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Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
1(a)(i)	chlorotrifluoromethane	1	Spelling must be correct but do not penalise "flouro" Ignore use of 1-
1(a)(ii)	CF₃•	1	May be drawn out with dot on C OR if as shown dot may be anywhere
1(a)(iii)	An unpaired / non-bonded / unbonded / free / a single / one / lone electron	1	NOT "bonded electron" and NOT "paired electron" NOT "pair of electrons" NOT "electrons" Ignore "(free) radical"
1(b)	M1 Cl • + O ₃ \longrightarrow ClO• + O ₂ M2 ClO• + O ₃ \longrightarrow 2O ₂ + Cl•	2	Mark independently Equations could gain credit in either position The dot can be anywhere on either radical Penalise the absence of a dot on the first occasion that it is seen and then mark on. Do not make the same penalty in the next equation, but penalise the absence of a dot on the other radical. Apply the list principle for additional equations

1(c)(i)	(If any factor is changed which affects an equilibrium), the (position of) equilibrium will shift/move so as to oppose the change. OR (When a system / reaction in equilibrium is disturbed), the equilibrium shifts/moves in a direction which tends to reduce the disturbance	1	Must refer to equilibrium Ignore reference to "system" alone A variety of wording will be seen here and the key part is the last phrase. An alternative to shift/move would be the idea of changing/altering the position of equilibrium
1(c)(ii)	 M1 The (forward) reaction / to the right is endothermic or takes in heat OR The reverse reaction / to the left is exothermic or gives out heat M2 The equilibrium moves / shifts to oppose the increase in temperature 	2	M2 depends on a correct statement for M1 For M2 accept The equilibrium moves / shifts • to take in heat / lower the temperature • to promote the endothermic reaction and take in heat / lower the temperature • to oppose the change and take in heat / lower the temperature (leading to the formation of more ozone)
1(d)	 Any one of Pentane <u>does not contain chlorine</u> OR <u>C-Cl</u> (bond) Pentane is <u>chlorine-free</u> Pentane <u>does not release chlorine</u> (atoms / radicals) 	1	Ignore reference to F OR OR C–F OR halogen Ignore "Pentane is not a CFC" Ignore "Pentane is a hydrocarbon" Ignore "Pentane only contains C and H Ignore "Pentane is C ₅ H ₁₂

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
2(a)(i)	 M1 The peak of the new curve is displaced to the right. M2 All of the following are required The new curve starts at the origin The peak of the new curve is lower than the original and the new curve only crosses the original curve once and an attempt has been made to draw the new curve correctly towards the energy axis but not to touch the original curve the new curve must not start to diverge from the original curve 	2	M1 is low demand M2 is higher demand.
2(a)(ii)	M1 Increase in the number / proportion of molecules with $E \ge E_a$ OR more molecules have $E \ge E_a$ OR more molecules have sufficient energy to react M2 More effective / productive / successful collisions	2	Ignore "molecules have more energy" Ignore "more energetic collisions" Ignore "molecules gain activation energy" Ignore "more collisions" Accept "particles" for "molecules" but NOT "atoms" Ignore "chance of collision"; this alone does not gain M2
2(b)(i)	Iron <i>OR</i> Fe	1	

2(b)(ii)	M1 Catalysts provide an alternative route / pathway / mechanism OR	2	For M1, not simply "provides a surface" alone
	(in this case) <u>surface adsorption / surface reaction</u> occurs. M2 that has a <u>lower activation energy</u>		For M2, the candidate may use a definition of
	OR		activation energy without referring to the term
	lowers the activation energy		

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
3(a)	 M1 AgNO₃ OR silver nitrate OR any soluble silver salt M2 remains colourless or no reaction or no (observed) change or no precipitate M3 white precipitate or white solid / white suspension 	3	An insoluble silver salt OR Tollens' OR ammoniacal silver nitrate or HCl / AgNO ₃ is CE = 0 for the clip For M1 Credit acidified (or HNO ₃) silver nitrate for M1 and mark on If silver ions or incorrect formula for silver nitrate, penalise M1 but mark M2 and M3 If no reagent or incorrect reagent in M1, then no marks for M2 or M3 For M2 Ignore "nothing" Ignore "clear" Ignore "dissolves" For M3 Ignore "cloudy solution" OR "suspension"

