

# **GCE**

# **Chemistry A**

H432/01: Periodic table, elements and physical chemistry

Advanced GCE

Mark Scheme for Autumn 2021

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MARK SCHEME

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### MAXIMUM MARK 100

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## 1. Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
<b>✓</b>	Correct response
×	Incorrect response
^	Omission mark
BOD	Benefit of doubt given
CON	Contradiction
RE	Rounding error
SF	Error in number of significant figures
ECF	Error carried forward
L1	Level 1
L2	Level 2
L3	Level 3
NBOD	Benefit of doubt not given
SEEN	Noted but no credit given
I	Ignore

2. Abbreviations, annotations and conventions used in the detailed Mark Scheme (to include abbreviations and subject-specific conventions).

Annotation	Meaning
I	alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point
<b>√</b>	Separates marking points
DO NOT ALLOW	Answers which are not worthy of credit
IGNORE	Statements which are irrelevant
ALLOW	Answers that can be accepted
()	Words which are not essential to gain credit
_	Underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark
ECF	Error carried forward
AW	Alternative wording
ORA	Or reverse argument

Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
1	С	1	AO1.1	
2	В	1	AO1.2	
3	D	1	AO2.6	
4	В	1	AO2.2	
5	D	1	AO2.6	
6	С	1	AO2.6	
7	Α	1	AO1.1	
8	В	1	AO2.2	
9	В	1	AO2.2	
10	Α	1	AO2.6	
11	Α	1	AO1.2	
12	С	1	AO1.2	
13	D	1	AO1.1	Accept 1
14	В	1	AO2.1	
15	С	1	AO2.3	
	Total	15		

C	Question		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
16	(a)		- (2+) - (2+) - (2+) - Magnesium ion	3		Regular arrangement must have at least two rows of correctly charged ions and a minimum of two ions per row
						ALLOW as label: +2 ions OR + 2 cations OR +2/2+ seen within circle
			(delocalised) electrons  Diagram with regular arrangement of labelled 'Mg <sup>2+</sup>			<b>ALLOW</b> e⁻or 'e' as a <b>label</b> for electron
			ions' <b>OR</b> ' <b>2+</b> ions' <b>AND</b> attempt to show electrons ✓			IGNORE "-" for electron label
			Labelled electrons between other species AND statement anywhere of delocalised electrons (can be in text or in diagram)			
			Electrons move ✓			ALLOW mobile/flow for move
			Elections move •			IGNORE 'carry charge'
	(b)	(i)	$Mg^{3+}(g) \rightarrow Mg^{4+}(g) + e^- \checkmark$	1	AO1.2	State symbols required (ignore states on electrons)  ALLOW $Mg^{3+}(g) - e^- \rightarrow Mg^{4+}(g)$ ALLOW $Mg^{+3}(g)$ ALLOW e for $e^-$
	(b)	(ii)	Big jump/larger difference between 2 and 3 ✓	1	AO1.2	<b>IGNORE</b> big jump between 10 and 11 <b>DO NOT ALLOW</b> other combinations.
	(b)	(iii)	1st <b>AND</b> 3rd <b>AND</b> 4th <b>AND</b> 5th <b>AND</b> 9th <b>AND</b> 11th ✓ i.e.  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	1	AO2.1	DO NOT ALLOW GUILLI GUILLIANGIS.

