end{array} \quad \boxed{x = 9.17}$$

- (c) Each use of the balance to find a mass reading in the table has a maximum uncertainty of  $\pm 0.005$  g.

Calculate the percentage error in the measurement of the mass of the crucible and hydrated sodium carbonate (26.06 g) before heating.

$$0.005 \times 2 = \frac{0.01}{26.06} \times 100$$

$$= 0.0384 \%$$

(d) The Data Book value for  $x$  is 10.

One student obtained a value for  $x$  of 8.63 and another student obtained a value for  $x$  of 10.79.

Explain the practical errors that could have led to each of these values.

The value for  $x$  of 10.79 could have been because some salt of the salt would have been escaped from the crucible during heating. This would have given a lower mass of anhydrous salt <sup>being</sup> collected at the end of the experiment, which would have led to a value of  $x$  that is higher than the actual value. The value for  $x$  of 8.63 could have been because not all of the water escaped from the sodium carbonate. This would have led to an increase in the mass of anhydrous salt, which would have decreased the value of  $x$ , since the number of moles of the anhydrous sodium carbonate would have increased and the number of moles of water would have decreased.

(e) Devise an experiment involving a titration that could be used to determine the value of  $x$  in  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

List the essential steps in the practical procedure.

You are not expected to explain how the data is used to calculate  $x$ .

To determine  $x$ , weigh a fixed mass of hydrated sodium carbonate in a fixed volume of water to form an alkaline solution. Slowly add phenolphthalein indicator to the solution. Fill a burette with the hydrochloric acid of a fixed concentration and titrate the sodium carbonate with the hydrochloric acid till the solution turns <sup>pale</sup> pink. Calculate the value of  $x$  by number of moles of HCl required to neutralize the salt  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ .

### Examiner commentary

#### Question 5 – Exemplar 1

(a) , (b)(i), (b)(ii), (b)(iii) and (c) Correct

(d) 3 marks awarded. Both marks are awarded for explaining why 10.79 is too high and 1 mark for the ideas that not all of the water has evaporated to explain 8.63. Another mark would be scored for a reason for this, e.g. it wasn't heated for long enough

(e) 3 marks awarded. The only marking point missing is to repeat the titration to obtain concordant titres.

## Question 5 – Exemplar 2

- 5 A class of students carried out experiments to determine the value of  $x$  in the formula of hydrated sodium carbonate,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Hydrated sodium carbonate was heated until no more water of crystallisation remained. Anhydrous sodium carbonate,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , was formed.



The students were given the following instructions:

- weigh a sample of the hydrated sodium carbonate in a pre-weighed crucible
- heat the crucible containing the sample to remove the water of crystallisation
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Table 3

- (b) (i) Calculate the number of moles of water removed on heating the hydrated sodium carbonate.

$$n = \frac{m}{M}$$

$$= \frac{4.08}{18} = 0.227 \text{ mol}$$

- (ii) Calculate the number of moles of anhydrous sodium carbonate,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , formed after heating.

$$n = \frac{m}{M}$$

$$= \frac{2.62}{106} = 0.0247 \text{ mol}$$

- (iii) Use your answers from (b)(i) and (b)(ii) to calculate the value of  $x$ . Give your answer to **three** significant figures.

$$x = \frac{0.227}{0.0247}$$

$$x = 9.19$$

- (c) **Each** use of the balance to find a mass reading in the table has a maximum uncertainty of  $\pm 0.005$  g.

Calculate the percentage error in the measurement of the mass of the crucible and hydrated sodium carbonate (26.06 g) before heating.

$$\% \text{ error} = \frac{\text{total uncertainty}}{\text{measured value}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{0.005 \times 2}{26.06} \times 100$$

$$= 0.0384\%$$

(d) The Data Book value for  $x$  is 10.

One student obtained a value for  $x$  of 8.63 and another student obtained a value for  $x$  of 10.79.

Explain the practical errors that could have led to each of these values.

For the student who obtained  $x = 8.63$ , the student may not have successfully evaporated all of the water of crystallization. Therefore the mass measured of anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  may have been large therefore giving a smaller value of  $x$  than the data booklet.

For the student who obtained  $x = 10.79$ , may have lost some of the hydrated  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  due to a transfer loss, therefore the mass value of mass of anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  would decrease therefore giving a value of  $x$  larger than the one in the data booklet.

(e) Devise an experiment involving a titration that could be used to determine the value of  $x$  in  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

List the essential steps in the practical procedure.

You are not expected to explain how the data is used to calculate  $x$ .

### Examiner commentary

#### Question 5 – Exemplar 2

(a), (b) and (c) all correct

(d) Line 2 scores a mark for the idea that not enough water has been removed and line 6 scores a mark for the idea that some extra material has been lost. To gain more credit the student would have to discuss a reason for the insufficient water loss and be more precise about where the material was lost from.

(e) Not attempted



## Question 5 – Exemplar 3

- 5 A class of students carried out experiments to determine the value of  $x$  in the formula of hydrated sodium carbonate,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Hydrated sodium carbonate was heated until no more water of crystallisation remained. Anhydrous sodium carbonate,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , was formed.



The students were given the following instructions:

- weigh a sample of the hydrated sodium carbonate in a pre-weighed crucible
- heat the crucible containing the sample to remove the water of crystallisation
- allow the crucible to cool and then reweigh the crucible.

A student's results are shown in Table 3.

- (a) Complete Table 3.

Measurement	Value / g
Mass of crucible empty	19.36
Mass of crucible + hydrated sodium carbonate	26.06
Mass of crucible + anhydrous sodium carbonate	21.98
Mass of hydrated sodium carbonate	6.7
Mass of anhydrous sodium carbonate	2.62
Mass of water removed	4.08

Table 3

- (b) (i) Calculate the number of moles of water removed on heating the hydrated sodium carbonate.

