

1(a). This question is about making copper.

Copper is made using a displacement reaction.

Magnesium is added to copper sulfate solution, CuSO_4 .

Copper and magnesium sulfate solution, MgSO_4 , are made.

Write a balanced symbol equation for this reaction.

[1]

(b).

(i) In the reaction magnesium atoms become magnesium ions, Mg^{2+} , and copper ions, Cu^{2+} , become copper atoms.

Write a balanced ionic equation for this reaction.

[2]

(ii) Write a balanced half equation to show what happens to magnesium in this reaction.

Use e^- to represent an electron.

[2]

2. Magnesium chloride, MgCl_2 , can be made by reacting hydrochloric acid, HCl , with magnesium carbonate, MgCO_3 .

Look at the equation for the reaction.



Helen uses 2.8g of magnesium carbonate.

Calculate how much magnesium chloride she should make.

Give your answer to **two significant figures**.

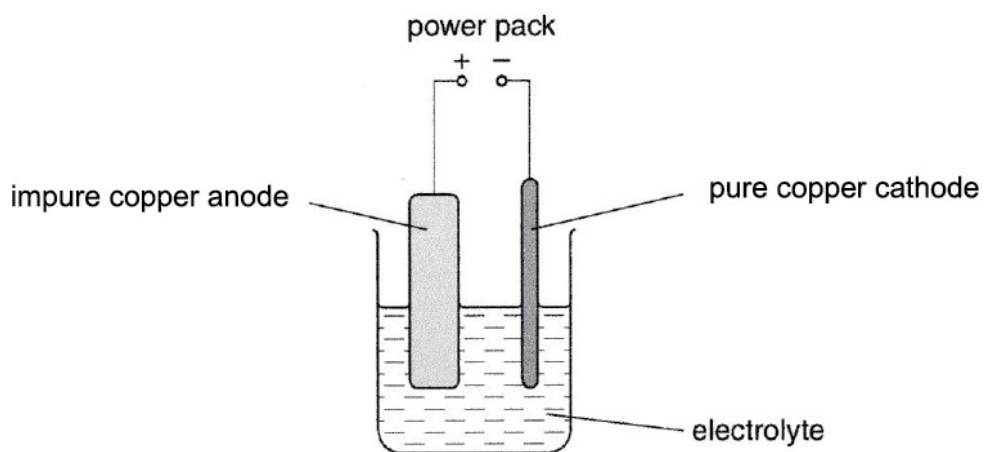
Relative formula mass of magnesium carbonate = 84.3

Relative formula mass of magnesium chloride = 95.3

answer_-----g

[2]

3. Copper obtained from copper oxide is purified by **electrolysis**.



At the cathode, copper ions, Cu^{2+} , gain electrons.

Copper atoms are formed.

Write a **balanced half equation** for the reaction.

Use e^- to represent an electron.

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4(a). Sodium, Na, reacts with oxygen, O₂, to make sodium oxide.

Sodium oxide contains the ions, Na⁺ and O²⁻.

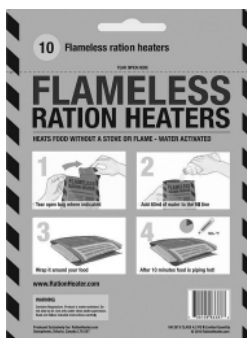
Explain how you can tell that O₂ is a **molecule** but O²⁻ is an **ion**.

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(b). Use the charges of the ions in sodium oxide to work out the formula of sodium oxide.

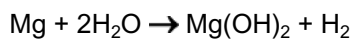
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5(a). Soldiers use 'flameless heaters' to heat their meals.



The 'flameless heater' heats the food safely and quickly without using a flame.

The heater uses a chemical reaction between magnesium metal and water.



Look at the equation.

Write down the formula for one **reactant** in this reaction.

----- [1]

(b). The reaction is **exothermic**.

What is meant by an exothermic reaction?

----- [1]

(c). A scientist is trying to improve the 'flameless heaters' so that they heat the food more quickly.

Look at her results.

Heater	Temperature rise in the heater in °C	Time taken in minutes
A	40	8
B	42	7
C	24	6
D	50	10

Which heater heats up quickest?

Explain your answer using the temperature rise and time taken.

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6. Pete and Helen investigate the reaction between marble chips (calcium carbonate) and nitric acid.