Questic	on	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
(c)	(i)	(enthalpy change for) <b>1 mole</b> of a compound/substance/solid/solute <b>dissolving</b> ✓	1	AO1.1	IGNORE 'energy released' OR 'energy required'  For dissolving, ALLOW forms aqueous/hydrated ions IGNORE ionic OR covalent DO NOT ALLOW dissolving elements DO NOT ALLOW response that implies formation of 1 mole of aqueous ions
(c)	(ii)	Mg <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2F=(g) ✓ Mg <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2F=(aq)✓	2	AO2.2 ×2	ALLOW $Mg^{2+}(g) + 2F^{-}(aq)$ ALLOW $MgF_2(aq)$
(c)	(iii)	$-6 \text{ (kJ mol}^{-1})$ ✓ $\Delta_{sol}H \text{ (MgF}_2) = -(-2926) + (2 \times -506) + (-1920)$	1	AO2.2	1 mark ONLY
(c)	(iv)	Ionic radius Halide ion gets larger down the group ✓  Lattice enthalpy Lattice enthalpy is less exothermic down group OR halide ion has less attraction for Mg²+ ✓  Hydration enthalpy Hydration enthalpy is less exothermic down group OR halide ion has less attraction for H₂O ✓  Enthalpy of solution Difficult to predict whether lattice enthalpy or hydration enthalpy has bigger effect ✓	4	AO1.2 ×3	ALLOW ORA throughout ALLOW ions closer together in MgF <sub>2</sub> OR further apart in MgI <sub>2</sub> DO NOT ALLOW atomic radius  ALLOW MgI <sub>2</sub> is less exothermic than MgF <sub>2</sub> for LE and hydration enthalpy -as trend 'down the group'.  ALLOW less negative/more positive BUT IGNORE is smaller/less
		Total	14		

(	Question	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance	
17	(a)	Transition element: Has an ion with an incomplete/partially-filled d subshell/d-orbital ✓  d-block d sub-shell/d-orbital is being filled/has highest energy OR Electron configurations shown for Sc: 1s²2s²2p⁶3s²3p⁶3d¹4s² AND Zn:1s²2s²2p⁶3s²3p⁶3d¹04s² ✓  Electron configurations of ions Sc³+: 1s²2s²2p⁶3s²3p⁶ AND d sub-shell empty / d orbital(s) empty ✓  Zn²+: 1s²2s²2p⁶3s²3p⁶3d¹0 AND d sub-shell full / d-orbitals full ✓	4	AO1.1 ×4	DO NOT ALLOW d shell  IGNORE d block  IGNORE outer electron  electron configurations     ALLOW 4s <sup>0</sup> ALLOW 4s <sup>2</sup> before 3d, i.e4s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>1</sup> ; 4s <sup>2</sup> 3d <sup>10</sup> IGNORE other Sc and Zn ions  ALLOW ECF for short hand notation.  For Sc <sup>3+</sup> , ALLOW Sc <sup>+3</sup> OR Sc forms a 3+ ion;  For Zn <sup>2+</sup> , ALLOW Zn <sup>+2</sup> OR Zn forms a 2+ ion;	
	(b) (i)	Donates two electron pairs (to a metal ion) AND forms two coordinate bonds (to a metal ion) ✓	1	AO1.1 x1	ALLOW lone pairs for electron pairs  ALLOW dative (covalent) bonds for coordinate bonds  TWO is only needed once if bonds are plural, e.g.  Donates 2 electron pairs to form coordinate bonds  Donates electron pairs to form 2 coordinate bonds	

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(ii)*	Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question.  Level 3 (5–6 marks)  Reaches a comprehensive conclusion with most detail and few errors to obtain: the formulae of A and B  AND ionic equation for ligand substitution AND the 3D structures of B stereoisomers  There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.  Level 2 (3–4 marks)  Reaches a sound conclusion with some detail and some errors for the formula of A OR B  AND ionic equation for ligand substitution OR the 3D structures of B stereoisomers  There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.  Level 1 (1–2 marks) Obtains the correct formula of A OR B OR 3D structures of B stereoisomers which are mostly correct.  There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.  O marks No response or no response worthy of credit.	6	AO2.2 ×2 AO2.6 ×2 AO3.1 ×2	Indicative scientific points:  1. Formula of the hydrated salt A  Formula of A:

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Question	Allswei	Mains	element	• Consistent use of 2 'out wedges', 2 'in wedges', 2 lines in plane of paper OR 4 lines, 1 'out wedge' and 1 'in wedge'  ALLOW following orientations  Detail • Most bonding shown from Cr to O of H <sub>2</sub> O and O
				$C_2O_4^{2-}$
	Total	11		

