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**for the guidance of teachers**

**0620 CHEMISTRY**

**0620/21**

Paper 2 (Core Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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- 1 (a) A: thermometer; [1]  
B: beaker; [1]
- (b) (i) idea that heat is evenly distributed e.g.  
to make sure that temperature (of water) is the same throughout / the heat gets to the (stearic) acid at steady rate / the heat gets to test tube at a constant rate / to make sure the water is at an even temperature (throughout) / so not just hot at the bottom / so that hot parts of the water mix with cold; [1]
- (ii) anhydrous / white copper sulfate; [1]  
turns blue; [1]  
**or**  
anhydrous / blue cobalt chloride;  
turns pink / turns red;  
**allow:** second mark if copper sulfate or cobalt chloride given without reference to colour or anhydrous
- (c) (i) 48(°C); [1]  
(ii) 72(°C); [1]
- (d) arrangement: close together / touching / irregular / random; [1]  
motion: sliding over each other / moving slowly; [1]  
**allow:** irregular / random  
**allow:** move faster than solid but slower than gas
- (e) (i) the melting point is different / 3rd box down ticked; [1]  
(ii) any suitable: e.g.  
food / medicines / drugs / named food / medicine / cosmetics / drinking water / water for cooking / water for washing; [1]  
**allow:** relevant places or processes where purity of substances is important e.g. drinking / eating / cooking / surgeries / hospitals / kitchen

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- 2 (a) (i) B; [1]  
**allow:** sulfur / S<sub>8</sub> / S
- (ii) a substance containing only one type of atom; [1]  
**allow:** a substance with the same type of atoms / a substance containing the same atoms / a substance that cannot be broken down (by chemical means)
- (b) 64 [1]
- (c) Na<sub>2</sub>S [1]

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- (d) D; [1]  
ions can move / ions are free; [1]

**note:** second mark dependent on first mark being correct

- (e) oxidation; [1]

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- 3 (a) pH 3; [1]

- (b) dip (litmus) paper in the solution / acid or add litmus solution to the acid / add acid to litmus paper; [1]

**note:** if another substance added e.g. add a metal or a further process e.g. boil the solution, the first mark is lost but the next two marks can still be obtained.

blue litmus; [1]

turns red / pink; [1]

**reject:** litmus bleaches

**note:** if the indicator is incorrect, the second two marks cannot be obtained.

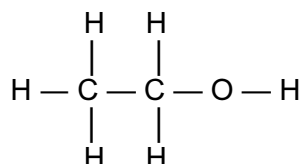
- (c) (i) calcium carbonate + hydrochloric acid → calcium chloride + carbon dioxide + water [3]  
**note:** –1 per error

- (ii) extraction of iron / making cement / making lime / neutralising acidic lakes / (flue gas) desulfurisation / making glass / neutralising acidic waste / any other suitable use; [1]

- (iii) calcium oxide; [1]  
**allow:** calcium hydroxide / lime / milk of lime / other carbonates  
**allow:** correct formulae

- (d) H<sub>2</sub> (on right); [1]  
correct balance (i.e. 2 on left); [1]

- (e) (i) molecular formula of ethanoic acid is C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; [1]  
full structural formula of ethanol is: [1]



**allow:** OH in place of O- H

- (ii) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O; [1]

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- 4 (a) bitumen → surfacing roads; [1]  
 lubricating fraction → waxes and polishes; [1]  
 refinery gases → heating; making chemicals [1]  
**allow:** refinery gas → making chemicals  
 naphtha → making chemicals; [1]
- (b) substance containing hydrogen and carbon only; [1]
- (c) (i) 
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ | \\ \text{H} - \text{C} - \text{H} \\ | \\ \text{H} \end{array}$$
 [1]
- (ii) CO<sub>2</sub> (on right); [1]  
 correct balance (i.e. 2 on left) [1]  
**note:** balance mark dependent on CO<sub>2</sub> on right
- (iii) any two of: [2]  
 family of similar (organic) compounds /  
 with similar chemical properties /  
 presence of same functional group /  
 same general formula /  
**allow:** compounds with a trend in physical properties  
**allow:** difference of CH<sub>2</sub> between one member and another
- (iv) ethane; [1]

