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Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
1(a)(i)	 M1 (Yield) increases / goes up / gets more M2 The (forward) reaction / to the right is exothermic or gives out / releases heat OR The reverse reaction / to the left is endothermic or takes in / absorbs heat M3 depends on correct M2 and must refer to temperature/heat The (position of) equilibrium shifts / moves left to right to oppose the decrease in temperature 	3	If M1 is blank, mark on and seek to credit the correct information in the explanation. If M1 is incorrect CE=0 for the clip. M3 depends on a correct statement for M2 For M3, the equilibrium shifts/moves to release heat OR to raise the temperature OR to heat up the reaction.
1(a)(ii)	M1 Concentration(s) (of reactants and products) remain or stay constant / the same M2 Forward rate = reverse / backward rate	2	For M1 credit [] for concentration. Not "equal concentrations". Not "concentrations is / are the same". Not "amount". Ignore "dynamic" and ignore "speed". Ignore "closed system". It is possible to score both marks under the heading of a single feature.

1(b)	KBr + H₂SO₄ → KHSO₄ + HBr	1	Credit this equation in its ionic form. Ignore state symbols. Credit multiples.
1(c)	M1 SO ₂ identified M2 correctly balanced equation (would also gain M1) 2HBr + H ₂ SO ₄ Br ₂ + SO ₂ + 2H ₂ O	3	Credit M2 equation in its ionic form. Ignore state symbols. Credit multiples. Not H ₂ SO ₃ on the right-hand side.
	Mark M3 independently M3 Oxidising agent <i>OR</i> electron acceptor <i>OR</i> oxidant <i>OR</i> to oxidise the bromide (ion) / HBr		M3 Not "electron pair acceptor".

1(d)(i)	M1 Electrophilic addition	5	M1 both words required.
	H_3C CH_3 H_3C CH_2 H_3C $C+CH_3$ $C+CH_3$ $C+CH_3$ $C+CH_3$ $C+CC$ $C+CC$ $C+C$		For the mechanism M3 Penalise incorrect partial charges on O – H bond and penalise formal charges Ignore partial negative charge on the double bond. M5 Not HSO ₄ ⁻
	M3 M2 must show an arrow from the double bond towards the H atom of the H – O bond / HO on a compound with molecular formula for H ₂ SO ₄ M2 could be to an H+ ion and M3 an independent O – H bond break		For M5 , credit <u>as shown</u> or <u>:OSO₃H</u> ONLY with the negative charge anywhere on this ion <i>OR</i> <u>correctly</u> drawn out with the negative charge placed correctly on oxygen. <u>Max any 3 of 4 marks</u> <u>for a correct mechanism</u>
	on a compound with molecular formula for H_2SO_4 M3 must show the breaking of the O — H bond on H_2SO_4		using the wrong organic reactant or wrong organic product (if shown) or a primary carbocation. Penalise once only in any part of the mechanism
	M4 is for the structure of the carbocation		for a line and two dots to show a bond.
	M5 must show an arrow from the lone pair of electrons on the correct oxygen of the negatively charged ion towards the positively charged carbon atom on their carbocation		Credit the correct use of "sticks". For M5 , credit attack on a partially positively
	NB The arrows here are double-headed		charged carbocation structure, but penalise M4
1(d)(ii)	Hydrolysis	1	Credit "(nucleophilic) substitution" but do not accept any other prefix.
			Credit phonetic spelling.
1(d)(iii)	Catalyst	1	

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
2(a)	M1 concentrated sulfuric acid OR c(onc) H ₂ SO ₄ M2 (cream solid) turns orange OR orange / red / brown fumes / gas / vapour M3 (yellow solid) turns black OR purple fumes / gas / vapour OR correct reference to H ₂ S observation (eg bad egg smell) OR as an alternative M1 concentrated ammonia OR c(onc) NH ₃ M2 (cream solid) dissolves / solution formed M3 precipitate remains / does not dissolve / insoluble OR no reaction / no change / (yellow solid) turns to white solid	3	If no reagent or incorrect reagent in M1, CE= 0 and no marks for M2 or M3 If dilute sulfuric acid OR "aq" (alone) CE=0 If H ₂ SO ₄ / sulfuric acid given but not stated whether dilute or concentrated, penalise M1 and mark on for M2 and M3 If incorrect formula for the acid, penalise M1 but mark M2 and M3 If NH ₃ / ammonia / aq ammonia given, but not stated as concentrated OR if dilute ammonia given, penalise M1 but mark on for M2 and M3 Ignore "partially" and ignore "clear" in M2 If incorrect formula for ammonia, penalise M1 but mark M2 and M3 In M3 for ammonia. Ignore "nothing (happens)". Ignore "no observation".