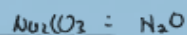
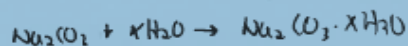
$$n = \frac{m}{M_m} = \frac{4.08}{18} = 0.2266$$

$$= 0.227 \text{ mol}$$

- (ii) Calculate the number of moles of anhydrous sodium carbonate,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , formed after heating.

$$n = \frac{m}{M_m} = \frac{2.62}{106} = 0.0247 \text{ mol}$$

- (iii) Use your answers from (b)(i) and (b)(ii) to calculate the value of  $x$ . Give your answer to three significant figures.



$$\frac{0.227}{0.0247} : \frac{0.0247}{0.0247}$$

$$9.19 : 1$$

$$x = 9.19$$

- (c) Each use of the balance to find a mass reading in the table has a maximum uncertainty of  $\pm 0.005 \text{ g}$ .

Calculate the percentage error in the measurement of the mass of the crucible and hydrated sodium carbonate (26.06 g) before heating.

$$\% \text{ error} = \frac{0.005}{26.06} \times 100$$

$$= 0.0384\%$$

$$= 0.0192\%$$



(d) The Data Book value for  $x$  is 10.

One student obtained a value for  $x$  of 8.63 and another student obtained a value for  $x$  of 10.79.

Explain the practical errors that could have led to each of these values.

(4)

Handling losses during transfer could have decreased the value of  $x$  to 8.63.

There could have also been zero error on the balance which results in a higher value of  $x$ . Not all the water would have been evaporated when heated therefore this could have decreased the value of  $x$  as the mass of water removed is less so the number of moles reduces.

(e) Devise an experiment involving a titration that could be used to determine the value of  $x$  in  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

List the essential steps in the practical procedure.

You are not expected to explain how the data is used to calculate  $x$ .

(4)

Fill the burette with  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ .

Then pipette out  $10.00\text{ cm}^3$  of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and add it into a conical flask. Add a few drops of phenolphthalein into the solution. Add the acid into the alkaline dropwise and note down the volume required for phenolphthalein to turn from colourless to pink.

### Examiner commentary Question 5 – Exemplar 3

(a) 1 mark awarded for 2 correct values. The mass of hydrated sodium carbonate should be 6.70 to match the 2 d.p. for all the other masses in the table.

(b) all correct

(c) No credit given as student has not noticed the balance is used twice to find the mass of carbonate.

(d) The student has linked the lower value of  $x$  to insufficient water removal, so scores 1 mark. To gain more credit the student will have to consider why all the water has not been removed, as well as discuss errors linked to the higher value of  $x$ .

(e) A very brief outline of the process is described but only the choice of an indicator scores a mark. To gain further credit the student needs to think about the quantitative nature of the solutions required and the need for concordant results.

## Mark scheme for Question 5

Answer		Additional guidance	Mark						
<table><tr><td>mass of hydrated sodium carbonate</td><td>6.70</td></tr><tr><td>mass of anhydrous sodium carbonate</td><td>2.62</td></tr><tr><td>mass of water removed / g</td><td>4.08</td></tr></table>		mass of hydrated sodium carbonate	6.70	mass of anhydrous sodium carbonate	2.62	mass of water removed / g	4.08	Do not award 6.7	2
mass of hydrated sodium carbonate	6.70								
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mass of water removed / g	4.08								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>all 3 numbers correct</li></ul>									
		(2) Any 1 or 2 correct	(1)						
Answer		Additional guidance	Mark						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>calculation of moles of water</li></ul>		Example of calculation:  $\frac{4.08}{18} = 0.22666667 \text{ (mol)}$  Ignore SF except 1 TE on mass of water in table	1						
Answer		Additional guidance	Mark						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>calculation of relative formula mass of <math>\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3</math></li><li>calculation of moles of <math>\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3</math></li></ul>		Example of calculation:  106  $= \frac{2.62}{106} = 0.02471698 \text{ (mol)}$  Ignore SF except 1 SF TE on mass of $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	2						

Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>calculation of X</li> <li>answer to 3 SF</li> </ul>	Example of calculation:  $= \frac{\text{answer to 4(b)(i)}}{\text{answer to 4(b)(ii)}} = \frac{0.22666667}{0.02471698} (= 9.17048)$  9.17	2
Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>calculation of percentage uncertainty</li> </ul>	Example of calculation:  $\frac{2 \times 0.0005}{26.06} \times 100 = (\pm)0.0384(\%)$  Ignore SF	1
Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
An explanation that makes reference to:		4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8.63 is too low because not enough water has been removed</li> <li>because it's not been heated long/strongly enough</li> <li>10.79 is too high because apparently too much water has been removed/some extra material has been lost</li> <li>because solid has been lost from the crucible.</li> </ul>	(1) Accept hydrated sodium carbonate has lost water in storage  (1)  (1) Ignore reference to impurities in the sodium carbonate  (1) Do not award measurement errors	

Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
An answer that makes reference to:		4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>dissolve known mass of solid to form a known volume of solution</li> <li>titrate with hydrochloric acid solution of known concentration</li> <li>use of methyl orange indicator (and colour change)</li> <li>repeat to obtain concordant titre values.</li> </ul>	(1) Accept prepare a solution of sodium carbonate of known concentration  (1) Allow sulfuric/nitric acid  (1) Allow use of phenolphthalein Do not award: use of litmus or UI  (1) Allow within 0.2 cm <sup>3</sup>	