3(b)	M1 any soluble sulfate by name or formula e.g. sodium sulfate or sulfuric acid.	3	An insoluble sulfate OR conc H ₂ SO ₄ is CE=0 for the clip
	M2 white precipitate or white solid / white suspension M3 remains colourless or no reaction or no (observed) change or no precipitate OR as an alternative M1 NaOH / KOH M2 remains colourless or no reaction or no (observed) change M3 white precipitate or white solid / white suspension		If no reagent or incorrect reagent in M1, then no marks for M2 or M3 For the M1 soluble sulfate If sulfate ions or incorrect formula for the chosen sulfate, penalise M1 but mark M2 and M3 For the M1 NaOH/KOH If ammonia, then CE=0 If hydroxide ions or incorrect formula for the chosen hydroxide, penalise M1 but mark M2 and M3 For no (observed) change in both alternatives Ignore "nothing" Ignore "no observation" Ignore "clear" Ignore "dissolves" For the white precipitate in both alternatives
			Ignore "cloudy solution" OR "suspension"

3(c)	M1 ammonia (can be dilute or concentrated)	3	For M1
	M2 <u>dissolves</u> OR <u>soluble</u> OR (forms a) <u>colourless</u> solution OR goes <u>colourless</u>		If incorrect formula or "ammonium", penalise M1 but mark M2 and M3
	M3 does not dissolve OR not soluble Or remains as a solid OR no (observed) change OR no reaction OR yellow solid remains		If no reagent or incorrect reagent in M1, then no marks for M2 or M3
	OR if concentrated ammonia has been used, accept yellow solid turns		For M3
	white.		Ignore "nothing"
	OR as an alternative using <u>conc</u> sulfuric acid		Ignore "no observation"
	M1 concentrated sulfuric acid OR c(onc) H ₂ SO ₄		For the alternative using sulfuric acid
	M2 misty / white fumes / gas		If dilute sulfuric acid or "aq" (alone) or the idea of
	OR remains white		concentrated not included CE=0
	OR no change (in colour)		If incorrect formula, penalise M1 but mark M2 and M3
	M3 turns black (solid)		If no reagent or incorrect reagent in M1, then no
	OR purple fumes / gas		marks for M2 or M3
	OR correct reference to H ₂ S <u>observation (e.g. bad egg smell)</u>		

3(d)	 M1 acidified potassium dichromate or K₂Cr₂O₇/H₂SO₄ OR K₂Cr₂O₇/H⁺ OR acidified K₂Cr₂O₇ M2 (orange to) green solution OR goes green M3 (solution) remains orange or no reaction or no (observed) change Alternative using KMnO₄/H₂SO₄ M1 acidified potassium manganate(VII) or KMnO₄/H₂SO₄ OR KMnO₄/H⁺ OR acidified KMnO₄ 	3	If no reagent or incorrect reagent in M1, then no marks for M2 or M3 For M1 If "dichromate" or "dichromate(IV)" or incorrect formula or no acid, penalise M1 but mark M2 and M3 For M2 ignore dichromate described as "yellow" or "red" For M3
	M2 colourless solution OR goes colourless M3 (colution) remains purple or no reaction or no (chaptrood) chapter		Ignore "nothing"
	M3 (solution) remains <u>purple</u> or no reaction or no (observed) change		Ignore "no observation" For M1 If "manganate" or "manganate(IV)" or incorrect formula or no acid, penalise M1 but mark M2 and M3
			Credit alkaline KMnO ₄ for possible full marks but M2 gives brown precipitate or solution goes green

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
4(a)	MnO ₂ + 2 CO	1	Or multiples Ignore state symbols
4(b)	Al ³⁺ + 3 e ⁻	1	Or multiples Ignore state symbols Credit electrons subtracted from LHS Ignore absence of charge on e
4(c)	$2CuO + C \longrightarrow 2Cu + CO_2$ OR $CuO + C \longrightarrow Cu + CO$	1	Or multiples Ignore state symbols
4(d)(i)	 Any one from the following three ONLY Low(er) energy requirement Low(er) temperature Copper is obtained from low grade ore 	1	Apply the list principle
4(d)(ii)	Fe + Cu^{2+} \longrightarrow Fe^{2+} + Cu	1	Or multiples Ignore state symbols