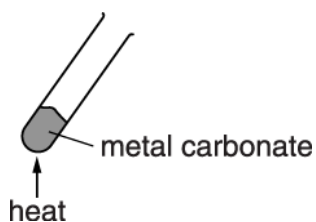
Calcium nitrate, carbon dioxide and water are made.

Write the **word** equation for this reaction.

----- [1]

7(a). Sam investigates what happens when she heats different metal carbonates.

Look at the apparatus she uses.



Sam measures the mass of metal carbonate then heats it.

She measures the mass of solid left in the test tube after it has cooled down.

Look at her results in Table 8.

Metal carbonate	Mass of metal carbonate in g	Mass of solid in test tube after heating in g
copper carbonate	2.50	1.61
iron(II) carbonate	2.50	1.55
manganese carbonate	2.50	1.54
potassium carbonate	1.25	1.25
sodium carbonate	2.50	2.50
zinc carbonate	2.50	1.62

Table 8

Some metal carbonates decompose when heated.



(i) Calculate the mass of carbon dioxide made when manganese carbonate is heated.

mass of carbon dioxide = _____ g

[1]

(ii) Manganese carbonate produces the greatest percentage by mass of carbon dioxide.

How can you tell from the results?

[2]

(b). Manganese carbonate has the formula $MnCO_3$.

Write the **balanced symbol** equation for the decomposition of manganese carbonate.

[1]

8. Sodium, Na, reacts with water, H_2O .

Sodium hydroxide, NaOH, and hydrogen, H_2 , are made.

Write a **balanced symbol** equation for this reaction.

[2]

9. Sodium reacts with iodine.

Sodium iodide is made.

Write the **word** equation for this reaction.

[1]

10. Ethanol has the formula C_2H_6O .

Ethanol burns in oxygen, O_2 .

Carbon dioxide and water are made.

Write a **balanced symbol** equation for this reaction.

[2]

11. Jan and Mike investigate the reaction between magnesium lumps and hydrochloric acid, HCl .

Magnesium chloride solution, MgCl_2 , and hydrogen gas, H_2 , are made.

Write a **balanced symbol** equation for this reaction.

----- [2]

12. Harneet and Mike investigate the reaction between sodium thiosulfate, $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$, and hydrochloric acid, HCl .

Sodium chloride NaCl , sulfur dioxide SO_2 , sulfur S and water H_2O are made.

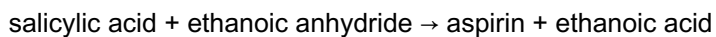
Write a **balanced symbol** equation for this reaction.

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13. Aspirin is a painkiller used to treat headaches and reduce fevers.



A pharmaceutical company makes aspirin using the following reaction.



A scientist reacts 6.9 g salicylic acid with 5.1 g of ethanoic anhydride.

She makes 3.0 g of ethanoic acid and some aspirin.

Calculate the mass of aspirin that she makes. Use the principle of conservation of mass.

[2]

mass of aspirin _____ g

14. Sodium chloride is found in sea water.

It is an important raw material used in the chemical industry.

Sodium chloride solution can be chemically changed into:

- sodium hydroxide
- chlorine
- hydrogen.

Look at the symbol equation for this reaction. It is not balanced.



Write down the **balanced symbol** equation for this reaction.

----- [1]

15. The air may contain different pollutants.

Look at the table.

It shows the relative concentration of pollutants found in the air in two places.

Pollutant	Molecular formula	Relative concentration in the air	
		in a city centre	near a volcano
carbon monoxide	CO	0.3	0.01
hydrogen sulfide	H ₂ S	0.01	210
nitrogen dioxide	NO ₂	1.5	0.1
sulfur dioxide	SO ₂	200	1500
trichlorofluoromethane	CFCI ₃	0.01	0.005

Write down the names of **two** of the pollutants that have molecules with only **three** atoms.

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16(a) Duncan investigates the combustion of four different fuels.

He burns the same amount of fuel in each experiment.

Look at his results.

Fuel	Is carbon dioxide made?	Is carbon monoxide made?	Is soot made?	Energy given out in J
A	✓	x	x	4200
B	✓	✓	x	2800
C	x	✓	✓	1100
D	✓	x	x	3400

In each experiment Duncan tests to see if **carbon dioxide** is made.

Write about how Duncan tests for carbon dioxide.

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(b). Fuel A is ethanol.

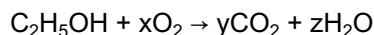
Ethanol burns in oxygen.