Q	uestion	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
18	(a)	Formula: $CuCO_3 \checkmark$ $CuCO_3 + 2HNO_3 \rightarrow Cu(NO_3)_2 + CO_2 + H_2O \checkmark$	2	AO1.2 AO2.6	IGNORE state symbols ALLOW formula within equation.  ALLOW other copper(II) compounds which can react with nitric acid to form a gas e.g. CuS, CuSO₃ for mark 1, with correct equation for mark 2.  e.g.CuSO₃ + 2HNO₃ → Cu(NO₃)₂ + SO₂ + H₂O
	(b)	$2Cu^{2+}(aq) + 4I^{-}(aq) \rightarrow 2CuI(s) + I_2(aq) \checkmark$	1	AO2.6	ALLOW multiples State symbols are required
	(c)	starch (solution) AND blue-black to colourless ✓	1	AO1.2	ALLOW blue OR black OR purple for colour of mixture  ALLOW blue colour disappears (to colourless) IGNORE 'clear' IGNORE 'colorimetry
	(d)	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE If answer = 1.35 award 4 marks $n(S_2O_3^{2-}) = 0.0200 \times \frac{26.55}{1000}$ $= 5.31 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (mol)} \checkmark$ $n(I_2) = 2.655 \times 10^{-4} \text{ OR}$ $n(Cu^{2+}) = 5.31 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (mol)} \checkmark$ $m(Cu/Cu^{2+}) \text{ in ore} = 63.5 \times 5.31 \times 10^{-4}$ $= 0.0337 \text{ (g)} \checkmark$ $\text{percentage} = \frac{0.0337}{2.50} \times 100$ $= 1.35 \text{ (%)} \checkmark \text{ (3SF required)}$	4	AO2.8 ×5	FULL ANNOTATIONS MUST BE USED  ALLOW ECF throughout  If 1:2 ratio for I <sub>2</sub> :Cu <sup>2+</sup> not used check ratio in b) and allow ECF  IGNORE rounding errors after 3 SF  Calculator: 0.0337185  ALLOW 3 SF (0.0337) up to calculator value  ECF dependent on the use of a calculated mass of Cu/Cu <sup>2+</sup>

Que	Question		Answer		AO element	Guidance	
(	е)	(i)	Lower <b>AND</b> smaller titre ✓	1	AO3.4	ALLOW less I <sub>2</sub> produced / less Cu <sup>2+</sup> reacts	
		(ii)	The same <b>AND</b> burette measures by difference ✓	1	AO3.4	ALLOW AW	
	(f)		Any two of the following:  Make up a (standard solution) from Step 2 to a stated volume (e.g. 250 cm³)  OR  Repeat titrations AND  Take mean of concordant/closest titres/ identify anomalies  OR  lower [S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup> to increase titre volume (to reduce the percentage error).  OR  higher [S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup> so not to refill the burette.  OR  Use a 3 dec place balance (to reduce the percentage error).	2	AO3.4 x 2		
			Total	12			

Qı	Question		Answer		AO element	Guidance
19	(a)	(i)	Complete circuit with voltmeter  AND labelled salt bridge linking two half-cells ✓  Cr  Salt Bridge  MnO <sub>4</sub> (aq) + Mn <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + H <sup>+</sup> (aq)  Cr electrode in Cr <sup>3+</sup> ✓  Pt electrode in MnO <sub>4</sub> - AND H <sup>+</sup> AND Mn <sup>2+</sup> ✓	3	AO1.2 ×3	Half cells can be drawn in either order Half cells must show electrodes dipping into solutions  ALLOW small gaps in circuit  IGNORE any stated concentrations  IGNORE state symbols  In salt bridge, ALLOW any stated ion that may be present, e.g. Cr³+, MnO₄⁻, Mn²+, H⁺
	(a)	(ii)	5Cr + 3MnO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> + 24H <sup>+</sup> → 5Cr <sup>3+</sup> + 3Mn <sup>2+</sup> + 12H <sub>2</sub> O ✓	1	AO2.6	IGNORE state symbols  ALLOW multiples
	(b)	(i)	Mn is oxidised from +6 (in MnO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ) to +7 (in MnO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ) $\checkmark$ Mn is reduced from +6 (in MnO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ) to +4 (in MnO <sub>2</sub> ) $\checkmark$	2	AO2.1 ×2	IGNORE '6' (signs required) ALLOW after number, e.g. 5+ ALLOW 1 mark for correct oxidation numbers but not linked to oxidation/reduction. IGNORE any reference to electron loss/gain (even if wrong)

