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Generic Marking Principles

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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.

Question	Answer			
1(a)(i)	spatula			
1(a)(ii)	Bunsen (burner)	1		
1(b)	solid remains / ZnO stops dissolving / reacting	1		
1(c)(i)	more than enough to react	1		
1(c)(ii)	filtration / filter			
1(d)	heat / evaporate solution	1		
	to crystallising point / until saturated	1		
	leave to cool	1		
1(e)	heating / warming not necessary (in step 1)	1		

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	table of results	2
	time boxes completed	1
	20, 34, 68, 98 in seconds	
2(b)	appropriate scale for y-axis	1
	all points plotted correctly	1
	best fit smooth line graph between plotted points	1
2(c)	extrapolation shown clearly	1
	value from graph	1
	unit s	1
2(d)(i)	(length) is a control variable	1
2(d)(ii)	times / results would be lower / smaller / less (because less magnesium is used)	1
2(e)	apparatus: M1 gas syringe / measuring cylinder over water	1
	measurement 1: M2 volume of gas	1
	measurement 2: M3 time	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(f)(i)	exothermic / redox / displacement	1
2(f)(ii)	hydrogen / H ₂	1

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Question	Answer				
	Tests on solid L				
3(a)) white (solid / crystals)				
3(b)	condensation / drops on side of tube	1			
	cobalt(II) chloride paper turns from blue	1			
	to pink	1			
3(c)	any two from: • (red) litmus paper • turns blue • pungent smell	2			
3(d)	white precipitate	1			
3(e)	iron(III) / Fe ³⁺	1			
	chloride / Cl-	1			

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Question	Answer						
4	any six from:						
	M1	crush/powder azurite/ore/lumps					
	M2 using a suitable method e.g. mortar and/or pestle, hammer						
	M3	heat		add (dilute) acid			
	M4	in crucible / test-tube / boiling tube / etc	suitable strong acid named				
	M5	with carbon/coke /iron/zinc/ aluminium/magnesium/CO/ hydrogen	electrolysis (of solution)	add iron / zinc / magnesium / aluminium			
	M6	reduction / redox / displacement	pink / brown solid	displacement / redox			
	M7	brown / pink (solid forms)	at negative electrode/cathode	brown / pink (solid forms)			