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- 5 (a) lower the test tube (into the HCl) / mix the reactants / mix the zinc and hydrochloric acid; [1]
- (b) (i) all points plotted correctly including the 0-0 point; [2]  
**note:** –1 per error
- curve of best fit drawn; [1]
- (ii) because the reaction has finished / reaction has stopped / reaction is complete; [1]
- the hydrochloric acid has been used up / hydrochloric acid is limiting / the limiting reagent has been used up; [1]  
**reject:** the zinc has been used up / the zinc and hydrochloric acid have been used up
- (c) concentration; increases; decreases; speed; (1 mark each) [4]
- (d) filter (off excess zinc) / decant (off solution); [1]  
**note:** if no filtration or decantation no further marks can be scored
- heat filtrate to crystallisation point / evaporate some of the water / heat for a little while / leave filtrate in a warm place / leave on the windowsill; [1]
- dry crystals with filter paper; [1]  
**allow:** dry in oven below 100°C
- [Total: 13]
- 6 (a) (i) lithium + water → lithium hydroxide + hydrogen [2]  
**note:** –1 per error
- (ii)  $2\text{Na} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{NaOH} + \text{H}_2$  [1]  
**allow:** equations doubling or halving all species

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- (b) 2 marks for order of reactivity:
- order of reactivity is potassium > sodium > lithium / implication of rate of bubble formation or some other observation clearly shows the order is potassium > sodium > lithium; [2]

**note:** reactivity increases down group / only two of the elements are named but they are in correct order of reactivity e.g. potassium is more reactive than sodium = 1 mark

3 marks for observations: [3]

any 3 of:

- float on surface (with any of the 3 elements)
- bubbles given off / effervescence (with any of the 3 elements)
- fizzes / sound heard (with any of the 3 elements)
- Na / K go into a ball OR Na / K melt **ignore:** Li goes into ball or melts

**allow:** they go into a ball

- move across the surface of the water) (with any of the 3 elements)
- K (bursts into) flame
- lilac / violet flame for K

**allow:** Na (bursts into) flame / yellow flame

- Na / K spits / explodes (when gets very small) **allow:** pops or sparks (for Na or K)
- Li / Na / K disappears / gets smaller

- (c) (i) anode: E; [1]  
electrolyte: A; [1]

- (ii) + electrode: chlorine /  $Cl_2$ ; [1]  
– electrode: sodium / Na; [1]  
**reject:** ions / chloride

- (iii) graphite; [1]

- (d) any two of: [2]
- shiny (when cut)
  - conduct heat
  - conduct electricity
  - malleable / soft / easy to cut
  - ductile

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- 7 (a) (i) sulfur + oxygen → sulfur dioxide [2]  
(sulfur + oxygen → sulfur oxide / sulfur trioxide) = 1 mark

- (ii)  $SO_2$  oxidised to  $SO_3$  / 1st box ticked; [1]  
 $O_3$  reduced to  $O_2$  / 3rd box ticked; [1]

- (iii)  $H_2O$ ; [1]

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- (b) any 3 of; [3]
- (sulfuric acid) reacts (with calcium carbonate)
  - neutralisation (reaction)
  - gas released / CO<sub>2</sub> released
  - soluble substances formed (on reaction)
  - buildings eroded / (surface) crumbled / damaged / pitted /

**note:** a correct word or symbol equation = 2 marks

**note:** neutralisation reaction = 2 marks

- (c) kills (or harms) organisms in lakes / forest death / deforestation / kills trees / kills plants / damages plants / irritation of throat or lungs / reference to asthma; [1]
- allow:** kills (or harms) animals or fish in lakes or rivers / kills corals.
- allow:** leaches soil minerals
- allow:** leaf burn
- ignore:** kills animals / fish in the sea / kills fish unqualified
- ignore:** acidifies soil / acidifies lakes
- ignore:** wears away / erodes carbonate rocks / erodes soil
- ignore:** destroys plants / animals

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