Qu	estion		Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
	(b)	(ii)	Explanation using E° values (E° of) system <b>3</b> (MnO₄⁻/MnO₄²⁻) is less positive / more negative than system <b>5</b> (MnO₄²⁻/MnO₂)✓	2	AO3.1 ×2	IGNORE 'lower/higher' ALLOW reverse argument: System 5 more positive than system 3, etc Must be comparative ALLOW response in terms of $E_{cell}$ $E = (+)1.14 \text{ V for system 5} - \text{system 3}$
			Equilibrium shift related to E° values system 3 (MnO₄⁻/MnO₄²⁻) shifts left AND system 5 (MnO₄²⁻/MnO₂) shifts right ✓			Shift dependent on systems 3 and 5 correctly identified
	(c)	(i)	$H_2 + 2OH^- \rightarrow 2H_2O + 2e^- \checkmark$	1	AO2.6	ALLOW multiples ALLOW H₂ + 2OH⁻ - 2e⁻→ 2H₂O ALLOW equation with equilibrium sign
	(c)	(ii)	(0.40 – 1.23 =) –0.83 (V) ✓	1	AO1.2	1 1
	(c)	(iii)	Fuel reacts with oxygen/oxidant to give <b>electrical</b> energy/voltage ✓	1	AO1.1	ALLOW named fuel. e.g. hydrogen/H <sub>2</sub> ; ethanol; methanol, etc  ALLOW fuel cell requires continuous supply of fuel AND oxygen/an oxidant  OR fuel cell operates continuously as long as a fuel AND oxygen/an oxidant are added  IGNORE 'reactants' 'products' and comments about pollution and efficiency
			Total	11		

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
20	(a)		rate of forwards reaction = rate of backwards reaction  OR concentrations/pressure/temperature are constant /do not change ✓	1	AO1.1	DO NOT ALLOW "are the same"
	(b)	(i)	$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S = -114 - (298 \times -0.147) \checkmark$ = -70.194 (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) AND statement of $\Delta G < 0$ OR $\Delta G$ is -ve OR $\Delta H < T\Delta S \checkmark$	2	AO2.2 ×2	ALLOW $-114000 - (298 \times -147)$ ALLOW $-70$ up to calculator value of $-70.194$ correctly rounded, i.e. $-70$ OR $-70.2$ OR $-70.19$ ALLOW $-70000$ up to $-70194$ (J mol <sup>-1</sup> )  ALLOW ECF for an incorrectly calculated negative value of $\Delta G$ linked to feasibility statement  IGNORE rounding after 3 SF  ORA for comment about $-$ sign required for feasibility
	(b)	(ii)	i.e. Maximum temperature = $\frac{\Delta H}{\Delta S} = \frac{-114}{-0.147} = 776$ (K) <b>3 SF required</b> (appropriate from supplied data)	1	AO2.2	

Questi	on	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
(c)	(i)	FIRST, CHECK FOR VALUE OF $K_p$ .  IF answer = 20.7 (MPa <sup>-1</sup> ), award 4 marks	4	AO2.4 ×4	FULL ANNOTATIONS MUST BE USED  ALLOW ECF throughout  ALLOW 20.6 from 3 SF partial pressures, 0.194, 0.436 and 0.581  IF there is an alternative answer, check to see if there is any ECF credit possible using working below  Look for values to 3 SF here: 0.194, 0.436 and 0.581  ALLOW 25.0 as ECF (from omission of partial pressures for 3 marks)

