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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Question number	Answer	Notes	Marks								
1 (a)	M1 • _____ proton M2 o _____ neutron M3 x _____ electron	must be in the right order if proton and neutron in wrong order allow one mark for M1 & M2.	3								
(b)	<table border="1"><tr><td>mass number</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td>group number</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>period number</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>electronic configuration</td><td>2,3</td></tr></table>	mass number	11	group number	3	period number	2	electronic configuration	2,3		4
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(c)	boron	ALLOW B	1								
			Total 8								

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2 (a) (i)	D (D) <i>A is incorrect as this is Groups 1 and 2</i> <i>B is incorrect as this is not in Groups 1 and 2</i> <i>C is incorrect as these all have higher melting points</i>		1
(ii)	A (A) <i>B is incorrect as these do not have two electrons in the outer shell</i> <i>C is incorrect as these do not have two electrons in the outer shell</i> <i>D is incorrect as these do not have two electrons in the outer shell</i>		1
(iii)	A (A) <i>B is incorrect as this is not in Group 1</i> <i>C is incorrect as these do not fit all the properties of Z</i> <i>D is incorrect as these are all non-metals</i>		1
(b)	(neon) has a full / complete <u>outer</u> shell (of electrons)	ALLOW maximum number of electrons in the <u>valence</u> shell / <u>outer</u> shell contains 8 electrons / full <u>outer</u> energy level	1
(c) (i)	sodium / rubidium / caesium / francium	ALLOW symbol (ignore case)	1
(ii)	M1 the metals / they are all in group 1 / same group M2 all the metals have one electron on their outer shell / they all have the same number of electrons in their outer shell M3 all the metals must lose (the electron on the outer shell)	ALLOW reverse argument throughout REJECT same electronic configuration ALLOW one valence electron / highest energy level for equivalents to outer shell IGNORE formation of a 1 ⁺ ion	3
			Total 8

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3 (a)	An explanation that links the following two points M1 ink would dissolve in the solvent/pencil would not dissolve in the solvent M2 ink would travel/run/smudge/produce spots on the chromatogram which would interfere with the results/ pencil would not produce spots on the chromatogram so would not interfere with the results OWTTE	ALLOW ink is soluble/pencil is insoluble ALLOW unable to calculate R_f value	2
(b)	An explanation that links the following two points M1 X and Z M2 as they both have a dye that travelled the furthest up the paper	M2 dep on M1	2
(c)	An explanation that links the following three points M1 (W contains only one dye) produces only one spot M2 V is insoluble/not soluble M3 (V may contain more than one dye) as it has not moved (from the start line)/not separated		3
(d)	M1 measurement to spot W = 2.8 cm/ 28 mm or 2.9cm/ 29mm M2 measurement to solvent front = 8.5 cm/ 85 mm M3 (R_f value =) $\frac{2.8}{8.5}$ OR $\frac{2.9}{8.5}$ more than 2 sig figs M4 0.33/0.34	ALLOW within range of 2.8-2.9 cm ALLOW ecf on incorrect measurements in M1 and M2 ALLOW ecf corrected to 2 sig figs	4
			Total 11

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4 (a)	Method 1 A suitable method to include the following: M1 measure a specific volume of HCl into the test tube (using a measuring cylinder) / use same volume of HCl / same amount of HCl M2 use the same concentration of HCl M3 measure the starting temperature of the HCl M4 use a balance to measure the mass (of the metal) M5 add a specific mass of metal to the test tube / use same mass of metal / same amount of metal M6 measure the maximum / final temperature in the test tube M7 calculate / find / compare the temperature change M8 magnesium should have the highest temperature change, iron the lowest temperature change Method 2 - only to be used if thermometer not used A suitable method to include the following: M1 measure a specific volume of HCl into the test tube (using a measuring cylinder) / use same volume of HCl / same amount of HCl M2 use the same concentration of HCl M3 use a balance to measure the mass (of the metal) M4 add a specific mass of metal to the test tube / use same mass of metal / same amount of metal M5 observe fizzing / bubbles (in the test tube) M6 measure the height of the bubbles M7 magnesium should have the most bubbles / fizzing, iron the lowest bubbles / fizzing	ALLOW any sensible volume eg 5cm³ ALLOW any sensible mass eg 2g / 1 spatula ALLOW correct order of reactivity ALLOW any sensible volume eg 5cm³ ALLOW any sensible mass eg 2g / 1 spatula ALLOW correct order of reactivity	6
(b)	$\text{Mg} + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{MgCl}_2 + \text{H}_2$ M1 for correct formulae M2 for correct balancing for correct formulae	M2 is dependent on M1	2

		ALLOW correct multiples	
(c)	magnesium (C) <i>A is incorrect as copper is a transition metal</i> <i>B is incorrect as iron is a transition metal</i> <i>D is incorrect as zinc is a transition metal</i>		1
			Total 9

	Answer	Notes	Marks
5 (a)	M1 butane contains hydrogen/H and carbon/C (atoms) M2 only M3 and contains only single bonds	REJECT hydrogen and carbon molecules for M1 M2 dep on hydrogen and carbon ACCEPT does not contain double bonds/multiple bonds	3
(b) (i)	$2\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10} + 13\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 8\text{CO}_2 + 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ M1 all formulae correct M2 balancing of correct formulae	ALLOW multiples and fractions	2
(ii)	carbon	ALLOW soot / C ALLOW water / water vapour / steam	1
(iii)	carbon monoxide reduces the capacity of blood to transport oxygen OWTTE	ACCEPT correct references to haemoglobin ALLOW produces carboxyhaemoglobin	1
(c) (i)	M1 isomers have the same molecular formula M2 but different structural/displayed formulae	ALLOW same number of carbons and hydrogens ALLOW different arrangement of atoms	2
(ii)	M1 <pre> H H H H H — C — C — C — C — H H H H H </pre> M2 <pre> H H H H — C — C — C — H H H — C — H H </pre>	Must show all bonds for both M1 and M2	2
Total 11			

Question number	Answer	Notes	Marks
6 (a)	M1 Mr of $N_2 = 28$ M2 $n = 70 \div 28$ M3 2.5	Answer of 2.5 scores 3 marks with or without working ALLOW ECF from M1	3
(b)	M1 $14 + (1 \times 3)$ M2 17	Answer of 17 scores 2 marks with or without working ALLOW 15 or 10 for 1 mark	2
(c) (i)	M1 conversion tonnes to kg $5.10 \times 1000 = 5100$ M2 $5100 \div 17 = 300$ M3 $(300 \div 2) \times 3 = 450$ M4 $450 \times 2 = 900$ M5 9.0×10^2 (kg)	Answer of 9.0×10^2 scores 5 marks with or without working Conversion from tonnes to kg can take place at any point ALLOW ECF throughout	5
(ii)	M1 $(3.65 \div 5.10) \times 100$ M2 71.56862745 M3 71.6	Answer of 71.6 scores 3 marks with or without working ACCEPT any evaluation to 1 decimal place for 1 mark	3
			Total 13

