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MARK SCHEME

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1: Marks must be awarded in line with: • the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question • the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question • the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.
GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2: Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).
GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3: Marks must be awarded **positively**: • marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate • marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do • marks are not deducted for errors • marks are not deducted for omissions • answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.
GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4: Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5: Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).
GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6: Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Science-Specific Marking Principles

1	Examiners should consider the context and scientific use of any keywords when awarding marks. Although keywords may be present, marks should not be awarded if the keywords are used incorrectly.
2	The examiner should not choose between contradictory statements given in the same question part, and credit should not be awarded for any correct statement that is contradicted within the same question part. Wrong science that is irrelevant to the question should be ignored.
3	Although spellings do not have to be correct, spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. ethane / ethene, glucagon / glycogen, refraction / reflection).
4	The error carried forward (ecf) principle should be applied, where appropriate. If an incorrect answer is subsequently used in a scientifically correct way, the candidate should be awarded these subsequent marking points. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.
5	<u>'List rule' guidance</u> For questions that require ***n*** responses (e.g. State **two** reasons …): - The response should be read as continuous prose, even when numbered answer spaces are provided. - Any response marked *ignore* in the mark scheme should not count towards ***n***. - Incorrect responses should not be awarded credit but will still count towards ***n***. - Read the entire response to check for any responses that contradict those that would otherwise be credited. Credit should **not** be awarded for any responses that are contradicted within the rest of the response. Where two responses contradict one another, this should be treated as a single incorrect response. - Non-contradictory responses after the first ***n*** responses may be ignored even if they include incorrect science.

6   Calculation specific guidance

     Correct answers to calculations should be given full credit even if there is no working or incorrect working, **unless** the question states 'show your working'.

     For questions in which the number of significant figures required is not stated, credit should be awarded for correct answers when rounded by the examiner to the number of significant figures given in the mark scheme. This may not apply to measured values.

     For answers given in standard form (e.g. $a \times 10^n$) in which the convention of restricting the value of the coefficient (a) to a value between 1 and 10 is not followed, credit may still be awarded if the answer can be converted to the answer given in the mark scheme.

     Unless a separate mark is given for a unit, a missing or incorrect unit will normally mean that the final calculation mark is not awarded. Exceptions to this general principle will be noted in the mark scheme.

7   Guidance for chemical equations

     Multiples / fractions of coefficients used in chemical equations are acceptable unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

     State symbols given in an equation should be ignored unless asked for in the question or stated otherwise in the mark scheme.

Mark scheme abbreviations

;	separates marking points
/	separates alternative responses for the same marking point
ecf	error carried forward
AVP	any valid point
ORA	or reverse argument
AW	alternative wording
underline	actual word given must be used by candidate (grammatical variants accepted)
( )	the word / phrase in brackets is not required but sets the context

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)(i)	temperature recorded and below 40 ;	1
1(a)(ii)	volume recorded for **E** ; volume recorded for **W** ; volume of **E** greater than **W** ;	3
1(a)(iii)	greater volume of juice produced / more juice produced (when enzyme is used) ;	1
1(a)(iv)	*any one from:* *is an error*: temperature decreases during the experiment / substances are mixed before being put in beaker of water ; *is **not** an error:* both test-tubes at same (initial) temperature / put under same conditions / same temperature water bath / change in temperature is the same for both ;	1
1(a)(v)	amount of apple puree is not measured / controlled / not the same AND use balance / scales / syringe / measuring cylinder / depth with ruler ;	1
1(b)	size – greater than half of available space ; quality – continuous outline around main part of apple ; detail – e.g. seeds at centre / stalk / detail at the bottom shown ;	3
1(c)(i)	correct measurement / 18 ± 1 (mm) ;	1
1(c)(ii)	correct calculation / 0.1125 mm ; answer to two significant figures / 0.11 mm ;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	time recorded to nearest second ;	1
2(a)(ii)	one other time recorded ; all four times recorded ; all times are approximately equal ;	3
2(a)(iii)	all rates calculated ;	1
2(b)(i)	*y*-axis labelled rate (of reaction) in mm / s AND *x*-axis labelled length (of magnesium) in mm ; suitable linear scales so that points occupy more than half the grid ; plots correct ± ½ small square ;	3
2(b)(ii)	appropriate line of best fit drawn ;	1
2(b)(iii)	as length (of magnesium) increases so does the rate (of reaction) ;	1
2(c)	to ensure both sides of magnesium react (with the acid) / to ensure all of the surface reacts (with the acid) / to keep all of magnesium in contact with the acid ;	1
2(d)	idea that it is difficult to judge, when to stop timing / when all the magnesium has disappeared / when the reaction has finished ;	1
2(e)	there is still, solid / magnesium ribbon, remaining ;	1

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	$i = 65°$;	1
3(b)(i)	P_1 and P_2 on line **AY** AND distance at least 5.0 cm apart ;	1
3(b)(ii)	P_3 and P_4 in approximately correct positions ;	1
3(c)	line P_3P_4 meets line **XZ** within 5 mm of point **Y** ; θ correctly shown on diagram ; θ in range 20° to 30° ;	3
3(d)	*any one from:* difficulty in, lining up pins / inserting pins vertically ; pins / pencil lines, have (non-zero) thickness ; thickness of mirror ;	1

Question	Answer	Marks
4	*one mark from each section and any two other marking points* **1 apparatus** thermometer AND stop-watch / stop-clock / timer ; water bath / insulation for beaker of apple juice / insulated container / balance to measure ice / measuring cylinder to measure apple juice ; **2 method** use (apple) <u>juice</u> at two (or more) temperatures AND add ice ; do the experiment for at least five different temperature values ; start timer when ice cube(s) added AND stop when ice-cube(s) melt / start timer when ice cube(s) added AND measure time taken to melt <u>;</u> **3 control variables** at different temperatures use the same, shape / size / number / mass / weight / surface area, of ice cube(s) ; at different temperatures use the same volume of apple juice (every time) / do all experiments with a stated volume of apple juice (e.g. $20\,cm^3$) ; **4 table** (table with) rows and columns with headings of (initial) temperature (of apple juice) AND time (to melt) ; (table with) appropriate units for each quantity ; **5 conclusion** take averages of repeated experiments (at the same temperature) / repeat and exclude anomalous results (at the same temperature) ; plot graph of time (vertical axis) against temperature (horizontal axis) ;	**7**