Q	Question		Answer			Marks	AO element	Guidance	
	(c)	(ii)		T			3	AO1.2	
			Change	Kp	Equilibrium amount of NO <sub>2</sub>	Initial rate		×3	Mark by <b>COLUMN</b>
			Temperature increased	smaller	smaller	greater			
			Pressure increase	same	greater	greater			ALLOW obvious alternatives for
			Catalyst added	same	same	greater			greater/smaller/same, e.g. increases/decreases/
				✓	✓	✓			more/less
					Total		11		

Que	estior	1	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
21	(a)	(i)	(Expt 1 and 2)  [S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ] halves, ([H <sup>+</sup> ] constant),  AND rate halves  AND first order (with respect to [S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ])✓  (Expt 2 and 3)  [S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ] quarter AND [H <sup>+</sup> ] halves,  AND rate quarters  AND zero order (with respect to [H <sup>+</sup> ])✓	2	AO3.1 ×2	ALLOW ORA i.e. (Expt 2 and 1) $[S_2O_3^{2-}]$ doubles, ([H <sup>+</sup> ] constant), AND rate doubles AND first order with respect to $[S_2O_3^{2-}]$ ALLOW comparison of Expt 1 and 3: $[S_2O_3^{2-}] \times 1/8$ AND [H <sup>+</sup> ] halves, AND rate $\times 1/8$ AND zero order with respect to [H <sup>+</sup> ]
	(a)	(ii)	S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>2−</sup> as only reactant species in step 1 ✓ Rest of mechanism correct ✓	2	AO3.2 ×2	Step 1: $S_2O_3^{2-} \rightarrow S + SO_3^{2-}$ Step 2 $SO_3^{2-} + 2H^+ \rightarrow SO_2 + H_2O$ OR Step 1 $S_2O_3^{2-} \rightarrow SO_2 + SO^{2-}$ Step 2 $SO^{2-} + 2H^+ \rightarrow S + H_2O$ Check with Team Leader for other equations
	(b)	(i)	Gradient gradient in range of –5700 to –6100 ✓ $E_a$ calculation $E_a = (-)$ gradient × 8.314  e.g. from –5900, $E_a = (+)$ 49052.6 (J mol <sup>-1</sup> ) ✓ $E_a$ to 3SF and in kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ✓  e.g. 49.1 (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	3	AO2.8 ×3	FULL ANNOTATIONS MUST BE USED  Marks are for intermediate calculations  ALLOW ECF from an incorrect gradient  ALLOW ECF on missing $\times$ 10 <sup>-3</sup> , e.g. ALLOW 2 marks for:     gradient = -5.9,     leading to $E_a$ = 49.0526 (J mol <sup>-1</sup> )  AND 0.0491 (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )  DO NOT ALLOW a negative $E_a$

Qı	Question		Answer		AO element	Guidance	
	(b)	(ii)	In A is intercept at 0 when 1/T <b>OR</b> x axis is 0 ✓	1	AO3.2		
		(iii)	In k In $k = -2.59 \checkmark$ Temperature $1/T = 3.10 \times 10^{-3} (s^{-1})$ $T = 49.6  ^{\circ}\text{C} \checkmark$	2	AO3.1	Correct T scores 2 marks  ALLOW ECF for 1/T from incorrect InK shown on the graph  ALLOW in the range $1/T = 3.09 - 3.11 \ (\times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1})$ T = 48.5 to 50.6 °C  ALLOW $T = 50 \text{ °C}$	
			Total	10			

	Questi	ion	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
22	(a)		FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE  If answer = 13.15 award 2 marks $[H+] = \frac{1.00 \times 10^{-14}}{0.140} = 7.14 \times 10^{-14} \text{ (mol)} \checkmark$ $pH = -\log (7.14 \times 10^{-14}) = 13.15 \checkmark$ 2 DP required	2	AO2.2 ×2	ALLOW ECF providing pH>7  Calculator: 7.142857143 × 10 <sup>-14</sup> ALLOW pOH method pOH = −log(0.14) = 0.85 ✓  pH = 14.00 − (0.85) = 13.15 ✓
	(b)	(i)	$n(H_2SO_4) = 1.60 \times \frac{25.0}{1000} = 0.04(00) \text{ (mol)}$ AND $n(NaOH) = 1.50 \times \frac{55.0}{1000} = 0.0825 \text{ (mol)} \checkmark$ $0.04(00) \text{ mol } H_2SO_4 \text{ reacts with } 0.08(00) \text{ mol NaOH } OR$ 1 mol $H_2SO_4$ reacts with 2 mol NaOH $\checkmark$	2	AO2.2 ×2	<b>ALLOW</b> 0.0825>0.08

