Mark schemes

Q1.		
(a)	2,8,8,1	1
(b)	they have the same number of outer shell electrons	1
(c)	metallic	1
(d)	any two from: • bubbles (very) quickly • melts (into a ball) • floats • moves (very) quickly <i>allow flame</i>	2
(e)	(reactivity) increases (down the group)	1
(f)	 any two from: increasing speed of movement increasing rate of bubble production doesn't melt → melts no flame → flame or flame → explosion 	
		2
(g)	hydrogen	1
(h)	sodium ion structure 2,8	1
	fluoride ion structure 2,8 allow any combination of circles, dots, crosses or e(–)	1
	+ charge on sodium ion and – charge on fluoride ion	
	an answer of	



Q3.

(a) $(3 \times Mr H2O = 3 \times (2 + 16) =) 54$

(Ar R = 150 – 54 =) 96 *ignore units*

		1
	alternative approach (<i>M</i> RO3 = 150 – 6 =) 144 (1)	
	(AR = 144 - (3 × 16) =) 96 (1)	
	ignore units	
		1
(b)	(R =) molybdenum / Mo	
	allow ecf from question (a)	1
		1
(c)	(total <i>M</i> r of reactants) = 163	1
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	(% atom economy =) $\frac{119}{163}$ (×100)	
	allow correct use of an incorrectly	
	calculated value of total Mr	1
		1
	= 73 (%)	
	allow 73.00613 (%) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures	
		1
(d)	Level 2: Some logically linked reasons are given. There may also be	
	a simple judgement.	2.4
		3–4
	Level 1: Relevant points are made. They are not logically linked.	1-2
		1 2
	No relevant content	0
		0
	Indicative content	
	 carbon and iron are the cheapest reactants 	
	 hydrogen is the most expensive reactant 	
	separating solid products is expensive	
	 separating solid products is time consuming is mothed 1, two other products is the consuming 	
	 in method 1, tungsten needs to be separated from tungsten carbide 	
	 in method 1, some tungsten is lost as tungsten carbide 	
	• in method 1, the carbon dioxide produced will escape	
	• in method 2, the water vapour produced will escape	
	 in method 2, no separation of solids is needed in method 2, tungeton people to be separated from iron oxide 	
	• in method 3, tungsten needs to be separated from iron oxide	

Q4.		
(a)	any two from: • (potassium) floats • (potassium) melts • (potassium) moves around • potassium becomes smaller	
	 allow potassium disappears (lilac) flame 	
	effervescence <i>allow fizzing</i>	2
(b)	$2K + 2H2O \rightarrow 2KOH + H2$	
	allow multiples	
	allow 1 mark for KOH and H2	2
(c)	reactivity increases (going down the group)	1
	(because) the outer electron (shall is further from the pushous	
	(because) the outer electron / shell is further from the nucleus	
	allow (because) there are more shells allow (because) the atoms get larger	
	anow (because) the atoms get larger	1
	(so) there is less attraction between the nucleus and the outer electron / shell	
	allow (so) there is more shielding from the nucleus	
	do not accept incorrect attractions	
		1
	(so) the atom loses an electron more easily	1
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(d)	(dot and cross diagram to show) sodium atom and oxygen atom	
	allow use of outer shells only	1
	two sodium atoms to one oxygen atom	
	allow two sodium ions to one oxide ion	
		1
	(to produce) sodium ion with a + charge	
		1
	(to produce) oxide ion with a 2– charge	
		1

Q5.



(so) the layers (of atoms in an alloy) are distorted

(so in an alloy) the layers slide over each other less easily (than in a pure metal)

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(c)	measure temperature change		
	allow measure the temperature before		
	and after the reaction	1	
	when each metal is added to silver nitrate solution	1	
	same concentration / volume of solution or		
	same mass / moles of metal		
	allow same initial temperature (of silver nitrate solution)	1	
		·	
	the greater the temperature change the more reactive	1	
			[8]
Q6.			
(a)	they form ions with different charges	1	
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	they have high melting points	1	
(1-)			
(b)	the (grey) crystals are silver	1	
	the copportions (produced) are blue		
	the copper ions (produced) are blue allow the copper nitrate / compound		
	(produced) is blue		
		1	
	(because) copper displaces silver		
		1	
(c)	Level 2: The method would lead to the production of a valid outcome.		
	The key steps are identified and logically sequenced.	3-4	
	Level 1. The method would not lead to evalid outcome. Come		
	Level 1: The method would not lead to a valid outcome. Some relevant steps are identified, but links are not made clear.		
		1-2	
	No relevant content		
		0	
	Indicative content		
	Key steps		
	 add the metals to (dilute) hydrochloric acid 		
	measure temperature change		
	or		

- compare rate of bubbling
- or
- compare colour of resulting solution

for copper:

- no reaction
 - shown by no temperature change or shown by no bubbles

for magnesium and iron:

- magnesium increases in temperature more than iron
 or
 - magnesium bubbles faster than iron
 - or

magnesium forms a colourless solution and iron forms a coloured solution

Control variables

- same concentration / volume of hydrochloric acid
- same mass / moles of metal
- same particle size of metal
- same temperature (of acid if comparing rate of bubbling)

(d)

or

= 204.4

ignore units

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Q7.