2(b)	M1 AgNO ₃ OR silver nitrate OR any soluble silver salt	3	If no reagent or incorrect reagent in M1, CE= 0 and no marks for M2 or M3
	M2 white precipitate or white solid / white suspension		An insoluble silver salt OR Tollens' OR Ag OR ammoniacal silver nitrate or HCl / AgNO ₃ CE= 0
	M3 remains colourless OR no reaction OR no (observed) change OR no precipitate		for the clip.
	Credit alternative test for nitrate ions		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
			For M2 Ignore "cloudy solution" OR "suspension".
			For M3 Ignore "nothing (happens)". Ignore "no observation". Ignore "clear". Ignore "dissolves".

2(c)	M1 Br ₂ OR bromine (water) OR bromine (in CCl ₄ / organic solvent)	3	If no reagent or incorrect reagent in M1, CE= 0 and no marks for M2 or M3
	Either order M2 (stays) orange / red / yellow / brown / the same OR no reaction OR no (observed) change OR reference to colour going to cyclohexane layer		No credit for combustion observations; CE=0 For M2 in every case. Ignore "nothing (happens)". Ignore "no observation". Ignore "clear".
	M3 decolourised / goes colourless / loses its colour		With bromine (water) For M1, it must be a whole reagent and/or correct
	OR as an alternative		formula. If oxidation state given in name, it must be
	Use KMnO₄/H₂SO₄ M1 acidified potassium manganate(VII) or KMnO₄/H₂SO₄ OR KMnO₄/H⁺ OR acidified KMnO₄		correct. For M1 penalise incorrect formula, but mark M2 and M3
	M2 (stays) purple or no reaction or no (observed) change		With potassium manganate(VII)
	M3 purple to colourless solution OR goes colourless		For M1 If "manganate" or "manganate(IV)" or incorrect formula or no acid, penalise M1 but mark M2 and
	Credit alternative test using iodine (for M1) M2 (brown) to purple or accept no change, M3 colourless		M3
	Credit alternative test using concentrated H ₂ SO ₄ M2 no change, M3 brown		Credit alkaline/neutral KMnO ₄ for possible full marks but M3 gives brown precipitate or solution goes green.

M1 Tollens' (reagent) OR ammoniacal silver nitrate OR a description If no reagent or incorrect reagent in M1, CE= 0 2(d) 3 of making Tollens' and no marks for M2 or M3 (Ignore either AgNO₃ or [Ag(NH₃)₂⁺] or "the silver mirror test" on their own, but mark M2 and M3) For M3 in every case M2 silver mirror Ignore "nothing (happens)". **OR** black solid/precipitate (ignore silver precipitate) Ignore "no observation". M3 (stays) colourless or no reaction or no (observed) change With potassium dichromate(VI) Alternative using Fehling's (solution) For M1 M1 Fehling's (solution) or Benedict's solution If "dichromate" or "(potassium) dichromate(IV)" or (Ignore Cu²⁺(ag) or CuSO₄ on their own, but mark **M2** and **M3**) incorrect formula or no acid, penalise M1 but M2 Red solid/precipitate (Credit orange or brown solid) mark M2 and M3 M3 (stays) blue or no reaction or no (observed) change For M3 Alternative using K₂Cr₂O₇/H₂SO₄ Ignore dichromate described as "vellow" or "red". M1 acidified potassium dichromate or K₂Cr₂O₇/H₂SO₄ **OR** K₂Cr₂O₇/H⁺ **OR** acidified K₂Cr₂O₇ With potassium manganate(VII) M2 (orange to) green solution OR goes green For M1 M3 (stays) orange or no reaction or no (observed) change If "manganate" or "(potassium manganate(IV)" or incorrect formula or no acid, penalise M1 but Alternative using KMnO₄/H₂SO₄ mark M2 and M3 M1 acidified potassium manganate(VII) or KMnO₄/H₂SO₄ OR KMnO₄/H⁺ OR acidified KMnO₄ Credit alkaline/neutral KMnO₄ for possible full M2 purple to colourless solution OR goes colourless marks but M2 gives brown precipitate or solution M3 (stays) purple or no reaction or no (observed) change goes green.

