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for the guidance of teachers**

**0620 CHEMISTRY**

**0620/23**

Paper 2 (Core Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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- 1 (a) magnesium oxide / MgO [1]
- (b) nitrogen dioxide / NO<sub>2</sub>; [1]  
ALLOW nitrogen oxide  
sulfur dioxide / SO<sub>2</sub> [1]  
ALLOW sulfur oxide
- (c) carbon dioxide / CO<sub>2</sub>; [1]  
water / H<sub>2</sub>O [1]
- (d) water / H<sub>2</sub>O [1]
- (e) carbon dioxide / CO<sub>2</sub> [1]

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- 2 (a) (i) substance containing two (or more) different atoms / elements joined / combined / bonded [1]  
BOTH idea of different atoms / elements and bonded needed for 1 mark
- (ii) (compound) B; [1]  
it is an ionic giant structure / it is ionic [1]  
ALLOW it contains ions
- (iii) C [1]
- (b) (i) 1st box ticked (conducts when molten) [1]
- (ii) add (aqueous) silver nitrate; [1]  
(light) yellow precipitate (BOTH yellow and precipitate required) [1]  
2nd mark dependent on correct reagent  
NOT cream precipitate  
ALLOW lead nitrate (1) yellow precipitate (1)
- (c) it is an oxide of a non-metal / iodine is a non-metal [1]

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- 3 (a) (i) allow between 720 and 820°C (actual = 760°C) [1]
- (ii) caesium; [1]  
rubidium [1]  
apply listing rules for more than 2 elements
- (iii) increases (down the group) [1]
- (b) soft; [1]  
melting; [1]  
increases [1]
- (c) sodium + water → sodium hydroxide + hydrogen [2]  
–1 per omission or error  
ALLOW = instead of →  
IGNORE: reference to states  
NOT: plus instead of +  
NOT: + energy
- (d) (i) 2 on left; [2]  
2 on right  
–1 per omission / error
- (ii) has two atoms (in its molecule) [1]  
NOT reference to elements / two atoms the same / a compound of two atoms
- (iii) arrangement: random / not ordered / disordered [1]  
ALLOW: far apart together;  
motion: random / (moving) fast / rapid / everywhere / move with ease / freely [1]  
IGNORE: loosely packed
- (iv) pair of bonding electrons; [1]  
8 electrons in outer shell of each chlorine [1]  
separate atoms = 0  
IGNORE: inner electrons

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- 4 (a) (i) covalent [1]
- (ii) C [1]
- (iii) B [1]
- (iv) ethanol [1]
- (v) bromine water  
ALLOW: bromine / potassium permanganate; [1]  
turns colourless [1]  
IGNORE: colour of bromine
- (b) (i) any two of:  
same functional group /  
same general formula /  
similar chemical properties /  
gradual change in physical properties [2]  
ALLOW: (successive members) differ by a CH<sub>2</sub> group
- (ii) correct formula (molecular or displayed) for any alkane apart from ethane [1]  
correct name corresponding to the formula [1]
- (c) (i) X placed inside the column at the top [1]
- (ii) B placed by bottom arrow [1]

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- 5 (a) (i) decreases / gets smaller [1]  
NOT disappears / increases in surface area
- (ii) increases [1]
- (b) (i) points plotted correctly including 0,0 [2]  
(-1 per incorrect or no point plotted)  
curve of best fit drawn [1]  
(max 1 mark if graph plotted wrong way round)
- (ii) 44 cm<sup>3</sup> [1]  
ALLOW: 44 / correct reading from incorrect curve in part (i)  
NOT: incorrect units
- (iii) all the zinc had been used up / one of the reagents used up [1]  
ALLOW: the reaction has finished  
NOT: sulfuric acid used up
- (iv) lighted splint; [1]  
(gas) pops / explodes / blows out flame [1]  
IGNORE: pop test
- (c) (i) goes faster / more hydrogen given off per minute / more gas given off per unit time / less time for same amount of gas [1]
- (ii) goes slower / less hydrogen given off per minute / less gas given off per unit time / more time for same amount of gas [1]
- (d) substance which speeds up a reaction [1]  
ALLOW: changes the rate of reaction

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- 6 (a) Any three of:  
 high boiling point or high melting point /  
 high density /  
 form coloured compounds or have coloured ions  
 form ions of more than one charge or variable valency /  
 form complex ions /  
 ALLOW: (very) hard / hardness / (good) catalysts [3]
- (b) (i) different number of neutrons / different nucleon number [1]  
 (ii) 57 [1]  
 (iii) 26 [1]
- (c) (i) water / damp / humidity; [1]  
 IGNORE: a little or similar when referring to damp / water  
 air / oxygen [1]  
 (ii) suitable method e.g. coating with zinc / coating with unreactive metal / plastic /  
 oil (or grease) / galvanising / sacrificial protection  
 NOT: removing air / water [1]  
 suitable reason e.g. stops air / water reaching surface [1]  
 (reason must be consequential to the method chosen)
- (d) iron oxide; [1]  
 it loses oxygen / gains electrons / iron decreases oxidation number  
 IGNORE: wrong oxidation numbers  
 NOT addition of hydrogen [1]
- (e) (i) by (incomplete) combustion of hydrocarbons / carbon compounds [1]  
 ALLOW: (incomplete) combustion of fossil fuels / named carbon containing fuel / carbon  
 (or hydrocarbons etc) react with air (or oxygen)  
 NOT: reacts with air unqualified (must refer to a carbon compound / fossil fuel)  
 (ii) poisonous / toxic / kills you / suffocates you / stops red blood cells carrying oxygen [1]  
 ALLOW: binds with haemoglobin in place of oxygen  
 NOT: harmful

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- 7 (a) (i) (boric acid) had dissolved [1]  
ALLOW acid had diffused / an acid is formed here  
IGNORE: boric acid is acidic / neutralisation / it is an acid
- (ii) pH 8 [1]
- (iii) random movement of particles / mixing up of particles [1]  
ALLOW: bulk / overall movement of particles from high to low concentration  
IGNORE: particles move from high to low concentration
- (iv) idea of neutralisation (of acid by alkali) [1]  
IGNORE: returned to neutral
- (b) (i)  $\text{CON}_2\text{H}_4$  [1]  
ALLOW: any order of atoms /  $(\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO}$
- (ii) 60 [1]
- (c) (i) nitrogen [1]  
IGNORE: nitrates
- (ii) to increase crop / plant growth / speeds up plant growth; [1]  
to put back nitrogen (or nutrients) into the soil / to provide plants with (more) nutrients  
ALLOW: to supply plants with nitrogen / essential elements [1]  
IGNORE: makes the soil more fertile / to supply nitrogen gas /  $\text{N}_2$
- (d) Any two of:  
evaporate some of the water / heat to crystallisation point / heat a little / partially evaporate;  
NOT heat or evaporate without qualification
- allow to crystallise / leave in a warm place / leave on the window sill;  
IGNORE: cool it
- dry with filter paper [2]  
NOT: dry in oven unless it implies that the temperature is below  $100^\circ\text{C}$  / very low

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