

Covalent Bonding

Mark Scheme 2

Level	IGCSE(9-1)
Subject	Chemistry
Exam Board	Edexcel IGCSE
Module	Single Award (Paper 2C)
Topic	Principles of Chemistry
Sub-Topic	Covalent Bonding
Booklet	Mark Scheme 2

Time Allowed: 22 minutes

Score: /18

Percentage: /100

Grade Boundaries:

9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
>90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%

Question number	Expected answer	Accept	Reject	Marks
1 (a)	<p>Giant (structure / lattice / atomic / molecular)</p> <p>Covalent</p> <p>Idea that (covalent) bonds are broken</p> <p>(Covalent bonds) are strong / many bonds (are broken) / lots of {energy/heat} required</p> <p>NB No penalty for referring to graphite</p>	Macromolecular	<p>Max 2 for mentioning of ionic or metallic bonding or Intermolecular forces</p> <p>Bonds loosened</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>
(b)	<p>Layers slide / slip / move over each other</p> <p>IGNORE particles in layers such as atoms, but REJECT if ions / molecules / electrons for first mark only</p> <p>Weak (intermolecular forces of) <u>attraction</u> between layers / weak van der Waals (forces of attraction) between layers</p> <p>IGNORE references to bonds <u>within</u> the layers</p>	<p>Sheets / planes slide</p> <p>Any indication that the forces are those of attraction, e.g. forces overcome / forces are broken / forces hold the layers together</p>	<p>Rows slide</p> <p>Any reference to <u>bonds</u> between layers / molecules</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>
(c)	<p>Delocalised electrons</p> <p>(which) move / mobile / flow</p> <p>IGNORE references to "carrying" charge / current</p>		<p>Refs to atoms / ions / molecules scores 0/2</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>

1 (d)	<p>Any two from:</p> <p>Not a giant structure IGNORE simple molecular</p> <p>Weak intermolecular (forces of) <u>attraction</u> / weak (forces of) <u>attraction</u> between molecules / weak van der Waals (forces of attraction) between molecules</p> <p>No covalent bonds break (when melting)</p>	<p>Smaller molecules / simpler structure than diamond</p> <p>Any indication that the forces are those of attraction, e.g. forces <u>overcome</u> / forces <u>broken</u> / forces <u>hold</u> the molecules together</p> <p>First and third marking points can be awarded for correct comparisons between the two structures, e.g. buckminsterfullerene is simple molecular whereas diamond is giant covalent scores the first mark; weak intermolecular forces of attraction in buckminsterfullerene are broken as opposed to the covalent bonds in diamond (scores the 3rd mark, as well as the 2nd)</p>	<p>MAX 1 for any mention of covalent bonds are broken in Buckminster fullerene</p> <p>Any reference to <u>bonds</u> between molecules</p>	2
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Total 10 Marks

Question number	Answer	Accept	Reject	Marks
2 (a)	D (a molecule)			1
(b)	A (covalent)			1
(c)	NH ₃	H ₃ N		1

Total 3 marks

Question number		Answer			Notes	Marks	
3	(a)		Substance	Element or compound	Type of bonding	Ignore qualifiers for covalent, eg polar / dative All 6 correct = 3 marks 5 or 4 correct = 2 marks 3 or 2 correct = 1 mark 1 or 0 correct = 0 marks	3
			ammonia	compound			
			hydrogen chloride	(compound)	covalent		
			oxygen	element	(covalent)		
			magnesium oxide	compound			
	(b)	B	(MgO)			1	
	(c)	B	(g)			1	
					Total for Question 3	5	