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
3(a)	 M1 On the energy axis E_{mp} at the maximum of the original peak M2 The peak of their new curve is displaced to the left and higher than the original M3 All of the following are required The new curve starts at the origin and should begin to separate from the original almost immediately and the new curve crosses the original curve once and an attempt has been made to draw the new curve correctly towards the energy axis below the original curve but not to touch the original curve or the axis 	3	M1 The limits for the horizontal position of $E_{\rm mp}$ are defined as above the word "the" in the sentence below the graph.
3(b)	The rate of reaction decreases as the temperature decreases because M1 A decrease in the number / proportion of molecules with E≥ Ea OR fewer molecules have E≥ Ea OR fewer molecules have sufficient / enough energy to react / decompose M2 Fewer effective / productive / successful collisions in a given time / given period OR fewer frequent effective / productive / successful collisions OR lower rate of effective / productive / successful collisions	2	In M1 Ignore "molecules have less energy". Ignore "less energetic collisions". Ignore "molecules do not gain activation energy". Ignore "fewer collisions". Credit "particles" for "molecules" but NOT "atoms". Ignore "chance of collision"; this alone does not gain M2

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
4(a)(i)	$3CuS(s) + 8HNO_3(aq) \longrightarrow 3CuSO_4(aq) + 8NO(g) + 4H_2O(l)$	1	
4(a)(ii)	(+) 5 (+) 2	2	
4(a)(iii)	$4\text{H}^+ + \text{NO}_3^- + 3\text{e}^- \longrightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{NO}$	1	Ignore state symbols. Credit multiples of this equation only. Ignore absence of charge on the electron.
4(a)(iv)	$S^{2-} + 4H_2O \longrightarrow SO_4^{2-} + 8e^- + 8H^+$	1	Ignore state symbols. Credit multiples of this equation only. Ignore absence of charge on the electron.
4(b)	 M1 add scrap / recycled / waste iron (or steel) to the aqueous solution M2 the iron is a more reactive metal OR Fe is a better reducing agent M3 Cu²+ /copper ions are reduced / gain electrons OR Cu²+ + 2e⁻ → Cu OR copper / Cu is displaced by Fe M4 Fe + Cu²+ → Fe²+ + Cu ONLY 	4	If M1 refers to iron / steel, but does not make it clear in the text that it is "scrap" / "waste" / "recycled", penalise M1 but mark on. Credit zinc or magnesium as an alternative to iron for M2, M3 and M4 only, penalising M1 Ignore absence of charge on the electron. For M4, ignore state symbols.

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
5(a)(i)	M1 Elimination M2 H0: M3 H3C CH3 M4 M4 M2 M2 must show an arrow from the lone pair on the oxygen of a negatively charged hydroxide ion to a correct H atom M3 must show an arrow from a correct C–H bond adjacent to the C–Br bond to a correct C–C bond. Only award if an arrow is shown attacking the H atom of a correct adjacent C–H bond in M2 M4 is independent provided it is from their original molecule, BUT CE=0 for the mechanism (penalise M2, M3 and M4 only) if nucleophilic substitution mechanism is shown Award full marks for an E1 mechanism in which M4 is on the correct carbocation NB These are double-headed arrows	4	M1 Credit "base elimination" but no other prefix. Penalise M2 if covalent KOH Penalise M4 for formal charge on C or Br of C—Br or incorrect partial charges on C—Br Ignore other partial charges. Penalise once only in any part of the mechanism for a line and two dots to show a bond. Maximum any 2 of 3 marks for the mechanism for wrong organic reactant or wrong organic product (if shown). Credit the correct use of "sticks" for the molecule except for the C—H being attacked. Penalise M4, if an additional arrow is drawn from Br eg to K+