- (a) the (minimum) energy needed for particles to react or the (minimum) energy needed for a reaction to occur allow the (minimum) energy needed to start a reaction
- (b) (*M*r of Fe2O3 =) 160

(moles Fe2O3 = 3000 =)

18.75 (mol) allow correct use of incorrectly calculated Mr 1 1000 (moles Al = 27 =) 37.0 (mol) allow 37.037037 (mol) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures *if both MP2 and MP3 are not awarded* allow 1 mark for 0.01875 mol Fe2O3 and 0.037 mol Al 1 (aluminium is limiting because) 37.0 mol is less than the (2 x 18.75 =) 37.5 mol (aluminium needed) or iron oxide is in excess because 18.75 mol is more than the ($\overline{2}$ =) 18.5 mol (iron oxide needed) allow correct use of incorrect number of moles from steps 2 and/or 3 alternative approaches: approach 1: (finding required mass of aluminium by moles method) (Mr of Fe2O3 =) 160 (1) 3000 (moles Fe2O3 = 160 =) 18.75 (mol) (1) allow correct use of incorrectly calculated Mr $(moles Al needed = 18.75 \times 2 =) 37.5 (mol)$ and (mass Al needed = 37.5×27 =) 1012.5 (g) or 1.0125 kg (1) allow correct use of incorrectly calculated moles of iron oxide allow correct use of incorrectly calculated moles of aluminium needed (so) 1.00 kg of aluminium is not enough (1) dependent on calculated mass of aluminium needed being greater than 1.00 (kg) approach 2: (finding required mass of aluminium by proportion method)

(Mr of Fe2O3 =) 160 (1) (3.00 kg Fe2O3 needs) 3.00 160 × 2 × 27 (kg Al) (1) allow correct use of incorrectly calculated Mr (=) 1.0125 (kg) (1) (so) 1.00 kg of aluminium is not enough (1) dependent on calculated mass of aluminium needed being greater than 1.00 (kg) alternative approaches: approach 3: (finding required mass of iron oxide by moles method) *M*r of Fe2O3 =) 160 (1) 1000 (moles Al = 27 =) 37.0 (mol) (1)allow 37.037037 (mol) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures (moles Fe2O3 needed) = $\frac{37.0}{2}$) = 18.5 (mol) and $(mass Fe2O3 needed = 18.5 \times 160 =) 2960 (g) or 2.96 (kg) (1)$ allow correct use of incorrectly calculated moles of aluminium allow correct use of incorrectly calculated moles of iron oxide needed allow correct use of incorrectly calculated Mr (so) 3.00 kg of iron oxide is an excess (1) dependent on calculated mass of iron oxide needed being less than 3.00 (kg) approach 4: (finding required mass of iron oxide by proportion method) (Mr of Fe2O3 =) 160 (1) 1.00 (1.00 kg Al needs) 2 × 27 (kg Fe2O3) (1) allow correct use of incorrectly calculated Mr

(=) 2.96 (kg) (1)

	(so) 3.00 kg of iron oxide is an excess (1)		
	dependent on calculated mass of iron oxide needed being less than 3.00 (kg)	1	
(c)	Mg(s) + Zn2+(aq) → Mg2+(aq) + Zn(s) allow multiples allow 1 mark for Mg2+ + Zn with missing or incorrect state symbols	2	
(d)	magnesium (atoms) are oxidised because they lose electrons	1	
	(and) zinc (ions) are reduced because they gain electrons if no other marks awarded allow mark for magnesium (atoms) lose electrons and zinc (ions) gain electrons 1	1	[9]
Q8. (a)	an answer of 77 (%) scores 2 marks an answer of 78.63247863 (%) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures scores 1 mark		
	$\frac{184}{(232+6)}$ ×100	1	
	= 77 (%) allow 77.31092437 (%) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures	1	
(b)	an answer of 15 (kg) scores 2 marks		
	$\frac{38}{100} \times 40$	1	
	= 15 (kg) allow 15.2 (kg)	1	
(c)	an answer of 102 scores 2 marks (2 × 27) + (3 × 16)		
	$(2 \land 27) + (3 \land 10)$	1	

