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CHY3F Unit 3 Chemistry

Mark Scheme

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MARK SCHEME

Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the Examiner make his or her judgement and help to delineate what is acceptable or not worthy of credit or, in discursive answers, to give an overview of the area in which a mark or marks may be awarded.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent.

2. Emboldening

- 2.1 In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available 'any **two** from' is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following lines is a potential mark.
- **2.2** A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.
- 2.3 Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of or. (Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a /; eg allow smooth / free movement.)

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which candidates have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that 'right + wrong = wrong'.

Each error/contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of error/contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution? (1 mark)

Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	4,8	0
2	green, 5	0
3	red*, 5	1
4	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system. (2 marks)

Candidate	Response	Marks awarded
1	Pluto, Mars, Moon	1
2	Pluto, Sun, Mars,	0
	Moon	

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a candidate writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, full credit can be given if the symbol / formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

Full marks can be given for a correct numerical answer, as shown in the column 'answers', without any working shown.

However if the answer is incorrect, mark(s) can be gained by correct substitution / working and this is shown in the 'extra information' column;

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.5 Errors carried forward

Any error in the answers to a structured question should be penalised once only.

Papers should be constructed in such a way that the number of times errors can be carried forward are kept to a minimum. Allowances for errors carried forward are most likely to be restricted to calculation questions and should be shown by the abbreviation e.c.f. in the marking scheme.

3.6 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.7 Brackets

(....) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

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question	answers	extra information	mark
1 (a)(i)	27.0 – 25.9 or 25.9 – 27.0 or 1.1		1
1 (a)(ii)	С		1
1 (b)(i)	will damage / destroy / dissolve / corrode / erode the coin	accept coin will lose its value	1
	corrode / erode the com	ignore burns the coin	
1 (b)(ii)	only a very small amount is used or accurate / sensitive / rapid method	allow quick / easy / precise / reliable allow doesn't damage the coin	1
	The state of the s	or coin doesn't lose value or coin doesn't lose any silver ignore safe	
Total			4

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question	answers	extra information	mark
2 (a)(i)	floated / (moved on) surface	accept does not sink	1
		ignore it melted	
2 (a)(ii)	melted / molten	ignore heat is given off	1
2 (a)(iii)	hydrogen	allow H ₂	1
2 (b)(i)	potassium / rubidium / caesium / francium	accept: K / Rb / Cs / Fr	1
2 (b)(ii)	they are metals		1
	they form ions with a 1+ charge		1
2 (c)(i)	atomic weight		1
2 (c)(ii)	similar		1
2 (c)(iii)	groups		1
2 (d)	left gaps owtte		1
Total			10

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question	answers	extra information	mark
3 (a)(i)	(hydrochloric) acid		1
	carbon dioxide		1
	limewater		1
3 (a)(ii)	sodium hydroxide		1
	ammonia		1
	litmus		1
3 (b)	no distinctive colour (flame) owtte	allow: not a metal (ion)	1
		accept flame tests only identify single elements	
Total			7

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question	answers	extra information	mark
4 (a)(i)	fats		1
4 (a)(ii)	100	accept 4 ×25	1
4 (a)(iii)	kilojoules		1
4 (b)(i)	chips contain fat / oil		1
	fat / oil has high energy content		1
4 (b)(ii)	(could lead to) obesity / high cholesterol / heart disease / clogs arteries	allow gains weight etc. ignore any reference to fat ignore veins	1
Total			6

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question	answers	extra information	mark
5 (a)	contains (large amounts of) dissolved solids / difficult to remove dissolved solids	allow salty / too much salt allow sea water makes you thirsty / vomit allow polluted / untreated / contaminated	1
5 (b)	filtered: removes solids / removes insoluble material / dirt	ignore large objects	1
	chlorine: kills/destroy bacteria/microbes/ germs etc	allow disinfect / sterilise or gets rid of bacteria ignore purify / clean	1
Total			3

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question	answers	extra information	mark
6 (a)(i)	hydrogen / H ⁺ / H ⁺ (aq)	allow H ₃ O ⁺ (aq)	1
		ignore H alone	
6 (a)(ii)	any valid test		1
	linked comparison	NB titration = 0	1
	eg magnesium or any (named) carbonate	allow zinc / iron do not allow calcium or alkali metals	
	any one from:	independent mark	
	weak(er) acid: slower rate / fewer bubbles or less gas	allow converse for strong(er)	
	weak(er) acid longer for Mg to disappear		
	or		
	UI or pH paper / solution /	not litmus or any other paper	
	meter / full range indicator (1)		
	any one from: (1)	independent mark	
	weak(er) acid has higher pH	allow converse for strong(er) acid	
		pH values must be below 7	
	correct comparison of colours	ie strong = red / pink	
		weak = orange / yellow	
	or		
	conductivity test (1)		
	weak acid conducts less or bulb (1) less bright	allow converse for stronger	

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Question 6 continued...

question	answers	extra information	mark
6 (b)(i)	any two from eg:	any plausible answer	2
	nicotine kills people	allow it would save lives	
		allow it kills people	
	nicotine causes cancer / diseases		
	nicotine is harmful / dangerous	ignore references to pollution / passive smoking	
	nicotine is addictive		
	• cost to NHS		
6 (b)(ii)	any two from eg:	any sensible answer	2
	nicotinic acid / vitamin B3 / niacin has different properties to nicotine		
	• it is in many / listed foods or nicotine in food is not dangerous	ignore if you ban nicotine, nicotinic acid cannot be made	
	• more health risks to people /	ignore malnutrition	
	pellagra / diarrhoea / dermatitis / dementia / it will cause deaths or save lives	ignore just 'illness'	
	• it is a vitamin or important part of diet		
	tobacco raises money / taxes		
	human rights issues		
	can't give up straight away / are addicted to it or perceived benefit of smoking		
Total			7

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question	answers	extra information	mark
7(a)	reasonable smooth curve	do not allow straight lines joining dot to dot	1
		curve must extend from 0 and 30 °C	
7 (b)	solubility curve changes direction	allow solubility decreases (after 35 °C) or solubility goes up and down	1
7(c)	(experiments were) repeated	allow they were an average	1
7(d)	35	accept any value from 34 to 35	1
7(e)	14	accept any value from 13 to 15	1
7 (f)	27	correct answer = 2 marks	2
		accept 46 or 19 for 1 mark	
7 (g)	no more solid / gas can be dissolved	owtte allow unable to dissolve any more or no more can go into solution ignore absorbs	1
Total			8