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
5(a)	$Mg^{2+} + 2OH^- \longrightarrow Mg(OH)_2$	1	NOT multiples Ignore state symbols
5(b)	Mg(OH) ₂ + 2 HCl	1	Or multiples or ionic, with or without the spectator ions Ignore state symbols Accept either of these two equations $OH^- + H^+ \longrightarrow H_2O$ $Mg^{2+} + 2Cl^- \longrightarrow MgCl_2$
5(c)	Mg ²⁺ + 2 e [−] Mg	1	Or multiples Ignore state symbols Credit electrons subtracted from RHS Ignore absence of charge on e
5(d)(i)	M1 use of Cl_2 and C M2 balanced equation consequential on correct reactants $TiO_2 + 2Cl_2 + 2C \longrightarrow TiCl_4 + 2CO$ OR $TiO_2 + 2Cl_2 + C \longrightarrow TiCl_4 + CO_2$	2	Or multiples Ignore state symbols
5(d)(ii)	TiCl ₄ + 2 Mg \longrightarrow Ti + 2 MgCl ₂	1	Or multiples Ignore state symbols

5(d)(iii)	Reducing agent <i>OR</i> reduces TiCl ₄ <i>OR</i> Electron donor	1	Credit "reduction" or "reductant" Penalise "electron pair donor"
5(e)	 M1 Hydrogen / H₂ produced OR an equation to produce hydrogen / H₂ (eg Mg + 2H₂O → Mg(OH)₂ + H₂) (eg Mg + H₂O → MgO + H₂) M2 requires correct M1 risk of explosion OR forms explosive mixture (with air) OR (highly) flammable 	2	For M1 Do not penalise an incorrect equation; the mark is for H ₂ or hydrogen Allow one mark only for " <u>exothermic reaction</u> with steam / H ₂ O" for a candidate who has not scored M1 Ignore "violent" reaction

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
6(a)(i)	More absorption / less transmittance of infrared radiation by it / water vapour OR broader absorption by OH OR less absorption / more transmittance of infrared radiation by carbon dioxide	1	Must be comparative This may be described and must not be contradictory Credit answers which refer correctly to "transmittance" (more absorption = less transmittance)
6(a)(ii)	 M1 CO₂ contains C=O (stated like this or in words or strongly implied) OR is O=C=O M2 depends on correct M1 OR expected absorption / peak (for C=O) is missing OR expected absorption / peak (for C=O) is shifted to 2300(cm⁻¹) OR asymmetric stretching is occurring (due to C=O) 	2	If M1 and M2 not scored, give one mark for either No absorption / peak at 1700 (cm ⁻¹) / 1715 (cm ⁻¹) OR no absorption in the range 1680 – 1750 (cm ⁻¹) Ignore "carbon-oxygen bonds", "C-O bonds" Ignore reference to other absorptions For M2 Allow "dip" OR "spike" OR "low transmittance" as alternatives for absorption.
6(b)(i)	An activity which has no net / overall (annual) carbon emissions to the atmosphere / air OR An activity which has no net / overall (annual) greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere / air. OR There is no change in the total amount of carbon dioxide / carbon /greenhouse gas present in the atmosphere / air	1	The idea that the <u>carbon / CO₂</u> given out equals the <u>carbon / CO₂</u> that was taken in <u>from the atmosphere / air</u> Answer <u>must</u> refer to the atmosphere or air
6(b)(ii)	$Mg_3Si_2O_5(OH)_4 + 3CO_2 \longrightarrow 3MgCO_3 + 2SiO_2 + 2H_2O$	1	Allow multiples

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
7(a)(i)	(Free-) radical substitution	1	Both words needed
7(a)(ii)	UV light / Ultra-violet light / sunlight $ \text{OR } \underline{\text{high}} \text{ temperature / } 150^{\circ}\text{C} \leq \text{T} \leq 500^{\circ}\text{C} $	1	
7(a)(iii)	Propagation (Step)	1	Ignore "first" or "second" Accept phonetic spelling
7(a)(iv)	M1 Termination (Step) M2 2CH₃CH₂CH₂•	2	In M2 C ₆ H ₁₄ may be drawn out as CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃ The dot may be anywhere around the terminal CH ₂ on the radical Accept C ₃ H ₇ • with dot anywhere Penalise the absence of any radical dot
7(a)(v)	C_3H_8 + $8Br_2$ \longrightarrow C_3Br_8 + $8HBr$	1	Or multiples