5(a)(ii)	Displayed formula for 3-methylbut-1-ene H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H	1	All bonds and atoms must be drawn out, but ignore bond angles.
5(a)(iii)	Position(al) (isomerism or isomer)	1	Penalise any other words that are written in addition to these.
5(b)(i)	Displayed formula for 3-methylbutan-2-ol H H C C C C H H H H H H H H H H H H H	1	All bonds and atoms must be drawn out, but ignore bond angles.
5(b)(ii)	 Any one from Lower / decreased temperature OR cold Less concentrated (comparative) OR dilute KOH Water (as a solvent) / (aqueous conditions) 	1	Ignore "pressure".
5(b)(iii)	Nucleophilic substitution	1	Both words needed – credit phonetic spelling.

specified value in this range or marked correctly on spectrum O	Allow the words "dip" OR "spike" OR "trough" OR "low transmittance" as alternatives for absorption.
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Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
6(a)(i)	$1/2$ Cl ₂ + $1^ \longrightarrow$ $1/2$ l ₂ + Cl ⁻ OR Cl ₂ + 2 l ⁻ \longrightarrow l ₂ + 2 Cl ⁻	1	Only these two equations.
6(a)(ii)	(Solution turns from colourless to) brown / red-brown solution	1	Allow grey / black solid. Ignore "purple".
6(b)	2 Cl ₂ + 2 H ₂ O	1	Credit multiples.
6(c)	M1 The relative size (of the molecules/atoms) Chlorine is smaller than bromine OR has fewer electrons/electron shells OR It is smaller / It has a smaller atomic radius / it is a smaller molecule / or has smaller Mr (or converse for bromine) M2 How size of the intermolecular force affects energy needed The forces between chlorine / Cl2 molecules are weaker (than the forces between bromine / Br2 molecules leading to less energy needed to separate the molecules) (or converse for bromine) OR chlorine / Cl2 has weaker / less / fewer forces between molecules OR chlorine / Cl2 has weaker / less / fewer intermolecular forces (or converse for bromine)	2	Ignore general Group 7 statements. For M1 ignore whether it refers to molecules or atoms. CE=0 for reference to (halide) ions. QoL for clear reference to the difference in size of the force between molecules. Penalise M2 if (covalent) bonds are broken.

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
7(a)	Initiation Cl₂ → 2Cl•	4	Penalise absence of dot once only.
	First propagation CI• + CH₃CI → •CH₂CI + HCI		Credit the dot anywhere on the radical.
	Second propagation Cl ₂ + •CH ₂ Cl → CH ₂ Cl ₂ + Cl• Termination (must make 1,2-dichloroethane) 2 •CH ₂ Cl → CH ₂ ClCH ₂ Cl		Penalise C ₂ H ₄ Cl ₂
7(b)(i)	(chlorine free) radical	1	Ignore formula.
7(b)(ii)	M1 $Cl^{\bullet} + O_3 \longrightarrow ClO^{\bullet} + O_2$ M2 $ClO^{\bullet} + O_3 \longrightarrow Cl^{\bullet} + 2O_2$	2	M1 and M2 could be in either order. Credit the dot anywhere on the radical. Penalise absence of dot once only. Individual multiples acceptable but both need to be doubled if two marks are to be awarded.

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
8(a)	Structure for 3-methylbut-1-ene H ₂ C=CHCH(CH ₃) ₂	1	Any correct structural representation. Credit "sticks" and require the double bond.
8(b)	Structure for 2-methylpropan-2-ol (CH ₃) ₃ COH	1	Any correct structural representation. Credit "sticks".
8(c)	Structure for propene H ₂ C=CHCH ₃	1	Any correct structural representation. Credit "sticks" and require the double bond.
8(d)	Structure for 2-aminobutane CH ₃ CH ₂ CH(NH ₂)CH ₃	1	Any correct structural representation. Credit "sticks".

