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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.

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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.

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Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	A is blue (with Benedict's solution); purple / lilac (with biuret solution); blue-black (with iodine solution);	3
1(b)	B is orange / red (with Benedict's solution); blue (with biuret solution) and brown / orange / yellow (with iodine solution);	2
1(c)	A contains protein and starch; B contains reducing sugar;	2
1(d)	wear goggles because of hot water / handling chemicals; OR use test-tube holders / gloves because of hot water;	1
1(e)	alcohol; water and cloudy / emulsion;	2

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)(i)	time for copper carbonate and black;	1
2(a)(ii)	time for magnesium carbonate less than 60 s and stays white;	1
2(a)(iii)	time for zinc carbonate less than 60 s and yellow (when hot);	1
2(a)(iv)	correct order of speed;	1
2(a)(v)	carbon dioxide / CO ₂ ;	1

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)(i)	any two from difficult to consistently determine 'milky' point of limewater; error reading / stopping the stop-clock; too much variation in amounts of carbonates; variation in volume of limewater; variation in heat; escape of gas from bung; Max 2	2
2(b)(ii)	measure the volume of gas; in a certain time; suitable diagram;	3

Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)(i)	for length = 10 cm current value recorded, < 1 A and consistently to 1/2 d.p.;	1
3(a)(ii)	for length = 10 cm voltage value recorded and < 2 V;	1
3(a)(iii)	calculation of power correct;	1
3(a)(iv)	all current values approximately the same; V values increasing; all P values correct; consistent 2/3 d.p. for P;	4
3(a)(v)	so that wire does not become hot / resistance of wire might change / cell or battery may run down;	1
3(b)	(directly) proportional / greater the length the greater the power; ratio power ÷ length is constant / doubling length doubles the power, etc.;	2

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