7(b)(i)	 M1 Double bonds are electron-rich OR electon pair donors OR centres of electron density. M2 Bromine becomes polarised / becomes polar OR forms an induced dipole OR becomes δ+/ δ- 	2	M1 QoL – require <u>one</u> of these terms Ignore "(very) negative" and "nucleophile" as applied to the double bond. Penalise M2 for ion formation from bromine For M2, do not credit dipole formation <u>solely</u> as a consequence of electronegativity
7(b)(ii)	Electrophilic addition	1	Both words needed Accept phonetic spelling
7(b)(iii)	Structure for 1,2,4,5-tetrabromopentane, for example BrCH ₂ CHBrCH ₂ CHBrCH ₂ Br OR H	1	Must be clear that they have drawn 1,2,4,5- tetrabromopentane and does NOT need to be displayed Credit use of "sticks" for each C-H bond

7(c)	+	2	Mark independently
	 M1 Structure of CH₃CHCH₃ M2 (Secondary) Carbocation OR (secondary) carbonium ions 		For M1 the positive charge must be on the central carbon atom
			Penalise bond to positive charge
			Penalise answers which show more than the correct carbocation e.g. the mechanism, unless the intermediate is clearly identified
			Credit use of "sticks" for each C-H bond
			For M2, penalise "primary" or "tertiary"

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
8(a)(i)	Electron pair donor OR Species which uses a pair of electrons to form a co-ordinate / covalent bond.	1	Credit "lone pair" as alternative wording Credit "electron pair donator"
8(a)(ii)	Replacement of the halogen (atom) (by the nucleophile) OR The <u>carbon-halogen bond / C-X</u> breaks and a bond forms with the nucleophile or between the carbon and the nucleophile	1	They must describe the idea of substitution in a haloalkane. Accept the idea that a nucleophile replaces the halogen which becomes a halide ion Penalise reference to "halogen molecule" and penalise the idea that the haloalkane contains a halide
8(a)(iii)	Splitting molecules using / by water OR breaking / splitting / dissociating (C–X) bond(s) / using / by water	1	NOT simply the reaction with water or simply the addition of water. Ignore "compound"
8(a)(iv)	(Heat) energy / enthalpy required / needed / absorbed (at constant pressure) to break / split it / the (carbon-halogen) bond OR (Heat) energy / enthalpy required / needed / absorbed (at constant pressure) for homolysis of the (C—X / the carbon-halogen) bond	1	Ignore bond formation Ignore "average"

8(b)	M1 must show an arrow from the lone pair of electrons on the oxygen atom of the negatively charged hydroxide ion to the central C atom. M2 must show the movement of a pair of electrons from the C-Br bond to the Br atom. Mark M2 independently. Award full marks for an S _N 1 mechanism in which M1 is the attack of the hydroxide ion on the intermediate carbocation.	2	Penalise M1 if covalent KOH is used Penalise M2 for formal charge on C or incorrect partial charges Penalise once only for a line and two dots to show a bond. Max 1 mark for the wrong reactant Accept the correct use of "sticks"
8(c)(i)	M1 must show an arrow from the lone pair on oxygen of a negatively charged hydroxide ion to the correct H atom M2 must show an arrow from the correct C-H bond to the C-C bond and should only be awarded if an attempt has been made at M1 M3 is independent provided it is from the original molecule Award full marks for an E1 mechanism in which M2 is on the correct carbocation.	3	Penalise M1 if covalent KOH Penalise M3 for formal charge on C or incorrect partial charges Penalise once only for a line and two dots to show a bond. Max 2 marks for wrong reactant Accept the correct use of "sticks" for the molecule except for the C-H being attacked

8(c)(ii)	M1 Stated that the spectrum has an absorption / absorbance / peak in the range 1620 cm ⁻¹ to 1680 (cm ⁻¹)or specified correctly in this range from the spectrum	2	QoL for correct M1 statement which includes both the word absorption (or alternative) and the correct range or wavenumber
	M2 (Infrared absorption) due to C=C OR carbon-carbon double bond		Allow "peak" OR "dip" OR "spike" OR "trough" OR "low transmittance" as alternatives for absorption. For M2 it is not sufficient simply to state that an alkene has C=C M2 could be on the spectrum Ignore reference to other absorptions

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
9(a)(i)	Hexan-1-ol	1	ONLY
9(a)(ii)	Homologous (series)	1	ONLY
9(a)(iii)	Displayed formula for butan-2-ol H H H H H H H H H C C C C C C H H H H H H H H H	1	All bonds must be drawn out including the O—H bond Ignore bond angles
9(a)(iv)	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ OH + [O] CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CHO + H ₂ O	1	Require this whole equation <u>as written or formulae</u> drawn out Penalise "sticks"
9(a)(v)	Displayed formula for butanone (credit possible enols, ethers and cyclic structures for C_4H_8O) $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1	All bonds must be drawn out Ignore bond angles