Carbon dioxide and water are made.

Write the **word equation** for this reaction.

----- [1]

17. Look at this equation. It shows the complete combustion of ethanol.



What are the numbers **x**, **y** and **z** that balance this equation?

x = -----

y = -----

z = -----

[1]

18(a) Chris is a gardener.

He uses different compounds in his garden.

Look at the table. It shows information about some of these compounds

Compound	Formula	Solubility in water	Use
calcium hydroxide	Ca(OH)_2	slightly soluble	soil conditioner
glyphosate	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{NO}_5\text{P}$	highly soluble	weedkiller
ammonium phosphate	$(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{PO}_4$	highly soluble	fertiliser
sodium nitrate	NaNO_3	highly soluble	fertiliser

How many different **elements** are in glyphosate?

answer

[1]

(b). What is the **total** number of **atoms** in the formula for sodium nitrate?

answer

[1]

19. Magnesium reacts with hydrochloric acid.

Hydrogen and magnesium chloride are made.

Write down the **word** equation for this reaction.

----- [1]

20. Hydrogen peroxide solution breaks down to make water and oxygen.

hydrogen peroxide → water + oxygen

In an experiment 6.8 g of hydrogen peroxide makes 3.2 g of oxygen.

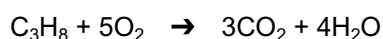
(i) Use the principle of conservation of mass to predict the mass of water made.

mass of water = -----g [1]

(ii) What mass of oxygen can be made from 680 g of hydrogen peroxide?

mass of oxygen = -----g [2]

21. Look at the **balanced symbol** equation for the combustion of propane.



(i) Write down the **formula** for a **product** in this reaction.

----- [1]

(ii) Explain how you can tell that the equation is balanced.

----- [1]

22. The table shows some common ions.

Negative ions		Positive ions	
Nitrate	NO_3^-	Aluminium	Al^{3+}
Oxide	O^{2-}	Magnesium	Mg^{2+}

Write the formula for aluminium oxide.

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(b). A teacher wrote the formula for magnesium nitrate as:



A student says that the formula is incorrect.

Who is right? Explain your answer.

----- [1]

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Mark Scheme

Question			Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
1	a		$\text{Mg} + \text{CuSO}_4 \longrightarrow \text{Cu} + \text{MgSO}_4$ (1)	1	
	b	i	$\text{Mg} + \text{Cu}^{2+} \longrightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{Cu}$ (2)	2	ALLOW $\text{Mg} + \text{Cu}^{2+}$ (1) (reactants) ALLOW $\text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{Cu}$ (1) (products)
		ii	$\text{Mg} \longrightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- / \text{Mg} - 2\text{e}^- \longrightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+}$ (2)	2	ALLOW $\text{Mg} \longrightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+}$ (1)
			Total	5	
2			$2.8 \div 84.3 = 0.033$ moles used so 0.033 moles MgCl_2 made (1) $0.033 \times 95.3 = 3.2$ (1) but mass is 3.2 (g) (2)	2	ALLOW idea that 84.3g of magnesium carbonate makes 95.3g of magnesium chloride for one mark unit not needed ALLOW 3.17 (g) for 1 mark if no other mark awarded DO NOT ALLOW 3.16 (g) Award 2 marks if answer on answer line = 3.2 (g)
			Total	2	
3			$\text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cu}$ formulae (1) balancing (1)	2	balancing mark is conditional on correct formulae ALLOW any correct multiple e.g. $2\text{Cu}^{2+} + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Cu}$ ALLOW = or \rightleftharpoons for arrow DO NOT ALLOW 'and' or & for + ALLOW one mark for correct balanced equation with incorrect use of upper and lower case formulae e.g. $\text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{CU}$
			Total	2	

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Question		Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
4	a	<p>O₂ contains two (oxygen) atoms (1)</p> <p>O²⁻ has a charge / has a negative charge / has a 2- (1)</p>	2	<p>ignore does not have a charge</p> <p>allow is negative / has gained electrons (1)</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Candidates were asked how they knew that O₂ was a molecule and O²⁻ was an ion. Few candidates stated that the molecule had two oxygen atoms but the majority of candidates were able to say the ion could be identified because it was charged.</p>
	b	Na ₂ O / ONa ₂ (1)	1	<p>allow (Na⁺)₂O²⁻</p> <p>allow answer on right hand side of equation (the equation does not need to be balanced)</p> <p>e.g. Na + O₂ ? Na₂O (1)</p> <p>not Na₂O / Na²O</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>In this question candidates were asked to work out the formula of sodium oxide. Correct answers were rare and candidates did not realise they needed to balance the charges.</p>
		Total	3	