(	Questi	on	Answer	Marks	AO element	Guidance
	(b)	(ii)	$q = mc\Delta T = 80.0 \times 4.18 \times 13.0$ = 4347.2 (J) <b>OR</b> 4.3472 (kJ) $\checkmark$	4	AO2.4 ×4	FULL ANNOTATIONS MUST BE USED
			$\Delta H_1 = (-)\frac{4.3472}{0.0400} = (-)108.68 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \checkmark$			ALLOW 3 SF up to calculated answer throughout
			Δ <i>n</i> <sub>1</sub> -( -) <sub>0.0400</sub> - (-) 106.66 kJ filol (*)			ALLOW ECF from <i>q</i> DO NOT ALLOW division by <i>n</i> (NaOH)
			$\Delta_{\text{neut}} \mathbf{H} = (-) \frac{108.68}{2} = (-)54.34 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \checkmark$			ALLOW $\Delta_{\text{neut}}H$ from $\Delta H_1/2$
			- sign for ΔH value(s) ✓			ALLOW alternative methods
	(b)	(iii)	The same <b>OR</b> 13°C ✓	2	AO3.1 ×2	
			(Double the moles so) <b>double</b> the energy is spread over <b>double</b> the volume			<b>ALLOW</b> explanation that uses a calculation based on moles, volumes
						ALLOW mass for volume

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(c)*	Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question.  Level 3 (5–6 marks)  Reaches a comprehensive conclusion with most detail and few errors for the formation of the buffer  AND Calculation of the correct buffer pH  AND Correct mass of N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> .  There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.  Level 2 (3–4 marks)  Reaches a sound conclusion with some detail and some errors for  Formation of buffer AND Calculation of the buffer pH  OR  Formation of buffer AND Mass of N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> .  OR  Calculation of the buffer pH AND Mass of N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> .  OR  Partial explanations of formation of the buffer  AND buffer pH AND Mass of N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> .  There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.  Level 1 (1–2 marks)  Attempts, with some success, to: Describe formation of buffer OR Calculate buffer pH  OR Obtain mass of N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> .  There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.  O marks No response or no response worthy of credit.	6	AO1.2 ×2 AO2.6 ×2 AO3.1 ×2	Indicative scientific points may include:  1. Formation of buffer  Acid / HNO₂ is in excess  HNO₂ + NaOH → NaNO₂ + H₂O  Partial neutralisation of HNO₂ → formation of NO₂⁻/ NaNO₂  Buffer contains HNO₂ AND NO₂⁻/NaNO₂  Calculation of buffer pH  n(HNO₂) added = 0.0500 (mol)  n(NaOH) added = 0.0150 (mol)  n(HNO₂⁻) formed = 0.0150 (mol)  n(HNO₂⁻) remaining = 0.0500 − 0.0150 = 0.0350 (mol)  Ka = 10⁻³.³⁴ = 4.57 × 10⁻⁴ (mol dm⁻³)  Concentrations = mol (volume 1 dm³)  (H⁺] = 4.57 × 10⁻⁴ × 0.0350 0.0150 = 1.0665 × 10⁻³ (mol dm⁻³)  pH = 2.97  pH to 2 dec places  Calculation of mass of N₂O₃ 1 mol N₂O₃ → 2 mol HNO₂ OR N₂O₃ + H₂O → 2HNO₂ n(HNO₂) = 0.0500 (mol)  n(N₂O₃) = 0.0500/2 = 0.0250 (mol)  n(N₂O₃) = 0.0250 × 76 = 1.9(0) g
	Total	16		

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