	= 102	ignore units	1	
(d)		an answer of 89.3 (%) scores 3 marks		
	28.4 31.8 ×100)	1	
	= 89.3081	761 (%) allow 89.3081761(%) correctly rounded to at least 2 significant figures	1	
	= 89.3 (%)	allow an answer correctly rounded to 3 significant figures from an incorrect calculation which uses the masses in the question	1	
(e)	aluminium	is more reactive than carbon allow aluminium is above carbon in the reactivity series	1	
	(so) carbor	n cannot displace aluminium allow (so) carbon cannot replace aluminium		
	or (so) carbor	n cannot reduce aluminium oxide allow (so) carbon cannot remove oxygen from aluminium oxide allow (so) carbon will not react with aluminium oxide		
			1	[11]

Q9. (a)



	nickel	
	this order only	1
(f)	suitable method described	1
	the observations / measurements required to place in order	1
	an indication of how results would be used to place the unknown metal in the reactivity series	1
	approaches that could be used:	
	approach 1: add the unknown metal to copper sulfate solution (1)	
	measure temperature change (1)	
	place the metals in order of temperature change (1)	
	approach 2:	
	add the metal to salt solutions of the other metals	
	or	
	heat the metal with oxides of the other metals (1)	
	measure temperature change (only if salt solutions used) or	
	observe whether a chemical change occurs (1)	
	compare temperature change or whether there is a reaction to place in correct order (1) approach 3:	
	add all of the metals to an acid (1)	
	measure temperature change or means of comparing rate of reaction (1)	
	place the metals in order of temperature change or rate of reaction	
	(1) approach 4: set up electrochemical cells with the unknown metal as one electrode and each of the other metals as the other electrode (1)	
	measure the voltage of the cell (1)	
<i>.</i>	place the metals in order of voltage (1)	
(g)	D	1

(h) C

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Q10. (a)	FeS2
	do not accept equations
(b)	26
	30
	26
	must be this order
(c)	 any two from: iron has a high(er) melting / boiling point iron is dense(r) iron is hard(er) allow iron is less malleable / ductile iron is strong(er)
	iron is less reactive <i>allow specific reactions showing difference in reactivity</i>
	 iron has ions with different charges iron forms coloured compounds iron can be a catalyst
	allow iron is magnetic allow the converse statements for sodium allow transition metal for iron allow Group 1 metal for sodium ignore references to atomic structure ignore iron rusts
(d)	carbon is more reactive (than nickel) allow converse
	(so) carbon will displace / replace nickel (from nickel oxide) allow (so) nickel ions gain electrons
	or (so) carbon will remove oxygen (from nickel oxide)

so) carbon will remove oxygen (from nickel oxide) allow (so) carbon transfers electrons to nickel (ions)

(e)	(total <i>M</i> r of reactants =) 87	1
	(percentage atom economy)	
	$=\frac{59}{87}\times100$	
	allow (percentage atom economy) = $\frac{59}{in correctly calculated M_r} \times 100$	
	= 67.8 (%)	1
	allow an answer from an incorrect calculation to 3 sig figs	
	an answer of 67.8 (%) scores 3 marks an answer of 67.8160919 (%) or correctly rounded answer to 2, 4 or more sig figs scores 2 marks	1
	an incorrect answer for one step does not prevent allocation of marks for subsequent steps	
		[11]
Q11.		
(a)	all 4 metals labelled and suitable scale on <i>y</i> -axis	
	magnesium value must be at least half the height of the grid	1
	all bars correctly plotted	
	allow a tolerance of ±½ a small square ignore width and spacing of bars allow 1 mark if copper not included and other 3 bars plotted correctly	
	other 5 bars protect correctly	1
(b)	temperature increases	
	allow (because) energy / 'heat' is transferred to the surroundings allow energy / 'heat' is given out	
	or	
	temperature does not decrease	
	allow energy / 'heat' is not taken in (from the surroundings) allow the energy of the products is less than the energy of the reactants	1

ignore because it is exothermic ignore references to copper

(c)	suitable method described	1
	the observations / measurements required to place in order <i>dependent on a suitable method</i>	1
	an indication of how results would be used to place the unknown metal in the reactivity series	1
	a control variable to give a valid result	1
	approaches that could be used	
	approach 1: add the unknown metal to copper sulfate solution (1)	
	measure temperature change (1)	
	place the metals in order of temperature change (1)	
	 any one from (1): same volume of solution same concentration of solution same mass / moles of metal same state of division of metal 	
	approach 2: add the metal to salt solutions of the other metals	
	or	
	heat the metal with oxides of the other metals (1)	
	measure temperature change (only if salt solutions used) or	
	observe whether a chemical change occurs (1)	
	 place the metals in order of temperature change or compare whether there is a reaction to place in correct order (1) same volume of salt solutions any one from (1) same concentration of salt solutions same (initial) temperature of salt solutions same mass / moles of metal or metal oxide same state of division of metal or metal oxide 	
	approach 3: add all of the metals to an acid (1)	
	measure temperature change or means of comparing rate of reaction	