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5	a	Mg / H ₂ O (1)	1	<p>any incorrect formula is zero</p> <p>allow 2H₂O / Mg + H₂O / Mg + 2H₂O</p> <p>allow correct answer ticked, circled or underlined in equation if answer line is blank</p> <p>ignore magnesium and water</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Most candidates did not score here. If they could identify a reactant they usually named it rather than giving the formula. Of those that got it correct, Mg was much a more common response than H₂O.</p>
	b	energy given out or heat given out (1)	1	<p>allow temperature increase</p> <p>allow heat or energy produced / made / exits / released</p> <p>allow energy or heat is lost (limit of acceptability)</p> <p>ignore gives more energy</p> <p>NOT energy or heat is created</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Many candidates knew this, or if not, left it blank.</p>
	c	B (1) largest temperature rise per minute (1)	2	<p>allow all correct calculations of temperature rise per minute in table (A ? 5°/min; B ? 6°/min; C ? 4°/min; D ? 5°/min)</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Of the candidates that scored on this question many candidates got B but few gave the correct reason. Those that got the second mark normally got it for a correct column of numbers against the table, but most struggled to manipulate data to make a comparison.</p>
		Total	4	

Mark Scheme

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6			calcium carbonate + nitric acid → calcium nitrate + carbon dioxide + water (1)	1	<p>allow = instead of → not and / & / instead of +</p> <p>allow correct formulae but equation does not need to balance e.g. $\text{CaCO}_3 + \text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow \text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ allow mix of correct formulae and words</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Most candidates answered this well. Most put the arrow and plus signs in the correct place. However, a few missed off water at the end.</p>
			Total	1	
7	a	i	0.96 (g) (1)	1	
		ii	all metal carbonates (that decomposed) had the same starting mass (1) idea that this is the least amount of solid left / most mass lost (so the greatest amount of gas produced) (1)	2	<p>allow decomposed the most</p> <p>lowest mass of solid left in relation to mass of carbonate (2) allow four correct percentage calculations (2)</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Most candidates could calculate the mass of carbon dioxide and explain how you could tell which carbonate produced the most but explaining the concept of percentage change was very challenging.</p>
	b		$\text{MnCO}_3 \rightarrow \text{MnO} + \text{CO}_2$ (1)	1	<p>allow any correct multiple not heat in the equation rather than over the equation all formulae must be completely correct</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>There were a significant minority of candidates that confused manganese with magnesium.</p>
			Total	4	

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Question		Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
8		$2\text{Na} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{NaOH} + \text{H}_2$ correct reactants and products (1) correct balancing (1)	2	<p>allow any correct multiple, including fractions e.g. $4\text{Na} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 4\text{NaOH} + 2\text{H}_2$ (2)</p> <p>allow = / ^ instead of ? not and or & instead of '+'</p> <p>balancing mark is dependent on the correct formulae but allow 1 mark for a balanced equation with a minor error in subscripts / formulae e.g. $2\text{Na} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{NaOH} + \text{H}^2$ (1)</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>This question required candidates to write a balanced symbol equation for the reaction of sodium with water. One mark was awarded for the correct reactants and products and 1 mark for the correct balancing. The balancing mark was dependent on the correct formulae, but 1 mark was allowed for a balanced equation with a minor error in subscripts or formulae. When candidates did not gain marks it was often because they tried to balance the equation by changing the formulae given, e.g. NaOH_2.</p>
		Total	2	
9		sodium + iodine ? sodium iodide (1)	1	<p>not sodium + iodine ? sodium iodine</p> <p>allow = instead of ? not and / & / instead of +</p> <p>allow correct formulae but equation does not need to balance eg $\text{Na} + \text{I}_2 \rightarrow \text{NaI}$ allow mix of correct formulae and words</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Although candidates were told in the question that the product of the reaction between sodium and iodine is sodium iodide, many gave 'sodium iodine' as the product of the reaction.</p>
		Total	1	