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
9(a)(i)	Structure of (Z)-but-2-enenitrile with or without either or both of the CH ₃ and the CN groups displayed	1	Penalise C–NC Do <u>not</u> penalise C–H ₃ C Ignore bond angles.
9(a)(ii)	Restricted <u>rotation</u> / no (free) <u>rotation</u> about the double bond / about the C=C OR does not <u>rotate</u> (about the double bond)	1	Must use the word <u>rotate / rotation.</u>
9(b)	Repeating unit of polyalkene CH3 CN -C-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-	1	All the bonds relevant to the unit must be drawn out including those on either side of the unit. There is no need to expand either the CH ₃ or the CN Penalise C–NC Penalise "sticks". Ignore brackets. Penalise "n"

9(c)	Feature 1 Absorption / peak in the range 2220 to 2260 cm ⁻¹ or specified value in this range or marked correctly on spectrum and (characteristic absorption / peak for) C≡N / CN group / nitrile / cyanide group	2	Allow the words "dip" <i>OR</i> "spike" <i>OR</i> "trough" <i>OR</i> "low transmittance" as alternatives for absorption. Allow a peak at 2200 cm ⁻¹ to 2220 cm ⁻¹ in this case.
	Feature 2 Absorption / peak in the range 1620 to 1680 cm ⁻¹ or specified value in this range or marked correctly on spectrum and (characteristic absorption / peak for) C=C group / alkene / carboncarbon double bond		Ignore reference to other absorptions eg C-H Either order.

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
10(a)(i)	 M1 c(oncentrated) phosphoric acid / c(onc.) H₃PO₄ OR c(oncentrated) sulfuric acid / c(onc.) H₂SO₄ M2 Re-circulate / re-cycle the (unreacted) ethene (and steam) / the reactants OR pass the gases over the catalyst several / many times 	2	In M1 , the acid must be concentrated. Ignore an incorrect attempt at the correct formula that is written in addition to the correct name. In M2 , ignore "remove the ethanol". Credit "re-use".
10(a)(ii)	M1 (By Le Chatelier's principle) the equilibrium is driven / shifts / moves to the right / L to R / forwards / in the forward direction M2 depends on a correct statement of M1 The equilibrium moves / shifts to oppose the addition of / increased concentration of / increased moles/ increased amount of water / steam to decrease the amount of steam / water Mark M3 independently M3 Yield of product / conversion increase OR ethanol increases / goes up / gets more	3	

10(a)(iii)	M1 Poly(ethene) / polyethene / polythene / HDPE / LDPE M2 At higher pressures More / higher cost of electrical energy to pump / pumping cost OR Cost of higher pressure equipment / valves / gaskets / piping etc. OR expensive equipment	2	Credit all converse arguments for M2
10(b)	M1 for balanced equation M2 for state symbols in a <u>correctly balanced equation</u> $2C(s / graphite) + 3H_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \longrightarrow CH_3CH_2OH(I)$ (C_2H_5OH)	2	Not multiples but credit correct state symbols in a correctly balanced equation. Penalise C ₂ H ₆ O but credit correct state symbols in a correctly balanced equation.
10(c)(i)	M1 The enthalpy change / heat change at constant pressure when 1 mol of a compound / substance / element M2 is burned / combusts / reacts completely in oxygen OR burned / combusted / reacted in excess oxygen M3 with (all) reactants and products / (all) substances in standard / specified states OR (all) reactants and products / (all) substances in normal states under standard conditions / 100 kPa / 1 bar and specified T / 298 K	3	If standard enthalpy of formation CE=0 For M3 Ignore reference to 1 atmosphere.