9(b)	M1 q = m c ΔT OR calculation 175 x 4.18 x 8 M2 = 5852 (J) OR 5.85 (kJ) OR 5.9 (kJ) (This also scores M1) M3 0.005 mol, therefore $\Delta H = -1170$ (kJmol ⁻¹) OR $\Delta H = -1170.4$ (kJmol ⁻¹) OR $\Delta H = -1200$ (kJmol ⁻¹)	3	Award full marks for correct answer In M1, do not penalise incorrect cases in the formula Ignore incorrect units in M2 Penalise M3 ONLY if correct answer but sign is incorrect OR value is in J mol ⁻¹ If $m = 5 \times 10^{-3}$ OR if $\Delta T = 281$, CE and only allow one mark for correct mathematical formula for M1 If $c = 4.81$ (leads to 6734) penalise M2 ONLY and mark on for M3 = -1350 (-1347)
9(c)(i)	 M1 The enthalpy change (or heat change at constant pressure) when 1 mol of a compound / substance / alcohol M2 is burned completely in oxygen OR burned in excess oxygen M3 with all reactants and products / all substances in standard states OR all reactants and products / all substances in normal states under standard conditions OR 100 kPa / 1 bar and a specified T / 298 K 	3	For M3 Ignore reference to 1 atmosphere

9(c)(ii)	M1 (could be scored by a correct mathematical expression) M1 $\Delta H = \sum \Delta H_{\rm f}$ (products) - $\sum \Delta H_{\rm f}$ (reactants) OR a correct cycle of balanced equations M2 = 4(-394) + 5(-286) - (-327) (This also scores M1) M3 = $\frac{2679}{100}$ (kJ mol ⁻¹) OR $\frac{2680}{100}$ (kJ mol ⁻¹) Award 1 mark ONLY for (+) 2679 OR (+) 2680	3	Correct answer to calculation gains full credit Credit 1 mark if + 2679 (kJ mol ⁻¹) For other incorrect or incomplete answers, proceed as follows • check for an arithmetic error (AE), which is either a transposition error or an incorrect multiplication; this would score 2 marks (M1 and M2) • If no AE, check for correct method; this requires either a correct cycle with 4CO ₂ and 5H ₂ O OR a clear statement of M1 which could be in words and scores only M1
9(d)(i)	 M1 This is about the change in formula up the series Each alcohol in the series (compared with the previous one) increases by / has an extra CH₂ OR has one more C-C and two more C-H M2 This is about the reaction and bond breaking/making Combustion of each alcohol in the series breaks one more C-C and two more C-H compared with the previous one AND forms one more mol CO₂ and one more mol H₂O OR A statement in which there is the idea that the extra OR additional OR difference in number of bonds broken and formed (as the series increases) is the same OR has the same difference in energy 	2	N.B. If the first statement here for M2 is given , both marks score

9(d)(ii) For the two ma	arks M1 and M2	2
heat loss or he	eat absorbed by the apparatus	
OR		
incomplete co	mbustion / not completely burned	
OR		
	the water may end up in the gaseous state (rather than ctants and/or products may not be in standard states.	

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
10(a)(i)	MnO ₂ (+) 4	1	
10(a)(ii)	$MnO_2 + 4H^+ + 2e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+} + 2H_2O$	1	Or multiples Ignore state symbols Credit electrons subtracted from RHS Ignore absence of charge on e
10(a)(iii)	lodide ion(s) is/are oxidised because they have lost electron(s)	1	Do not penalise reference to iodine; the mark is for electron loss
10(b)(i)	M1 Cl ₂ 0 M2 HClO (+) 1	2	
10(b)(ii)	M1 Equilibrium will shift / move to the right OR L to R OR to favour the forward reaction OR to produce more HCIO M2 - Consequential on correct M1 To oppose the loss of HClO OR replaces the HClO (that has reacted)	2	for M2 NOT just "to oppose the change"