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10		$C_2H_6O + 3O_2 \rightarrow 2CO_2 + 3H_2O$ formulae (1) balancing (1)	2	<p>allow C_2H_5OH as formula for ethanol allow any correct multiple, including fractions eg $2C_2H_6O + 6O_2 \rightarrow 4CO_2 + 6H_2O$ (2)</p> <p>allow = or ? instead of ? not and or &</p> <p>balancing mark is dependent on the correct formulae but allow 1 mark for a balanced equation with a minor error in subscripts or case eg $C_2H_6O + 3O_2 \rightarrow 2CO_2 + 3H_2O$ (1)</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Better candidates scored both marks on this question and balanced the equation successfully. Weaker candidates often scored 1 mark for placing the correct formulae in an equation. There were numerous examples of failed attempts to balance the equation which scored 1 mark because the formulae were correct. The presence of an oxygen atom in ethanol was overlooked by a number of candidates.</p>
		Total	2	

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11		$\text{Mg} + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{MgCl}_2 + \text{H}_2$ formulae (1) balancing (1)	2	balancing mark is conditional on correct formulae but allow one mark for balanced equation with minor errors of subscripts, superscripts, etc eg $\text{MG} + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{MgCl}_2 + \text{H}^2$ not and or & for + allow = instead of ? allow correct multiples eg $2\text{Mg} + 4\text{HCl} \rightarrow 2\text{MgCl}_2 + 2\text{H}_2$ Examiner's Comments Candidates are certainly getting better at writing equations, with fewer candidates losing marks through poor presentation, being unclear about capitalisation and using superscripts.
		Total	2	

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12		$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3 + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow 2\text{NaCl} + \text{SO}_2 + \text{S} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ formulae (1) balancing (1)	2	<p>allow any correct multiple, including fractions</p> <p>allow = / \rightleftharpoons instead of ? not and / &</p> <p>balancing mark is dependent on the correct formulae but allow 1 mark for a balanced equation with a minor error in subscripts / formulae e.g. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3 + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{S} + \text{SO}_2 + 2\text{NaCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$</p> <p>allow HOH for H_2O allow NaCl</p> <p><u>Examiner's Comments</u></p> <p>The majority of candidates were able to write a symbol equation for the reaction. Some candidates missed out S on the right hand side of the equation and a few more struggled to balance the equation. A few candidates tried to add formulae together, S_2O_2, or used incorrect formulae, Na_2Cl_2.</p>
		Total	2	
13		1.0 (g) (2) BUT idea that mass of reactants equals mass of products / $6.9 + 5.1 = 3.0 + \text{mass of aspirin}$ / $12.0 = 3.0 + \text{mass of aspirin}$ (1)	2	<p><u>Examiner's Comments</u></p> <p>Often both marks were scored for 9, but working out was surprisingly missing in many.</p>
		Total	2	

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14		$2\text{NaCl} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{NaOH} + \text{H}_2 + \text{Cl}_2$	1	<p>allow any correct multiple including fractions</p> <p>allow = instead of ?</p> <p>allow balanced equation on the line or on the original equation. If there is a contradiction take the answer on the answer line.</p> <p>not & or and instead of +</p> <p>ignore poor use of case or subscript</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Only a minority of candidates were able to balance the equation correctly.</p>
		Total	1	
15		<p>any two from:</p> <p>hydrogen sulfide, sulfur dioxide or nitrogen dioxide (1)</p>	1	<p>if any other gas included then award 0 marks</p> <p>allow H_2S, SO_2, NO_2</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Most candidates got the mark, but there was also a few gases named that weren't in the table.</p>
		Total	1	

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16	a	(use) limewater / calcium hydroxide (1) then (which goes) cloudy (1)	2	<p>The second marking point is dependent on the correct chemical ignore any reference to method</p> <p>ignore use of an indicator / litmus paper ignore reference to blowing through a straw</p> <p>allow goes milky / goes white (1) allow a white solid or white precipitate or white suspension is formed (1)</p> <p>ignore put out lighted splint</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Many candidates referred back to the results table and suggested that the amount of energy given out would indicate whether carbon dioxide was made. Answers in terms of the colour of the flame also did not gain credit.</p>
	b	ethanol + oxygen ? carbon dioxide + water	1	<p>allow = or ? instead of ? not and / & / instead of + not '+ heat' in equation, but allow heat above arrow</p> <p>allow correct formulae but equation does not need to balance e.g. $C_2H_5OH + O_2 ? CO_2 + H_2O$ allow mix of correct formulae and words</p> <p>not eg ethanal / ethonal + oxygen ? carbon dioxide + water</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Many candidates were able to write a correct word equation for the combustion of ethanol. When candidates did not gain credit it was often because they used 'and' or an ? instead of '+'. Omitting oxygen as a reactant was also a common error.</p>
		Total	3	