10(c)(ii)	M1 ∑ B(reactants) − ∑ B(products) = ΔH OR Sum of bonds broken − Sum of bonds formed = ΔH OR B(C-C) + B(C-O) + B(O-H) + 5B(C-H) + 3B(O=O) (LHS) − 4B(C=O) − 6B(O−H) (RHS) = ΔH M2 (also scores M1) 348+360+463+5(412)+3(496) [LHS = 4719] (2060) (1488) − 4(805) − 6(463) [RHS = −5998] = ΔH (3220) (2778) OR using only bonds broken and formed (4256 − 5535) M3 $\Delta H = -1279$ (kJ mol ⁻¹) Award 1 mark for +1279 Candidates may use a cycle and gain full marks	3	Correct answer gains full marks Credit 1 mark for (+) 1279 (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 a correct method; this requires either a correct cycle with 2C and 6H and 7O OR a clear statement of M1 which could be in words and scores only M1 Allow a maximum of one mark if the only scoring point is LHS = 4719 OR RHS = 5998
10(d)(i)	Reducing agent OR reductant OR electron donor OR to reduce the copper oxide	1	Not "reduction". Not "oxidation". Not "electron pair donor".
10(d)(ii)	CH₃COOH	1	

Question	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
11(a)	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 = -1669 - 3(-590) = -1669 + 1770 (This also scores M1) M3 = + 101 (kJ mol ⁻¹) Award 1 mark ONLY for - 101	5	Correct answer to the calculation gains all of M1, M2 and M3 Credit 1 mark for – 101 (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 a correct method; this requires either a correct cycle with 3Sr and
	 M4 – Using powders Any one from To increase collision frequency / collisions in a given time / rate of collisions To increase the surface contact / contact between the solids / contact between (exposed) particles 		2Al OR a clear statement of M1 which could be in words and scores only M1 Ignore dividing final answer by 3 Penalise M4 for reference to molecules.
	 M5 Major reason for expense of extraction Any one from Aluminium is extracted by electrolysis OR aluminium extraction uses(large amounts of) electricity Reaction / process / It /the mixture requires heat It is endothermic 		

11(b)	Calcium has a higher melting point than strontium, because Correct reference to size of cations/proximity of electrons M1 (For Ca) delocalised electrons closer to cations / positive ions / atoms / nucleus OR cations / positive ions / atoms are smaller OR cation / positive ion / atom or it has fewer (electron) shells / levels Relative strength of metallic bonding M2 (Ca) has stronger attraction between the cations / positive ions / atoms / nucleus and the delocalised electrons OR stronger metallic bonding	2	Ignore general Group 2 statements. Penalise M1 if either of Ca or Sr is said to have more or less delocalised electrons OR the same nuclear charge. Ignore reference to shielding. CE= 0 for reference to molecules or Van der Waals forces or intermolecular forces or covalent bonds.
11(c)	(assume argument refers to Ca but credit converse argument for Sr) M1 2Mg + O ₂ → 2MgO M2 Mg + 2H ₂ O → Mg(OH) ₂ + H ₂ M3 Magnesium hydroxide is used as an antacid / relieve indigestion (heartburn) / neutralise (stomach) acidity / laxative	3	Credit multiples of the equations. Not simply "milk of magnesia" in M3

General principles applied to marking CHEM2 papers by CMI+ June 2013

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 <u>correct</u> 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.

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

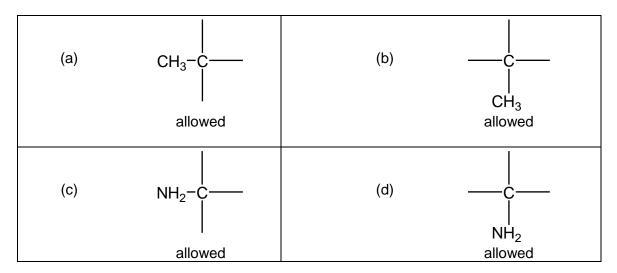
In mass spectrometry fragmentation equations, the absence of a radical dot on the molecular ion and on the free-radical fragment would be considered to be two independent errors and both would be penalised if they occurred within the same clip.

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	ethana
CH ₃ CH ₂ HO	for	ethano
OHCH ₂ CH ₃	for	ethano
C ₂ H ₆ O	for	ethano
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 ₂ C=CH ₂
CH ₃ CHOHCH ₃	for	propan-2-ol. CH ₃ CH(OH)CH ₃

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
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ethan-1,2-diol	should be ethane-1,2-diol

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

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

3-methylpentanshould be 3-methylpentane3-mythylpentaneshould be 3-methylpentane3-methypentaneshould 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**