10(c)(i)	The answers can be in <u>either order</u> M1 $2Br^- \longrightarrow Br_2 + 2e^-$ M2 $4H^+ + SO_4^{2-} + 2e^- \longrightarrow SO_2 + 2H_2O$ OR $2H^+ + H_2SO_4 + 2e^- \longrightarrow SO_2 + 2H_2O$	2	NOT multiples Ignore state symbols Credit electrons subtracted from incorrect side Ignore absence of charge on e
10(c)(ii)	$KCl + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow KHSO_4 + HCl$ OR $2KCl + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + 2HCl$	1	Credit ionic equations
10(c)(iii)	For M1 and M2, chloride ions are weaker reducing agents than bromide ions, because M1 Relative size of ions Chloride ions are smaller than bromide ions OR chloride ion electron(s) are closer to the nucleus OR chloride ion has fewer (electron) shells / levels OR chloride ion has less shielding (or converse for bromide ion) M2 Strength of attraction for electron being lost Outer shell / level electron(s) OR electron(s) lost from a chloride ion is more strongly held by the nucleus compared with that lost from a bromide ion (or converse for bromide ion)	2	If the forces are described as intermolecular or Van der Waals then CE=0 Ignore general reference to Group 7 trend For M1 accept reference to chlorine/bromine or reference to atoms of these but NOT "chloride/bromide atoms" or "chlorine/bromine molecules" For M2 insist on reference to the correct ions This is the expected answer, but award credit for a candidate who gives a correct explanation in terms of hydration enthalpy, electron affinity and atomisation enthalpy.

General principles applied to marking CHEM2 papers by CMI+ (January 2011)

It is important to note that the guidance given here is generic and specific variations may be made at individual standardising meetings in the context of particular questions and papers.

Basic principles

- Examiners should note that throughout the mark scheme, items that are underlined are required information to gain credit.
- Occasionally an answer involves incorrect chemistry and the mark scheme records CE = 0, which means a chemical error has occurred and no credit is given for that section of the clip or for the whole clip.

A. The "List principle" and the use of "ignore" in the mark scheme

If a question requires **one** answer and a candidate gives two answers, no mark is scored if one answer is correct and one answer is incorrect. There is no penalty if both answers are correct.

N.B. Certain answers are designated in the mark scheme as those which the examiner should "Ignore". These answers are not counted as part of the list and should be ignored and will not be penalised.

B. Incorrect case for element symbol

The use of an incorrect case for the symbol of an element should be penalised **once only** within a clip. For example, penalise the use of "h" for hydrogen, "CL" for chlorine or "br" for bromine.

C. Spelling

In general

- The names of chemical compounds and functional groups must be spelled correctly to gain credit.
- Phonetic spelling may be acceptable for some chemical terminology.

N.B. Some terms may be required to be spelled correctly or an idea needs to be articulated with clarity, as part of the "Quality of Language" (QoL) marking. These will be identified in the mark scheme and marks are awarded only if the QoL criterion is satisfied.

D. Equations

In general

- Equations must be balanced.
- When an equation is worth two marks, one of the marks in the mark scheme will be allocated to one or more of the reactants or products. This is independent of the equation balancing.
- State symbols are generally ignored, unless specifically required in the mark scheme.

E. Reagents

The command word "Identify", allows the candidate to choose to use **either** the name or the formula of a reagent in their answer. In some circumstances, the list principle may apply when both the name and the formula are used. Specific details will be given in mark schemes.

The guiding principle is that a reagent is a chemical which can be taken out of a bottle or container. Failure to identify complete reagents **will be penalised**, but follow-on marks (e.g. for a subsequent equation or observation) can be scored from an incorrect attempt (possibly an incomplete reagent) at the correct reagent. Specific details will be given in mark schemes.

For example, **no credit** would be given for

- the cyanide ion or CN⁻ when the reagent should be potassium cyanide or KCN;
- the hydroxide ion or OH when the reagent should be sodium hydroxide or NaOH;
- the Ag(NH₃)₂⁺ ion when the reagent should be Tollens' reagent (or ammoniacal silver nitrate). In this example, no credit is given for the ion, but credit could be given for a correct observation following on from the use of the ion. Specific details will be given in mark schemes.

In the event that a candidate provides, for example, **both** KCN and cyanide ion, it would be usual to ignore the reference to the cyanide ion (because this is not contradictory) and credit the KCN. Specific details will be given in mark schemes.

F. Oxidation states

In general, the sign for an oxidation state will be assumed to be positive unless specifically shown to be negative.