(1)

place the metals in order of temperature change or rate of reaction (1)

any one from (1):

- same volume of acid
- same concentration of acid
- same (initial) temperature of acid
- same mass / moles of metal
- same state of division of metal

approach 4:

set up electrochemical cells with the unknown metal as one electrode and each of the other metals as the other electrode (1)

measure the voltage of the cell (1)

place the metals in order of voltage (1)

any one from (1):

- same electrolyte
- same concentration of electrolyte
- same (initial) temperature of acid
- same temperature of electrolyte
- (d) correct shape for exothermic reaction

the reactant and product lines needed not be labelled do not accept incorrectly labelled reactant and product lines

labelled activation energy

labelled (overall) energy change

ignore arrow heads an answer of:



Progress of reaction

scores 3 marks

Q12.

(a) chlorine is toxic

allow carbon monoxide is toxic

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allow poisonous for toxic ignore harmful / deadly / dangerous allow a poisonous gas is used / produced allow titanium chloride is corrosive 1 (b) any one from: very exothermic reaction allow explosive allow violent reaction ignore vigorous reaction ignore sodium is very reactive produces a corrosive solution • allow caustic for corrosive ignore alkaline produces hydrogen, which is explosive / flammable allow flames produced ignore sodium burns 1 argon is unreactive / inert (c) allow argon will not react (with reactants / products / elements) 1 oxygen (from air) would react with sodium / titanium or water vapour (from air) would react with sodium / titanium allow elements / reactants / products for sodium / titanium 1 metal chlorides are usually ionic (d) allow titanium chloride is ionic 1 (so)(metal chlorides) are solid at room temperature or (so)(metal chlorides) have high melting points allow titanium chloride for metal chlorides 1 (because) they have strong (electrostatic) forces between the ions ignore strong ionic bonds or (but) must be a small molecule or covalent allow molecular 1 allow alternative approach:

titanium chloride must be covalent or has small molecules (1) with weak forces between molecules do not accept bonds unless intermolecular bonds(1) (but) metal chlorides are usually ionic (1)

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- (e) sodium (atoms) lose electrons do not accept references to oxygen
- (f) Na \rightarrow Na+ + edo not accept e for e-
- (g) (*M*r of TiCl4 =) 190

$$(moles Na = \frac{20\,000}{23} =) 870 \ (mol) *$$

(moles TiCl₄ =
$$\frac{40\,000}{190}$$
 =) 211 (mol) *

*allow 1 mark for 0.870 mol Na and 0.211 mol TiCl4 allow use of incorrectly calculated Mr from step 1

either

(sodium is in excess because) 870 mol Na is more than the 844 mol needed

or

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(because) 211 mol TiCl4 is less than the 217.5 mol needed
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the mark is for correct application of the factor of 4 other correct reasoning showing, with values of moles or mass, an excess of sodium or insufficient TiCl4 is acceptable allow use of incorrect number of moles from steps 2 and / or 3 alternative approaches: approach 1:

(Mr of TiCl4 =) 190(1) (40 kg TiClr needs)

	(=) 19.4 (kg) (1) so 20 kg is an excess (1) approach 2: (Mr of TiCl4 =) 190(1) (20 kg Na needs) $\frac{20}{4 \times 23} \times 190 (kg TiCl_4) (1)$		
	4 × 23 (=) 41.3 (kg) (1) so 40 kg is not enough (1)		
(h)	$(actual mass =) \frac{92.3}{100} \times 13.5$		
	or (actual mass =) 0.923 × 13.5	1	
	= 12.5 (kg)		
	allow 12 / 12.46 / 12.461 / 12.4605 (kg)	1	
	an answer 12.5 (kg) scores 2 marks	1	[15]
Q13.			



more than one line drawn from a variable negates the mark

Volume of metal sulfate

2

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Thermometer

Test tube

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(d)) (Most reactive) Magnesium Zinc	
	(Least reactive) Copper <i>must all be correct</i>	1
(e)) would not be safe or	
	too reactive	
	allow too dangerous	1
(f)	Gold	1
(g)) $2Fe2O3 + 3C \rightarrow 4Fe + 3CO2$ allow multiples	
	unow multiples	1
(h)) carbon	1
(i)	Loss of oxygen	1
		[10]