Mark Scheme

Question			Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
17			$x = 3$ $y = 2$ $z = 3$ (1)	1	all three required for the mark <u>Examiner's Comments</u> Only the more able students could balance the equation. Some candidates thought that value of x was carbon turning the oxygen into carbon dioxide. This suggests they had not clearly read the question that states that x, y and z are all numbers.
			Total	1	
18	a		5 (1)	1	<u>Examiner's Comments</u> Very few candidates understood how to count the number of elements and atoms in the compounds. Many thought NO was one element and so gave the answer for atoms in $C_3H_8NO_5P$ as 4 or they calculated the actual number of atoms. For $NaNO_3$ they neglected to include three oxygen or they multiplied everything by 3.
	b		5 (1)	1	<u>Examiner's Comments</u> Very few candidates understood how to count the number of elements and atoms in the compounds. Many thought NO was one element and so gave the answer for atoms in $C_3H_8NO_5P$ as 4 or they calculated the actual number of atoms. For $NaNO_3$ they neglected to include three oxygen or they multiplied everything by 3.
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19		magnesium + hydrochloric (acid) → magnesium chloride + hydrogen (1)	1	<p>allow = or ⇌ instead of arrow (1)</p> <p>not 'and' or '&' instead of +</p> <p>allow correct formulae instead of names – the equation does not have to be balanced. $Mg + HCl \rightarrow MgCl_2 + H_2$</p> <p>allow a mixture of names and correct formulae</p> <p>ignore 'hydrolic'</p>
		Total	1	
20	i	3.6 (g)	1	
	ii	320 (g) (2) BUT if answer is incorrect then use of 680/6.8 or idea that 100 × more hydrogen peroxide used (1)	2	allow full marks for correct answer even with incorrect working out
		Total	3	
21	i	CO ₂ / H ₂ O (1)	1	<p>allow 3CO₂ / 4H₂O (1)</p> <p>allow CO₂ / CO² / H₂O / H²O (1) (as mark is for identifying a product)</p> <p>allow carbon dioxide / water (1)</p> <p>if two answers given and one incorrect = 0 marks</p>
	ii	idea of same number of each type of atom on LHS and RHS (1)	1	<p>allow same number of each different element on LHS and RHS (1)</p> <p>ignore same number of atoms on LHS and RHS</p>
		Total	2	

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22			Al_2O_3 ✓	1 (AO2.1)	<p>ALLOW $O_3 Al_2$ DO NOT ALLOW Al^2O^3</p> <p>Examiner's Comments A few candidates deduced that the correct formula for aluminium oxide was Al_2O_3, but a few wrote Al_3O_2. Most included charges on the ions and some attempted to write a word or symbol equation.</p>
			Total	1	

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23	a	Al_2O_3 ✓	1 (AO 2.1)	<p>ALLOW O_3Al_2 DO NOT ALLOW Al^2O_3</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Only higher ability candidates were credited credit here. There were a variety of answers that were not awarded credit including Al_3O_2, $2AlO_3$ and AlO. Candidates also quoted ions rather than formula without the charges.</p> <p>Exemplar 2</p> <p>$2Al^{3+} + 3O^{2-} \rightarrow 2AlO_3$ [1]</p> <p>This was a common incorrect response. The candidate perhaps knows the number of each atom present in the formula but has incorrectly expressed the formula so cannot be given credit.</p>
	b	<p>Teacher is wrong / student is right (no mark)</p> <p>Any one from: Formula should be $Mg(NO_3)_2$ ✓</p> <p>Idea that charges do not balance as Mg ion is 2+ and NO_3 is 1- ✓</p> <p>The ratio of ions is 1:2 ($Mg:NO_3$) ✓</p>	1 (AO 3.1b)	<p>Mark is for explanation – Who is right or wrong can be implied in response.</p> <p>ALLOW $MgNO_3$ would be charged (+)</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>A large number of candidates realised that the candidate was correct and not the teacher. This was not creditworthy. The reason for their decision was where the mark was credited. Candidates could either say why the teacher was wrong or give the correct formula. There was a variety of incorrect responses mainly around the candidate's inability to communicate the lack of balance of the charges of the ions in the formula as well as the incorrect idea of transfer of electrons.</p>

Mark Scheme

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