G. Marking calculations, such as those involving enthalpy changes

In general

- The sign for an enthalpy change will be assumed to be positive unless specifically shown to be negative.
- A correct answer alone will score **full marks** unless the necessity to show working is specifically required in the question.
- A correct numerical value with the **wrong sign** will usually score **only one mark**.

All other values gain no credit except

- Two marks can be awarded for correct chemistry with an arithmetic error.
- One mark can be awarded for a correct mathematical statement (or cycle) for the method.

H. Organic reaction mechanisms

Curly arrows should originate either from a lone pair of electrons or from a bond.

The following representations should not gain credit and will be penalised each time within a clip.

$$H_3C$$
— Br H_3C — Br H_3C — Br H_3C — Br H_3C — Br

For example, the following would score zero marks

When the curly arrow is showing the formation of a bond to an atom, the arrow can go directly to the relevant atom, alongside the relevant atom or **more than half-way** towards the relevant atom.

In free-radical substitution

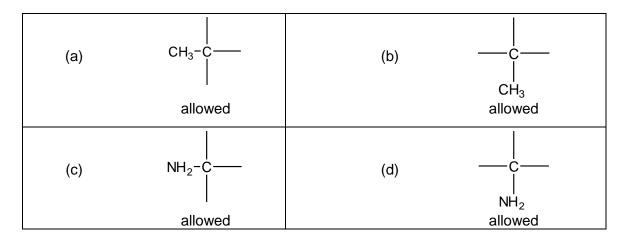
- The absence of a radical dot should be penalised **once only** within a clip.
- The use of double-headed arrows or the incorrect use of half-headed arrows in free-radical mechanisms should be penalised **once only** within a clip

In mass spectrometry fragmentation equations, the absence of a radical dot on the molecular ion and on the free-radical fragment would be considered to be two independent errors and both would be penalised if they occurred within the same clip.

I. Organic structures

In general

- Displayed formulae must show all of the bonds and all of the atoms in the molecule, but need not show correct bond angles.
- Bonds should be drawn correctly between the relevant atoms. For example, if candidates show the alcohol functional group as C HO, they should be penalised **on every occasion**.
- Latitude should be given to the representation of C C bonds in structures, given that CH₃— is considered to be interchangeable with H₃C— even though the latter would be preferred.
- Poor presentation of vertical C CH₃ bonds or C NH₂ bonds should **not** be penalised. For the other functional groups, such as OH and CN, the limit of tolerance is the half-way position between the vertical bond and the relevant atoms in the attached group.
 By way of illustration, the following would apply



- In most cases, the use of "sticks" to represent C H bonds in a structure should **not** be penalised. The exceptions will include structures in mechanisms when the C H bond is essential (e.g. elimination reactions in haloalkanes) and when a displayed formula is required.
- Some examples are given here of **structures** for specific compounds that should **not** gain credit

CH₃COH	for	ethanal
CH ₃ CH ₂ HO	for	ethanol
OHCH ₂ CH ₃	for	ethanol
C ₂ H ₆ O	for	ethanol
CH ₂ CH ₂	for	ethene
CH ₂ .CH ₂	for	ethene
CH ₂ :CH ₂	for	ethene

N.B. Exceptions may be made in the context of balancing equations

• Each of the following **should gain credit** as alternatives to correct representations of the structures.

 $CH_2 = CH_2$ for ethene, $H_2C = CH_2$

CH₃CHOHCH₃ for propan-2-ol, CH₃CH(OH)CH₃

J. Organic names

As a general principle, non-IUPAC names or incorrect spelling or incomplete names should **not** gain credit. Some illustrations are given here.

but-2-ol should be **butan-2-ol**2-hydroxybutane should be **butan-2-ol**butane-2-ol should be **butan-2-ol**2-butanol should be **butan-2-ol**

2-methpropan-2-ol should be **2-methylpropan-2-ol**

2-methylbutan-3-ol should be **3-methylbutan-2-ol**

3-methylpentane should be **3-methylpentane**3-mythylpentane should be **3-methylpentane**3-methypentane should be **3-methylpentane**

propanitrile should be **propanenitrile**

aminethane should be **ethylamine** (although aminoethane can gain credit)

2-methyl-3-bromobutane should be **2-bromo-3-methylbutane**3-bromo-2-methylbutane should be **2-bromo-3-methylbutane**3-methyl-2-bromobutane should be **2-bromo-3-methylbutane**

2-methylbut-3-ene should be **3-methylbut-1-ene**

difluorodichloromethane should be **dichlorodifluoromethane**